

Canterbury Community Newsletter

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Plus regular events hosted by Elkins Library through the month ...

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Tuesday Book Times: YouTube Live for children with Mrs. Baker.

Teen Talk: Tuesdays at 3:30.

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From the Pastor

Greetings Canterbury Neighbors,

The changing color of the maple leaves and the brisk overnight temperatures are the familiar signs of the crisp and beautiful fall season upon us. It's clear as well that this October will present challenges for all of us at varying levels given the health, social, political, and economic uncertainties we face in our nation and around the world. As I continue to wake up to those daunting realities I continue to be encouraged in unexpected ways by the everyday acts of kindness shared among neighbors in our community and elsewhere. I hope you have opportunities to experience that sense of encouragement as well when things seem especially distressing and daunting.

I'm leaving space below for you to take a moment to jot down a list of a few people you have been meaning to check in on during this pandemic, or in response to troubling national events. Let this newsletter sitting on your kitchen counter, or wherever you happen to keep it handy, serve as a reminder to take the time this month to make that call you've been meaning to.

Or maybe you want to send a quick note of thanks to a business, or an organization that has been an important resource to you during this time, like the pizza place that has saved your sanity when you just couldn't face cooking another meal at home, or the family that invited the whole town to just walk on their nature trails for fresh air and a break from your four walls, or the neighbor who put flowers on your porch, or the town staff and volunteers who have worked and will continue to work very hard to ensure we can all vote as safely and easily as possible in November, or Mark and Brenda Travis who made this newsletter possible. You get the idea. So many people's actions are making a difference to help us meet the challenges of this time.

As this month will inevitably tempt us to be overwhelmed by the forces of divisive and contentious politics leading up to our national election let's continue to remind each other that our efforts for community and connection are not in vain.

God's Peace,
Pastor Sara

People I want to reach out to, or to find a way to thank or encourage this month:

Pastor Sara and the community church are here for everyone.

Contact us by email at mycanterburychurch@gmail.com or leave a message at 783-9365.

Pastor Sara is distributing a weekly at-home worship packet by email. If you would like to be added to the list of recipients, leave a message at 783-9365 or email mycanterburychurch@gmail.com.

October Already? Time to Think Local!

WHITE OAKS DAIRY FARM: Our store is open Saturdays and Sundays 10 to 6, weekdays 8 to 9:30 am and 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Or by appointment, call 783-4494. We have grass-fed beef, milk from grass-fed cows, bacon, sausage, corn, eggs and more.

NORTH FAMILY FARM: 2020 organic maple syrup from the producer, available at local stores or by appointment at the farm. Check our website for more information, northfamilyfarm.com, or call Jill or Tim at 783-4712.

DEWEY SCHOOL: The Dewey School welcomes children ages 3-5 to nature based early learning at the historic Canterbury Shaker Village. Deweyschool.net.

CANTERBURY WHOLE CHILD CENTER is accepting waitlist applications for our nature/art based preschool, before/after care, and remote schooling assistance programs. Serving children ages 2.9 to 12, call 783-4370 or e-mail CanterburyWholeChildCenter@gmail.com.

MIKE'S SEPTIC SYSTEM Replacement & Design: Site Assessment, State and Local Permitting. Mike O'Neil, (603) 545-2923, Mikesseptic@gmail.com

GULF BROOK RENOVATIONS "When Ordinary Just Won't Do." Bathrooms, kitchens, additions & more. Aging-in-place specialist and Certified Green Professional. Jim Higgins, 226-0212. www.gulfbrook.com.

MAGOON TREE — Residential tree service and removal. 100' crane services. Log-length firewood for sale. Work year-round. Fully insured. Brian Magoon, 496-6835. magoontree.com.

NO TIME TO REALLY CLEAN? At Maid For You (formerly Tammy's Cleaning Services) we focus on cleaning the details so you can move on to more important things. Proudly giving you your weekends back! (603) 545-7903, maidforyounh.com

BROOKFORD FARM: Our farm store is open daily from 7 am - 7 pm. Pre orders and curbside pick up available. Ordering deadline is 2 pm Thursday for both Saturday and Sunday deliveries. We offer pre-orders on orders of \$30 or more. Home deliveries are free on Fridays, the minimum order is \$75.

MAQ DESIGN: quality custom upholstery, slipcovers, and window coverings - curtains, valances, shades, and blinds. Fabric, supplies, pickup and delivery. maryann@maqdesign.net, 783-9640, maqdesign.net.

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24 Peabody Place, Franklin, NH
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COLD GARDEN SPIRITS: We are returning to normal hours for tours, tastings and purchases. Saturdays and Sundays, 1 to 4:30. Tastings at outdoor tables. Hand sanitizer available, 12 oz. pump top bottle for \$15. All products available on online store for curbside pickup. coldgardenspirits.com.

CANTERBURY CENTER BED AND BREAKFAST: Open for partial occupancy. Two portable air conditioners for bedrooms. Guests will join us in practicing social distancing and wearing masks in common areas. Delicious healthy breakfasts. See ccbnbnh.com or email scribnerlois@gmail.com or call Lois at 603-783-0206.

CENTRAL ENERGY, LLC — When was your furnace cleaned last? Central Energy, LLC, "celebrating 85 years in business." Offering ductless A/C systems, traditional A/C installations and service, as well as all your oil heat needs for service, installations & annual cleanings. Oil tanks & water heaters too. Call Barry at 603-724-9603 here in Canterbury and visit us at www.centralenergy1.com.

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Still More Local Choices!

PETALS IN THE PINES: NEW Tale Trail starts 10/1—free pass for Canterbury residents at Elkins Library. Walking Trails. Self-service farmstand porch shop: Fall floral décor; FREE Milkweed seeds; Leaf Stone Bird Baths; John Polizzi photo cards; Hills Corner soap; Maple Mustard! Open daily 9 to dusk. Details at www.petalsinthepines.com. Contact Donna at 783-0220 or donna@petalsinthepines.com. 126 Baptist Road.

CANTERBURY COUNTRY STORE: Open regular hours, well-stocked, and will bag items for pickup or deliver if needed. Great local food, including tomatoes, fresh greens, sandwiches, meat, eggs, maple products and more. Call 783-9933. And ... did you know Stracciatella isn't Italian foot fighting but a serious shortbread cookie with bittersweet chocolate and salt? Crust and Crumb makes them and we sell them.

RIVERLAND B&B: We are open and look forward to welcoming you to Riverland again. Visit our website, riverlandonthemerrimack.com, for details on adjustments we have made in light of COVID-19. 603-562-6059.

Halloween is on! (Fingers crossed!)

Canterbury Halloween Celebration

Saturday, Oct. 31

5:30 to 7:30 in the Town Center

Despite the pandemic, we are tentatively planning for Trick or Treating in the Town Center on Halloween. This is subject to change based on what happens with the pandemic as we get closer to the event.

If we can proceed, Halloween will look different this year:

- If masks are not part of your costume, you will need to wear one.
- There will only be outside candy stops, no additional activities. We ask that everyone put their best effort forward to practice social distancing.

Any changes and updates to the event will be posted in the following places:

- In the Town Email
- A notice on the bulletin board at the store
- On the Canterbury Halloween Celebration Facebook page

Please contact Randi Johnson at 603-738-4618 or rjohnson355@gmail.com with any questions or if you would like to help. Volunteers are greatly appreciated!!

~ Randi Johnson



Bucky Rollins, farmer, gardener and former fire chief, will be missed

Philip Richard (Bucky) Rollins, of Newmarket, formerly of Canterbury, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Aug. 16, 2020, at the age of 73. Bucky was born Nov. 25, 1946, the son of Richard and June (Swain) Rollins of Canterbury. He grew up in the Canterbury Center, attended the one-room schoolhouse, and went to the new elementary school. Bucky graduated from Concord High School in 1965. He played football there his junior and senior year. He furthered his studies at the University of New Hampshire, and played on the football team there as well.



Bucky was a farmer and gardener at heart. He was happiest on his tractor working on his farm. He loved animals and raised cattle and other creatures. He always had a large garden and shared his crops with family and neighbors. He hosted many family reunions at the farm on Morrill Road, which his family thoroughly enjoyed. His motorcycle brought him countless hours of pleasure, and he was an avid Red Sox fan. Bucky had a big heart and was always helping someone in need.

From 1973 to 1982 he was fire chief in Canterbury. Bucky was credited for saving buildings at Canterbury Shaker Village during the large barn fire there in 1973. He had also been sexton at the Canterbury United Community Church, cleaning the church, Parish House, and mowing grounds and shoveling snow for many years. He worked full time at the Rumford Press in Concord, while wearing many other hats, until its closure.

Bucky moved to Newmarket and worked for the UNH Wildcat transit system. He drove students all around the campus and Seacoast area. He enjoyed the many students and loved talking with them each day as he safely drove them to their destination. He took horticultural classes in his 50s at the university as well.

He was predeceased by his parents, Richard and June Rollins, his brother, Clayton W. Rollins, his paternal grandparents, Wentworth and Eloise Rollins of Vermont, and maternal grandparents Leo and Clara Swain of Concord. Plus many aunts and uncles. Bucky is survived by his sister, Jan Rollins Cote, and her husband Michael, of Canterbury; his niece, Sarah (Boyd) McNulty and her family of Vermont; nephew Joshua Cote and family of Florida; nephews Christopher Rollins of Plymouth and family and Douglas Rollins of Sanbornton and family; his former wife, Diane Dean, of Concord; and many cousins, and countless friends.

He was laid to rest with a private service at Maple Grove Cemetery in Canterbury on Sept. 19 in the Rollins family lot. Memorial donations may be made in his memory to the Canterbury Volunteer Fire Dept., 26 Baptist Road, Canterbury, NH 03224.

A thank you from the family: Page 7.

Absentee Ballots and a Community's Conference Table

Absentee ballot applications now available

The absentee ballot application for the November general election is available on the town clerk's page at canterbury-nh.org/town-clerk-tax-collector and the secretary of state's website, sos.nh.gov.



Copies of the application can also be mailed to residents upon request; please call the office at 783-0153.

Return completed request forms back to Town Clerk, PO Box 500, Canterbury, NH 03224. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

The town clerk will be available at the Sam Lake House on Monday, Nov. 2, from 3 to 5 pm for any last-minute election business, such as absentee ballot requests, and for residents to return absentee ballots for the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

The town moderator will be at the Town Clerk's Office in the Sam Lake House (10 Hackleboro Road), on Monday, Nov. 2, starting at 1 pm to conduct partial processing of absentee ballots in preparation for the general election on Nov. 3. This session is open to the public to observe.

~ Samuel Papps, Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Many hands create work of beauty for town

The selectmen and staff at the town office want to thank the following people for the new conference room table in the Sam Lake House. **Roy Glines** donated the wood from a tree on his property, **Ted West** milled the wood, **Tom McLaughlin** built the top, **Mark Hopkins** built the base and did the finish, and **Mark, Tom and Paul Donaghey** delivered and set it up. It is a great addition to our town office!



The September primary went well with a large turnout. Thanks to everyone for the cooperation and patience.

The paving and mowing of the town roads for the year has been completed. Grading of the dirt roads will continue through the fall. The new Highway Department truck was received and should be on the road soon.

The selectmen's meetings in October will be on the 6th and the 20th. We are still using the conference call-in system if you would like to join the meeting. Directions and the agenda can be found on the town website at canterbury-nh.org.

The selectmen signed appointment slips for members of the re-established Recreation Committee. The committee is organizing the youth fall soccer league.

~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator

Your pandemic stories, photos are history!

Last month the **Canterbury Historical Society** announced the creation of an archive to which pictures, stories and journal/diary records could be entered documenting Canterbury's experience in this unprecedented pandemic. We are pleased to announce that we have had many submissions. We realized, however, that we did not ask for valuable information to go with the submissions, such as names of individuals/locations of photos that would be helpful to future researchers. An example of why the information is important is reflected in the society's inability to name individuals or locations of many photographs we have in our collection. The Luther Cody circa 1900s photos are a perfect example.

Please keep your submissions coming! And don't forget it is not too late for you to keep your own journal or diary which could tell of your experiences in this once in a lifetime occurrence!

Email your submission to:
canterbury.nh.historicalsociety@gmail.com

~ Bob Scarponi, President

Village is grateful for its many volunteers

We would like to thank the village's wonderful volunteers: Our Saturday and Sunday tour guides, plus **Kevin Bragg**, who tirelessly completed our fine brick patio in front of the Horse Barn, and all our Grounds Committee volunteers who are repairing fences and tending to the gardens! Each volunteer brings exceptional gifts to the village and we are all so appreciative.



We are also happy to report that New Hampshire's natural resources stewards are back at Canterbury Shaker Village every Friday this autumn. They've already planted new apple and pear trees!

Plein Air Painting Workshop is still open to all participants: Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3-4. \$200, includes two lunches.

And a reminder: You are welcome to explore our network of nature trails, gardens and ponds this beautiful time of year.

~ Leslie Nolan, Director

School Is In Session, and That's Exciting!

It's a little complicated, but kids are back!

Canterbury Elementary School staff were thrilled to welcome students into the building for their first in-person day of school on Sept. 9 (cohort A) and Sept. 10 (cohort B). They have also enjoyed connecting virtually with our fully remote learners (cohort C).

Students have learned some new games at recess, such as "Detective" and "Egg, Chicken, Dinosaur," which is a variation of "Rock, Paper, Scissors." We also have a walking track painted on the grass for students to use. They have really enjoyed it!

Mrs. Cameron's class, through a very generous donation, now has a class pet. It is a red-eared turtle named **Mama**. She is quite beautiful.

We have welcomed some additional new staff members to CES. **Johnny Cashman** is our new evening custodian. **Thomas Monico** and **Kelly Papps** have joined us as classroom assistants. **Morgan Jacobs** is our speech pathologist (shared with BES), and **Rick Zeller** is our special education assistant. We are pleased to have them on board!

Thank you to **Janet Zannini**, who donated hand sanitizer, and thank you to **Doneta Fischer**, who donated handmade masks. We truly appreciate your support!

CES is always looking to hire substitute teachers. If you are interested in applying, please call me at the school at 783-9944 or email me at echubb@sau80.org. Be well!

~ Erin Chubb, Principal



Meet Mama, the official class pet in Mrs. Cameron's room. Turtle power!

Looking for a place of peace? Come explore the trails at Church of the Woods



The trails at Church of the Woods are open at all times for visitors who come in peace. They twist and turn around the contours of the land, passing a wooded wetland at one moment, through a dense hemlock stand at another, along a rocky ridge at a third. The network was designed by John Morton, a former Olympian who has designed more than 100 trails around the world. Every season cloaks the woods in a different sort of beauty — none more glorious than in October! You'll find trail maps at the barn by the parking lot. We'd be glad if you left us a note at the barn about what you encounter, think, see, hear, smell, feel.

While here, you're also welcome to walk the labyrinth next to the barn. It's a circular, contemplative walk intended to evoke the spiritual journey. Persist, and you will find your way to the center.

You'll find the church — it's the woods, actually! — and its trails on 106 acres at 92 Foster Road. For more information, visit kairosearth.org.

Elkins Library Is Here to Serve

The next Trustee virtual meeting is on Monday, Oct. 5, at 7pm.

Elkins Library is closed on Monday, Oct. 12, for Columbus Day.

Open: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 to 5; Wednesdays 9 to 4; and Saturdays 9 to 12.

Precautions: Elkins Library requires face masks (preferably cloth). We provide disposable facemasks and hand sanitizer. Please ring the doorbell before entering. Appointments are required for families visiting the Children's Room and computer usage in 30-minute time slots. Please call 783-4386 to make arrangements. If you are just browsing; drop-in is fine; however, we have a limit of four in the building.

Wi-Fi is available outside the library 24-7. Just choose elkins_library. No password is required.

Curbside pick-up: Call us or link to our on-line catalog to place a reserve, or e-mail to place your request. You'll receive notification to set up a pick up time.

Inter-library loans: The NH State Library has resumed this service allowing extended time for quarantining materials. Once we receive your material it will have a 72-hour quarantine.

The Old Man Boring Book Club will meet on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7pm. Individually chosen non-fiction selections will be discussed at a virtual meeting. If interested, contact Sue and I will send you the link to join.

Book Group: The October choice is *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. Multiple copies of this title are free to download on Hoopla. (Hoopla is a service that allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows digitally. Details and how to connect are on our website.) The library also has a copy which may be reserved. If you're interested, please call or email Sue and I will send you the Zoom link.

Sign up for the New England Legends Program on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 7pm. Gather 'round the virtual campfire with Jeff Belanger, one of New England's premiere storytellers! For over 20 years, Jeff has been exploring the unexplained through history and folklore. Email reservations may be made to attend this virtual program by going on our website at elkinspubliclibrary.org, clicking on "our programs" at the top of the page and filling out the short form.

~ Susan LeClair, Director and Adult Services
sleclair@elkinspubliclibrary.org

Fall Raffle and Frontier Soup Sales: The Friends of Elkins Public Library is raffling a beautiful stainless steel stock pot filled with soups, apron, ladle, candles, napkins, oven mitt, handcrafted felted pumpkins and candy corn. The winner will be contacted late October. Frontier Soups are back at the library! These gourmet soup mixes are easy, healthy, delicious and contain all natural seasonings with no added salt, no preservatives or MSG. Many are gluten free! \$8 each, 4 for \$30.

Calling all kids and parents!

Tuesday Book Time with Mrs. Baker: Enjoy a fun virtual experience for little ones! Sing, discover new rhymes and experience the wonderful world of books. This YouTube Live production can be found on our YouTube channel, website and Facebook page for all to enjoy and watch again and again!

Story Time To Go! These kits are created for use with children ages two to five to promote early literacy development. Each kit is based on a theme and contains picture books, activity sheets and multiple crafts with materials included. Themes include alphabet, colors, farm and jungle animals and trucks to name a few. Call or email to receive your own kit for curbside service or in library pick-up. We will even prepare a kit based on your preschool curriculum or theme.

Maker MySelf Kits: Do you have a little crafter that wants to create all the time? This "no screen" activity to take home is for ages 4 and up. These simple crafts are designed for little hands to complete by themselves, however, some will require minimal assistance. Although most materials are included, you will need glue, crayons or markers.

Book Wizards Book Club: meets every Monday at 2:30pm to discuss mid-grade chapter books that we choose and are reading by ourselves or with the help of caregivers. The program consists of sharing time followed by a discussion of what we're reading and a suggested activity or craft. This program is best suited for elementary school-age humans. (*Note: this is a change in time to adapt to remote learning schedules.*) There is no commitment involved. It is available when and if it fits your schedule.

Teen Talk: meets every Tuesday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm to discuss current events, share ideas and book suggestions. This wonderful group of young people is best suited for people aged 13 to 16. (*Note: this is a change in time to adapt to remote learning schedules.*) Join in!

We very much regret that afterschool children will not be able to come to the library to stay during the pandemic. Picking up materials is absolutely encouraged, but we ask that the visit be no more than 30 minutes. We remain committed to serving children and young adults and their families with many new books and resources available to support remote learning, homeschooling and early childhood learning.

~ Mrs. Baker, Youth Services
mrsbaker@elkinspubliclibrary.org

Food for Thought ...

Did you know 40 percent of food waste comes from the kitchen?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the EPA developed a study in 2013 of the quality of our national diet, food waste and its impact on the environment. This led to the formation of the U.S. Food Waste Challenge with the goal of cutting waste 50 percent by 2030.

Research done at the USDA Research Service, the University of Vermont and the University of New Hampshire found that each of us wastes one pound of food daily. Home kitchens are responsible for the largest amount of food waste, accounting for almost 40 percent.

In New Hampshire, The Associated Women of New Hampshire Farm Bureau have chosen **"No Taste for Waste"** to raise consumer awareness of how farmers and families can reduce food waste. Farmers are working toward better outcomes by soil testing, water conservation, no-till seeding and using mulches. "Cosmetically challenged" fruit and vegetables are donated to food banks. Some produce is composted. Some farms arrange with grocery stores and institutions to incorporate outdated and damaged foods into mixed rations for their herds.

There is lots of information, tips and recipes at these local sites: nhfarmbureau.org and facebook.com/NHDeptAgriculture. Also

check out [Choose My Plate.gov](http://ChooseMyPlate.gov) and [No Taste for Waste](http://NoTasteForWaste.org). By working together, we can all become more mindful about the food we eat, the food we toss and find ways to limit waste.

Here is an idea for lunch using leftover baked haddock:

Place buttered bread slice on baking sheet, put a leftover piece of haddock on bread, cover with a slice of cheese and add bacon bits or herbs if you like. Place under broiler for four or five minutes or until cheese is bubbly.

~ Ann Fifield, Associated Women Member

With heartfelt thanks: It was a pleasant surprise to find my mailbox filling with beautiful cards and lovely notes on my 90th birthday. I appreciate all the greetings and kind words from friends, family, neighbors, church folk and community. I treasure them.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I feel very fortunate to live in such a caring community.

~ With gratitude, Ann Fifield

Farmers Market grateful for community's support



The Canterbury Farmers Market wants to thank the community for its strong support during this very different year. It has been a successful season and an example of a community coming together and supporting local vendors through safe access to healthy foods.

You can go to our website, canterburyfarmersmarket.com, or our

Facebook page to find more information about vendors who will continue to offer online ordering.

As a reminder, there will be no winter markets this year in November and December. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2021!

~ Emily Sullivan

The family of Philip "Bucky" Rollins wishes to thank the many kind folks in town for their calls, concerns and cards after his passing. He will be sadly missed, and the many memories, some great ones here in Canterbury, will be in our hearts forever.

~ With heartfelt thanks, Jan R. Cote and family
(Bucky's obituary is on Page 3.)

Food pantry hopes to fill Thanksgiving Boxes

Anyone who is qualified to come to Loudon Food Pantry can receive a Thanksgiving Box. We are signing up those eligible starting Oct. 1 and ending Oct. 31. If you sign up after Oct. 31, there will be no guarantee we'll have enough food to fill your order. Please sign up early so we know how much food we need to have on hand. Last year's boxes contained fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, as well as the Thanksgiving dinner fixings. We hope the farms that helped last year will be kind enough to donate again so we can offer the same selection! To sign up or if you think you're eligible to receive a Thanksgiving Box, please call and ask for Sue.



Please make checks out to Loudon Food Pantry. We accept and welcome food donations.

Where and when to donate: We are in Huckleberry Business Park, 30 Chichester Road, Loudon (across the parking lot from Loudon Garage). We accept donations on Tuesdays 10 to 6; Wednesdays 10 to 1; Thursdays 10 to 4. Go to LoudonFoodPantry.org for more info. Visit us on Facebook (LoudonFP). Call us at (603) 724-9731.

Do you need food? Call me to see if you qualify!

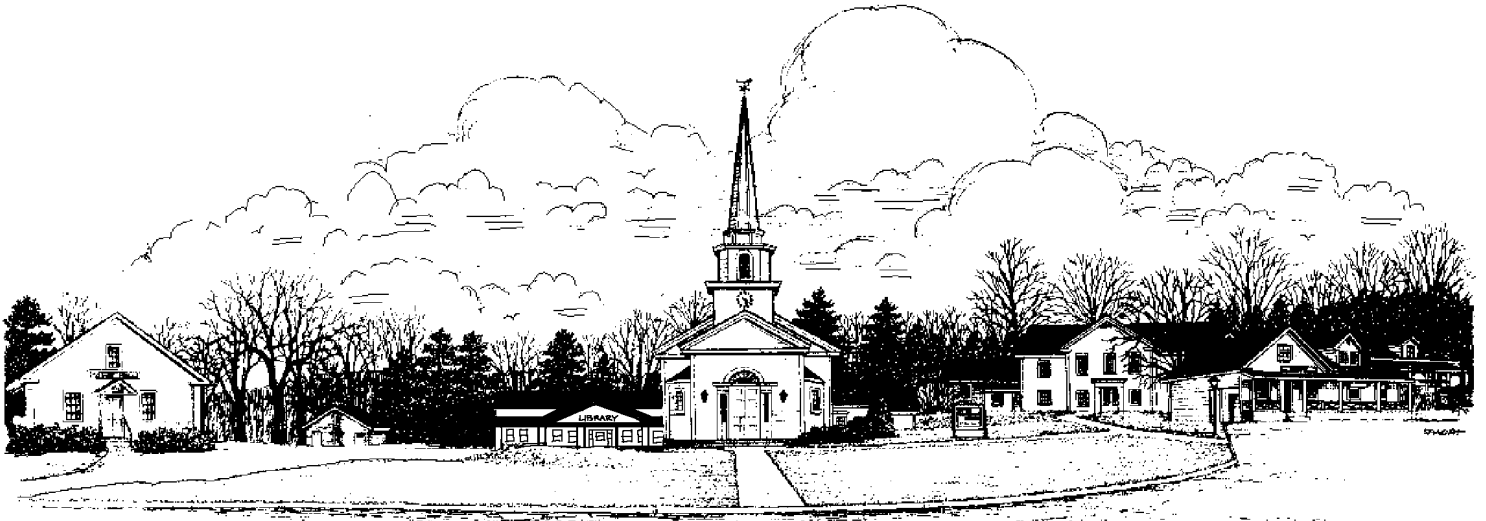
~ Sue Houck

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Trail Notes: A bushwack from Baptist Road to Schoodac!

I finally found a nice two-hour bushwack from Baptist Road to the Schoodac Conservation Area. I'd gotten a better idea of the territory from Chip Hacking. As a rule I find it difficult to absorb verbal directions but I did get more of a concept of where not to go and I already knew one way not to go from my previous experience, detailed last month.

Assuming you're going east from the center, parking is just before the fire pond with the dry hydrant that's before the bend preceding Foster Road going left. Not far down the clear road between the Pond and Claude Dupuis's house is an obvious wide right entrance to a well-defined logging road. You need to branch off left and downhill from that logging road which leads right to Crane Neck (a lovely wild pond, not far). At first this left looks like it might have been a logging way, but soon it's just woods and you maintain a similar direction downhill. The woods are open, well recovered from logging 20 (?) years ago. It's not far to the end of a marsh – could be connected to Schoodac. Take the left side of the marsh to a pronounced ridge and go up over the end to the left, east side. The west side, next to the marsh, is quite steep and slippery walking. As the ridge peters out you'll see Schoodac.

The shore is mostly quite open providing a clear view – a fine feeling to at last be there with the broad marsh spread before me. From this side it was thick with small maple saplings well out across it and right on the shoreline, sphagnum moss. I was right across from the small hill overlooking it on the other

Meadow Pond Trail, one of the best-loved trails at Shaker Village, may have the biggest pine and longest stone and earth-filled bridge in town. Down what we over here on Shaker Road call Horse and Sled Road (Shell Church Meeting House Road, according to the map), the bridge has been beautifully restored by **Kevin Fife** and **Dennis Moore**. It's best viewed from the upstream side. I was able to walk under the road for a good view of the huge stones with which it's constructed. About a third of the way south down the trail the big pine is right by the trail close to the pond.

See the *Concord Monitor* article on Sept. 7 about the bridge reconstruction.

side (very accessible from Welsh Road). Way down the marsh I could see in the west what appears to be Sunset Hill.

It was irresistible to wander down the shoreline some. I didn't end up going back exactly the way I had come but I came out on Baptist Road only ten minutes west of my car. It's now a frequent mental trip for me.

Happy bushwhacking (and getting "lost").

~ Dave Emerson, 783-4403

Be well, be outside, and let's look after each other!

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