



Eric Johnson (right) was recognized by the Society of American Foresters' Granite State Division for his contributions to the forest products industry. He was presented with its 2015 Outstanding Contribution to the Forest Community award at the organization's recent annual meeting. Eric is the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association's program director. He develops landowner, logger, and forester training programs that foster better forest management and cooperation within the entire industry. These training and educational programs are recognized as some of the best in the region.



Bob Palmer of Santa's Summer Farm helps a customer at the February Winter Market in Danbury. Bob was selling apples and his wife's glassware with beautiful hand-painted flowers. Photo: Phyllis Rockwell

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college. He exclusively uses the crawl stroke on his open water swims, but he can do a mean butterfly and back stroke as well. HWMNBN does use goggles and occasionally sees fish, but not as often as we'd like. He said it is not unusual for loons to come close and check him out, but most other wildlife stays away.

He doesn't stop when he swims and prefers not to be interrupted, not even by someone checking up on him. On especially busy boat days, I will accompany him by boat when he crosses by the Channel.

The best water temperatures for his swim are mid to high 70s. There are

times when the lake gets too warm for comfort, but not often. If the water temp is very cool, in the 60s, he will cut the North Cove corner a little bit.

He doesn't mind swimming in the rain but will call off the swim if there are white caps from the wind. When he gets back, he likes a nice hot shower and a cold beer. It takes an hour or so to get his body temperature back to where it should be.

When I asked him what the most interesting part of the swim was and told him that he couldn't say "Dead bodies," he responded, "All the dead bodies." Upon further prying, he thinks the most interesting thing is the change in underwater flora. Where the stream enters the

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Danbury Winter Market Reaches Halfway Mark

March 7 from 9 AM to 1 PM in Danbury

Press release

The March 7 Danbury Winter Market marks the halfway point of the Blazing Star Grange's six-market winter season. If winter is half over, then Spring is surely coming — dare we hope?

The Newfound Farm Clothing Company is counting on it, as they are busy

sewing and designing petticoats which promise to be all the rage this spring. Phyllis, owner of Newfound Farm Clothing Company, has designed a line of more traditional petticoats and overskirt pairs, some with coordinating blouses, all of which can be worn separately. Be ready for spring with one of these charming outfits. As with all of the company's creations, each one is crafted of recycled

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