

Hillary Mishcon Wins Top State Art Prize

Hillary Mishcon's visual arts portfolio recently took first place in the prestigious New Hampshire Scholastic Art Awards Program. More than 1,500 individual works of art and 108 senior portfolios were submitted by students in grades 7 through 12 from schools throughout New Hampshire.

Hillary, a senior at Merrimack Valley High School, received a \$1,000 cash award from Coca-Cola of Northern New England, one of the program sponsors. She also received the American Visions Award (one of five Best in Show awards) for *Nora's Flight*, one of the individual pieces of artwork she submitted for judging.

Nora's Flight was also awarded a Gold Key and will go on to the national competition in New York City.

Other Scholastic Key winners from MVHS are Roy Roy, Carolyn Donaldson, James Colby, Trevor Colarusso, and Lori Vanson. Congratulations to you all!

The student art work is on display at the Bedford Mall from 11 AM to 8 PM through Saturday, February 5.



Helen Tucker (r), President of the New London Service Organization, and Ben Barton, New London Service Organization Board member, present a \$2,000 check to Andrea Steel of the Lake Sunapee Region VNA.

VNA Receives Generous Gift

The New London Service Organization, sharing its resources with New London residents in need for fifty years, made a generous gift this year to the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association of \$2,000.

"Philanthropy such as this directly helps us fulfill our mission to provide comprehensive home and community health care services," says Andrea Steel, President and CEO of the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association.

"The New London Service Organization is so pleased and proud to be a part of the wonderful support, care, and encouragement that the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association gives to so many in New London," says Helen Tucker, President of the New London Service Organization, which awarded in excess of \$25,000 last year in support of access to health care, educational scholarships, and other vital services for New London residents.

MARRIED Sally Hirsh and Spencer Dickinson (Finally!)

By Sarah Duclos
For the Beacon

Sally Hirsh, daughter of Richard and Joanna Hirsh, married Spencer Norman Dickinson, son of Donna Duclos and David Dickinson (and, more importantly, the brother of Sarah Duclos), on January 15 at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord. The marquis outside the theater read "Sally and Spencer (Finally!) Get Married" in bold red letters.

Sally is currently working on her dissertation in American Literature at the University of New Hampshire and is the Weekend Morning host on New Hampshire Public Radio. Spencer works for the Community Action Program and the Women-Infant-Children Supplemental Food program based in Concord.

In keeping with the movie theme, there was a pre-ceremony screening of the 1949 MGM musical *On the Town* starring Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra. The bride is a lifelong Gene Kelly fan. Sally recorded a lovely introduction to the film that was played over the theater's sound system explaining to the audience how, why, and when her crush on Gene Kelly began.

The movie theme continued into the reception hall, where each table had a centerpiece made out of old-fashioned popcorn boxes filled with popcorn, Raisinets, and Junior Mints.

Hollywood was present in the cer-



Sally and Spencer dazzle the crowd.
Photo by Donna Duclos

emony itself as well. Spencer walked down the aisle to the music of Dick Dale and the Del Tones, familiar to many of the attendees as the theme to the film *Pulp Fiction*. The upbeat music lead to Spencer's 84-year-old grandmother, Josephine Crisp, putting in a few disco moves as she made her way down the aisle to her reserved seat.

Sally strolled down the aisle on the arm of her father, Richard, secure under a black umbrella with the song *Singing in the Rain* punctuating the moment. The couple had readings from Gilbert and Sullivan, as well as an original poem written by a friend of the bride who was unable to attend in person, but listened in, thanks to the modern cell phone. To top off the ceremony, a 1950s-style "Applause" sign flashed on the screen behind the couple at the culmination of the first kiss.

A reception was held directly after the ceremony. The "mandatory" karaoke was a roaring success with many members of the audience and the bridal party stepping up to belt out a few good, and many not so good, songs to celebrate the day. The couple resides in Concord and plans to spend a few days in Boston or another quaint location to enjoy their first few days of married life.

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Andover Service Club News

By Diane Rice
Andover Service Club

At the January meeting of the Andover Service Club, guest speaker Bob Ward discussed local efforts to develop a recreational trail along the former railroad lines. The group is seeking \$20,000 in grant money from the State Recreation Trail Program to further its endeavors.

A motion was made and passed by the Club to send a letter in support of the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail's grant application.

The next meeting of the Andover Service Club will be on Wednesday, February 9 at the Masonic Hall in Potter Place at 10 AM.



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