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The Swap Shop is more organized than ever! Thanks in part to a generous donation, new shelving units have been installed.

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Spotlight on: The Vintage Rose Boutique & Botanicals

by Sue Lyle

When Jessica VanDerKern found herself in a position to open a business five years ago in Fitzwilliam, she did so with great care and awareness of these challenging financial times. Last year, when it was obvious to her that many Fitzwilliam businesses were closing their doors for good, Jessica made another bold choice and decided to move to Main Street in Jaffrey.

Originally from Manchester, VT, Jessica attended Chester College of New England (formerly White Pines) for photography and began working in a flower shop where one day she realized, "Yes! This is what I am supposed to be doing. My boss, recently out of floral design college, taught me everything she knew and paid me while I learned." Jessica found using her knowledge of color and texture with plants and flowers to be more fulfilling than just taking photographs.

Five years later, she and her husband, Jeremy, moved to the Keene area. Jessica began working at In the Company of Flowers. Jessica and Jeremy live in a renovated Fitzwilliam farmhouse with two rescued dogs, three rescued parrots, and a flock of free-range chickens (yes, fresh eggs are available in the shop). One hectic day, she was excited to hear that another local florist was opening a branch in Fitzwilliam a mere four minutes from her home. She approached the owner and said, "I would like to run your new store." Her bold act

paid off, and in Fitzwilliam, she learned not only about managing a flower shop but also about the antique market and the Monadnock region.

The Vintage Rose blends an appreciation of antiques with Jessica's floral design knowledge. For example, Jessica worked with a bride to create centerpieces in heirloom teacups. Currently, Jessica is preparing ideas for a summer wedding where the arrangements will be made in antique, blue Ball jars.

The Vintage Rose's mission is well-defined: "Regional, good-for-the-planet, practical-but-fun gifts and accessories for the home & garden." Jeremy and Jessica acquire some of their vintage inventory by attending estate sales or by taking Sunday drives to look for unique containers for dish gardens or floral arrangements. They often peek into gift shops along the way, but mostly to get ideas of what not to sell. They are always looking for gifts that you just don't see everywhere else. Sometimes, customers even contribute to her inventory. It's not uncommon for Jessica to arrive at the shop and find a box full of glass vases on the stoop. Did you know that the glass used in vases cannot be recycled? So, she takes in all the strays and reuses them, saving them from the landfill.

With a lifetime concern about our environment, Jessica and her husband Jeremy, an English teacher at Keene High School,

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From the President



Global Economy? Bring it Home!

In the last few decades, two major and related developments have enveloped the globe – the reality of a truly global economy and a truly horrific global economic collapse. Whether we see these events as evolutionary, de-evolutionary or revolutionary, the fact is the world is a different place than it was not so long ago. One of the aspects of these changes I find both fascinating and exciting is a whole host of activities and efforts that might be captured in the phrase “buy locally.” These efforts and activities comprise the fabric of an increasingly powerful force that is

designed to “take back” the local economy – to bring it back home.

It isn't news that national and international corporations are having an increasing effect on the vibrancy and viability of local businesses. A study a research and planning firm conducted recently in Michigan shows that out of \$100 spent at a non-locally owned business, \$43 dollars stays in the community. However, that amount increases by 58% to \$68 when that same \$100 is spent at a locally owned business. But, there's more to this than the process of circulating dollars through the community.

Consider the premise that no organism can maintain health without a circulatory system. If the purpose of circulation is to exchange things

that are key to the vitality of the system, then how does a healthy community make these important exchanges? Relationships. All kinds of relationships: between family members, friends, colleagues, businesses, organizations, between government and its people, the old and young, the rich and poor, all of this and more. We need relationships to survive. Medical studies have shown that a person lives longer when she or he has multiple friendships. The importance of relationships to businesses and nonprofits is undeniable.

What is it that gets transferred through these relationships? Numerous important things are exchanged in a community circulatory system. Power and influence, emotional support, information, mentoring and guidance, resources and access to them - there are probably hundreds of important “things” that are exchanged between us every day.

Year round, the Jaffrey Chamber puts great effort into doing our part to contribute to the enhancement of community relationships. A member of the board recently said, “I had no idea how much the Chamber did until I joined the board.” If you don't already volunteer for the Chamber, consider the benefits to you, your business, and the community. There are plenty of opportunities to join others to create opportunities to have fun, exchange ideas, and distribute information, all of which are part of our community's circulatory system.

In this global economy, we urge you to support your fellow Chamber members and buy locally. Ensure the health of our community; get out and walk around town, volunteer, circulate, Bring it home! It'll do you good and will do good for others.

Lee Bruder



Thank you, Jean and Don Nelson, for your steadfast support of The Park Theatre and for everything you have done to move the project forward. You may be heading south, but your panel will forever be in Jaffrey, part of the 5th Mountain Mural & reminder of our happy association.

Bellows-Nichols Agency to Acquire Contoocook Valley Insurance Agency



Contoocook Valley Insurance
Antrim Office

Bellows-Nichols Agency is acquiring the Contoocook Valley Insurance Agency in Antrim as of May 1.

John Robertson, agent for Farm Family Insurance and the Co-Operative Insurance Companies for over

30 years, is retiring. Clients will be serviced out of our Antrim office at 26 Main Street or from any one of our other offices in Peterborough, Hancock, New Ipswich and Jaffrey.

Co-Operative Insurance, headquartered in Middlebury, VT, specializes in farm business - insuring everything from large horse and dairy farms to maple sugar and U-pick farms, as well as home, auto and business insurance.

Coming Events



Need a few helpful hints when it comes to gardening? **Coll's Garden Center & Florist of Jaffrey** will

be offering a series of **Basic Gardening Classes** with Bonnie Coll Cutter. All classes will be held at the Garden Center at 63 North Street in Jaffrey from 6:15 - 7:15 pm.

May 3: What, when, where to plant

May 10: Dividing, pruning, feeding and dead heading

May 17: Harvesting, grading crop success, putting beds to bed

The cost is \$10 per class, per person. Bring a notebook if you wish! To register for classes, call 532-7516 •

Coming soon to the **Peterborough Players: National Theatre: Live - The Habit of Art.**

May 8, 2:00 pm London's National Theatre will film Alan Bennett's *The Habit of Art* live and broadcast it via satellite. Nicholas Hytner directs this new play about a fictional meeting between the poet W.H. Auden and the composer Benjamin Britten. Tickets: \$22 adults, \$18 students. Box Office: 924-7585 or online: www.peterboroughplayers.org. •

On May 11 at 12 noon, the **Jaffrey Woman's Club** will hold its **Annual Meeting** with a

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New Date for the Ron Despres Golf Classic

Mark your calendar for **Friday, June 11**. That's when the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce will present the Ron Despres Memorial Golf Classic at the Shattuck Golf Club in Jaffrey, NH. Registration begins at 8 am with donuts and coffee and the opportunity to buy muligans and raffle tickets for great items. At 8:45 am, one lucky golfer will get a chance to putt for \$2,500, and at 9 am, the tournament begins with a shotgun-start scramble format.

Throughout the course there will be contests offering participants a chance to win cash, trips, golf equipment, pro shop credit, and more.

There will be long drive and closest to the pin contests for men and women. Back by popular demand will be the "zinger box" on the third hole with proceeds to benefit the Jaffrey Food Pantry. And, if there is enough interest, we will create a women's division with individual awards based on the number of foursomes entered. Teams finishing in the top five spots will receive pro shop credits, and the first place team will have their names added



to the coveted Ron Despres Memorial Cup in recognition of their achievement. The day will wind down with a cash bar, delicious barbeque and an award presentation.

So get your foursome together and get ready for a great day of golf. The price is the same as it has been for the past three years-- \$100 for an individual and \$400 for a foursome. Each year a portion of the proceeds is donated to an area charity or non-profit organization. Recent beneficiaries have been The Community Center and Meals on Wheels. This year's recipient will be Shelter From the Storm.

Can't attend but would still like to be involved? Opportunities are available ranging from a gift certificate from your business, which gets your company name on the

ever-popular raffle board, to \$100 for being a hole sponsor and just \$1,000 for a full corporate sponsorship. Corporate sponsorship at \$1,000 includes a foursome in the tournament. Or you can provide a company promotional item for the gift bag given to each golfer. Webber Energy Fuels will once again be a corporate sponsor.

To find out about sponsorship opportunities or if you need a registration form for your foursome, call the Jaffrey Chamber office at 532-4549, and we'll send the information to you.

Remember the date is June 11. We hope to see you at the Shattuck!



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April Chamber Events Breakfast Franklin Pierce University



Dr. James Birge



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Sequoia Technologies was our breakfast sponsor. Tom Strickland owner, spoke on their Sequoia Seeds donation program.



Eric Lorimer, Chub Whitten, Ben Wheeler & Jay Eason.

Chamber After Hours Sunflowers



Linda Harris, Bonnie Benner, Ann Chamberlain, Frank Mieso and Jeff Crocker.



Charlie Palmer, Bruce Pelletier, Lisa Murray, Audrey Cass, Melanie McDonald, Suzanne Mieso and Roy Stone.



Our host, Sunflowers owner Carolyn Edwards with Chamber President Lee Bruder.



It was standing room only at the April After Hours!

Budget Blinds Establishes Relationship with Syd's Carpet And Snooze Room

Budget Blinds, the largest and fastest growing window covering company of its kind in the United States, and Syd's Carpet And Snooze Room of Keene announce their new integrated relationship.

Budget Blinds of Keene has installed a selection of window treatments at Syd's Carpet And Snooze Room, including cellular, pleated, Roman and solar shades, as well as blinds, to provide customers with a familiarity of their unique and diverse range of window coverings.

Syd's Carpet And Snooze Room, located on Saint James St. in Keene, one of the area's leading furniture and flooring stores with over 89 years in business, has teamed up with Budget Blinds to provide their customers with a more complete and comprehensive shopping experience.

According to store owner John Croteau, "We were very impressed with the rapid growth Budget Blinds has experienced in the less than 18 months they have been in business, having also been voted #1 by readers of the Monadnock Shopper in their 2010 Best

of Survey. While Syd's has offered its customers Hunter Douglas window treatments for many years, it has never been a primary focus of our business as it is for Budget Blinds, evidenced by their diversity of offering and level of customer satisfaction. This relationship will allow us to provide our customers with an even broader range of options, including Hunter Douglas, for a complete home decor experience."

Larry Sportello, Owner/Operator of the area Budget Blinds franchise, noted that "As window treatments are furniture for your windows, it is only a natural correlation to co-locate our displays with a store and a businessman that are synonymous with furniture and flooring in the greater Monadnock region." Syd's can be seen at <http://sydscarpetsandnoozeroom.com> and budget blinds at www.budgetblinds.com.

While Budget Blinds will continue to provide a complete in-home (or business) shopping experience, customers will have an opportunity to see a sampling of products in this storefront setting.

New Drop-In Bereavement Support Group

Hospice at HCS announced its new drop-in bereavement support and grief education sessions now available at the Bond Wellness Center at Monadnock Community Hospital. Beginning Thurs., May 6 and 20, then continuing every first and third Thurs. through December, Hospice at HCS will provide drop-in bereavement support and grief resources from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Wellness Center Conference Room.

Participants will learn more about the grieving process

and ways to cope with loss. They also will be able to share support and understanding by talking with others about coping with grief.

For more information call Lynn Anne Palmer, bereavement coordinator with Hospice at HCS, at 532-8353 or 1-800-541-4145.

Hospice at HCS provides end-of-life care at home and in assisted living and in long-term care facilities throughout southwestern New Hampshire.

Member News

The MSPAlliance (MSPA), the International Association of Managed Service Providers (www.mspalliance.com), today announced that **Sequoia Technologies Group, LLC** has become a member of the MSPAlliance.

The MSPAlliance is the oldest Managed Services group and the only Accrediting and Standards based body for the Managed Services Industry. With over 9,000 members world-wide, the MSPAlliance is a very powerful and influential global organization, working to promote the managed services industry to the business consumer. MSPAlliance member companies' are able to achieve Green IT Certifications, Disaster Recovery Certifications, and ultimately achieve MSPAlliance Accredited Provider Status.

"It's a great resource for us," said Tom Strickland, President of Sequoia Technologies. "Membership in MSPAlliance will help our ongoing efforts to provide the highest possible level of service to our clients."

"We are honored to have Sequoia Technologies as a member of our association," said Charles Weaver, MSPAlliance president. "By upholding the Managed Service Provider's Code of Ethics and high technical standards, Sequoia will help ensure the integrity of our profession." •

The River Center is pleased to announce our new Executive Director, Margaret Nelson. Margaret has experience in healthcare Human Resources and organizing and leading nonprofit volunteer activities. She is looking forward to applying her experience to advance the mission

of The River Center.

"Our staff is an amazing group of individuals, and we have a unique opportunity with the merger to emerge a stronger organization." Her initial focus areas are staff team-building, outreach into surrounding towns supported by River Center programs, and expanding volunteer support for the River Center. "I am excited to visit communities and explain our programs and volunteer opportunities. Volunteers make the expansion of our programs possible."

Margaret has served as a Teaching Director of the Monadnock Community Bible Study. She is a resident of Dublin and volunteered for local organizations such as the ConVal district, Trinity Evangelical Church and Girl Scouts.

On March 1, The River Center and Family Center of Greater Peterborough completed the legal aspects of a merger, which formed The River Center: A Family and Community Resource Center.

The River Center is located at 46 Concord Street. It is a Monadnock United Way agency and is supported by the A. Erland and Hazel N. Goyette Memorial Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the Finlay Foundation, and many local donors. River Center programs include: Assisted Information and Referral, the Employment Resource Center, Family Education Programs and Money Matters. For more information or to assist with any of these programs, please call: 924-2159. •

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The Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce presents the 2010

BUSINESS EXPO

Shop Locally!

SHOP, SHOP, SHOP.... LOCALLY ON SATURDAY, MAY 15!

The Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce announces its 6th annual Business Expo to showcase local businesses. Themed "Shop locally," this event has grown exponentially over the years and it is now your chance to see what the local businesses have to offer you!

You would be surprised at how many places you didn't even know exist in the local area or what some of these businesses do; some have expanded services that you may not have realized.

Some of the exhibitors in years past have heard comments such as "I didn't even know you were here" or "Oh I didn't know you did that"; that is why this is not only their chance to showcase their business, it is your chance to learn about them.

Local businesses are part of the backbone of our economy, and it is more important now than ever to give them our support.

The Business Expo is a great way to experience the supreme services and products of your local community! And statistics show that for every \$100 spent at a local independent business, approximately \$68 stays in the community.

The "Shop Locally" Business Expo will be held at Conant High School's Pratt Auditorium from 9 am to 2 pm on May 15th and is free

of charge and open to the public.

The Expo will also feature a few demonstrations throughout the day, which include:

10:30 am: **Container Gardening** presented by Coll's Garden Center;

11:30 am: **Egg Cookery with Linda Stavely** presented by Bentley Commons at Keene

12:30 pm: **Resume Magic: 10 tips for a better resume** presented by The River Center.

A new addition joining us this year is Gold Party New England so bring your old and unwanted gold, and a gold party specialist will be on hand to test and weigh your gold, handing you a check right on the spot!

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation & Nursing Center and TEAM Jaffrey will be selling breakfast and lunch choices for your pleasure, and there will be hourly door prizes donated by local businesses.

So make sure you come support our local businesses. It's a great day for everybody to enjoy. And while you're there, check out the emergency equipment of the Jaffrey Fire Department and Jaffrey-Rindge Memorial Ambulance Service.

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April Showers Bring May Flowers; It's Time to Landscape!

May is a great time to add plants to your landscape. Whether it is a large shade tree or a small shrub, new plants will add beauty and value to your home. However, there are several things to consider when selecting plants for your landscape.

- Size – Proper size selection is very critical when choosing a plant.
- Sun Exposure – Some plants prefer full sun, partial shade or full shade.
- Moisture – Some plants prefer dry and others prefer wet.
- Soil – This is the “food” for your new plant. Some plants require few nutrients and can survive anywhere while other plants have high fertility requirements.
- Hardiness – This is the plant zoned for New Hampshire. Most plants are tagged with this information. If no tag is present, ask the nursery when you are purchasing the plant.

When you decide to add plants, there are so many to choose from. Choosing native plants can be the easiest and most rewarding. Using native plants has many advantages including winter hardiness, pest resistance, and low maintenance needs. Many of the native plants not only add beauty but also



provide food for our wildlife. A couple of native trees are the American Hornbeam *Carpinus caroliniana* and Black Gum *Nyssa sylvatica*. Serviceberry *Amelanchier arborea*, Common Witchhazel *Hamamelis virginiana*, and Winterberry *Ilex verticillata* are some great shrubs to add to your landscape.

Some other points to consider when choosing a plant would be the landscape value to you. Some plants have beautiful flowers, interesting foliage, exfoliating bark, fragrant blossoms, or edible fruit. You must also consider the seasons. A beautiful garden is one that is colorful all year. Even though it is May, try to consider what your landscape will look like in January.

Non-native plants also add beauty and have a place in your landscape. As in the name of our company, the Katsuratree *Cercidiphyllum japonicum* is a beautiful tree with an apricot orange fall color.

Your landscape is whatever

you want it to be. Whether a formal evergreen garden, a lively butterfly garden, or an abundance of aromatic wonders, you can create it.

My favorite area at our home in Jaffrey is our back porch. As we spend much time out there, it is surrounded by fragrant blossoms. We have a cluster of Koreanspice *Viburnum carlesii* offering an amazing scent from its spring flowers. We also have a Fringetree *Chionanthus virginicus* which is a beautiful native plant with its softly fragrant white flowers in spring. After the spring aromas pass, we wait for the late summer amazing fragrance of the Summersweet *Clethra alnifolia*. We have the “Ruby Spice” cultivar which provides us with pink flowers that is a haven for bees to play in. This is also a great plant for shade and wet areas.

As I write this, I can see the *Viburnum* buds swelling and look forward to the sweet smells that will be here soon. Enjoy your landscape and make of it what you like.

For over 10 years, Katsura Landscaping has provided lawn care and landscaping services including plant maintenance and installation to private homes as well as commercial and municipal properties. Our company is focused on quality work and great customer relationships. We pride ourselves on our unparalleled customer service. Please feel free to contact Aaron Abitz at (603) 831-1322 or katsura@my-fairpoint.net.

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Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services



(HCS) has announced the promotion of Donna Joyal, BSN, to team leader

for Hospice at HCS. Joyal will provide field supervision for the hospice nursing staff serving Jaffrey and the 18 towns that are served by the HCS Peterborough Office, located on Community Lane. She also will be responsible for orienting new hospice staff and will maintain a case management position, overseeing all facets of a patient's care.

Joyal has been with HCS for 25 years working in all aspects of visiting nurse services and hospice care. She has a bachelor's degree in social services and a bachelor's degree in nursing—both from the University of New Hampshire. Prior to joining HCS, Joyal worked at the Cheshire Medical Center in Keene.

Joyal is a resident of New Boston and volunteers for the Community Church of New Boston. Hospice at HCS is a non-profit organization providing end-of-life care at home and in assisted living and in long-term care facilities throughout southwestern New Hampshire. •

The Park Theatre inaugurated its event volunteer program, The Usher Club, on the evening of the Rock The Park concert at Woodbound Inn in April. The event, given as a benefit for the Theatre, featured two local bands, Northern Stone

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MCELC Hosts a Chair Affair Benefit June 17



The Monadnock Community Early Learning

Center's main fundraising event this year is the second "Chair Affair." Local artists will be decorating 40 adult and child-size Adirondack chairs purchased by the Center. Local businesses and individuals will sponsor the chairs to help with their cost. There will be a Kick-off Party on Thurs., June 17 after which the chairs will be on display at local business establishments throughout Peterborough, Jaffrey, Dublin and area towns. These unique works of art will be auctioned on Sunday, July 25 at Noone Falls.

Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 per couple if reserved, \$35 and \$60 if purchased at the door. All proceeds will go to supporting the Center's children and families. Come join us on July 25 and celebrate the Early Learning Center's 40th birthday. For more information, call Kitty

Carleton at 924-1090.

The MCELC, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1970 by Margaret Bean and friends. It provides a safe and nurturing environment for children ranging in age from six weeks to twelve years. It offers a sliding fee tuition scaled

to a parent's ability to pay based on their income. To support such a scholarship program, the Center must seek financial assistance beyond monies received from the State and Monadnock United Way through community events and an annual contribution appeal.



A little rain didn't dampen the enthusiasm of those who helped out with downtown and roadside clean-up efforts on April 24.

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and Sheepdip. Nearly 150 fans danced the night away, Project Shakespeare Players performed scenes from this year's production, "Twelfth Night," and door prizes and raffles were given away. A dozen Charter Members of The Usher Club attended a dinner in their honor and then the concert. Tuesday Wright is the Volunteer Coordinator for the Theatre and will provide information about the program to interested residents. The Theatre will have another series of "Popcorn Chats" this Spring and the Summer Movie Nights series opens on July 8 with "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" at 7 pm at the Jaffrey Woman's Club. The first step of the Capital Campaign continues with the sale of all the CDFA tax credits allotted for 2010. Any businesses with a NH tax liability who wish to

donate to the Theatre through this program should contact Don Upton at 876-3626. •

Congratulations to **Dr. Owen**



Houghton who was honored with a citation from Governor John Lynch. The

citation reads: Dr. Owen Houghton, who has honorably served as the Chair of the State Committee on Aging. Through his tireless efforts, Dr. Houghton has brought a high level of professionalism and respect

to the State Committee on Aging and has set a high standard for its members. A strong advocate for outreach to seniors in their communities, Dr. Houghton has promoted Area Committee on Aging in a partnership to promote needed support in physical, mental and spiritual well-being. The State of NH is fortunate to have you as a citizen. On behalf of the citizens of NH, I commend you for your commitment to your state and the community, and wish you all the best in the future.

Signed Governor John H. Lynch.

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Monadnock Chorus Receives \$5,000 Grant

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Monadnock Region, awarded a \$5000 Express Grant to the Monadnock Chorus. Chorus President Amy Knight and Chorus Treasurer Leslie McLean made the announcement on April 2. The grant will partially fund upgrades to the Chorus's website to make it more efficient and easier to use.

McLean explained how the grant will improve the site: "The grant will allow us to have eTapestry redesign the website, allow us to purchase eTapestry's Ecommerce package and eTapestry's Shopping Cart. These features will enable us to take registrations on line and have them process right into our membership and fundraising program. We will be able to offer a much better ticket sale page and sell ancillaries like concert CDs and any other fundraising items.

Our donations page will be improved and will integrate with eTapestry, saving more time for the Treasurer and ensuring that our donor database is updated in real time. Gift acknowledgements will be sent immediately using the new software."

eTapestry is the program that the Chorus uses to manage its

member information, in addition to donation and fundraising information. You can find out more about eTapestry at <http://etapestry.com/>.

The Chorus needs to raise an additional \$3000 to complete this update. Please go to the Chorus website, www.monadnock-chorus.org, if you would like to make a donation.

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has been improving the quality of life in our communities since 1962. It builds and manages a collection of charitable funds, totaling nearly \$490 million, created by individuals, families and corporations. The Foundation is non-partisan, frequently playing the role of convener and catalyst on a broad spectrum of issues that affect our state.

The Foundation awarded more than \$33 million in grants, scholarships and initiatives in 2007; more than \$125 million in just the past five years. Based in Concord, the Foundation roots itself in communities across the state through seven regions including Lakes, Manchester, Monadnock, Nashua, North Country, Piscataqua and Upper Valley. For more information, visit www.nhcf.org, or call 603-225-6641.

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catered luncheon. The program will include three students reading their prize-winning essays about women. These awards have been given out each year for 15 years. Also, community women who have received our Adult Continuing Education awards will give an update on their advancements. •

Tuesdays, May 25, June 8 and June 22, 5:30 -7:30 pm Popcorn Chat Tours of **The Park Theatre** with complimentary wine & cheese tasting afterward at Sunflowers. Featured wine will be from LaBelle Winery in Amherst NH! •

"The Nurse Is In" Thursday, May 20. A wellness nurse from **Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services** will be available at the Jaffrey VFW, 22 Hathorn Road, from 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. You can have your blood pressure checked and ask health questions. No appointment is necessary; the service is provided free of charge to residents of all ages. For more information, call 352-2253 or 1-800-541-4145 or visit www.HCSServices.org. •

May 22 from 8-1 pm **The Jaffrey Woman's Club** will hold its annual **Everybody Needs More Plants Sale!** Available for purchase are shrubs, herbs, annuals, perennials and house plants. Something for everyone! The Woman's Club is located in the Cutler Memorial Building at

the corner of Main and School Streets in Jaffrey. •

Eve Kodiak to Perform on Mother's Day

First Church will launch its **2010 concert series** on May 9 at 3 pm with a very special performance by pianist **Eve Kodiak**, "Love Songs and Lullabies for Mother's Day." This is an all-new program of the songs that rocked you to sleep, scored your love life, and inspired your dreams. Eve Kodiak spins a seamless stream of melodies.

Come, listen, be enveloped in beautiful memories - and participate in the making of a new CD! The Sleep Like A Baby CD will be recorded Mother's Day weekend at First Church in Jaffrey, and available later in the summer. For a preview, go to www.sleeplikeababycd.com and click once to hear selections from the concert program.

This is the first in the 2010 series of Sunday afternoon musical performances sponsored by the First Church in Jaffrey and planned under the artistic direction of Gene Faxon, its Minister of Music. No reservations are necessary, and the suggested donation per adult is \$10. First Church is located off Rte. 124 on Laban Ainsworth Way in Jaffrey Center, 2 miles west of downtown Jaffrey. Free parking is available along the common and in front of the Meeting-house. •

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strive earnestly to keep their products “green” and recycled. As a fun example, they offer windowsill seed gardens that grow in containers made from biodegradable rice hulls. Toss the container out that same window, and it will decompose. Jessica and Jeremy search for products where there is little waste, and do not even use plastic to wrap their flowers. Jessica states that “one of our main goals is to reduce our carbon footprint as much as possible by working with environmentally-minded companies and individuals.”

The Vintage Rose offers a variety of seasonal merchandise such as cards, jewelry, candles, soaps, gourmet foods, and home decor that reflects their mission of environmental soundness. Jessica states she “can help the environment more through the shop than I can do on my own. That’s why we offer products such as organic, fairly-traded coffee that is grown in the shade without the need to deforest the land.” The beans are imported by Dean’s Beans Organic Coffee of Orange, MA where “social activism, ecological responsibility and great coffee meet.” Jessica will gladly give you

a frequent tea and coffee buyer’s card so that you can enjoy her many flavors of coffee, Republic of Tea, and Portsmouth loose Tea. There are two custom coffee blends that are especially popular, “Mornings on Monadnock” and “Moon over Monadnock.” “We do not want to be a traditional flower shop.” Noting that there are already good florists in the area, the Vintage Rose’s niche is to provide “earth-friendly gifts for the home and garden and to treat each floral arrange-

ment as a unique work of art.” I noticed a beautiful set of vintage cabbage-leaf tea cups that she believes will work well for Mother’s Day floral arrangements. I would have to agree.

The Vintage Rose, located at 27 Main St, Jaffrey (593-3553) will be participating in The Spring Round Robin Gift Shop Tour from April 29-May 2 along with four other locally-owned shops. There will be free refreshments, a free gift, and free raffles. So, why not stop in



for a visit and to meet Jessica’s singing canary, Apollo? And do be sure to ask questions; you’re bound to learn something surprising.

Dr. James Birge Becomes the Fourth President of FPU

James F. Birge was appointed the fourth President of Franklin Pierce University by the Board of Trustees on April 7, 2009 and assumed his official duties on June 15, 2009.

Dr. Birge most recently served as the Executive Vice President - Chief Operating Officer at Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, West Virginia, where he also served as Interim President from 2006 to 2007. In addition to overseeing academic affairs, Dr. Birge managed the strategic planning process, implemented an enrollment management model for stabilizing and growing

enrollment, and implemented the restructuring of the university’s long-term debt.

Prior to arriving at Wheeling Jesuit, Dr. Birge served as Executive Director of Pennsylvania Campus Compact and was Coordinator for Service Learning at Regis University in Denver, Colorado.

Dr. Birge holds a Ph.D. in Leadership Studies from Gonzaga University, an M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling from Plymouth State University in New Hampshire, and a B.S. in Elementary Education from Westfield State College in Massachusetts. His disserta-

tion topic was “Academic Presidents as Public Leaders.”

“The board was impressed with Dr. Birge’s potential to bring strong and collegial leadership to the university in this time of national economic stress,” said Dr. Zeddie Bowen, Chair, Franklin Pierce Board of Trustees. “Dr. Birge also has a strong commitment to mission-driven programs like our Individual and Community curriculum, our goal to graduate Leaders of Conscience and the role our three academic institutes can play in creating a strong sense of community responsibility.”




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The Education Breakfast has long been a member favorite. The agenda will include an update from the Superintendent of Schools Jim O'Neill, presentation of the Pride Awards and student performances.

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