

## October Coffeehouse Features Grafton's Skip Gorman

Friday, October 21, at Highland Lake Grange

Larry Chase' Andover Community Hub

Headliner at the October "Third Friday" concert offered by the Andover Community Coffeehouse will be New Hampshire's own Skip Gorman, who – for more than half a century – has enjoyed singing, playing, and performing an impressive variety of traditional American and Celtic folk music across this country and beyond, according to the SkipGorman.com website.



**Skip Gorman of Grafton will perform a variety of traditional American and Celtic music at the October third Friday Coffeehouse in East Andover.**

The October 21st concert will begin at 7 PM in the Highland Lake Grange Hall on Route 11 in East Andover, midway between Andover Village and Franklin. The event is open to the public at no charge; "pass the hat" donations are gratefully accepted.


The featured artist on more than 15 recordings and on four of filmmak-

er Ken Burns' PBS documentaries, Gorman makes his home in nearby Grafton.

The program will also feature appearances by up to five "open-mic" performers. Doors to the Grange Hall open at 6 PM for simple supper food and beverage purchases, and for open mic sign-ups on a first-come, first-served basis.

This month's sponsor is the Ken Wells Campaign for a seat in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. Sponsors and audience contributions help the Coffeehouse to cover room-rental fees, headliner compensation, advertising, equipment purchases, and other expenses.

Coming up, on Friday, November 18: The music of Green Heron, which stretches across the entire folk landscape. old-time, folk, bluegrass, country, Celtic, and blues music. Featuring Betsy Heron (formerly Green) on fiddle, banjo, and vocals, and Scott Heron on guitar, banjo, and vocals, the duo has been sharing New England stages together since 2017.

The Andover Community Coffeehouse is a program component of the Andover Community Hub and now in its eighth year of offering free monthly concerts to the public. The Coffeehouse is managed and staffed entirely by volunteers. New volunteers are always needed to help with duties such as talent bookings, community outreach, audiovisual support, and the like. Those interested in joining in the fun should contact [TheAndoverHub@gmail.com](mailto:TheAndoverHub@gmail.com). 



A scarecrow pumpkinhead, created by Justine, Frank, and Pat Puliafico, cheerfully greets passersby on Maple Street and Thompson Point Road. This is just one of the decorations being put up by Andover residents for the fall season. Photo: Justine Puliafico

## Garden Club Invites Community to Display Festive Fall Decorations

Plant sale on October 8 at the Town Hall

Mary Lou McCrave Andover Garden Club

It's harvest time! Trees in apple orchards are dripping with ripe red fruit, and pumpkins the color of bright orange sunsets are just waiting to be harvested! And in Andover, the Fourth Annual Scarecrow and Pumpkinheads All Around Town is off to a great start with scarecrows popping up around town.

The Andover Garden Club invites all businesses and residents to join in this exhibition of community unity and have some festive fall fun decorating our town with creative displays of scarecrow pumpkinheads. There is no specific theme; the only limitation is your imagination! But if you do need some inspiration, simply go to YouTube for some great tutorials.

Be sure to email photos of your display to [AndoverNHGardenClub@gmail.com](mailto:AndoverNHGardenClub@gmail.com), and your creation will be posted on the Club's Facebook page. Let's get at it, the sooner the better to enjoy some fall spirit and family fun!


Fall is an ideal time to plant most perennials – especially in bare root form – when the soil is still warm, giv-

ing roots enough time to get properly established for a strong healthy start the following spring. For these reasons, the Club has selected fall for its annual Plant Sale.

Funds raised will benefit the Town's Four Season Beautification Program. The seasonal displays include colorful hanging floral plantings in summer; scarecrow pumpkinheads in fall; greenery and bright red ribbons adorning street signs in winter; and cheerful yellow daffodils in spring.

This fall, and for others to follow, you'll see Club members planting hundreds of King Alfred daffodils along Andover's Main Street for a spectacular display of spring color. Did you know that daffodils symbolize friendship and new beginnings?

We hope that you will support the Club's new beginnings and purchase your bulbs and other plants on Saturday, October 8. We'll be set up by the perennial border on the roadside of the Town Office from 9 AM to noon. Complimentary cider and donuts will be provided.

Stop by and say hello, purchase a raffle ticket for one of Anne Seabourne's hand-painted barn quilts, and take home some healthy, beautiful plants. 



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