

Pemigewasset Choral Society

The Pemigewasset Choral Society will perform its annual holiday concert at three Lakes Region locations. The first concert will be performed at Our Lady of the Lakes Church in Lakeport on Thursday, December 10, at 7:30 PM. The second performance will be at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Franklin, on Friday, December 11, at 7:30 PM. The final concert will be performed in the Hanaway Theatre at Plymouth State University campus on Sunday, December 13, at 3 PM.

All concerts are open to the public, and admission is by donation at Lakeport and Franklin. Tickets are required at \$10 each for the Plymouth performance and may be purchased in advance through the Plymouth State University Silver Center Box Office or by calling 535-ARTS. Discount rates are available for seniors, students and groups.

The title of this year's holiday concert is *In Dulci Jubilo (In Sweetest Rejoicing)*. It will debut a special selection, *Christmas Everywhere* by composer and arranger Mr. Frank Denson.

The work was commissioned by the Choral Society for this holiday concert. The lyrics are based on the poetry and inspiration of Phillips Brooks (1835-1893), a noted American clergyman and author, who briefly served as the Episcopal Bishop of Massachusetts during the early 1890s. He is best known for authoring the Christmas carol *O, Little Town of Bethlehem*.

Among the classical selections will be Handel's *Coronation Anthem*, and

Haydn's *The Heavens Are Telling*. A selection from Felix Mendelssohn's cantata *Hymn of Praise* commemorates the bicentennial of his birth.

The chorus will perform Shaw and Bennett's arrangement *The Many Moods of Christmas* as well as Robert DeCormier's arrangement of *The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy*, a West Indian spiritual. The audience will be invited to join with the chorus in singing other favorite carols.

Assisting the chorus will be The White Mountains String Quintet coordinated by Bozena O'Brien. The quintet is comprised of professional performers and teachers from the New England area. Four of the members have been performing together for over 20 years a wide musical repertoire from classical to jazz.

The Pemigewasset Choral Society began in 1974 as a choir with 29 singers. Today, the chorus numbers more than 130 voices from throughout central New Hampshire and beyond. Its mission is to provide adults in the central New Hampshire area with an opportunity to perform quality choral music under professional leadership.

The chorus begins its 36th season under the esteemed direction of its conductor, Dr. Robert F. Swift, Professor of Music at Plymouth State University, accompanied by pianist Margot W. Swift. The group has performed on international tours to England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and several Canadian provinces.

"Square Roots And Eight Hands Round" Integrates Quilting, Square Dance, and Math

Square dancing and quilting go hand-in-hand as rich cultural traditions that many middle school students don't know a lot about. That is about to change in Franklin, where students will learn how the two subjects are related to each other and to a wide range of math concepts.

Irene Haley, a resident of Andover and owner of The Quilting Corner in Tilton, has been involved with the project from the start, pulling together volunteers and working to get material donated. Mary Jane Ogmundson, a retired teacher from Wilmot, and Joyce Morton, a long-time quilter and instructor, have also already volunteered hours of assistance.

Franklin Middle School sixth graders, supported by The Middle New Hampshire Arts and Entertainment Center in the Franklin Opera House and a matching grant from the State Council on the Arts, are joining forces in an integrated arts community-building project.

Leading the project is Ellen Carlson, a fiddler and former math teacher who is on the Artist in Education Roster for

the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts.

"Quilting provides great ways to explore math in a hands-on way," said Ellen. "The music and dancing fit in as well - many quilt patterns are named after square dance steps or songs. This project provides opportunities for so much collaboration, learning, and fun."

Volunteers and artists came to Franklin Middle School to introduce the project on October 29. Students involved in the project will be designing and making quilts, learning about square dancing, old-time music, quilting bees, and the Colonial era along with math concepts and other skills. They will donate their quilts to a worthy cause of their choice.

The program will culminate in a square dance at The Middle at 6:30 PM on December 11, coupled with a presentation by the sixth graders about what they learned.

Donations for this project may be sent to The Middle, PO Box 172, Franklin 03235 (note Integrated Arts project in the memo). If you wish to volunteer, contact Ellen Carlson at 603-528-1705.



Participants in the Andover's Biggest Loser weight-loss program brought a lot of non-perishable staple items for the Andover Food Pantry to their October 6 meeting. The goods they donated lasted most of the month.

Above, Heidi Clark (l) and Jen Braley survey the pile of donations to be taken to the pantry.

The Andover Food Pantry, located in the basement of the Town Hall, is available to anyone whenever the Town Hall is open. The pantry always needs donations of non-perishable food staples, including low salt, low fat, etc. choices for people with dietary restrictions.

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BOOK SIGNINGS
Saturday of Thanksgiving Weekend, November 28

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