

Loons Nesting On Highland Lake

The loons on Highland Lake began nesting on the island on June 21. They are just behind the man-made floating nest. They will sit on the nest for about four weeks. If all goes well, one or two chicks should emerge about July 21.

Sarah Davis, a loon biologist with

the New Hampshire Loon Preservation Committee, says it is very important that people observe the yellow caution ribbon on the island, keep dogs off the island, and try not to cause a wake to hit the shore on the south side of the island until after July 21 or, to be on the safe side, July 30.

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An added feature of the exhibit will be a series of opportunities for the public to meet the participants individually through a series of informal evening sessions at the Andover Library. These events will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM beginning on July 21. A complete schedule will be available when the exhibit opens.

As participants' schedules permit, similar meetings may be offered at the Bachelder Library in September and October.

In addition to participants' work, also on display will be a selection of photos from the library's Frank Poblentz collection of historical photos; copies of the Andover Historical Society's 2011 calendar, which features photographs of early Andover schools; and books about photography and photographers

from library holdings.

"We're delighted to host this exhibit," said library trustee Diane Rice. "We're hoping that with sufficient community interest and support it can become an annual event – one that showcases a different mix of local talent each year."

"We're also proud of the community resources our libraries provide and are hoping through events like these to introduce more local residents to them," she continued.

Exhibit hours will coincide with normal Andover Library hours: Mondays, 6:30 to 8:30 PM; Wednesdays, 9 AM to noon and 6:30 to 8:30 PM; Thursdays, 12:30 to 4:30 PM; and Saturdays, 10 AM to noon.

The Andover Library is located in the Andover Town Hall on School Street. For more information, contact Larry Chase at 735-5021 or LBChase@aol.com.

The following is an excerpt from Helen LaPlante Duchesne's book *In Their Time*, recently re-printed by the Andover Historical Society. The book is about Helen's mother, Dorothy Hersey, growing up on the Hersey farm in East Andover in the early part of the last century.

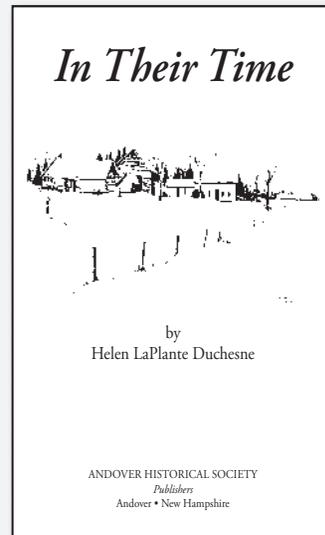
In Their Time is available at the Potter Place museum, on the Village Green on the Fourth of July, or at the Old Time Fair in Potter Place on Sunday, August 1.

An excerpt from *In Their Time*

By Helen LaPlante Duchesne

WASH DAY was a grueling day. Mama [Dorothy Hersey, 1907-1996] helped with bringing the water, one pail at a time, from the pump out by the side of the road. Large set tubs, one for washing and one for rinsing, were placed on a bench in the kitchen. Clothes were soaked in hot soapy water (water from the tank on the stove and probably some water heated on top of the stove), and scrubbed on a scrub board. White clothes were boiled in a big pot on the stove. Clothes were hand wrung and placed in the rinsing tub.

The men wore bib overalls, so the weight of the wet material was exhausting to lift and handle. My mother said, "Papa [Guy Hersey, 1880-1957] always wore overalls. When he died, I didn't know him that way, lying there in his suit."



Most folks only changed clothes once a week, usually after the Saturday night bath, and sometimes even then it was hard to get the menfolk to change, my mother said. She remembered her father didn't like to change his underclothes or take off his long johns. He said he caught a cold whenever he did!

After wringing out the clothes from the rinsing tub, they were carried in a long basket to the clothesline – another heavy job – because the clothes would still be very wet. Grammie [Nannie Robie Hersey, 1885-1967] finished this

backbreaking day by using the leftover water to wash the floors and then carried any remaining water outside to empty.

On ironing day several flat irons were put on the hottest part of the stove to heat. A single detachable handle fit each iron. As the iron became too cool to iron out the wrinkles, it was replaced on the stove and the handle put onto another iron. Thank goodness for wrinkle-free clothing today! To me it was one of the greatest things that happened for women.

Taking a bath was another hard job because of carrying water, though certainly not as difficult as washing clothes. "It was a Saturday night ritual," my mother said. Children took a bath in a tin washtub placed on the floor in the kitchen. Adults and older children took a sponge bath. No wonder perfume (and toilet water for poorer folks) was such a popular Christmas present. I hope the scent lasted all year long!

Going to the bathroom was no small feat either. It was a long, dark, cold walk through the shed and into the barn to reach the privy. Sears and Roebuck catalogue pages were used as toilet paper. Any resemblance to today's bathroom tissue is pure imagination!

Carolyn Stoddard Wins FNRT's "Best Shot" Contest

FNRT press release

The Friends of the Northern Rail Trail's (FNRT) photo project, *Give Us Your Best Shot*, was the brainstorm of FNRT volunteer Larry Chase. Beautiful, intriguing, and fun digital photos were submitted to the organization's Web site to celebrate National Trails Day last month.

Nature, wildlife, people enjoying the trail, groups working on the trail, and its unique features were among the subject matter of the photographs. This was a good showing for a first-time event and may become an annual one.

Photos will be displayed wherever FNRT has a physical presence this

summer; the Potter Place kiosk, the Fire Cracker 5K foot race, the Old Time Fair in Potter Place, and trail celebrations to follow. Some may be used in FNRT promotional materials.

FNRT would like to thank all of the photographers for participating; Flash Photo of New London for printing the photos; and the New London Gallery for matting and framing them.

At its June 16 meeting, the FNRT board awarded a mounted golden railroad spike to Carolyn Stoddard of Franklin for her picture of her husband, Ron, and their dog enjoying the rail trail near mile marker #49. Congratulations, Carolyn!



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