



Nicholas Terwilliger traveled with other Merrimack Valley High School students to Europe over the summer as members of the New England Ambassadors of Music program. He's shown here in Zermatt, Switzerland with *The Andover Beacon* and the Matterhorn (and some fog).

South Danbury Church Begins Third Year of Free Speakers

Starts October 10 with Fred Ogmundson

Press release

The Speaker Series at the South Danbury Church is starting up again, with a roster of lively presentations that promise to be both educational and entertaining. "It's pretty clear that our community enjoys a wide range of topics, from the locally-focused to the international; from the traditional to the up-to-the-moment," says Kathy Neustadt, one of the series' organizers. "We're very excited about how varied our offerings are for this next year, especially the fall season. And our presenters are really interesting folks."

On October 10, local historian, accomplished musician, and skilled lecturer Fred Ogmundson will speak on *My Favorite Characters*, sharing stories about local personalities he's known and learned from in the North Wilmot area over the past 40-plus years.

"I've always been interested in the people who were connected to an older way of life – who grew up as country people, connected to farm life," he says, "folks who developed a certain sophisti-

cation and a strong identity." Come hear Fred tell stories like *Why Mud Season Ain't What It Used To Be*, and bring your own tales about your favorite characters.

Meanwhile, *How Did Your Garden Grow?* is the title of the presentation on October 24 (originally scheduled for September 19, but postponed due to the passing of South Danbury elder Audrey Curren). Did you have oversized snowy-white cauliflowers this year? A bountiful pea crop? Who had black rot on their tomatoes? Or powdery mildew on their zucchini?

Let's share our gardening successes and failures. We'll be joined by Danbury's own Janette Hillsgrove, a Master Gardener from the UNH Cooperative Extension Service Merrimack County, so bring questions and harvested items for Show and Tell.

The talks begin at 6:30 PM, with light refreshments afterwards, and are free to the public (although donations will, of course, be accepted). The South Danbury Christian Church (an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ) is located at 1411 US Route 4 in South Danbury. For more information, call 768-3191.

Warner Fall Foliage Festival Promises Fun for All

October 11 and 12 in downtown Warner

Press release

The Warner Fall Foliage Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12, in downtown Warner. This is one of New Hampshire's longest-running festivals, which draws thousands of fun-loving folks from all over New England.

Parking is \$5, but admission to the festival is free, and families can enjoy most of the activities at no charge. Tour the New Hampshire Telephone Museum and the Upton-Chandler Museum, then sit back and enjoy the talented musicians and entertainers at the Jim Mitchell Community Park Amphitheater. Watch parades and oxen and lumberjack competitions. Kids will want to take part in a scavenger hunt, try their hand at crafts, and rock at the dance party, all at no cost.

The tempting aroma of barbecued

chicken, lobster, and other treats are sure to whet the appetite. Other features this year will be the pie baking contest, artisans and crafters, a farmers market, a barn sale, and a midway with more rides than before.

For those who enjoy running, there will be a five-mile road race and the children's One-Mile Fun Run, both of which require registration. More information about the festival, volunteer opportunities, and registration forms may be found at WFFF.org.

Families planning to attend on Sunday are asked to arrive and park before noon. Shuttle busses will stop and Main Street will be closed to traffic between 12:30 and 2:30 PM for the Grand Parade.

The Warner Fall Foliage Festival committee hopes families from all around will visit this beautiful New Hampshire town on Columbus Day weekend and join in the festivities.



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