



Mary Phinney and Judy Evans offered voters at Town Meeting Day on March 8 homemade goodies baked by Andover Service Club members to raise money for the club's scholarship fund. Photo: Mary Ofenloch

Andover Service Club, March 2016

Next meeting on Wednesday, April 13

Mary Ofenloch, ASC

Members of the Andover Service Club (ASC) met on Wednesday, March 9, at the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover. After the opening words and refreshments, business reports, and discussions, some of the members reviewed books they had read. The upcoming "Welcome Spring" Art and Crafts Show was explained in more detail.

The next meeting, on Wednesday, April 13, will include the annual in-house auction. Working plans for the Art and Crafts Show on Saturday, May 7, will be finalized.

At the Art and Crafts Show will be quite a variety of handmade crafts, fine art, homemade goodies, and other food items for sale. Admission will be free, but we will request a free-will offering from show participants and the public,

since this is a fundraiser to benefit the ASC Merit Scholarship Program.

At this time of the year, members are asked to volunteer to serve on the Executive Board, filling in the vacancies of board members whose terms in office will be concluded in June. The annual meeting and luncheon in June will be at 74 Main in New London.

ASC invites women to become members by joining us at our next meeting on Wednesday, April 13, at 10 AM in the Highland Lake Grange Hall. You do not need a sponsor to come to our meeting. Also, you do not need to be an Andover resident, as members live in Danbury, Franklin, Hill, New London, Wilmot, Concord, Springfield, Tilton, and East Andover as well as Andover. You will meet a great group of women and have fun while supporting our community.

For more information, contact Mary Ofenloch at MaryO.ASCclub@live.com. You will be glad if you do. 

It's Time to Apply for Andover Service Club Scholarships

Applications due by Friday, April 15

Diane Rice, ASC Scholarship chair

The Andover Service Club is pleased to announce that the application process for the 2016 Merit Scholarship awards has begun. Awards are based on academic performance, character attributes, and community involvement, and not on financial need.

Graduating seniors and adults entering or continuing their education at a college, professional, or technical school are eligible to apply. Scholar-

ship applications are available at the Andover Elementary/Middle School, Proctor Academy, Merrimack Valley High School, and the Andover Service Club Thrift Shop, located in Andover. They may also be downloaded at AndoverBeacon.com/ASC-Scholarship.

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must have a close tie to the town of Andover. Details of the residential requirements are available in the application packet. All applications and supporting material must be post-marked by Friday, April 15, in order for the application to be considered. 

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her classes in rural living and organic gardening, all aimed at helping attendees "learn about the joys of country living through its arts."

Peter is a long-time apple grower in East Andover, where he and his wife, Mary Lloyd Evans, sell fresh fruit in season, as well as cider, jams, and jel-

lies. His presentation will include information on choosing disease-resistant varieties and the safest methods of pest control and spraying.

For more information, contact AndoverCommunity03216@gmail.com. Andover residents who have suggestions for future programs and events are urged to contact the Andover Community Association. 

Service Club's Arts and Crafts Show on May 7

Proceeds benefit ASC scholarship fund

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On Saturday, May 7, the "Welcome Spring" Arts and Crafts Show and Sale will be held at the Andover Elementary/Middle School, at 20 School Street in Andover, from 10 AM to 3 PM. Vendors from Andover and neighboring towns will be displaying a variety of fine art, crafts, photography, fiber art, sewn-cloth gifts, knitted and crocheted items – all for sale – all make great gifts.

So, if you need something special for Mom or Dad, a wedding or a shower, or birthday, or anniversary, or just because

you want something nice for yourself – come to AE/MS on May 7. Homemade food items and baked goods will also be available for sale.

Admission is free, however, a free-will donation will be gratefully accepted, since all proceeds from this event will benefit the Andover Service Club's Merit Scholarship Fund. The sponsor of the Arts and Crafts Show is the Andover Service Club, a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible.

Vendors who wish to participate may contact Chairlady Mary Ofenloch at MaryO.ASCclub@live.com or 735-4101 (after 10 AM, please) for more information. 

NHCHF Enjoys "Sign of the Times" Program

Remember the old Burma Shave signs on the highway?

Judy Perreault, NHCHF

"Signs of The Times" was a recent program of the Andover chapter of New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family (NHCHF). We had a good time remembering signs that were popular when we were younger. Roadside farmers would get their barn painted for free if an ad could be painted on the side facing the road.

Imagine how difficult it would be to get around without signs! How would you know which street to take, where your favorite store or restaurant was located, or which exit to take on the highway? What would Broadway or Las Vegas be without their flashing signs? How would you know what was in a can without a picture on the outside?

Signs have been around since early times, when man first figured out a way to express himself artistically. Cave drawings are a good example of this form of communication.

In Greek and Roman times, signs identified businesses, workshops, taverns, churches, and other important places. Picture signs were necessary, as many of the population were illiterate.

As time went by, signs became very

elaborate and increased in size to the point where they became dangerous. As early as the 1700s, laws were enacted to control the size and placement of signs. In the 18th century, gas lighting and electricity ushered in a whole new world of signs.

In the early 1900s, we saw a lot of roadside advertising like billboards. Who doesn't remember those famous Burma Shave signs? They were a series of signs, usually six, each with a part of a poem, and the poem always ended with the words "Burma Shave." Here's an example:

A shave that's real.

No cuts to heal.

A soothing, velvet

After feel.

Burma Shave.

As kids on a trip, we looked forward to these signs and sayings.

Billboards were fun, too. Some are so famous that they have historic status, like the Citgo sign in Boston's Kenmore Square, which marks the location of nearby Fenway Park.

As TV and computers came on the scene, advertisers could reach a larger population, and signs faded away. Signs in one way or another provide employment for millions of people. 

WINTER FARMERS MARKET

Apr 2 9am-1pm

Farm Products * Specialty Foods
Crafts * Hot breakfast * Lunch
Special Feature--Farm Tools Display
11am – farm tool stories

Grange Hall

15 North, Danbury

Other Events
April 16th 1-2pm Rabies Clinic
7pm Danbury History Program
April 23 5-6:30pm Chix Pie Supper
blazingstargrange.org 768-5579

TIME TO APPLY
for Andover Service Club
SCHOLARSHIPS

Available to:
Andover's Graduating Seniors and Adults
entering or continuing
College or Professional/ Technical School

DEADLINE: FRI, APR 15

Application forms at
AndoverBeacon.com/ASC-Scholarship,
ASC Thrift Shop,
Andover Elementary - Middle School,
Proctor Academy, and MVHS
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