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April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.

~William Shakespeare

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The Seven Bridge Writers' Collaborative had over 140 poems submitted for this year's Lancaster Schools' Poetry Contest!

Thayer Memorial Library has been given copies of all of these submissions. They have been placed in a binder which is now at the Circulation Desk for all to browse through. We hope you'll stop by to see this wonderful selection from our very talented and creative young poets here in Lancaster.

Names have been omitted from the poems in order to assure that this is a blind judging, but the poems have been grouped by grade category so that they are easy to browse through.

Once the judges have selected this year's winners, the winning poems will be posted in the Library for all to see. We hope you will continue to encourage and support these talented youngsters as they explore their gift for words and work with their muse. We may have some budding Emily Dickinsons or Robert Frosts in our midst.



*April is
National Poetry Month*

KEY



Helpful Information



Save the Date!



News!



Neighboring Towns



News from the Recycling Center:

Please note that the vendor who recycles our electrical and electronic items (including batteries) has stopped business operations. We are looking for another vendor to recycle these items, but at the present time we have no way to recycle them. Please do NOT bring electrical or electronic items (including batteries) to the Recycling Center until further notice.

Remember, you can unsubscribe at any time by emailing "unsubscribe" to "townclerk@lanasterma.net"



Lancaster Garden Club presents

"Iris, In All the Colors of the Rainbow" by Stephanie Markham of Toadland Gardens in Norfolk, MA. She is a noted cultivator and iris show judge. Stephanie will provide information on growing and maintaining a colorful garden as well as showing the great variety in size, color, and bloom in the iris world. Meeting is free for members and \$5 for non-members.

Sunday, April 17 at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Fellowship Hall at First Church of Christ Unitarian
725 Main Street, Lancaster.



UPCOMING SPRING BIRD WALKS!!



Lancaster Recreation Committee and North County Land Trust (NCLT) Present Audubon Certified Birder, NCLT Board Member, and local resident, Clay Hobart to join us on the 7 AM Early Riser "Warbler Walk" on Saturday April 30th (7:00 AM to 9:00 AM) at Lancaster Cook Conservation Area, and the "Spring Bird Walk" on Sunday, May 1st from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Lancaster Town Forest. Complete information and flyer may be found at:

http://www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/Pages/LancasterMA_Events/S0237D031-0237D039?formid=161



Upcoming Events at the Thayer Memorial Library

717 Main Street, Lancaster

ANIMAL WORLD **EXPERIENCE**

is bringing **LIVE ANIMALS**

Tuesday, April 19 1:30 PM

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

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Opportunities to hold and pet
some of the adopted and
rescued animals!

Learn:

- About adopting pets instead of buying or catching wild animals from outdoors.
- How to make pet toys from recycled materials or common household items that are usually trashed.

Author and Storyteller Mark Binder in
"IT ATE MY SISTER"
(and other stories of slugs and springtime)
Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30 pm at Thayer
Memorial Library, 717 Main St. Lancaster

No signup required, all ages

*Fun...Funny...
Spooky....Adventures*

**Loaded with practical tips...like
what to do if your sister is being
eaten by a slug**

Makes YOUR family look normal

**Action...
Suspense....Flatulence...**

**New, improved and now more than 72%
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You're Invited to Attend the Annual Meeting of the Historical Society

Date: Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Place: Hawkins Memorial Hall, First Church of Christ Lancaster
725 Main Street, Lancaster, Massachusetts

All welcome.

Program: The ministers of the First Church
Celebrating 200 years of the 5th meeting house.



First Church of Christ Unitarian

Sunday Worship at 10am:

April 17: "A Celebration of Earth Day."

April 24: "Who Is My Neighbor?" Special guest speakers from the Worcester Islamic Center will introduce us to Islam, this world religion that shares common roots with Judaism and Christianity.

Mindfulness Meditation Group continues on Tuesdays at 10am in the Church Parlor. Practitioners of all levels welcome.

A free will offering will be taken



Seven Bridge Writers' Collaborative - Upcoming Events in May

Monday, May 2, 2016

6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Thayer Memorial Library, Dexter Thayer Room, 717 Main Street, Lancaster, MA 01523

Mary Fuhrer: Crisis of Community: The Trials and Transformation of a New England Town, 1815-1848

Mary Fuhrer is a public historian with a Ph.D. in American History. Her professional experience has focused on recovering the everyday life of New England's folk and helping others use primary source evidence such as letters, diaries, public records, and material culture to tell stories from the past. She provides research and programs as a historian for historical and humanities associations. In 2014, Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities awarded her the Massachusetts History Commendation for "extensive work in Massachusetts history over the past two decades, [which] has improved the interpretation of history for numerous organizations and countless individuals." Mary is an elected Fellow of the American Antiquarian Society and of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Saturday, May 21, 2016

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Thayer Memorial Library, Dexter Thayer Room, 717 Main Street, Lancaster, MA 01523

Writing and the Spiritual Life with Reverend Robert Johansen

In this workshop we will sample contemporary spiritual writing drawn from several genres, explore qualities that make writing spiritual, and compare and contrast spiritual writing with other types of writing. The workshop will also include writing exercises to help each participant explore his or her own spiritual experience and how it might be incorporated into other types of writing. Bob Johansen currently serves as Minister of First Church of Christ Unitarian in Lancaster. He describes writing as spiritual practice—paying attention to the movement of the Spirit within us, between us and around us. Bob has worked for over twenty years as an ecumenical spiritual director in the contemplative tradition of the Shalem Institute, has twice been chosen to participate in the Collegeville Ecumenical Writing Workshops at St. Johns University in Collegeville, Minnesota, and was awarded a Lilly Grant for Clergy Renewal in 2010. He is the author of over 60 articles on faith and spirituality published in *The Gardener News*; his work is included in Mary Ylvisaker Nilsen's *Words That Sing: Composing Lyrical Prose* (Zion Press, 2012).



Nashoba Valley Young Life

Since 1988 Nashoba Valley Young Life has been working in concert with local churches of all denominations to reach kids in our high schools who are more at risk today than ever before. In a safe, fun, wholesome environment we offer a biblically based message that God has a better plan for their lives. Nashoba Valley Young Life works with high school kids in Lancaster, Bolton, Stow, and Harvard. Each year we minister to over 300 kids, an average of 35 kids attended weekly club, and over 50 kids attend one of Young Life's premier camps for the best week of their lives.

CLUB: Monday evenings, 7:45 pm. All high school students welcome!

Join us at ECC Lancaster, 793 Main St Lancaster!



The Evangelical Congregational Church invites you to join them for the final two sermons from a series of four on Spiritual Growth. On Sunday, April 17th the topic will be "Community Supported" and on April 24th the topic will be "Gracefully Practiced". The first two sermons of this series, "Spirit Driven" and "Gospel Saturated" can be listened to on our website: www.ecclancaster.org





Town Wide Clean Up Days



Saturday, April 23rd AND Sunday, April 24th

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Recycling Center

435 Centerbridge Road

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

People to pick up Trash, Trucks and Drivers, Runners/Haulers

WE SUPPLY: Bags, Maps, Water

All the trash you can pick up AND a place to put it!

Bags are available NOW at the Town Clerk's Office if you want an early start!

Sponsored by the Lancaster Land Trust and The Recycling Center

Contact: info@lancasterlandtrust.org for more information



PATRIOT'S DAY INFORMATION FOR REENACTMENTS AND THE MARATHON BELOW!

Information on Patriot's Day reenactments and parades may be found here:

<http://www.boston-discovery-guide.com/patriots-day-schedule.html>

or from the National Park Service, here:

<https://www.nps.gov/mima/patriots-day.htm>

Information on the Boston Marathon may be found here:

<http://www.baa.org/races/boston-marathon/event-information.aspx>

Good Luck and Good Health to All Running and Assisting in the Event.

We're cheering you on!!



CAMP CRAFT LANCASTER IS A PROGRAM THAT OFFERS NUMEROUS AND DIVERSE ACTIVITIES FOR CAMPERS AGES 5-13.

THE PROGRAM SERVES LANCASTER RESIDENTS AS WELL AS CHILDREN FROM NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES.

9:00AM-4:00PM

- LOW CAMPER TO COUNSELOR RATIOS.
- STAFFING THAT IS MINIMALLY 18 YEARS OLD.
- A WIDE RANGE OF UNIQUE AND ENGAGING ACTIVITIES.



JUN 27-JUL 1

JUL 4-JUL 10

JUL 11-JUL 15

JUL 18-JUL 22

JUL 25-JUL 29

AUG 1-AUG 5

AUG 8-AUG 12

AUG 15-AUG 18

AUG 22-AUG 26

\$265/CAMPER/WEEK

EXTENDED DAY

\$60/WEEK OR \$15/DAY FROM 7:30-9:00AM

\$80/WEEK OR \$20/DAY FROM 4:00-6:00PM

\$125/WEEK OR \$35/DAY FOR BOTH



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