

SEE Notices Below!

- ***New Hampton Historical Society Program – Who are your Ancestors? February 21st at 7pm at the Gordon-Nash Library***
- ***New Hampton School Projects – Press Release***
- ***Kelley-Drake Farm Conservation Area***

WELCOME TO 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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**NEW HAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OUR NEXT PROGRAM: Please come and invite a friend or two!**

Thursday, February 21st, 7 pm at the Gordon-Nash Library

Who Are Your Ancestors?

Ever wonder why your son has red hair, why no one speaks about that uncle from "away," or why your mother's maiden name changed before she got married?

Presenter Cassie Chamberlin of Salisbury will help attendees of this program get started finding out who you and your family are, and to unearth their histories. Cassie is a professional genealogy and historical researcher, and a member of the NH Genealogical Society, Salisbury

Historical Society, and NH Historical Society. She is experienced in New England research, and networks with other genealogists throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Come and enjoy the fun!

Free and open; refreshments served, along with fundraising items for sale. Bring a friend! Gordon Nash Library is located at 69 Main St. in New Hampton, NH

NEW HAMPTON SCHOOL PROJECTS

“What’s going on?”

New Hampton School is beginning two major construction projects that will transform the physical plant and create a swirl of activity on campus over the next 18 months. Construction of the Ralph S. O’Connor ’44 House began on February 12, and the restoration of historic Meservey Hall on the main academic row will begin on May 25. The O’Connor House will be ready for use for the 2013-2014 academic year. Meservey Hall will reopen its doors in the Fall of 2014. The general contractor for both projects is CCI and the architect is Samyn-D’Elia Architects of Ashland.

According to Head of School Andrew Menke, the Meservey and O’Connor projects continue the progress the School has made in recent years with relation to capital projects and the improvement of living and learning spaces.

O’Connor House will bring a modern, spacious student residence to the West Village near Rice, Phillips, and Lindsay House off of Caswell Lane and Main Street. The house will include rooms for 32 students and four faculty apartments.

Meservey Hall, formerly home to the Science department, is currently used for history classes. The building will open its doors to students and faculty and be the new home of the History Department and Academic Support Program.

O’Connor House is a product of a transformative gift of 1.75 million from Ralph S. O’Connor, a Texas businessman who already has shown his support of New Hampton School, including the establishment of the Ralph S. O’Connor ’44 Excellence in Teaching Prize.

For more information about these capital projects, contact Director of Facilities Kirk Beswick at kbeswick@newhampton.org. Plans showing rendition drawings can be seen on the town website.

Kelly-Drake Conservation Area: Site for Scientific Expedition

Home schooled student, Kayla Baker, went on a scientific expedition to Kelly-Drake Conservation Area. In addition to practicing scientific skills, such as observation, measuring, and recording and collecting specimens, she wrote a short essay comparing the meadow with the coniferous forest, two of the biomes found at the Conservation Area. She concluded that “the meadow is like a giant’s garden, full of flowers and light and the forest is like the giant’s dark shadow towering over the trees”. Kayla, daughter of Kristin and Kimo Baker, is the granddaughter of the town’s Public Health Officer, Rodney Bascom, and granddaughter of former Town Selectman, Larry Blood. The Kelly-Drake Conservation Area, located at the end of Kelley Pond Road, is owned and maintained by the Town of New Hampton Conservation Commission. It offers, in addition to the meadow and forest, a pond, several brooks, and hiking trails. Great place to snowshoe or cross country ski! It is open to the public at no cost.



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