

## Hub Offers Eight-Week Waltz Class Series


Drop-in basis, starts October 14

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Andover Community Hub

An eight-week series of classes offering participants an opportunity to perfect their waltz technique will begin at the Andover Community Hub on Friday, October 14, from 7 to 8 PM. Classes are offered on a drop-in, week-by-week, pay-when-you-attend basis, with a fee of \$10 per person per class, and are taught by Laura Kiefer and Gary Stanhope of Hidden Door Dance Studio in

Elkins. Newcomers are welcome at any class; singles are also welcome.

A similar series last spring taught swing, waltz, cha-cha, foxtrot, and tango, but this class will focus intensively on waltz, including how to lead and follow, posture and frame, a variety of waltz figures, as well as dance floor etiquette. And if the waltz isn't your favorite, stay tuned for a winter/spring series that will focus on swing or a Latin dance.

The Hub is located at 157 Main Street in Andover. Contact the Hub at [TheAndoverHub@gmail.com](mailto:TheAndoverHub@gmail.com) or 603 735-5509 for more information. 

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they placed in the garden as well. Today you can see beautiful plants in the garden which includes a Japanese red maple, hostas, periwinkle, impatiens, dwarf irises, barrenwort, ferns, begonias, bunchberry (ground cover dogwood), lily of the valley, foam flower, dead nettle (lamium), and astilbe.

Bob passed away in 2018, and Ken passed away in 2020, leaving a legacy of plants behind. Now the Secret Garden is maintained by AHS volunteers and members of the Andover Historical Society's Landscape Committee, led by landscape architect Bill Hoffman.

These volunteers tend plantings around the Lull house and the Emons Store and Post Office. They also maintain the Potters' cemetery plot and the new native garden on the side of the knoll, which was planted by Spring Ledge Farm volunteers.

This summer, AHS and the Black Heritage Trail of NH established a plaque for Richard Potter, which places Potter Place on the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire. AHS also commissioned a plaque to be installed in the Secret Garden in memory of Bob Hamilton and Ken Reid. The Secret Garden stone was donated by the Currier family from the stone wall of their four-generation historic farm on Beech Hill Road in Andover. The stone for the Potter plaque was donated by the Schust family from their historic farmland in Potter Place.


The site for the Secret Garden plaque

was carefully selected by members of the AHS. Luan Clark and Bill Hoffman did the final layout plan for the rock before the installers came.

On August 4, John Kaufhold of Peterborough Marble and Granite Works spent the day in Potter Place and installed both plaques for the Andover Historical Society. When the Secret Garden plaque was installed, speckled sunlight lit up the text for all to see: "In appreciation of Kenneth Reid and Robert Hamilton – Dedicated Volunteers of the Andover Historical Society – whose vision and hard work created an enchanting Secret Garden in this tranquil historic spot."

### Secret Garden Fund

In 2020, AHS set up the Secret Garden Fund to raise money for the continued maintenance and updates to the garden and surrounding grounds. This fund helped pay for the commemorative plaque. If you would like to volunteer or donate toward the upkeep of this special garden, please contact AHS or visit [AndoverHistory.org/make-a-donation/](http://AndoverHistory.org/make-a-donation/).

The Andover Historical Society museum and Freight House at Depot Street will be open through Columbus Day Weekend. Visiting hours are Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM and Sundays from noon to 3 PM. The Freight Shed will be open on Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM. The Little Red Schoolhouse on Tucker Mountain Road in East Andover will be open the second Sunday of the month, June through Columbus Day Weekend, from 1 to 3 PM. 

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