

## Music At The Wilmot Bandstand

Here is the schedule for music at the Wilmot Bandstand this summer:

- July 12: Fondtones – Doo Wop
- July 19: Destiny – family-friendly musical fun
- July 26: Tammy Jackson – local country legend
- August 2: Sferes & White – original folk music
- August 9: My Guys Band – party favorites
- August 16: Uptown – Easy listening
- August 23: Wilbur Grace and the

Night Owls – square dancing and country. There will also be a town-wide yard sale in Wilmot that day.

All concerts are from 6 to 8 PM. In case of rain the concerts will be held at the Wilmot Town Hall on North Wilmot Road, next to the library.

Food will be sold at all performances. Bring a chair, family and friends and have a ball! Free popcorn provided by Country House Real Estate.

Call 526-4802 for more information.

## Summer Theatre in Meredith

Forty years after her tragic death, the legend and music of Patsy Cline lives on as The Summer Theatre in Meredith Village presents *Always ... Patsy Cline* at the Inter-Lakes Auditorium in Meredith, June 24 to June 29. This summer's production will reunite the talents of Colleen Fee and Nancy Barry as they reprise the roles they played to great acclaim in the highly successful New London Barn Playhouse production last season.

*Always ... Patsy Cline*, which is based on a true story, tells of a Texan named Louise Seger (played by Nancy Barry) and her friendship with the then-quickly rising country music star, Cline (portrayed by Colleen Fee). After hearing Cline sing on the Arthur Godfrey Show in 1957, Louise becomes an

immediate fan. A chance meeting before a 1961 show in Houston leads the two women to become fast friends and share their joys and sorrows throughout the two-year period prior to the legend's death in an airplane crash.

*Always...Patsy Cline* was originally directed for the stage by Ted Swindley, who also served as the show's librettist. The script incorporates over 25 songs recorded by Cline, including the smash hits: *Walkin' After Midnight, I Fall to Pieces, Sweet Dreams, Crazy* and many others.

For tickets or further information, call 888-245-6374 or visit the box office at the Inter-Lakes High School at One Laker Lane in Meredith. For a full schedule, visit [InterlakesTheatre.com](http://InterlakesTheatre.com).

## Bachelor Book Club

By Brandy Collette  
Bachelor Book Club

Our next book club read for the July 12 meeting is *Among The Bears: Raising Orphan Cubs In The Wild*, by New Hampshire native Benjamin Kilham. We will be meeting at 9 AM at the Bachelor Library. Stop by the Bachelor within the next two weeks to pick up your copy. Hope to see you there!

About *Among The Bears*:

"Like any expectant parent, naturalist Kilham anticipated challenges in raising the newborns who joined his family in 1993. But as the 'mother' to orphaned black bear twin cubs, he had no Dr. Spock to turn to for advice.

"A licensed wildlife rehabilitator, Kilham wanted to raise the cubs to live successfully in the wild, but had to rely largely on his own common sense to achieve this goal. So he let the cubs teach him, by closely observing and noting their behavior as they rambled together in New Hampshire's northern woods.

"This engrossing account ... is

both an affecting story of interspecies friendship and a surprising refutation of ursine stereotypes. To date, Kilham has raised 26 black bears; the experience has convinced him that, contrary to popular belief, these large carnivores are highly social and are as intelligent as the great apes; they can teach, learn and even deceive.

"Black bears, Kilham insists, can be 'remorseful, empathetic, fearful, selfish, altruistic, joyful and deceitful' and have developed 'mechanisms for solving disputes and demonstrating need.' With the human population encroaching ever deeper into bear territory, however, human ignorance can create 'problem' bears who raid backyard bird feeders or garbage cans.

"Having lost several of his young bears to bullets from such property owners, Kilham urges people to attempt a better understanding of an animal he finds 'closely related' to humans. This important book is sure to be a milestone in the study of animal behavior."

## Writers' Retreat In Sutton

There will be a writers' retreat entitled *Poetry Beneath the Prose* from Friday, July 25 through Sunday, July 27 in Sutton. The New London Writers' Studio invites you to gather with award winning writers for a weekend of quiet writing, mingling with fellow writers, sharing your work, and gaining new perspectives in an environment that fosters creativity.

There will be three workshops over the course of the weekend: poetry, memoir writing, and essay writing. You are welcome to participate in any or all of these offerings. You will also have the opportunity to submit manuscripts for individual critique.

Three award-winning writers will facilitate the workshops:

-Poet K. B. Ballentine, MFA in Poetry, Lesley University

-Memoirist Jodi Dougherty, MFA in Creative Writing, Lesley University

-Journalist Deb McKew, MS in Science Journalism, Boston University

The setting is Blaisdell Lake in Sutton – a glistening lake, quiet solitude, inspiring fellowship – all the ingredients you need to nourish your creative soul. The beautiful lakeside cottage property includes wooded paths and a boathouse with screened-in porch for writing on the water.

Accommodations include private and shared rooms and some private baths. There will also be a day rate for local writers. Space is limited, so register early. To register, visit [WordsInPlay.net](http://WordsInPlay.net).

*Poetry Beneath the Prose* is presented by The New London Writers' Studio, a new collaboration between Words in Play Writing Workshops in Sunapee and The Wordshop in New London.

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