



**L**earning to cope in their new home, Canada goslings follow Mom and Dad around the little pond on Emery Road (just west of the end of Dyers Crossing Road in East Andover). Though fascinating to watch, Canada geese are highly protective of their nests and their young. Observers are warned to keep their distance. Photo: Larry Chase

## Tribute to the “Loon Lady of Pleasant Lake,” Kittie Wilson

Donna Baker-Hartwell

Kittie Wilson, who has done so much to protect the loons in New Hampshire (along with her husband John) has died. She was the “Loon Lady” on Pleasant Lake in New London for many, many years. She was my mentor.

She understood loons better than anyone. She knew and always was my source of wisdom and often reassurance. Kittie helped me set up the float-

ing loon nest and showed me how to make it “desirable” by putting sand/soil and planting greens on it.

I will never forget that she brought “forget-me-not” seeds to add to our floating nest. It was the last thing we added and she said that “forget-me-not” (such a pretty little flower) would represent the joint effort that humans and loons have to help baby loons survive.

Kittie was a true human gem. 🐾



**N**ational Trails Day is Saturday, June 2. Friends of the Northern Rail Trail invites everyone to head out to the rail trail to enjoy all that Spring has to offer, say howdy to everyone you meet and think about packing a trash collecting bag so you can help clean up the trail after the long, hard winter. Above are pictures of folks doing just that, picking up trash in the area of the old Gerrish Railroad Depot in Boscawen, NH. Note the new wonderful historical marker the NH Historical Society put up at the old train station, it's a beauty. Photos: Friends of Northern Rail Trail of Merrimack Co.

## WHS History Room and Curiosity Shop Opens for Season in July

Opens Saturday, July 7, at 9 AM

Press release

The Wilmot Historical Society announces that its History Room and Curiosity Shop season opener is coming up at 9 AM on Saturday, July 7.

The Curiosity Shop will be set up at its usual spot behind the big spruce tree at the Wilmot Farmers' Market (WFM) on the Wilmot Town Green from 9 AM until noon on the first Saturday in July, August, and September, and on Wilmot's Town-wide Yard Sale day, August 25.

The WHS History Room, located in the Wilmot Town Offices next to the WFM, will be welcoming visitors every Saturday from July 7 through September.

The 2018 Curiosity Shop will feature the best of the best in vintage costume jewelry, antique linens, unusual pieces of china or glass, old-timey toys and tools, kitchen gadgets, and thingamajigs.

Funds raised by the WHS Curiosity Shop help the society preserve its collection of artifacts celebrating Wilmot's residents and times past. 🐾



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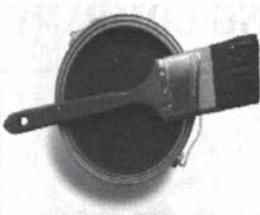
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