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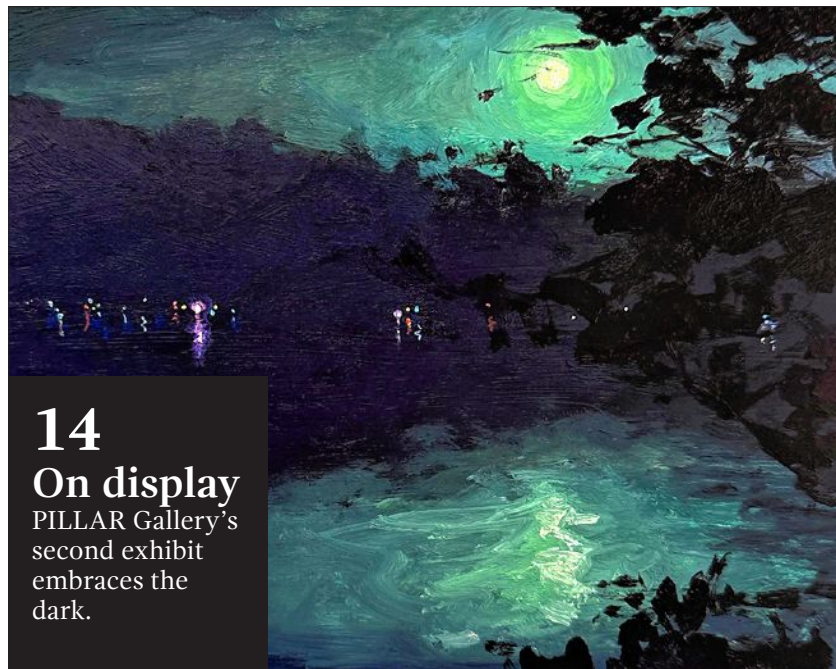
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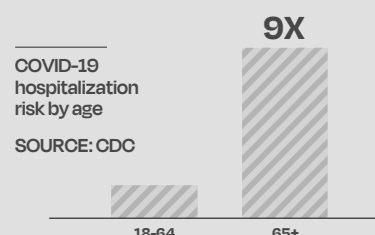
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## live music

# Concord Chorale holds December concert

On Dec. 9 and 10, Concord Chorale will be performing a concert titled “A Testament to Peace.” This concert focuses on the themes of peace and gratitude and features brass, organ, piano, and percussion.

Joining Concord Chorale will be the young voices of The Purple Finches, a youth choir from Concord Community Music School under the direction of Maria Isaak. The concert will also feature a set showcasing the talents of the chorale’s new collaborative pianist, Elizabeth Blood.

The title of the concert comes from a series of three pieces composed by Gwyneth Walker. Concord Chorale rehearsed this series in early 2020, intending to perform the piece for their May 2020 concert, which was canceled due to the pandemic. The chorale will also perform another series of three pieces by Gwyneth Walker, a set of Appalachian Carols. Other pieces on the themes of



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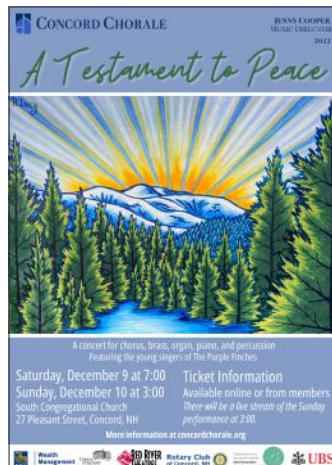
The Concord Chorale performs in January 2023.

peace and gratitude round out this concert.

Founded in 1969, Concord Chorale is an auditioned vocal ensemble, dedicated to excellence in the performance of choral music for the cultural enrichment and enjoyment of its audience and its members.

**What:** Concord Chorale’s Concert, “A Testament to Peace”

**When:** Saturday, Dec. 9 at



7 p.m. (in person only) and Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. (also live-streamed)

**Where:** South Congregational Church, 27 Pleasant St., Concord, N.H. (check website for most up-to-date

information) as well as on YouTube (access through concordchorale.org)

**Ticket information:** Available from Chorale members or online at concordchorale.org/tickets

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### Veterans to be honored

The Pierce Brigade, the membership organization dedicated to preserving the home and legacy of President Franklin Pierce, has adopted Old North Cemetery on North State Street as part of Wreaths Across America. Wreaths will be laid on the graves of 200 veterans located in the historic cemetery. On Saturday, Dec. 16, at 10 a.m., the public is invited to join representatives from each of the eight military service branches as they place a commemorative wreath at the entrance to the cemetery, which will remain in place until spring. A Color Guard made up of members of the 6th New Hampshire Volunteer Historical Association will be in place during the ceremony. The event is rain or shine. Old North Cemetery is the final resting place of those who served in such conflicts as the Amer-



The Canterbury Singers perform at a past event.

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ican Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War and the Spanish American War. Old North cemetery is also where Franklin Pierce, the 14th President of the United States and a Brigadier General in the Mexican War is buried. Wreaths Across America

was founded in 2007 as a way to expand the annual wreath laying ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery and support groups across the country wishing to pay tribute to the veterans who served their state and our nation. The Concord, N.H., ceremony is being held the same day that wreaths will be laid in Arlington National Cemetery. Volunteers wishing to assist in the placement of wreaths on veteran's graves are invited to join the Pierce

Brigade on Friday, Dec. 15 at 10 a.m., in Old North Cemetery, which is located at 141 N. State St., in Concord, N.H.

### Bach's Lunch: Canterbury Singers holiday recital and sing-along

"Carry the Light," a holiday recital and sing-along, will be held Dec. 14 at 12:10 p.m. The Canterbury Singers will share a warm, witty, and heartening selec-



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President Pierce in military uniform



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tion of holiday music and more, including our traditional carol singing with audience participation. All Bach's Lunch performances are free and open to the public. They are presented in part through the generosity of the Walker Fund. The Canterbury Singers partner with the Canterbury Shaker Village to present authentic Shaker music, expanded by arrangements of American folk songs, music of early America, and inspired arrangements by a variety of composers. One of the very few non-auditioned, high quality professionally directed choral experiences for mixed voices (men and women blended ensemble) in the Capital Area. This event is free and open to the public. It will be held in the Recital Hall.

### Accessible voting system training session

Future In Sight, a non-profit organization with a mission to advance the inde-

pendence of persons who blind and visually impaired, will be providing training on the one4all Accessible Voting System in advance of the New Hampshire primary election. The one4all system was created to make voting accessible to individuals with a range of disabilities – including vision loss and hearing loss – so they may cast their vote privately and with dignity. The one4all system will be available at all polling places for the New Hampshire primary. The one4all system is designed to be intuitive and a voter does not have to attend a training in order to cast their vote using the system. The State of New Hampshire has chosen to partner with Future In Sight to provide these trainings as a way to encourage individuals who may be hesitant about voting, or choose not to vote, due to not being able to navigate the traditional voting system on their own. The one4all system ensures that every resident of New Hampshire

is able to have an equitable voting experience. One4all training videos can be viewed at [futureinsight.org/nhaccessiblevoting](http://futureinsight.org/nhaccessiblevoting). This webpage also includes information on accessible absentee voting in New Hampshire. The Concord training session will take place Thursday, Dec. 14, from noon to 1 p.m. at Future In Sight, 25 Walker St.

### Girl Scouts to host unicorn party

New friends. New adventures. The best is yet to come! Shine bright with Girl Scouts and discover a whole new world of possibilities. Girls in grades K-3 and a caregiver are invited to learn about opportunities to get involved in your community. Try out sample activities and see the many ways to get involved in Girl Scouts while having fun at a

special unicorn party! Come explore Girl Scouts on Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Elkins Library, 9 Center Road, Canterbury. All in the area are welcome. Can't make it to this event? No worries! We host multiple in-person and virtual sign-up events throughout the year. You can also join anytime online at [girlscoutsgwm.org](http://girlscoutsgwm.org). Walk-ins are welcome.

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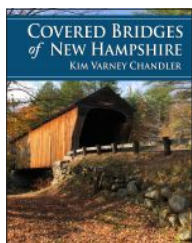


# Shop for books by Granite State writers

By **BETH D'OVIDIO**  
NH Writer's Project

**K**now a book worm who's looking for some more pages to flip? Check out these novels written by members of the New Hampshire Writers' Project.

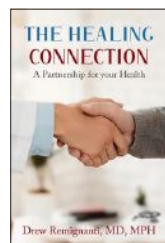
## Non-Fiction



**Covered Bridges of NH**  
By Kim Varney Chandler  
Covered

Bridges of New Hampshire is a must have book for covered bridge enthusiasts and historians. The book is an engaging and well-illustrated history of the remaining covered bridges in the Granite State. It is the most comprehensive history of New Hampshire's covered bridges in print.

**The Healing Connection: A Partnership for your Health**



By Drew Remignanti, MD, MPH

This book is a science-based argument for the

enduring importance of the patient-physician relationship, in the face of current attempts to convert it to the more expensive and less effective consumer-provider model, which the author believes is a concern that should be shared by all.

**Live Free and Hike: Finding Grace on 48 Summits**

By Linda Magoon  
Newly liberated after ending her toxic 25-year marriage Linda Magoon gradually regained her independence and rediscovered her love of hiking in the White Mountains. She set a goal to climb all 48 of New Hampshire's 4,000-foot and higher peaks. By climbing each challenging summit, Magoon found the internal strength needed to overcome the paralyzing uncertainty surrounding the worst period of her life. Neither age, lack of experience, nor unforeseen life events would stop her from at-

tempting her goal.

## Fiction

**Malice Aforethought: A true story of the shocking double crime that horrified 19th-century New England**  
By Avree Kelly Clark



In the summer of 1874, a teacher goes missing. After a frantic search, the young woman is

discovered horribly mutilated in the woods, of St. Albans, Vermont. A similar crime is committed in peaceful Pembroke, New Hampshire, in the autumn of 1875. This one, even more gruesome. Everyone questions whether the two beauties were intended victims or simply in the wrong place at the wrong time. For the first time, the true crime story that has inspired

dozens of podcasts and blogposts is a gripping novel and the author presents a theory never before explored.

**Here It Ends**  
By Dan Lawton

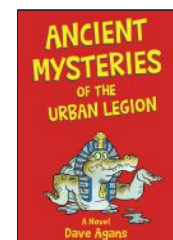


In the finale of the That Was Before series, Randolph Spiers and Sheila Backe team up with redemption, forgiveness, and the possibility of second chances at stake. With INTERPOL investigator Gary O'Reilly on their heels as part of an unlikely trio of misfits, Randolph must put everything he thought he knew aside and put faith in the one person he'd been led to believe he shouldn't.

As Sheila's true identity and motivations come into focus, Randolph grows to understand her at a level he didn't know possible and must decide if she's worth fighting for.

**Ancient Mysteries of the Urban Legion**

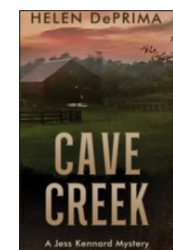
By David Agans



The apocalypse is not a prophecy — it's a plot. This final book of the Urban Legion trilogy reveals the

purpose of chemtrails, bananas, and 5G as it reinterprets history from the fall of Rome to the invention of chiropractic.

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it into the Kentucky mountains. Or so it seemed. When the teenagers' bones show up near the stable where she worked, Jess shares her insider knowledge of equine industry with longtime friend Louisville Metro Detective Joe Schuler. Unfortunately Jess's reputation for unearthing secrets soon makes her a target as they inch closer to identifying the killer.

#### Home at Night By Paula Munier



Mercy Carr and her dog, Elvis are at Grackle Tree Farm, with thirty acres of woods and wet-

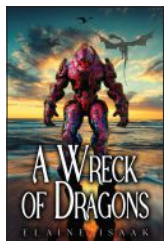
lands and a Victorian manor to die for. They say it's haunted by the ghosts of missing children and lost poets and a murderer or two, but Mercy loves it anyway. Even when Elvis finds a dead body in the library. Now it's up to Mercy and Elvis with help from Mercy's friend Troy to

track down the murderer.

#### After Lisa By Joe Pace

When Andy Chester loses his thirtysomething wife Lisa to breast cancer, it doesn't take long for his world to fall apart. His business teeters on the edge of financial ruin. His overbearing father-in-law is convinced Andy is unfit to raise his young son and daughter alone. Adrift in a world he struggles to navigate without his beloved Lisa, Andy's eclectic network of support tries to help. Despite their efforts, Andy confronts the possibility that whether or not there's life after death, there may be no life After Lisa.

#### A Wreck of Dragons by Elaine Isaak



Teenagers partner with giant robots to find a new home for humanity in space, but the Goldilocks planet they

discover already belongs to the dragons!

#### The Journey Chronicles: Mourn (English version) Chroniken einer Reise: Aus der Dunkelheit ins Licht (German version)

##### By Franz Markhgott

Recovering from personal tragedies, a middle-aged widower and a troubled young woman share a cabin on a European riverboat cruise. Strange circumstances make for strange bedfellows when each of them has a hidden agenda. Their desperate quest to find meaning and happiness develops into something more than they had bargained for as they try to overcome the baggage of their past.

#### The Justice Seeker By Mark Okrant

The Justice Seeker is a western coming of age story with fresh twists that include Hopi culture and mysticism, Jewish rituals, and one powerful supernatural presence. It is set during the late nineteenth century, at a time when settlers who

came to Flagstaff, Arizona in search of a quick fortune resorted to stealing Hopi land and settling disputes at the point of a gun.

## Poetry

#### With Little Light and Sometimes None at All By Richard Foerster

The author's poems accumulate into a whole that suggests the breadth and scale of a life, and of two lives conjoined and drawing nearer that brink the years make more real to us all. The poet is not afraid of darkness, or perhaps just afraid enough, so that his language—gorgeous, witty, dire, often all at once—lights up everything it touches.

## Children's Book

#### Sadie Sloth and Her Spaghetti

By Lauren Walczak  
Sadie Sloth likes to twirl



and swirl and spin and eat... string cheese – but nothing else! This fancy

sloth is a particularly picky eater and is stuck in her ways. Trying anything new is scary for Sadie, but will friend Ellie Elephant help her find the courage she needs? This beautifully illustrated children's book shows the importance of introducing new foods in a very gentle way. As the author and a mother to a little girl on the Autism Spectrum, Lauren Walczak wanted to provide parents, BCBA's, Speech & Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, RBT's, classroom teachers, and others with a visual to use on this topic.

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■ **Bach's Lunch: My Body, My Instrument, My Performance with Joel Begin:** 12:10 p.m. Dr. Joel Begin (Creative Pathways PT, PLLC; Henniker) will lecture on the relationship between music, movement, and healing from stress / trauma. Free. Concord Community Music School, 23 Wall St. 603-228-1196. ccms@cc-musicschool.org.

■ **Books & Brew:** 5:30 p.m. Free. Heights Branch Library, 14 Canterbury Rd, Concord. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

■ **Chair Yoga:** 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Yoga can help your mind, body and spirit and enhance your quality of life. Free. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St. 603-228-6630. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.

■ **Holiday Jazz Concert:** 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Philly/New York Area Quartet! A portion of the proceeds will benefit Family Promise of Concord. \$30. Tickets available at the door. Wesley United Methodist Church, 79 Clinton St. 603-856-8490. jsprague@fami-

lypromisegcnh.org.

■ **Memory Boxes:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Memory Boxes are decorated containers that store bits and pieces of our lives in a way that honors our experience. \$25. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N. State St. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.

■ **STEAM for Littles:** 10 a.m. Free. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

■ **Stretch & Strengthen:** 1 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Stretch, increase coordination, confidence & flexibility w/ gentle exercise & stretching. Free. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St, Unit L. 603-228-6630. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.

### Dec. 8

■ **A Christmas Carol:** 7:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. Dickens' A Christmas Carol returns to Hatbox Dec. 1-17. Tickets: \$19 - \$25. Hatbox Theatre, 270 Loudon Road. 603-715-2315. andrew@hatboxnh.com.

■ **CCMS Student Recital:** 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Join us for a free student recital in our historic Recital Hall. Free. Concord Community Music School, 23 Wall St. Isabeau@cc-musicschool.org.

■ **Memorial Service & Tree**

**Lighting Ceremony:** 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Join us for a time to honor those who have passed this year. Whether your loved one was cared for by us or not we come together as a community. Free. Please RSVP. Bennett Funeral Home, 209 N Main St. 603-225-3517. brian.smith@dignitymemorial.com.

■ **The Nutcracker: Act II:** 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Memorial Hall, St. Paul's School, 325 Pleasant St. 603-22904644. arts@sps.edu.

### Dec. 9

■ **2023 Holiday Folk Concert:** 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Susie Burke, Kent Allyn, and Steve Roy's holiday repertoire has influences / styles ranging from folk to jazz, Celtic to rock, and blues to Broadway. \$20; \$15 students and seniors. Concord Community Music School, 23 Wall St. 603-228-1196. ccms@ccmusic-school.org.

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■ **A Yule Celebration:** 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. \$25. Includes 3 raffle tickets with ticket. The Ward House, 41 West St. 603-393-8532. newhampshirepagans@gmail.com.

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■ **Storytime Stations at the Heights:** 9:30 a.m. Enjoy books, crafts, activities, and felt board/manipulatives at your own pace with our self-guided stations. (Recommended for ages 0-9) Free. Heights Branch Library, 14 Canterbury Rd. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

### Dec. 10

■ **A Christmas Carol:** Dec. 10, 2 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Dickens' A Christmas Carol returns to Hatbox Dec. 1-17. \$19 - \$25. Hatbox Theatre, 270 Loudon Road. 603-715-2315. andrew@hatboxnh.com.

■ **Holiday POPS! With Symphony NH:** 3 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Join Symphony NH for a festive celebration of the holiday season at its beloved annual Holiday Pops concert, conducted by Maestro Roger Kalia. \$20 - \$64. Children, Senior, Student, Military rates available. Concord City Auditorium, 6 Prince St. snh@symphonynh.org.

■ **The Nutcracker:** 7:30 p.m. Free. Memorial Hall, St. Paul's School 325 Pleasant St. (603)

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■ **The Nutcracker: Act II:** 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Memorial Hall, St. Paul's School, 325 Pleasant St. 603-22904644. arts@sps.edu.

### Dec. 11

■ **French Conversation Club:** 5 p.m. Free. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

■ **Library Create & Sip: Book Angel:** 5:30 p.m. Free. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

■ **The Nutcracker:** 3 p.m. Free. Memorial Hall, St. Paul's School 325 Pleasant St. (603) 229-5626. arts@sps.edu.

■ **Pleasant Street Toastmasters:** 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Toastmasters Int. has helped millions become more confident, a learning-by-doing program created to help you become a better speaker and leader. Free. (603)271-9222. president-4093097@toastmastersclubs.org.

■ **Stretch & Strengthen:** Dec. 11, 1 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Stretch, increase coordination, confidence & flexibility w/ gentle exercise & stretching. Free. GoodLife Programs & Activities. 603-228-6630. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.



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■ **BEMER Appointments:** 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. Regular use can lead to improved relaxation and enhanced physical fitness. \$10. GoodLife Programs. 603-228-6630. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.

■ **Book Talk: "Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore":** 5:30 p.m. Free. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St. jsalemy@con-

cordnh.gov.

■ **Concord Community Blood Drive:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free. IBEW Local 490 Union Hall, 48 Airport Road, Concord. 1-800-RED CROSS. megan.nantel@redcross.org.

■ **GoodLife 10th Anniversary Open House:** 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. GoodLife is celebrating 10 years! Enjoy yummy appetizers while you mingle & learn what GoodLife has been up to. Free. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N. State St., Unit L. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.

■ **Hockey Game:** 5:30 p.m. - 7:20 p.m. Douglas N. Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Road.

■ **ZOOM: Rev It Up:** 9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m. Boost your metabolism with a combo of cardio and strength training. \$50. GoodLife Programs & Activities. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.

## Dec. 14

■ **Bach's Lunch: Canterbury Singers Holiday Recital and Sing-Along:** 12:10 p.m. - 1 p.m. The Canterbury Singers share a warm, heartening selection of holiday music, including our traditional carol singing with audience participation. Free. Concord Community Music School, 23 Wall St. Isabean@ccmusic-school.org.

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## Dec. 15

■ **A Christmas Carol:** Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. Dickens' A Christmas Carol returns to Hatbox Dec. 1-17. \$19 - \$25. Hatbox Theatre, 270 Loudon Road. 603-715-2315. andrew@hatboxnh.com.

■ **CCMS Student Recital:** 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Join us December 15, 2023 for a free student Recital in our historic Recital Hall. Free. Concord Community Music School, 23 Wall St. Isabean@ccmusic-school.org.

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■ **Scotty Austin Tour 2023 w/13South:** 7:30 p.m. Bank of New Hampshire Stage, 16 S. Main St.

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## Dec. 16

■ **A Christmas Carol:** Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. \$19 - \$25. Hatbox Theatre, 270 Loudon Road. 603-715-2315. andrew@hatboxnh.com.

■ **Concord contra dance:** 6 p.m.

- 8:50 p.m. Christmas contra dance with Dudley Laufman. City-Wide Community Center. \$10. Ages 15-25 \$5, under age 15 free. City-Wide Community Center, 14 Canterbury Road. 603-225-4917. con-cordnhcontra@gmail.com.

■ **Storytime Stations at the Heights:** 9:30 a.m. Enjoy books, crafts, activities, and felt board/manipulatives at your own pace with our self-guided stations. Free. Heights Branch Library, 14 Canterbury Road. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

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Sproles, sheep-shearing wool-spinner and knitter Kris McCosh of Raymond, painter Charlotte Thibault of Hopkinton, painter Saad Hindal of Concord, and painter Byron Caar of Hopkinton.

“It’s a whole community of artists working together, and it’s been a lot of fun,” said Ty Meier.

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On Nov. 26, artists participating in WinterFox Art Market held demonstrations on their craft. Jo Grubman burns an image into wood.

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DIY Craft and Thrift was opened by Kiaya Gable over

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For more information, you can find WinterFox Art Market & Workshops on Facebook.



On Nov. 26, artists participating in WinterFox Art Market held demonstrations on their craft. Charlotte Thibault of Hopkinton was working on a painting. Courtesy



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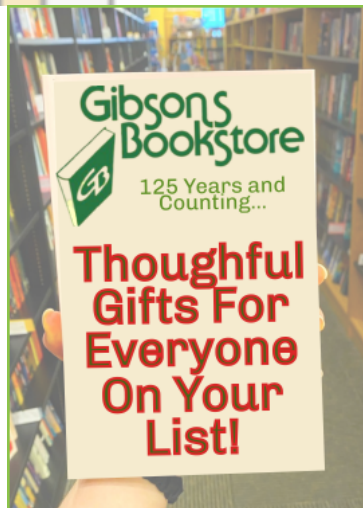


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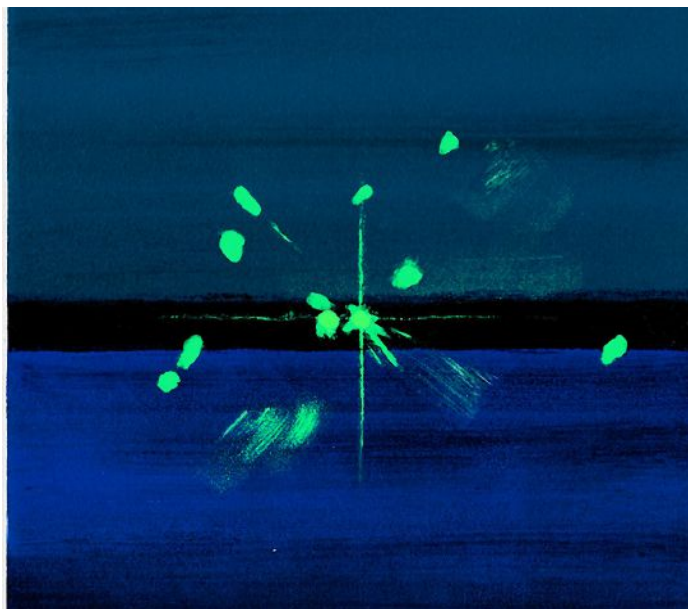
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# Embracing the darkness in winter



Ocean monotype by Rachel Burgess.

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PILLAR Gallery presents 'As the Light Wanes'

**P**ILLAR Gallery + Projects is a new exhibition space in Concord. Its second exhibition, "As the Light Wanes," opens Dec. 9, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The group exhibition explores nocturnes, quieter reflections, personal narrative and yearning as the days get shorter.

Artists include Mia Bergeron, Rachel Burgess, Doug Breault, Erica Walker, Ellina Chetverikova, Boyan Moskov and Melody S. Boone. Media includes monotype, paintings, experimental photographic work,

ceramic, metalwork and sculpture.

The exhibition features imagery of night prominently, from landscapes with lunar reflections, quiet studies of dusk, and nocturnal experimental photography that assembles memories.

"The opening exhibition was vibrant and lively, but this show will turn the lights down, grasping for the small amount of hope for the end of a winter that hasn't yet begun. We allude to the happenings of artists in isolation, said Fallon Rae, co-

owner of PILLAR.

Douglas Breault includes work from his "Shot in the Dark" series. The photographic works include imagery of flames, glass, and figures in dimly-lit spaces that reference prominent memories in the artist's life. The works explore "personal memory, and the capacity of a photograph to act as a reliable storyteller."

Rachel Burgess's monotypes depict oceanscapes at night with a green light on the horizon, like distant beacons, sometimes scattered and refracting through rain or ocean haze.

Mia Bergeron's paintings similarly depict nightscapes, with lunar reflections on water, or ghostly glowing shapes that seem suspended in the landscape.

Ellina Chetverikova creates intimately-scaled studies of sky, architecture and night in gentle washes of gouache on paper.

Melody S. Boone includes abstract portrait sculptures that are quiet reflections of identity.

Erica Walker is a silversmith whose clean, organic works are observations of her time in nature.

Boyan Moskov's sculptural ceramic work leans minimalist in its forms but is punctuated with moments of painterly expression or surface designs, such as the evocative splatters of black glaze like the pieces included.

"In our initial exhibitions, we hope to bring artists together from different career stages, varied studio prac-



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Sculpture by Boyan Moskov.

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tices, and center the curation around a specific theme. The artists included are working from NH, OH, TN, NY, and MA. We want to offer a gallery space that brings a spotlight to artists working in the area, as well as voices from abroad.” said Mike Howat, co-owner of PILLAR.

PILLAR Gallery + Projects was founded by Mike Howat and Fallon Rae this Fall in Concord with their first exhibition, “Flora & Fauna,” opening Sept. 30. With big plans for the future, including satellite spaces, they are excited to bring more exhibition opportunities to New Hampshire.



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The Boys & Girls Club TV Auction has been an institu-

tion since 1973, raising well over 1 million for scholarships and programs during that time. It exists thanks to the generosity of the community: a volunteer steering committee, donations and sponsorships from local businesses, active participation by loyal viewers and involvement from community organizations, including firefighters, police officers, the Junior Service League, Kiwanis Club and many more.

Auction Committee Co-Chair John Cimikoski said he is excited to bring back some of the fun from auctions past. "Please tune into

the Club's 50th annual TV auction. I can't think of a better way to support such a great organization that has helped tens of thousands of kids over the years. I am one of those kids," he stated. The Auction is presented by Sanel NAPA and Grappone Automotive Group.

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## book of the week

### 'The Secret Bridesmaid'

By: Katy Birchall  
(2021, 400 pages, romance)

Sophie Breeze is a bridesmaid who lives in London. She is not your average bridesmaid, though, she is a professional.

That's right – not a wedding planner but a professional bridesmaid. Her job is to let brides and their families make the plans they want while she unobtrusively works out all of the details so that the wedding goes off

without a hitch. She is so good at her job and so discreet, that she has been recommended to Lady Victoria Swann to help with her daughter, Cornelia's, upcoming nuptials. Second only to the royal family, the Swanns are the IT society family and Sophie jumps at the chance. The only fly in the ointment is that Lady Cornelia hates the idea. She really hates the idea. As Sophie juggles her full slate of brides and their many wacky requests (a Star Wars themed wedding, among other things), she

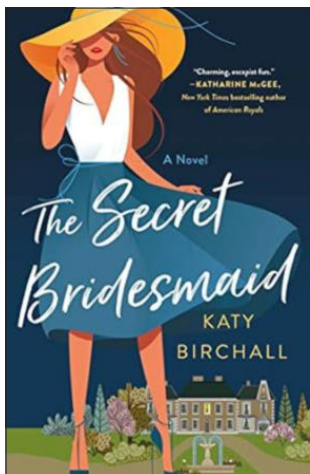
has to figure out how to handle the most challenging bride of her career. Keeping her head above water, her dignity intact, and an eye on Lady Cornelia's charming brother, Lord Swann, prove to be more than she bargained for!

I regularly burst into laughter as I listened to the audio-book version of this book. Narrator Nathalie Buscombe does a brilliant job of bringing out both the tender and hilarious aspects of the

story. This is definitely a romance book, but it is equally, if not more, a book about female friendship, which I found very compelling and well-written. If you are a fan of "closed-door" romance – romance that leaves a bit to the imagination, check this one out. You might also try books by authors Katherine Center and Sarah Adams.

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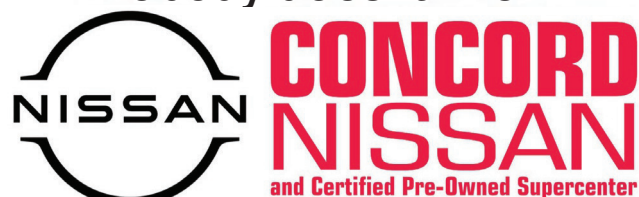
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## history

**Dec. 7, 2003:** Mother Nature dumps 4 inches of snow on the ground, after giving central New Hampshire 12 inches the day before. The endless frozen shower leaves Department of Transportation road crews in a constant state of motion, keeping roads clear for those who ventured out in the storm.

**Dec. 7, 2002:** The Monitor reports that the public will get access to thousands of pages of church personnel records if the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester agrees to settle the state's criminal investigation. The attorney general's office has been investigating whether the church failed to protect children from abusive priests.

**Dec. 8, 1979:** Concord City Manager Jim Smith rescinds the fire department's ban on live Christmas trees in public buildings.

**Dec. 8, 1999:** More than 150 New London residents attending a forum to discuss the statewide property tax say the state should instead pay for public education with an income tax. Gov. Jeanne Shaheen drops in on the meeting and indicates

she is no longer committed to vetoing an income tax if one should happen to reach her desk.

**Dec. 8, 1998:** The federal government holds a hearing in Concord to discuss removing the peregrine falcon from the nation's endangered species list. The raptor has made a remarkable comeback in New Hampshire, which boasts 12 nesting pairs.

**Dec. 8, 1732:** A royal grant establishes the township that will one day be Boscawen, although the name will not be bestowed

for 28 years. In 1760, Royal Gov. Benning Wentworth will name the town for a British admiral, Sir Edward Boscawen.

**Dec. 9, 2001:** Franconia's Bode Miller wins his first World Cup victory, a giant slalom. He's the first American man to do so since 1983.

**Dec. 9, 1991:** At the depths of a recession, Gov. Judd Gregg announces the federal government will provide the state with \$117 million in Medicaid money. The grant will help stave off a giant budget deficit. Wild

spending, however, will not ensue. "We will not be able to loosen dramatically the need to be fiscally restrained," Gregg says.

**Dec. 10, 2002:** The Diocese of Manchester admits that it has harmed children over the last 40 years by knowingly shuffling priests accused of sexual misconduct from parish to parish. The admission, part of a deal with the state, means the church will avoid unprecedented criminal charges of child endangerment. As part of the agreement, the church agreed to

no longer handle sexual abuse complaints in the secrecy it has for decades.

**Dec. 10, 1883:** Nervous customers make a run on the China Savings Bank of Suncook. "The bank had heretofore borne a reputation of soundness, but of late there has been some acknowledged mistakes in the management of the institution," the Weekly Union of Manchester reports. The presence of state bank commissioners makes depositors nervous, and by 10 a.m. 200 are waiting in line, demanding their savings in

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full. "Their deposits range from small sums up to \$2,000. The total deposits of the bank aggregate nearly \$200,000," the Union reports.

**Dec. 10, 2001:** For the first time in the state's history, a group of Concord-area agencies is trying to cooperate on transportation, the Monitor reports. After nearly two years of talks, CAT and some members of the Community Providers Network of Central New Hampshire, a group of 23 human service agencies, are on the brink of pooling their assets.

**Dec. 10, 1968:** Hannah Hardaway is born. She will pitch a perfect game in softball for Moultonborough Academy but gain even more acclaim for her freestyle skiing. She will overcome a serious knee injury to win the national championship in moguls and dual moguls. Her first World Cup victory will come in January 2001.

**Dec. 11, 1979:** In Washington, the House votes to allow states to decide for themselves whether to spend Medicaid money on abortions. New Hampshire's congressmen split their votes: Democrat Norm D'Amours votes yes; Republican Jim Cleveland votes no.

**Dec. 11, 2000:** An early-morning fire at the Royal Garden Apartments in Con-

cord leaves 37 people homeless. The community will respond with offers of clothing, shelter, even Christmas gifts for the kids.

**Dec. 12, 2003:** The Monitor reports that the state is running low on flu vaccine. With stories of children dying from the flu coming out of Colorado and Massachusetts, area residents have jammed clinics and swamped doctors' offices, hospitals and organizations like the VNA with frantic phone calls hoping to get vaccines for themselves and their children.

**Dec. 12, 2001:** After a community outpouring of support, bringing the project from being broke to a \$25,000 surplus in less than two weeks, Operation Santa Claus concludes a successful season. The State Employees Association, which runs the charitable project, ships 3,281 bags of gifts to needy kids.

**Dec. 13, 1979:** Gov. Hugh Gallen presents papers to the Secretary of State to officially put President Carter's name on the New Hampshire primary ballot. In a chat with reporters, Gallen downplays his candidate's expectations in New Hampshire. "I look on the president as being in Kennedy country in New Hampshire, so I think he has a hard job on his hands," Gallen says. But he predicts

that Carter will win renomination.

**Dec. 13, 1999:** A move by the Clinton administration to permanently restrict new logging roads on federally owned forests, including the White Mountains, gets an icy reception at two hearings in Concord. Loggers, off-road vehicle enthusiasts and environmentalists all join in the criticism, fearing a reduction in local decision-

making power.

**Dec. 13, 1774:** Paul Revere gallops into Portsmouth to urge dissidents there to guard their arms and gunpowder because of Parliament's recently passed ban on the export of munitions to the American colonies. His warning leads to a false rumor that British troops are marching north to guard the arsenal in Fort William and Mary in Portsmouth

Harbor.

**Dec. 13, 1976:** The New York City traffic department says New Hampshire residents owe about \$1.3 million in overdue parking fines for more than 34,600 tickets. Safety Commissioner Dick Flynn says the number seems "extremely high" to him.

**Dec. 13, 1776:** Washington, New Hampshire, becomes the first town named after the general.

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