



Watercolor artist Conrad Young with samples from his new book *New Hampshire's Historical Covered Bridges*.

Presenting Historical Covered Bridges of New Hampshire and Beyond

A presentation on “The Historical Covered Bridges of New Hampshire and Beyond” will be offered on Thursday, April 13, beginning at 7 PM, in the Kearsarge Masonic Lodge, at 38 Cilleyville Road in Potter Place. Free and open to the public, the program will feature illustrated talks by Bill Caswell of Hillsboro, president of the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges; and watercolor artist Conrad Young of Concord, whose book, *New Hampshire's Historical Covered Bridges*, was published in 2016.

Co-sponsors of the event are the Andover Institute and the Andover Historical Society.

Each speaker will offer a short presentation followed by a question and answer session. The National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges is a nonprofit organization established in 1950 to help preserve, protect, and document our nation's remaining historic covered bridges. Caswell has been a member since 1984 and its president since 2013. His presentation will focus on the past and present covered bridges of Andover and surrounding towns. For information about the Society, go to coveredbridgesociety.org.

Artist Young's book, the culmination of ten years of researching and painting various bridges, consists of eleven paintings and an ink drawing of the oldest state bridge, the Bath-Haverhill. It also has a location map, information on the 54 state recognized bridges, and trivia. It can be ordered by emailing pryoung@comcast.net.

Publications by the Covered Bridge Society, by Young, and by the Andover Historical Society will be available for purchase at the presentation.

The Andover Historical Society was established in 1982 to “preserve the his-

tory of Andover through the acquisition and conservation of property, artifacts and stories, and to foster an awareness and appreciation for that history within the community.” The Society's facilities are located in the village of Potter Place, and on Tucker Mountain Road in East Andover. In Potter Place, they include a museum located in the Potter Place railroad station and the old J. C. Eamons General Store. A restored one-room schoolhouse is located on Tucker Mountain Road.

Formed as a working group of the Andover Community Association in early 2015, the Andover Institute was so-named to recall a common title for many private educational institutions in 19th century America – the short-lived Highland Lake Institute in East Andover, for one example.

The April program is part of the Institute's “space exploration” series, designed to introduce local residents to venues more or less off the beaten path for many. The series, now in its third year, has included visits to the Proctor Academy campus; a now-shuttered summer camp for girls; the City of Franklin; a local heron rookery; a guided telescopic viewing of the moon; an introduction to geocaching; the Ice House Museum of Automobilia in New London; overviews of Mount Kearsarge, the Northern Rail Trail, the Sunapee-Ragged Kearsarge Greenway and the hiking trails on the property of Proctor Academy; a Hopkins Pond walkabout in Andover; a local “nanobrewery”; and Muster Field Farm in North Sutton.

Suggestions for future programs and events are welcome, and may be sent to the Andover Community Association at andovercommunity03216@gmail.com.

Blazing Star Grange Hosts Rabies Clinic

Rabies clinic April 8, from 1 to 2 PM

Press release

April is a busy month for the Blazing Star Grange of Danbury.

Starting on April Fools' Day is the final winter farmers market of the season. Held on Saturday, April 1, from 9 AM to 1 PM, hot breakfast and lunch will be served in the Blazing Star Bistro. In anticipation of warmer weather, the theme is “Ready, Set, Grow.”

While farmers are selling last season's crops, customers interested in growing their own vegetables can find gardening hints and advice at the market. Take the opportunity to talk to your farmers about what you could expect from them this season. Many of them would also appreciate learning what you would like to have them offer and how much.

Saturday, April 8 begins with a nod to our pets, and ends with a salute to Poetry month. The annual rabies clinic will be held from 1 to 2 PM as a joint

venture between the Grange and the Pleasant Lake Veterinary Clinic.

At 6:30 PM that evening, a Poetry and Pastry night will be held jointly with the Friends of the Library. Participants welcomed. Sign up at the door for your five minutes of fame on the Grange stage.

A special guest is coming to the Danbury Grange Hall on Saturday, April 22. Rebecca Rule, a New Hampshire author, humorist, and storyteller, is appearing at 7 PM. Rule is known for sharing stories with a strong dose of good old-fashioned Yankee humor.

Ending the month on Saturday, April 29, is the Chicken Pie Supper. Served from 5 to 6:30 PM, admission for adults is \$9. The meal is homemade and patrons tell us “always delicious.”

All events will be held at the Grange Hall, 15 North Road in Danbury. The Grange has been active in Danbury since 1875. Andover's Blackwater Grange merged with Blazing Star in 2013.

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