



HIRAM NEWSLETTER

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HOLIDAY SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING



As you may have noticed, the stores are already pushing Christmas and have decorations all around and Thanksgiving is like a forgotten holiday. We go from Halloween to Christmas! But I will still be doing the same process as last year for Thanksgiving by giving out gift certificates to families that may need a little help or just need a gift of “we are thinking of you”. If you know of someone/families that could use a little something, please contact Terry at the town office at 625-4663. Deadline for request is **NOVEMBER 14TH, 2022.**

The giving tree will be handled the same as usual with new items donated accepted, monetary donations accepted as well. Most items will be purchased by “Santa’s elves” and then wrapped and bundled for delivery. Again, we ask that if you or your family has received from us in the past 2 years that you find alternative assistance so that we may be able to help some new families that have moved into town or have unfortunate situations in their lives. If you know of a family, neighbor or your own family that needs assistance, please notify Terry at the Town office at 625-4663 and I will see what Santa can do for you. **Deadline for applications is December 9TH, 2022 at noon.**



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE MONEY, GIFTS, OR TIME LET ME KNOW.

LETS GIVE A LITTLE WARMTH AND KINDNESS TO OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND FAMILIES OF HIRAM



DATES TO REMEMBER

NOV. 11TH – VETERANS DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

NOV. 24TH & 25TH – THANKSGIVING WEEKEND – OFFICE CLOSED

DEC. 23RD & 26TH – CHRISTMAS – OFFICE CLOSED

DEC 30TH – OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO CLOSE THE BOOKS FOR THE YEAR

JAN. 2ND, 2023 – NEW YEARS WEEKEND – OFFICE CLOSED

HIRAM PLANNING BOARD

The planning board has been extremely busy this year with several conditional use permit request, a minor subdivision, and request to change the current zoning ordinance on top of trying to develop a tiny home ordinance, and medical marijuana ordinance.

We will have a **vacancy** on the board in 2023 as well as alternate positions are vacant. If interested in being on the planning board, please contact the town office at 625-4663 or by email to

tday@townofhiram.org.

We need your assistance!

Next scheduled meeting: **November 15th, 2022 (workshop)**

Public Hearing on

December 6th, 2022

7 p.m.

To discuss the request from Kevin & Ian Hamlin to use their property
On tax map R15 Lot 39 at 343 Richardson Rd for a wedding venue.
Application is available for review at the office or by request via email
Public invited to attend

Watch the Weekly Shopping Guide for upcoming public hearings.

**MESSAGE FROM THE HIRAM
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/PLUMBING INSPECTOR
GUY LEHOULLIER – 207-256-2410
hiramceo@townofhiram.org**



Waterfront property owners on lakes, ponds, and rivers that are subject to Hiram's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance are reminded that accessory structures such as decks must be setback at least one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line.

Please contact me about your proposed plans or if you have any questions.



Thank you
Guy Lehouillier
Hiram CEO/Plbg inspector



***If you pay for your own heat** (whether you own or rent your home):

A credit will be sent directly to your account at your fuel company!

***If you rent & your heat is included** but you pay your own electricity:

You may be able to choose to have a credit sent directly to CMP or receive a **direct check paid to you!**

***If you rent & both your heat and electricity are included** in your rent:

You may be eligible to receive a **direct check paid to you!**

***Appointments to apply for this program can be done over the phone, so you don't even need to leave your home!**

***If at least 1 person in your household receives SNAP or TANF benefits from DHHS, your household is automatically income eligible regardless of any other incomes in the home!**

***Our program year 2023 started on 7/18/2022 and goes until 7/14/2023!**

Call us at (800) 866-5588 today to set up an appointment!



***See Income Guidelines below**

Monthly Income Guidelines By Household Size:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
\$2572	\$3363	\$4154	\$4946	\$5737	\$6528	\$6677	\$6825	\$6973	\$7122	\$7599

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

2022-2023 Season

Maximum gross household income is based on the number of people in the household.

Other program guidelines and requirements may apply – contact us for more information.

If you pay court ordered child support, you may be able to deduct the current amounts paid from your household income.

If your household income is over the HEAP income guidelines, you may be able to deduct a portion of the amount you paid out of pocket for medical expenses.



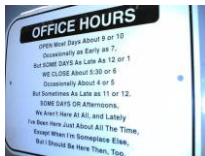
HEATING FUEL & FOOD COSTS



We all are feeling the pain of extremely high prices for heating fuel and groceries these days! Your friends, neighbors, relatives, and family needs to be watched closely by all to make sure no one is cold or hungry!

Please please please! Contact the town office at 207-625-4663 if you even suspect there are people trying to “tuff it out” and not get heating fuel or food that they desperately need.

We will help as much as possible with the donations we have generously received and through programs we have access to, to keep our citizens warm and fed through these tuff times.



TOWN OFFICE HOURS

MON – THURS – 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

THURS EVENING 5:30 P.M. – 7 P.M.

FRIDAYS 9 A.M. – NOON

2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH – 8 A.M. – 11 A.M.

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MEET EVERY THURSDAY EVENING AT 7 P.M.

AT THE TOWN OFFICE

***Beginning Jan. 1st – Municipal Officers will be meeting the
First and third Thursday of the month only
Unless a workshop is needed***

Tel: 207-625-4663

Fax: 207-625-7635

Emails:

Marylou – mstacey@townofhiram.org

Terry – tday@townofhiram.org

Guy Lehouillier – CEO – hiramceo@townofhiram.org

Town Clerk & Tax Collector Corner

Election Day
Tuesday, November 8th
Polls open from 8am to 8pm

Nobody will ever deprive the American people the right to vote, except the American people themselves, the only way they could do this is by not voting.

Franklin D Roosevelt

2023 DOG LICENSES ARE AVAILABLE

The State Law requires all dogs over the age of 6 months, must be licensed.

The licensing fee is \$6 for a spayed/neutered dog and \$10 for a non-altered dog. Please bring in your current rabies vaccination when registering your dog(s). Did you know the fees you pay help offset the Animal Control Officers Salary as well as our assessment we receive from Harvest Hills to care for stray animals. By registering your dog and showing proof of rabies vaccination you are helping to keep the community safe from the rising cases of rabies in the State of Maine.



2022 Taxes are past due
Notices will be mailed late
November if you have
an outstanding balance.

If taxes are not paid by 12/30/2022
your name will be in the town report
per State Law

Please call Marylou with any questions

IF & W News

**2023 hunting and fishing licenses
make a great gift for the holidays.
Licenses will be available for sale
after December 1st.**

**2023 Snowmobile stickers are in!
No fee increases for 2023
(As far as we know)**

If you are purchasing a sled, ATV or boat that has been previously registered in Maine please either bring in a copy of the registration or take photos of any stickers and numbers located on the cowling. This will help us find the correct vehicle in MOSES and save you time here in the office.

Valid Bill of Sale

Did you know the State is requesting valid bill of sale for all items, cars, snowmobiles, boats etc.

A valid bill of sales has

- Both buyer and sellers addresses
- Both signatures
- Vin/serial number
- Description of item including year make and model of the vehicle.
- The amount paid for the item or the trade value

A valid bill of sale can be helpful if the transfer on title has been filled out incorrectly on a motor vehicle.

THANK YOU

To the generous business
sponsors of Hiram Historical
Society's Trash Can Turkey
Roast and Great Ossipee
Museum Open House

Cornish Hardware

Cornish Inn

Cote and Howe – Keller

Williams Realty

P.Y. Estes and Son

Foothills Phys. Therapy and

Fitness Center

Grandy Organics

Hand Cut Granite – Cliff

Whitney

Local Gear

Moulton Lumber

Sacopee Veterinary Clinic

Wadsworth Woodlands

Event & Raffle Contributors

Apple Acres

Bay Haven

Brownfield Historical Society

Call's

David Foley

Fairgrounds Pub & Grill

Heart and Hand

Hiram Community Center

Hiram Fire Department

Krista's

Libby's Antiques

Lindsay's at Cornish Inn

Sacopee Valley House of Pizza

Sofia's

West Point Anglers

and to all our volunteers who
set up, baked pies, served, sold
raffle tickets, created exhibits
that made this event possible!

Hiram Historical Society

says

THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Hiram Historical Society wrapped up a busy and successful 2022 season with a grand Trash Can Turkey Roast and Open House featuring exhibits by the Hiram and Brownfield Historical Societies for the 75th anniversary of the 1947 fires in our towns.

Look back at the season with us!

Our programs bring history to life - they are free and dynamic! Consider John Babin's presentation Henry Wadsworth Longfellow at which actor Xander Berkely, read Hiawatha, in a surprise, and we examined a gift of the portrait of Henry with hashmarks on the engraver's plate, a mystery we solved!

We close the museum until May 2023 (there is no heat), but we are here to answer your questions about family histories and histories of your house or other buildings. Don't be shy – gardenlit@gmail.com or call 207-615-4390 be sure to leave a message!

Become a member and receive the Newsletter publishing our rich heritage. Only \$10 for a single membership for the year - \$15 for a family. Life membership is available, too!

Find membership forms in our brochures and Newsletter at Soldiers Memorial Library and at www.hiramhistoricalsociety.org

Do you like watching movies and want to help?
Join the volunteers reviewing our programs on
video – be the first to view a Tour of Historic
Features – a work in progress. Call 207-615-4390

HIRAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY OCTOBER 2022



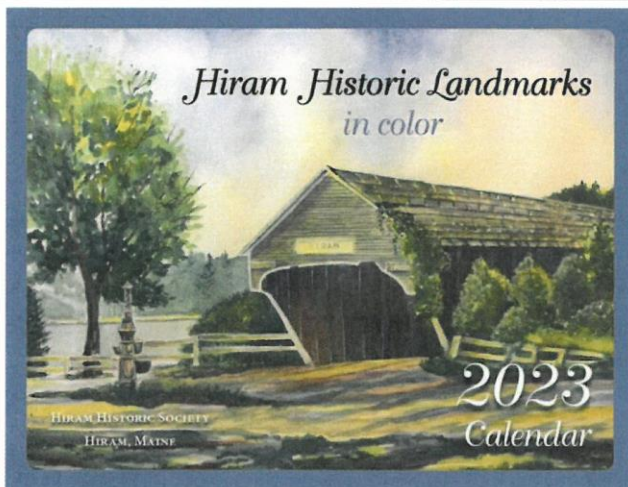
Artist Mary Cobb talks with admirers at the Art Show of **Hiram Historic Landmarks in Color**, 18 watercolors by Baldwin artists Mary Cobb and Mary Burnell. **October 7-10**. Paintings are gifts to HHS – come see!



Gazebo in General Peleg Wadsworth Park in an April snow. Painted by Mary Cobb.



"Hillbillies of South Hiram" by Mary Burnell.



The calendar is a catalog of the art show – all paintings are included. Full color \$20 at the Library and the Town Office. Enjoy months of our beautiful heritage!



Trash Can Turkey Roasters Smoke 'N Days



Dave Paro babysits 1937 fire truck used to fight the 1947 fires in Hiram and Brownfield, 75th anniversary



Pies! Thanks to wonderful volunteers

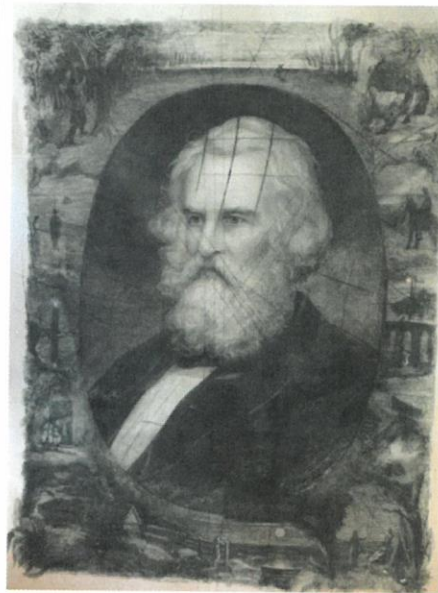


Watching the 1947 fire video at Museum

Zoe is pleased to wear the tricorn hat at the **MOVIE Faces of Founders** May 13, 2022, after ringing the bell with brother Matt.



HIRAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS 2022



Gift of **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow** portrait surrounded by images of his poems reveals strike lines through this unauthorized engraving. June 12, 2022. **John Babin** presents; actor **Xander Berkeley** reads the poem *Hiawatha*.

Natural Cider makers David Buchanan and Jared Carr let us taste their wares July 12, 2022



Kathy Libby, Libby's Antiques, assesses child desk Aug. 9, 2022



Drinking our Way Through History. June O'Donal, local author of the *Fryeburg Chronicles*, takes us on a journey of favorite New England beverages. September 10



HHS display of cobbler & cord-wainer tools Oct. 1 at **Tear Cap Workshops** inspired a new display & interest at **Turkey Roast!**





THE TIME IS COMING!



That's right folks, I am going to retire! My last day working at the Hiram Town Office will be July 31, 2023. Its with mixed emotions for sure! I love my job and people I work for and will miss all of you tremendously! I started in 1987 at a wild time for the office and have gone through many changes throughout the years but it has all been a learning experience with lots of memories to cherish. (and some to forget 😊) I'm telling you, anyone in customer service type jobs should write a book of their experiences! A lot of laughs, a lot of tears shed with customers, a listening ear to those that needed to vent, many hugs to those that needed one, some stressful times as well and a lot of wow did they really just say that or do that?, you can't make this stuff up!

I have several projects at home I can't wait to do as well as spend more time at our camp, doing the things I love to do together with my wonderful husband, family and friends.

Thank you for a great job and the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people I now can call friends. - Terry

This being said, the Municipal Officers will be starting to look for a replacement to start training at the first of the year so that we can all work together until I do retire and that person can get the necessary training done prior to me leaving.

This person must like working for the people of Hiram and with people in general. Must be organized and able to multi-task. The person will be the administrative assistant to the municipal officers as well as a deputy to the town clerk, treasurer and tax collector with all the duties these positions require. There may be more of my current positions included but will be decided by the municipal officers at the time of hiring. Great opportunity with benefits.

Watch the Local Shopping Guide for ads
👁️👁️ asking for resumes.



HIRAM FIRE DEPT HAS A NEW VALUABLE PIECE OF APPARATUS!

The Hiram Fire Department has completed the purchase of a boat for responding to water emergencies.

The 16-foot boat with 40 Hp motor was purchased in June from Fryeburg Rescue. The need for water response capacity had been a recurring topic among members due to 911 calls from the Saco River. The goal was realized when Fryeburg Rescue replaced their craft and offered their old one for sale. HFD members voted to buy the boat and donate it to the town using \$3500 of donation funds raised over many years by department members past and present.

The boat was painted and lettered through the efforts of Dave Paro and others and has been outfitted to meet the department's needs. Operational and familiarization training for core members was completed and expanded training will be ongoing.



THANK YOU HFD AND ALL THE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN!
THIS WILL BE AN ASSET FOR THE TOWN AND TOWNSPEOPLE THAT
USE OUR BEAUTIFUL WATERWAYS AND FIND THEMSELVES
IN NEED OF RESCUE SERVICES.



Deer Hunting Bag Limit + Permit Needs

2022 Firearms + Muzzleloader Seasons



May not exceed annual white-tailed deer bag limit

Firearms: Oct 31-Nov 26 (Oct 29 Maine residents only) | Muzzleloader: Nov 28-Dec 10 (Dec 5-10 in select WMDs) | Crossbow and muzzleloader hunters must have associated permit

Antlered Deer Bag Limit	Antlerless Deer Bag Limit	License or Permit Type
STATEWIDE 		YOU NEED • Big Game Hunting License
STATEWIDE 	+ PERMIT DESIGNATED WMD/SUBUNIT 	YOU NEED • Big Game Hunting License AND • 1 Antlerless Deer Permit
STATEWIDE 	+ PERMIT DESIGNATED WMD/SUBUNIT 	YOU NEED • Big Game Hunting License AND • 2 Antlerless Deer Permits
YOUTH DAY STATEWIDE 	OR STATEWIDE 	YOU NEED On Youth Day 2022 (Oct 22) Licensed youth hunters may harvest an antlerless deer without an Antlerless Deer Permit statewide
<p>If youth hunters have an Antlerless Deer Permit, they may harvest two antlerless deer on Youth Day (one permit in designated WMD/Subunit, one statewide). If youth hunters do not have an Antlerless Deer Permit, their season bag limit is 1 deer.</p> <p><i>WMDs subject to change. May not exceed annual white-tailed deer bag limit. Deer harvested during regular archery and crossbow, firearms, and muzzleloader seasons count toward the same annual bag limit.</i></p>		

Understanding Bag Limits

During the firearms and muzzleloader hunting seasons, only those hunters possessing an antlerless deer permit may hunt antlerless deer and bucks with antlers less than three inches in length; other hunters are restricted to hunting bucks with antlers three inches or more in length.

Deer harvested during regular archery and crossbow, firearms, and muzzleloader seasons count toward the same annual bag limit.

Interested in purchasing an antlerless deer permit?

As of October 23 there are still antlerless deer permits available for purchase in WMDs 22, 23, 24, 25, and 29. If you have not already purchased an antlerless deer permit, you may do so online at mefishwildlife.com/deerpermit

Hunters who were issued a permit through the lottery may purchase a second permit.

If there are antlerless deer permits remaining after the start of the firearms season, hunters may purchase one additional permit. Hunters will be notified of the opportunity on the MDIFW website in early November.





LOOKING TO RESTORE SAWMILL PARK



Since the old South Hiram Fire Department and rebuilt up on the hill, the vacant lot beside the mill pond was developed into a small park for the public to use. Over the years, the woodbine and poison ivy have been creeping up the banking and taking over more and more of the park.

There use to be a picnic table there and people use to walk from the Rt. 160 Ice Cream shop and sit and enjoy the mill pond and eat their ice cream and some used it for picnics.

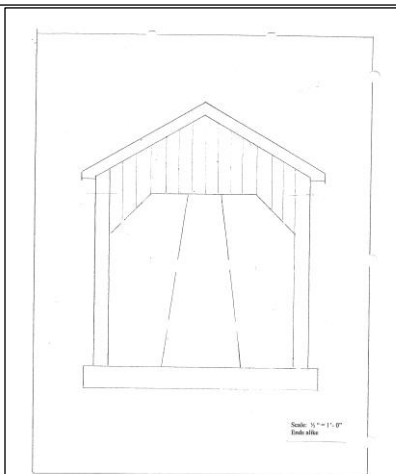
Currently, the invasive plants have been pulled out and graveled in.

In the spring, we are looking for volunteers to continue the clean up of some of the brush and bushes that have invaded the park and open it back up for people to enjoy again.

As well, we are planning to construct a structure that will hold the old mill waterwheel upright for historical preservation and we will be asking for volunteers to help with that project as well. If you are a carpenter by trade or hobby, like to garden, like to rake, have building materials to donate that could be used to help build the structure, would like to make a monetary donation, or just like to help the community. Give us a call or email and let us know that you can be put on the list for next spring. The town office number is 625-4663 or email mstacey@townofhiram.org or lurasawyer52@gmail.com



Before removal of the poison ivy and woodbine



Proposed structure for the waterwheel

Date: 10 / 7 / 22

Sawmill Park Proposed Enclosure Budget For The Preservation Of The Horizontal Waterwheel That Has Been Laying On The Ground For Many Years

1. Site Preparation	\$ 1500
2. Concrete Work	\$ 1100
3. Guy Assembly	\$ 400
4. Set Waterwheel	\$ 100
5. Framing	\$ 1000
6. Roof	\$ 400
7. Finish Carpentry	\$ 1000
8. Painting	\$ 200
9. CONT	\$ 200
10. LABOR	\$ 3300
Budget Estimate	\$ 10,000 **

Note
The Horizontal Waterwheel dates to the late 1800s

**SAWMILL PARK
RESTORATION
PICTURES AFTER THE POISON IVY AND WOODBINE REMOVED
ALSO PICTURES OF WHERE WORK IS STILL NEEDED IN THE SPRING.**



TRI-TOWN WASTE FACILITY

SCALES ARE UP AND RUNNING! 10¢ A POUND FOR DEMOLITION/CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

Unfortunately, many of our other tipping fees for bulky waste & electronics have increased more than once in the last year! Therefore, as of **December 1st, 2022 we will have increased our fees for disposal of certain items. Please dispose of items properly. They are as follows:**

ECO/BULKY

ITEM DESCRIPTION	COST/UNIT	FEE CHARGED
CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS:		
	SCALES .10 PER POUND	MIN. \$2
ALL CONSTRUCTION WOOD		
COUNTER TOPS OTHER THAN GRANITE, STONE OR CONCRETE	SCALES .10 PER POUND	
WINDOWS - GLASS BROKEN OUT - WOOD	\$2.00/EACH	
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:		
MATTRESSES - CRIB, TWIN & FULL	\$15.00/EACH	
QUEEN & KING	\$15.00/EACH	
BOXSPRINGS - CRIB & TWIN, FULL	\$15.00/EACH	
QUEEN & KING	\$15.00/EACH	
SOFAS - 3 CUSHION SZ-NO BED	\$15.00/EACH	
SOFA - 2 CUSHION SZ NO BED	\$15.00/EACH	
SOFA - ANY SIZE W/PULL- OUT BED	\$15.00/EACH	
STUFFED CHAIRS/RECLINERS	\$15.00/EACH	
WOODEN CHAIRS - NO STUFFING	\$5.00/EACH	
WOODEN FURNITURE/SWING/GYM SETS	\$15.00/EACH	
OFFICE CHAIRS - W/METAL, PLASTIC, STUFFING	\$5.00/EACH	

DEMO/RIVERSIDE

ITEM DESCRIPTION	COST/UNIT	FEE CHARGED
CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS:		
OTHER THAN PRESSURE TREATED		
ALL ROOFING MATERIALS	SCALES .10 PER POUND	MIN. \$2
PRESSURE TREATED WOOD	SCALES .10 PER POUND	MIN. \$2
SHEETROCK/PLASTER	SCALES .10 PER POUND	MIN. \$2
INSULATION - CONTRACTOR BAG	\$10.00/BAG	
INSULATION - TRASH BAG	\$8.00/BAG	
TOILETS -	\$10.00/EACH	
BATHTUB - PORCELAIN, CONCRETE, SIMILAR MATERIAL	\$20.00/EACH	
BATHTUB - PLASTIC TYPE	\$15.00/EACH	
CONCRETE OR FIBERGLASS	\$25.00/EACH	

METALS TO CIA

ITEM DESCRIPTION	COST/UNIT	FEE CHARGED
REFRIGERATORS W/FREON	\$15.00/EACH	
AIR CONDITIONERS W/FREON	\$15.00/EACH	
FREEZER W/FREON	\$15.00/EACH	
ALL FREON FREE METAL ITEMS	FREE	
ALL OTHER METAL ITEMS	FREE	
LAWNMOWERS-PUSH W/MOTOR	FREE	
ROTOTILLERS, GAS TRIMMERS, POWER SAWS, FERTILIZERS, SIMILAR SIZE	FREE	
WINDOWS- GLASS BROKEN	FREE	

**DEADLINE TO FILE DECEMBER 1ST, 2022
FORMS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AND AT THE TOWN OFFICE**

The Property Tax Stabilization Program: A Guide for Applicants

What is it?

Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens, also known as the Property Tax Stabilization Program (the “Program”), is a State program that allows certain senior-citizen residents to stabilize, or freeze, the property taxes on their homestead. As long as you qualify and file a timely application each year, the tax billed to you for your homestead will be frozen at the amount you were billed in the prior tax year. Eligible residents who move may transfer the fixed tax amount to a new homestead, even if that new homestead is in a different Maine municipality.

Who qualifies?

To be eligible for the Program, an individual must meet all of the following as of April 1 of the property tax year for which they are requesting stabilization (so for applications due December 1, 2022, qualifications must be met as of April 1, 2023):

- 1) at least 65 years old,
- 2) a permanent resident of Maine,
- 3) have owned a Maine homestead for at least ten years, and
- 4) be eligible for a homestead exemption on the property they are placing in the Program.

If your homestead is owned by more than one individual as joint tenants, only one owner needs to qualify for the Program to participate. There are no income or asset limitations to qualify.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
GO TO TOWN OF HIRAM WEBSITE OR STATE OF MAINE WEBSITE
MAINE REVENUE SERVICE PROPERTY TAX DIVISION**



SNOW IS COMING SOON!
 SNOWPLOW CONTRACTORS FOR
 2022/2025 SEASONS:
NEW CONTRACTS



KENNETH HARMON – SO. END

207-420-0325 CELLPHONE

ROADS CONTRACTED:

BEN GILPATRICK RD PEAKED MTN PASS
 ALLARD CIRCLE PILGRIM DR
 BOBBIN MILL RD PLAINS RD
 BROWNFIELD RD SO HIRAM RD
 DERBY BARN RD TRIPPTOWN RD
 DR. TEG RD
 DURGINTOWN RD
 GARDEN DRIVE
 GERRISH RD
 GOULD FARM RD
 LEAVITTS RD
 NEW SETTLEMENT RD
 NOTCH RD

SHEA & SONS – NO. END

207-671-3050 CELLPHONE

ROADS CONTRACTED:

AARON DR SCRIBNER MILL RD
 BULLRING RD SEBAGO RD
 DOUGLASS RD SHOTGUN GULCH
 HAMPSHIRE ST TEARCAP RD
 HANCOCK AVE WARDS HILL
 HIRAM HILL RD
 HISTORICAL RIDGE
 KING ST
 MAIN ST
 MAPLE ST
 RICHARDSON RD
 RIVER ROAD
 SARGENT RD

**REMINDER:
 DO NOT PLOW,
 PUSH, BLOW, OR
 SHOVEL SNOW
 INTO THE TOWN
 WAYS**



**SEEKING
 LIBRARIAN**



The Soldiers Memorial Library in Hiram, Maine, is seeking a community oriented leader to serve as its new Librarian.

The Librarian works with the Hiram Cultural Center Board of Directors to oversee the daily running, development, and maintenance of the library.

An ideal candidate would have a strong knowledge of library services or skills and experience with technology, program management, and public relations, and a willingness to learn on the job.

Application information can be provided by emailing hiramculturalcenter@gmail.com or calling 207-625-4650 to request printed materials.

Application deadline is November 23, 2022. The Hiram Cultural Center is an equal opportunity employer.

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HIRAM CULTURAL CENTER
85 Main Street
Hiram, Maine 04041



Arts Center @ 8 Hancock 207-409-1822 Soldiers Memorial Library: 207-625-4650 smlhiram@gmail.com
<https://thehiramculturalcenter.squarespace.com/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Arts Center

DECEMBER

**EcoMaine Making recycled
Beads**

12/20 3pm

[Recycled Bead Registration](#)

MONTHLY

The Singing Bowl FULL MOON

SOUND BATH NOV 8TH 6PM

2nd Tuesday of every month

Sound bath at 6pm

JANUARY

Food, Inflammation & You

1/18 & 1/25 at 11am | AC

"The meaning of life is to find
your gift. The purpose of life is
to give it away." - Picasso

Looking for all ages of
poets to share their work
in our winter newsletter.
Three pieces will be
featured in our upcoming
Winter feature. Submit
poetry to
smlhiram@gmail.com

Featured Artisan @SML

About the Artist . Exhibit runs through November.

Caleb Forest Dunlap, Photographer and owner of Good Eye Photography has a showing at SML until November 15th. Come in and check out his unique point of view through his photographic images on metal. His work is for sale along with notecards to help support STRIVE. **STRIVE is a nonprofit that helps people with emotional and intellectual disabilities to live with dignity and respect as active members of the community.**

Caleb is a member artist at The Art Department, and an advocate and inspiration for individuals like himself who have Down syndrome and other intellectual disabilities.

He hopes that he can help to open the eyes of his viewers with his images and about Down syndrome as well.

To learn more about the artist and his work, please visit him on his website

<https://www.goodeyemaine.com>,

Facebook @goodeyephotohymaine

Stephen & Tabitha King Grant

We are excited to begin purchasing new books for our children's, young adult and junior fiction and non-fiction collections. We would love to hear suggestions from you.

What book do you want to read next?

Check out our new books on our website!

Here are just a few new titles:

Killers of a Certain Age by Deanna Raybourn

All That's Left Unsaid by Tracey Lien

The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate

Dark Things I Adore by Katie Lattari

Lungfish: a novel by Meghan Gilliss

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Hiram Cultural Center is to enrich educational, literary, and cultural lives through charitable support of the Soldiers Memorial Library and the Arts Center at 8 Hancock.

We continue to keep our building open to the public while offering no-contact services on request.

WEEKLY LIBRARY EVENTS

Coffee Hour Wed 1-2pm

Scrabble Wed 12:30pm

Knotty Knitters TH 12:30pm

Yoga Story Time TH 2-2:45pm

NEW HOURS

Tuesday 9:30am-12:30pm

Wednesday 12pm-5pm

Thursday 12pm-5pm

Saturday 9:30am-12:30pm

Come in and tour the library, stop by for coffee or just browse. Check out our online catalogue on our website and find out how to access iCloud to go on your next reading adventure. We have lots of children's space to create, play, pretend, sit and read, or explore with our comfortable computer stations
Check out our growing Young Adult and Junior Fiction reading nook downstairs.

HOW THE HIRAM CULTURAL CENTER CAME TO BE

FOCUS ON VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in being a volunteer?

The Hiram Cultural Center is taking a volunteer interest survey.

This process helps us find the best volunteer assignment for you.

What is the benefit to being a volunteer?

*An opportunity to contribute to and serve the community.

*A new use of free time

*A chance to meet new people

*A sense of purpose & accomplishment.

*Volunteer service recognition

Ask about our list of jobs based on your interest, time, and talent. Here are some ideas for jobs at SML. Adopt-A-Shelf Volunteer, Youth Services Volunteer, Book Discussion Facilitator, Booklist Developer, Booksale Volunteer, Children's Arts and Craft Instructor, Children's Literacy Assistant, Housekeeping Assistant, Story Time helper...

First, the church next to the library donated its building to the Friends of Soldiers Memorial Library (FoSML), a nonprofit created to enhance the library's charitable work. That former church would become The Arts Center at 8 Hancock. Second, the board of the library and others began discussions about how to economically revitalize Hiram Village, utilizing its amazing resources such as the Historical Society, Community Center and Library; access to the Saco River and Mt. Cutler; community conscious businesses; and an active citizenry. Third and finally, the town's auditors recommended the town follow the path of many other Maine towns and enable the library to operate independently, while providing on-going, financial support to the important library resource townspeople have relied on since 1915.

Since January 1, 2021, The Hiram Cultural Center was official! The new nonprofit, which now operates in two adjacent buildings - the library and the arts center - is committed to boosting Hiram's liveliness and attractiveness to long-time and new-coming families by providing entertainment, education, and cultural enrichment for all ages.

Maine State Library Grant

Thanks to a MSFL grant we are now offering **Yoga & Storytime** on Thursday from 2- 2:45pm.

Benefits of Yoga

Helps children manage their anxiety. ...
Improves children's emotional regulation.
Boosts children's self-esteem. ...
Increases children's body awareness and mindfulness.
Enhances children's concentration and memory. ...
Develops children's strength and flexibility.



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS 2022 *Impacting the community*

The Hiram Cultural Center continues the journey to improve programs and services so we can continue to serve the community. We want to ensure that the work we do as a library and arts center is in alignment with our community's dreams and needs.

Funding for this grant made available through the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) initiative SHARP 2021

What kind of community do you want to live in? How is that different from what you see now? How can these answers shape the services and offerings of our library and arts center?

These are the very questions we seek to ask our community. By partnering with YOU, we want to provide a space for you to be heard and to share your aspirations. FMI, email smlhiram@gmail.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Arts Center is available to rent?

The Arts Center at 8 Hancock is the home of the Sacopee Valley Community Band!

The Sacopee Valley Community Band began in March 2007 and has over 25 members from our local communities. They play at many local events, have been in parades and played at the Ossipee and Fryeburg Fairs.

The band recently hosted a fundraiser for Save the Children in Ukraine that raised almost \$3,000. Our home base is the Arts center in Hiram, Maine where we practice every Thursday night at 6pm."

-Dr. Cassie Dove, Director

Always welcoming new members!