



Artist Tom Barber of Andover recently donated his original oil painting of New Hampshire's most recognizable symbol to New London Hospital (NLH). Aptly titled *What Once Was*, the Old Man of the Mountain now hangs in the newly renovated Baker Memorial Laboratory waiting area and can be enjoyed by patients, visitors, and employees alike. The Friends of NLH Art Committee and NLH are grateful to Tom for generously contributing a unique and beautiful piece of New Hampshire history to the hospital's permanent art collection.

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Hippie Hill Music Video Premieres

Hippie Hill press release

Danbury is rockin' these days under the influence of singer and songwriter Lindsey Schust and her Ragged Mountain Band, who premiered their *Hippie Hill* music video May 25 in the Danbury Community Center. The event was free and open to the public.

Last summer, Lindsey wrote a song about Hippie Hill, the famous gathering spot in Danbury at the intersection of Routes 4 and 104. In September, she shot a video there using many regular Hippie Hill visitors as film extras. Lindsey and her uncle, film director Robert Grasmere, organized the event to feature Lindsey's newly-written song.

For the video shoot, Alan Brownell rounded up friends who owned pristine antique Harley Davidsons and one antique Indian (since the song mentions these motorcycles). According to Lindsey, "The whole town showed up, to our surprise, and it made for an amazing video, with singing, dancing, incredible horseshoe throwing, and riding of antique motorcycles! And the rest is history."

Members of The Ragged Mountain Band include Jim Schust on guitar; Lindsey and Grace Schust, vocals and percussion; Peg O'Neil, vocals and mandolin; BJ Entwisle, bass and vocals; and Emilie Meadows, banjo and vocals. Lindsey, Jim, and Grace are all from Andover. Jerry Bliss, the Schusts' neighbor in Andover, was part of the video crew.

The Old Time Fair in Potter Place last August was the world debut of Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band, and it was also the first public performance of *Hippie Hill* in this area.

For a peek at the video, go to YouTube.com and search for "Hippie Hill trailer." To listen to the song, search for "Hippie Hill.MP4."

About Hippie Hill

As soon as the weather warms up and the days grow longer, friends come out of hibernation and gather on Hippie Hill across from Dick's Village Store to hone their horseshoe-throwing skills and trade stories about what went on during those previous cold winter months.

And when the salt is finally off the road, bikers break out their beloved Harleys and Indians and head straight for Hippie Hill to meet with fellow bikers and share the camaraderie that has been the trademark of this gathering place for over half a century.

Lindsey captures this 50-year tradition in the lyrics of her new song, *Hippie Hill*.

Lately a new group of "bikers" has been added to the melange since the Rail Trail opened last year. At any given time, non-motorized bikes cruise by the back of the Hill as they head up to Grafton or down toward Potter Place, and they usually get a big "hello" from the group on the Hill.

Any questions may be directed to Lindsey Schust at SchustMusic@gmail.com.



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