

E. KINGSTON EDITION

Winter is coming....



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EKPL Retirement Bash

by Zoe Sucu

On Sunday, December 11th, from 11am - 2pm, the East Kingston Public Library will be hosting Tracy's retirement party. We welcome anyone who would like to give Tracy the best send off possible. The party is open-house style, so you can come and go at any time. Refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!

For those who cannot attend, there is a way to leave a virtual tribute on our website. You can leave either a written message that will go into her guest book, or a video message. Both links can be found on our website under "ABOUT EKPL" and "Tracy's Retirement." Visit www.eastkingstonlibrary.org for more information.

EKES School Board Update

By Andy Herum

Holiday Makers Market:

EKES is hosting a Holiday Makers Market on Dec 11th from 10AM to 2PM. Arts and Crafts will be available for \$5/child. For more information look for flyers around town and/or email eastkingstonfarmersmarket@gmail.com

School Board Upcoming Dates:

Budget Workshop: Dec 7th at 5:30 - Board Members will discuss the upcoming budget with EKES and SAU16 admin. Location EKES Library

Board Meetings: Dec 14th, Jan 11th, Feb 22nd - all at 5:30 in the EKES Library

Deliberative Session: Feb 4th

Conservation Resources at the Library

by Vicki J. Brown, East Kingston Conservation Commission

In collaboration with the library, the East Kingston Conservation Commission has set up a table of free resources at the East Kingston Public Library.

Visitors can learn about town conservation activities, including the restoration of our residents-only town beach, find out how to donate to the brick fundraiser.

Free resources include:

- Animal tracks pocket cards from NH Fish & Game
- The book, *Conserving your Land: Options for New Hampshire Landowners*
- Land Protection Benefits brochure
- Coming soon! Milkweed seeds, thanks to the Girls Scouts and Pollinator Pathways NH

Land conservation offers landowners the opportunity to have an enduring impact on New Hampshire's natural landscape, for the benefit of all of us, our children and our communities.

For questions or more information, please visit our web page at <https://www.eknh.org/conservation-commission>. Or email us at EKconservation@gmail.com.

Conserving Your Land
Options for New Hampshire Landowners



East Kingston Edition

Town of East Kingston
www.eknh.org

Town Clerk & Tax Collector

(603) 642-8794

Monday: 8am - 5pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

8am - 2:30pm

Wednesday: 5pm - 7pm

Town Administration

(603) 642-8406

Monday: 8am - 4pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

8am - 2:30pm

Wednesday: 11am - 7pm

East Kingston Police

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: (603) 642-5427

East Kingston Fire

ekfd.org

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: (603) 642-3141

East Kingston Public Library

eastkingstonlibrary.org

(603) 642-8333

ekpublib@comcast.net

Monday & Wednesday:

9am - 5pm

Tuesday & Thursday:

11am - 7pm

Friday & Saturday:

9am - 1pm

E. Kingston Elementary School

(603) 642-3511

EKES on the web: eks.sau16.org

SAU16 on the web: sau16.org

Newsletter Deadlines

Submissions for the following month must be submitted by the 17th of each month. Send submissions to newsletter@eastkingstonnh.gov

Please be aware that the pandemic may affect normal business hours. It may be best to call before attempting a visit.

Friends of EKPL (FoEKPL) News

By FoEKPL

Happy Holidays! We hope to see you and your family at the **Friends' Social on December 2nd**. There'll be a chance to meet and greet the Friends and Trustees of the library and join us for some holiday treats and activities. As part of the fun, there's an optional Cookie Swap in which guests each bring a few dozen cookies to share and swap with guests at the Social.

Cookie Swap Rules:

- ★ All cookies should be homemade.
- ★ Bring at least 2 dozen cookies (or more if you'd like!).
- ★ Each 'dozen' cookies should be arranged in its own covered container, tin or plate. Be creative!
- ★ Your first plate of cookies will be shared with the guests at the Social.
- ★ Bring a large container to carry away your cookies. For each 'dozen' beyond the first one shared at the party that you bring, you will bring home one 'dozen'. For example, if you bring 4 dozen cookies, you will bring home 3 dozen (three different cookie plates).
- ★ Label cookies with allergens.
- ★ If possible, print out copies of the recipe to share.



Prepare for the winter days and vacations by stopping by the **USB (Used Book Store) at the Pound School** in December, Fridays 10-5 & Saturdays 10-1, to buy tickets to win the Christmas Quilt on display and to check out the **December specials**:

- ★ Christmas - novels, cookbooks, crafts and picture books for children
- ★ Crafts - books on needlepoint, cross stitch patterns, knitting patterns
- ★ Cozy Mysteries - for those snowy, cold winter days
- ★ Sale Table - popular authors 5/\$1



The USB will be open Saturday, December 31st from 10 to 3:30 for our **Special Kids 5th Saturday Event**.

There's also time to make your holiday shopping dollars go a little further by signing up for Amazon Smile and allowing amazon.com to donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the Friends of the East Kingston Public Library. Log into your Amazon account on smile.amazon.com and set the "Friends of the East Kingston Public Library" as the charitable organization associated with your account.

The Friends Membership Drive is our most important fundraising period. If you have already sent in your 2023 Membership donation -THANK YOU! If not, please consider renewing, or joining us, for 2023. Current FoEKPL have been sent renewal forms. New members: please stop in at the library for a membership form or email us at friendsofekpl@gmail.com for more information.

As you set up your 2023 calendar, save the date of Wednesday, January 25th 5:00-7:00 for the **Friends Annual Meeting**.

As always, thank you for your support! Please follow our new FaceBook Page "Friends of East Kingston Public Library", visit our webpage or email us at friendsofekpl@gmail.com for more information.



EAST KINGSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION SPONSORING BARRY SUMMER CAMP

By Gordon Powers, East Kingston Conservation Commission

Once again, this summer, the East Kingston Conservation Commission will sponsor up to three interested young people for Barry Conservation Camp in the White Mountain National Forest. Applicants must be 8-16 years old, residents of East Kingston and first-time campers.

To reserve a spot, interested parents should apply on or before January 10, 2023 to Dennis Quintal, Chair of the East Kingston Conservation Commission, at (603) 382-7650, with the session and gender of the camper. Parents are asked to furnish a \$150.00 nonrefundable deposit at the time of the application registration; the balance of the tuition will be paid by the East Kingston Conservation Commission.

Operated by the UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H Program in cooperation with the NH Fish and Game Department, the Camp provides a small close knit community for its 40 campers and 11 staff. Small, cozy cabins house 7 campers and a counselor. Hands-on experience is the rule. Campers are grouped by age and gender and have access to modern central toilets; shower facilities and a beautiful dining hall complete with a great kitchen which produces legendary meals.

Each week has a theme along with traditional camp activities such as swimming, hiking, campfire, canoeing, skits, fishing, archery and more. The 2023 sessions are as follows:

- 4-H Shooting Sports - June 25-30, for Ages 10-16
- Fish Camp "C July 9-14, for Ages 10-16
- Mini-Camp "C July 5-8, for Ages 8-12
- 4-H on the Wild Side - July 16-21, for Ages 10-16
- Hunter Education - July 23-28, for Ages 12-16
- North Country Adventure - July 30-Aug 4, for Ages 12-16
- Junior Conservation Officer Camp - August 6-9, for Ages 14-17

For more information and the various sessions, go to: <https://extension.unh.edu/new-hampshire-4-h/barry-conservation-4-h-camp>

East Kingston Powwow Bank Fundraiser

By Julie Ostopchuk, East Kingston Conservation Commission

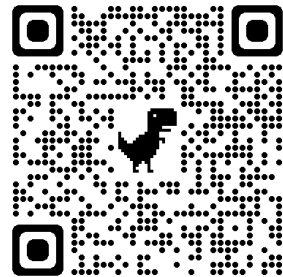
East Kingston residents can take a stroll at the end of Troll Way to find a pathway through the woods, leading to a town-owned parcel on Powwow Pond. The parcel's town beach, commonly known as "the rope swing" area, is an undertaking by the Conservation Commission to stop the erosion, and create a natural stable riverbank with easier access for all, especially swimmers, fishing enthusiasts, and kayakers. Restoring the embankment by adding natural materials and retaining structures, removing decaying trees, adding a stairway leading to the water, numerous new native plantings such as blueberries, willow trees, and butterfly weed will add beauty, while creating a greater food source for wildlife.

The holidays are a perfect time to honor and remember loved ones with a permanent memorial for this undertaking. Your purchase of a laser-engraved brick will be used for a patio at the beach. The donation not only creates a beautiful memory and tribute but helps to restore a parcel for the enjoyment of all residents. Join the growing list of donors for

this beautiful town project: Our thanks to the Blaisdell, Hobson, Cammett, Nadeau, Newcomb, Riddel, Davis, Gray, Glidden, and Hallenborg families, as well as anonymous donors to the project.

Bricks may be purchased at <https://4everbricks.com/donors/ekcc>.

Donations may also be made to Powwow Project, East Kingston Conservation Commission, 24 Depot Rd, East Kingston, NH 03827.



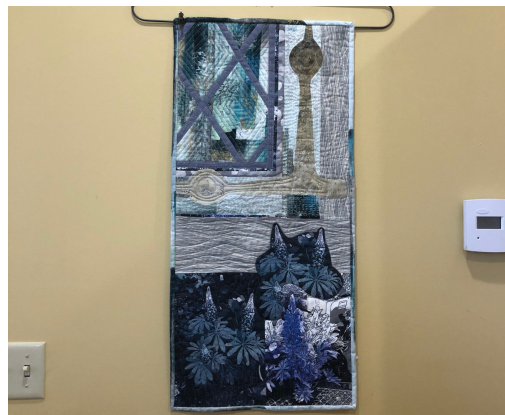
Quilts at the Library

by Zoe Sucu, Library Staff

We've finally brought art back to the library!

For the month of December, Diane Smith Sheckells, quilter extraordinaire, has her quilts up and on display. Many of us are familiar with Diane's work, but only in bits and pieces. Her quilts have been a part of art shows all over the world, as well as only locally. Not only does she stitch all these quilts, but she uses photos and drawings, on top of dye, to create her own unique fabric.

Diane's quilts will be up until the end of December. You can find her quilts on the display boards in the center of the library, as well as on the walls around the building itself. We hope you stop by to view these quilts before they're gone!



Important Dates

- **December 12th @ 5:00pm - East Kingston Conservation Commission**
 - In-Person. Meetings will be held at the Town Offices. More information can be found at www.eknh.org/conservation-commission.
- **December 12th @ 6:30pm - Selectmen's Meeting**
 - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the Town offices. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found on eknh.org/selectmen.
- **December 15th @ 7:00pm - Planning Board**
 - In Person. Meetings are held at the Pound School. More information can be found at www.eknh.org/planning-board.
- **TUESDAY December 27th @ 6:30pm - Selectmen's Meeting**
 - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the Town offices. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found on eknh.org/selectmen.

Happy Holidays from us to you!

