Seeking Artists for Naturally New England Exhibit

Press release

Artists are being sought for Naturally New England, a regional art exhibition to be held in Sunapee Harbor on July 27-30. The exhibit is sponsored by the Center for the Arts in New London. The proceeds from the event will benefit the Center for the Arts and the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust.

Artists are asked to register before June 22. Visit www.CenterForTheArtsNH.org for entry requirements and to submit entries.

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nated "consulting party."

The bridge just south of Danbury Center is slated for full reconstruction, with accompanying changes in roadway configuration, during 2021. The "historic" nature of this structure triggers special consideration for design, and its impact on the Trail. The design now proposed would replicate the Potter Place "tunnel" through which the Trail passes. In addition, care would be taken to preserve historic elements such as the "tell-tales," installed as bridge warnings by the railroad. Ditching and drainage will also be taken into account.

As the bridge is both dangerous and in bad repair, the Danbury townspeople were strongly in favor of the reconstruction plan. FNRT-MC representatives were similarly disposed. We will be kept informed as the project progresses.

The overpass at Gungemwam Creek – about a mile farther south -- will be repainted this summer. As this will require scaffolding under the bridge, there may be a period when the Trail is rerouted. DOT and contractors will notify and consult with FNRT-MC as the work unfolds.

TO DO: Monitor the Gungewam project.

Trail Vegetation. Prescott Towle reported on the current status of parts of the Trail where vegetation removal was undertaken last year. In general, the results continue to be satisfactory, with little new growth. Nevertheless, encroachment on the Trail is a continuing concern. More examination of the Trail will occur during the next month, and this issue addressed again.

TO DO: Examine Trail vegetation.

Blackwater Park Improvements. Tom Frantz reported that various improvements to Blackwater Park – notably, the possibility of lighting in the Lawrence St. culvert – will be presented to the Andover Board of Selectmen.

Other Items of Note:

Publications about the Trail. Two recent publications highlight the Northern Rail Trail: 1) Rail Trails of New England" published by the National Rail Trails Association; 2) an article in the Washington Post

TO DO: Links to these publications will appear in Facebook page

QR Codes: A New Volunteer Opportunity. The Board approved the idea of attaching QR codes to Trail signage, and creating access in this manner to useful Trail information. Lindy Heim is the contact person for any volunteers interesting in helping make this a reality. lindycraig@heimfamily.org

TO DO: Publicize volunteer opportunity.

Signage in Franklin to Connect NRT and "Winni" Trail

TO DO: Lindy Heim will make contact in Franklin

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, June 2: National Trails Day. Come onto the Trail – and enjoy!

Wednesday, June 20: Board Meeting, Andover Hub, 7 PM. All welcome!

July 21 – 23: Concord Market Days, with FNRT-MC publicity

July 4 Celebration, Andover Town Green, FNRT-MC booth, with bicycle raffle.

Wednesday, October 10: Annual FNRT-MC Pot Luck Supper, at Highland Lake Inn, E. Andover. All welcome!

Neil Young Tribute Band is "Cotton Candy for Your Ears."

June 16 at Franklin Opera House

Press release

Franklin Opera House proudly presents Rust Never Sleeps, a unique, live rock show that celebrates the musical career of Neil Young. Capturing the spirit, the sound, and the feel of what can best be described as a "dream come true" concert experience, the show features selections from Buffalo Springfield as well as Young's early '70s folk-rock gems. Savor the sweet harmonies of Crosby, Stills, and Nash as well as the raging guitar duels between Stills and Young. Feel the high voltage snap of Crazy Horse as well as the plaintive beauty of "Heart of Gold."

Based in the Greater Boston area, Rust Never Sleeps pays tribute to Neil Young and his music the best way they know how... with integrity. Lead singer and guitarist, Ken Gibson has an amazing guitar tone on his vintage Fender Amplifiers and both Gretsch and Gibson guitars. The other 5 members of the band are tip-top pros as well: Chuck Nemitz on guitar, Mike Garron on bass, Jeremy Esposito on drums, Rob Hamilton on pedal steel guitar and keyboards, and vocalist Reena Valley.

While some groups in the tribute-band genre are content with a note-for-note replication of the original recordings, a Rust Never Sleeps Show is infused with the passion and truth that comes from musicians using their own unique, creative energy to present these great songs.

It all happens on Saturday, June 16 at 7:30 PM. Franklin Opera House is located within Franklin City Hall at 316 Central Street. There's plenty of free parking.

Tickets are $18 for adults, $16 for seniors and students.

For more information on the event, reservations and tickets, visit www.FranklinOperaHouse.org.

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