

Favorite Pre-Pandemic Event Paint and Sip Returns to the Hub

Saturday, November 5,
6 to 8 PM

Susan Chase
Andover Community Hub

“Paint and Sip,” a favorite pre-pandemic event at the Andover Community Hub, will return on Saturday, November 5, from 6 to 8 PM. A chance to sip a glass of wine, grab a paintbrush, and give one’s creative side free rein, “Paint and Sip” is a sociable and light-hearted evening under the guidance of Andover artist Molly Leith.

While producing his or her own piece of “fun art,” participants can experiment with form, color value, and shading while creating their own colorful still life, based this time on “Blue and White Plate with Oranges,” inspired by Dutch painter Piet Mondrian.

“Paint and Sip” is limited to 12 participants. Advance registration is required, and pre-payment guarantees a spot. The fee of \$25 includes wine, soda, snacks, and art supplies.

To register, contact TheAndoverHub@gmail.com. Payment can be mailed to The Andover Hub, PO Box 157, Andover 03216, or dropped off in the mail slot to the right of the Hub’s front door.



Participants are ready to put paintbrush to easel to create their own versions of Georgia O’Keeffe’s “Red Poppy” at an earlier Paint and Sip evening at the Hub.

Caption: Susan Chase

Hub Giving Tree Ignites Spirit of Holiday Giving

Accepting gift cards
after Thanksgiving

Larry Chase
Andover Community Hub

The third annual community-wide campaign to encourage the spirit of holiday giving to those Andover residents most in need will begin with the lighting of the Giving Tree at the Andover Community Hub the weekend following Thanksgiving.

Members of the community are encouraged to drop off donations at the Hub in the form of gift cards for those who may be struggling financially any time between Saturday, November 26, and Saturday, December 17. Donations can be put in the decorated wooden mailbox in front of the Hub.

The COVID pandemic and the ways in which it has impacted all our lives is still making life especially difficult for some members of the Andover community. Last year’s Giving Tree project collected over \$6,000 in gift cards, cash, and checks from well over 100 Andover residents. The gift cards were passed along to the AE/MS and Town staff to distribute to families who they knew could use some extra help during the Christmas season, or as needs developed throughout the rest of the school year.

Donations in the form of gift cards are encouraged because of the flexibility and ease with which recipients can use them, whether for gifts for their own families or to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and household goods.

Donors are also encouraged to keep local businesses in mind when purchasing gift cards, since COVID has also been tough on many small businesses.

Residents are encouraged to drop off their donations as early in the season as possible, but even last-minute donations



Some of the gift cards received by the Hub at last year’s Giving Tree campaign. Caption and photo: Larry Chase

are appreciated to meet last-minute needs or to be held by school and Town staff for distribution when future needs arise.

When considering the amount of a gift card, it’s suggested that smaller denominations are preferable. For example, several \$25 or \$50 cards as opposed to a single \$100 card are more flexible in meeting more and varying needs.

Residents who might prefer to mail gift card donations rather than leaving them at the Hub may do so by sending them to the Andover Community Hub, PO Box 157, Andover NH 03216.

Green Heron Touches Down at Coffeehouse on November 18

Coffeehouse features
husband/wife duo; 7 PM

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The husband-and-wife duo Green Heron will be performing live at the Friday, November 18, Andover Community Coffeehouse. The concert will begin at 7 PM in the Highland Lake Grange Hall at the corner of Route 11 and Chase Hill Road in East Andover.

The music of Green Heron stretches across the entire folk landscape: old-time, folk, bluegrass, country, Irish, and blues are all represented as the band brings the back porch to the stage. 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 2016.

Sponsor of the concert is Jay Fitzpatrick, local photographer and Coffeehouse supporter. Doors open at 6 PM for simple supper food and beverage purchases and for up to five local musicians to sign up on a first-come, first-served basis for “Open Mic” opportunities to play a song or two during the show.

The concert is free of charge, although the Coffeehouse Committee “passes the hat” and welcomes generous contributions to be shared with the featured performers.

The Andover Community Coffeehouse operates under the umbrella of the Andover Community Hub. For more information about the Coffeehouse, visit



Green Heron, will play live at the Andover Community Coffeehouse on Friday, November 18, at 7 PM.

AndoverCoffeehouse.org; for information about the Hub, follow its Facebook page, or visit AndoverHub.org.

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