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“All Around Monadnock” Art Exhibit Opens on June 1

*Pitcher Mountain
by Donna Bascom Lund*



*Social Security-Ridgehill Farm
by Jeanne Maguire Thieme*

From June 1 through September 7, the Historical Society of Cheshire County will host an art exhibit featuring over 50 artists -- **All Around Monadnock: The Character and Heritage of the Monadnock Region**. The juried show will celebrate the natural beauty and cultural heritage of the Monadnock region. An **opening reception will be held on Friday, June 1, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm** at the Historical Society, 246 Main Street. The reception will be a great place to start the Keene Art Walk on June 1.

The exhibit's curator Alicia Drakiotes says that visitors to *All Around Monadnock* can expect to see the work of some of the Monadnock region's preeminent artists as well as an influx of new artists. "It will be a gallery presentation of contemporary art right here on Main Street in Keene," says Drakiotes. "All artwork will have been created within the past eighteen months." The artwork will include oil paintings, watercolors, acrylics, pastels, photography, wood turning, sculpture, and textile

art. The artists have been encouraged to create works that illustrate what the region means to them and how it impacts their own lives. Visitors will have a chance to vote for a people's choice award. The exhibit is sponsored by Monadnock Paper Mills, C&S Wholesale Grocers, the Putnam Foundation, Poocham Hill Winery, and Ye Goodie Shoppe.

In conjunction with the exhibit, on **Saturday, July 21 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**, a **plein air "Art at the Berry Farm"** event will be held at Monadnock Berries in Troy, New Hampshire. Families are invited to bring their own art supplies, sit with an artist to paint what they see in nature, and enjoy berry picking on the farm.

On Wednesday, **August 8 at 7:00 pm**, artist and author **Francelia Clark** will give a talk about the book she wrote with Pam Godin and Shelley Mozier -- "Circle Around the Mountain: Time Travel with Horses." The book is a tale of a trip Clark and her companions took on horseback around Monadnock traveling on roads used by settlers long ago.

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Artists for the *All Around Monadnock* exhibit hail from 24 towns inside and outside the Monadnock region such as Keene, Fitzwilliam, Stoddard, Spofford, Westmoreland, Wilton, Peterborough, Harrisville, Hancock, Marlborough, and Jaffrey. *All Around Monadnock* is the third in a series of collaborations by the Historical Society, curator Alicia Drakiotes, and artists of the region. In 2017, Drakiotes and the Historical Society shared a Ewing Arts Award in recognition of their past work on presentations of art. In 2013, the *64 Miles* exhibit told the story of the Ashuelot River through the eyes of 44 regional artists. In 2015, the *Treasured Places, Protected Spaces* exhibit recognized and celebrated conservation lands of the Monadnock region.



A Night at the Lake by Alicia Drakiotes

All Around Monadnock will convey how the Monadnock Region means many things to many people. The region is recognized for its natural beauty. It is known as the "Currier & Ives Corner" of New Hampshire because of its remarkably intact early New England historical record and built environment. It is known for its quintessential New England festivals and cultural events. And it is known for its people, from old-time New England characters to those who have come to love the region's heritage, culture and landscape. Our region illustrates the story of New England history, culture and natural environment.

Women's Suffrage Movement

Thursday, June 28, 2018.

7:00 pm.

Historical Society of Cheshire County

Historian and author Kenneth Florey will present a talk about the women's suffrage movement at the turn-of-the 20th century with emphasis on collecting and preserving suffrage memorabilia today.



The History of the Sadoques Family

Tuesday, July 24, 2018. 7:00pm.

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The area around Keene, New Hampshire was originally known to the Abenaki Indian people as Ashuelot. Although the name is now best known as a river, it originally translated to "land between place," referring to the flat land between the surrounding mountains, criss-crossed with trails that lead to other familiar places.

Lynn Keating Murphy, Abenaki Indian, master educator, and descendant of the Sadoques of Keene will reveal how, and why, Abenaki people could literally "hide in plain sight." Historians have only recently begun exposing the degree to which white town historians adopted stereotypical, racialized narratives of "vanishing Indians" that distorted the historical record. Some people imagine that many of the Abenakis in New Hampshire today are imports from Maine or Canada. Surviving documents and oral traditions have a far more complex story to tell, as seen by tracing just one extended Abenaki family in Keene.



Tickets on Sale Now for Wyman Tavern Brew Fest on August 4, 2018

In its first three years, the **Wyman Tavern Brew Fest** has earned a reputation as a place to sample some of the best craft beers of the region and enjoy a local backyard vibe. The event takes place on the grounds of the Wyman Tavern on **Saturday, August 4 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm**. Early bird tickets are available for \$30 at the Historical Society's website www.hsccnh.org and at Eventbrite.com. After July 20, tickets are \$35. Admission includes a souvenir glass and ten tasting tickets. Designated drivers can attend for free.

This year the Brew Fest is adding a VIP event from noon to 1 pm for an additional \$25. VIP tickets provide additional time to talk with brewers, and brewers are encouraged to bring limited edition brews for the VIP event. VIP tickets also come with a commemorative T-shirt and a chance to win an exclusive door prize.

Also new this year is food by JimEddie's, which is good news for barbecue lovers. The Stoddard Fire Department will be grilling again as well. The Cold River Ranters will provide their unique form of hot gonzo primitive folk jive.

Many of the most popular brewers from last year have already signed up. People's Choice winners the Brewers of Nye Hill Farm from Roxbury and The Outlaw Brewing Company from Winchester will be back. Belgian Mare Brewery from Alstead, Henniker Brewing, and Shipyard Brewing Company from Portland, Maine are on board. Wachusett Brewing Company from Westminster, Massachusetts and Wormtown Brewery from Worcester will be making their first appearances at the Wyman Tavern. And two ciders have already signed up – Old Settlers Cider from Alstead and Angry Orchard Cider, which is owned by the Boston Brewing Company. In all expect to see about twenty brewers and as many as fifty craft brews.

Bruder House Groundbreaking Ceremony

Over thirty people dodged raindrops to attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Bruder House on May 15, 2018. Those in attendance toured the building and viewed plans for renovation and creation of the Welcome Center for the Cultural Heritage Center. Following speeches by Alan Rumrill, Executive Director, James Rousmaniere, President of the Board of Trustees, and Doug Brown, Project Manager, ceremonial white hard hats were donned and shovels turned over the first patch of ground to officially begin the project. Watch for updates on the progress of this exciting chapter in the history of the Historical Society of Cheshire County.



(L to R): Cornelia Jenness, Doug Brown, Jeff Ingram, Alan Rumrill, Rob Therrien, Elizabeth Dragon, Dan Scully, Dave Drasba, Jim Rousmaniere, and Jennifer Carroll

New England Cooking from the First American Cookbook to the Colonial Revival

Wednesday, August 29, 2018. 6:30pm.
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In their new book, *United Tastes: The Making of the First American Cookbook*, historians Keith Stavelly and Kathleen Fitzgerald explore the social and gastronomic complexities of the eighteenth-century world that produced the first American cookbook, *American Cookery*, and brought Amelia Simmons, an obscure orphan-cook, before the public as one of America's first female authors.

In their earlier book, *Northern Hospitality: Cooking by the Book in New England*, Stavelly and Fitzgerald probe the food culture of the region through a close examination of its earliest cookbooks, authors, and recipes. The best-known foods of the region, such as baked beans and chowder, turn out to be only a small—and fairly recent—part of the story.

Join the authors on Thursday, August 29, at 6:30 p.m. for a slide talk on the delights and surprises of historic New England cooking, based on their books, *United Tastes* and *Northern Hospitality*. The presentation will be followed by tastings of early American recipes by Keene's own culinary master Linda Stavelly. The event is free, but donations to the food tasting portion of the event will be gratefully accepted.

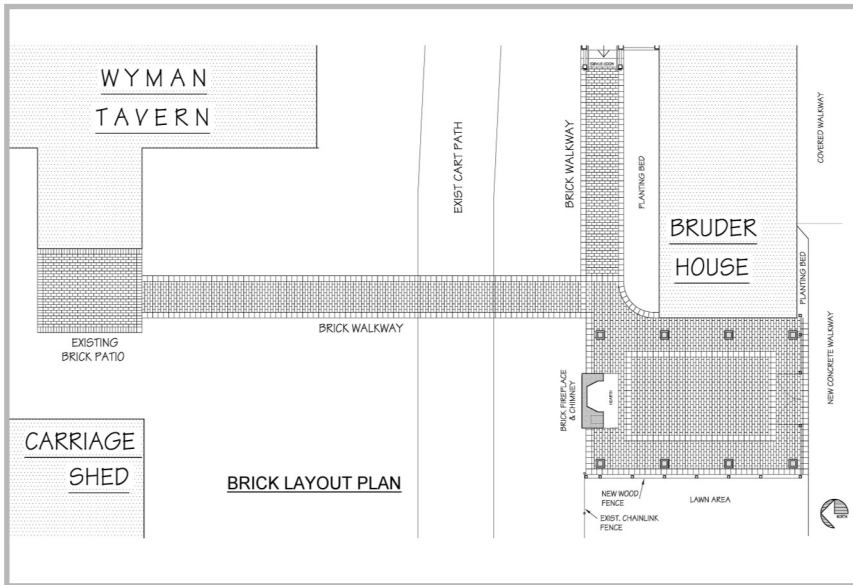
2018 Teacher Workshop: The Progressive Era

Thursday, June 28- Friday, June 29, 2018.

9:00 am-3:30 pm.

\$40 registration fee (includes lunch and all handouts)

The Historical Society of Cheshire County will host a two-day teacher workshop on *The Progressive Era* on Thursday, June 28 and Friday, June 29, 2018. The workshop will include an overview history of the era and a more in-depth look at specific movements such as women's suffrage, environmental conservation, labor issues, welfare reform, and education reform. Workshop sessions will incorporate both lectures and hands-on activities that involve the use of primary sources in a classroom setting. Teachers will receive 13 credit hours for attending both days. Registration is \$40 per person and includes morning refreshments and lunch each day. Registration forms are available online at hscenh.org.



Engrave Your Name in History

Engraved bricks will be installed during the renovation of the Bruder House adjacent to the Wyman Tavern as part of a Cultural Heritage Center on Keene's Main Street. There is still time to buy a brick with your message engraved on it. Help the Historical Society preserve the past while building a pathway to the future.

4" x 8" bricks with three lines of engraving can be purchased for \$100.

8" x 8" bricks can with up to six lines of engraving can be purchased for \$200.

For information, go to www.hscenh.org/capital-campaign/ or call 603-352-1895.

Live at the Tavern: A Visit from Abner Sanger and Friends

Saturday, June 30 and July 28, 2:00 pm

Wyman Tavern Museum, 339 Main Street.

A special tour at 1:00 pm tour of the Tavern from an 18th Century woman's perspective precedes the performance in which visitors to the Wyman Tavern will engage with Abner Sanger (as played by J.J. Prior) and his associates (Emilia Whippie Prior and Alexa Wallace) who lived and worked in Keene during the late 18th century. Space is limited. Please register at www.hscenh.org. Admission: \$10 tour and performance; \$5 performance only.

Downsizing?

We can help you find a place for items on your downsizing list. We are currently **accepting donations for the Auction of Historic Proportions on September 28**. Antiques, collectibles, artwork, books, maps are all popular items at the auction, especially if they have connections to Cheshire County. We also welcome donations of special experiences such as private tours, dinner parties, lessons, consultations, or vacation stays. Please contact us at 603-352-1895 or hscenh@hscenh.org if you have ideas.

NH Gives Campaign-June 6th and 7th

On June 6th and 7th, support the programs of the Historical Society of Cheshire County by contributing through <https://www.nhgive.org/organizations/historical-society-of-cheshire-county>.



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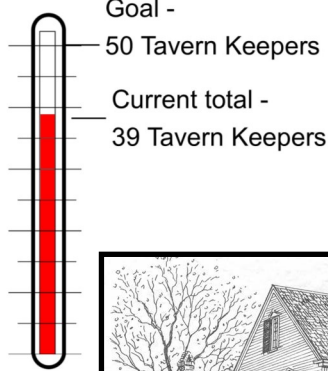
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Railroads and Rail Trails of Harrisville and Hancock

Friday, June 8, 15, and 22

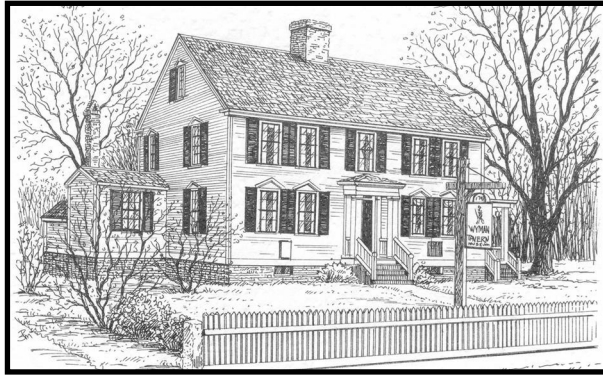
Harris Center for Conservation Education, Hancock, NH

The three-week Environmental Studies Institute course explores our local railroad history. On June 8, Alan Rumrill will give an illustrated talk on the railroad's influential role in the Monadnock Region. On June 15 and 22, we'll carpool to various sites to see the remnants of the history firsthand and to explore the new ways these old byways are now being enjoyed. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center and the Historical Society of Cheshire County, this Environmental Studies Institute course meets on **Friday, June 8**, from **1 to 2 p.m.** at the Harris Center; **Friday, June 15**, from **1 to 2:30 p.m.** at the Hancock Depot and Elmwood Station; and **Friday, June 22**, from **1 to 2:30 p.m.** at the Harrisville and Hancock Rail Trails. **Cost:** \$40 for Harris Center members / \$60 for nonmembers. ***Space is limited and registration is required.*** For more information or to register, please contact Sara LeFebvre at (603) 525-3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.



Help Us Reach Our Goal:

50 Tavern Keepers for the Wyman Tavern's 50th Year!



**Registration Now Open
18th Century Kids Camp
Session 1: July 9-13, 2018
Session 2: July 23-27, 2018**



Children in grades 3-5 can enter the world of Keene in the 1760s and feel history come alive. Campers will work together to build an outdoor kitchen, make products, barter for goods at market, cook and serve Native American-influenced recipes to families, and work with reenactors.

Choose from one of two sessions available. \$225 per camper includes all activities, supplies, and period clothing rental. Members of the Historical Society of Cheshire County receive a \$25 discount on fees (\$200/camper). More info: www.hsccnh.org or call 603.352.1895. The 18th Century Camps are sponsored by the Savings Bank of Walpole, Dunkin' Donuts, and the Putnam Foundation.

50 Tavern Keepers for the Wyman Tavern's 50th Year!

This year marks the 50th year that the Historical Society of Cheshire County has operated the Wyman Tavern as a historic house museum. For these 50 years, the Wyman Tavern has been a window into what life was like on Keene's Main Street in the eighteenth century. In recognition of the milestone, we are setting a goal of signing up 50 Tavern Keepers to support the operations at the Wyman Tavern in 2018.

You can become a Tavern Keeper by making a donation of \$300. To join, go to www.hsccnh.org/support/tavern-keeper/ or call 603-352-1895.

The Historical Society thanks the 2018 Tavern Keepers

**Susan and Thomas Abert
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Wyman Tavern Opens for the Season: Friday, June 1st



Beginning Thursday, June 1st the Wyman Tavern Museum located at 339 Main Street in Keene will open for guided tours at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm each Thursday-Saturday throughout the summer. Meghan Green, a recent Keene State graduate, is the Wyman Tavern intern and tour guide for the season.

Enjoy free admission to the Tavern during opening week (June 1-June 2). Regular admission is \$5 per person. Children under 12 years of age and members of the Historical Society of Cheshire County receive free admission. For specialized tours and performances at the tavern, see the Historical Society website www.hscenh.org or details in this newsletter.

Beyond the Tavern Days Tours

Join the Historical Society's historian Becky Barton for special tours of the Wyman Tavern focusing on the families that lived and worked on the historic property after Isaac Wyman's days.

The Continuing Saga of the Wyman Children

Saturday, June 2, 1:00 pm, and Thursday, June 7, at 1:30 pm: This tour showcases the intriguing lives of Isaac & Sarah Wyman's children from the late 18th into first half of the 19th century.

The Reverend and the Mrs.

Thursday, July 5, 1:00 pm, and Saturday, July 7, 1:00 pm: This tour presents the compelling lives of Keene's last town-appointed minister Zedekiah Barstow and his wife Elizabeth who ran a private school for boys out of the historic building during the mid-to-late 19th century.

Three Well-Connected Sisters

Thursday, August 2, 1:00 pm, and Saturday, August 11, 1:00 pm: In this tour, the Society brings out artifacts from the collection that tell a true tale of the three Adams sisters and their well-to-do connections in turn-of-the 20th century New England.



Seventh Annual Wyman Tavern Festival Where the 18th Century Comes Alive

**Saturday, June 16, 2018
339 Main Street, Keene
10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

\$5.00 Admission



Have you ever watched a blacksmith, a cooper, a tinner, a milliner, a chair rusher, or wood carver at work? Have you played Shut the Box, or Game of Graces, Whist, Goose or Road to Boston? Have you tried to walk on stilts or to make a corn husk doll? Come to the Wyman Tavern Festival on Saturday, June 16, and learn about daily life during the 18th Century. Craftsmen will be demonstrating their crafts throughout the day. There will be many opportunities to try out games, dances and activities, as well as enjoy music and demonstrations, and to hear the news and debates of the late 18th Century. Refreshments will be available for sale throughout the day. Don't miss the chance to taste the Wyman Tavern's own Rhubarb Cooler, a delicious, refreshing (non-alcoholic) drink.

Children can also participate in a treasure hunt throughout the festival, culminating with the opportunity to take home their own treasure. Come at 9:30 am to muster with the Wyman Tavern Fife and Drum Corps to march to Central Square and back. Sponsors of the Wyman Tavern Festival include C&S Wholesale Grocers, Susan Murata, the Putnam Foundation, Hamshaw Lumber, and the Carriage Barn Bed and Breakfast.

For more information, call 603-352-1895, or visit the Historical Society of Cheshire County website at www.hscenh.org.



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June, July and August 2018

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Friday, June 8, 15, 22, Harris Center for Conservation Education, 1:00 pm, “Railroads and Rail Trails of Hancock and Harrisville”

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Saturday, August 4, Wyman Tavern, 1:00 pm, Brew Fest (VIP event starts at 1:00 pm)

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