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## Hollis's VFW Citizen of the Year is Freddi Olson

Hollis resident Freddi Olson has been named the VFW 2025 Citizen of the Year for her dedication to preserving Hollis's history. From her early career writing and acting in television commercials to crafting radio commercials at stations across the country, Freddi has always been a gifted storyteller. Today, her work with the Hollis Historical Society and the DAR preserves the history of Hollis for future generations.



One of her greatest gifts to our town has been transforming her historic home, the Gould Tavern, into a living museum. You can congratulate Freddi at the tavern on Sunday, July 5, when it will be open from 1 to 4 PM for Hollis Celebrates America's 250th museum events.

## A Young Voice of Wisdom: Author Amira Jeffrey

By Liz Barbour

High school sophomore Amira Jeffrey is the youngest published author featured in our celebration of local literary talent. Just 12 years old at the time of her book's publication, Amira's *The Little Brown Squirrel* continues to touch readers across the country.



The story emerged during the pandemic after Amira's family chose to homeschool. Jami Goodman, Amira's mother, looks back fondly: "We got to spend more time together at an age when we never would have otherwise."

She recalls telling her daughter, "This will be a time of creation and we will wait to see what the artists give life to in the coming months." Following a fifth-grade grammar lesson on descriptive adjectives, Amira scurried off to a corner of the house and emerged with a magical story inspired by their own backyard in Hollis.

Noticing a little brown squirrel running through the yard and watching a woodchuck steal from a flowerbed gave Amira the idea for the story. In her book, an industrious squirrel's berry jam keeps

disappearing, until forgiveness, sharing, and a delicious acorn pie change everything. "We all make acorn pies," Amira explains. "The path we are on may not be the destined path; the path could be something better."

The creation and publishing of Amira's story became a family affair. Amira's grandmother, Sheila Bauer, is a gifted watercolor artist and creates beautiful illustrations that capture the woodland setting and gentle characters Amira described in her writing. A family member who

worked at Orange Frazer Press helped bring *The Little Brown Squirrel* to print in 2022.

The next step was securing a professional review, something many libraries look for when considering independently published titles. Kirkus Reviews praised the book as "a charming, tender tale of forgiveness and friendship that effectively reminds readers to look on the bright side."

Amira was involved in every aspect of the project, from collaborating with her grandmother on the illustrations to speaking with bookstore owners about signings and readings. When booksellers discovered that 12-year-old Amira was the actual author, "All the stops came out!" laughed Jami. Since its publication, the response to Amira's little book has been heartwarming. "We never anticipated the joy we continue to get each time we receive a new note or picture of a child looking at the book. One child recorded a video telling Amira she was inspired by *The Little Brown Squirrel* and wants to be an author, too."

Amira remains grateful for the help she received. *Continued on page 14*

## "Bang!" And They're Off – Hollis Fast 5K Returns June 11

From kids to grandparents, athletes flock to Hollis for the region's most spirited 3.1-mile downhill dash.

By Michelle Landry, Gate City Strider and Hollis Fast 5K Partnership Coordinator

For over 20 years, the Hollis Fast 5K has attracted runners of all ages from coast to coast and beyond—from California to England, and every New England state. Participants come for the chance to set a personal best on the fast downhill course, which descends 224 feet from start to finish.

The annual Thursday night race is also a great option for families and anyone looking to get active. "A core principle of this race has always been, and remains, accessibility: Whatever your speed, your experience level, or your age, there is a place and goal for you at this race," says HF5K Race Director Samuel Judge.



Gideon McShea at the finish line

Regular participant and local physical therapist Katherine Cavallaro recommends using a "couch to 5K program" to prevent injury, and says there are "so many offered online and in the community, such as the Gate City Striders." Other annual runners such as Jennifer Penn say "There's no shame in walking sections if need be."

Sarah McShea, whose two-year-old son, Gideon,

kept her company for all her training runs and during the race, recommends to anyone thinking of signing up, "Do it! This event is perfect for any kind of first-timer, at any level. There are folks of every age, and of every experience level and everyone seems to genuinely enjoy themselves!" She also noted, "As many first-time moms and working moms can relate, we often find ourselves navigating new experiences with our kids in tow. I'm hopeful in the coming years he will be running it with me!"

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### Hollis 250th Events

A town group photo, kids games, community picnic, movie night, fireworks, and more! July 1 - July 11  
Calendar and articles, pages 8-10



### Hollis Authors Spotlight

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(photo: Mother and son authors, Jeffrey and Virginia Lund)



### Hollis Hero Gets National Recognition

United States Army Sergeant (SGT) Stewart Jackson recognized for courage in battle and his service to our community, page 10

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## Letter from the Editor

Dear Reader,

Don't miss this chance to celebrate America's 250th birthday right here in Hollis! Get your red, white, and blue ready for the events of Hollis Celebrates America's 250th from July 1-11. The celebration has been two years in the making and begins with dedications and ceremonies, a performance by the Hollis Town Band, a reading of the Declaration of Independence, games for the kids, and a community group photo. The Historic District will be decorated in patriotic fashion and visitors can explore Hollis's rich Revolutionary history through a walking tour, history museum exhibits, and bus tours. The final two days' events take place at the Lawrence Barn and include a movie night, live concert, DJ, children's activities, and a community picnic. The grand finale will be a fireworks show under the stars. We have all the

details available in our calendar and feature stories so you won't miss a thing!

Did you know that Hollis is home to many outstanding writers? Our Authors Spotlight celebrates the talented authors who are connected to Hollis and have a story to tell. We hope you enjoy getting to know them and support their work by purchasing their books.

Well, we did it again—The PH Post is growing again! Because so many of you have expressed your appreciation regarding good news in Hollis, we've increased the physical size of the paper. Thank you all for your emails letting us know how much you are enjoying The PH Post. Keep those emails coming!

Warmly,  
*Liz Barbour*  
Publisher/Editor

## Respect the Fields That Feed Us

By Andrea Seddon, Hollis Agriculture Commission

Spring is here and we are outdoors in droves taking advantage of the beautiful trails through Hollis's farms, woodlands, meadows, and rolling hills.

The Hollis Trails Committee and Agricultural Commission have been working together to identify trails through agricultural fields and to improve maps and signage. One area we've focused on is Woodmont Farm, which is located on Route 122. It's a beautiful spot to see the night sky, take family photos, or to see the view from the top of the hill. Personally, I would not walk a dog in active farmland during the growing season due to fertilizer and pest control, but if you choose to do so, please look for the new signs, follow the map, stay on the trail, and enjoy the view!

It is permitted to walk your leashed dog and trail ride your horse on marked and maintained walking trails on certain farms, but you absolutely must stay on the marked path and it is essential to pick up after your dog. For generations, Hollis's farmers and



townspeople have shown that agriculture and passive recreation can coexist with simple, common-sense respect.

The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) requires farmers to take steps to prevent human and animal contamination of fruits and vegetables. Penalties can be severe, even including discarding crops. In fact, trails through active agricultural fields sometimes need to be bypassed to avoid this risk. Please view the map of Woodmont here to plan your next hike up the hill and respect the fields that feed us!

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## Turning Walls and Floors into Art: Meet Cheryl O'Donnell of COD Decorative Painting

By Liz Barbour



Cheryl O'Donnell at work

Cheryl O'Donnell has spent more than three decades transforming ordinary walls, floors, and furniture into one-of-a-kind works of art. A New Hampshire native and graduate of the Massachusetts College of Art with a degree in Illustration Design, she founded COD Decorative Painting in 1995. Operating from her studio in Brookline, New Hampshire, O'Donnell specializes in custom murals, painted floors, stenciled patterns, furniture finishes, and decorative accents that reflect each client's personality and existing décor.

"Decorative painting allows clients to incorporate their own style into the design, whether through colors or patterns," O'Donnell explains. "Many people have ideas of what they want but don't feel creative enough to execute them. I ask clients to show me pictures of designs they've seen and liked, then we create something unique by blending those elements with their space. After hearing their preferences, I offer many suggestions so they feel guided through the process. My goal is for every client to feel like a true partner so the finished project genuinely reflects their taste."

One of the biggest advantages of decorative painting is its flexibility. All colors are custom-mixed on site to coordinate perfectly with existing furnishings and lighting. Sample boards are painted directly in the client's home before any permanent work begins, ensuring the scale, hue, and effect

work beautifully with the room's natural light.

Decorative painting can add just the right touch of uniqueness. For one client, O'Donnell painted small "wall tattoos" of flying pigs tucked into quiet corners of their home. "It was fun, cute, and quirky—just like them," she says. Whether subtle or bold, the technique creates spaces that feel truly personal. "There are no limits to color, design, or ideas," O'Donnell adds.

Painted floors, in particular, make a powerful design statement. In a foyer, they greet visitors with immediate impact and can be viewed dramatically from a staircase above. In formal dining rooms, they eliminate the need for a rug while adding color and personality. They also solve practical challenges—breaking up long runs of wood flooring, concealing worn surfaces without expensive refinishing, or preserving historic floors that cannot be altered. O'Donnell uses top-quality interior and exterior paints, followed by protective coats of latex polyurethane for lasting durability. "Dogs and children can be tough on any floor, but painted floors are easier to touch up than refinished hardwood," she notes. Clients often report that their painted floors still look beautiful years later.

Her process is very collaborative. She begins with an in-home consultation, takes measurements, and provides detailed estimates. For murals and



Custom floor painting

## Hollis Heritage Commission Advances Preservation Efforts

By Karla Vogel, Hollis Heritage Commission



White Barn Exterior Restoration

The Hollis Heritage Commission (HHC) continues its mission to preserve and promote the town's rich agricultural history, with recent progress clearly visible at the historic White Barn on Silver Lake Road. The once-abandoned structure has undergone a major exterior transformation with new clapboard siding, doors, and roof, restoring the barn's historic character. Upcoming efforts include painting the barn and enhancing its windows. Interior cleaning and organizing will begin with the goal to establish a farm museum.

The White Barn joins the Gambrel Barn and Icehouse at Woodmont Farm, along with the Cooper Shop at Nichols Field, in preserving the visual and cultural heritage of Hollis's farming history. The Commission is expanding fund-raising opportunities to build a maintenance fund.

The Scenic Hollis 2027 calendar, the HHC's major fundraiser, showcases Hollis through the lens of local photographers. The 2027 edition theme is livestock and wildlife, highlighting the town's rural character. Photographers are encouraged to capture images of sheep, horses, chickens, birds, deer, and other subjects that reflect Hollis's natural beauty. Photographs must be in landscape orientation, minimum resolution of 300 ppi, and saved as jpeg or png format. The photos cannot have people in them. If you have a photo to submit, email to: [hollisnh.heritage@gmail.com](mailto:hollisnh.heritage@gmail.com). Limit two submissions per person.

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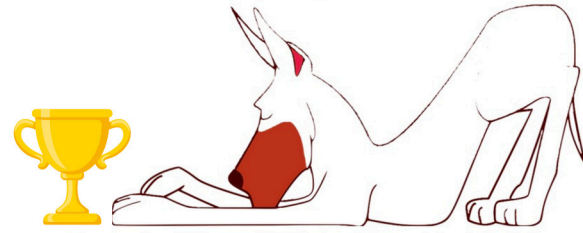
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## Old Home Days, For the People, By the People

By Lindsey Sud, Sponsorship Coordinator, OHD Committee



Glow Mini Golf OHD Family Night 2025

Planning for Old Home Days is already underway! Be sure to mark your calendars for September 18 and 19, 2026.

In our March article, we explored who pays for Old Home Days (OHD). The answer is simple: you—our local donors and sponsors—who make all the magic possible alongside the volunteer efforts of the Old Home Days Committee.

In 2025, the event underwent significant changes following the departure of our carnival vendor of more than 30 years. Their exit resulted in a loss of approximately \$6,000 in revenue that is not easily replaced. Despite this challenge, the refreshed look and feel of Old Home Days was overwhelmingly well received. The addition of inflatable amusements proved to be a major hit with attendees. However, while they were popular, we managed to only break even and cannot fully offset the revenue gap left by the carnival. This makes community donations more important than ever to sustain the event.

Historically, much of our funding came from modest individual contributions, largely driven by a mail campaign supporting the finale fireworks. Rising postal costs have made that approach impractical, and individual donations have declined significantly. Many are familiar with donation signs at Monument Square and Lawrence Barn encouraging support for our fireworks display, which costs approximately \$10,000 but represents only about one-third of the total cost of producing Old Home Days.

We are asking individuals to once again play a meaningful role. As we shared in the previous issue of PH, Old Home Days is 100% donor-funded—every contribution, no matter the size, truly makes a difference.

One of last year's standout successes was the Friday Night Block Party, featuring glow mini golf and other free activities made possible by a generous family sponsor. We would love to continue offering these experiences at no cost to attendees and are seeking additional families to help sponsor these activities. Family sponsors will be recognized at the event.

**Here's how you can help:**

**Make a donation of any size.** Visit [hollisoldhomedays.org/donate](http://hollisoldhomedays.org/donate) or give by check payable to Town of Hollis (memo: Old Home Days), mailed or delivered to 7 Monument Square. All donations are tax-deductible and go directly toward supporting the event.

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The OHD Committee is looking for new members. These events rely on dedicated volunteers—join us to get involved, meet neighbors, and support the community! Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at the Lawrence Barn. For sponsorship information, email Lindsey Sud at [info@hollisoldhomedays.org](mailto:info@hollisoldhomedays.org) or visit [www.hollisoldhomedays.org/sponsor](http://www.hollisoldhomedays.org/sponsor).

## Silver Lake Watershed Management Plan Now Complete

By Liz Barbour



The Silver Lake Watershed Management Plan is now complete, a direct result of strong voter support and years of community advocacy in Hollis.

In March 2024, Hollis voters overwhelmingly approved authorizing a \$100,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan to fund a comprehensive Watershed-Based Management Plan for Silver Lake. Backed by the Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA), the Hollis Conservation Commission, and the town's initiative, the measure passed with broad support after targeted education efforts, including lake-friendly practice seminars that engaged watershed residents.

Silver Lake, a 41-acre groundwater-fed waterbody with a 343-acre watershed, has faced increasing pressure from intense development. Once a clear, low-nutrient oligotrophic lake, it has shifted to a mesotrophic state, triggering recurring cyanobacteria blooms. Since 2011, the state has issued 30 bloom warnings, some lasting up to 100 days, due to toxin-producing cyanobacteria harmful to people and pets.

The completed plan explains the challenges and charts a clear path to restore water quality, meet state mesotrophic standards, and dramatically reduce harmful blooms through targeted phosphorus controls. The full report is available via the QR code in this article. Community action made this plan possible, and continued partnership will protect Silver Lake for generations to come.

## The Hollis Woman's Club Is Reinventing Itself— More Fun, More Variety, and More Welcoming Than Ever

By Hollis Woman's Club



HWC 70s Dance Party

If you think you know what the Hollis Woman's Club is all about, you might be surprised by what's happening at Lawrence Barn these days.

Founded in 1906, the HWC has been part of Hollis for nearly 120 years. But this spring, the club's 85 members asked themselves what they wanted the club to be—and then voted to make it happen. The answer: a club that's modern and still evolving, with more variety, more energy, and a culture where any member can say “What a great

idea! I'd love to try that!” The changes grew out of months of listening—focus groups, a club-wide survey, and a meeting where every member had a voice.

So, what's happening at the Hollis Woman's Club? A 70s dance party. A Mardi Gras dinner. Outings to museums, historic estates, the holiday lights display at LaBelle Winery, and high tea. A bridge group open to beginners. Two book groups. Movie nights. Lunchtime meetups at local restaurants. Hands-on service projects and financial donations that make a real impact in our community. And we're just getting started—interactive activities, one-time pop-up events, and chances to learn something new are all in the works.

Come experience the new HWC for yourself at a festive event we're sponsoring right here in town. Join us for a patriotic community picnic as we proudly celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary on Saturday, July 11, 5–7 PM with fireworks following at dusk. Bring your red, white & blue touches—

linens, flowers, china, or simply a blanket—and gather with neighbors on the Lawrence Barn lawn. Pack your own picnic or enjoy dinner from the Fenway Favorites truck and Hayward's ice cream. We'll be serving refreshing lemonade, cold water, and a special Celebration Cake to mark this historic milestone. Let's come together in true American spirit, filling the lawn with joy, unity, and music as the DJ plays your favorite songs. All are welcome whether your setup is simple or spectacular. We'll also have a booth at Old Home Days on Saturday, September 19, 2026. Visit [HollisWomansClub.org](http://HollisWomansClub.org) or email [Membership@HollisWomansClub.org](mailto:Membership@HollisWomansClub.org). We look forward to celebrating with you!



HWC A Visit to The Fells on Lake Sunapee



## Historic District Neighbors, Let's Decorate in Red, White, & Blue!

Historic District residents, you are invited to join the 250th celebration and showcase your homes' historic heritage. Deck out your front doors, porches, yards, and windows in vibrant red, white, and blue for a district-wide patriotic display.

Please complete your decorations by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, for the Opening Ceremony on Monument Square. Your beautiful displays will welcome visitors to the Historic District from July 1–11, creating a festive patriotic atmosphere throughout the district.

Email .jpeg photos to [Hollis250doors@gmail.com](mailto:Hollis250doors@gmail.com) to be featured on the town website and “Hollis Celebrates America 250th” Facebook page.





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This year, America celebrates 250 years of independence. Join us in saying, "Thank you" to the Hollis Celebrates America's 250th Committee and to the many town organizations that have dedicated their time to organizing and designing a multi-day celebration. It's an opportunity for us all to come together to enjoy the events, places, and people that have defined our nation's past and Hollis's unique place in the fight for freedom and liberty.

**Committee Members:** Lillian Garruba (Chair), Aaron Penkacik (Vice Chair), Chelsea Lennartz, Nate Michaels, Melissa Sayre, Judy Mahoney, and Victoria Harnish.

**Town Organizations:** Congregational Church, Daughters of the American Revolution, Department of Public Works, Heritage Committee, Historical Society, Historic District Commission, Hollis Arts Society, Hollis Boy Scouts, Hollis Recreation Department, Hollis Social Library, Hollis Woman's Club, police and fire departments, and the VFW.

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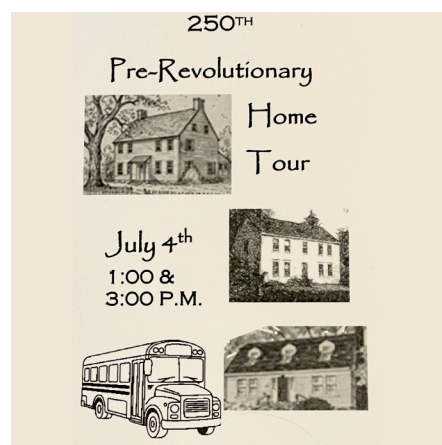
## A Special Bus Tour of Hollis Revolutionary Patriots' Homes is Planned

Submitted by the Hollis DAR

The Anna Keyes Powers Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is proud to present a special bus tour highlighting the homes of Hollis's Revolutionary War patriots. Each home on the tour brings to life the Hollis patriots who stood for liberty when the nation needed them most. This family-friendly event promises a fascinating journey through Hollis history and is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices that secured American independence.

The 90-minute tours will depart Saturday, July 4, 2026, at 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM from the Lawrence Barn parking area at 28 Depot Road in Hollis. Tickets are \$25 each and will be available for purchase at the Town Band Concert on July 1 and at the tours on July 4 (as supplies last). Advance tickets may be purchased by emailing [darhollishn@gmail.com](mailto:darhollishn@gmail.com).

Tours will return to the Lawrence Barn. Guests may choose to disembark at the final stop near Monument Square in front of the Farley Building, but must arrange their own transportation back to the Barn if they do not reboard. Cameras are encouraged; food and drink are not permitted except for water. Join the tour and learn some things about Hollis history you may not know!



## Hollis Historical Sites Open to Celebrate Our Revolutionary War Contributions

By Staff

The Hollis Historical Society is preparing a full slate of activities to mark the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. The Wheeler House display theme is drawn directly from the Hollis town seal, which depicts a harrow for agriculture, a schoolhouse for education, and a church for piety—the foundational stones of society—with a strong emphasis on self-reliance. Exhibits will illustrate daily family life and the self-sufficient skills required in homes during the Revolutionary War era.

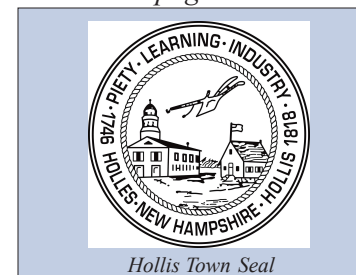
The Ice House behind the Wheeler House will be transformed into the small cabin of one of Hollis's founding fathers, Peter Powers. Visitors will walk through an herb garden created by the Colonial Garden Club of Hollis, featuring plants often used for cooking and

medicinal purposes in Revolutionary times.

At the Always Ready Engine House, upstairs displays focus on the Revolutionary War itself, highlighting local figures such as Prudence Cumings Wright. She grew up near the engine house and with her friends, captured a British spy in Pepperell. In addition, Sheriff Benjamin Whiting's role in the Pine Tree Riot will be featured.

The Gould Tavern Museum will feature related artifacts and militia exhibits, while the fully restored

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## The Great Women of the American Revolution Exhibit by the Hollis DAR

By Staff

As twilight fell over the countryside, a weary patriot scout spotted a Log Cabin quilt fluttering on a distant clothesline. Its bold red center square glowed like a hearth fire, signaling safety amid British patrols. Trusting the silent code, he altered his route to reach friendly lines guided not by maps, but by the handiwork of a patriot woman.

Resourceful and brave, patriot women devised secret codes displayed through their quilting. Quilts on the clothesline helped patriots know which roads or waterways were safe that day just as, years later, certain quilts guided enslaved people heading north to freedom. Revolutionary patriot women fought fiercely for independence in countless ways. They shouldered rifles, loaded cannons in the heat of battle, spied for General Washington, helped prisoners escape British ships, and crafted ammunition and uniforms. Many traveled behind the army as camp followers, providing food and care under harsh conditions.

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Anna Keyes Powers Chapter, will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution with a display of posters featuring "Great Women of the American Revolution." The exhibit will also include locally crafted quilts in the spirit of those resourceful patriot quilters who stitched liberty into every thread. The display will be open to the public Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4, from 1 to 5 p.m., and Sunday, July 5, and Monday, July 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hollis Town Hall Community Room.



Handmade Quilt-Sharon Howe and Sue Birch

## "Witness to a Nation" Walking Tour Step Back in Time on Monument Square

Step back in time on Monument Square, where ordinary citizens became witnesses to the beginning of our great nation's founding.

On April 19, 1775, the first shots of the American Revolution rang out in Lexington and Concord. Within hours, word reached Hollis. That afternoon, 92 local minutemen gathered on the town common—now Monument Square—and marched under Captain Reuben Dow to join the fight. They were among the first New Hampshire companies to reach Cambridge. Hollis was the first town in the colonies to erect a monument honoring every man who answered the alarm: the Nevens Stone, named for the three brothers who left their work moving a boulder to join the militia.

Created for the Hollis 250th celebration, the Hollis Historical Society's (HHS) new self-guided walking tour, "Witness to a Nation," lets visitors retrace that pivotal day.



A scroll-style map with QR codes guides participants. Scanning each code brings history alive through voiceovers from residents describing daily life in 1775, soldiers recounting the alarm, and narrators explaining key events. With the tour map in hand, anyone can take the self-guided tour while visiting Hollis's historic district. The tour will be a highlight of the town's 250th anniversary celebration, from July 1 to July 11. Tour maps and handouts will be available at the Wheeler House at 20 Main Street, during regular hours and on Sunday, July 5, from 1-4 PM. Full tour details and additional map pickup information are available at [hollishistory.org](http://hollishistory.org).

## Militia Drilling at Hollis Center

Painting by Mark Fountain

(Printed with permission from the artist)



Mark Fountain is a Pepperell artist and history buff with family roots in the area going back to 1753. Raised in Brookline, he studied at the New England School of Art under master painter Kathy Cooper. A painterly realist inspired by Norman Rockwell, Howard Pyle, and N.C. Wyeth, he creates historically accurate oils, illustrations, and murals celebrating local heritage.

The following is from our March 2026 article, "Hollis and the Fight for Independence," by Freddi Olson.

"On the morning of April 19, 1775, the day after Paul Revere's midnight ride, Captain Noah Worcester was in the midst of shaving when Deacon John Boynton rode up to his door, spreading the alarm that "the [British] regulars are coming and killing our men!" By the afternoon, 92 Minutemen rallied on the Hollis Common, ready to do battle. It is estimated that in June 1775, one-sixth of the New Hampshire soldiers working to fortify Bunker Hill were from Hollis.

By 1782 (the final year of the war), it was estimated that Hollis sent more than 300 soldiers during the seven years of the war. This represents more than one-half of Hollis's households during that period of time!"

# Hollis Celebrates America's 250th Birthday

July 1-11, 2026

### Events Ongoing Throughout the Celebration

(These events are available every day from July 1-11)

★ *Article contains full event details*

#### Witness To A Nation Walking Tour ★

Maps available at the Wheeler House and at [www.hollishistory.org](http://www.hollishistory.org)

#### Historic District Patriotic Home Decorations ★

#### Time Capsule Messages

Write a personal note or message to be sealed in Hollis's 250th Anniversary Time Capsule. Paper slips will be provided at each event.

### Wednesday, July 1-Opening Ceremony

Location: Monument Square

6 PM Introduction, plaque and tree dedication, time capsule on display

6:30 PM America's Birthday cake and ice cream at the Hollis Congregational Church

7 - 8 PM - Hollis Town Band Concert

### Thursday, July 2

Location: Hollis Social Library

5-7 PM Red, White, & Blue Twist & Dye Craft

Registration required — drop in anytime during the event.

### Friday, July 3

1-5 PM Great Women of the American Revolution ★  
Poster and Quilt Exhibit at the Town Hall Community Room

### Saturday, July 4

Location: Monument Square and Little Nichols Field

10-11:30 AM Commemoration Ceremony

Chris Lussier, Master of Ceremonies

Invocation, Flag Raising, Singing of Our National Anthem,

Reading of the Declaration of Independence by Hollis State Representatives,

Reading of "Old Glory" by Bruce Moran, VFW

11:30 AM Community Photo -Wear your red, white, and blue, and your biggest smile!

11-1 PM Family field games and Community Art Mural,

"What Does Liberty Mean to Me?" -All ages welcome to add to the mural. ★

1-5 PM Great Women of the American Revolution Poster and Quilt Exhibit at Town Hall community room

1-2:30 PM Revolutionary Patriots' Homes Bus Tour - DAR ★

3-4:30 PM Revolutionary Patriots' Homes Bus Tour - DAR

Tours start at the Lawrence Barn. \$25 per person

### Sunday, July 5

#### Traditional Worship Service at the Hollis Congregational Church

Incorporating artifacts and features from the 18th century - call the church for the time, 603-465-7797

10 AM-5 PM Great Women of the American Revolution ★

Poster and Quilt Exhibit at Town Hall community room

1-4 PM Historic sites open to the public, 20 Main Street area - ★

The Wheeler House featuring "Peter Powers' Cabin" and "Revolutionary Herb Garden."

Always Ready Engine House & Gould Tavern Museum

Display of Revolutionary War artifacts

2 PM The Old Pine Hill Schoolhouse "History and Patriots of One Pine Hill" ★

Talk by historian Sharon Howe. Location: 69 Ranger Road.

### Monday, July 6

10 AM-5 PM Great Women of the American Revolution ★

Poster and Quilt Exhibit at Town Hall community room

### Thursday, July 9

6-9 PM The Old Pine Hill Schoolhouse open for visitors.

Location: 69 Ranger Road.

7 PM The Old Pine Hill Schoolhouse "History and Patriots of One Pine Hill" ★

Talk by historian Sharon Howe.

### Friday, July 10

Location: The Lawrence Barn and lawn area

5-7 PM Children's activities, cornhole, giant Jenga, bubble fun,

Community Art Mural, "What Does Liberty Mean to Me?"

All ages are welcome to add to the mural.

6-7 PM Kona shaved ice

6 PM "250th Family Movie Night:

Liberty Kids – Revolutionary Tales of Freedom"

with popcorn!

### Saturday, July 11

Location: Lawn at Lawrence Barn

(Rain date Sunday, July 12)

1-9 PM Inflatible amusements

1:30-3:30 PM Live music performed by Hollis band, "The Slakas."

4-7 PM Colonial children's games, Revolutionary War-era laundry demonstration, Cooper Shop open for visitors. ★

4-8 PM Fenway Favorites food truck serving ballpark-style food and Hayward's Ice Cream for purchase. ★

5-7 PM Bring Your Own picnic food & patriotic accessories—red, white & blue linens, flowers, china/paper plates, or simply a blanket. ★

Celebration cake, lemonade, and water

provided by The Hollis Woman's Club

5-8 PM DJ Carryl Roy

Please note that the calendar reflects event information at press time. For the most up-to-date details, please check the committee's webpage : <https://hollisnh.gov/1736/Hollis-Celebrates-America-250th-Committee>

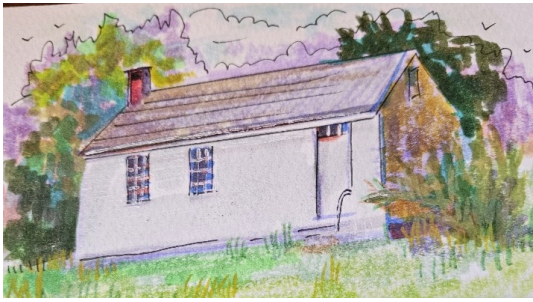


250th Committee  
Website

9 PM Fireworks at dark

## Discover Hollis Patriots Historic Schoolhouse Open for Free Talk

Submitted by Sharon Howe, Hollis Historical Society



"Old Pine Hill Schoolhouse" by Jennifer Wolf, Hollis

On Sunday, July 5, the Old Pine Hill Schoolhouse at 69 Ranger Road in Hollis will be open to the public from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

At 2:00 PM, Hollis historian Sharon Howe will present a talk titled "History and Patriots of One Pine Hill." The presentation will highlight the homes and Revolutionary War service of several patriots who lived in the Pine Hill section of Hollis. The schoolhouse will be open again on Thursday, July 9, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, with the talk repeated at 7:00 PM. Both events are free and open to the public.

The book "The Hollis Patriot Homes Tour" (published in 2025 by the Hollis DAR) will be available for purchase. It features a driving tour of the homes and sites connected to approximately 300 Hollis patriots who served in the Revolutionary War.

Regular Summer Hours: The Old Pine Hill Schoolhouse will be open on the first Sunday of each month (June through October) from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, and by appointment. For more information or to schedule a visit, please call or text Sharon Howe at 603-305-9371.

## National Recognition for Army Sergeant Stewart Jackson

Submitted by Bruce Moran, Hollis VFW

United States Army Sergeant (SGT) Stewart Jackson, a longtime Hollis resident and Purple Heart recipient, has been selected to represent New Hampshire in the 2026 Purple Heart Patriot Project. This prestigious national tribute, presented by the National Purple Heart Honor Mission, recognizes outstanding combat-wounded veterans for their courage in battle and continued service in their communities.

Chosen from hundreds of nominees nationwide, Jackson joins a select group of honorees who embody the best of America's veterans. The program brings Purple Heart recipients together for a meaningful multi-day experience that includes visits to historic sites such as the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, a private tour of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New Windsor, NY, and the 9/11 Memorial.

"Stew and his fellow honorees represent the best of the best our country has to offer," said Jeremy McVey, Chairman of the National Purple Heart Honor Mission. "They answered the nation's call and continue serving their communities today."

Drafted in January 1968, Jackson served 20 months with the 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam. On February 28, 1969, he sustained shrapnel wounds to the abdomen during a jungle ambush when a booby trap detonated. For this he received the Purple Heart along with the Combat Infantryman Badge, Army Commendation Medal with "V" device, Vietnam Service Medal, and other honors.



U.S. Army Sergeant (SGT) Stewart Jackson

A proud Hollis resident, husband, father, and grandfather, Jackson remains active in the community through amateur radio, furniture making, carpentry, national park travels, and auto repair. He continues to serve fellow veterans as a life member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Patriot Guard Riders, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH). He is also well known locally for playing bugle at parades, holiday events, and veterans' funerals.

The Purple Heart Patriot Project is supported by donations and helps ensure the sacrifices of America's combat wounded are never forgotten.

For more information, visit [www.PurpleHeartMission.org](http://www.PurpleHeartMission.org).

## Hollis Community Group Photo Everyone Welcome!



 **Saturday, July 4**   
**10 AM Commemoration Ceremony**  
**11:30 AM Community Group Photo**  
 Wear your red, white & blue! Bring your smiles!  
 Location: Monument Square

## The Hollis Social Library's Summer Reading Program Begins June 22!

By Tanya Griffith, HSL Director

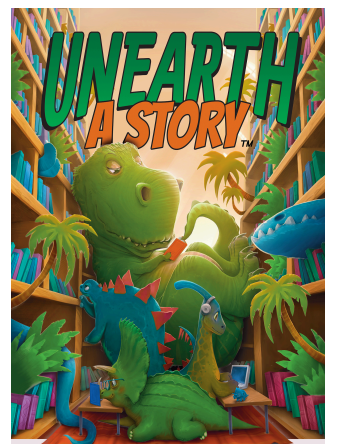
Discover the Hollis Social Library (HSL) this summer through books, programs, and hands-on learning. This year's summer reading theme, "Unearth a Story", invites readers of all ages to dig into discovery, exploring everything from dinosaurs, paleontology, and archaeology to gardening, local history, and the hidden layers within every story.

The Summer Reading Program runs from June 22 through August 15, with pre-registration opening on Monday, June 8. Residents of Hollis of all ages are invited to participate. Children and teens (up to age 18) track the minutes they spend reading. Adults (18+) track the number of books they complete. As participants reach their goals, they'll earn prizes, gift cards, and raffle tickets for exciting grand prizes, with drawings held at the end of the program.

A big thank you to The Friends of the Hollis Social Library for generously sponsoring the 2026 Children and Teen Summer Reading Program!

### Tuesday, June 22 Summer Reading Kickoff!

This year's celebration features our annual Touch-a-Truck event, co-hosted with the Hollis Fire Department, Hollis Police Department, and Hollis Department of Public Works. Get an up-close look at trucks, police cars, and fire engines, and even climb aboard (with operator approval)! We'll also have lawn games and a cool treat to enjoy. To participate, simply register online or stop by the library—we're happy to help you get started.



### Special Summer Programs



#### Children's Museum of NH:

Dinosaur Detectives – Learn paleontology basics, examine fossils, and create a dinosaur diorama.

**Wildlife Encounters:** Global Tour – Meet live animals from around the world and discover how they adapt to their environments.

**Lindsay and her Puppet Pals:** Enjoy a fun, interactive puppet show with quirky characters.

#### Bright Star Theatre: Dino

Academy – A dinosaur discovery show with storytelling and colorful puppets.

#### Talewise – Science Heroes:

Digging It! – Hands-on science experiments and demonstrations.

**Mr. Aaron's Music Concert:** An energetic program of singing, dancing, instruments, and creative play.

Visit the HSL website ([www.hollislibrary.org](http://www.hollislibrary.org)) for the latest details!



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# Hollis Authors Spotlight



## New Hampshire and Independence An Interview with Hollis Author and Historian, Dr. William Fahey (History)

Recently, The PH Post interviewed Hollis resident, New Hampshire historian, and college president William Edmund Fahey, Ph.D., about his new book *New Hampshire and Independence: Rediscovered Writings from the Sons of the American Revolution*. Fahey discovered several neglected 19th-century documents written by members of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). Edited now into six ground-breaking essays, the book presents a vivid account of New Hampshire's crucial contributions to the American Revolution.

Dr. Fahey is president and a Fellow of Thomas More College of Liberal Arts in Merrimack, New Hampshire. He has taught history and humanities for more than 30 years, with advanced studies in ancient and early modern military history. An active member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Dr. Fahey has lived with his family in Hollis for nearly two decades.

*PH: Dr. Fahey, you've just published one of the only books this year on New Hampshire and the American Revolution. Tell us how the book came to be.*

WF: In 2024, I was appointed the Historian of the New Hampshire Sons of the American Revolution. When I began to go through the small archive of materials in our possession, I found a series of pamphlets and addresses—these were once given by historians and scholars in the 19th century to gatherings of the Sons. They have largely been forgotten by scholars and readers today. I thought they were wonderful. I cobbled them together and shared them with a group of my students at Thomas More College, who quite enjoyed them. Their keenness got me thinking that from these writings, a fine history of New Hampshire and the war for independence might be told.

*PH: Who exactly are the Sons of the American Revolution?*

WF: The Sons—or SAR as we typically say—are

male direct descendants of patriotic ancestors who fought or served in political office during the period from 1775 to 1781.

*PH: Wait, you are a descendent of someone who fought in the American Revolution?*

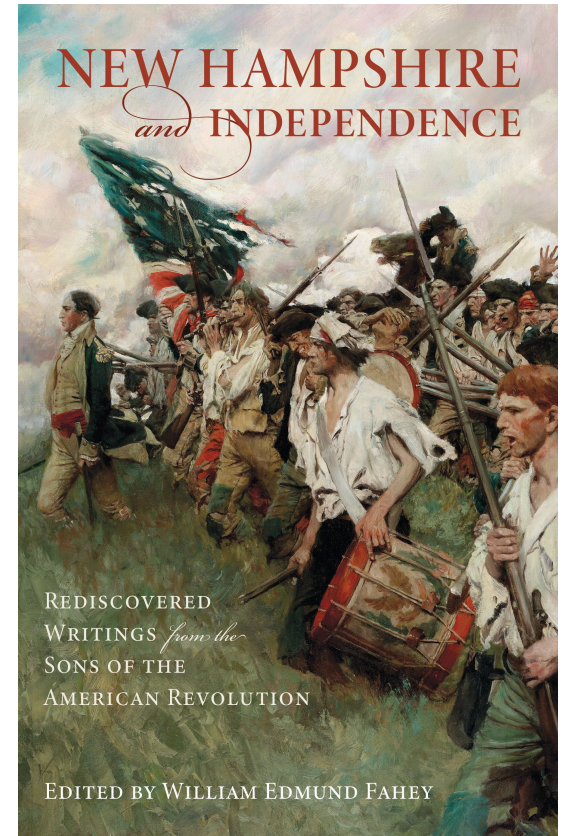
WF: Four or five, actually, including a prominent Tory, who fought on the British side. The SAR was established to support American patriotism and scholarship on our independence. They and their sisters in the Daughters of the American Revolution are great organizations. We have some very active members of DAR here in Hollis—Sharon Howe, for example, has put together a great tour of sites associated with Hollis patriots.

*PH: So, what is in the books? Speeches?*

WF: The first quarter of the book is an introduction that I wrote, guiding the reader through a firm understanding of NH history from its founding through the war, along with a reflection on the history of the Sons, as well as the main player of the war. The heart of the book is six speeches that were revised by the original speakers into essays. Together they make a great miniature history of the entire war. Then I wrote a section on how to assemble a little Revolutionary War library, resources in the state and region, places to visit, groups to join. The book ends with some first-rate documents: our first constitution, sections from the NH bill of rights, John Stark's famous letter that was the origin of "Live free or die!" and more.

*PH: Sounds amazing. So, New Hampshire, you argue, was significant in America's independence. Was Hollis significant in any way?*

WF: Readers of the book will see NH played a critical role in our struggle to gain recognition as a sovereign country—critical! As far as little Hollis, well, you see, I dedicate the book to the eight men from Hollis who died at Bunker Hill—Nathan Blood, Jacob Boynton, Thomas



Colburn, Isaac Hobart, Phineas Nevins, Peter Poor, Thomas Wheat, and Ebenezer Youngman. No battle was more significant in my view. The British high command was stunned, and New Hampshire and Hollis men were disproportionately active at the battle—and frankly, they were the best of the fighters. Everyone from Hollis should know these stories and be proud.

*To purchase Dr. Fahey's book, visit:*

*The History Press/Arcadia Publishing*  
[www.arcadiapublishing.com/products/new-hampshire-and-independence](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com/products/new-hampshire-and-independence). If you would like a signed copy of his book or to schedule a book-signing event, email him at: [wfahey@thomasmorecollege.edu](mailto:wfahey@thomasmorecollege.edu).

## Life After Kevin: Hollis Author, Susan Lynch (Memoir)

By Liz Barbour

In September 2023, I interviewed Hollis resident, author, and friend, Susan Lynch for our website blog about her award-winning memoir, *Life After Kevin*. In the book, Susan shares the sudden, tragic loss of her son Kevin at age 25 from an accidental overdose. Susan's story touched many readers, offering hope that healing is possible even after devastating loss. At the time, her reflections on stigma, signs from beyond the veil, and the quiet support of her golden retrievers Manny and Tripp provided comfort and inspiration. Yet, as is often the case, there is more to the story.

In our original interview, Susan highlighted how writing *Life After Kevin* helped her process the shame she felt, as if she somehow failed at being a mother. She kept the cause of Kevin's death private for two years while sitting daily with her grief. Her golden retrievers mirrored her sorrow during that time. Readers of her book saw their own



relationships with their dogs reflected in her words. "I was so fortunate to be led to Susan's beautiful, touching, and fascinating book... everything Susan says about grief, loss, and the healing presence of



Kevin and Matthew Lynch

our dogs resonated with me so much," commented one reader.

In her book, Susan also touches on the idea of maintaining a connection with Kevin across the veil and how it has helped her find peace and healing in the wake of his passing. "It's about establishing a new kind of relationship with our deceased loved ones, which can give us comfort. We often hear about receiving 'signs' Sending signs is their way of getting our attention, saying hello, and letting us know they are close by, on the other side of a veil. I received an amazing sign the day after Kevin's funeral, letting me know he was OK." You can read the full story of that incredible sign here: <https://susan-lynch.com/kevin-the-dog>.

Tragically, Susan's journey of loss continued, and eight years after Kevin's death, her oldest son, Matthew, took his own life. "Matthew was a kind, intelligent, and compassionate person who sadly developed schizophrenia in his early 20s. At the



Watch Susan's talk on "This is My Brave."

time, I found navigating his mental illness as complicated as the feelings that went with it. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) helped our family tremendously, but tragically, on December 20, 2023, Matthew ended his life by suicide. Once again, I found myself in the throes of traumatic, stigmatized loss. One year after Matthew's passing, I auditioned to be a 2025 cast member of the show This Is My Brave. The show is put on by NAMI NH each year and is held at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord. My piece was about the impact stigma has had on my grief. You can watch my story via the QR code included in this article. It is just under 10 minutes, though I encourage you to watch all the inspiring presentations on mental health, suicide, and substance use."

Today, Susan chooses to live with purpose in honor of both Kevin and Matthew. "My goal each day is balance," she says. "I want to give my grief attention as well as do things that give me joy." She continues speaking across New Hampshire on healing after loss and maintains her popular Facebook group, Life with Rune, which offers free puppy-training resources to over 3,000 members. Susan's journey demonstrates remarkable resilience. *Life After Kevin* remains available on Amazon, and her website, [www.susan-lynch.com](http://www.susan-lynch.com).

## The Echoes of Ashwood (Science Fiction)

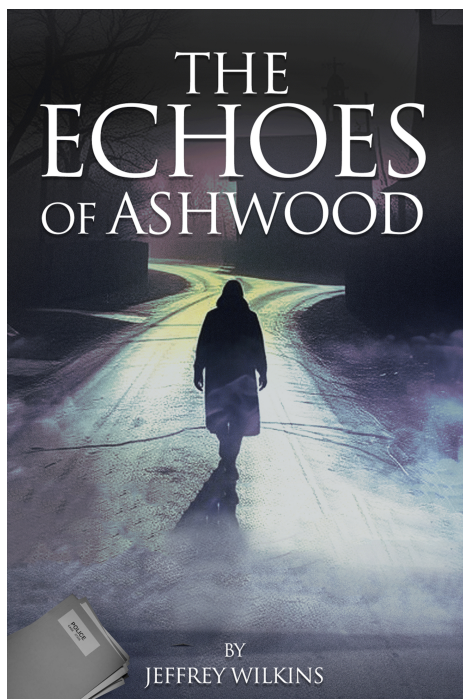
By Jeffrey C. Wilkins

Hello Hollis! I'm Jeffrey Wilkins, a proud Hollis author. My father, Roy Wilkins, our longtime road agent and fire chief, served this community with quiet strength and dedication for many years. My mother, Virginia Lund-Wilkins, is a published author whose love of storytelling inspired me from the very beginning.

Growing up here, surrounded by family and that special small-town spirit, I learned the true meaning of resilience and heart. Those values stayed with me through my years in the Air Force and as a veteran, and continue to shape my writing today.

I'm honored to call Hollis my hometown, and I've poured the perseverance, community, and heart I learned here into every story I write. My debut novel, *Contrivance*, is a gripping sci-fi thriller where Earth's core begins to fail, triggering devastating natural disasters and a desperate race to save humanity by fleeing to Mars. Five ordinary people are forced to make impossible choices.

My latest novel, *The Echoes of Ashwood*, is a psychological thriller set in small-town New Hampshire.



When Ethan Shaw returns to his roots, he uncovers decades-old disappearances and long-buried family secrets alongside Detective Natalie Harper. Some truths hit closer to home than you'd ever expect.

If you're looking for a good read, I'd be thrilled if you picked up a copy from Amazon or Barnes & Noble and shared it with friends and family. Thank you for the support - your hometown pride means the world to me!

## New England Town in The 40s (Memoir)

By Virginia Lund-Wilkins

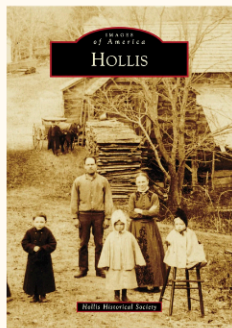
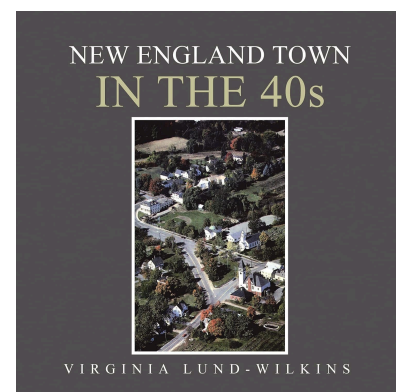
Virginia Lund-Wilkins grew up in Hollis in a family of five generations. Born shortly after the Great Depression, she attended Hollis's only school (the Farley Building) from first through twelfth grade. She played on the girls' basketball team and performed with the Church School Band. After graduating from Hollis High School, she studied at Nashua Business College, where her love of writing first blossomed.

She married Roy Wilkins and raised seven children. Roy served as Road Agent and Fire Chief, keeping the family busy with school projects and town responsibilities. Virginia's writing took a back seat during those years.

After becoming a widow in her 60s, Virginia returned to the classroom. She graduated from Hesser College with a degree in Travel and Tourism. She resumed writing, contributed articles to the *Nashua Telegraph*, and enjoyed meeting new people while traveling. Though she now lives in Nashua, Hollis remains her true home—her two sons and many friends still reside there. Virginia's books capture the charm of small-town New England life. *In New England Town in the 40s*,

she invites readers to take a stroll with her down memory lane: Travel down a dirt road in Hollis, a town of about 900 people in a time when America was struggling out of the Depression. As you read, you'll know what it was like sliding on snowy hills, swimming in local lakes, marching in the school band, or watching baseball from a stone wall. She shares stories of wartime sacrifices, the return of young soldiers, and the neighbors who made Hollis the only place she ever wanted to grow up.

Virginia has also published *Sunrise Before Sunset*, *Strangers on a Mission*, and *How Much Longer, Are We There Yet?*, the latter drawing from family trips. Her son Jeffrey continues the family's literary tradition as an author and is one of our featured Hollis authors.



## Images of America: Hollis

by the Hollis Historical Society

Signs welcoming visitors to Hollis proudly announce our town as an agricultural community, where farming still plays an important role in the identity of this beautiful place we call home. In the pages of this delightful book, the Hollis Historical Society presents a rich photographic history of our people, landscapes, historic buildings, and more—offering a vivid window into our town's past. To add this book to your local history collection, visit [www.hollishistory.org](http://www.hollishistory.org).

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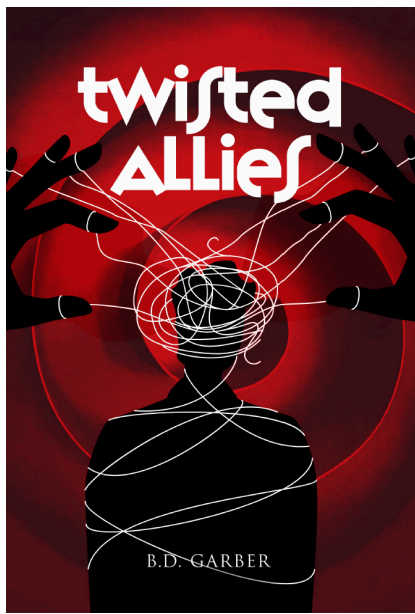
## Twisted Allies (Thriller)

By Ben Garber

Ben Garber, a longtime Hollis resident, area forensic psychologist, writer, cartoonist, outdoorsman, proud father, husband, and grandfather, has authored 10 professional books on family dynamics and child-centered evaluations. In 2023, Garber channeled decades of hands-on experience with high-conflict families into his gripping debut novel, *Twisted Allies*.

Garber's novel asks a chilling question: How far would you go to protect your child from his other parent? Dr. Sam Abrams stands accused of programming his 13-year-old son to murder his own mother, beloved model Suki Kohler. Crime writer Ted Bennett wants to be the first to tell Abrams' story to the world but is unaware that doing so may force him to become no less of a killer than Abrams himself. *Twisted Allies* pits narcissism against morality in a race to the death through two realities, only one of which is actually real.

Drawing from real-world cases of



parental alienation, manipulation, and the chaos of fractured families, Garber's thriller exposes the devastating psychological toll on children caught in the crossfire. As a Hollis-based expert with over 35 years in child clinical and forensic psychology, Garber brings authenticity to the page, illuminating the "house of mirrors" that family law professionals and families navigate daily.

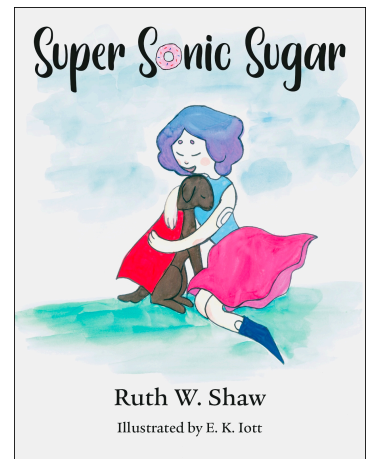
Purchase *Twisted Allies* and Dr. Garber's other books on Amazon. Learn more at [www.twistedallies.com](http://www.twistedallies.com).

## Super Sonic Sugar (Children's Literature)

By Amy Brady

Amy Brady of Hollis—writing under the pen name Ruth W. Shaw in honor of her late great-grandmother, a poet, and her grandmother who is still going strong at nearly 102 years old—is a clinical mental health counselor licensed in both New Hampshire and North Carolina. She is also a self-described "insulin-packing, carb-counting mom" to two children, including her type 1 diabetic warrior. She doesn't consider herself an author so much as an advocate, and that's exactly what brought *Super Sonic Sugar* to life.

This heartfelt children's picture book follows Violet and her brother Charlie on their first day at a new school, where Violet navigates feeling different, facing bullying, and managing type 1 diabetes—until an unexpected friend changes everything. With over 2 million Americans living with T1D, including approximately 314,000 children and adolescents, Amy wrote this book to reduce stigma, build resilience, and spark compassion



—all wrapped in a story any kid can enjoy.

As a clinician who has worked with individuals impacted by chronic illness and trauma, Amy brings both personal and professional insight to the page. She lives in Hollis with her husband, their two children, two dogs, and a whole lot of heart. The Brady family also lovingly remembers their beloved Abby, who crossed the Rainbow Bridge in November 2024. *Super Sonic Sugar* is available on Barnes & Noble online under the pen name Ruth W. Shaw.

## The Blunt Truth: Ten Things Every Parent Needs to Know About Marijuana (NonFiction)

By Sue Homola



Marijuana today is not the weed of the past. It's much more dangerous. Dispensaries are more common than some fast-food chains, and edible products are packaged to appeal directly to adolescents and young adults. Doctors, emergency rooms, and poison control centers report rising numbers of cases of cannabis-induced psychosis, addiction, and acute medical crises. Yet too many parents are being told, "It's just pot," while watching their child's life unravel.

The Blunt Truth cuts through the spin with clear, evidence-based answers written specifically for parents. This book exposes the corporate push for cannabis consumerism and its youth-friendly marketing, explains how high-THC

products affect the developing brain, and translates complex studies into plain language. It also reveals how legalization increases access to marijuana.

The Blunt Truth provides an essential toolkit with prevention tips, age-appropriate conversation scripts, red flags to watch for, and step-by-step guidance for effective intervention. Compassionate, unwavering, and relentlessly practical, The Blunt Truth delivers the strategies needed to push back against a powerful industry.

Author and Hollis resident, Sue Homola serves as the State Chairman of the New Hampshire affiliate for Smart Approaches to Marijuana, an organization dedicated to a science-based approach to marijuana policy. As a former NH State Representative for Hollis, and a current legislative policy advocate, she has witnessed the discussions around drug legalization firsthand. She co-wrote this book with bestselling author Dr. Raymond Wiggins to educate parents on the harms of today's high-THC marijuana. To purchase *The Blunt Truth*, visit [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com). Learn more at [www.suehomola.com](http://www.suehomola.com).

## The Amazings Series (Children's Literature)

By Julie Lavender Le Doux



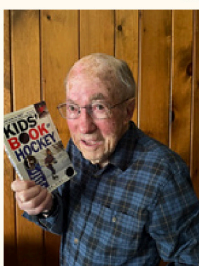
Meet Julie Lavender Le Doux, award-winning author and creator of *The Amazings Series*—a fresh six-book collection of heroic, hilarious, heart-pounding adventures for readers ages 10–14, with more to come. Once a homeschooling mom, she is now a proud grandmother, artist, and jazz musician whose live Dream Farm Jazz events in Hollis captured national attention and led to a nationally syndicated public radio program.

In a world where kids face constant pressure, confusion, and dark themes, these stories arrive like an unexpected burst of fresh air. Through whimsical quests, surprising twists, and unforgettable characters, the books spark young imaginations while encouraging children to conquer fear, build real courage, and embrace hope.

Blending fantasy, science, mystery, and wit, the series addresses relevant modern challenges in ways that feel playful and engaging. The result is stories that are as exciting as they are empowering, giving kids (and their parents) inspiration to face today's world with clearer minds and stronger hearts.

Julie draws from her own life experiences to craft tales that offer a new and wonder-filled reconnection with classic children's literature. What unfolds is an epic journey that begins with *Constance and The Battle for Wonder* and takes readers from one strangely colorblind town into brilliantly colorful and intriguing realms and dimensions. *The Amazings Series* is a fun and joyful reminder that even in uncertain times, great stories can help light the way. Visit the Hollis Social Library to check out the first three books in the series. To learn more about *The Amazings Series*, visit [www.thequestforwonder.com](http://www.thequestforwonder.com).

## John Sias Puts Wisdom Between the Pages



John N. Sias has lived in Hollis for 46 years, and has a long career as a writer. He was a sports editor and feature writer for Jet Scope at Tyndall Air Force Base, wrote for the Associated Press in Boston, and was a public relations director for the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. In 1962, he led the Nashua Chamber of Commerce, and owned Sias Associates Public Relations.

Sias has written eight books exploring faith, family, health, and philosophy. His popular 100 Questions That Non-Members Ask About Unitarian Universalism has sold over 10,000 copies.

In 1997 he wrote *Kids' Book of Hockey* for young hockey fans with over 700 questions and answers about the sport.

His family-focused books include *Dear Son*, *There are No Free Lunches* and was followed up by *Dear Daughter*, *Love, Dad*, both are collections of wisdom and life advice written for his son and daughters. *Are You Happy?* encourages readers to examine personal fulfillment, purpose, and life satisfaction. "We are here to be as happy as we can be!" says John. John Sias's books are available on Amazon.

## The Wayward Traveler (Travel Novel)

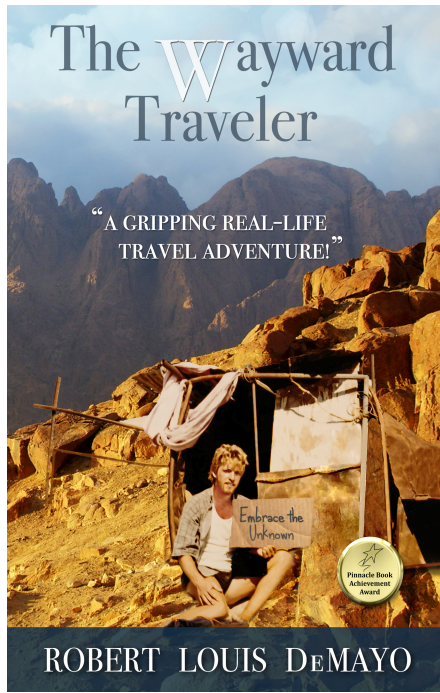
By Robert Louis DeMayo

My family moved to Hollis in 1978, and those early years left a lasting imprint on me. In high school, I worked at Orde’s Dairy Farm, milking cows before dawn and haying through the summers. The money I earned helped fund two memorable high school trips—one to Spain and France in 1979, and another to Mexico in 1982. Those journeys were my first experiences abroad and quietly ignited a lifelong passion for exploration.

Beginning in 1985, that spark became a way of life. Over the next decade, I completed 10 six-month expeditions and traveled through nearly 100 countries. I met my wife in 1994, and after our wedding on my parents’ farm on Depot Road, we spent nearly five years traveling together. During that time, the *Nashua Telegraph* published 55 of my feature stories—mostly in the travel section—along with entertainment pieces highlighting the local music scene, including bands like The Ballou Brothers Band, Fine Pitch, Coldfinger, Factory Street, and Savoy Truffle.

Meanwhile, *The Hollis Times*, the local newspaper at that time, generously ran a series of my travel articles titled “*Makin’ Tracks*,” allowing me to share the sense of wonder I found in distant places with the community that had raised me.

My career has taken many turns: marketing luxury adventure tours such as dives to the *Titanic* and *Bismarck*



guiding expeditions in Alaska and the Yukon after 9/11, and eventually settling in Sedona, Arizona, where I’ve lived for nearly 25 years as a guide, author, and father.

Yet no matter how far I roam, Hollis remains close to my heart. Several of my 10 novels include scenes set there, including my large travel novel, *The Wayward Traveler*, which both begins and ends in my New Hampshire hometown. Though my parents have passed and our family home on Depot Road now belongs to others, I still feel that same quiet magic whenever I return—the enduring spirit of the fields and roads that was the first place I called home. To learn more about my work, visit: [www.robertlouisdemayo.com](http://www.robertlouisdemayo.com).

### Amira Jeffrey.....Continued from page 1

“I could not have done it without all the help from everyone, my grandmother, and especially my mom.” She says simply, “I always wanted to write,” and today she has “a million dreams in the works.” She is a serious student who provides her friends and family comic relief with her dry wit and sense of humor. In her free time, she is active in school theatrical productions and extracurricular clubs including the school literary magazine, and the classical music appreciation club she founded in her freshman year at the school she attends. Amira has participated in the Iowa Young Writers’ Studio and has received honorable mention for poems submitted to the Scholastic Awards. When she is not singing or rereading *A Song of Ice and Fire*, Amira can be found writing snippets of stories and planning all the future novels she will write—if she ever finishes her homework.

It is hoped that Amira’s story inspires other children to know that creativity can bloom even in challenging times. What started as a grammar lesson became a published book. As Amira and her family discovered, sometimes the unplanned path turns out to be the one that leads to something even better. The Little Brown Squirrel can be purchased directly from Orange Frazer Press ([orangefrazer.com](http://orangefrazer.com)), on Amazon, and found it at the Hollis Social Library.

### Hollis Fast 5K Returns June 11.....Continued from page 1

Drew Kellner, race organizer and Hollis-Brookline Rotary Member, says “It’s one of those rare events where the whole community shows up, from volunteers to neighbors cheering you on from their driveways.” This sentiment seems to be shared by many residents in Hollis, the majority of whom say they enjoy running it yearly. So whether this is your 30th 5K or your first, hopefully we will see you running down the street or on the sidelines cheering everyone on this year!

The 2026 Hollis Fast 5K will take place on Thursday, June 11, at 6:30 p.m. The race starts at Hollis Brookline Middle School and finishes at Morin’s Landscaping. Same-day registration is available online until 5:30 p.m. on race night and in-person up to 5:45 p.m. at Alpine Grove Banquet Facility, where post-race awards will also be held.

Parking and transportation: Parking is available at two locations near the finish line—Alpine Grove Banquet Facility and Clinton Drive Industrial Park. Complimentary buses will transport runners from both lots to the starting line between 5:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Runners may also be dropped off near the starting line by family or friends. Runners can find full registration details and bib pickup information at the official race website: [www.hollis-fast-5k.com](http://www.hollis-fast-5k.com).

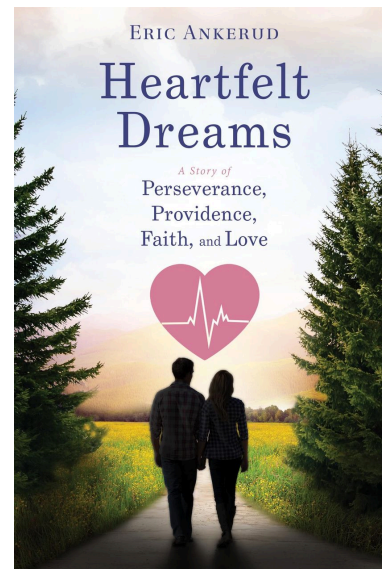
## Heartfelt Dreams: A Story of Perseverance, Providence, Faith, and Love (Memoir)

By Eric Ankerud

Eric Ankerud was raised in western New York and married his wife Lori, in 1985. This began his journey of understanding Lori’s complex heart condition while balancing a career in medical technology, a growing family, and his wife’s struggle to receive the care and treatment necessary to save her life. He learned from his parents and mentors how hard work, fortitude, and faith can empower one to overcome life’s greatest obstacles.

Lori was born with a complicated congenital heart defect called tetralogy of Fallot. Eric’s professional experience in medical technological research prepared him to support Lori through their trials in finding a cardiologist who understood how best to care for the rare adult who survived childhood with this life-threatening condition. In *Heartfelt Dreams*, Eric tells their story of faith and providence that placed Lori’s family near the one hospital in America that could care for her, and eventually led them to the best doctor for Lori’s care as an adult. The book offers encouragement and support to CHD patients and their loved ones, as well as the medical providers called to care for them.

Eric and Lori plan to donate any proceeds from the sale of the book to Heartfelt Dreams Foundation for the benefit of CHD patients, their families, and the medical professionals who care for these patients. Visit [www.heartfeltdreamsfoundation.org](http://www.heartfeltdreamsfoundation.org) to purchase Eric’s book.



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## Strawberry Festival & Town Band Concert

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**Turning Walls and Floors into Art.....Continued from page 4**  
floors, she creates scaled drawings and color studies. Clients remain involved every step of the way, from approving sketches to selecting final colors on site. Recent projects include a sparkling pearl-metallic powder room transformed with a subtle stencil pattern, and a children's bedroom mural featuring flowers, trees, birds, and sunflowers—cleverly combined with cost-friendly decals to stay within the family's budget.  
O'Donnell believes that homes should celebrate the people who live in them. "Beauty makes us smile and feel good," she says. "Our homes should reflect our interests, our favorite colors, and who we truly are." To learn more about Cheryl O'Donnell's services or to schedule a consultation, visit [www.coddecorativepainting.com](http://www.coddecorativepainting.com) or find COD Decorative Painting on Facebook. Contact information is available on both sites.

**Hollis Heritage Commission.....Continued from page 4**  
Details will be posted on Facebook, Hollis Heritage Commission. The HHC will be participating in the 250th celebration on July 11. Visit the Cooper Shop from 4-7 PM to watch a demonstration of how Revolutionary soldiers' laundry was cleaned by women who supported the soldiers. We will also entertain children with a number of common games from the period.  
The HHC is currently seeking alternate members to volunteer for ongoing projects. Immediate needs include continued cleanup at the White Barn, finishing the second floor of the Cooper Shop, and landscaping around the Icehouse pond. Those interested in volunteering or learning more can visit the town website or via email [athollisnh.heritage@gmail.com](mailto:athollisnh.heritage@gmail.com).

**Hollis Historical Sites.....Continued from page 8**  
Old Pine Hill Schoolhouse at 69 Ranger Road will offer insights into early 19th-century education with special talks.  
All four sites—the Wheeler House, Always Ready Engine House, Gould Tavern Museum, and Old Pine Hill Schoolhouse—will be open July 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. The first three will also be open July 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. The Always Ready Engine House is additionally open on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from June through October, 1 to 4 p.m., with other sites open on select Sundays through mid-October.

## No-Churn Strawberry Ice Cream

**Ingredients:**

**For the Strawberries:**

- 1.5-2 pounds (about 4-5 cups) fresh Hollis strawberries, hulled
- 2-4 tablespoons granulated sugar (adjust based on berry sweetness; start low)
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Pinch of salt

**For the Ice Cream Base:**

- 1 (14 oz / 397g) can sweetened condensed milk, cold
- 2 cups (480ml) heavy whipping cream, very cold
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- Optional: ¼ teaspoon salt or a handful of freeze-dried strawberries (crushed) for extra intensity

**Directions:**

**Prepare the strawberries:**  
Chop or quarter about half the strawberries. For the other half, hull and roughly chop or puree in a blender/food processor. In a bowl, toss all strawberries with sugar, lemon juice, and salt. Let macerate for 20-30 minutes (or up to an hour) so they release juices.

**Make the base:**  
In a large bowl, whip the cold heavy cream and vanilla with an electric mixer until stiff peaks form (about 3-5 minutes—don't overwhip). Gently fold in the sweetened condensed milk until smooth and uniform. Fold in the strawberry mixture (with all the juices) until evenly distributed. Add crushed freeze-dried berries here if using for extra color and flavor. The mixture will be thick and pinkish.

**Freeze:** Pour into a 9x5-inch loaf pan or freezer-safe container. Smooth the top, cover with plastic wrap or a lid, and freeze for at least 6 hours or overnight until firm. For easier scooping, let it sit at room temperature for 5-10 minutes before serving.




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The team gets together twice a year for a special luncheon where we share recipes and plan menus. If you enjoy cooking, meeting new friends, and bringing some joy to our Hollis Seniors, join our volunteer team! Email Liz Barbour at [positivelyhollis@gmail.com](mailto:positivelyhollis@gmail.com).

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Hollis Seniors, contact Doug Nye at 603-689-4456 or visit the Hollis Seniors webpage at [www.hollishn.org](http://www.hollishn.org).

## Why Environmental Education Matters More Than Ever: How Beaver Brook Association is Helping Children and Families Reconnect with the Natural World

By Becky Kellner, Program Director Beaver Brook Association

Children and families need nature. In a world filled with screens, schedules, stress, and indoor living, time spent outside has become more important than ever. Children today spend less time building forts, catching frogs, climbing rocks, and simply being outdoors than generations before them. Environmental education offers something powerful in response: It teaches curiosity, confidence, resilience, and wonder. It reminds us that we are part of something larger than ourselves.

For more than 60 years, Beaver Brook Association has helped connect people to the natural world through education and land stewardship. Today, Beaver Brook serves thousands of children and families each year through field trips, Forest Preschool, homeschool programs, summer camp, free family programs, hiking groups, and opportunities to explore more than 35 miles of trails. At Beaver Brook, environmental education is not about just teaching facts. It is about asking questions. Why are there salamanders in a vernal pool? Why do some birds migrate while others stay? Why does a stream matter? What happens when pollinators disappear? When children explore these questions in real places, they begin to see that nature is not something "out there" - it is something they are part of.

Beaver Brook's programs are built around



Courtesy, Beaver Brook Association

hands-on, outdoor learning. Each year, students experience school field trips where they dip nets into ponds, hike through forests, explore maple sugaring sites, and search for animal tracks. For many children, a trip to Beaver Brook is the first time they see a salamander, stand quietly in the woods, or hear a woodpecker tapping in the distance. These moments matter.

One of Beaver Brook's most impactful programs is Forest Preschool. Unlike in a traditional classroom, children spend most of the day outdoors. They hike, climb, build, create, imagine, and play in every season. A stick becomes a magic wand, a measuring tool, or the beginning of a fort. A puddle becomes an experiment. A hike becomes an opportunity to practice persistence and confidence. The lessons

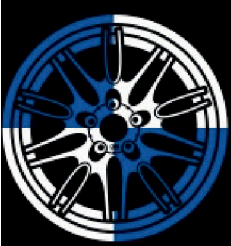
are not only about nature - they are also about friendship, resilience, kindness, and independence.

In a time when childhood can feel increasingly rushed and structured, Forest Preschool offers something different: time to wonder. Environmental education should also be accessible for all families. In response, Beaver Brook offers free Storytime programs, Story Walks, and passive opportunities for families to explore conservation land together at their own pace.

Environmental education has never been more important. Children today are growing up in a world facing climate change, habitat loss, and disappearing green spaces. We cannot expect future generations to care for the natural world if they do not come to know it. As naturalist and conservationist Aldo Leopold once wrote, "We can be ethical only in relation to something we can see, feel, understand, love, or otherwise have faith in."

At Beaver Brook Association, every muddy pair of boots, every field trip, every preschool hike, and every family adventure helps create the next generation of people who care about the world around them - and perhaps that is the most important lesson of all. To view summer camp options and other programs, visit the Beaver Brook website, [www.beaverbrook.org](http://www.beaverbrook.org). We hope to see you this summer!

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