

Danbury Grange Winter Market Opens November 3

By Mary Fanelli
Danbury Grange

The first of six Danbury Grange Winter Markets will open at 9 AM on Saturday, November 3, with freshly brewed coffee to accompany a sausage and egg sandwich prepared on site for vendors and early birds. A hot lunch will be offered to those who come later. Meals are reasonably priced and feature farm fresh eggs, homemade soups, and casseroles. The market closes at 1 PM.

Grange Winter Markets provide an indoor venue for local farmers and craftspeople who raise their own produce or make and sell handcrafted items. By supporting these vendors, our customers acknowledge the importance of sustainability economics – where organic, cultural, and monetary aspects of marketing are integrated.

The November market will be followed by five other markets, including the combined “market and craft fair” on Saturday, December 1. The December 1 market will be a combination of Winter Market and Holiday Craft Fair. That day we will be open an extra hour, from 9 AM to 2 PM. We will have two floors filled with craft booths and market booths that day. Anyone wishing information about the Holiday Craft Fair may contact Diane Clay at 493-3650.

All events take place in the Danbury Grange Hall across from the firehouse on the first Saturday of each month from November through April.

Market coordinators Phil and Donna Sprague of Huntoon Farm in Danbury, one of the original market vendors, will offer their delicious breads, pastries, and famous whoopee pies in addition to farm-raised beef, pork, chicken, and eggs.

Other vendors this year include Hazzard Acres Farm, featuring

hormone-free pork; Haunting Whispers Vineyards in Danbury, showcasing their red, white, and dessert wines; and Phyllis Rockwell of Newfound Farm Wool Works, a popular vendor who fashions handbags and clothing out of recycled wool in addition to offering raw wool for felting and other projects.

Also returning this season are Cutting Farm, a small, diversified, naturally-managed family farm owned by Susan and Keith Cutting and known for their honey products. Barbara Weber, operating as The Purple Ant, will return with a wide selection of handcrafted and decorated items.

Produce, including root vegetables and onions along with jams, pickles, and bread, will be offered by Suzanne LeBlanc of Autumn Harvest Farm. Her hand-sewn quilts are always a welcome addition to the market with their bright colors and delightful designs.

Bob Palmer of Santa’s Summer Farm, formerly Monminy’s Farm, is returning with his apples, winter vegetables, and hand-painted glass and wood items.

A new vendor being welcomed is Betsy Lynch from Buds ‘N’ Suds in Boscawen, with her homemade soaps; and last season’s part-time vendor Wendy Thibodeau has joined us as a full-time vendor with her detachable jewelry and miscellaneous crafts.

At the first two markets in November and December, Cheryl Sullivan of Grafton will offer hand-knitted baby sets and apparel such as hats, mittens, scarves, and dish cloths; and Diane Clay of Danbury will showcase her unique and colorful hand-knit felted items.

There are still spots for vendors from November through April. If you are interested, please call Donna Sprague at 768-5579 or visit DanburyGrange.org.

Wilmot Ladies Aid Society

By Lindy Heim
Wilmot Ladies Aid Society

The Wilmot Ladies Aid Society (WLAS) will be hosting its famous Cookie Walk from 9 AM to 2 PM Saturday, December 1, at a brand new location. This year, the WLAS wishes to support the Wilmot Community Association’s decision to expand its Holiday Craft Fair by hosting it at the New London Outing Club, site of the former middle school at 114 Cougar Court in New London. This new location will provide a larger venue in a central location, offering more space

to more vendors and easy parking for shoppers.

As always, people flock to the WLAS Cookie Walk to stock up on fancy cookies for the holidays. Buy the tin, and fill it yourself by selecting from the huge assortment of yummy home-baked cookies displayed on two large cafeteria-sized tables.

Proceeds from this project fund the WLAS Merit Award program, which supports college-bound residents of Wilmot. Come early, as this sale usually sells out. For more information, call Lindy at 526-6376.

Franklin Area Lions Club Sponsors Pictures With Santa

By Heather Makechnie
For the Beacon

The Franklin Area Lions Club is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast and Pictures with Santa on Saturday, December 15, from 7:30 to 10 AM at The Soda Shoppe, Central Street in Franklin.

The cost is only \$5 per person, with the proceeds benefiting community service projects.

Have your photo taken with Santa as you tell him what you would like for Christmas. Your free photo will be posted on The Soda Shoppe’s bulletin board for pick up the following week.

New Hampshire-Grown Christmas Trees Benefit Franklin Rotary Club

Press release

It’s that time of year again! The Holidays are just around the corner, and it’s time for the Franklin Rotary Club’s annual Christmas Tree Sale. All trees for the Rotary sale come from the beautiful Rocks Christmas Tree Farm in Bethlehem, New Hampshire. But you don’t have to drive all the way to Bethlehem to pick up your tree – the Christmas Tree Sale will be in the parking lot plaza at 880 Central Street in Franklin, across from the Soda Shoppe.

Full-size trees, table tops, and wreaths will be on sale starting November 24. The sale will end on December 23 unless trees are sold

out earlier. We will be open Monday through Friday from 1 PM to 8 PM and Saturdays and Sundays from 9 AM to 8 PM.

The Franklin Rotary Club is a volunteer group of local community and business leaders and has been active in Franklin since the group’s inception in 1928. Franklin Rotary Club has a reputation throughout the district as one of its most active and vibrant smaller clubs.

All proceeds raised from the Christmas Tree Sale will go directly toward supporting Rotary’s mission to serve the community of Franklin. Some examples of local programs and services that are supported by Rotary include scholarships to Franklin High School students and financial support for Camp Mayhew, Franklin VNA, Troop 61 Boy Scouts, and the Youth Exchange Program. The Rotary Club has also been happy to sponsor shows at the Franklin Opera House.

In addition, the Franklin Rotary Club provides support to regional issues as needed, such as collaborating with other local Rotary Clubs to send financial aid to Vermont residents recovering from Hurricane Irene damage. In addition, there are several international programs receiving support from the Franklin Rotary Club including the Pure Water for the World initiative, and the Shelter Box program which provides emergency housing and needed supplies to countries suffering from natural disasters.

For more information about the Franklin Rotary Club, contact Julie Buker at 934-0411.

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