

## Franklin Animal Shelter Dinner Fundraiser Tickets On Sale Now

April 11 at the Elks Club in Franklin

### Press release

Save the date for the Franklin Animal Shelter's annual fundraiser. This event, being held on April 11, from 5:30 to 11 PM, at the Elks Club in Franklin, features a buffet dinner, complete with appetizers, salad, and dessert.

Music will be provided by Lakes Region Entertainment, and there will be a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$35 per person.

For more information, please contact Christine Dzujna at 934-7163.



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March 7<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm

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### Lecture Series

#### The History of Agriculture As Told By Barns

Saturday, March 14 at 1 p.m.



John C. Porter, author and NH Humanities speaker, will demonstrate how these majestic barn structures represent Yankee ingenuity, hard work, and skilled craftsmanship, as well as providing a link to our past that adds to the state's scenic beauty. Sponsored by the NH Humanities.

#### Early Planning for College

Thursday, March 26

7 p.m.



Moira Valenti of the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) will discuss early planning for college, including what students can do to prepare in middle school and the first years of high school.

All programs are free and open to the public.

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## South Danbury Church Invites People for March Activities

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### Linda Wilson, South Danbury Church

Sunday worship at 11 AM will continue through the winter, followed by refreshments and conversation.

On stormy Sundays, call or text to 491-3196 to be sure there will be a service at the church. If you would like to receive our weekly e-mail news, or to

be notified of church events, please let us know with a short message to SouthDanburyChurch@gmail.com.

Follow us on Facebook at "Friends of the South Danbury Christian Church." And whenever you see any activity at the church, please do stop by for a visit.

Our Friday Evening Speaker (and music) Series will resume in the spring, when weekend weather conditions are more stable.



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her health until December of 2011. In her will, she left her studio full of fabric to her good friend Paula Higgins.

"It took several months before we were ready to go into Julia's studio," said Deb. "Paula took the largest cuts for her home studio in Vermont, but it didn't even make a dent in the fabric collection."

It was right around this time that Deb learned of Turning Points Network through another friend of Julia's, Deb Coffin. "I had learned a young mother in the shelter who had been abused during her pregnancy had given birth. I gave Deb [Coffin] one of the quilts to give to her for the baby. It was then that it really hit home to me – pregnant women are abused. I knew I wanted to help." In that moment, Project Julia was born. "We had to use the material in the studio, and this was a perfect cause."

"In the beginning it was me, Deb Coffin, and Linda Barnes at The Constant Quilter donating her long-arming services. Over the years, we have built a network of quilters across Vermont and New Hampshire, some who do entire quilts, some who do certain parts. Together we make all kinds of quilts – throw quilts, cuddlers, swaddle sizes, lap quilts, and more" said Deb.

The quilts are a welcome gift. Turning Points Network, with offices located in Claremont and Newport, is the Sullivan County crisis and support center for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Since its inception in May of 2012, Project Julia has donated 453 quilts to the nonprofit. Quilts are given to survivors and their children. Especially for young children who often have to leave their home with nothing, the quilts provide comfort, warmth, and security – all

invaluable elements in healing.

The kids will say "This is mine. I don't have anything else that is mine" said Deb. "To know there are children anxious from the aftermath of leaving their home – it touches your heart."

As Project Julia continues to grow, so too does the creativity; "We make bins, bags, etc. We even have a quilter who makes dog beds and has donated them to the Upper Valley Humane Society and Franklin Animal Hospital. We continue to expand, and we waste very little. Even the scraps are used to create quilting kits which we then distribute."

The studio has also grown, equipped with the latest in computerized stitching with a recently acquired computerized long arm machine which gives the team access to 500 designs, all at 1,200 stitches per minute, allowing greater creativity and speed when crafting their designs.

Project Julia holds one fundraiser a year to help with the cost of batting to sandwich the quilts, at the Wilmot Community Association Holiday Fair, always the first Saturday in December.

"The generosity of Deb Coffin – she created this space and bought this beautiful machine – she really helped make all of this possible, she and Julia" said Deb Homer. "We have very little overhead, we have so much fabric donated – bins and bins of material people have brought to us to deconstruct and reuse, from fabric pieces to antique quilt tops, we get so much, and it's fun to see what comes in."

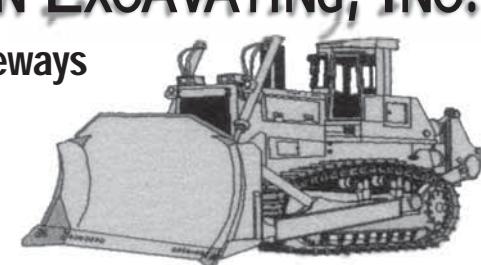
"If we can give back to the community with our various talents in quilting, there is the reward."

For more information on Project Julia or to get involved, please contact Deb Homer directly at DebbieDoo45g-mail.com.



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