



BARNSTEAD BANNER

Good News from a Small Town

Introducing Friends of Barnstead Parks and Recreation!



A newly established nonprofit has joined the community of Barnstead, and our mission is to support the Barnstead Parks & Recreation Commission. Having an additional team to support the Commission will make events and programs even more successful than they already are. We are an official 501(c)3 through the IRS so any donation made is tax deductible. Also, since we are a nonprofit and not a municipality, we are not governed by state regulations and can do some things that the Commission is not flexible enough to do.



In the past the Commission has held such wonderful events such as Fire & Ice, Trunk or Treat, Easter Egg Hunt, and many more. The Commission will be spending a lot of time with the Natural Playground being built and we can step in and support them with recruiting volunteers for events and filling in the gaps as we are needed.

The past few years have been rough, period. Most of us miss the human contact and interaction. Now is the time! Come on out and support the wonderful things that can be put into action with some good old-fashioned teamwork. We would like to hold some events this summer, but we can't do that without you, Barnstead!



If you are interested in joining this wonderful adventure feel free to reach out. You can email us at friends.bpnr@gmail.com. We will be electing a board in the near future and would like to get good community involvement.



Barnstead, NH 2022 Calendar
 Provided by Barnstead Parks & Recreation

Library Corner

Meet Your Librarians!



OFML staff member, Kristina Schram, started working at the library in May of 2021 as the Adult Programming Coordinator. In January of 2022, she transitioned into the position of ILL librarian and media specialist, jobs more suited to her introverted nature. Now that she be ILLin', she be truly in her element. If you want an item the library doesn't have, Kristina is your go-to person. She can't guarantee she'll be able to get it, but she will try her darndest. If you want a lot of the same book (like for a Reader's Group), she can help with that, too. She originally hails from the land of the Mighty Mosquito (Minnesota), and moved to New Hampshire in 1997 to warm up. In her early days of living in the granite state, a Mainer told her that she was now officially a 'New Hamster.' She very carefully corrected him before realizing he was making a joke. Reading that sentence, you might be surprised to learn she has a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology. Or maybe that won't surprise you at all. At any rate, she is also the author of numerous books, 17 of which are published. She also currently serves as a moderator for the Writers Forum, a laid-back discussion group for aspiring writers. In addition to writing, she enjoys reading all sorts of books, ranging from dark gothics to frothy romances; from non-fiction tomes on just about anything to humor, be it clever or more suited to an 8-year-old. She reads a lot and claims she would read more if her family members didn't have a sixth sense alert set to come running the exact moment she sits down to relax. When she's feeling particularly stressed, she likes to throw tomahawk and knives to unwind. Or she can be seen biking around town, her hair flying behind her like some sort of warrior princess (well, it would be flying if she wasn't wearing a nice, safe helmet).

If she were to change one thing about the library, she would add a massive conservatory because they're awesome and she loves plants and sunshine. She enjoys seeing all the people coming in these days, and wants to assure everyone that the library is indeed open and doing business as usual. Stop by and say hi, have a chat with our guinea pigs, and check out our awesome digs!

Poet's Corner

Listen closely
It whispers

Love
Light

Heart bursting
You are different,
Always have been.
Do not worry
Listen to your
Heart

It will
Guide you, let it
It will all work out
Quiet the mind
Light being,

Rest
-Lauren Biddle

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The Barnstead Reunion, Celebrated August 30, 1882

Submitted by Denise Adjutant, Historical Society

As new opportunities opened up across the country, many of Barnstead left town for employment in factories in southern New England, farming in the west, and the gold fields of California.

During the winter of 1877/78, families in the town and local communities determined to have a Reunion, inviting guests to an event held on February 28, 1878 at the Phoenix Hotel in Concord. A delegation of 60 citizens attended, led by the Barnstead Brass Band, hearing speeches, poetry, and other addresses read by members of the Nutter, Garland, and Clark families, to name a few. They returned home, determined to hold a grand family reunion, and at the March 1882 event, it was voted to have a Reunion in the coming Fall. A committee was organized, and preparation began.

A program was established and a large tent was erected on the property of Seth Shackford, Esq., on land adjoining the Town Hall and Congregational Church, with both buildings open to the public. Throughout town, plans were made to bring family and friends together from near and far. It was estimated that more than 5,000 attended.

A book was compiled by Horace Colbath, detailing many of the day's events. A testament to the times, reproductions can still be purchased from many online retailers, such as Amazon.

The Barnstead Historical Society meets four times a year on the 4th Thursday of April, June, August, and September at 7:00pm at the Barnstead Town Hall.

All are welcome.

If you are interested in joining the Society for membership, the dues are \$8.00 per single person and \$10.00 per family for the year.

We look forward to seeing you.

Let's keep Barnstead History Alive!

Prospect Mountain High School Proudly Presents Little Shop of Horrors!



Pictured above are most of the cast and some of the backstage crew for PMHS' production of Little Shop of Horrors. Bottom L to R: Kara Cuculo, Lexi Booker, Sophia LaGraize, Luca J. Pellegrine. Top L to R: Sylas Kennerson, Liam White, Jaren Unzen, Kyle Dube, Valeria Ramos. Not pictured: Teagan McCausland and Katie Healy.

By Meggin Dail

Welcome to Skid Row, a nice place to visit, but you wouldn't want to live there. Why? Well, for one, a man-eating plant and a sadistic dentist have taken up residence in town. Poor Audrey Fulquard and Seymour Krelborn live in Skid Row, too, and both work at Mushnik's Florist Shop, biding their time until they can get out of this place where "bums and winsos decorate the street."

Despite the odds, Audrey, played by Valeria Ramos, and Seymour, played by Jaren Unzen, somehow find love, only to have their dreams of a better life dashed by a deadly Venus fly-trap dubbed Audrey II (puppeteered by Silas Kenerson and voiced by Liam White) and the scheming Orin Scrivello, D.D.S., played by Luca J Pellegrine. If they're going to survive this mess, they first need to get rid of the devious dentist, and that's when things really start to get interesting.

Stringing the narration along in this little operetta are the three "muses," Ronette, Crystal, and Chiffon, played by Sophia LaGraize, Katie Healy, and Teagan McCausland. These ladies are no strangers to the streets of Skid Row and are not fooling around when it comes time for their opportunity to get outta this place, despite who they may have to plow over on their way up.

Topping off the drama is Mr. Mushnik, played by Kyle Dube, who has found sudden fame and fortune via Seymour's "strange and interesting" plant, and will stop at nothing to keep the cash coming in, including blackmailing his own son.

Of course, the true "star" of the show, Audrey II, is not even human. Standing at roughly 5 feet tall—not bad for a houseplant—she is known for 'her' voracious appetite. If you've ever heard the line, "Feed me, Seymour!" you have Audrey II to thank for that. Just what exactly Seymour ends up feeding the plant is the stuff of legend.

Little Shop of Horrors (by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken), is directed by Meggin Dail of the Pittsfield Players, with Music Direction by Catherine Martinez (a PMHS Alumna), also of the Pittsfield Players. This quirky show comes to Prospect Mountain High School on Thursday, May 19th, Friday, May 20th, and Saturday, May 21st, 2022, at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you there!

Ticketing details were not available at the time of publication. Please contact the PMHS office at 603-875-3800 for more information.

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BARNSTEAD CUB SCOUT AND TROOP HAPPENINGS

One activity that all scouts are known for is community service. All of our Scouts are involved in one or more community service activities each year. This year we have a few group activities and at least one personal activity.

The first activity involved the two Bears groups, G and B. As part of their Critter Care Badge, they discovered that Pope Memorial needed fleece blankets made specifically for cats. Each cat receives a blanket and once it is adopted the blanket goes home with them to help their transition. I personally wasn't sure the cats would care about them, but when the finished blankets were piled on my table waiting for delivery to Concord, this happened...



One of our cubs, Julia Johnson, went to the library to use a globe for a school project and found that they only had an inflatable ball globe. She used it for her work, but then she decided she should have a real one. Once the real one arrived at home, she thought it would be better if other kids could use it too so she decided to donate it to the Oscar Foss Memorial Library.



The Troop and Cubs also do annual roadside clean-up, help the American Legion set the new flags at the main cemetery for Memorial Day, organize "Scouting for Food" for our local food pantry in November, and perform other individual projects to help others.

Our Scouts are currently selling Camp Cards to help finance their summer camp experience. The cards have \$5 break off sections of coupons for Shaws, Tractor Supply, and Buffalo Wild Wings. The main card has several reusable offers for the rest of 2022. The cards are a great deal at \$10 each. Please consider helping out the Scouts if they ask or if you see them at a Show and Sell. Thank you in advance.



The Family Resource Center of Central New Hampshire in Laconia is pleased to announce the opening of our satellite office located in the Locke Lake Colony Lodge, 43 Colony Dr. Center Barnstead, NH. The office is open on Tuesdays from 8:30-11:30 AM for drop-in services or other times by appointment.

The Family Resource Center will provide Barnstead and Alton families with information and referrals to a wide range of family support services. Do you have questions or concerns about one of your children; maybe you feel challenged about making your budget balance; are you a grandparents or other relative raising children of family members; where do you turn when you have an emergency situation that needs some “expert” help? Give us a call or come by the office.

We also offer a wide variety of engaging and informative parent education classes. You could always attend in person in Laconia, and at this time many are still being offered on Zoom. Call us for the list of classes.

The Barnstead Satellite Office will be staffed by Jocelyn Allain, a Family Support Specialist and Parent Education Facilitator. Jocelyn was born and raised in the Lakes Region. She received a bachelor’s degree from Thomas College and has worked in the mental health and social services field for a number of years. Families whom she has assisted found her to be a good listener with a caring heart and someone who was respectful of others. In her free time Jocelyn enjoys playing with her pets, crafting, and camping in the summers.

All services are confidential and voluntary. Please stop by or schedule an appointment with Jocelyn to talk about any area in which your family could use some support. She is there to help you and your family. Do not hesitate to reach out.

Jocelyn.allain@lracs.org or 603.267.4520

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, and Intermediate Yoga every Tuesday at 5:30PM

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

Writer's Forum will be held the fourth Friday of the month at 6:00PM at the library

OFML Kids Club - Every 3rd Friday at 4:00PM at the library

Family Movie Night at the Library: The Tiger Rising, May 13th at 6:00PM

Mead and Read Book Club - Meets first Wednesday of the month at 6:00PM at Over the Moon Farmstead beginning June 1st. Pick up your copy of this month's book "The Music of Bees" by Eileen Garvin at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library now!

Genealogy Workshop - May 19th at 6:30PM - Learn how to start your family history research with OFML. There will be discussions, a short presentation, and a hands-on portion where you can begin your own project. Space is limited. Please RSVP via phone at 603-269-3900 or email rebecca@oscarfoss.org.

Fairy House Building - May 21st at 11:00AM - Join the library and Parks and Recreation for Fairy House building, snacks and crafts.

Neighbors Building Community events (open to Barnstead Residents):

- Story Hour at Varney Beach - Every Tuesday at 9:30AM, weather permitting.
- Sunset Walks starting at Colony Beach at 6:00 PM Wednesday evenings
- May 7 - Mother's Day card and gift making 9:00AM - 11:00AM at Varney Beach

The Planning Board is responsible for development and growth management within the town. The board is responsible for the town's Master Plan, as well as zoning, subdivisions and site plan review. Meetings are every first Thursday of the month at 6pm at the Barnstead Town Hall. Visit <https://www.barnstead.org/planning-board> for more details.

Come join us at our Farm Store Open House and Father's Day BBQ at the Fox and Crow Farm!!! Full BBQ Meals will be served ALL DAY June 18th from 11:00AM-7:00PM. Pulled Pork or Pulled Chicken with your choice of delicious sides and drinks. Meal Tickets can be purchased online or in person day of. Limited plates will be offered. Visit www.thefoxandcrowfarm.com or contact us at thefoxandcrowfarm@gmail.com, (603) 892-4575.

The Pittsfield Players present Deathtrap, a thrilling story with unexpected twists and turns! Coming to you May 6-8 and May 13 and 14. For specific times and tickets, visit pittsfieldplayers.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Every Tuesday at 7:00PM at Center Barnstead Christian Church. Questions? Contact Jimmy at (603) 309-7010.

Angler Weekend at T.L. Storer - May 20th at 5:30PM - May 22 at 1:30PM - See Facebook Page for more details.

Community Pinewood Derby at T.L. Storer - June 11 from 10:00AM - 3:00PM - See Facebook Page for more details.

Barnstead Farmers Market Opens June 4th at 9:00AM

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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