

DANBY AREA NEWS

CORNELL WIND QUINTET CONCERT

Submitted by Bob Strichartz

On Sunday, December 11, 3pm, in Danby's Town Hall, the Cornell Wind Quintet will present a free concert of classical music.

The Quintet includes

- Elizabeth Shuhan, flute, who teaches at Cornell and Ithaca College, and is the principal flutist with the Fort Smith Symphony
- Emily DiAngelo, oboe, who teaches at Cornell, Hamilton College, and Luzerne Music Center, and performs with the Cayuga chamber Orchestra
- Lenora Schneller, clarinet, who teaches at Cornell and Community School of Music and Arts, and performs with the Cornell Contemporary Chamber Players and GrassRoots Festival Chamber Orchestra
- Ilze Brink-Button, horn, who teaches at Cornell, and performs with the Catskill Symphony Orchestra, Clinton Symphony, and Society for New Music in Syracuse
- Daniel Hane, bassoon, who teaches at Cornell, Colgate, and Hartwick College, and performs with Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, Catskill Symphony and Tri-Cities Opera.

The Quintet will perform music by Jacques Ibert, Carl Nielson, Darius Milhaud and others.

This is the last concert in the Danby Community Council's concert series for 2016. The series receives grant support through the **COMMUNITY ARTS PARTNERSHIP** and the Town of Danby. We have applied again for a grant for 2017, and expect to begin with concerts in January, February 5 (Toivo), March 12 (Grady Girls), and April 9 (Cornell Klezmer Ensemble). ❄️

TIME TO COUNT BIRDS AGAIN

Submitted by Bill Evans, Community Council

The 117th Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is fast approaching and the Ithaca CBC will be on January 1 as usual. Danby resident Asher Hockett coordinates the Danby section of the CBC.

The Danby Community Council will be hosting an informational meeting about the count at Town Hall on Saturday, December 17, at 10am. Asher will present an overview of the CBC for first-time participants, and then we'll review the species found last year and begin planning for the January 1, 2017 count.

All bird identification skill levels welcome; hot beverages and homemade apple fritters will be served! After the meeting we will go birdwatching around Town Hall and Dotson Park until at least Noon.

For more information about the December 17 event, contact me, [wevans@danbycc.org]. Contact Asher, [veery715@gmail.com], about the January 1 Christmas Bird Count in Danby. ❄️

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SONGS OF THE SEASON

Add your voice to the annual West Danby winter singing event on Sunday, December 18, 3-5pm. Enjoy a respite from the holiday hustle and join your friends and neighbors at a friendly community sing.

We are delighted to gather again at Slow Lane, Ted Crane and Pamela Goddard's home at 888 Comfort Road. Ted'll clear the driveway and there's parking near the house, but you're welcome to build your winter spirit by walking in from the road (about 7 minutes).

We'll sing a wide range of seasonal favorites, including Christmas carols, Hanukkah songs, Solstice, and others. Ted and Pamela are putting together lyric sheets for an ad-

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

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Guidelines and the *Submission Guidelines* at the same web location.

You’ll learn what is, and isn’t acceptable material for publication. If it’s acceptable, we’ll make an effort to include it; *generally, we print everything we receive!* You’ll find hints about how to prepare a submission. Following these guidelines makes the editing and layout easier.

A terse version of these guidelines is in the left-hand column of this page. ♣

TOWN CLERK'S DESKTOP

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

This month, I'm writing my *Desktop* article just prior to Thanksgiving. I am inspired to share yet more reasons I have for gratitude. In my experience, gratitude is a very good antidote for confusion and other unpleasant feelings, of which there are many, this post-election season.

I'm grateful for the returning health of our Supervisor, Ric Dietrich. Ric needed serious surgery at the end of September and is now well on the way to making a full

recovery. It has made me more aware of the preciousness of our health and relationships with each other. I'm glad, and grateful, that part of my job involves helping to bring some people a measure of ease in the midst of physical disability or recovery through issuing auto accessibility "hang tags."

The approach of winter weather always seems to bring more needs for temporary (red) or permanent (blue) accessibility parking tags. These rearview mirror hang tags allow legal parking in accessible parking areas. They are issued through municipal

clerks, and the process takes less than five minutes. You can obtain the required medical form from your physician, physical therapist, or other medical office.

There are plenty of reasons to get out and take part in community activities this December. The Danby Fire Department will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, the 11th and the Fire Commissioners election is on Tuesday, the 13th. There are several events at the Danby Community Church, intended for the public (see the calendar). And there are a number of family friendly events, hosted by the Community Council, held in Danby's accessible Town Hall. Residents can learn more about nature during an *All About Ants* program on Saturday, the 3rd, and about the Christmas Bird Count during a warm-up session on Saturday, the 10th. The bird-like sounds of a Wind Quartet will grace Town Hall during an afternoon concert on Sunday, the 11th. All of these events help bring our community together.

All residents are also invited to witness and take part in the workings of local government by attending meetings of the Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Appeals Board, or Conservation Advisory Council. The 2016 year-end meetings will include a public hearing for an Environmental Quality Review local law and site-plan reviews before the Planning Board.



Come, listen, learn, and consider applying to fill a board vacancy. Each board has at least one seat that opens each year. Applications are due this month and interviews will be held in early January.

I feel gratitude for a community that treats each other with respect, even when we have differences of opinion. I'm grateful to live in a community which welcomes people from many different cultures and backgrounds--whether they are residents, visitors to Tompkins County, or just traveling through. Please know that the Town Hall, and all of its offices, will always be a welcoming and safe place for all.

Holiday Calendar

The Town Hall will be closed for holidays, Friday-Monday, December 23-26, and Saturday-Monday, December 31-January 2. For the rest of December, the Town Clerk's office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays, 10am-5pm, and Saturday mornings, 10am-Noon. We are closed on Sundays and Thursdays.

Town and County Tax Collection

The first day for tax collection is Tuesday, January 3. We will extend Saturday hours to 10am-1pm for the month of January.

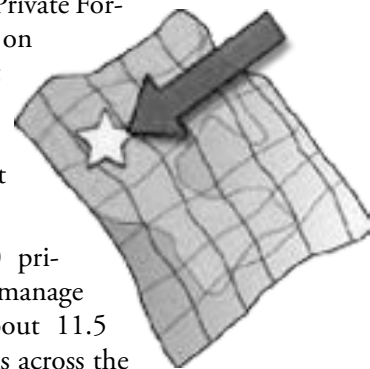
You can always reach us by phone, 607.277.4788, and by Email, [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org]. And yes, the chocolate bowl still is kept full. It is the holidays, after all. ❁

PRIVATE FOREST LEGACY PLANNING

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

The Penn State Center for Private Forests has posted a webinar on Legacy Planning for forest owners. If you are interested in accessing this webinar, google "private forest legacy planning".

In Pennsylvania, 738,000 private forest landowners manage nearly 70 percent, or about 11.5 million acres, of woodlands across the state. Surprisingly, more than 65 percent of all forest landowners own less than ten acres. Whether you own an acre or several thousand acres, you need a legacy plan to carry your stewardship forward. ❁



NY GROWN AND CERTIFIED

Submitted by CJ Randall, Danby Town Planner

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has announced funding to help New York fruit and vegetable farmers join the New York State Grown & Certified program. \$1.5 million is available to help farms implement an Agricultural Environmental Management plan, and a reimbursement of up to \$1,000 is available for growers who participate in a third party audit of safe food handling practices.

Farmers must participate in programs supporting good agricultural practices and environmental management to be eligible for New York State Grown & Certified, and this funding will help more farms join the certification program.

Please contact Town of Danby Planner C.J. Randall, 607.277.0799 or [cjrandall@townofdanbyny.org] for more information. ❧

BOARD VACANCIES

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

The Town Board of the Town of Danby invites residents to apply for volunteer municipal boards. Your involvement is welcome and needed.

Each year, one seat opens on the Planning Board and another seat on the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Planning Board term is seven years, while the BZA term is five years.

The Planning Board meets monthly, currently on the third Thursday, to review subdivision and development applications, and to review and revise the Town Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The Board of Zoning Appeals meets as needed, currently on the fourth Tuesday of each month, to hear and decide variance requests related to the Zoning Ordinance. Copies of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance are available on the Code/Planning page of Danby's web site and in the Town Clerk's office.

There are several open seats on the Conservation Advisory Council. The CAC advises the Town Board in the development, management, and protection of the Town's natural resources.

There are open positions for Town Historian and Town Webmaster. As provided by NYS Law, the Town Historian collects and preserves Town history. The Historian is encouraged to engage the public in local his-

FIRE COMMISSIONER VOTING AND BUS SERVICE

Submitted by Ed Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

The Danby Fire District will hold an election for Fire Commissioner on December 13, 2016. The polling place is open 5-9pm.

In the past, we have had two polling places, one in the West Danby Fire Station on Sylvan Lane and the second in the Danby Fire Station on Danby Road (NYS Rt.96B). This year, on the advice of our lawyer, there will be only one polling place. Please note that Town, County, State, and Federal elections are not affected by this, only Fire District Elections.

To help West Danby residents, we will provide bus service from the West Danby Fire Station to the Danby Fire Station for voting. The bus service, provided by Airport Limousine, will make continuous loops between the two locations, beginning at 4:45pm. The last returning trip will return to West Danby shortly after 9pm.

The West Danby Station will be open to wait in and this will be a way to get out of any weather. We hope to have doughnuts and coffee there for any voters, as they wait for the next bus.

You do not have to have any reservation, and we expect the bus will hold enough passengers to accommodate voters from West Danby. ❧

tory. The Town Webmaster assists with posting items to the Danby web site and is the Town's contact with the Email provider.

The West Danby Water Commissioners, who tend the rural water system in West Danby, have at least one and possibly two vacancies. Contact the Town Clerk or Tod Sukontarak for more information.

An appointment application is available through the Town Clerk's office. This simple form includes contact information for the applicant and three simple questions: any experience (professional, educational, etc.) which would assist in the position, a brief description of why you would like to be considered, and what you would hope to accomplish in this position.

If interested, or for more information on these positions, contact the Town Clerk, Pamela Goddard, [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org] or 607.277.4788. ❧

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

You will be reading this after Thanksgiving, but I thought I would share some information that was sent to me. I have no idea of the source of this information, but I find it interesting, nonetheless.

“In 1817, New York became the first of several states to officially adopt an annual Thanksgiving holiday; each celebrated it on a different day, however, and the American South remained largely unfamiliar with the tradition.

“In 1827, the noted magazine editor and prolific writer Sarah Josepha Hale—author, among countless other things, of the nursery rhyme *Mary Had a Little Lamb*—launched a campaign to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. For 36 years, she published numerous editorials and sent scores of letters to governors, senators, presidents and other politicians.

“Abraham Lincoln finally heeded her request in 1863, at the height of the Civil War, in a proclamation entreating all Americans to ask God to, ‘commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife,’ and to, ‘heal the wounds of the nation.’ He scheduled Thanksgiving for the final Thursday in November, and it was celebrated on that day every year until

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS RETURN

Submitted by George Jakubson

The first pancake breakfast of the season will be held in the Danby Volunteer Fire Company on Sunday December 11, 2016, 8-11am.

Come meet your neighbors, enjoy whatever weather Mother Nature gives us that day, and have a delicious breakfast made and served by your local volunteer firefighters (and some friends). Pancakes, french toast, eggs, potatoes, juice, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate, and maybe even more surprises! What could be better? And you don't have to cook or do dishes afterwards!

Proceeds benefit the volunteer fire company. Mark your calendars for three more breakfasts: January 15, February 26, and March 26, 2017, Sundays all.

While you're at breakfast, feel free to talk to us about how you might fit in with the department. There are lots of jobs at many different levels with many different time commitments. See you there! ❧

1939, when Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday up a week in an attempt to spur retail sales during the Great Depression. Roosevelt's plan, known derisively as *Franksgiving*, was met with passionate opposition, and in 1941 the president reluctantly signed a bill making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November.

“As an annual celebration of the harvest and its bounty, moreover, Thanksgiving falls under a category of festivals that spans cultures, continents and millennia. In ancient times, the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans feasted and paid tribute to their gods after the fall harvest. Thanksgiving also bears a resemblance to the ancient Jewish harvest festival of Sukkot. Finally, historians have noted that Native Americans had a rich tradition of commemorating the fall harvest with feasting and merrymaking long before Europeans set foot on their shores.”

My past history with pre-Thanksgiving snowstorms, like the one swirling outside as I write this, forecasts more of the same for the upcoming winter. I really hope I am wrong.

The Town is finishing up its year, taking care of end of year work, budget adjustments, appointments for our boards, closing up the financial books. I will be reporting on additional happenings underway in the town next month: Where we are with our efforts to establish a large solar array, potential land swaps with highway, and budget information.

I hope your Thanksgiving was all you wished it to be.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at [\[supervisor@townofdanbyny.org\]](mailto:supervisor@townofdanbyny.org). ❧

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A HAPPY HOLIDAY FROM THE DANBY FIRE DISTRICT TO ALL

Submitted by Edward Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

One Christmas afternoon, when I was about 17, my dad was napping, my mom was dozing, my sisters were doing what kid sisters do, and my brother...well...my brother took his friend and his new basketball into the basement.

There, he found a can of spirits and some old paint brushes. He set fire to them to see if what we told him about flammability was correct. Then, he tried to put out the fire with water from the utility tub.

His friend came upstairs and—finding me awake—said there was a fire. I questioned this but started down into the basement anyway. At the first landing, I found a real fire in progress.

Retreating to the first floor, we called 9-1-1 and got everybody out of the house. The dog remained to attack the firemen but all was quickly taken care of (the fire station was only a city block away). My dad served drinks to the curious neighbors, my sisters ogled the young firemen, and my kid brother got into more trouble by running around and opening windows.

While amusing in the retelling, it could have been a tragedy. We were lucky; the plaster ceiling and walls confined the fire to one room.

The lesson is to take care; get rid of flammables, check your alarms, and have a usable fire extinguisher on hand. Consider the use of appropriately rated plaster board walls and ceilings in rooms where fire hazards might exist and open studs and joists prevail.

As this holiday season gets underway, we wish you good cheer and joy. Have a safe and memorable holiday, but hopefully, not quite like to the one I remember. ❄

SOUTHERN TOMPKINS TOWN TALK

Submitted by Gay Huddle, Ithaca Journal Columnist

Please remember to send your stories to me for the Southern Tompkins Town Talk column that appears weekly in the Ithaca Journal.

I cover the neighborhoods of Danby, West Danby, Brooktondale, Newfield, and Upper South Hill. Pictures (in JPEG format) are always welcome.

Please contact me at [gayhuddle@hotmail.com] or 607.273.6530. ❄

DOTSON PARK DOINGS

Submitted by Julie Clougherty, DCPA President

Winter is coming. Hopefully, this one will bring crisp, cold weather and lots of fluffy snow. Those who love to be outside and active when the cold winds blow may be excited to hear of plans to get a skating area built in Dotson Park. Our idea is to model our skating area on the one at Rice Hill, over on the west side of the lake. We're working hard to make this happen this winter, so stay tuned.

For more snowy fun, check out the great sledding hill in the park (drive in, turn right, and park at the end of the road). If we get lucky and Mother Nature dumps some snow on us, brings your sleds over and have some fun!

In other park news, the long-awaited natural playground is getting closer to implementation. There's still some behind-the-scenes work to be done, but the physical layout for Phase One happened in November. Renowned natural playground designer Rusty Keilnor and the committee of volunteers included a boulder scramble and climbing hills—and a hill slide for a quick ride downhill.

You can be part of the action in any number of ways. For more information or to volunteer, contact [dotsonpark@gmail.org] or check out our web site, [dotsonpark.org]. Dotson Park is owned and managed by the Danby Community Park Association, whose membership consists of all Danby residents. ❄



➤ *Songs of the Season, cont'd from front page—*

ditional selection of seasonal songs from the folk traditions of rural England and America, songs you know but aren't likely to hear in elevators or shopping malls.

Musical accompanists are welcome, too! We'll have keyboard and tin whistles for sure.

We'll enjoy some warm cocoa, cider, and seasonal treats. Bring something to share if you like. This event is sponsored by the West Danby Community Association; free and open to the public. ❄

SIGNS OF CHANGE

Submitted by Ted Crane

The sign is gone, long live the same sign in a new place, and a different sign in the old place.

Thanks to gracious permission from landowner Olivia Vent, the Community Council's sign, a.k.a. "The Town Sign," has been relocated from the lawn in front of the Volunteer Fire Department, to a spot across from Danby's Town Hall. By the time you read this, the old location should have become home to the Fire District's brand new, \$18,000, LED-illuminated, electronic sign.

A small group of volunteers—aided by passers-by—removed the sign from its old, rusting posts and re-installed it into a rustic wooden frame on November 13 and 14. The inexpensive, natural materials were donated to the Community Council. Additional framing along with earth-tone stain will be added over time.

According to legend, the sign—already pre-owned—was donated to the Community Council in the 1980s. Over the years, it has displayed everything from local events to seasonal proverbs. Currently, it announces meetings and events drawn from the pages of the *Danby News*, with an emphasis on the Community Council's concerts and presentations.

The sign is an excellent example of effective use of low-tech resources to achieve modern communications goals. ❧

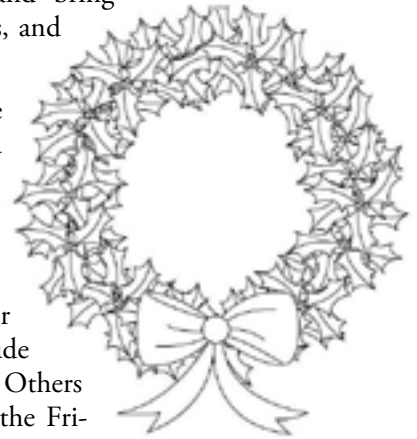
WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP

Submitted by Pat Curran

Make a beautiful evergreen wreath to decorate your home for the holidays! Fresh-cut greens, ring, wires, and ribbons supplied. Bring any special decorating materials you like to personalize your wreath.

Wear casual clothes and bring pruning shears, scissors, and gloves.

If you have never made a wreath before, you should sign up for the Saturday morning, December 3, 10am-Noon session, during which Master Gardener volunteers will include how-to instructions. Others may choose to attend the Friday, December 2, 6:30-8:30pm session.



Both sessions will be held at the Tompkins County Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca. Class limited to 15. Fee: \$18. Pre-registration and prepayment required. Please call 607.272.2292 for more information or to register. ❧

EVENTS 'ROUND TOWN

This column appears monthly, featuring brief descriptions of events—current and upcoming months—around Danby. If you have a non-profit event that the general public is invited to...send a notice to the Danby News!

Community Council Events

Young Naturalists: Saturday, December 3, Noon, see article.

Cornell Wind Quintet: Sunday, December 11, 3pm, see article.

Bird Count Warmup: Saturday, December 17, 10am, see article

West Danby Community Association

Seasonal Songs and Carols: December 18, 3pm, in the Great Room at Slow Lane.

Danby Volunteer Fire Company

Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, December 11, 6-11am. Also 1/15, 2/26, 3/26.

At the DFC

Chicken and Biscuits: Friday, December 9, 5pm. Also January 13.

Doug's Fish Fry Truck: December 22, 11am-6pm. Local desserts and seating inside!

Red Cross Blood Drive: January 13, 10am-2pm

The Great Room at Slow Lane

Contra Dancing: Most Fridays, 8pm. Beginners welcome, no partner needed, dances taught. Info: 607.273.8678.

Scandinavian Dancing: Sunday, December 11, 2pm, music by Stefán Ohlström, Stephen Ellner, and others; dances taught!

New Year's Eve Community Dance Celebration: Saturday, December 31. Potluck at 6pm, waltzing at 5pm, dancing 8pm-'til. Kids welcome. Free. Bring food for potluck or dessert. Alcohol and smoke free, please. ❧

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

We have no meeting in December but will enjoy a holiday luncheon out at Hollybrook Country Club on December 1.

About 60 folks attended our "Thanksgiving" luncheon on November 3. Big thanks to Linda Howe for once again(!) cooking our turkey and gravy! Also we thank our hosts: Gay & Garry Huddle, Barb Wernham, and Ted & Connie Merritt.

Our next regular meeting will be on Thursday, January 5 at Noon in the Danby Community Church. All seniors, 55 and over, are welcomed to join us for a dish to share lunch. ❀

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Look for the "Local Author" sticker on items written by local authors: *Revolutionary War Veterans of Tompkins County* by Mary Ellen Gleason and *Niagara: a novel* by Linda Grace.



Gleason's *RWV of TC*, the product of a 10-year long research and writing effort, contains brief histories of men who served in the Revolutionary War, and went on to live in Danby; in most cases they were buried here.

More New Books:

If Not For You and *Blowin' in the Wind*: Children's books based on Bob Dylan lyrics

Commonwealth by Ann Patchett

The Whistler by John Grisham

Two by Two by Nicholas Sparks

Some Writer by Melissa Sweet (about children's author E.B. White)

Whose Tracks are These by Jim Nail (featured at Family Reading Partnership's Book Fest)

Today Will Be Different by Maria Semple ❀

POLLINATOR PROTECTION CLUB

Submitted by David Hopkins

During its November meeting, the Danby Community Council discussed a proposed Danby Pollinators Protection Club. Everyone liked the idea! Now, the community-at-large is being asked for opinions and suggestions.

The concept is based on a need shown by the decline of pollinators. Honeybees, wasps, solitary bees, moths, butterflies, birds and numerous other pollinator species show population declines. This compromises the integrity and success of agriculture, horticulture and wild environments. Such declines threaten safety, food production, food quality and food security.

These losses are being met by programs in various jurisdictions, both large and small. Small community-based projects complement international initiatives like the United Nations Environment Programme, Federal efforts like Obama's Pollinator Task Force, and the USDA/EPA National Pollinator Health Strategy and Pollinator Research Action Plan, and the work of the NY State Pollinator Network and the Pollinator Stewardship Council Protection Programs.

Cornell's Dyce Lab is a significant player. Local initiatives attend the onsite local work of planting for pollinators, building nesting environments and organizing educational programs and resources.

Danby area residents are asked to submit their questions and opinions about this prospect and to give ideas for local activities. Please contact me at [david@skybarnapiaries.com] or 607.220.7400, or drop a note to, "David Hopkins, Willseyville NY 13864-0156."

With positive feedback from Danby citizens an organizational meeting will be announced. ❀

BOOK CLUB FINDING ITS WAY

Submitted by Janice Beal

The Danby Book Club will meet on Sunday, December 18, 4pm, in 638 East Miller Road. We will be discussing "The Wayfinders" by Wade Davis.

New members are welcome. Please join us! Questions? You can contact me at [beal.janice.e@gmail.com]. ❀

Danby Youth Flyer

YOUNG NATURALISTS: ALL ABOUT ANTS!

Submitted by Alison Christie, Community Council

Does your child love learning about animals and nature? Come learn and observe amazing things about ants on Saturday, December 3 at Noon in Danby's Town Hall.

This is the last of three Young Naturalist Talks sponsored by the Danby Community Council. This fall, we've had exciting monthly presentations from junior or senior biology majors at Cornell University. These students are participating in a Naturalist Outreach class, designed to spark kids' interest in the natural world. Kids and parents will learn a lot in a fun format. Come join the learning fun!



This month's speaker is Daniel Pearlstein and his presentation is on Ants. Daniel is a senior at Cornell, studying Entomology with a particular emphasis on chemical ecology. He hails from Urbana, Illinois, where he fell in love with nature and the world around us. When he graduates, he hopes to continue on to graduate school and earn a PhD in Entomology, and maybe pursue a career as a professor. ❀

FREE ADMISSION TO SCIENCENTER

Admission to the Sciencenter is free on Sunday, December 11, Noon-5pm. This event is sponsored by NYSEG. ❀

Community Council Winter Youth Programs

Danby Youth Programs says Farewell and Hello

Jack Davidson will be leaving his position as Danby's Youth Program Manager when our Primitives Pursuits program ends December 16. We wish him well.

We welcome Danby resident, parent of three, and Masters in Education candidate Tom Janda as our Temporary Youth Program Manager. Tom will overlap with Jack to add another offering for December (see below) and to meet the kids currently in the Primitives program (spaces are still available!).

You and your kids may have met Tom over the years at our Harvest Fest, where he built and operates our pumpkin-tossing trebuchet. We are delighted to have Tom on board to offer programs while we conduct a search for a permanent candidate.

Art & Play for Winter

Wednesdays, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 2:30-6:30pm

Danby Community Church

Youth, 8-14, 12 spots available

Interim Youth Program Manager Tom Janda and Danby resident, teacher, and artist, Cathleen Banford team up for some afternoon adventure and creativity that reflect our transition to winter.

Cathleen will lead youth in a weekly art project that adds comfort or celebration to the season, or makes a unique gift. Youth will be thoughtfully guided to express their own aesthetic through felting, crafting a glass lantern, and soap-making.

Romps in the fresh air, games, and outdoor activities will balance the focus of the art project with the release of movement, play and silliness with friends, new and known, enthusiastically led by Tom. Snacks provided.

Cathleen holds a degree in Elementary Education and a Master's in Art Education. She is an artist and homeschooling parent with much experience offering youth the opportunity to express themselves artistically.

Primitive Pursuits

Fridays, October 7-December 16 (except 11/11, 11/25), 3:30-5:30pm

43 Hornbrook Road

Come enjoy the brilliant colors of fall--while learning ancestral living skills such as friction fires, shelter building, native crafts, nature awareness, tracking and more! Participants learn about their local environment through the study of earth living skills and nature awareness. ❀

Postal Patron

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Dec 1 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Hollybrook Country Club • Seniors
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Danby Community Council Mtg

Dec 3 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting
Noon 🏠 Town Hall
Young Naturalists: Ants

Dec 9 • Fri

5pm 🏠 Danby Comm Church • Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

Dec 11 • Sun

8-11m 🏠 Danby Fire Station • Pancake Breakfast
3pm 🏠 Town Hall
Concert: Cornell Wind Quintet

Dec 12 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Public Hearing: Local SEQR law
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire Dep't Meeting
7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • WD Fire Dep't Meeting

Dec 13 • Tue

5-9pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall
Fire Commissioner Election
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Dec 15 • Thu

3-6pm 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • Food Pantry
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Planning Board Meeting

Dec 17 • Sat

10am 🏠 Town Hall • Bird Count Warmup

Dec 18 • Sun

3pm 🏠 Slow Lane
Seasonal Songs, Carols, and Cheery Foods
4pm 🏠 638 East Miller Road • Book Club

Dec 19 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

Dec 20 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Dec 22 • Thu

11am-6pm 🏠 Danby Comm Church
Doug's Fish Fry Truck

Dec 26 • Mon

🏠 Danby Comm Ch • No! Mobile Food Truck
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Conservation Advisory Council Mtg

Jan 5 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Hollybrook Country Club • Seniors
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Danby Community Council Mtg

Jan 7 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Jan 9 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire Dep't Meeting
7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • WD Fire Dep't Meeting

Jan 10 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Jan 13 • Fri

10am-2pm 🏠 Danby Comm Church • Blood Drive
5pm 🏠 Danby Comm Church • Chicken & Biscuit

Jul 8, 2017 • Sat

Danby Fun Day and Parade

ONGOING EVENTS

Danby Community Library Open 🏠 Town Hall
Saturdays, 10am-Noon, Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30pm,
and when the Open sign is out!

Seniors Strength Training Group 🏠 Danby Community Church
Mondays and Thursdays, 9am.

AA Meeting 🏠 Danby Community Church
Wednesdays, 7pm.

Danby Quilters Group 🏠 607.273.2950
Call for Info.

WHERE THINGS HAPPEN

🏠 Danby Town Hall • 1830 Danby Road

🏠 Danby Fire Hall • 1780 Danby Road

🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • Sylvan Lane, off Rt.34/96

🏠 Danby Community Church • 1859 Danby Road

🏠 American Legion Post 221 • 1231 Danby Road