Members of the New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family visited the New Hampshire Farm Museum in Milton for a fun day of hands-on activities. Pictured are Judy Perreault, Constance Ouellette, Rita Norander, MaryAnn Pinto, and Mathieu Pinto.

NHCHF Members Take a Summer Trip to Farm Museum

A fun day with many hands-on activities

Judy Perreault, NHCHF

Three Halcyon Seekers (Merrimack County), one Pittsburg Roadrunner (Coos County), and two Nashua Dunstable (Hillsborough County) members visited the New Hampshire Farm Museum in Milton.

It was a beautiful day sunny but not too hot. We packed a lunch and arrived at 10 AM. We spent four hours exploring this 18th century farm. It is a great place for children (and adults) as there are many hands- on activities like grinding corn, pumping water, milking a (fake) cow, and washing clothes the old fashioned way with a wringer. That last one brought back memories.

We started out with story time and learned that baby deer have no scent to protect them from predators. We then went on the guided house tour. Different rooms reflected the farm's long history as a private home as well as an inn for the stage coach passengers. A group of day campers were making pickles and butter in the farm kitchen.

After lunch, we explored the huge barn which is home to the longest double runner sled. It held over 100 people and used to be run down the Main Street in Farmington. The barn is full of old tools, machines and carriages. One of the bays contained a play area with desks, toys, games and little farm animals for the children. There was also a cider building with old cider making equipment as well as a coloring book area for children.

We visited the gift shop which had many homemade and unique items. On the way home we did some thrift shopping and stopped for ice cream. It was a fun day.

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Andover Congregational Church, September 2015

Fundraising needed to repair Grange Hall

Sandy Miller
Andover Congregational Church

Under the direction of John Bourdon, the church's Highland Lake Grange Hall will be undergoing some temporary repairs recommended by the structural engineer to make it usable throughout the winter months. All materials on the second floor have been removed.

To make the entire building usable will involve some serious fundraising, which we will be undertaking in the "not too distant" future. We certainly welcome donations in this regard. If you wish to help us out, checks should be made out to the Andover Congregational Church, putting "Grange Hall Restoration" in the memo section of your check. Mail address is Andover Congregational Church, PO Box 211, East Andover NH 03231. All donations are tax deductible.

Don't forget the Church's annual Labor Day weekend Flea Mart and Bake Sale on Saturday, September 5, on the Andover Village Green from 9 AM to 2 PM. In addition to baked goods, the Church will also have food and beverages available to purchase. Contact Bonnie Wesley at 735-5486 if you are interested in reserving a spot to sell your wares. Usually, over 20 spaces are rented at a cost of $20 each.

New this year is a special "Christmas in September" sale (and a bake sale as well) to be held at the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover on Saturday, September 19. You won't want to miss this – there will be bargains galore!

Also, the monthly yard sale, bake sale, and craft sale will be held on Saturday, September 26, at the Highland Lake Grange Hall from 8:30 AM to 2 PM. Mark your calendar – there's something for everyone!

The Church will be holding a "School of Kingdom Ministry" program beginning this fall. It will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 PM. This course is designed with every church member (who longs to see the Holy Spirit move) in mind. Teaching via the Internet will be facilitated by Pastor Dick Aucion and Scott Shepard from the Lakes Region Vineyard Church.

We look forward to Pastor John Wagner returning from his Sabbatical in the middle of September and are grateful for the leadership the Diaconate has provided in his absence.

We welcome your attendance at our church services or Sunday School program on Sundays at 9:30 AM. Call the Church office at 735-5160 if you have any questions.

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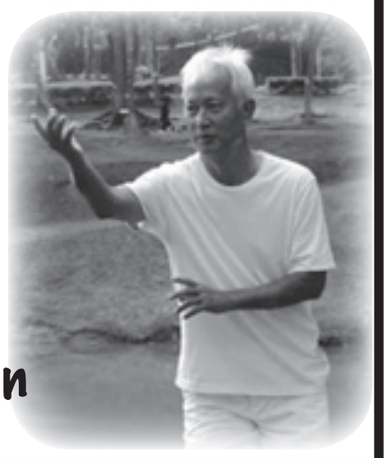

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