

Miniature New England Village Goes on Display at the Hub

Sundays, December 12
and 19, 2 to 4 PM

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Andover Community Hub

For a holiday treat, a miniature snow-covered ceramic New England village will be on display for local residents to enjoy at the Andover Community Hub, 157 Main Street, on Sunday, December 12 and 19, from 2 to 4 PM, and any time the Hub is open throughout the holiday season.

Part of the collection of Andover resident Renee Goodwin, the display is lighted and features an electric train that runs throughout the village, as well as a swan pond and small figures going about their daily lives.

Renee has been collecting these houses and figures for five years, but her display has gotten way too large for her house, so she decided to reach out to the Hub to find a way to share part of it with the community, perhaps one part this year and another next year.

Residents – and especially those with kids – are welcome to stop in on December 12 or 19 to enjoy the display, as well as cookies and cider. In addition, the Hub is generally open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 AM for drop-in coffee, so these are other good times to stop in between December 12 and January 6, the day that is traditionally thought of as the Twelfth Day of Christmas and the end of the holiday season.



Andover resident Renee Goodwin shares part of her expansive miniature, ceramic, New England village with the Hub for visitors to enjoy during December.

Photo: Renee Goodwin

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Sear the seasoned short rib in a mixture of butter and oil until brown.

Place the short rib in a crock pot or pressure cooker with 1 cup of beef or chicken broth and cook until tender.

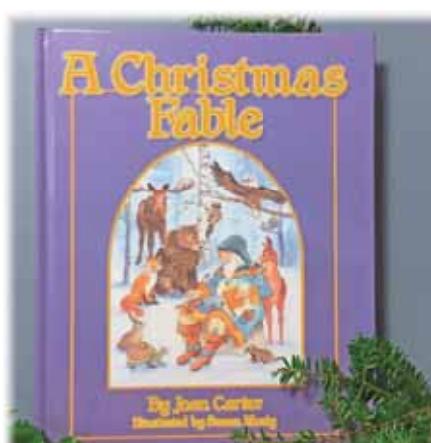
In the meantime, boil large pasta shells until about 80% cooked. Drain and run cold water over them immediately until cool.

In a large bowl, mix tender short rib; cream cheese; your favorite blend of grated parmesan, mozzarella, asiago, or provolone; fresh parsley; and chopped basil.

Stuff the shells with the cheese mixture. Sometimes less is more, as the cheese can be very filling and you'll want room for more! Also note that the cheese blend may be salty already – be sure to taste it before adding more salt!

Place the shells in a casserole dish. Top lightly with your favorite tomato sauce and more grated cheese. Bake and broil until perfectly melty and delicious! 

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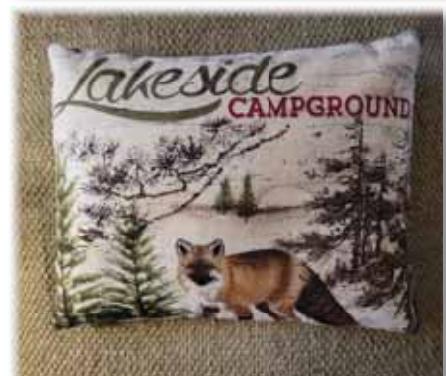
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