

Blazing Star Grange Expands Winter Market Options

Press release

The cold is settling in which means it's winter farmers market season at the Grange Hall in Danbury. Held every first Saturday of the month from 9 am-1 P.M., The market is entering its 11th season. Like a well-oiled machine, the market runs from November to April and is THE place to experience community and support local farms and artisans. You will find two floors of vendors offering meats, eggs, honey, syrup, a plethora of crafts, vegetables, cannolis and other baked goods.

The news this year is that the Danbury Winter Market has increased its customer buying options this winter with the addition of a 3rd Saturday, by order only, market. Also operating November through April, this market requires advance orders from vendors, either by traditional methods or through the use of an online marketplace at harvestmarket.com for the Danbury Winter Market. The customer places their orders and the vendors deliver them to the grange hall. The customers come between 9 and 11 am to pick up and pay for their products. It's a market without a market. The Harvest to Market site opens on the Monday after each market and closes on the Thursday before each market at noon. At this time, participating online vendors are Huckins Farm, Pleasant View Arts, Margaret Hoyle Socks, and Huntoon Farm.

The Blazing Star Grange, sponsor of the winter market, hopes that this will increase vendors' sales and answer customers' pleas for increased access to local buying. It will also be another opportunity to serve customers that might have other commitments on the first Saturday or do not have storage or finances to shop just once a month. Registering at harvestmarket.com is free with the option to subscribe to the market newsletter for updates. As long as the business is a regular market vendor, the minimal cost of using the Harvest to Market website will be covered by the grange.

Another benefit of the open hall pickup hours is the opportunity for the Grange to again offer Saturday workshops and programs. Having scaled back events to accommodate the growing number of vendors, the additional days allow for increased programming opportunities. Our first event will be held on Jan 20 at 9 am. Maria Polizzi from Danbury will lead a Stampin Up class. Participants will have fun creating three unique cards for a donation of \$7. To keep costs low, pre-registration by January 15th is required. Sign up at the market on Jan 6th or by emailing blazingstargrange71@gmail.com .

For information about both markets, visit blazingstargrange.org, follow us on Facebook at Blazing Star Grange of Danbury NH or call Donna at 768-5579.

Lake Sunapee Chamber Welcomes New Director

Press release

The Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Patricia McGoldrick to the position of Executive Director of the Chamber. As the chamber's chief executive officer, she

will provide administrative leadership in all areas of chamber operations, including member services, education, marketing, and event planning and participate in regional and statewide business development and tourism committees.

Patty's experience includes serving as the executive director of the New London Historical Society and Wilmot Community Association, a management consultant to NH Cities and Towns, and director of Human Resources and Guest Services for the Gunstock Area Resort.

Patty has been a New Hampshire resident for the past 30 years and resides in New London with her family.

When not out visiting with chamber members and potential members, she can be found in the LSRCC Office in the New London Information Booth, 328 Main St. Stop by and say hello!



Patricia McGoldrick was recently appointed as the Executive Director for the Lake Sunapee Chamber of Commerce

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that is designed to ride continuously without pedaling. A rider's speed comes from their ability to gain momentum through the tight terrain transitions. These systems become freestyle destinations to try and master the latest tricks. "The Pump Track, like the whitewater park are free for the community to use and enjoy.

The Mill City Park Project is just one of several things happening to revitalize Franklin's Downtown. In 2001 the Franklin Opera House reopened in the city hall as a performing arts venue. The opera house has provided a venue for local theater groups, schools and others to perform, hold meetings and the like. Regional and national performers also perform at the venue. The opera house brings thousands of people into Franklin each year.

Permacity Life is another initiative, led by Todd Workman. Their mission is to use the principles of permaculture to build a collaborative and resilient community through downtown revitalization, outdoor recreation

and experiential education. As part of that project a vacant mill building behind city hall is being transformed into housing units, a restaurant is being built in the former antique center on the corner of Central and Franklin Streets, and the facades of several other buildings have been repaired and updated. Several of these buildings now have businesses and shops in them. Colby-Sawyer College in New London has partnered with Permacity Life and has used the project as a learning initiative for students.

Another initiative is called Franklin Takes Root. This group provides opportunities for local businesses to share positive ideas and help each other move forward. The group recently announced the 1 Million Cups Franklin Falls program to help encourage entrepreneurs and start up businesses.

Many Franklin residents are excited about all the things that are happening and hope that Franklin can capitalize on all of these projects and become a better place to live, work and play.

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