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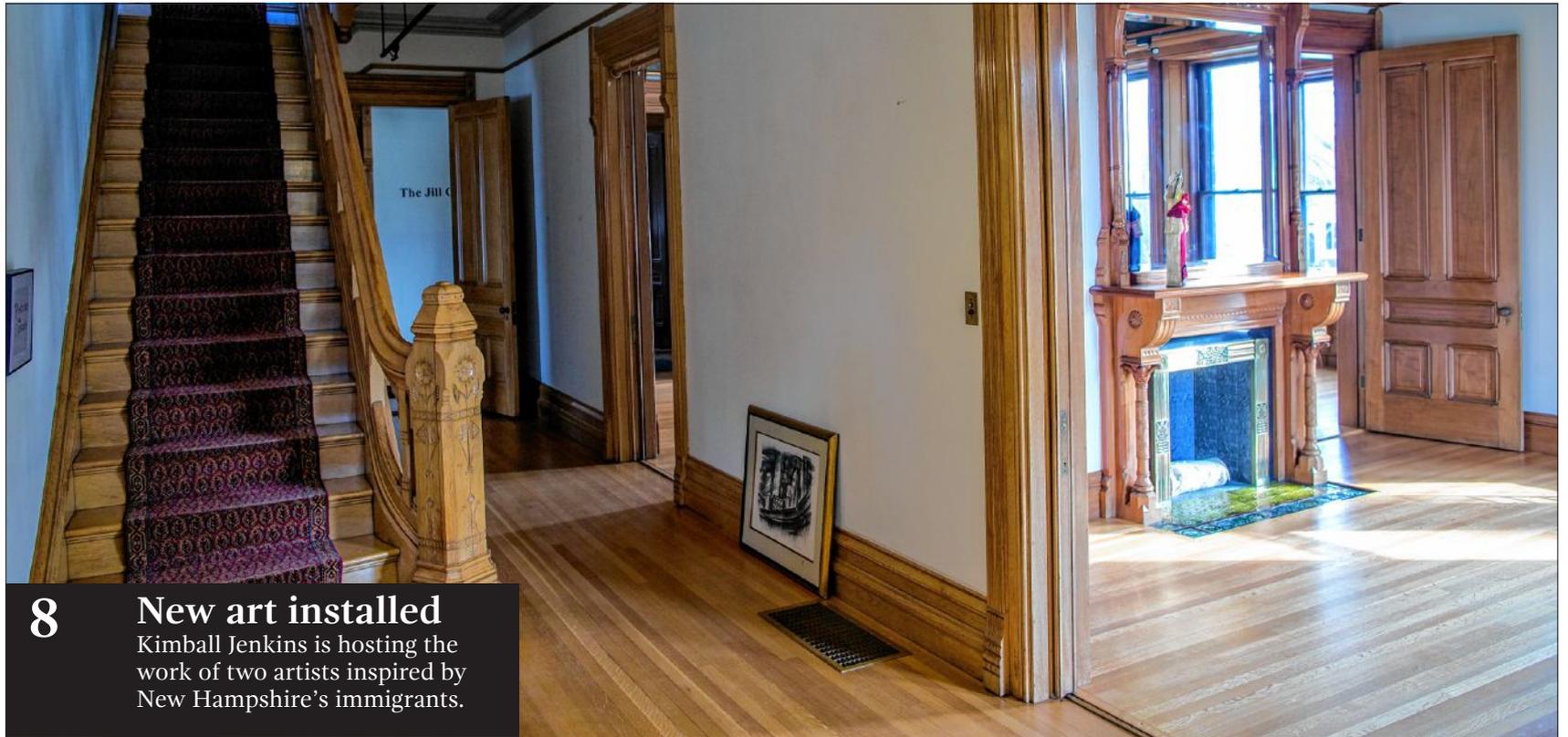
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New art installed

Kimball Jenkins is hosting the work of two artists inspired by New Hampshire's immigrants.

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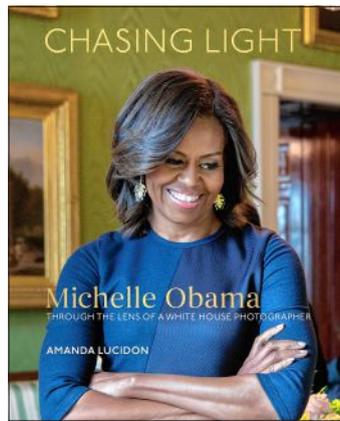
book of the week

Chasing Light: Michelle Obama Through the Eyes of a White House Photographer

By Amanda Lucidon
(222 pages, nonfiction,
2017)

Chasing Light is a beautiful, inspirational photographic retrospective of Michelle Obama's role as First Lady of the United States. The book is brief on text but contains over 150 gorgeous images captured by White House photographer Amanda Lucidon — many of which had never been publicized before this book. From 2013 to 2017, Lucidon was one of five official White House photographers that shadowed the president, first lady, and vice president to document their day-to-day accomplishments for posterity. She was the only female White House photographer on staff during the Obama administration, and one of few women, historically, to fill the role at all. It seems fitting, then, that Lucidon should have been positioned to document the tenure of this groundbreaking First Lady.

“Although [Obama's Presidency] was a difficult time for our country,” writes Lucidon, “it was important to show the world that we are resilient. Even in our darkest times, Mrs. Obama was a shining beacon of light and hope.” That feeling of lightness and grace is particularly striking in Lucidon's candid shots of Mrs. Obama: gardening with scouts, attending a student recital or poetry reading, sneaking a quick hug from her husband — even sitting on the White House floor with Mrs. Akie Abe, wife of the Prime Minister of Japan, for an impromptu romp with the presidential dogs, Bo and Sunny. It's in these off-the-cuff moments that we glimpse the soul behind this towering public figure. Whether attending a state



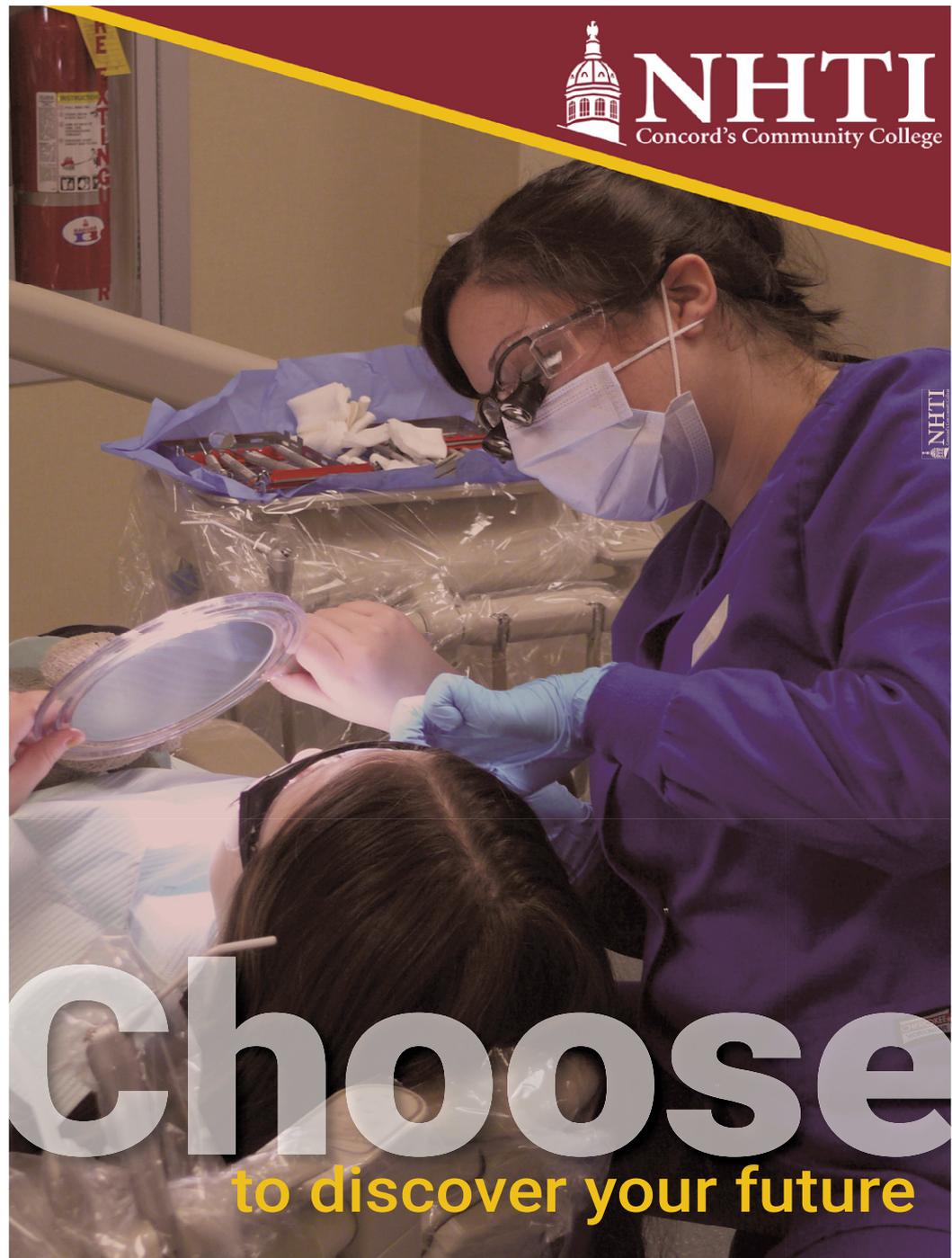
dinner with foreign dignitaries, snapping red-carpet selfies with celebrities, or encouraging young Americans to get healthy and stay in school, Mrs. Obama clearly relished her position as a role model and advocate for all Americans.

If I had to sum up the aura of this book in a single adjective, it would be “genuine.” Seeing Michelle and Barack Obama twisting their hands into “monster claws” while reading *Where the Wild Things Are* on the White House lawn, it's nearly impossible not to smile yourself. Try not to get too misty-eyed witnessing the smiles and tears of joy from Americans of all colors, ages, and backgrounds, as they meet the First Lady and maybe even begin to recognize their own potential. This is not a studious book. It won't teach you dates or facts, or even much about the “official” aspects of the role of First Lady. This book's strength is in reminding us that all icons in history are, at the heart of it, people. Following the Presidency through Lucidon's camera lens gives us a strikingly intimate glimpse of Michelle Obama's humanity. What she captured in a moment may now live in our hearts for a lifetime.

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Author tells stories of Black soldiers in WWII

The city manager's office sent out the City Manager's Newsletter last Friday. The full newsletter can be found by going to concordnh.gov and clicking the "Newsletter" button. Here are some highlights:

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The Forgotten African Americans of WWII: Journalist and author Lind Hervieux will discuss the unsung role African American soldiers played in World War II on Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m. on Zoom. It is not a new story. Black soldiers contributed to every war extending all the way back to the founding of our country, even as they were denied basic rights of liberty and citizenship. Theirs is a record of heroism and bravery that remains unrecognized today. Among their ranks is a forgotten Black hero of the D-Day invasion who was nominated for -- and denied -- the Medal of Honor he rightfully deserved. Register online at concordpubliclibrary.net/registration.

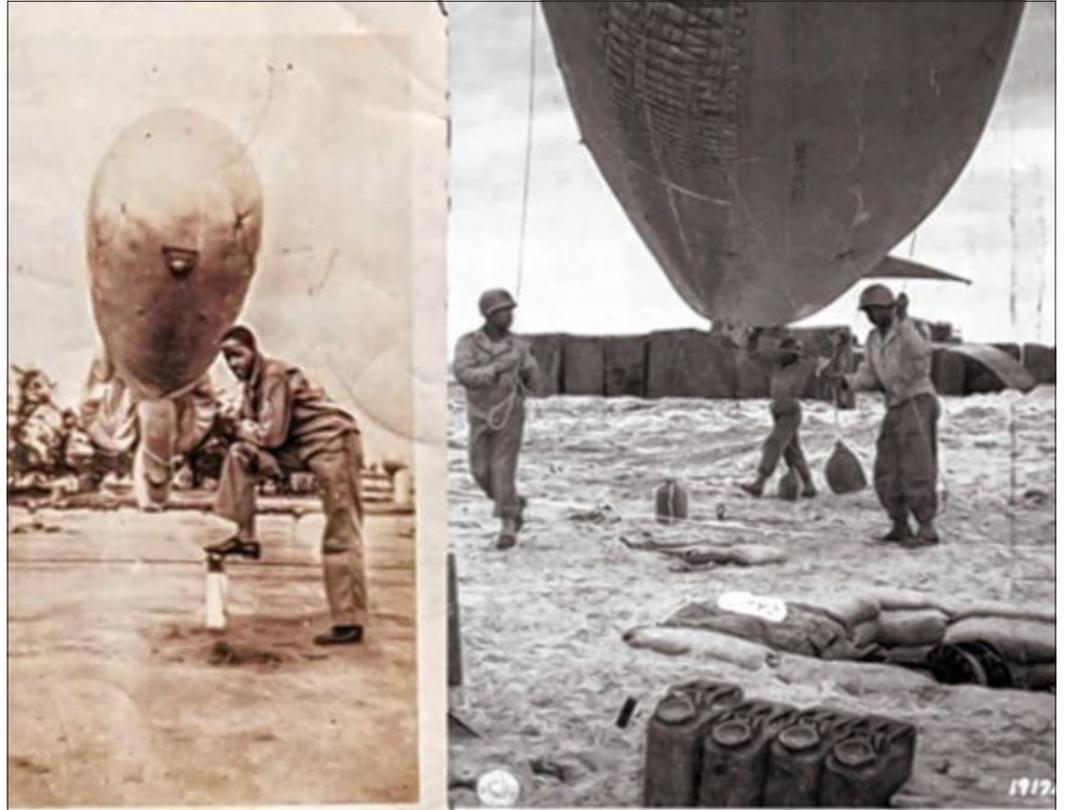
City meetings

City meetings are held in person in Council Chambers at 37 Green St. (unless otherwise specified on the City's calendar). Upcoming meetings include:

- City Council Priority Setting Session: Feb. 7, 6 p.m.
- City Council Monthly Meeting: Feb. 14, 7 p.m.
- Planning Board: Feb. 16, 7 p.m.

Winter operations

Crews are out once again plowing and treating roads. Please remember that crews work as quickly and efficiently as possible to plow 220 center line miles (440 lane miles) of streets and 90 miles of sidewalks throughout the city on a priority level basis. Road crews must first restore safety to roads before working on sidewalks. Downtown sidewalks are the only sidewalks that are plowed during a snowstorm since they are maintained by the Downtown Services Team. All other sidewalks are maintained by road crews and are plowed after the snow stops.



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Sign up for winter parking ban email notifications at concordnh.gov/notifyme. Subscribe to both Winter Storm Event Parking Bans and Winter Maintenance Parking Bans to get alerted for both city-wide and downtown bans. Parking ban alerts are also displayed on the City website and available through the General Gazette newsletter, social media, and MyConcordNH app.

Winter parking bans require all vehicles to be removed from indicated streets between midnight and 7 a.m. for snow removal operations. Free parking is available in the City garages on weekends, observed holidays, and Monday through Friday from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. for permit/lease spaces (marked with signage) and until 9 a.m. for metered spaces. Penacook residents may park at the Canal Street

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Spring brochure

The 2022 Spring Brochure is available now and registration is underway! There are classes and activities for all ages: youth sports like basketball, soccer and flag football and many adult enrichment and fitness classes. There is even a new adult basketball league and information on our senior citizen program. Many programs have limited space and pre-registration is required for most programs.

Camp registration

Information on the Parks and Recreation Traditional Summer Camps is included in the new brochure and registration is underway. Our traditional all day camps are for children entering 1st grade to 8th grade. Information on our Winter and Summer Nature Camps is also listed. Visit our web site for full details: concordparksandrec.com.

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- Female Spies: Women in Espionage
- Forgotten Plane Wrecks of New Hampshire
- Korean War: From Pusan to the Chosin Reservoir
- New Hampshire at War
- The Ruptured Ducks of Canterbury
- Growing a Garden or Meadow for Pollinators
- Plants, Packets, Pots, & Promise: The Buying & Selling of Seeds and Plants in America
- Nonsense: It's All 'BS' Folks: A Satirical View of 21st Century America
- Learning the iPhone & iPad
- Ace, Bridge, Craps: Math Fun & Reasoning with Friends
- 2022 Midterm Elections: A Preview to the Next "Greatest Political Show on Earth"
- Amazon, Facebook, Google, Twitter: Too Big? Too Powerful? What Next?
- From Our Farm to Your Table: Tour Miles Smith Farm
- Jewish Lifecycles
- Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum Tour
- Pierce Manse and the Eagle Coffee House
- Around the Historic New Hampshire State House
- Canterbury Shaker Village Tour
- Hike the Kuncanowet Town Forest in Dunbarton
- Sanborn Mills Farm Tour: No Time Like the Past
- Tour the Merrimack River Flood Plain in Concord

Greater Manchester Classes

- New Hampshire NOW: A Photographic Diary Gallery Visit & Talk
- Films: Madness & the Movies IX
- Films through the Decades II
- Conflicting Images of Human Ideals
- The New Yorker
- Parochial Schools in the 1950s - 1960s: Truths & Myths
- New Hampshire NOW: A Photographic Diary Gallery Visit & Talk
- Quilts, Coverlets, & Rugs: How We Have Covered Our Beds
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- Mother Nature's Mindfulness: A Feast for the Senses
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- History of Jazz Guitar
- Introduction to Piano
- Kayaking the Contoocook
- Spring Birding Extravaganza
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The listed courses will be held at Granite State College campuses and locations throughout the community.

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calendar

Ongoing

■ **Setting the Standard Exhibition:** 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Free. League of NH Craftsmen Headquarters Exhibition Gallery, 49 S. Main St., Suite 100, Concord. (603) 224-3375. info@nhcrafts.org.

Feb. 10

■ **COVID-19 & Flu Vaccine Clinic:** 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine doses and booster will be available. If you haven't gotten your flu vaccine yet, you can get that too! GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St, Unit L, Concord. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.

■ **Gentle Chair Yoga:** 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Try this gentle yoga class. Yoga can help your mind, body and spirit and enhance your quality of life. Free. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St, Unit L, Concord. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.

■ **NOFA-NH Virtual 20th Annual Winter Conference:** Ongoing through Feb. 12, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. 20+ online workshops and panel discussions addressing the conference theme: "Collaboration & Self-Reliance: Building a Stronger NH Food System." \$35 - \$80. Pay what you can. Full scholarships available. Zoom. 603-224-5022. info@nofanh.org.

■ **Virtual Lecture: "The Roots and Revival of New England Folk Music":** 7 p.m. Join folk music historian Tom Curren for a virtual lecture on the roots of New England folk music. Learn more and register via Eventbrite. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. New Hampshire Historical Society, 30 Park Street, Concord. 603-228-6688.

■ **Wiggles & Giggles:** 10 a.m. Wiggle, waggle, and giggle in this fun music and movement program for preschoolers and their caregivers. Registration required. Masks required. Free. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

Feb. 14

■ **The Family Restored Support Group:** 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Wesley United Methodist Church, 79 Clinton St, Concord. 207-387-0015.

■ **Peace & Justice Conversations: China and the Nuclear Arms Race:** 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Today, dynamics that mirror the Cold War and many of those that triggered World War I could lead to war via accidents or miscalculations; they block cooperation that is essential to stanching the climate emergency; and they fuel anti-Asian racism in the U.S. Free. General Admission. Online via

Zoom. (603) 228-0559. info@nh-peaceaction.org.

■ **Stretch & Strengthen:** 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Stretch your muscles, increase your coordination, self-confidence & flexibility with gentle exercise, stretching and movement. Free. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St, Unit L, Concord. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.

■ **Unemployment Support Group:** 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Free. EJ's on Main Restaurant, 172 Main St., Concord. 494-2510. psr17445@aol.com.

Feb. 15

■ **Gentle Chair Yoga:** 9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Try this gentle yoga class. Yoga can help your mind, body and spirit and enhance your quality of life. Free. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St, Unit L, Concord. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.

■ **Self-Publishing: Process. Pitfalls. Payoff:** 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Do agents and publishers shrug off your compelling story? Say "It's good, but...?" Consider self-publishing! \$25. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St, Unit L, Concord. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.

■ **Staying Safe Online:** 2 p.m. Learn tips and resources for

staying safe online. RSVP for this Zoom event online at concord-publiclibrary.net/registration. Free. Concord Public Library via Zoom. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

Feb. 16

■ **Painting with Steve: Winter Barn:** 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. This is the quintessential New England barn dressed for winter. Steve will walk you through step-by-step instructions. \$30. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St, Unit L, Concord. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.

■ **Preschool Storytime:** 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Join us in person or by Zoom. This class includes stories, fingerplays, and songs. skills. concordpubliclibrary.net/registration. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

Feb. 17

■ **Hillsbrook Village Allenstown:** 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Free informational session about Hillsbrook Village at Allenstown. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St, Unit L, Concord. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.



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Vaccine clinic held at school

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- All three FDA authorized vaccines will be available (Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson)

- First, second and booster shots will be available

- Appointments are required and can be made through VINI at vini.nh.gov/providers/s/.

- This clinic is opened to ages 5 and up

Capital Area Public Health Network is an initiative of Granite United Way.

Upcoming Chamber events

The Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce presents ongoing event opportunities for the public. In February, community members will have the opportunity to connect directly with area healthcare professionals and learn about the challenges contributing to local hospital strain. Learn more about

the following events and register at concordnhchamber.com.

Meet Your Chamber: Enjoy a light lunch on Feb. 16 from 12 to 1 p.m. while learning about Chamber member benefits. Meet other area professionals, and see how you can participate in the Chamber's unique programs and community initiatives. Please note that attendees are requested to wear face masks at this event, unless eating or drinking. A virtual attendance option is available.

Challenges facing NH hospitals: On Feb. 24 from 9 to 10 a.m., the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce will host panel of experts who will share insight on strain felt by hospitals across the Granite State. This virtual forum aims to get to the root of the issue — whether it stems from a workforce shortage, high COVID-19 hospitalizations or NH's mental health crisis — by talking to professionals who are on the front lines in the healthcare industry. This key issue impacts the delivery of emergency services across the state. Join the conversation and find out how this developing situation will affect you and your family. This event is generously sponsored by Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health.

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Exhibit highlights N.H. immigrants

Two art exhibits by a photographer and a fine art painter illustrate and honor the journeys of new Americans. The exhibits, under the title of "Finding Home: Photos, Artwork, Stories & Voices of Immigrant," can be seen at Kimball Jenkins in Concord throughout February and March.

One exhibit, in the Carriage House Gallery, displays photography, journey stories and audio recordings of New Hampshire immigrants. For the past decade, local photographer Becky Field has used her camera to honor the cultural, ethnic and religious diversity in the Granite State. This exhibit is drawn from Field's recent book, *Finding Home: Portraits and Memories of Immigrants*, which includes photographs and stories of forty immigrant families in New Hampshire. Field com-



Courtesy of Becky Field

Jozimar Matimano, in his Manchester studio, initially developed his artistic skills in the Democratic Republic of the Congo before his family fled to a refugee camp in Uganda. He now studies art at the New England College.

mented on her project.

"Immigrants find home in New Hampshire for many reasons. Some come fleeing violence, others are looking for good education or work, and others come for love. For all, there are both challenges and opportunities."

The second exhibit, located in the Victorian Mansion Gallery, displays the work of fine art painter, Jozimar Matimano. Originally from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mati-

mano came to New Hampshire through the refugee resettlement program. His paintings use portraiture and symbolism to express his views of social events. He is now studying art at New England College.

As Matimano describes his work, "The symbolism in my paintings allows me to make statements about humanity and the global condition, as well as my feelings and opinions on politics, wealth, and society that I

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cannot express through words.”

An opening reception for both exhibits will be held at Kimball Jenkins on Feb. 19, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and will feature comments by the artists, along with music and light refreshments. These exhibits show the remarkable journeys of immigrants to find home here, as well as the role of photos, paintings, stories, and voices for illustrating the contributions of

Courtesy of Michael Sterling
Becky Field, in her Concord photography studio, has been documenting the lives of immigrants throughout New Hampshire since 2012.

immigrants to our communities. The exhibits serve to build an appreciation of cultural diversity and stimulate public discussions about immigration policies and refugee resettlement.

Field’s exhibit is sponsored in part by a grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. The University of New Hampshire Library received the grant to support

three exhibits of Field’s work, the first at the Tillotson Center in August-September 2020, the second at the University of New Hampshire Library last October, and this third exhibit at Kimball Jenkins.

Information about Field’s photography project on cultural diversity can be found at DifferentRootsNH.com. More about Matimano’s work is at jozimarmatimano.com.

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Network member talks work, life, inspiration

Concord Young Professionals Network (CYPN) introduces you to the “Young Professional of the Month,” Marilia Procopio. Each month, the CYPN Steering Committee recommends a young professional in the community it thinks readers would enjoy getting to know better.

Marilia Procopio

Where do you live? Manchester, I am originally from Connecticut.

How old are you? 32.

Where do you currently work? I am a property manager at Elm Grove Companies. I manage 105 luxury apartments located at 6 North Apartments in Manchester. I am also a single mom of a 12-year-old daughter.

What’s your favorite part of your workday? My favorite part of any given day is being able to approve prospective residents. People typically move when a big change has happened in their life — getting into or out of a relationship, welcoming in a family member or downsizing. I pride myself in being there and



Courtesy

Marilia Procopio

making this big transition a more enjoyable experience.

What’s your favorite restaurant in Concord? My all-time favorite place to eat in Concord is the Crust & Crumb bakery. I have quite the sweet tooth, and their lemon bars are unmatched!

How did you find out about CYPN and how has it benefited your business or you personally? I was first introduced to CYPN by my friend, Kaleigh, about four years ago. Since then, I have become part of the Steering Committee, met some life-long friends and great business associates!

What organizations are you involved with? I am

currently the ambassador coordinator on the CYPN Steering Committee. I am the events and education chair for the Apartment Association of New Hampshire. I run the culture committee for Elm Grove Companies as well as co-head the yearly golf tournament. I also frequently volunteer at The Friendly Kitchen and Families in Transition.

What do you like to do for fun? I love to travel, hike or go camping with my friends. In the summer you can always find me out in the sun.

Where’s your favorite place to go in Concord? Penumbra! I’m obsessed with plants, and they have the best selection around, with the kindest staff.

What’s a cause that you are passionate about? I’m a huge advocate for women’s rights. I attend marches and rallies whenever I can!

What’s the last book you’ve read? The last book I read was *Let Love Have the Last Word* by Common. The book explores how love and mindfulness can build communities and allow you to take better control of your life through actions and words. I highly recommend it!

Who would you really like to meet? Michelle Obama! She has always been so inspiring to me. She accomplished so much in her life (on her own), all before becoming the first First Lady of color in the White House.

Tell us a few interesting facts about yourself! I love to travel. I have been to four countries and tons of different states. I will go almost anywhere the sun and beach is, especially during the cold New England winters!

If you could visit any country, where would you

go? Brazil!

What has been your favorite CYPN event so far? My favorite CYPN event was HRKNSScowork’s grand opening. We had an amazing turnout. The delicious food and drinks were sponsored by O Steaks & Seafood, and people had the chance to get their headshot photo updated by the very talented Charlene Graham.

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Live music

Feb. 10

■ Paul Bourgelais at Hermanos at 6:30 p.m.
 ■ Andrew North and the Rangers at the Bank of N.H. Stage at 8 p.m.

Feb. 11

■ Bill Murry will present “New Worlds” at the Bank of N.H. Stage at 7 p.m.

Feb. 12

■ Tim Hazelton at Hermanos at 6:30 p.m.
 ■ Dance New England at the Bank of N.H. Stage at 8 p.m.
 ■ Chris Palermo at the Downtown Concord Winter Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to noon
 ■ Justin Cohn at Concord Craft Brewing from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 ■ Mikey G. at Chen Yang Li from 7 to 10 p.m.

Feb. 15

■ Kid Pinky at Hermanos at 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 16

■ Kid Pinky at Hermanos at 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 17

■ New Hampshire Music Collective artist showcase at Area 23 at 7 p.m.
 ■ Brian Booth at Hermanos at 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 19

■ Carleton Page at the Downtown Concord Winter Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to noon
 ■ Ken Budka at Concord Craft Brewing from 3 to 5 p.m.
 ■ Alex Cohen at Chen Yang Li from 7 to 10 p.m.
 ■ Joey Placenti at Hermanos at 6:30 p.m.

Stage shows

■ “Mary & Me,” a play by Irene Kelleher, will be performed at the Hatbox Theatre from Jan. 28 to Feb. 13 with shows on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Ireland 1986. Fifteen-year-old

Hannah Brennan lives in a claustrophobic small town. Sure, she has friends, but no one who understands her, no one she can confide in who will listen to her. And she is going to need a lot of understanding.

■ Queen City Improv will be Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hatbox Theatre.

■ TheatreKAPOW will present “Dance Nation” at the Bank of N.H. Stage on Feb. 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. With all parts played by adult actors of middle age and beyond, the focus is drawn to the memory of the body and the memories that live in the body. A refreshingly unorthodox play, Clare Barron’s “Dance Nation” conveys the joy and abandon of dancing, alongside the changes to body and mind of its pre-teen characters as they peer over the precipice toward adulthood. Contains adult content. \$23 students, \$28 adults.

Red River Theatres

■ Licorice Pizza (R) Brash 15-year-old Gary Valentine (Cooper Hoffman) enters a friendship with world-weary 25-year-old Alana Kane (Alana Haim) – a vulnerable union, which exposes differences in their experience and temperament. He’s a hustling small-time actor with Hollywood connections, while she’s still living at home, seeking direction in an unfocused life.

■ Parallel Mothers (R) In Spanish with English subtitles. On the verge of giving birth, two women (Penelope

Cruz and Milena Smit), single and accidentally pregnant, bond despite a difference in age and social status. They lose touch after becoming mothers, but circumstances connect them again – creating a complicated friendship. Into this multilayered, mesmerizing (and often humorous) tale of motherhood and the importance of family ties, internationally acclaimed filmmaker Pedro Almodovar incorporates dark events in Spanish history, which current generations continue to grapple with.

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Feb. 10, 2003: On the eighth day of deliberations in Manchester, jurors acquit John Bardgett, 26, a self-described nursing home “Angel of Death,” of murder by injecting two terminally ill patients with morphine.

Feb. 10, 1942: Robert Leon Harris, a 15-year-old student, agrees to leave Rundlett Junior High School “so as not to cause any trouble.” He is the second Jehovah’s Witness in the city to refuse on religious grounds to pledge allegiance to flag and country.

Feb. 10, 1927: The Schoonmaker Chair Co. signs a seven-year contract to use New Hampshire state prison inmates to make chairs. The company will pay 15 cents per man-hour.

Feb. 11, 1941: President Franklin D. Roosevelt appoints John G. Winant of Concord to succeed Joseph Kennedy as U.S. ambassador to Great Britain. Winant, a Republican, is a former governor and served earlier in FDR’s presidency as the first administrator of the Social Security Administration.

Feb. 11, 1976: Gov. Mel Thomson introduces presidential candidate Ronald Reagan to a crowd in Pittsfield: “Any of you who farm know the prevailing winds come out of the West. A great wind has come out of the West to honor us today.”

Feb. 11, 1992: Hit by allegations of extramarital sex and draft evasion, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton tells a New Hampshire audience he’ll continue to fight for the Democratic presidential nomination. “I’m going to fight it like crazy to the very end,” he says.

Feb. 12, 1967: The weather observatory atop Mount Washington simultaneously records a temperature of minus-41 degrees Fahrenheit and a wind of 110 miles per hour. The chill factor is off the charts.

Feb. 12, 1979: In Concord on Abraham Lincoln’s birthday, U.S. Sen. Robert Dole announces that he will run for president. “I’m a hard worker,” he says. “I think the record is there.”

Feb. 12, 1949: Joe McQuaid is born. He will be-

come editor of the Union Leader, the state’s largest newspaper.

Feb. 13, 1847: Thomas “Old Soldier” Haines dies at 87. A Concord man, Haines volunteered in the Patriot cause at the age of 19. He was slightly wounded at Fort Ticonderoga in 1777 and had worse luck near Saratoga. He was shot and lay two days among the dead before being rescued. The ball had passed through both cheeks, nearly severing his tongue. The Bouton history of Concord reported: “His face bore the mutilation till his death.”

Feb. 13, 1996: At the Monitor a week before the New Hampshire primary, Bob Dole says he is the one candidate who can provide “adult leadership.”

Feb. 14, 1916: The Boston Post publishes Carl Wilmore’s account of his trip to Franconia to inter-

view Robert Frost, who moved there the previous spring. Frost tells Wilmore: “I hear everything I write. All poetry is to me a matter of sound. I hear my things spoken.”

Feb. 14, 1942: Although the manufacture of fireworks is banned for the duration of the war, wholesalers say they have plenty of firecrackers on hand so that New Hampshire people can celebrate the Fourth of July.

Feb. 14, 1983: Students at the Webster elementary school are delighted by a visit from Gov. John Sununu. “He has a great job. He just goes around visiting schools all over the state. I would like to do that,” says fourth-grader Sam Bailey. Jason Rockwell, asked to assess Sununu’s term in office, chooses a diplomatic response: “I liked his suit.”

Feb. 15, 2002: The Diocese of Manchester re-

leases the names of 14 priests who have been accused of sexual misconduct with children between 1963 and 1987.

Feb. 15, 2001: The Sewalls Falls bridge is closed for repairs. One of the few crossings of the Merrimack River in Concord, the bridge has been slated for reconstruction in the past. As far back as 1993, the state said a new bridge would be in place by 1998.

Feb. 16, 2001: New Hampshire authorities issue a warrant for the arrest of a Vermont 17-year-old on charges that he murdered two Dartmouth professors three weeks ago. A second Vermont teenager will also be charged.

Feb. 16, 2002: In Concord, a blaze that brings the city’s entire firefighting fleet to Main Street damages the two brick buildings that house Granite Bank and Eye 2 Eye Gallery. Nobody is hurt.

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