

SEE Notice Below!

- ***BRINGING the PRESENCE of the PAST into the PRESENT***
- ***Low and Moderate Income Tax Relief Applications – May 1 – June 30th***
- ***Solid Waste Ordinance Public Hearing – May 16th 7pm***
- ***Kelley-Drake Farm & Snake River Conservation Area – Clean up day – May 18th 8:30-Noon***
- ***New Hampton Historical Society Program Cancelled for May 21st***
- ***Memorial Day - Monday, May 27th – Transfer Station and Town Office Closed***
- ***Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarship Fund Applications by May 31st.***

THE “NEW HAMPTON CONNECTION”

E-mail notices will be sent from this office with dates, locations and times of Town Meetings, special meetings, special events, and other important town events or information. We hope you will find these notices helpful. These e-mails will not provide notice of regular scheduled meetings, deadlines, holiday hours, general information, etc. For such scheduled information, please check the town web site www.new-hampton.nh.us or call the Town Office at 744-3559. All public meeting notices are posted at the Town Office and Public Works Department. All town newspaper notices are placed in the Laconia Daily Sun.

Please talk with other New Hampton residents who may not have been contacted to see if they are interested in receiving these e-mails. I also would encourage you to get the “word out” about important information to those who may not have e-mail.

If at some future time you change your e-mail address or you wish to be removed from the list please send an e-mail to blucas@new-hampton.nh.us.

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May 8, 2019

“BRINGING the PRESENCE of the PAST into the PRESENT”

Celebrating Sarah Dow MacGregor: A Most Generous Friend of New Hampton



In 1895, Sarah Curtis Dow MacGregor was elected to the first board of trustees of the infant Gordon-Nash Library and continued to serve until her death in 1956, a tenure of 61 years. Originally from Kennebunkport, Maine, Sarah Curtis attended New Hampton School (1890-93) and, following her graduation, married a local boy, Walter Dow, on Christmas Day of 1893. [2 &3] The Warren Harvey house, Old Bristol Road, was the home Sarah and Walter built and occupied for many years. The second floor of the house was purposely left unfinished so that the young people of the town could meet there for dances. With Walter playing the violin and Sarah at the piano there was many a fun-filled evening. [1] Walter died young in a lumbering accident, and, much later, Sarah married the Reverend Charles P. MacGregor. [2] At the news of this second marriage some of the children of the village were upset. Marianne Bickford was in tears as she asked her mother if her dear Aunt Sarah had really married that awful Mr. MacGregor who was so mean to Peter Rabbit! [1]

Having inherited a large estate, Sarah was a wealthy woman. She always lived simply, however, preferring to use her resources for worthy causes. She loved New Hampton and filled many important positions in the church, in the clubs, and as a long-time trustee of both the Gordon-Nash Library and New Hampton School, as well as of The Golden Rule Farm for Boys (later the Spaulding Youth Center). [1] Always thinking of the needs of others, Sarah carefully planned her estate to bring happiness to others when she was gone. The four largest bequests were equal gifts to the New Hampton Community Church, New Hampton School, the Golden Rule Farm and the Town of New Hampton. [1] This last gift established the Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarship Fund, which provides financial support to pursue higher education for students from the town of New Hampton. [2] Illustrated below is a 1914 invitation from Sarah to a young man on Gordon Hill, encouraging him and “his Mama” to attend the “Little Light Bearers” Rally in the vestry of the Community Church. The “Little Light Bearers” was an organization developed for children to learn about the life and work of Free Baptist missionaries. [4]

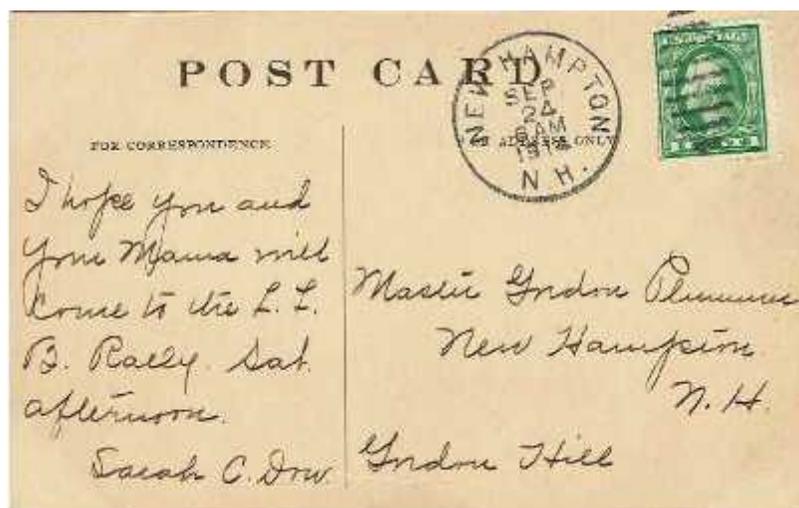
Sources

[1] Town of New Hampton Website: “Brief sketch of the life of Sarah Dow MacGregor”
<http://www.new-hampton.nh.us/sarahdownmacgregor.asp>

[2] *New Hampton, New Hampshire: A Chronicle* (2003) by Kathy Neustadt & Tom Curren

[3] *A History of the Gordon-Nash Library* (1965) by Jeannette C. Matthews

[4] *The Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society: 1873-1921* (1922) by Lena Fenner Dennet, Frances Stewart Mosher, and Clara A. Ricker



A 1914 postcard found on eBay. Sarah C. Dow (later MacGregor) writes to a resident of Gordon Hill hoping that he “and his Mama” will come to the Little Light Bearers Rally in the Church vestry.

For more information on the history of the town, please visit the New Hampton Historical Society website at www.newhamptonhistory.org/

Kent Bicknell
Historian, NHHS
May 6, 2019

****REMINDER****
SARAH DOW MACGREGOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Applications for New Hampton High School graduates that are college bound and current College Students are available at the Town Office and on the Town's website www.new-hampton.nh.us under the Sarah Dow Macgregor Scholarship Committee. The deadline for submission is on or before Friday, May 31, 2019 at 3p.m. at the Town Office.

**The Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief forms are now available at the Town Office.
The filing period is May 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019.**

Forms:

[Click here](#) for DP-8 you can **print and complete**.

[Click here](#) for the **"fillable" form**. You will be directed to the New Hampshire Department of Revenue website where the forms are listed alphabetically. Look for **Form DP-8** which lists the printable and "fillable" forms.

Solid Waste Ordinance Amendments

PUBLIC HEARING

**Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 7:00pm
Town Office Meeting Room
6 Pinnacle Hill Road, New Hampton**

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Solid Waste Ordinance.

[Click here](#) for the draft ordinance.

Spring Work Day on New Hampton's Conserved Lands

On Saturday, May 18 from 8:30-12:00, the New Hampton Conservation Commission will be holding a Spring work day, a bush-up and removal of trash from the Kelley-Drake and Snake River Conservation Areas. Now that winter is over and we are headed into summer we want to clean up and repair winter's damage to two of our premier New Hampton properties. Trash needs to be removed from the Snake River property. The trails, apple orchard and the cellar holes need to be bushed and trash removed at Kelley-Drake.

If you have this day free and would like to participate come to the entrance of the Kelley-Drake Conservation Area, at the end of Kelley Pond Road. Bring loopers, brush cutters, rakes small saws and a trash bag. Be sure to dress appropriately for outdoor work and be sure to bring work gloves and bug spray. I'm sure the ticks will be out and about on the leaf litter.

If you have questions you can email Gordon DuBois at forestpd@metrocast.net

NEW HAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTATION ON May 21, 2019 has been cancelled

CLOSED
TRANSFER STATION AND TOWN OFFICES
Will be closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.
Please note the Transfer Station will be open on Tuesday, May 28th 8am – 4pm

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