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Community Bulletin Board

Thoreau scholar to lecture in Carlisle January 11

Henry David Thoreau roamed the fields and woodlands of Carlisle, recording his observations in his many journals, both published and unpublished. Thoreau scholar Tom Blanding will share the naturalist's writings with Carlisleans at a lecture on Thursday, January 11, in the Hollis Room of the Gleason Public Library. The talk, "Thoreau and Carlisle," is co-sponsored by the Carlisle Historical Society and the Friends of the Gleason Public Library.

Blanding has a wide following in the Concord-Carlisle area. In October, he delivered a series of seminars on Thoreau in a Carlisle home for a small audience. This previously unexplored topic, "Thoreau and Carlisle," will be of special interest to townspeople.

Blanding is the area's foremost scholar on Thoreau. According to the Boston Globe, he is "thought by many to be the outstanding Thoreau scholar in the United States." He has taught more than 50 courses and seminars, appeared on several television and radio programs, and has been a consultant for many films. He is the author of *Historic Walden Woods*, co-author of *A Thoreau Iconography*, and is currently working on a biography of Thoreau.

Admission to the talk is free and refreshments will be served.

CCHS fund-raiser for Partners in Health

CCHS's International Issues classes are holding a dinner on January 12 to benefit Partners in Health. This charity organization is currently campaigning against HIV/AIDS in Africa. Dinner will be at the First Parish Church in Concord from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are available at the door or at CCHS from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the cafeteria. E-mail redribboncampaign@gmail.com for more information.

Calling all instrumentalists

The traditional Carols on the Green will be held on Christmas Eve, December 24. Assemble on the Common next to the Christmas tree. Instrumentalists should be ready to play at 6:15 p.m. Please bring your own music stand. Carols will be played and sung between the Unitarian Church service and the Congregational Church service. For additional information call 1-978-369-5893.

December 31 deadline to register Democrats for February caucus

Any Carlisle resident who wishes to participate in the annual Democratic caucus scheduled for February 3, 2007 must register as a Democrat with the Town Clerk by December 31. The caucus, held by the Carlisle Democratic Town Committee, will elect delegates to the Democratic State Convention, scheduled for May 19, 2007. All Carlisle Democrats are welcome to participate in the caucus and run for delegate to the convention. For more information, call or e-mail Susan Stamps, committee chair, at 1-978-369-8462 or sdellas@aol.com.

Weight-loss talk at GPL on January 25

Join professional weight-loss coach, Lori Grant, for a fun and lively discussion about health, fitness and weight loss on January 25 at 7 p.m. in the Gleason Public Library (GPL), Hollis Room. With obesity-related diseases on the rise, what better time to focus on healthy eating and getting fit than in the new year? Lori Grant will lead a discussion on weight-loss frustrations and how to overcome them. This workshop will be 60 to 90 minutes. Weight-loss struggles will be shared in an open, honest forum, to help everyone gain insight into their own eating habits and get into a healthy mind set.

Lori Grant has over five years of professional weight loss and coaching experience. After losing over 100 pounds she began working in the weight loss industry. For over three years she worked for Weight Watchers and then started a weight-loss company, the Coach Approach, with a partner. Recently she has created her own weight-loss coaching business, Always Your Weigh.

Carlisle Chess Club offers First Knight December 29

Join the Carlisle Chess Club to learn to play with Chess Corps leaders and master chess players Satea Al Husari and H. Eric Cushing on December 29 at Union Hall, First Religious Society. This free event will begin at 4 p.m. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Registration is not necessary, but RSVP if possible to organizers@carlislechess.org. For information, visit www.chesscorps.org or www.carlislechess.org.

Seventh-Grade Play meeting January 9

The Seventh-Grade Play for 2007 is *Seussical*, and will be produced on March 14, 15 and 16. On January 9, at 7 p.m. in Corey Auditorium, there will be a meeting for parents and seventh-grade students to meet the directors, find out about the schedule for auditions and rehearsals and learn about how they can help with the production.

Winter fuel assistance program

If you need assistance paying your fuel bills this winter, you may be eligible for the state's Fuel Assistance Program. Call Angela Smith, the COA Outreach Coordinator, who has been trained to assist in this application process, at 1-978-371-2895. This program is open to all Carlisle residents, not just seniors.

Donate now to the CC Community Chest

The Concord-Carlisle Community Chest needs donations from both residents and local businesses. The Chest provides a single point of giving to more than 35 local human service organizations that serve needy residents in Concord and Carlisle and is uniquely positioned to help you directly support your neighbors and fellow community members in need. Mail your contribution today to 111 ORNAC, Concord, MA 01742, call 1-978-369-5250 or visit www.communitychest.org.

Watch CCHS concerts and football on CCTV

If you missed them live, you can watch the CCHS Orchestra concert at 6:30 tonight on channel 8. See it again tomorrow night at 8:30, and watch CCHS 2006 football highlights afterward at 9:30. Repeat performances of these events and more will air throughout the vacation week.

Contra dance January 14

A family square/contra dance with Marcie Van Cleave calling will be held at the Parish Center for the Arts, corner of Boston Road and Lincoln Street in Westford on Sunday, January 14, 2007, from 3 to 5pm. Oh, CONTRAire! provides live music. No experience is required. Adults \$5; kids \$3; maximum \$12 per family. Call 1-978-692-6333, e-mail PCA@Westford.com or visit www.Westford.com/PCA for information.

Doll event at Orchard House December 30

On Saturday, December 30, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., "The Dolly Dialogues" will be held at Orchard House in Concord. Join Marjorie Tudor as she shares heartwarming stories of Tasha Tudor's family holiday traditions and offers the chance to interact with her own unique hand-made dolls and puppets. A tour of Orchard House, tea, and light refreshments is included. Cost: \$25 per person, \$20 for Orchard House Members. Space is extremely limited; reservations and pre-payment are a must. Phone 1-978-369-4118 X106 for further information and reservations.

Blood drive on January 4

There will be a community blood drive at Saint Anne's Church, 75 King Street, Littleton, on January 4, 2007, from 1 to 7 p.m. Anyone who is at least 17, in good health, weighs at least 110 pounds and has not given blood in the last 56 days may donate. The Red cross requires a positive ID. For more information, call 1-800-448-3543.

Emerson offers monthly diabetes support groups

Emerson Hospital will offer diabetes support group meetings at 10 a.m. on the following Fridays: January 19, February 16, March 16, April 27 and May 18. Meetings take place in the John Cuming Building in the education classroom on the first floor.

For more information on Emerson's diabetes support groups, call Cheryl Laundry at 1-978-287-3054.

C-C Scholarship Fund applications

Applications for the Concord-Carlisle Scholarship Fund are now available online at www.CCscholarshipfund.org. Students seeking support for the 2007-2008 academic year must submit their applications by April 1, 2007.

The Concord-Carlisle Scholarship Fund was established as an independent non-profit 40 years ago and is dedicated to providing support to deserving local students. In 2006, over \$150,000 was awarded to local students to help finance their college educations. Applicants must reside in Concord or Carlisle or have attended school in one of these towns. METCO students are eligible.

The CCSF scholarships are awarded strictly based on need, not merit. However, applications are shared with many local organizations such as the Concord Rotary, the West Concord Women's Club, the Concord Women's Club, the VFW, the Concord Public Library, Welch's, the Rivercrest Deaconess and the Carlisle Garden Club, which award merit and need-based scholarships.

Direct questions about applications or donations to ccsf@colonial.net.

Watch the Selectmen on CCTV 9

The Carlisle Selectmen's meetings will air on channel 9 local cable TV as follows:

Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, 2 p.m

Thursday, 7 p.m

Friday, 9 a.m.

Saturday, 3 p.m.

Sunday, 8 p.m.

Minuteman RHS to celebrate alumni

Minuteman Regional High School will showcase and honor the significant contributions of more than 15,000 graduates with its first "Alumni and Friends Awards Night" on Thursday, March 8, 2007, at Max Steier American Restaurant in Lexington.

Tom Markham, Assistant Superintendent of MRHS, says, "We invite every Minuteman graduate to play part in this association, whether large or small, for the future of the school." Graduates are encouraged to visit www.minuteman.org/alumni to record their information, including their current address and e-mail address.

COA doings

- Coffee: Join the COA in the Sleeper Room on Thursday, January 4, at 9:30 a.m., for a delicious assortment of pastries, coffee and tea.
- Winter fitness classes: Fitness classes will start on Thursday, January 5, from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. in the Clark Room at Town Hall and will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$30 per person for one class per week and \$50 per person for two classes per week, until spring. No need to sign up, just show up with comfortable clothes, with a mat, and if you have weights, bring them. The COA also has some weights. Bring a check payable to Friends of the Carlisle COA. For more information, call 1-978-371-2895. Line dancing will continue on Friday mornings, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Union Hall, First Religious Society. The cost is \$3.50 per lesson, payable in advance. To sign up or for more information, call Nadine Bishop at 1-978-365-080.
- Podiatry clinic: This clinic will be held on Tuesday, January 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Sleeper Room. Appointments are necessary. Call the COA office at 1-978-371-2895. A fee of \$15 (cash or check) is required. The rest of the fee is funded by the Timothy Wheeler House of Concord Fund and the Friends of the COA.
- Men's breakfast: On Thursday, January 11, starting at 8 a.m., the Mystery Chef and his helpers will prepare another gastronomic extravaganza for Carlisle senior men at the Sleeper Room. A \$2 donation is appreciated. Van service is available.
- Luncheon and bingo: Join the COA on Thursday, January 18 at 11:45 a.m. in Union Hall for a gala luncheon followed by bingo with prizes. Call the COA office at 1-978-371-2895 by Friday, January 12, to make your reservation. A \$2 donation is appreciated. To get transportation, call 1-978-371-6690. Blood pressure screenings will be provided from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Join women's triathlon team now

Registration is open to join AIM, a women's triathlon team with over 150 members residing in Concord, Carlisle, Acton, Westford, Sudbury and Stowe. All interested women are invited to attend the Sunday, January 21, meeting to learn more about AIM. The meeting will be held at the First Parish Church, 353 Gre

Road, Stow, located on Route 117 next to the Stow library. The snow date is January 28, same time as last year. There are currently five women in Carlisle who are members. AIM encourages women of all abilities (first times through experienced triathletes) to join.

Holiday week at the Discovery Museums

Holiday school vacation week will soon be here and the Discovery Museums has a wonderful lineup of activities and fun for the whole family. The museums will be closed on Sunday, December 24 and Monday, December 25, and will reopen on Tuesday, December 26, with both museums open all week from 9 a.m. to 4:30 pm. Tuesday starts with Penguins at 10 a.m. Find out fun facts and play an exciting penguin egg hatching game. Come on Wednesday, December 27, at 10 a.m. for Curious George. Paint a monkey mask and make a Curious George paper doll. A visit from Finz, mascot of the Worcester Sharks AHL hockey team will be the highlight on Thursday, December 28, from 10 to 11 a.m. The week finishes with Dinosaur Discoveries on Friday, December 29, at 10 a.m. Come and pretend to be a paleontologist as we explore the colorful world of dinosaurs.

The Science Discovery Museum will also offer a special program: "Twigs, Bark, and Buds," on Thursday, December 28, at noon. Take a winter walk through the conifers and deciduous trees and learn how they have adapted to cold climates. Middle school teacher Frank Meehan will show you how trees can be identified by their twigs, bark and buds. Snow, rain or shine; dress appropriately. Note: the outdoor portion of the program is not handicap accessible.

Scholarship applications available

Applications for the Caroline Hill Scholarship are available to Carlisle's current high school seniors and students in college for continuing post secondary education. The awards, which are need-based, typically range from \$500 to \$2,000. The awards are made in late spring. Caroline Hill left money to the town of Carlisle for continuing education of Carlisle residents as well as for other financial need. Applicants can pick up their applications from the registrar's office at Concord-Carlisle High School, the Gleason Public Library or at the Selectman's office at the Carlisle Town Hall. Contact Sally Coulter, 1-978-369-6637, with any questions.

Concord Orchestra concerts coming up in January

On January 26 and 27, 2007 at 8 p.m., the Concord Orchestra will perform a program of music inspired by composers' travels in Italy and the Mediterranean, at 51 Walden Street, Concord. The featured viola soloist will be Steven Ansell of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets are \$20, \$16 for seniors and students. For reservations, call 1-978-369-4967 or visit www.concordorchestra.com.

Last chance to help Santa in Lowell

Santa's helpers collected a big pile of donated toys from the police station lobby this past Wednesday to take to the Department of Social Services (DSS) in Lowell to be distributed to needy children in that city. The toy collection has become an annual Christmas activity at the police department and a very important resource for DSS at this time of year. For residents who missed the deadline and want to contribute, the police chief says gifts arriving before Saturday will be delivered. As in past years all that is needed is a tag stating the sex and appropriate age of the child who receives the gift. Toys may be brought to the police station and left in the lobby.

Historical Society sells map of old Carlisle

Just in time for the holidays, another addition to the collection of unique Carlisle gifts is available from the Historical Society. Copies of a 1937 map of the town have been reproduced and are on sale for \$5, unframed.

Ginny Mills of Concord Street donated to the Historical Society several old town maps once owned by her uncle, Donald Lapham. The dates on the maps range from the 1700s to the early 1900s and are in the archival collection at Heald House.

To order a map or for further information, call 1-978-287-4776.

Ladies' spring tennis

Carlisle women who are interested in trying out for any openings in the local spring tennis league (April-June) should call Bobby Lyman at 1-978-369-6185 or e-mail her at bobbylyman@mindspring.com. Those who prefer to play less often may substitute. Spring League is low-key, with morning lessons and games on two days; days depend on the skill level. Current players do not need to call. Teams are formed January/February each year. The Carlisle Recreation Commission sponsors the league.