



Back (l-r): Pat Fleury, Natalie Lively, Shirley Currier, Judy Perreault, Wanda Smith, Pat Baker, Jane Martin, Irene McKinley. Kneeling: Beth Frost, Rose Tilton.

## New Hampshire Circle Of Home And Family

By Judy Perreault  
NH Circle of Home and Family

The Halcyon Seekers got with the "spirit" of the season with a Halloween lunch at the home of Wanda Smith. Just about everyone arrived in some kind of costume. We had three witches, a few short of a coven. Can you tell which witch is which?

Our "chicken" sported a comment on her tail that said, "Who said I was Fowl?"

We had a spook-tacular lunch on grinning pumpkin plates and devoured our dessert with ghoulish glee.

After lunch, the program ceremony began. We picked our programs for next year, selected victims to present them,

and found different haunted houses to meet in and folks to feed our hungry horrors.

### 2010 Schedule

- January:** Game Night
- February:** Chocolate
- March:** You've Come a Long Way, Baby
- April:** Spring Workshop
- May:** Greece
- September:** A Is For Apple
- October:** Program Planning
- November:** The Joy of Wrapping
- December:** Christmas Party

Our next meeting is on Monday, November 16. We will be decorating gift bags for the AE/MS Christmas Shop.

If you are interested in joining our group, call 735-5493

# Andover Libraries

By Diane Rice  
Andover Libraries

How nice it is to know that whenever we walk through the doors of our libraries, whether it be the Andover Town Library or the Bachelder Library in East Andover, there will always be something new to discover and enjoy. The displays in the entries are changed frequently to reflect the season or holiday of the month, and then, of course, there are always new books and new copies of magazines to enjoy.

The Bachelder Library has recently acquired the latest non-fiction book by Mitch Albom, *Have a Little Faith*. Many of you will remember with pleasure Albom's earlier book, *Tuesdays with Morrie*.

Also on the shelves are *South of Broad*, the new best-seller by Pat Conroy; *Nine Dragons*, by Michael Connelly, featuring the LAPD detective Harry Bosch; and the latest Danielle Steele novel, *Southern Lights*.

At the Andover Town Library, librarian Priscilla Poulin is already pre-

paring for the holidays with Debbie Macomber's *The Perfect Christmas*, Susan Wiggs' *Lakeshore Christmas*, and Richard Paul Evans' *Christmas List*. There are also two new, exciting suspense novels which will please those who enjoy new mysteries: *Evidence* by Jonathan Kellerman, the 24th in the Alex Delaware series; and Robert Parker's *The Professional*, yes, the 37th in the Spenser series!

### Share Your Favorites

Coming soon, *Beacon* readers can tell us all why they have loved a particular book on our library shelves! Priscilla will have all the details, so share with the community why a book that you chose held so much appeal.

The first Reader Reviews will be in the December/January issue of the *Beacon*. The deadline for that issue is Wednesday, November 18, so stop by and chat with Priscilla.

Remember, this is just for fun – no grades, no Pass/Fail. It's just letting others share your good fortune to have found a book that you greatly enjoyed.

## Strathspey and Reel Society Performs November 30

By Betsy Woodman  
Strathspey & Reel Society of NH

Exciting things are happening at Strathspey & Reel Society of New Hampshire (SRSNH)! We are rehearsing for our 21st Annual Gala Scottish Concert, which will be held on Sunday, November 29, at 2:30 PM at the Concord City Auditorium, corner of Prince and Green Streets.

This year's featured soloist is pianist Jacqueline Schwab (JacquelineSchwab.com). If you're watching Ken Burns' latest TV series, *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*, you've heard her wonderful playing. She's done sound tracks for ten of Burns' series, and many others as well.

The theme of the Gala is "Scotland Comes to America," so expect some American favorites and Scottish-style tunes by American composers in addition to traditional Scottish reels, jigs, marches, airs, and, of course, the characteristic dotted-rhythm Strathspeys. As always, the 55-member SRSNH orchestra will be filling the hall with its big Scottish sound.

Gala ticket prices in advance are \$20,

\$15, and \$10; at the door, \$22, \$17, and \$12. Call 437-3497.

Thanks to generous support from the Benjamin Couch Trust (TD Bank, trustee), music teachers, music students, and veterans can call the same number to receive a free ticket to the concert. Kids ten and under also get in free, so bring the family.

Over the years, many loyal Andover fans have honored us by attending. We hope to see even more familiar faces in the audience this year.

In other news, I have passed the baton as Music Director of SRSNH to Emerald Rae, US National Scottish Fiddle Champion, vibrant performer, and a member of the Celtic Americana folk group Annalivia. As a child, she played the fiddle with SRSNH, and now she has returned to lead the group. I'm back in the wind section.

SRSNH is an open society; we welcome musicians of any instrument or playing level, so if you're hankering to do some music yourself, come to one of our monthly sessions. See SRSNH.org for our schedule and other information.

## Mark Your Calendar

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#### Pemi Choral Society Holiday Concert

Fri, Dec 11, 7:30 PM  
St Paul's Church, Franklin  
Admission by donation.

#### Sweet, Hot & Sassy

Sat, Dec 12, 7:30 PM  
Franklin Opera House

For tickets visit TheMiddleNH.org or purchase at the box office.

#### Pemi Choral Society Holiday Concert

Sun, Dec 13, 3 PM

#### Plymouth State University

\$10. Discount rates are available for seniors, students, and groups. Call 535-ARTS.

#### The Children's Nutcracker

Fri, Dec 18 to Sat, Dec 19, 7 PM  
Franklin Opera House

Ninth State Dance. Evening shows. For tickets visit TheMiddleNH.org or purchase at the box office.

#### The Children's Nutcracker

Sat, Dec 19 to Sun, Dec 20, 2 PM  
Franklin Opera House

Ninth State Dance. Matinees. For tickets visit TheMiddleNH.org or purchase at the box office.

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## Blackwater Grange #152

Blackwater Grange met on October 8 with 10 members and three guests. Members Clayton Nowell and Bernice Nowell reported seeing turkeys.

A 55-year seal was presented to Liz Kirby by Master Nowell. Three other members who were not present received seals: Ralph Lee Stevens, 50 years; Betty Lou Moore, 60 years; William Clapper, 55 years; Dennis Fenton, 50 years.

The program was about old barns and included a quiz, jokes, and a Halloween poem. A pot luck dinner served before the meeting was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting of the Blackwater Grange will be on Thursday, November 12. Happy Thanksgiving to all from members of the Grange!