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April Showers Bring Black Flowers Flies

by Kristina Schram

The black fly cometh. Or possibly has already arriveth. Yes, it's time for the emergence of those tiny little bugs native New Englanders call black flies, and which I call flying demons. Thank goodness they only last for about a month (although I believe they hang out in the mountains forever). For those of us who live at lower elevations, they pretty much make spending the month of May outdoors an incredibly annoying experience. That's why I had to resort to buying a hat with built-in netting. It's quite stylish, I can assure you. You won't, however, see me wearing it, because if I spot anyone coming I'm hightailing it out of camera range like a celebrity catching wind of approaching paparazzi.

In Minnesota, we had a form of black fly we called gnats. Unlike the vampiric black fly, gnats don't bite. They're smaller, too. They pretty much just swarm your head and face, and are an all-summer event, coming out mainly on humid days. When they are being particularly clingy we know that rain is a'coming. They are pestiferous, but not bitey. They leave that to the billion+ mosquitoes that live in this land of so many lakes (aka mosquito condos).

One way to deter gnats is to raise your hand above your head. Another option, which is much less tiring, is to pick a fern, turn it upside down, and wear it on your head like a hat. Hmmm. Does this make me sound mad as a hatter? Does it 'fly' in the face of convention? Ha, ha! Yes to both, actually. While I'm grateful cell phones didn't exist back then, I might not have cared, because the fern hat did work. Plus, I like to think it made me resemble a strange and mysterious woodland creature of the mythical persuasion (though I'm pretty sure I just looked slightly deranged). The fern hat actually kind of works with black flies, too, and I suggest that everyone who reads this give it a try. You'll look totally fly, and more to the point, I won't be alone in my eccentric behavior. I've lived in New England for 27 years now and still haven't adapted to the black flies. Luckily they don't like me as much as they do my husband—he apparently has sweeter blood, or something dumb like that.

I mean, I'm pretty sure my blood matches my temperament. Anyway, after a few minutes of exposure, he looks like he's been hit by a mini meteor shower. Blood everywhere. Poor guy. But I do have a cure for him (and for any other sucker victim): Kristina's Amazing Black Fly Deterrent Fern Hat, for the amazingly low price of \$39.99. Get yours now. Supplies are limited!



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 - GET TICKETS FOR YOUR TREASURES: FOR EACH ITEM YOU DROP OFF, YOU'LL GET TICKETS TO USE AS "CURRENCY" FOR THE DAY OF THE EVENT.
 - FIND NEW-TO-YOU GOODIES: USE YOUR TICKETS ON MAY 4TH TO "BUY" SOME COOL STUFF. IT'S ALL ABOUT GIVING THINGS A SECOND CHANCE!
 - NO ITEMS TO SWAP? NO PROBLEM: YOU CAN STILL JOIN IN! BUY TICKETS ON SWAP DAY AND DIVE INTO THE TREASURE HUNT. BONUS: YOU'LL BE HELPING FUND MORE AWESOME LIBRARY PROGRAMS WITH YOUR PURCHASE!
- LET'S MAKE THIS SPRING SWAP MEET A DAY TO REMEMBER! SEE YOU AT THE LIBRARY WITH YOUR SWAP-READY STASH!



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603-269-3900 or email ofmlstaff@gmail.com

BARNSTEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Happy Memorial Day!

by Jeannie Terry

Memorial Day is an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who sacrificed their lives while serving in the US military. But how did this holiday originate?

Did you know that the Civil War claimed more lives than any conflict in US history? This necessitated the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. In the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities began holding springtime tributes to the countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers. It is unclear where exactly this tradition started, though some records indicate that one of the earliest Memorial Day commemorations was organized by a group of formerly enslaved people in Charleston, South Carolina, less than a month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865.

In 1966, the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, as the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo, which celebrated the day on May 5, 1866, was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed

and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

On May 5, 1868, General John Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance. He stated: "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and churchyard in the land."

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 people decorated the graves of 20,000 Civil War soldiers buried there. Many Northern states held similar events, and the tradition continued for years; by 1890, each one had made Decoration Day an official state holiday. This continued until after World War I.

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost in the Civil War.

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This changed after World War I, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, the Vietnam War, the Korean War, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971, and at this time, the law declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

We hope that you have a wonderful holiday, always remembering the reason why we celebrate this day and all who have gone before us and given their lives so that we have freedom. Be proud to fly your flag—God Bless America!

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Happy Mother's Day! - card circa WWI courtesy of Jeannie Terry

Library Happenings

Library Hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00AM-6:00PM, Thursdays and Fridays from 12:00PM-8:00PM, and Saturdays from 10:00AM-1:00PM. We are closed for staff training on the second Thursday of every month until 3:00PM (5/9).

Good to Know Info: Our Summer Reading Program is Coming Soon. We are already starting to plan, and boy, do we have some fun events coming your way!

Wed. 5/1 @ 6:00-7:30PM Meet and Read (Ages 18+): Takes place on the first Wednesday of the month in the library's Meeting Room. This month's book will be "A Passage to India" by E.M. Forster. Next month's book is "The Feather Thief" by Kirk W. Johnson. Bring food, bring thoughts, bring a friend!

Sat. 5/4 @ 10:30AM-1:00PM Spring Swap Meet: Got stuff? Need stuff? Let's swap! For each item you drop off at the library (4/30-5/3), you get tickets to use as "currency" to "buy" some cool stuff. No items to swap? You can still join in. Buy tickets on swap day and dive into the treasure hunt. Bonus: You'll be helping fund more awesome library programs with your purchases. May the fourth be with you!

Tues. 5/14 to Sat. 5/18 @ Open Hours Family Crafternoon: This month Family Crafternoon will be featuring a Take-and-Make craft. Stop by the library this week during open hours and grab an art kit. Paint your favorite book cover or redesign the cover of your favorite book. Then share your finished art with us by emailing a photo to our staff email, sending it via messaging to our FB page, or bringing it to the library for everyone to see. It's time to use your creative magic to make your favorite read come alive!

Wed. 5/15 & 5/22 @ 12:30-3:30PM The OFML Sewcial Club: *NEW!* This club meets the 3rd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Guests can bring any sewing or quilting project they are working on (along with their sewing machines and supplies) to the library to socialize and share tips while they sew.

Wed. 5/17 @ 6:00-7:30PM Evening of Art: The PMHS National Art Honor Society is back with another fabulous art exhibit. Student artwork will be on display in the library's meeting room from Wednesday evening (5/15) to Friday evening (5/17). Then, on Friday (5/17), from 6:00-7:30, OFML will be hosting an Evening of Art. Enjoy a variety of art displays, meet the artists in person, and partake of delicious refreshments. Feel free to dress up!

Tues. 5/21 @ 10:30AM Toddler Music and Movement Storytime: *NEW!* Join us for an interactive storytime filled with stories, songs, and loads of sensory play specifically designed for toddlers.

Wed. 5/22 @ 4:00-5:30PM Watercolor Workshop: Dive into the colorful world of watercolor painting with our beginner-friendly workshop. Whether you're a budding artist or looking to explore a new hobby, this workshop is perfect for anyone interested in learning the fundamental techniques of watercolor painting. All supplies will be provided. For ages 10 and up. Pre-registration is required.

Fri. 5/31 @ 5:00-6:30PM Trivia Night: Fair warning: You may strain your brain while trying to answer our trivia questions, but come anyway! Join us in the meeting room with a team or go solo, and be ready to use your wits to battle it out and win a prize. Light refreshments provided (to help with any brain strain).

Writers Forum will be going on a hiatus until September. Check back with us then for details on dates and times! For events that require registration, please contact us at 269-3900 or ofmlstaff@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

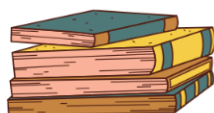


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There's always something happening at the library!



Community Events

Barnstead Elementary School is holding a Parent Engagement Night at the school on May 23, 2024 from 5-7 PM. We are inviting local programs to come to the event to engage with families and provide information on local resources and programs, including summer programs

May Board of Selectmen Meetings will be Tuesday 5/14 and Tuesday 5/28 beginning at 5:30 PM at the Barnstead Town Hall.

School Board Meeting is 5/15 at 6 PM in the Barnstead Elementary School Library.

BES PTO Meeting 5/9 at 6:30PM in the school library.

PTO Talent Show 5/11 at 4:00 PM at Barnstead Elementary School.

The Barnstead Parade Congregational Church; We will be having a special Memorial Day Service on Sunday, May 26, 2024, at 9 AM. We cordially invite you to attend and share the service with us. There will be special music and light refreshments.

The Pittsfield Players Present: Getting Away With Murder: May 3-4th at 7:30 PM, doors open at 6:30 PM, May 5 Matinee at 2:00 PM, doors open at 1:00 PM.

New Beginnings will present at the Barnstead Parade Congregational Church on 5/19 at 9:00 AM.

Mark your calendars for Old Home Day! The event will be held on 8/10 and this year's theme is "A Salute to Veterans".

The Art of Parenting, a four week class at Center Barnstead Christian Church. May 19 & 26, June 2 & 9. 5:00 - 8:00 PM. Limited childcare available. To register, email info@centerbarnsteadcc.org.

Mark your calendars for a day of Family Fun on the farm!

MAY 18
11-4



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JEANNIE'S RECIPE CORNER



COCONUT CHERRY BARS



Ingredients:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup butter, soften
- 3 TBSP powdered sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 3/4 chopped nuts (optional)
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut
- 1/2 cup chopped maraschino cherries (drained)

Directions:

- Heat oven to 350 degrees.
- Mix 1 cup flour, butter, and powdered sugar. Press into a greased baking pan 8x8x2 or 9x9x2 inches.
- .Bake for 10 minutes.
- Beat eggs, and stir in the remaining ingredients. Spread over the baked layer.
- Bake until golden brown, 25 to 30 minutes: cool. Cut into bars, 2x1 inch.

Makes about 2 dozen.

I usually double the recipe and use a 9x13-inch pan. They go well with tea or coffee and they are yummy!

Have a great month,
Jeannie

