



BARNSTEAD BANNER

Good News from a Small Town

The Beautification of Barnstead



Lately, while out and about, I've noticed something taking place...something I've dubbed the Beautification of Barnstead. One of the many paths I bike on passes through Center Barnstead, and I can't help but see the positive changes taking place in our small New England town. As I whip past the new police station, I take in its beautiful flagpole memorial, lit up at night for all to enjoy. I soon pass the town library, thrilled to see its lovely landscaping and new benches and tables for all to use. I stop on the bridge to enjoy the cascading water as it tumbles over the rocks. On this particular day, colorful leaves dot the dark water. Back on my way, I wave to the Painted Lady, a type of house you might typically only see in downtown San Francisco, but we have one of our very own! Painted in vibrant greens, oranges, reds, and golds, it especially shines in the autumn. While heading toward the stoplights, I notice the fantastic work being done on the beautiful old house I'd once thought wasn't going to survive the onslaught of nature and the seasons. It warms my heart to see it being saved.

On my way back, I recognize the work that has been done to spruce up the basketball court and the P&R area back behind the library. The trails and picnic areas in the woods are clean and neat and ready to be used. Soon we will have a beautiful new park in the clearing, with the community coming together to make it happen. The volunteer spirit in this town is something to see, and I can't wait to be a part of making this park come alive.

I'm really looking forward to seeing what Barnstead puts on display for this year's Winter Wonderland contest. The library came up with the idea during the pandemic and decided to continue it this year. Hopefully the contest will become a tradition for our lovely little town. Perhaps in the future, we could hold a little award ceremony at the fire-pit with hot chocolate and cider and baked goods, and if it's cold enough, ice skating afterward.

Let's keep the beautification going. Pick up garbage along the road, plant bee-friendly flowers, maybe even help out a neighbor who might need some home repairs or yard work done. Remember: a beautiful Barnstead serves us all!

Kristina Schram



Library Corner

NEW BOOKS COMING IN DECEMBER!

Wish You Were Here by Jodi Picoult

A History of Wild Places by Shea Ernschaw

Bright Burning Things by Lisa Harding

The Midnight Hour by Elly Griffiths

The Ballerinas by Rachel Kapelke-Dale

The Cat Who Saved Books by Sosuke Natsukawa

The Women of Pearl Island by Polly Crosby

The Bright Ages: A New History of Medieval Europe by Matthew Gabriele and David Perry

A Calling for Charlie Barnes by Joshua Ferris

Chronicles From the Land of the Happiest People on Earth by Wole Soylinka

The 1619 Project by Nikole Hannah-Jones

Devil in the Device by Lora Beth Johnson

Beasts of a Little Land by Juhea Kim

The Defense Lawyer by James Patterson

Flying Angels by Danielle Steel

Five Tuesdays in Winter by Lily King

Read Between the Lines by Rachael Lacey

The Christmas Bookshop by Jenny Colgan

Innate Magic by Shannon Fay

The Island of Missing Trees by Elif Shafak

Hunting by Stars by Cherie Dimaline

WE HAVE HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS!

Did you know that the publishing industry is anticipating a book shortage this holiday season? (We just heard the collective gasp from our fellow bookworms.)

OFML absolutely endorses buying from our friends at your local independent bookstores, but we would also like to suggest an alternative gift option. A donation to your public library!

Donating to OFML supports our programs, helps us to keep our new releases up to date so everyone can enjoy them, supports the publication of the Barnstead Banner and allows us to keep adding up-to-date technology and fun take home kits to our collection!

If you would like to donate to OFML on behalf of a fellow book lover this holiday season, we will present you with a nifty certificate for you to gift to them, and you will get a letter for tax purposes (sounds like a win-win!)

If you prefer to add to our beautiful, hardcover classics collection, you can purchase one from our wishlist found on our website at oscarfoss.org and then message us to let us know what name you would like to have added to the bookplate.

The library also has some FANTASTIC Cats of OFML calendars on sale for \$10 each that make great stocking stuffers! (Our cats have become a little full of themselves over their fame. Oscar the cat has started demanding gourmet treats and his own office.)

So, this holiday season, consider giving the gift of literacy, sustainability, community and FUN!

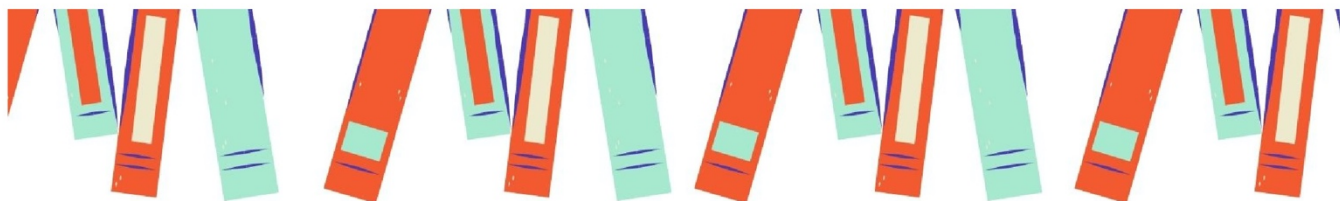
Barnstead Historical Society

STUART MERRILL MEMORIAL DEDICATION
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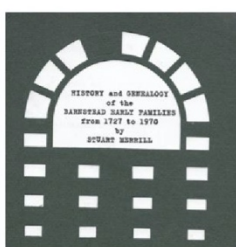
The Barnstead Historical Society wishes everyone Happy Holidays!



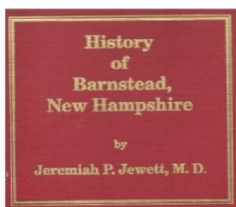
HOLIDAY SHOPPING BY THE BOOK

Start your holiday shopping early with a book!

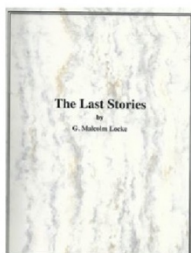
The Barnstead Historical Society has several books available for the bookworm on your list.



History and Genealogy of the Barnstead Early Families, from 1727 to 1970
By Stuart Merrill - **\$40**
Compiled from stories told to him by family members, cemetery records, and archival searches.



History of Barnstead, New Hampshire, 1727-1872
by Jeremiah R. Jewett, M.D. - **\$15**
Originally published in 1872, this book tells of the settling of Barnstead, from materials collected by Dr. Jeremiah R. Jewett.

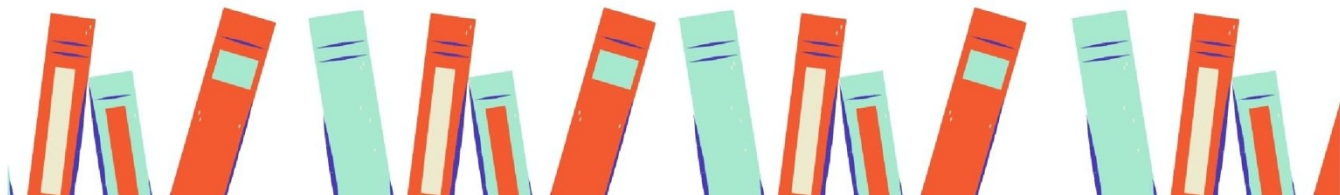


The Last Stories
by Malcolm Locke - **\$10**
One of Barnstead's originals! A renowned trapper, farmer, and a decendent of one of Barnstead's first families. These stories are sure to leave you laughing.



History of the Barnstead Fire Departments 1909-1995
by Stuart Merrill - **\$10**
Information compiled from various Town Reports.

To order a book, call Denise Adjutant at 269-5871



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Any questions about Zoom or for help finding other resources for your child or family call me at 603-524-1565.

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Barnstead Cub & Troop Scouts



If you are interested in Scouting, please contact us. We accept new members all year long! We have recently hiked, built catapults, and participated in community service, among other things.

The last two weekends our Scouts were involved in Scouting for Food. This is a national initiative in November in which Scouts put tags out on doors in their neighborhoods one weekend asking for food donations. The next weekend they return to those houses and pick up any food items left for them. THANK YOU to all those who responded in Barnstead and Pittsfield. Our scouts collected almost 400 items which were turned in to our local Barnstead Food Pantry.

The Barnstead Scout Troop has been working on First Aid and Tying Knots. They are also considering some winter activities, maybe even camping!

As many of you know we were selling Christmas wreaths to help each Scout pay for dues and activity costs. We sold out in two weeks. Look for us next November.

Our December Pack meeting is coming soon and each Den is working on badges and awards.

There was no Open House at Barnstead Elementary School this year, as you know. This made it very hard for us to contact families that are interested in Scouts. If your family is interested, contact me, Doris Williams, at mommydoris@metrocast.net or call 603-435-7054. You can join anytime, not only when school starts. If you have friends in Pittsfield or Strafford, please give them our information. Their towns do not have Cub or Troop Scouting Groups anymore.

RECIPE CORNER

Holiday Cranberry Bread

In 1977, Barnstead celebrated its 250th anniversary.

As part of the celebration, the Historical Society produced a recipe book, using 250 recipe's submitted by many local families. With the holiday season upon us, the recipe seemed appropriate.

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2 cups flour 3/4 c. orange Juice

1 cup sugar 2 tbsp. butter

1 T. grated orange peel 1 egg

1 1/2 tsp. baking powder 1 c. chopped cranberries

1/2 tsp. baking soda 1/2-1 c. chopped nuts

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Combine all ingredients except cranberries and nuts in a large bowl. Mix well. Stir in cranberries and nuts. Pour into prepared pan, a greased and lightly floured fluted tube pan. Bake in 325° (350° otherwise) oven for 35-45 minutes or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Immediately remove from pan. Serve warm or cold.

Submitted by Mary Locke



Community Events

Story Time at Oscar Foss Memorial Library - Every Wednesday at 10:30am - Join us for stories, songs, dancing and crafts! Ages up to 5yrs.

Yoga at the Library - All Levels Yoga every Monday at 10:15AM, Senior Yoga every Monday at 12:00PM, Beginner Yoga every Tuesday at 4:15PM, Intermediate Yoga every Tuesday at 5:30PM

Teen Advisory Board Meeting will be held the fourth Thursday of the month at 4:00PM

After School Club - Every 3rd Friday at 4:00PM at the library

Family Movie Night at the Library: Home Alone December 10th at 6:00PM

Santa Storytime will be December 22nd at 10:30AM. Please bring a new or gently used wrapped book to exchange!

The OFML Holiday Workshop will take place the first week of December. Any craft supply donations can be dropped off before 12/1, then from 12/2 through 12/4 craft supplies, project ideas and tools will be available in our meeting room to create holiday gifts!

Oscar's Elves will be back at the library again on 12/3 from 4:00PM-7:00PM. Bring your unwrapped gifts to the library and we will wrap them for you! Donations are welcome.

The Oscar Foss Memorial Library will be closed 12/24 & 12/25 and also 12/31 & 1/1. The Library staff wishes you all a merry holiday season and a happy new year!

Register for our Annual Winter Wonderland Contest! To participate, send the library a clear photo of your home's exterior holiday decorations, along with your name and address. The library will create a Winter Wonderland map of decorated houses and prizes will be given to the homes with the most votes. Email your information to ofmlstaff@gmail.com by 12/17.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - Center Barnstead Christian Church, located next to the Town Hall, is hosting a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Friday, December 24th from 6:00pm – 7:00pm.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Every Tuesday at 7pm at Center Barnstead Christian Church. Questions? Contact Jimmy at (603) 309-7010.

If you would like to submit an event or classified for the Barnstead Banner, please email danielle@oscarfoss.org with the details.

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