

New Hampshire Circle Of Home And Family Andover Congregational Church

By Judy Perreault
NHCHF Halcyon Seekers

New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family have had a busy month. At the county meeting in Webster we learned how to protect ourselves from identity theft. Marilyn Sullivan, an educator from the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Service, presented a very informative program. Following the program was a pot luck lunch where we had a chance to meet and visit with other NHCHF members from Merrimack County.

On April 1 the state spring workshop was held at AE/MS. Our focus was on gardening. In the morning Meg McGoldrick from Cole's Gardens in Concord gave us tips on growing African Violets and demonstrated how to make a dish garden. After her talk, a lucky raffle winner got to take a dish garden home. Following lunch we had some local talent, Master Gardeners Pauline and Walter Kangus from Wilmot, who presented a program and demonstration on container gardening. They also donated



Meg McGoldrick from Cole's Gardens in Concord. Photo: Judy Perreault

a lovely arrangement for a raffle. All the speakers were very knowledgeable about plants and gave us some great growing tips as well as handouts. It made me want to go out and start digging and planting. We also had a chance to visit with members from all over the state.

Our next meeting will be May 15 at 12:30 at Judy Perreault's home. The subject is container gardening and we will be doing some hands-on planting. Call 735-5493 if you are interested in attending.

By Judy Evans
Andover Congregational Church

Easter Sunday was a beautiful day, beginning with the traditional sunrise on the hill on the Graves' farm. Although it was a little cloudy, we enjoyed watching the sun come up and praised God together for the resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. Breakfast at the Grange Hall followed the sunrise service. The worship service was a real blessing with a variety of special music including Paul Currier and Don Towle playing their baritones along with Susan Emerson at the organ.

Visiting The Peabody Home

We are going to the Peabody Home in Franklin to sing hymns and songs of praise on Sunday, May 7, beginning at 1:30 PM. You are welcome to come and join us, even if you don't want to sing! It is such a pleasure to see the smiles on the faces of the residents when we visit them.

Plant Sale

Our annual plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 13, in the morning at the Grange Hall. This is the perfect time to buy flowers for Mother's Day!

Monthly Bake Sales

We continue to have very successful bake sales at the Grange Hall on the third Sunday of the month after worship. People are finding it a treat to have home-baked goods available! If you would like to put in a special order,

please call me at 735-5331. Proceeds go to the Grange Hall Restoration Fund.

Relay For Life

Megan Wright, a member of our church, is in charge of live music at the Relay For Life, which will be held at the Kearsarge High School on June 2 and 3. Margo Coolidge of Andover will sing the National Anthem at the opening ceremonies, which begin at 6 PM. The Living Stones, also members of our church who sing bluegrass gospel music, will sing beginning at 9 PM when the luminarias will be lit.

Relay For Life is an annual all-night event that celebrates the survivors of cancer and supports families and loved ones who are battling cancer. For more information, including ways to become a sponsor, call Megan at 526-7619.

Praise And Worship

Praise and Worship will take place on the last Friday of each month beginning at 7:30 PM at the Grange Hall. This is an informal time where you can enjoy good music, hear an uplifting message, and enjoy fellowship with friends. All are welcome!

As always, you are welcome to Sunday worship at "the church on the hill" beside the road in East Andover." Services along with Sunday School and childcare start at 9:30 AM.

For more information on outreach programs for teens and adults call Pastor John at 735-5160.

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