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ALSO ON THE COVER John Fladd helps you navigate the Route 3 Art Trail (page 14). John talks to the folks at Holy Trinity in Manchester about their annual Polish food sale (page 16). Michael Witthaus talks to Adrian Belew about his band BEAT and their Hampton show playing the music of King Crimson (page 23).

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NEWS & NOTES

Sing along

The Rhythm of New Hampshire Show Chorus in Derry is holding singing events for women on Thursdays, Nov. 5, Nov. 12 and Nov. 19, at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway in Derry, at 6:45 p.m., according to an email from the chorus. "Our directors, Jessie Caynon and Jamie Bolduc, will be teaching a few holiday classics to our guests. If interested, the new singers will be invited to perform at one of our holiday shows in December. For more information, see our website, rnhchorus.org," the email said.

Your thoughts?

The Manchester Economic Development Office is conducting a survey about people's opinions of Manchester and its offerings, according to an email from the department. Find the survey at visitmanchesternh.com/survey, which said the survey takes about 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

Baby(s) shower

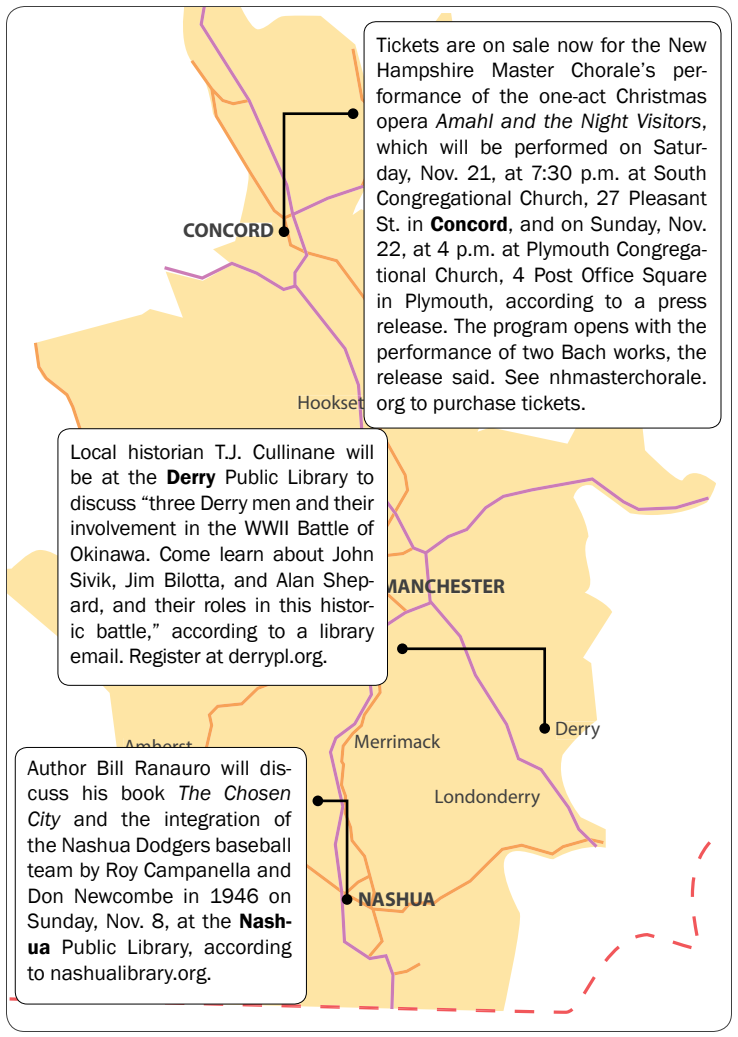
AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire, "a managed care organization serving New Hampshire Medicaid enrollees," will host a community baby shower for new and expectant mothers on Friday, Nov. 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at AmeriHealth Caritas Wellness and Opportunity Center, 25 Sundial Ave. in Manchester, according to a press release. The event will help connect families "with prenatal and postpartum information, support services and community resources," the release said. Call 603-263-6694 for details, walk-ins are welcome, the release said.

Food donation

The New Hampshire Food Bank received about "40,000 pounds of shelf-stable food from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints" on Oct. 28, according to a press release from the Food Bank. "The donation comes through a partnership between the America250 America Gives initiative and the Church's JustServe community service platform," the release said. The donation included 24 pallets of food and other essential items, the release said. "The donated food will be distributed through the New Hampshire Food Bank's statewide network of more than 400 partner agencies, including food pantries, shelters, community meal programs, senior centers, and schools," the release said. For more on the New Hampshire Food Bank, which is a program of Catholic Charities New Hampshire, see nhfoodbank.org.

Alert

The City of Manchester has a new emergency notification system, replacing the Nixle system it formerly used, the City announced in an Oct. 29 post at manchesternh.gov. The new system is run by Genasys Alert and can provide emergency notifications via text and email updates. Sign up at manchesternh.gov/EmergencyAlerts. The City also posted at Manchester Ink Link that as of Oct. 30 it would be transitioning away from SeeClickFix and replacing that with Manchester NH 311, "through which residents will be able to submit service requests and report issues directly to the City." Manchester 311, which is for non-emergency issues, will "provide convenient access to City resources and online services" and can be expanded as needed, the post said. Residents can get that portal and app at Manchesternh.gov/311.





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QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

Very blustery days

If you watched tiny trick-or-treaters in inflatable costumes fighting the wind last week, according to a report by the Boston Globe, it's not your imagination — it's been unusually windy lately. In an Oct. 26 online article, the Globe reported that cities across New England, including Manchester, "have recorded top five blustery starts to meteorological fall (September-November) so far, according to the data." Apparently, the frequent storm systems that have passed through or near New England over the past month or so "introduce a sharp change in atmospheric pressure and blustery conditions arise. Wind is generated by differing pressure systems attempting to find balance."

QOL score: -1, because there's the wild beauty of fall and then there's "I just ate a leaf"

Comment: *"It's important to note that the data is for wind gusts," the Globe reported. "Just a quick lesson: 'Wind speed' is determined by the average flow during a minimum two-minute stretch, while 'gusts' are recorded as sudden, instantaneous increases in wind that can last anywhere from a few seconds to 30 seconds."*

A straight shot through Bedford

According to an Oct. 27 online article from WMUR, work on the Bedford tolls is almost halfway done. "The toll canopy has been removed," the article read, and "the NHDOT said about 40% of the remaining booths, concrete slabs and island have been demolished as well. The project is replacing old booths, which was the site of several crashes, and replacing them with electronic tolling."

QOL score: +1

Comment: *According to WMUR: "Crews will continue to work through the winter on remaining demolition, drainage installation and roadway preparation. The project is expected to be finished by September 2027."*

A new pair of scams

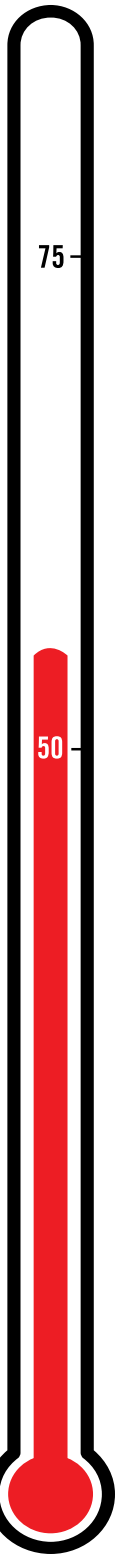
According to an Oct. 27 online article from WMUR, Hudson residents have been receiving emails from scammers posing as town officials. "Police said the messages request payment for permits and applications, and may include details about a person's property or project," the WMUR story read. At the same time, New Hampshire Public Radio reported in an Oct. 30 online story that scammers have been targeting authors by impersonating show hosts and producers. "Fraudsters are impersonating public radio producers and hosts — including staff from NHPR — to set up fake interviews and in-person appearances, with the ultimate goal of stealing money," NHPR reported.

QOL score: -2

Comment: *Both the Hudson Police Department and NHPR recommend verifying any requests for money independently. "Officials urge residents to contact the [Town of Hudson] directly using a phone number from the town website before sending any money," the WMUR article recommended. "If you're in doubt about the sender, please call [or email] NHPR to verify," the NHPR story warned.*

QOL score last week: 63
Net change: -2
QOL this week: 61

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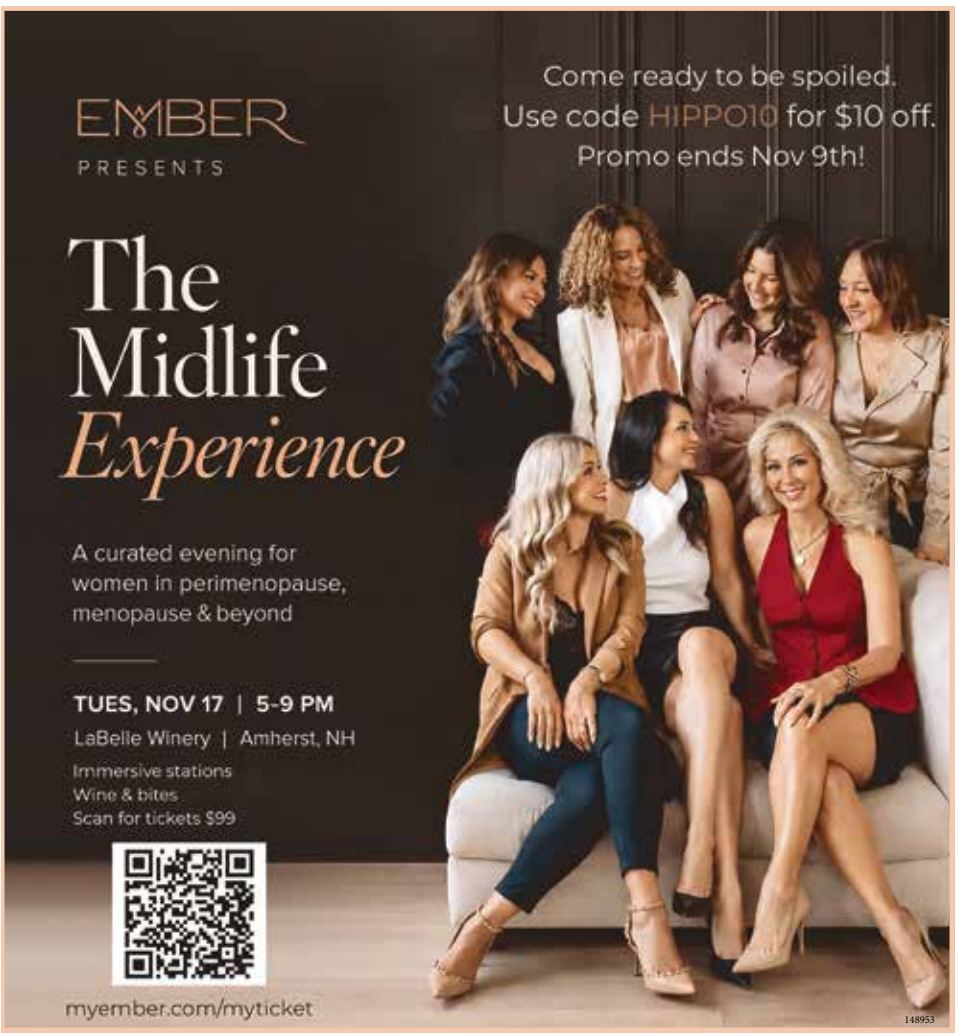












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Brewers complete their mission



The Big Story – World Series/Lockout Coming: While it's been over for a while for the local nine, the baseball season is finally done, and with a lockout looming, perhaps for 2027 as well.

But with the Brewers and their 19th-ranked $130 million payroll winning the World Series and having baseball's best record the last two seasons, it came at the perfect time for the players. Ditto with AL champ Tampa Bay having an even smaller 28th-ranked payroll.

That's because the coming labor fight will be about getting a salary cap most fans want and the players will vehemently refuse to give. And they'll point to the World Series in saying teams can compete with the free-spending Dodgers even when the Dodgers' payroll is more than the combined payroll of both World Series teams.

But for now, let's tip a cap to the Brewers, who have done it the way **John Henry** envisioned since pulling the pin on his one-time gigantic payrolls: (1) having a farm system that fills holes left by departing players for big contracts, (2) not overpaying for big names, and (3) playing a style counter to the homerball most do now.

Sports 101: This is one for old-timers. Who was the last QB to wear a number above 19 in the NFL?

News Item – Pats 24, Miami 19: It wasn't so much lucking out as that they woke up in the second half to overcome a 13-3 halftime deficit.

• ***Good – Drake Maye*** accounted for three passing and running TDs while **Rhamondre Stevenson** banged his way to 82 rushing yards.

• ***Bad*** – how does a team playing prevent defense with 2:05 left allow Miami's **Kevin Coleman** to get behind them for a 35-yard TD to keep their hopes alive?

• ***Ugly*** – too many ill-timed penalties (seven for 46 yards) again, which took away three first downs and an interception.

• ***Grade*** – C+

News Item – CTE Update: Alarming news last week from the Boston University study on brain damage from playing in the NFL. It said nearly 75 percent of NFL players who died between 2008 and 2023 had significant CTE damage.

The Numbers:

15 – second most in the NFL turnovers committed by the Patriots in their first eight games.

154 – 28th-ranked number of homers hit by World Series winning Milwaukee.

… Of the Week Awards

Thumbs Up – The Golden State Valkyries: If you had GS's second year expansion WNBA team winning a title before/if **Steph Curry** did in the company pool you win. Plus they beat dastardly **Angel Reese** and the Atlanta Dream.

The Holy Moly Award – Tampa Bay: For the Bucs somehow scoring 16 points to beat Atlanta 16-0 without completing even one pass as they ran for a franchise 324 yards instead. The only other time that's happened was 1974 when Buffalo beat (of course) the Jets 16-12.

Random Thought: Earth to **Bob Kraft**. The Patriots' main uniform should be the dynasty years blue jersey with silver pants they wore Sunday.

Sports 101 Answer: Nope, not **Doug Flutie**; he wore 2, not 22, in the NFL. It's **John Hadl**, a solid AFL-er who brought 21 with him when San Diego joined the NFL in the 1966 merger and kept it until retiring in 1973.

Final Thought – David Hamilton: The thing I liked most about the World Series was how dumb it made all the media folks look who claimed one of the biggest reasons the Red Sox only went as far as they did was that they didn't invest big money in a third baseman.

First, the Prince of Darkness (**Dan Shaughnessy** of the Boston Globe) keeps litigating last year's trade of **Raffy Devers** to the Giants as just "a salary dump" instead of what it actually was, removing an insubordinate, grossly expensive, immature dog who walked out on his team 'cause he didn't get his way. Saying his production numbers (37 homers and 98 RBI) would've made a big difference here. Well, how come they didn't help SF? They were 10 games over .500 the day they got him, and since are 69-93. That doesn't sound like a difference-maker to me. Plus the $35 million saved was spent to bring on **Willson Contreras** (27 and 81) and **Sonny Gray** (18 wins), which is a good two-for-one return for Devers.

Then came the demand to spend $40 million per year for **Alex Bregman**. Yes, he had a big last six weeks, but the Cubs still went out meekly in Round 1 of the playoffs too.

Meanwhile, with their miniscule payroll, the Brewers built a T-E-A-M that won more than anyone else for two years and rolled through the playoffs to win the World Series. And who was their primary third baseman who homered in the World Series deciding game? Red Sox reject **David Hamilton**, who made a whopping $780k.

Which goes to show that while money can be very helpful it still comes down to who you spend it on, not how much you spend.

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This Week

BIG EVENTS NOVEMBER 11 AND BEYOND

Friday, Nov. 6

Crimes of the Heart will be presented by Bedford Off Broadway at Bedford Town Hall, 3 Meetinghouse Road in Bedford, Friday, Nov. 6, through Sunday, Nov. 8, and Friday, Nov. 13, through Sunday, Nov. 15, with shows at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays, according to the Facebook page and bedfordoffbroadway.com. "Packed with sharp Southern wit, family secrets and unexpected tenderness, this award-winning dark comedy is a laugh-out-loud celebration of sisterhood and survival," according to the website.



Crimes of the Heart. Courtesy photo.

Friday, Nov. 6

Hear the iconic theme music live at ***Rocky*** **in Concert** featuring a screening of the 1976 film with the score performed live by a full symphony orchestra tonight at 7:30 p.m. The Music Hall (Historic Theater at 28 Chestnut St. in Portsmouth), according to themusichall.org, where you can purchase tickets.

Friday, Nov. 6

The curtain rises on **Neil Simon's** ***Rumors*** presented by the Anselmian Abbey Players at the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College in Manchester tonight and tomorrow, Saturday, Nov. 7, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 8, at 2 p.m., according to tickets.anselm.edu, where you can purchase tickets. "Neil Simon's *Rumors* is a fast-paced, laugh-out-loud farce where nothing goes according to plan. When a prominent New York couple's tenth wedding anniversary celebration takes an unexpected turn, the evening quickly spirals into a whirlwind of mistaken identities, outrageous cover-ups, and escalating misunderstandings," the website said.

Friday, Nov. 6

Is this a thing that coulda been brought to your attention yesterday? ***The Wedding Singer*** will be presented by the Actorsingers as a mainstage production at the Keefe Center for the Arts, 113 Elm St., Nashua, today and Saturday, Nov. 7, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 8, at 2 p.m., according to actorsingers.org, where you can purchase tickets. "Based on the hit Adam Sandler movie, *The Wedding Singer's* sparkling new score does for the '80s what *Hairspray* did for the '60s," the website said.

Friday, Nov. 6

Jamantics assembles to play at the BNH Stage in Concord tonight at 8 p.m., according to ccanh.com, where you can purchase tickets.

Saturday, Nov. 7

"The **Folksoul Band** creates new music from old traditions, combining horns, vocals, wild rhythms, and New Orleans Mardi Gras spirit to create music for celebration and dancing," according to their website, folksoul.com. Catch them tonight at 7 p.m. at the Big Bear Lodge at the Andres Institute of Arts in Brookline, according to andresinstitute.org, where you can purchase tickets.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

NH Jazz Orchestra celebrates Veterans Day with "Swingin' to Victory! A Big Band Salute to the Greatest Generation" tonight at 7 p.m. at the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, according to tickets.anselm.edu, where you can purchase tickets.



Save the Date! Saturday, Nov. 28

Recycled Percussion will play two holiday fundraiser shows on Saturday, Nov. 28 — one at 4 p.m. and one at 7:30 p.m. — both at the Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St. in Concord, according to a press release. See ccca-audi.org for tickets. The shows will benefit the Capitol Region Food Program and the Concord Community Concert Association, the release said.









Make Stuff, Meet People

IN PRAISE OF CRAFTING WITH A CROWD PLUS A SEASON OF CRAFT FAIRS

A community of crafters

In praise of making stuff and meeting people

By Zachary Lewis
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"Craft," the word itself, encompasses a wide variety of hands-on activities that you, a loved one, a friend, or even a frenemy can partake in together or separately. In fact, a real craft community has woven together.

Following along with the almighty easel to Bob Ross re-runs on YouTube all by me onesies is a swell way to spend a Sunday morning but one can not live solely by crafting alone.

Where should the curious crafters go? Studio 550 is a swell choice. Located on Elm Street in downtown Manchester, Studio 550 was founded by and is run by Monica Leap, who provides a space for crafters to congregate.

"I can't say everybody likes being around other people, but I think people enjoy doing things together," Leap said. "And when you are making something with your hands, it occupies a different kind of brain space and it puts you in a different kind of presence…whether you're painting, working with clay, stained glass, drawing or whatever, it requires your presence. So when you're doing them together in a group, you're all in it together."

Crafting takes you out of your head and into the present moment and allows for space to strike up a conversation. Studio 550 offers a wide range of art classes and workshops on drawing, pottery, watercolor painting, acrylic painting, introductory drawing, stained glass, clay hand-sculpting and more.

"In November," Leap said, "we have a visiting artist coming named Lisa Orr. She's an artist from Massachusetts who's been working in clay for over 40 years. She makes some really funky, ornate stuff that is actually really functional and just sucks you in when you're looking at it in person."



Photo courtesy of New Hampshire Craft Club.

Studio 550 also has its Hands-On Holiday Market in December, a market that is only possible through the contribution of many.

"It happens the week before Christmas and it's just members and people that create their work here selling their work for a week-long market. We just take over our 2D painting studio and turn it into a browsing space, so you don't have to socialize. You don't have to talk with the vendor. It gives our students a low-stakes way to start selling their work and to start presenting their work to the public. It's usually very impressive what they can come up with," Leap said.

Cheering you on

Another righteous way to craft down with family and friends is at the Bedford Canvas Roadshow. I asked the owner, Casey Wilson, why she thought people liked to get together to craft.

"Well, I think one thing, especially for businesses and people that aren't crafters, is it's something that gets them out of that comfort zone," Wilson said. "I think a lot of people are like, I'm not an artist, I can't do it, there's no way it's going to look just as good as the example, but when they come out and we show them, kind of get them out of their comfort zone of what they think they can do and really show them that they can do it, it's kind of a really wow factor to see that explored."

That winning feeling makes one social too.

"People can talk, mingle, kind of see what other people are doing, and hopefully make a friend," Wilson said.

Bedford Canvas Roadshow will be well into its holiday as you read these words.

"We've already switched on to our winter Christmas kind of vibe. So it's going to be all winter and Christmas projects but they're always changing. Our seagrass trees were really popular last year, so that always catches a lot of people's interest during that holiday season," she said.

Wilson spoke on the positivity in the studio: "When you're at the studio, not only do you have the instructor there to help you, root you on, but you also could have the whole class giving you suggestions and helping you. Saying, how that looks great or that kind of thing. We're almost like our own cheerleaders in a sense."

Crafters can learn how to create crushed glass snow globes, tumble sea glass holiday trees, knit snowmen, and do other crafts in November. Some more opportunities to make friends as well as crafts could take place at a knit blanket workshop, wood workshops, resin workshops and much more.

Getting together

Other venues exist where the art itself is a pleasant visitor alongside the crafter. Another pleasant visitor is the wine. Wine on Main in Concord hosts a plethora, and I mean a plethora, of fun arts and crafts events.

"We definitely do wine events like wine classes and like food and wine pairing events, but we do like a large amount of crafting activities as well," Emma Stetson, the owner of Wine on Main, said. "Specifically, we work with a friend of mine. Her name is Stephanie, but she goes by the moniker The Funky Squid. She and her family also own Averill House Vineyards in Brookline, New Hampshire. She is also a professional crafter. So she comes here at least once a month to do some kind of fun craft. We pair it with a wine tasting, usually including four wines from around the world, and light snacks," Stetson said.

Some of the offerings include the wine bag tote workshop coming up on Thursday, Nov. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. as well as a glass sweater ornament creation extravaganza on Dec. 2 with plenty more.

"We've had a lot of new people move to Concord who have come here and said, 'I've recently come to Concord and I'm looking to meet people.' So I'll say, come to one of our crafting nights because there are lots of people who come by themselves and people who come to make friends, and they do. It's become a great place to meet people and especially for new people coming to Concord to make friends and become part of the community," Stetson said.

Sure, it's perfectly acceptable to stay at home and stare at the yarn crumpled in your bedroom corner, but it's also a swell idea to interact with the living and crochet the world's largest scarf.



Photo by Dash of Creativity.

Enjoying the journey

The process should be enjoyable, and completion is not necessarily the main goal nor is producing what you originally set out to create. Crafting is a journey. Meg Locker, the founder of New Hampshire Craft Club, is a fan of the crafting journey.

"I like imperfect crafting," Locker said. "Stuff like scrapbooking, where there's no specific desired outcome. It just kind of becomes whatever it becomes over the course of the event. So scrapbooking and mosaics and anything that's like hands-on and doesn't need to be perfect."

Locker started the Craft Club in May 2025, "which feels like it was so long ago," she said. "Our business model at the time was everything we do is completely mobile." Catering to the majority of the state, she is now happy to report she'll be opening a new studio in Concord (check their websites for the most up-to-date information).

New Hampshire Craft Club will be exploring the many threads of fiber arts in November.

"So things like knitting, crocheting. It's very much a 'come as you are' sort of thing. You don't need to have a defined skill. You don't need to be what I call a capital-A artist, overly knowledgeable and skillful in fine arts. It's meant to be, first and foremost, an opportunity to get out of the house and do something with people in your community. Secondary to that, we want everyone to leave every event with something fun that they can say, 'Hey, I made this with my own hands.' If you're ever curious, feel free to stop by. I'm very responsive online, so send me an email, message me on Instagram. We just want to build this community."

Continuing on this same spool of thought, the craft community, like any other, is built one thread at a time, although it is a lot more fun to say it in a crafting context.

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Buy crafts

Holiday season is craft fair season

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Here are some of the crafts fairs, arts markets, open studios and other arts and artisan and crafter promoting events in the holiday season. Have an event not mentioned here? Let us know at adiaz@hippopress.com.

• **Manchester Craft Market** at the Mall of NH, 1500 S. Willow St. in Manchester, features the works of several area makers, artists and craftspeople, according to manchestercraftmarket.com, where you can find a list of the makers. The shop is open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., the website said.

• **The Craftworkers' Guild** in Bedford has two shopping opportunities at its location in Oliver Kendall House, behind the Bedford Public Library on Meetinghouse Road in Bedford, according to its website, thecraftworkersguild.org. The **November Hearth & Home Shop** will run Thursday, Oct. 29, through Sunday, Nov. 22, open Thursdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the website said. **The Holiday Shop** is open Friday, Nov. 27, through Sunday, Dec. 20, open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the website said. "Handcrafts in our shop include fashion accessories, fabric & fiber arts, jewelry, home decor, art glass, pottery & ceramic arts, painting & photography, gourmet & goodie treats, children's goods, cards & papercraft, soaps, lotions and candles, woodenware, metalwork, knitwear and blankets," and more, the website said.

• The Concord Arts Market (concordartsmarket.org) and others will participate in the **Concord Art Walk**, the final First Friday event of the season in downtown Concord, on Friday, Nov. 6, from 4 to 8 p.m., according to firstfridayconcord.com. Concord Arts Market will set up with 20+ vendors on Capitol Street, the website said. Arts Alley, Kimball Jenkins and other Concord locations will also be participating, the website said.

• The First Church of Nashua, 1 Concord St. in Nashua, will hold its **Holiday Fair & Silent Auction** on Friday, Nov. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring a Santa visit from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday; a Friday night dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and a Saturday lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; a thrift shop from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday; homemade goodies, gift baskets, craft items and more, according to a church flyer.

• **Merrimack Knights of Columbus Fall Craft Fair** will be held at Mastricola Upper Elementary School, 26 Baboosic Lake Road in Merrimack, on Friday, Nov. 6, from 5 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring more than 40 crafters, a bake table, a chance auction, a food counter and more, according to an email from event organizers.

• Grace Episocopal Church, 30 Eastman St. in Concord, will hold its annual **St. Nicholas Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., featuring "fresh-baked Christmas goodies, crafts, jewelry, children's fun," a cookie walk and more, according to an email from the church. See graceeastconcord.org.

• The Nashua YMCA of the YMCA of Greater Nashua, 24 Stadium Drive in Nashua, will hold its **Fall Craft Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will feature concessions, kids' activities, local vendors and more, according to nmymca.org/fall-craft-fair.

• **Scout Troop 101 Craft Fair** will take place Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Raymond High School, 45 Harriman Hill Road in Raymond, featuring more than 75 local crafters and artisans plus hot foods and baked goods, according to a Facebook page for the event.

• The **Hampstead Mother's Club 40th Annual Craft Fair** will take place on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hampstead Middle School, 28 School St. in Hampstead, featuring more than 80 local artisans, according to hampsteadmothersclub.org.

• The Granite State Choral Society will hold a **Craft Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the James W. Foley Memorial Community Center, 150 Wakefield St. in Rochester, according to gschoralsociety.org.

• **The Route 3 Art Trail** will run Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring a self-guided tour of locations in Concord, Franklin, Boscawen and Penacook, according to a press release. Find a map and schedule at route3arttrail.com. See the story on page 14.

• The **Third Annual Holiday Craft & Artisan Show** will take place at the Capital City Sports Complex, 10 Garvins Falls Road in Concord, on Saturday, Nov. 7, and Sunday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring 125 exhibitors of "jewelry … seasonal décor, gourmet treats, art, clothing, woodwork, home goods, and more," according to an event email. Admission costs $7 (which covers both days) and is free for kids 14 and under and for everyone after 3 p.m. on Sunday, the email said. The event will also feature craft brews and cocktails, live music, lunch and more, the release said. See gnecraftartisanshows.com.

• The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Ladies Philoptochos Society will hold its annual **Fall Bazaar** on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 8, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church hall at 111 Island Pond Road in Manchester, featuring Greek food and pastry as well as raffles and vendors. Visit assumptionnh.org.

• **Paper Jam**, a zine and print fest, will take

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• The **Bedford Handmade Fair** will take place Sunday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bedford High School, 47 Nashua Road in Bedford, featuring local artists, crafters and artisans, according to a press release. See sites.google.com/bedfordnhk12.net/bedfordhandmade/home.

• **Lil' Iguana's Children's Safety Foundation** will hold its annual Craft Fair & Raffle on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Nashua High School North, 8 Titan Way in Nashua, according to liliguanausa.org/craft-fair. The event will feature more than "150 crafters, vendors and area businesses" as well as a raffle room, the website said.

• St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 335 Smyth Road in Manchester, will hold its **Craft Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring crafts and homemade goods, a cookie walk and bake sale, a silent auction and more, according to a flyer on the church's Facebook page. See stpaulsumcnh.org.

• Bow Mills United Methodist Church, 505 South St. in Bow, will hold its annual **Snowman Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The day will feature crafts to make for kids, holiday crafts for sale, baked goods and a silent auction and more, according to bowmillsumc.org.

• United Church of Penacook, at Community Drive and Canal Street in Penacook, will hold its annual **Christmas Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. featuring a bake sale, holiday decorations, home decor and pottery, knitted items, jams and jellies, jewelry and handbags, quilts and fabric crafts and toys and pet gifts, according to a flyer on the church's Facebook page.

• Pembroke Academy, 209 Academy Road in Pembroke, will host the Pembroke Academy DECA business and marketing club's **Holiday Craft Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., according to a flyer on the Facebook page for the Spartan Market, which provides the school's branded gear and will be open at the fair, the post said.

• The **Christmas Craft Fair** at St. Elizabeth Seton, 190 Meetinghouse Road in Bedford, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring 50 vendors, raffle baskets and more, according to stelizabethsetonchurch.org.

• The **36th Annual Memorial High School Booster Club Craft Fair** will take place Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Memorial High School, 1 Crusader Way in Manchester, in the gym, mini gym, cafeteria and hallway, according to a Facebook post about the event at facebook.com/events/1774901677192151. The fair will feature 215+ booths, a raffle table, 50/50 drawing, The Whoopie Pie Wagon from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Burstin' Kernel and Tom's Travelin' Coffee Truck, and more, according to the post.

• Main Street United Methodist Church, 154 Main St. in Nashua, will hold its **Fall Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring craft items, baked goods, a cookie walk, Grandma's Attic, food and more, according to a post on the church's Facebook page.

• Londonderry United Methodist Church, 258 Mammoth Road in Londonderry, will hold its **'Tis the Season Craft Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to the church newsletter at londonderryumc.org. The event will feature more than 40 artisan and food vendors as well as Hangryz Food Truck and Roy's Empanadas, a silent auction and more, the flyer said.

• St. Charles Borromeo, 300 N. Route 25 in Meredith, will hold its **Craft Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to stcharlesnh.org.

• Concord Hospital will hold its **40th Annual Holiday Craft Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the hospital, 250 Pleasant St. in Concord, according a hospital flyer. The event will feature "100+ tables of handmade creations," raffles and more, the flyer said.

• Seacoast Artisans present the **27th annual Holiday Fine Arts & Crafts Show** on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Great Bay Community College, 320 Corporate Drive at Pease Trade Port in Portsmouth, according to seacoastartisansshows.com. Admission costs $8 and kids ages 14 and under get in free, the website said.

• The League of NH Craftsmen will present **Handmade in the Harbor**, described as a "38 talented League craftsmen for an intimate, curated showcase of exceptional handmade work," at Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club, 135 Congress St. in Portsmouth, on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to a press release. See nhcrafts.org to purchase tickets.

• The YMCA Allard Center of Goffstown, 116 Goffstown Back Road, will hold a **Holiday Arts Market** Monday, Nov. 23, through Thursday, Dec. 24, with a **baked goods auction** Nov. 16 through Nov. 23, according to an email from the Goffstown YMCA. See graniteymca.org.

• The Southern NH Chamber of Commerce will host a **Small Biz Marketplace Expo** at the Plaistow Community YMCA, 175 Plaistow Road in Plaistow, on Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 3 to 7 p.m., featuring unique products, one-of-a-kind gifts, and special finds from local small businesses, according to a post on the Southern NH Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page.

• **Concord Handmade — A Holiday Pop-up Shop**, which will feature "artwork and handmade goods from more than 40 artists and makers throughout New England," will open for the season on Friday, Nov. 20, at 10 N. State St. in Concord, according to an organizer email. Find Concord Handmade on Facebook for updates.

• The Bedford Women's Club will hold its **Festival of Trees and Holiday Market** on Friday, Nov. 20, from 4 to 6 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Presbyterian Church, 4 Chad Road in Bedford, according to a club flyer. See bedfordwomensclub.org.

• St. Patrick Church, 34 Amherst St. in Milford, will hold its **Church Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to an email. The



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fair will feature homemade baked goods, handmade quilts, Christmas trees, holiday decor, food concessions and more, the email said.

• The United Methodist Women of Hampton United Methodist Church, 525 Lafayette Road in Hampton, will hold their annual **Christmas Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to a press release. The event will include food for dine-in and takeout, a bake and treat shop, a silent auction, craft corner, Woodland Pines wreaths and baskets and more, the release said.

• The **44th Annual Holiday Craft Fair** at Thorntons Ferry School. 134 Camp Sargent Road in Merrimack, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and feature more than 70 vendors, a silent auction, baked goods, Mr. and Mrs. Claus and more, according to facebook.com/TFSPTTF.

• Saint Catherine of Siena School, 206 North St. in Manchester, will hold its **Holiday Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 22, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the school gym, according to saintcatherineparishnh.com.

• **Holiday Fair** from the Women's Association at Congregational Church of Amherst, 11 Church St. in Amherst, will run Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring crafts, wreaths and ornaments, raffle baskets, holiday arrangements, baked goods, food, jewelry, collectibles and more, according to ccamherst.org.

• The Church of St. Patrick, 34 Amherst St. in Milford, will hold a **Church Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to spccnh.org/events.

• The PTO at New Searles Elementary School, 39 Shady Lane in Nashua, will hold a **Holiday Craft Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring games, crafts, raffles and more, according to the PTO's Facebook.

• The **15th Annual Community Holiday Craft Fair at Meredith Community Center**, 1 Circle Drive in Meredith, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will feature more than 45 local crafters, a bake sale, lunch and raffles, according to an email from Meredith Parks and Recreation Department.

• The **Pelham High School Craft Fair**, 87 Marsh Road in Pelham, will be Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will feature more than 45 vendors, according to the event's Facebook page.

• St. Anne Parish, 26 Emerson Ave. in Hampstead, will hold its **Christmas Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., according to the church's Facebook page. The fair will feature a raffle, silent auction, crafters, baked goods, themed gift baskets and more, the flyer on the post said.

• The Picker Artists, 3 Pine St. in Nashua, will hold their **Holiday Open Studios** on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to the Picker Artists Facebook page. "Explore our studios, meet our artists, and get a behind-the-scenes look at their creativity," the post said.

• **Holiday Fine Craft & Artisan Show** on the Seacoast takes place Saturday, Nov. 21, and Sunday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, at Rim Sports Complex, 311 Winnacunnet Road in Hampton, according to GNECraftArtisanShows.com. The event will feature 135 exhibitors, food trucks, live music, Santa and more, the website said. Admission costs $5, valid both days; ages 14 and under get in free, the website said.

• The **Portsmouth Holiday Arts Tour** featuring seven home studios in Portsmouth with 14 local artists will be held Saturday, Nov. 21, and Sunday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to a press release. See the map and more information at portsmouthartstour.com.

• The **Derry Third Annual Holiday Sip and Shop** at Fody's Tavern, 187½ Rockingham Road in Derry, will take place Sunday, Nov. 22, from noon to 5 p.m. and feature crafters and vendors, according to the Facebook page for New England Vendor Events.

• The **Great New England Holiday Craft Market** will take place Friday, Nov. 27, and Saturday, Nov. 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the LaBelle Winery, 14 Route 111 in Derry, according to labellewinery.com, where you can RSVP.

• **Exeter Holiday Parade Craft Fair** will take place on Saturday, Nov. 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Historic Exeter Town Hall, 10 Front St. in Exeter, according to a press release. The fair will feature two floors of "craft items from local crafters and artisans," the release said.

• **Deck the Shelves Bookish Holiday Market** held by Bookish Bliss Books will take place Saturday, Nov. 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at DoubleTree Expo Center, 700 Elm St. in Manchester, according to a post on Bookish Bliss Books' Instagram. The event will feature 100+ makers and crafters, 40+ local authors, door prizes, raffles and more, the post said.

• **Winter Members Show & Sale 2026** at Two Villages Art Society, 846 Main St. in Contoocook, twovillagesart.org, will be on display Saturday, Nov. 28, through Saturday, Dec. 26, according to the website. The show features works from more than 50 artist members, the website said. The gallery is open Thursdays through Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. with an opening reception held Saturday, Dec. 5, from noon to 2 p.m., the website said.

• The **Nashua 12th Annual Holiday Craft Fair** will take place at Broad Street Elementary School, 390 Broad St. in Nashua, on Sunday, Nov. 29, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to the Facebook page for New England Vendor Events. The event will feature more than 50 crafters and vendors plus photo opportunities with Santa, the post said.

• **NH Alt Market** will take place Sunday, Nov. 29, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Millspace, 55 Main St. in Newmarket, according to millspace.org.

• A **Holiday Market** at To Share Brewing, 720 Union St. in Manchester, will take place on Sunday, Nov. 29, from 1 to 6 p.m. and feature artists, artisans, makers and more, according to the brewery.

• **The Artisan Nook at Kimball Jenkins**, 266 N. Main St. in Concord, will run Thursday, Dec. 3, through Sunday, Dec. 20, with shopping hours Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 8 p.m. (through 10 p.m. on Dec. 4) and Sundays from noon to 6 p.m., according to kimballjenkins.com. "Visit our pop-up holiday showcase of locally made fine art and craft items featuring local artisans," the website said.

• The **Contoocook Artisans Holiday Craft Fair** "featuring 30+ local artisans" will take place Friday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the American Legion Post 81, E.R. Montgomery Event Center, 169 Bound Tree Road in Contoocook, according to an organizer email. Email ContoocookArtisansNH@Gmail.com with questions.

• Manchester Makers Market Co. will present the **2026 Manchester Christmas Food, Crafts & Holiday Market** on Friday, Dec. 4, through Sunday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Center of NH Expo, 650 Elm St. in Manchester, according to the eventbrite.com page for the event.

• The Atkinson Garden Club will hold its **Greens and Gifts Sale** on Friday, Dec. 4, and Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Atkinson Community Center, 4 Main St. in Atkinson, featuring fresh greens in holiday decorations as well as other items, according to atkinsongardenclub.com, where you can pre-order wreaths, kissing balls and more.

• The **UNH Makers Expo**, featuring items made by UNH students, staff and faculty, will take place Friday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Granite State Room at the New Hampshire Memorial Union on the campus in Durham, according to students.unh.edu. "Engineers who knit! IT folks doing scratch prints! Jewelry from biologists! It's a great way to support local artisans and get some holiday shopping done," the website said.

• Concord Arts Market will present **Giftopolis at Midnight Merriment** on Friday, Dec. 4, from 5 to 11 p.m. at the Eagle Square Atrium in downtown Concord, according an email from an organizer. Concord Arts Market is also creating a Give A Little Art Holiday Gift Guide, which will be at concordartsmarket.org/give-a-little-art, the email said.

• The **49th Annual Pine Hill Holiday Fair** will take place at High Mowing School, Pine Hill Campus, 77 Pine HIll Drive in Wilton, on Friday, Dec. 4, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. (adults only) and on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to an email from organizers. Saturday will feature children's activities, a puppet show, a circus performance, music, treats and more, the email said. See highmowing.org/holidayfair.

• The Longmeadow Church Ladies Circle will hold its **48th Annual Snowflake Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, 4 Wilson's Crossing in Auburn, according to the fair's eventbrite.com page.

• The First Baptist Church, 121 Manchester St. in Nashua, will hold its **Christmas Fair and Food Extravaganza** on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with an all-day buffet, a Christmas gift shop, a Santa visit from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., kids' activities, home-baked pies and more, according to fbcnashua.org.

• The **Holiday Craft Fair** at Brookline Event Center, 32 Proctor Hill Road in Brookline, will take place Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with free admission, according to brooklineeventcenter.com/our-events.

• The PTO at Beaver Meadow School, 40 Sewalls Falls Road in Concord, will hold its annual **Holiday Craft Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 5, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to the PTO's Facebook page. The event will also feature baked goods and raffles, the post said.

• The Amherst Lions Club will hold its **46th Annual Craft Fair & Silent Auction** on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Amherst Middle School, 16 Cross Road in Amherst, according to the Amherst Lions Club Facebook page.

• St. Patrick Parish, 12 Main St. in Pelham, will hold its **Christmas Craft Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring local crafters, homemade baked goods, raffles and more, according to an email.

• The Somersworth Festival Association will host its **Holiday Craft Fair** on Saturday, Dec.


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5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Somersworth High School, 11 Memorial Drive in Somersworth, according to nhfestivals.org

• The 37th annual **Christmas in Strafford**, featuring more than 50 artists and craftspeople across about 30 locations (stores, studios and other locations), is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 5, and Sunday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days.

• The **5th Annual Grinnell Elementary Craft Fair**, held by the Grinnell School PTA, will take place at 6 Grinnell Road in Derry, on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring "unique handmade items, gifts, crafts and products from talented local vendors and makers," according to a post on the PTA's Facebook page.

• The Animal Rescue League of NH, 545 Route 101, Bedford, will hold a **Holiday Fair** Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring pet photos with Santa or the Grinch (by appointment), craft vendors, tree sales, a bake sale and more, according to rescueleague.org.

• The Unitarian Universalist Church of Manchester, 669 Union St. in Manchester, will hold its **Holiday Faire** on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. according to uumanchester.org.

• Searles Castle at Windham, 23 Searles Road, will hold a **Searles Castle Christmas Market** on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring "local vendors, unique gifts, festive treats, holiday cheer" and more, according to a post on the Searles Castle at NHC Events Facebook page.

• Local vendors are part of **Merrymaking on West Merrimack**, an event featuring food, music, family fun and vendors in Manchester on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to merrymakingmht.com.

• The **Holiday Sip and Shop** at the Bedford Event Center, 379 S. River Road in Bedford, will take place Thursday, Dec. 10, from 6 to 9 p.m., according to the center's Facebook page.

• Warner Historical Society will hold its annual **Holiday Artisans event and Barn Sale** at the Upton Chandler Museum House in Warner on Friday, Dec. 11, from 5 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to an organizer email.

• The **Milford 4th Annual Holiday Craft Fair** will take place at VFW Post 4368, 1 VFW Way in Milford, on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to the Facebook page for New England Vendor Events. The event will feature more than 50 crafters and vendors plus photo opportunities with Santa, the post said.

• The PTO at Main Dunstable Elementary School, 20 Whitford Road in Nashua, will hold its **second annual Holiday Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring local artisans and crafters, raffles and silent auctions, baked goods, kids' activities and a Santa meet-and-greet photo opportunity, according to an email.

• The NH Audubon's McLane Center, 84 Silk Farm Road in Concord, will hold its **Holiday Craft Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to nhaudubon.org.

• The Concord Arts Market will hold a **Merry Little Market** at the Carriage House of Kimball Jenkins, 266 N. Main St. in Concord, on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to kimballjenkins.com.

• The **15th Annual Wrong Brain Holidaze Bizaare** will take place Saturday, Dec. 12, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Campus Gymnasium, 100 Campus Drive in Portsmouth, according to a post on the Wrong Brain Facebook page. The post describes the event as a "multimedia arts open market and creative celebration." See wrongbrain.net.

• Bishop Brady High School 25 Columbus Ave. in Concord will hold a **Craft Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 12, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to bishopbrady.edu.

• **The New Hampshire World Christmas Market** will take place Saturday, Dec. 12, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Owl's Nest Resort in Thornton, according to nhworldchristmasmarket.com, where you can purchase tickets.

• Studio 550, 550 Elm St. in Manchester, 550arts.com, will hold its **Handmade Holiday Market** of pottery, stained glass, paintings, ornaments, cards and stickers Monday, Dec. 14, through Saturday, Dec. 19, from noon to 8 p.m. each day, according to a post to the studio's Facebook page. The studio will sell 50+ Cups for a Cause, mugs and cups to raise funds for the International Institute of New England, the post said.

• **Sip, Shop, Celebrate** will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Kimball Jenkins in Concord and feature the sale of items from local artisans, according to an event description from a participant. See kimballjenkins.com for updates.

• The **Holly Jolly Craft Fair**, held by Joyce's Craft Shows, will take place Saturday, Dec. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at DoubleTree by Hilton, 2 Somerset Parkway in Nashua, according to joycescraftshows.com.

• The **Holly Jolly Hooksett Festival & Vendor Fair** held by Spirit and Soul Events LLC will take place Saturday, Dec. 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Hooksett Town Hall, 35 Main St. in Hooksett, according to the Spirit and Soul Events Facebook page. The event will feature food, games, prizes, a DJ, a children's dance party, vendors and more, the post said.

• **NH Alt Market** will take place Sunday, Dec. 20, noon to 4 p.m. at the Millspace, 55 Main St. in Newmarket, according to millspace.org. "Shop unique gifts from local artists, makers, and creatives featuring handmade art, jewelry, oddities, witchy wares, holiday décor, and one-of-a-kind treasures you won't find in big-box stores," the website said.

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Dash of Creativity is another excellent crafting endeavour where Granite Staters can sew together. Founded by Dasha Randlett, Dash of Creativity has spiced up breweries, libraries and other venues all across New England. Her selections can be found through Eventbrite or her Facebook page.

"I really started out with crochet and macrame," Randlett said. "That's really where my foundation is, but since then I've been doing a lot of different things."

"Macrame is, I guess I'd call it the art of knot tying. You have strings that are set up in a configuration and then you just make specific kinds of knots and patterns. Then by doing that repetitively, you'll end up with an image or a design," Randlett said.

"I think it's nice to actually go out in the real world and actually do something with your hands and feel accomplished," Randlett said. "For instance, with bows, embroidery, and crochet, a lot of people have never done it. Once they actually have done it, it's like, oh, that was actually really fun. And it was actually a really enjoyable experience." These good vibes are a major component in the naturally occurring friendship fabrication that goes on during Dasha's crafting workshops.

Penumbra in Concord also contains a wonderful curation of crafting events. Alison Murphy and Alyssa McClary are the married team behind the crafty plant store where one could meet a friend making a terrarium or even a kokedama.

"It's a Japanese word and it's like a moss and soil ball," McClary said. "You pick out a plant and then we show you how to make the moss ball. Then you wind it up in a bunch of twine or fishing line, and you can hang it and it's super cool." This workshop will be held on Thursday, Nov. 12.

Another project is succulent centerpieces for Thanksgiving, which will take place on the week of Thanksgiving. A personal favorite of McClary's have been needle felting projects that they have hosted in the past.

"Needle felting is, you get raw wool [fleece] and take these, they have these special different kinds of needles and you just stab it repeatedly until it's become this solid mass and yeah, I find it incredibly therapeutic." The relaxation produced allows crafters to be open to meeting others while they create cuddly little supernatural critters.

"We have had an artist at the store," McClary said, "who makes needle-felted characters. She made a bunch of ghosts for Halloween. She'll make little gnome guys at Christmas, whatever strikes her. … You turn this raw, stringy felt into this compact mass of whatever you want to make. It's pretty cool."



Studio 550. Photo by Ashleigh Meyhew.

A sample of upcoming events

Check with each business or organization for event specifics and for many more events.

Studio 550

550 Elm St., Manchester, 232-5597, 550arts.com

• Date Night in the Pottery Studio: Fridays and Saturday nights at 6 p.m., runs 1 hour 15 minutes, $35

• One-Day Workshop: Loose Watercolor Painting November: Mmm Pastries! with East Corner Studio, Saturday, Nov. 7, noon, two hours at $55, 15+

Canvas Road Show

25 S. River Road, Bedford, 913-9217, thecanvasroadshow.com

• Crushed Glass Snow Globes: Friday, Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., $56 per 11" globe. 12+

• Light-Up Tumbled Sea Glass Holiday Tree: Friday, Nov. 13, noon to 2 p.m., $58 -$78 depending on size of tree, 12+

Wine on Main

9 N. Main St., Concord, 897-5828, wineonmainnh.com

• Wine Bottle Tote Workshop & Wine Tasting with bagmaker George S. Wallace: Thursday, Nov. 12, 6 to 8 p.m., $75 per person, 21+ and limited to 18 people.

• Holiday Sweater Fused Glass Art Workshop & Wine Tasting with Nancy from True Colors Glassworks: Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m., $50 per person, 21+ and limited to 20 people.

New Hampshire Craft Club

Studio at 117 Manchester St., Unit 5B, nhcraftclub.com

• Knitting & Crochet Club: in the studio, free on Thursday, Nov 5, and Thursday, Dec. 3, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

• Gingerbread Doormats: at The Gathering Grounds, 104 Route 13, Brookline, $30 on Friday Nov. 20, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Dash of Creativity

Check their Facebook and Eventbrite pages

• Mystery Books & Brews: Crochet Bookmark Night: at Tideline Public House in Durham, Thursday, Nov. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m.; register at eventbrite.com.

• Beginner Finger Crochet at Stark Brewery: Create a Cozy Chunky Blanket: Monday, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m. at Stark Brewing Co., Manchester; register at eventbrite.com.

• Stitch & Stories: Beginner Embroidery at Reedmor Books & Brews in Portsmouth on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 6 to 8 p.m.; register at eventbrite.com.

Penumbra

10 N. State St., Concord, 731-9469, penumbra.shop/events

• Make Your Own Kokedama: Thursday, Nov. 12, $45 per person; all classes begin at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

• Succulent Centerpiece Making: Sunday, Nov. 22, at 4:30 p.m. or Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 6:30 p.m., $45.

ARTS

Community hub

Readings, signings and (sometimes) songs at Bookery

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If grabbing a copy of the latest in the *Dungeon Crawler Carl* series were a reader's only objective, going online or to a big box store might suffice. The Bookery in Manchester, however, is much more than a place to shop. It's a gathering space, for customers to meet authors, hear about new offerings, even create on their own — or just relax among like minds.

It exists as a buffer zone for those who go to work or school, and then head home while staring at phones.

"We don't have a lot of what people call third spaces," Alex Pellerin, Bookery Event Coordinator, said in a recent Zoom interview. "With the advancement of technology … the need for human interaction has been in some ways removed."

The Bookery offers a bevy of ways to address that modern conundrum.

Upcoming events at the Bookery, 844 Elm St., Manchester

When: Saturday, Nov. 7
What: Storytime reading of Ellen L. Ramsey's *A Book for Bear*, 11:30 a.m.; book signing with William Graser (*Smell the Gunpowder: The Land of the Morning Calm*, 11:30 a.m.; A.P. Walton reads and discusses *Letters of a Poet Dying*, 6 p.m.
Tickets: RSVP at eventbrite.com
More info: Full calendar at bookerymht.com/our-events

Word Search, an open mic with poetry, writing, music and performance, happens the second Wednesday of every month. Hosted by the NAV Arts collective, it begins with a featured poet, then hands the room over to its audience. Not everyone steps up with a poem, Pellerin noted.

"It's for anything," she said. "Poetry, a short story … we've had people come play a song they wrote, things like that."

Music will take center stage on the Bookery's busiest shopping day of the year. On Small Business Saturday, Nov. 28, the NH Ukeladies, an all-female ukulele troupe, will play later in the day. Local authors staff tables throughout, and the event will include giveaways and holiday discounts.

In the near term, at 11:30 a.m. on the Saturday before Veterans Day, Londonderry author and retired Army sergeant first class William Graser will host a signing. Graser's books include *Veterans' Reflections: History Preserved*, a collection of veterans' stories, and his more recent *Smell the Gunpowder: The Land of the Morning Calm*.

At the same hour, the store's weekly Saturday story time features a staff reading of Ellen L. Ramsey's *A Book for Bear*, followed by a craft activity. At 6 p.m., poet and scholar A.P. Walton will read from and discuss *Letters of a Poet Dying: The Selected Correspondence of Frank Stanford*. Stanford, a cult figure among poets, took his own life in 1978 at age 29.

Pellerin was a longtime customer — "I feel like I've been with Bookery for life," she said — before joining the staff last year; she took over events in March. Her previous work as a residence hall director at both UNH and University of Maine was focused on a lot of community-building, which made her a good fit for the new role.

An early high point came when she helped stage the launch of Celia Botto's children's book *The Ostrich Needs a Lift*, and drew about 80 people. A *Dungeon Crawler Carl*-themed event during Granite State Comic Con weekend pairing in-store games with a bar crawl along Elm Street was another success, and the Bookery hopes to make it a yearly tradition.

Gathering at the Elm Street store doesn't depend on the calendar. There are regulars who come in every day, to talk about what they're reading, recommend a book, or just get help working through a problem.

"Everything we do here is a lot more intentional," Pellerin said. "It's kind of going beyond just making a sale."

That personal touch shows up all over the store.

Staff hand-draw the wrappers for Blind Date With a Book and write the teaser blurbs. There is a staff picks wall, and a suggestion box for customers' own recommendations. The monthly book club polls members on what to read next, and writers' groups meet in the space. A romance and romantasy book club run by a staff member starts next year.

The poetry side keeps growing, too. Beyond the NAV Arts open mic, Pellerin is working with local poets and the Slam Free or Die crew to bring in more readings, and she's planning monthly drop-in art sessions for the new year.



Photo courtesy of the Bookery.

"We have some really exciting ideas," she said, adding that details are developing.

Finally, a new café is due to open in mid-November to replace Critical Mass, which operated as a separate business, with an effort run by Bookery staff. It will focus on grab-and-go items like salads, sandwiches and soups, along with coffee and some vegan options. "I heard rumblings about a soft-serve machine," Pellerin said. "So who's to say?"

Art

Opening

• **"Craft Apprentice Program Capstone Exhibition"** will be on display at the Exhibition Gallery at the League of NH Craftsmen's headquarters, 49 S. Main St., Concord, Thursday, Nov. 5, through Friday, Dec. 4, according to nhcrafts.org. "The League of NH Craftsmen, in partnership with the Maine Crafts Association (MCA), is excited to announce the Capstone Exhibition marking the end of our fourth year of participation in the Craft Apprentice Program (CAP). CAP is an in-studio educational opportunity for apprentices who demonstrate a commitment to further their abilities as craft artists. They accomplish this through a significant relationship with a mentor artist," the website said. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be an opening reception on Thursday, Nov. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m.

• **"Eleven:11"** an exhibition featuring "eleven writer-artists' works" will open Friday, Nov. 6, with a reception from 4 to 8 p.m. at The Eleventh Letter The Writing Gallery, 146 N. Main St. in Concord, theeleventhletter.com, according to the website (the opening will correspond with Intown Concord's annual Art Walk).

• **"A Sense of Place"** will open at Art 3 Gallery, 44 W. Brook St. in Manchester, art3gallery.com, on Monday, Nov. 9, according to an email from the gallery. "This new exhibit invites viewers to consider how artists react to their surroundings whether in a realistic interpretation of their space or an abstracted version based on emotion and imagination," according to an email from the gallery, which is open Monday through Friday, 12:30 to 4 p.m. or by appointment.

Events

• **Downtown Concord First Friday** final of event of 2026 is Friday, Nov. 6, from 4 to 8 p.m., according to firstfridayconcord.com. The theme is Concord Art Walk, according to the website, where you can find the lineup of musicians slated to perform and food trucks scheduled to attend for each day.

• **Paper Jam,** a zine and print fest, will take place at The Millspace, 55 Main St. in Newmarket, millspace.org, on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., "bringing together artists, writers, printmakers, and indie publishers from across the Seacoast and greater New England," according to the website.

Exhibits

• **Oct. 9 through Nov. 9 Show at Glimpse Gallery**, 4 Park St., Concord, features the works of artists June Latti, Ben Wymer, Mark Ruddy, Scarlet Hao, Darren Taylor, Erica Bodwell and Robyn Witney Fairclough, according to theglimpsegallery.com. The gallery is open by appointment, the website said.

• **"Harvest Hues"** will run through Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Kimball Jenkins Mansion, 266 N. Main St. in Concord, according to kimballjenkins.com.

• **"Home Sweet Home,"** featuring fiber art, glass, and pottery from Lisa Almeida, Laura Morrison, Anne Boedecker, Verne Orlosk, Sarah Burns and Cheryl Miller, will run at Two Villages Art Society 846 Main St. in Contoocook, twovillagesart.org, through Saturday, Nov. 14, the website said.

Theater

• ***Man of La Mancha*** will be presented by The Village Players, 51 Glendon St. in Wolfeboro, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, through Nov. 8, according to village-players.com, where you can purchase tickets.

• ***Fiddler on the Roof*** will run at the Palace Theatre**,** 80 Hanover St., Manchester, through Nov. 15, with shows Fridays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. as well as Thursday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m., according to palacetheatre.org, where you can purchase tickets.

• ***And Then There Were None***, the Agatha Christie story of "Murder. Suspense. 1930s," will be presented by The Players' Ring, 105 Marcy St. in Portsmouth, playersring.org, through Sunday, Nov. 15, with shows at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays (2 p.m. only on Oct. 31 and 2 and 7 p.m. on Nov. 1), according to the website, where you can purchase tickets.

• **Edge of Reality: The Magic Man of Manchester and Matt the Mystic** will be presented at the Rex Theatre**,** 23 Amherst St., Manchester, on Friday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m., according to palacetheatre.org, where you can purchase tickets.

• **Neil Simon's *Rumors*** will be presented by the Anselmian Abbey Players at the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College in Manchester on Friday, Nov. 6, and Saturday, Nov. 7, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 8, at 2 p.m., according to tickets.anselm.edu, where you can purchase tickets.

• ***Crimes of the Heart*** will be presented by Bedford Off Broadway at Bedford Town Hall, 3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, Friday, Nov. 6, through Sunday, Nov. 8, and Friday, Nov. 13, through Sunday, Nov. 15, with shows at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays, according to the Facebook page and bedfordoffbroadway.com.

• ***The Wedding Singer*** will be presented by the Actorsingers (actorsingers.org) as a mainstage production at the Keefe Center for the Arts, 113 Elm St., Nashua, Friday, Nov. 6, through Sunday, Nov. 8, the website said.

• ***Frozen the Broadway Musical*** will be presented by Epping Community Theater**,** 38 Ladds Lane, Epping, eppingtheater.org, Friday, Nov. 6, through Sunday, Nov. 15, (7 p.m. on Fridays and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays), according to the website, where you can check back for tickets.

Classical

• **Bach's Lunch,** a series of lectures and performances, runs the first and second Thursdays of the month, October through May, from 12:10 to 1 p.m. at Concord Community Music School, 23 Wall St. in Concord, according to ccmusicschool.org. Upcoming programs include: Nov. 5 and Nov. 12, South Asian Music featuring Indian and Nepalese music with Hari Maya Adhikari, Prem Sagar Khatiwada, David Nugent, William Fletcher and Sushil Gautam, according to the website.

• **The Jazz Ambassadors of the United States Army Field Band** will offer a free concert at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Thursday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m., according to themusichall.org, where you can get tickets.

• **NH Jazz Orchestra** will present "Swingin' To Victory! A Big Band Salute to the Greatest Generation" on Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m., at the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, according to tickets.anselm.edu, where you can purchase tickets.

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ARTS

An art journey

This year's Route 3 Art Trail provides paths to creativity

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The Wild Bean in Penacook. Courtesy photo.

This year's Route 3 Art Trail will take place Saturday, Nov. 7, and will include 20 sites, from Concord to Franklin. Erika Rydberg-Hall of the Concord Maker Space is the coordinator of this year's Art Trail.

"It is a network of creative spaces," Rydberg-Hall said. "It's a one-day event and it's a driving experience where you can visit up to 20 sites that are a part of the art trail itself. Every [stop along] the Art Trail celebrates some aspect of the creative economy art community from Concord to Franklin. Participants are invited to stop at any of the sites. There are artist demonstrations. There is always something creative aligned with each stop as you go along the trail. You just show up wherever you have the most interest. The interesting thing about this year's [Art Trail] is we have 20 stops, four or five per community. ...You could choose and pick one community. You could choose and pick what you're interested in. And if you go to five, then you can enter the raffle. So that's kind of cool, too."

The creative activities will include everything from demonstrations of expert crafting skills, Rydberg-Hall said, to hands-on participation activities.

"At the Eleventh Letter Writing Gallery, they are having a postcard-writing opportunity," she said, "where folks will be able to participate in both the creation of an exhibit for the gallery and to write postcards. The idea is that folks are writing postcards to somebody that they're grateful for and sending it home. ... Carol [Ellis] at Laborata Gallery in Penacook, for example, typically does some metalworking demonstrations. Ben [Braggins], who has knitting metal and often sits at the Makerspace, will be making jewelry as he's talking to folks."

One of the goals of the Art Trail, Rydberg-Hall said, is to embrace creative arts that don't necessarily fit into a traditionally labeled niche.

"Heidi Pauer at Penumbra here in Concord will do intuitive poetry. You walk into the shop and Heidi will talk with you a little bit and interact with you, and then write a poem about her interaction between you and what she experiences. I think that's kind of a cool interactive opportunity that's happening on the trail.

Another goal of the Route 3 Art Trail is to inspire visitors, Rydberg-Hall said.

"Sometimes it's just getting exposure to different kinds of creativity that inspires somebody to go and pursue that thing themselves. And I know a number of the spaces along the trail that we partner with are also teaching spaces, so places like Kimball Jenkins ... where people will have the opportunity after the trail to also learn a new skill ... So I think that's just a wonderful thing to emphasize that we have all these spaces in our community where folks can participate and learn a creative skill that maybe they've never tried before. And just knowing that those resources exist is really inspiring and encouraging to try new things."

2026 Route 3 Art Trail

When: Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: At 20 sites in four communities. See route3arttrail.com.

• **Concord: Penumbra** (10 N. State St., Concord, 731-9469; 24c Main St., Goffstown; penumbra.shop), **George S. Wallace Bag Maker** (132½ N. Main St., Concord, 931-9570, georgeswallacebagmaker.com), 781-296-3316, The **Eleventh Letter Writing Gallery** (146 N. Main St., Concord, theeleventhletter.com), **Kimball Jenkins Estate and School of Art** (266 N. Main St., Concord, 225-3932, kimballjenkins.com).
• **Penacook: Jo Shields' Studio** (5 Steeple View, Penacook, 731-4427, jo-shields.com), **Laborata Studio** (1b Merrimack St., Penacook, 568-9925, laboratastudio.com), **The Wild Bean** (316 Village St., Penacook, 568-1190, thewildbeanshop.com), **Sweet Dreamz and Fox Hardware** (325 Village St., Pennacook, 581-8112)

• **Boscawen**: **Concord Makerspace** (197 N. Main St., Boscawen, 565-5443, concordmakerspace.org), **The Art Porch Gallery** (181 King St. (front porch), Boscawen, 406-9003), **Chadwick Hill Rustic Furniture** by Doug Egounis (187 King St., Boscawen, 724-9963), **Black Forest Nursery** (209 King St., Boscawen, 796-2756, blackforestnursery.com), **Gadzooks Glass** (232 King St., Boscawen), **Garden Sculptor Susan Douglas** (231 King St., Boscawen, 724 3593)
•**Franklin: Eagles Aerie** (31 N. Main, Franklin, 520-2640), **Franklin Public Library** (310 Central St., Franklin, 934-2911, franklinnh.gov/franklin-public-library), **Analog Coffee** (366 Central St., Franklin), **Downtown Crepes** (42 Franklin St., Franklin, 912-7373, downtowncrepes.com), The **Waterhorse Irish Pub** (361 Central St., Franklin, 671-7118, thewaterhorsepub.com)

INSIDE/OUTSIDE

Leaky sunroof brings the Alaskan outdoors inside Explorer



By Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk:

My 2000 Ford Explorer Sport's sunroof is leaking. I took it to our local mechanic, and he tried to fix it and ended up sealing it shut.

It still leaks. I get a shower every time it rains! Help! What else can I do to stop the leaking?

I live in rural Alaska. There are only one or two mechanics here, and I can't drive to another one because I live off the road system! — Abigail "Drenched in Alaska"

Did they seal it with oatmeal, Abigail? Here's a trade secret for you: All sunroofs leak. It's pretty much impossible to cut an opening in the roof of the car and keep all water out.

So, cars with sunroofs have drains built into the sunroof housing. There are small drain holes in the sunroof opening that allow any water that gets in there to flow through tubes routed through the windshield pillars and then spill out on the ground. I don't know if they checked your drains before sealing up the roof, but that may have been the problem.

Sealing the sunroof shut also works, as long as it's sealed completely. If we were working on a car like yours, and we had already confirmed that the drains were clear, we would then test the sunroof theory with duct tape.

Duct tape has the advantage of being wide. Whereas if they sealed it with a bead of silicone adhesive, that's a thin bead that might not fully seal the gaps. So you can simply add duct tape to whatever your mechanic did. I trust you're way past worrying about aesthetics at this point, Abigail. My doctor often says the same thing to me.

However, before you duct tape up the sunroof, as an experiment, I would duct tape around the windshield. Water is just as likely to be getting into the roof cavity via a bad top windshield seal as it is a sunroof leak. So put the tape across the top of the windshield and down both sides. Just don't cover the whole windshield, please.

One of those two things — sealing the windshield or re-sealing the sunroof — is going to fix this, Abigail. Then you can stop driving around Alaska in your wetsuit.

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

Dear Donna,

We have this small tin bird. It's a wind-up with what I believe is the original key.

It belonged to my aunt. Now it sits in a bird cage looking so real. My question is, would you know the value? Any information would be helpful.

Thanks for your time.

Allen



Dear Allen,

Can we start off by saying thanks for all the photos! It always helps in identifying items.

Your sweet little tin wind-up bird was made by the Kohler factory of Germany, most likely between the 1930s and 1960s. The company produced other tin toys and different birds until the late 1990s, when it closed.

The lithographed bird looks to be in good shape (lithograph is a process of printing a design or pattern right onto items such as toys like your bird). The value is in the range of $20. But keeping it in a bird cage is priceless.

I hope this was helpful, Allen. You made me smile!

Donna Welch has spent more than 35 years in the antiques and collectibles field, appraising and instructing. Her new location is an Antique Art Studio located in Dunbarton, NH where she is still buying and selling. If you have questions about an antique or collectible send a clear photo and information to Donna at footwdw@aol.com, or call her at 391-6550.

INSIDE/OUTSIDE

KIDDIE — POOL —

Family fun for whenever

History for the family

The **Nashua Historical Society** will hold an open house and story walk on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at its 5 Abbot St. and 1 Abbot St. locations, the Abbot-Spalding House and the Florence Speare Museum, according to a press release. The open house will start at 12:30 p.m., with the Abbot House featuring "a collection of clothing from the Revolutionary, Empire and Regency periods" and the Florence Speare Museum offering "scavenger hunts and themed discovery boxes with children's activities," the release said. A grand opening of the Florence Speare Museum Story Walk will be held at 1 p.m.: "Follow the 18 Story Walk stands around the lawn of the Speare Museum as you read the story 'If You Were a Kid During the American Revolution.' Then go inside to our Speare Library for a special story-time and children's craft with a Librarian from the Nashua Public Library's Children's Room." See nashuahistoricalsociety.org.

Science for the family

This month's **Super Stellar Friday** program at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, 2 Institute Drive in Concord, is all about radio waves, according to starhop.com/super-stellar-fridays, where you can purchase tickets. "Join veteran Amateur Radio operator Dale Clement (AF1T) as he puts on a phenomenal demonstration illustrating how antennas send and receive radio waves and how you can become a 'ham' radio operator," the website said. The program runs Friday, Nov. 6, starting at 6:30 p.m., with the speaker presentation at 7 p.m., a planetarium show at 8 p.m. (for an additional fee) and sky viewing with the New Hampshire Astronomical Society at 9 p.m., weather permitting, the website said.

Get ready for Santa

Santa Claus will arrive at **Santa's Wonderland** at nationwide Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's on Saturday, Nov. 7, with visits and photos starting Sunday, Nov. 8, according to a press release. New Hampshire's Bass Pro Shops is at 2 Commerce Drive in Hooksett, according to stores.cabelas.com. "Santa will make his grand entrance at Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's locations on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 5 p.m. … Families are invited to share in the wonder of the season at this free outdoor Christmas celebration featuring seasonal treats, festive holiday cheer and a free Mini Reindeer Plush giveaway while supplies last," the release said.

On stage

Frozen the Broadway Musical will be presented by Epping Community Theater, 38 Ladds Lane, Epping, Friday, Nov. 6, through Sunday, Nov. 15 (7 p.m. on Fridays and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays), according to eppingtheater.org, where you can purchase tickets. "Based on the Academy Award-winning animated feature film, Disney's *Frozen* includes all the film's beloved songs by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, along with new music written exclusively for the stage," the website said.

Save the date

Registration is open now for the **NH Combo Hoops Winter In-House League** for grades 2 through 8, boys and girls, at the Green Street Gym in Concord, according to an email. See pci.jotform.com/form/260174454097157 to register. The league offers two sessions: Nov. 15-Dec. 26 and Jan. 5-Feb. 21, the email said. Contact Jason Pimentel, NH Combo Hoops at combohoops@gmail.com or 603-731-2563 with questions. Visit ComboHoops.com.







weekly DISH

News from the local food scene

By John Fladd
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• **A high-octane expo:** The annual Distiller's Showcase of Premium Spirits will take place Thursday, Nov. 5, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown, according to distillersshowcase.com, where you can check back for updates on new Distiller's Week events and purchase tickets.

• **Sláinta social:** Irish sips and snacks will be on hand at the New Hampshire Liquor and Wine Outlet at 25 Coliseum Ave. in Nashua on Friday, Nov. 6, beginning at 6 p.m. There will be a guided tasting of five specialty Irish spirits. Irish snacks will be served alongside the tasting experience, making it a night of true Irish hospitality. Each guest will also receive a coupon for 15% off the purchase of three or more bottles. Tickets are $20.

• **Greek bazaar:** The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Ladies Philoptochos Society will hold its annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 8, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church hall at 111 Island Pond Road in Manchester. A variety of homemade Greek food and pastry will be available. The menu includes lamb shanks, roast chicken, meatballs, pastitsio, spinach peta, cheese peta, butter cookies, and assorted Greek pastries. There will also be raffles of gift cards and themed baskets, and vendors selling a variety of products. Visit assumptionnh.org.

• **Feeding veterans:** On Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11, Anna's Taqueria (50 Fort Eddy Road, Concord, 451-2245, annas.com) will offer complimentary entrées, up to a $20 value, including burritos, tacos, quesadillas, bowls, and salads, to veterans and active military members with a military ID or in uniform.

• **Wine trivia:** Test your wine knowledge in a Wine Trivia Night, Wednesday, Nov. 11, at Vine 32 Wine and Graze Bar (Bedford Square, 25 S River Road, Bedford, 935-8464, vinethirtytwo.com), from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be a round of blind tastings, and questions about wine myths and wine pop culture. Each ticket includes four wines and tasting snacks. More wine and food will be available for purchase. Winners get bragging rights until the next trivia night. Losers get more wine. Everybody wins. Tickets are $28.52. Visit vinethirtytwo.com/events.

• **Sweet and boozy carrots:** The theme of November's martini-and-cupcake pairing at Copper Door (15 Leavy Drive, Bedford, 488-2677, or 41 S. Broadway, Salem, 458-2033, copperdoor.com) is carrot cake. The Carrot Cake Martini is made with vanilla vodka, Chila 'Orchata Cream, butterscotch 18 ▶

FOOD

Cake+

Making desserts better with the right wine

By John Fladd
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Clyde Bullen is the owner of Clyde's Cupcakes, which is a combination of his popular cupcake truck and a wine bar.

"When we opened," he said, "we were one of the first wine and dessert bars in New Hampshire. But I think there's one that has just popped up in Portsmouth." But Clyde was first.

"I'm a French-trained pastry chef," Bullen continued. "I've been food-trucking for 18 years and I've tried to settle down. Plus, there's a limitation on what you could do on a truck." So he flipped his business model on its head, and now customers come to him. "I like people to camp out, then pick a dessert and ask me what wine they should pair with. We keep a nice selection of wine to pair with the desserts."

The surprise for many customers, Bullen said, is that making a good pairing between a sweet dessert and a wine is not a matter of matching everything up with sweet wines.

"We have more than just dessert wines," he said. "We have your cabs [cabernets], your ports. Some people think that for desserts you only could go with a dessert wine, which is absolutely not true. A port goes well with chocolate; a cab goes well with chocolate, too. Riesling goes well with a lemon bar. It's just different combinations besides just keeping it simple and doing a dessert wine at the end of your dessert."

Clyde's Cupcakes and Dessert Wine Bar

Where: 215 Canal St. (in the Queen City Center), Manchester, 583-4850
When: open Wednesday through Saturday, from 1 to 9 p.m.
More: clydescupcakes.com/clydes-dessert-wine-bar

"One of the classic things that we're known for is our Chocolate Overdose Cupcake," Bullen said, "which is just a cupcake that's over-the-top. [It's a chocolate cupcake filled with chocolate fluff, chocolate buttercream, chocolate ganache, chocolate jimmies, and a Lindt chocolate brownie on top.]" Bullen suggested pairing it with assertive reds. "Or a port," he said. "They just will cut through all the heaviness of the chocolate and you'll still not lose the notes and the flavor of those two items, especially a port. You know, a 10-year-old port would go wonderfully with any type of chocolate — a brownie or a dark chocolate." Many dark chocolates have fruity notes that pair well with the fruitiness of a port, he said, but that the port is a fortified wine and packs enough of a punch not to be overwhelmed by a heavy dose of chocolate. "It will pick up on the tail end of the chocolate and not cut into it where you're getting a whole different flavor profile. It's actually complementing."

Bullen said that to recommend a dessert pairing for chocolate, it is important to be consistent with ingredients.

"We only use premium chocolate in our baking," he said. "We use Lindt chocolate. It's chocolate from Switzerland. Due to the fact that everything is made from scratch, you're still getting that nice rich and full body and flavor of the chocolate in the dessert where you won't lose it to the wine itself."



Cupcake from Clyde's Cupcakes. Photo by John Fladd.

Rieslings pair well with lemon, Bullen said. "You want the sweet to cut through the acidity of the lemon in one of our lemon bars. Our riesling has some grapefruit notes in it and you're really matching to a continuation of the [citrus] of the lemon bar and its flavor profile. Something that's powerful, a zinfandel or one of these bitter dry whites, is not going to pair well with a creamy lemon bar that's zesty and already has bitterness."

"If you're spending good money on a nice wine, you don't want to think that, oh, I just had dessert and nothing else. I'm trying to build something and build the experience in your mouth that [makes you think], 'Oh man, that combination was wonderful and I enjoyed it. I want to see what other combinations we can try next time I come.'"

No hogging the pierogi

Polish frozen food fundraiser feeds friends and families

By John Fladd
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One of the high points of the year for fans of Polish food is the frozen food sale by the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Manchester. Orders for this year's sale are being taken now.

Ray Pieczarka is the Parish President for the Cathedral. He said Holy Trinity has a long history of sharing Polish food and culture with the Manchester community.

"This sale has been going on for many, many years," he said. "We always had a holiday fair, in which you could buy frozen or fresh food, but Covid changed all that. Since 2021 we've gone to frozen food purchases. I was always surprised — we would open our doors when we had the holiday fair at 9 o'clock and people would come in and have a hot lunch at 9 o'clock. That's how good the food is. And the line always went out the door for the frozen food. So this is a digital version of that."

Almost all the food in the sale is made by Holy Trinity parishioners, Pieczarka said.

"We make our own pierogi — both potato and cheese, and cabbage. [Pierogi are a kind of Polish stuffed pasta, similar to ravioli.] We make our own gołąbki [stuffed cabbage leaves, filled with meat, onions and rice]. And we make our own kapusta; it's a cabbage [dish]. It's almost like a side [dish]. If you had a Polish dish, it would be a vegetable side dish with cabbage, and some pork. We do sell kielbasa [Polish sausages], which we don't make ourselves."

An order form is available online. People can order as much kielbasa, gołąbki and kapusta as they like, Pieczarka said, but there is a limit on pierogi.

"We try to make sure everyone can get some," he said. "So we've limited that to four dozen per order." Making pierogi is extremely labor-intensive, he said. "There's a three-day process for us, with making the dough, making the filling, and then cutting the dough, filling a portion, pinching the pierogi, par-boiling them, cooling them, and then wrapping them, because they're frozen."

Among pierogi fans there is a spirited debate over whether to serve them boiled or pan-fried. Pieczarka prefers them pan-fried, with caramelized onions, if possible.

"But If I have to eat it without it, I mean, so be it," he said.

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Frozen Polish food sale

Holy Trinity Cathedral (166 Pearl St., Manchester, 668-5087) is taking orders for its annual frozen food sale.
Pierogi, kielbasa, kapusta and golabki are available.
Contact the rectory, or fill out an order from, which can be downloaded at holytrinitypncc.org/downloads.
Orders will be accepted until Friday, Dec. 4, and can be picked up at the Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 5, between 10 a.m. and noon, or after Mass on Sunday, Dec. 6.

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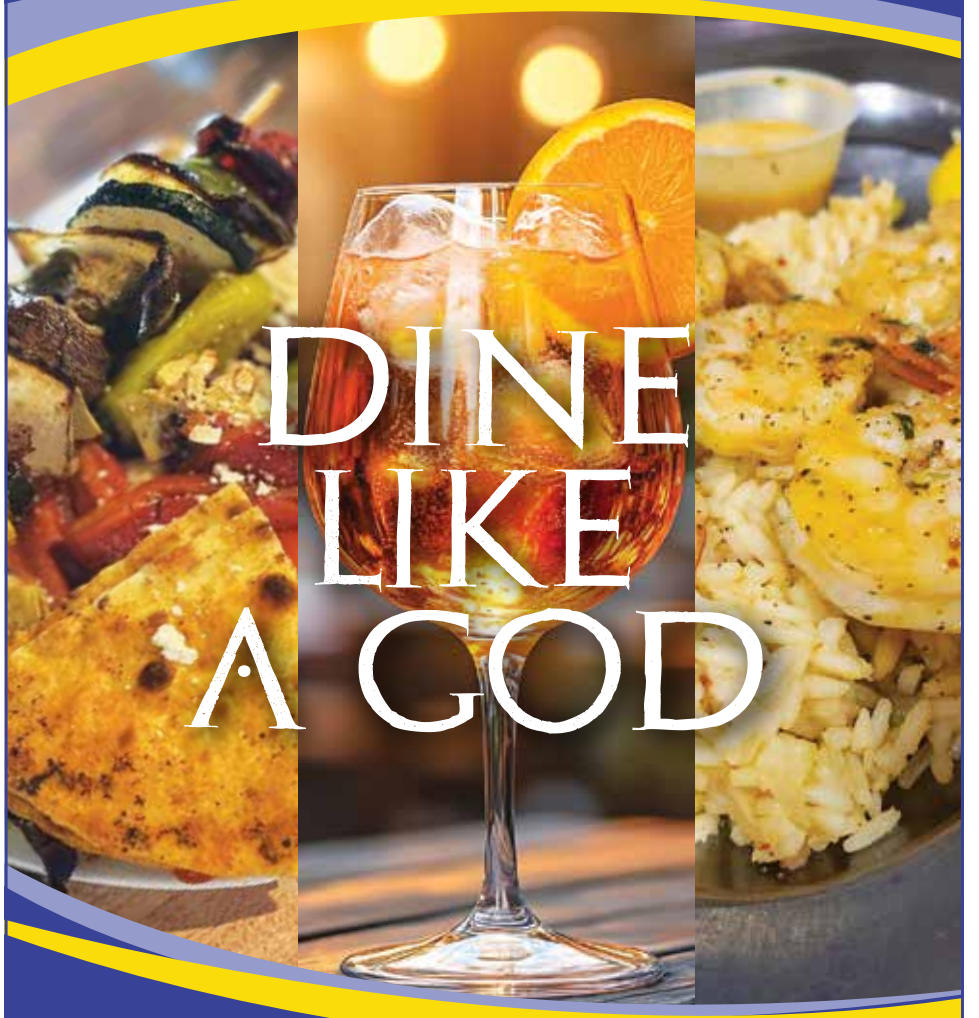
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FOOD

COOKING WITH JOHN FLADD

Super-fudgy Mexican Brownies


Brownies. Photo by John Fladd.

1 cup (50 grams) cocoa powder – the baking stuff, not hot chocolate mix

2 teaspoons cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground chipotle powder – chipotles are smoked, dried jalapeños. This is a really important background flavor in these brownies, but if you don't have access to chipotle powder, use 1/4 teaspoon each of cayenne and smoked paprika.

2 teaspoons vanilla

12 Tablespoons (a stick and a half) butter – the regular, salted kind. If you generally use unsalted butter (who hurt you?), add a pinch of kosher or coarse sea salt.

3 eggs

1 1/3 cup (275 grams) brown sugar

1/3 cup (75 grams) maple syrup

3/4 cup (100 grams) flour

3/4 cup (125 grams) chocolate chips or chopped dark chocolate

Preheat your oven to 350°F.

Line an 8"x8" baking pan with parchment paper. These brownies really are super-fudgy, so greasing and flouring the pan might be problematic when it comes time to get them out of the pan.

Whisk together the cocoa, cinnamon and chipotle and set it aside.

Brown the butter over medium-low heat. If you've never done this before, that means to cook the butter until it melts, then sizzles, then gets foamy. Cook it until it turns a light caramel color. You know that saying about not watching a pot of water come to a boil? This is the exact opposite; you need to watch the pan like a hawk. As the butter gets foamy, take it from the heat and swirl it around fairly frequently to check on the color.

When the butter is brown — but not burnt; this is an important distinction — remove it from the heat, and leave it to cool. You can set a timer for 10 minutes, if you like, or listen to three songs, which generally add up to about the same amount of time.

With an electric mixer, beat the eggs, brown sugar, maple syrup and vanilla at high speed until it thickens up and looks like frosting to a casual observer. You might have noticed that there is no baking powder or soda in this recipe — the only rising agent is the air that you trap in this egg mixture. When it looks thick and fluffy, beat in the cooled butter.

With a rubber spatula, gently stir in the cocoa mixture, then the flour, then the chocolate. Deflate the batter as little as possible. When everything is combined, pour the batter into the baking pan, and bake it for about 40 minutes. It will be done when you shake the pan gently and nothing jiggles.

Let the brownies cool completely before depanning them.

These brownies are delicious, a little spicy, and very fudgy. They go extremely well with vanilla ice cream.

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The frozen food sale is Holy Trinity's biggest fundraiser of the year, Pieczarka said, and supports the Cathedral's operating budget, including a variety of special programs.

"That includes our outreach program," he said. "Our Good Samaritan program, [for instance,] where monthly or almost monthly we will donate collected items for a different given charity. This coming month we'll make a donation to veterans. [Sometimes we support the] soup kitchen or the food pantry, and there's a variety of local charities that we try to help out in times of need."

Pieczarka said the sale itself is a sort of an outreach program, connecting to members of the larger community through food.

"Not many places offer this type of food," he said. "There's a lot of frozen, commercially made [Polish food], but they just don't compare to homemade. So this is a sort of a dual-purpose event."

Weekly Dish

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schnapps, and carrot juice, with a caramel and cinnamon sugar rim, for $14.95. The cupcake is made with a base of carrot care, with cream cheese frosting, a white chocolate cup, and a candied pecan garnish, for $12.

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POP CULTURE

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Caleb Wheeler Curtis & Jason Moran, *Incantation*



Hellaciously busy experimental jazz, the first two songs on this pairing of sax-man/multi-instrumentalist Curtis with pianist Moran, who are both in their prime at ages 40 and 51 respectively. Lots of skronking, honking and bonk-bonk-bonking that makes it sound like these guys are trying to break their instruments ("Miss Nancy" especially; lots of insolent rage-fueled improv going on here), but then they become a different thing altogether, settling down to impart some pensive, quite brilliant reflection for a couple of songs ("Ain't No Storm," "Gangsterism On The River"), both of which offer the listener some otherworldly feels. "One Hundred Years" is a bizarre but somehow agreeable effort, with Moran leveling an eloquent fast-moving-spider-style rhythm at Curtis, who adorns it with some exceedingly pretty sax lines. The final analysis tells us that these two are as focused on percussiveness and scalar experimentation as they are on melody; the net effect is one of pure brilliance. **A+** *—Eric W. Saeger*

Mastodon, *Marrow Deep* (Loma Vista Recordings)



It's obvious that this Atlanta sludge-prog-metal band fired original lead guitarist Brent Hinds last year (he died in a motorcycle accident a few months later); in public, the band waxed regretful whereas Hinds was going around saying stuff like "I won't miss being in a s--t band with horrible humans." Either way, it's a new version of the band, with the instrumental-minded Nick Johnston doing the solo shredding and contributing quite a lot of brilliantly shreddy stuff in "Poisonous Weapons" for starters. More weird exotic/experimental (almost Spyro Gyra-like) sounds in these songs, such as on "Moth and Bone," which is around where Anthony Fantano says the album runs out of ideas, but as always he's wrong, given that "A Vampire's Demeanor" reasserts their relevance as a crew who can bring the sumo-battle-between-tyrannosaurs energy at a moment's notice. Opening track "Barbarian's Blood" is a Whitman's Sampler of coolness, with a death metal part, a grind part, a punk part and surprisingly clean, emotive vocals on the — I don't know, yacht-rock part. I got more out of this one than 2004's *Leviathan*, if you're feeling like shooting someone an angry Facebook message (grade reflects the highest possible one for a Mastodon album). **A** *—Eric W. Saeger*

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• Yow, it's gettin' cooold outside, friends and haters, but no worries, the next crop of new albums will show up this Friday, Nov. 6, to warm the cockles and make us all projectile-barf, with refried derivative melodies! It's that time of year when holiday music is fixing to be everywhere you go, so as you know, the **Mariah Carey** memes are making the rounds on your computer and your smartphone, like the one where Mariah is encased in a carbonite block like Han Solo in the obscure underground 1980 film *The Empire Strikes Back*, text me if you'd like that explained, but the point is that the game is afoot, with everyone hoping to avoid Mariah's stupid 1994 holiday song "All I Want For Christmas Is You," you hate it too amirite, it's like Pokemon Go but the opposite, because if you accidentally hear it, your mellow gift-buying mood instantly turns into, you know, poop, that is to say, the object is *not* to catch it at all, ever, godspeed my friends. But let's get to the meat of this week's mushy rotten potato, a sort-of-compilation holiday album from renowned awkward folkie **Sufjan Stevens**, *Worst Christmas Ever*! This LP brings together past Stevens' Christmas tunes like "Sister Winter," "Christmas in the Room," his version of "Silent Night," and of course "That Was the Worst Christmas Ever," which he released 20 years ago, a banjo-and-fiddle-plucking thing-amajig that is mellow and pretty and nice and has never been more timely, what with the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse playing rock-paper-scissors to see which of them gets to make us all miserable on Dec. 25, can you hardly wait or what?

• A lot of people in their 40s and 50s totally love **Alanis Morissette**, and we male music journos all know it isn't wise to diss her, because we were all bad boyfriends at one time or another and thus deserve all the hate we receive or somesuch etc. Come on, you remember Alanis and her songs about bad boyfriends and anti-religious, "post-Catholic" (her term, not mine) messaging, which of course most of her fans took completely the wrong way, which, I assure you was the whole idea. Whatever, no one ever agrees with me when I'm right, Alanis has a holiday album coming out, *Good Weather for Immaculate Conception*, what does that even mean? Whatever, the leadoff single from this album, "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem," is actually a lot like the Sufjan Stevens Christmas tune we just discussed, a slow banjo-plucked bluegrass number that pairs Alanis with folkie Brandi Carlile, but whatever, guess who's plucking the banjo? Nope, not Bela Fleck, it's America's other famous banjo player, comedian Steve Martin, who was very famous in the 1970s and such! Old people will remember when Martin used to go onstage with a fake arrow through his head to pluck his banjo and spit hilarious jokes, and then he made some movies in which he played unfunny characters, the world is such a mystery, you know?

• Aside from their reputation as being a bunch of jerks, the main criticism of **Kings of Leon** has been that they sucked after their third album, when they abandoned gritty Southern rock and went in a more arena-rock direction. I'll just see about that with their new one, *O My Beloved*, by checking out its single "Cold Blue Dawn!" Ack, boy is this boring, a country-western-style joint that sounds like Rascal Flatts, I hate it.

• We'll bag this week with a glance at the title track from the new **Bryan Adams** LP, *How's It Goin'*! I've never hated that guy, this song is OK for a bluegrass-tinged jangle-rocker, better than that stupid Kings of Leon tune anyway. *—Eric W. Saeger*

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***Bodies of Magic* by Freya Marske (Tor Books, 464 pages)**

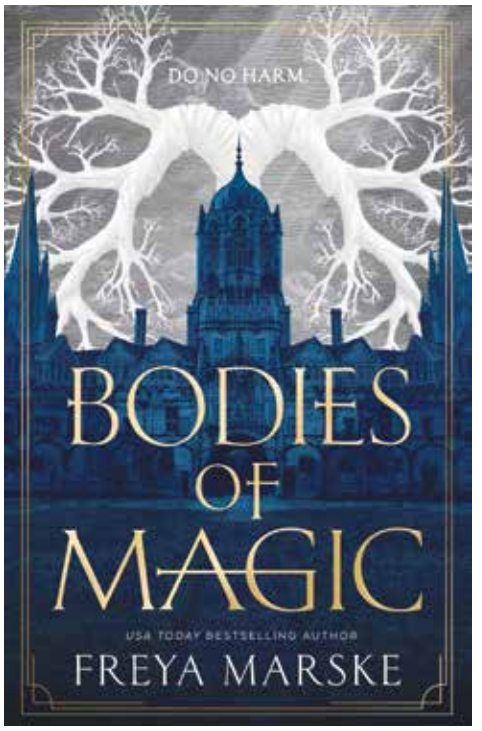
Dark academia is at its best in Freya Marske's latest novel, *Bodies of Magic*, a murder mystery that unfolds at the Academie of the Grand Duchy of Sieuxerr, where mage scholars have five years to learn how to master their healing powers and, at the end, five days to prove their knowledge and skills during a trial known as the Grand Exam.

The book takes place over the course of this trial, which brings together groups of five scholars who must work together to perform five real-life medical exams and possibly treat or heal their patients. The groups are assigned randomly, and it is a seemingly disparate group that happens upon a dead body right before their first case begins.

The body belongs to their classmate, Ysabel Caudotte, a high achiever and best friend of Clement Savoye, one of the five scholars who find her. It's assumed by most at the Academie that Ysabel was burnt out and died by suicide, but the scholars who find her think otherwise. And so begins their quest to figure out who murdered her — while participating in the life-changing Grand Exam.

Along with Clement, the group includes Estiene, Alys, Moyna and Jehan, all of whom — of course — are carrying around their own secrets. We get each of their points of view throughout the book; one of the negatives, for me, is that the switch from character to character between chapters feels a little jarring, and sometimes it's not clear right away whose point of view we're getting, as the chapter headers do not name the characters.*

On the other hand, when I read books with shifting points of view I often find myself looking forward to the chapters of one character over another, but that was not the case here. Each character is interesting enough, and mysterious enough, that getting inside their heads



feels like a gift and an answer.

Estiene's father is a head healer and Estiene is forever trying not to let him down. Alys is rich and beautiful, but rumors abound that she offers favors for passing grades. Moyna doesn't want to pass the exam because she doesn't want the future that has been mapped out for her if she does. Jehan has gotten himself into some trouble that he's hiding from everyone. And Clement is an introvert who's mostly known for being Ysabel's confidante.

None of them are friends prior to the Grand Exam, though there's something going on between two of them that is masked with loathing (sincere loathing at times). The interactions between all of them gave me *Breakfast Club* vibes: A group of kids forced to spend a specific period of time together, who start out thinking they have nothing in common but develop an appreciation for each other, and their differences, as time goes on.

The world that Marske creates is compelling. It's a fantasy for sure, but the reality of our modern-day healthcare system — and all the politics that go along with it — is there front and center. It turns out a world with magic isn't enough to balance class discrepancies.

That being said, at no point did I feel like this message got in the way of the fantastical elements, the character relationships or the murder plot. The magic system is fascinating. Marske actually attended medical school, and has worked in hospitals and clinics, so there's lived experience in these pages, alongside the superhuman healing.

Watching the scholars work together to figure out diagnoses for real patients based on their presenting symptoms and health history was genuinely intriguing. Each student has specific abilities and levels of healing power, and they can't solve these cases on their own. They also can't scheme and plot to find the answers behind Ysabel's murder without each other. They're tethered together, for better or for worse.

Despite the book being about students attending school, this is not a YA novel. It almost could be, but these are college-age students figuring out life, so there are mature themes and some explicit sexual content.

But for adults — even those of us well past the college years — there's a lot to like here. —*Meghan Siegler* **A-**

*As it turns out, I wasn't being an attentive enough reader. In going back through the book for this review, I realized that the chapter headers *do* show us which character we're hearing from — they're just depicted by symbols rather than their names (a skull for Estiene, a candle for Clement, etc.). If I had figured that out, I think the transitions would have felt more fluid.

Books

Author events

• **Howard Mansfield** and Laura Knoy talk about Mansfield's newest book, ***Invisible Monuments: Tribute, Memory, and the Summoning of the Past***, on Friday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Harris Center (83 Kings Hwy., Hancock). Space is limited and registration is encouraged; go to toadbooks.com to RSVP.

• **Jennifer Vaughn** presents her latest book, the holiday rom-com ***Christmas Baked In***, on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Slightly Crooked Pies (1209 Elm St., Manchester, slightlycrookedpies.com). Visit jvwrites.com.

• **Cate Crane** discusses her new contemporary romance, ***Every Single Choice***, on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 11 a.m. at Balin Books (375 Amherst St., Nashua, balinbooks.com).

• **Howard Mansfield** discusses and signs copies of his new book, ***Invisible Monuments: Tribute, Memory, and the Summoning of the Past***, on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 11 a.m. at the Toadstool Bookshop in Peterborough (12 Depot Sq., toadbooks.com), and at 2 p.m. at Balin Books (375 Amherst St., Nashua, balinbooks.com).

• **Stacey Huth and Noah Gibb** discuss and sign copies of their book ***An Experiment in Birding***, on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m. at NH Audubon's McLane Center (84 Silk Farm Road, Concord). RSVP required; go to nhaudubon.org/event/an-experiment-in-birding.

• **John U. Bacon** presents his latest book, ***The Gales of November***, on Sunday, Nov. 8, at noon at Barnes & Noble in Nashua (235 DW Highway, bn.com).

• **Emily Franklin** presents her latest novel, ***Love & Other Monsters***, on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com).

• **Susan Combs** discusses her book ***Wonder Women: The Untold Stories of Female Veterans*** on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. at Balin Books (375 Amherst St., Nashua, balinbooks.com).

• **Jennifer Vaughn** presents her latest book, the holiday rom-com ***Christmas Baked In***, on Sunday, Nov. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Once Upon Again bookstore (21 E. Broadway, Derry, onceuponagainbooks.com). Visit jvwrites.com.

Virtual events

• **2026 Nature book club** hosted by NH Audubon is meeting quarterly via Zoom for facilitated discussions of books about nature. November book is ***Rebugging the Planet*** by Vicki Hird; discussion is Nov. 12, 6-7:30 p.m. Visit nhaudubon.org to register for a session and get a copy of discussion questions.

Book events

• **Deck the Shelves: Bookish Holiday Market** at DoubleTree Expo Center (700 Elm St., Manchester) on Saturday, Nov. 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will have 100+ makers and crafters; 40+ local authors; door prizes and raffles. Free admission. See Bookish Bliss on social media.

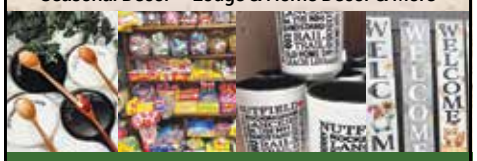
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• **Beer for History** continues on Thursdays this fall at the Folsom Tavern at the American Independence Center (1 Governors Lane, Exeter, aicnh.org, 772-2622). Tickets are $25 per program. Nov. 5, Richard Tucker presents "The Continental Marines" with Fat Hen Brewing Co. Nov. 19, Brooke Barier presents "Cocked and Boozy," a program about alcohol and the Revolution, with Samuel Adams. Dec. 3, AIC Curator Kali Kraemer presents "Washington's Crossing." Programs run from 6 to 8 p.m.

• **After General Stark: Family, Ambition, and a Changing New Hampshire** presented by Jane D. Cairns, author of the new novel *Exalted Objects*, which traces the Stark family's legacy, at the NH Historical Society (30 Park St., Concord, nhhistory.org) on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m. Admission is free for NHHS members, $10 for nonmembers. No registration required.





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Can you see everything?

A look at the hot doc and a (different kind of hot) hot fairy tale

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Do you need to see a nearly three-hour documentary about Theranos' Elizabeth Holmes in theaters?

I feel like that's the big question with the 172-minute ***You Can See Everything*** (in theaters). As you've probably heard, the documentary (or whatever) is directed by Nathan Fielder and his whole straight-faced comedian deal. The first chunk gives us Elizabeth Holmes and her husband/partner Billy Evans staying with their two young children in a house on a beach in California in the month leading up to her incarceration for fraud in 2023. We see Liz, as most people call her, sort of mentally preparing herself for her sentence by spending time with her kids, snuggling with Billy and talking to someone on the phone about prison rules. We also see her and Evans making fundraising calls on behalf of some new medical thing that sounds a lot like Theranos and is described using language that makes you wonder why anybody picks up their call. Through it all, Fielder just sort of lurks on the edges, soaking in the weirdness of it all.

The movie's second chunk is, er, even stranger. The idea of Elizabeth Holmes and who and what she is is omnipresent but the actual person, now in a minimum security prison, is mostly not seen or heard. Instead we check in with Billy Evans, now a few years later, with his "aggressive YouTube ad for protein powder" vibe and his total control, via power of attorney, of Elizabeth Holmes' public image. Fielder at times seems to act like he's annoyed with himself for having been suckered by Elizabeth and at other times seems to be trying to uncover something about Billy, perhaps something that will make Elizabeth seem more sympathetic? Is Fielder being manipulated by her? Are we being manipulated by Fielder? Is everybody doing a bit? Are we in the audience in on the joke or are we the joke? Is demanding adherence to an objective idea of The Truth its own kind of con?


You Can See Everything.

The journey of thinking about all these things is the fun roller coaster the movie takes you on. Theranos was never my jam in terms of favorite tech-related scandals and I'm only somewhat aware of what a Nathan Fielder is, so I probably went in a little "I don't care about any of these doofuses." But the movie sucks you in, introducing you to its primary leads and then suggesting maybe you haven't met them at all, playing a shell game of "who is the real villain" for a while and then doing a round of "what is truth, anyway." I maybe came back around to "I don't really care about these doofuses" by the end of the movie but the ride is captivating, including the piece of the movie, which you've probably read about, that looks more directly at the idea of this kind of true crime story as entertainment. So yes, yes, see the three-hour docu-whatever in the theater, both for the odd journey it takes you on, trapping you in this world the specific way that a movie theater can, and for the fun discussion you'll have with your movie companion on the ride home.

I don't know that you *must* watch ***Wicker*** (theatrical release) in theaters, but it's a nice, low-effort kick-back movie that's definitely worth watching at some point. The movie's load-bearing elements include a horny Olivia Colman and a soliloquy-delivering Peter Dinklage, and both of those elements are enjoyable treats.

In an otherworldly sort of medieval-England-ish once-upon-a-time place, women get a ceremonial metal neck collar at their wedding and they go from being called by their father's profession to being known by their husband's profession. Thus did Doctor's Daughter become Tailor's Wife (Elizabeth Debicki). But the single Fisherwoman (Olivia Colman) is called by her own profession, that is when she isn't being called something worse due to her smelly clothes or her dirty appearance. The other women of the village are such jerks about her romantic prospects that when she accidentally winds up with the "you're next to marry" egg at a wedding ceremony, she spitefully asks the Basketmaker (Dinklage) to weave her a husband and pays him a handful of coins to do it. Come to the chapel in a month, he says. And in a month, Wicker (Alexander Skarsgard, wearing all that weaving very well) is there. After their very fast wedding comes their very satisfying wedding night. Sure, it's weird that he's a guy made of wicker, but he's Alexander Skarsgard-height and says soulful things to Fisherwoman and soon all the townswomen who were catty about her life choices are longing for some basket action of their own. The men, naturally, are not delighted about this and soon everybody in town is grumbling about Fisherwoman and Fisherhusband/Wicker.

I don't know that all the elements of this story about the joy of a love-match and the crappiness of mindless tradition and the importance of competent doctoring always work, but this twisted fairy tale with a little gender equality thrown in is fun. Debicki makes an excellent grown-up mean girl. Fresh off *The Other Bennet Sister*, Ella Bruccoleri adds a nice element of romantic desperation of her own as Baker's Wife. Richard E. Grant as the Doctor offers a dash of entertaining, completely unwarranted, negligently homicidal confidence.

Colman is, of course, always a good time. Here she mixes humor, hurt and genuine heart in Fisherwoman and does a good job at making the relationship with Skarsgard spark with heat and emotion despite the basket-y shell his character is in.

Film

• ***A Talent for Murder*** (R, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Nov. 5, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

• ***The Only Living Pickpocket in New York*** (R, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Nov. 5, 1:30 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 6, at 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 8, at 4:15 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 7:45 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 12, at 1:45 p.m.

• ***You Can See Everything*** (R, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Nov. 5 1:45 & 6 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 6, through Sunday, Nov. 8, at 1:45 & 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 9, at 3:30 & 7:15 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 10 a.m., 2:15 & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 11, and Thursday, Nov. 12, at 1:15 & 6:30 p.m.

• ***Wild Horse Nine*** (R, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Nov. 5, at 4 & 7 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 6, through Sunday, Nov. 8, at 1:30, 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 9, at 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 10 a.m., 1:15, 4 & 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 11, & Thursday, Nov. 12, at 1:30, 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.

• ***V for Vendetta*** 20th anniversary will screen via Fathom Entertainment, fathomentertainment.com, Nov. 5, according to the website, where you can find screening theaters and times.

• ***Jimmy*** will screen via Fathom Entertainment, fathomentertainment.com, starting Nov. 6, according to the website, where you can find screening theaters and times.

• ***Fjord*** (R,2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Friday, Nov. 6, at 1 & 4 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 7, at 4 & 7 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 8, at 1 & 7 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 1 & 4:15 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 12, at 4 & 7 p.m.

• **Rocky in Concert** featuring a screening of the 1976 film with the score performed by a symphony orchestra will take place at The Music Hall (Historic Theater at 28 Chestnut St. in Portsmouth; Lounge at 131 Congress St. in Portsmouth; themusichall.org) on Friday, Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m., the website said.

• ***Rocky*** 50th Anniversary will screen via Fathom Entertainment on Nov. 7, according to fathomentertainment.com, where you can find screening theaters and times.

• **Teton Gravity Research Presents *Actually, It Is Rocket Science*** The Music Hall (Historic Theater at 28 Chestnut St. in Portsmouth; Lounge at 131 Congress St. in Portsmouth; themusichall.org) on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

• ***Into the Whale*** (2023) a documentary will screen at Park Theatre in Jaffrey on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m.

• ***Actually, It Is Rocket Science*** will screen at BNH Stage in Concord, on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 3 and 6 p.m. "For over 30 years, Teton Gravity Research has defined ski and snowboard filmmaking. Join us for the 2026 film, featuring world-class athletes, breathtaking cinematography, and the biggest mountain adventures of the year," according to ccanh.com, where you can purchase tickets..

• **An Evening with Peter Billingsley and *A Christmas Story***, a screening of the film and an audience Q&A, will take place at the Chubb Theatre (44 S. Main St. in Concord) on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m., according to ccanh.com, where you can purchase tickets.

• **The New England Animation Festival,** which will run Friday, Nov. 20, and Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Park Theatre in Jaffrey. See theparktheatre.org for tickets.

THE ROUND UP

Local music news & events

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• **College night:** Four UNH pals formed **Saguaro** in 2024 and began playing basement parties. With a well-rounded jazz groove sound, the four-piece band has built a solid regional following. "Roll Your Bones" from *Livin' on a Fine Line*, an EP released last July, is a good place to start, an uplifting track with a spirited organ solo echoing the Dead's "Eyes of the World." Thursday, Nov. 5, at 9 p.m., Stone Church Music Club, 5 Granite St., Newmarket, $6, stonechurchrocks.com, 21+.

• **Annual jam:** Along with turning the clocks back, a sure sign of the season is **JamAntics**' annual reunion show. There are some changes to the beloved Concord band. Drummer Curtis Marden joined after founding member Masceo left in 2024, and backup singer Amy Hubbard is a new addition for this year's event. Freeland Hubbard, Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki, Eric Reingold and Lucas Gallo are all returning. Friday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m., BNH Stage, 16 S. Main St., Concord, $21, ccanh.com.

• **Rise above:** Though getting viral meningitis as an infant forced him to use a walker for mobility, **Tyler Hittner** learned to laugh about it, with an audience. He begins each set by explaining he's a standup comic who can't physically stand up, and goes from there. "During my upbringing, my mom and dad never let me feel bad about myself," he once told a writer. He's hilarious and inspirational. Saturday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m., The Moka Pot, 8 Hanover St., Manchester, $15, eventbrite.com.

• **Celtic roots:** An ongoing concert series has fiddle/guitar duo **Alasdair White & Eric McDonald**. White is a native of Isle of Lewis in Scotland's Outer Hebrides, a longtime member of the Battlefield Band and mentor to many fiddle players. McDonald brings folk, bluegrass and classical influences to a show promising "soaring melodies, intricate harmonies, and an intuitive musical dialogue." Saturday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall, 4 Church Road, Bedford, $25, eventbrite.com.

• **Song man:** Enjoy local cider and original music as **Dakota Smart** performs a tasting room show. The NEMA-nominated singer/songwriter has been on a creative tear of late, releasing the waltz-y "This Dance" along with upbeat country rocker "Wishing Well" over the summer. Smart's latest, "The Grave," is a breakup song with a bittersweet bite that deserves a home in Nashville. Sunday, Nov. 8, at 1 p.m., Contoocook Cider Co., 656 Gould Hill Road, Contoocook, dakotasmart.com.

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The final BEAT

Adrian Belew's King Crimson revival returns with new drummer

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For Adrian Belew, reviving the incarnation of King Crimson that produced *Discipline*, *Beat* and *Three of a Perfect Pair* wasn't driven by nostalgia. Instead, it came from the sense that a vital chapter of the band's story was slipping out of view and should be honored.

More than a decade ago, King Crimson founder Robert Fripp put together a new band that ended his 33-year alliance with Belew. It's done several major tours, playing material drawn primarily from the band's older catalog.

"The stuff that I contributed … is easily getting pushed aside now," Belew said in a recent phone interview.

Yet he kept hearing from fans, many of them younger, that *Discipline*, the 1981 release from the newly relaunched Crimson with Fripp, Belew, Tony Levin on bass and drummer Bill Bruford, was the record that hooked them. So in 2024 he formed BEAT, recruiting Levin, guitarist Steve Vai and Tool drummer Danny Carey.

"I felt like it was time to do it," he said, and he was right. A fall tour produced several sell-outs, including a show at Casino Ballroom, which went clean in days. On Saturday, Nov. 7, BEAT returns to the Hampton Beach venue, one night after playing Boston's Wang Theatre, on what's been billed as its final North American tour.

Without Levin, the effort wouldn't have happened. "There's no one who can replace him," Belew said.

For Fripp's spot, Vai was the sole guitarist Belew wanted — by reputation, as he wasn't really familiar with his work.

BEAT: Belew/Vai/Levin/Bozzio Performing the Music of King Crimson

When: Saturday, Nov. 7, 8 p.m.
Where: Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom, 169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton Beach
Tickets: $57 and up, ticketmaster.com, 18+

"I'm not a shred guy," he said, but he remembered Vai professing his love for those three records in an old interview. "I thought, 'Well, who knows, maybe he'll want a challenge.' And that's exactly what he did say."

With parts that mix acoustic and electronic kits and carry Bruford's unmistakable stamp, choosing a drummer wasn't any easier, but it turned out to be an easy choice. When they first met years ago, Belew recalled, Carey hugged him hard enough to nearly choke him, as he insisted that Tool wouldn't exist without Crimson.

The resulting blend was more than able to hit the musical heights necessary to reproduce Crimson's many complex songs. It also had star power, to match a goal of big rooms and production to match.

"You have to put a lot of butts in seats," Belew said, "That means you have to have famous people."

Due to Carey's Tool commitments, a new drummer will join BEAT this tour; Terry Bozzio, whose résumé includes Frank Zappa, U.K. and Missing Persons. At the time of this interview, the new lineup hadn't played a note together, but press reports and Levin's tour diary are giving it high marks.

It helps that everyone in the band has played with Bozzio before, and Belew remembers him turning up at Crimson gigs in the '80s.

"Terry can do anything he wants," he said. "He's got total independence. Each of his four limbs can play a different thing from the other."

There's another bond, Belew said. He, Vai and Bozzio "all went to the school of Zappa."

That shared history surfaced during the tour opening show at the bucolic Quarry Amphitheater in Santa Cruz, California. The band opened its encore with Zappa's "City of Tiny Lites," from 1979's *Sheik Yerbouti*, an album both Belew and Bozzio played on, and continued doing that at subsequent dates.

Another new wrinkle is the inclusion of 1995's *Thrak*, an album that also featured Belew and Levin. "Dinosaur," "Walking on Air" and "People" are all in shows, which begin with Belew front-loading two of Crimson's toughest songs, "Neurotica" and "Neal and Jack and Me."



BEAT. Photo by Jon R. Luini of Chime Interactive.

"The band comes out and boom, smacks you in the face, and then they give you some candy," he said. He also likes "Dig Me." The *Beat*-era oddity is built on deliberate randomness and sudden full-band stops, before a chorus finally resolves the tension. "You've been torturing them for two minutes, and now all of a sudden they get the payoff."

After this run ends, "there's no BEAT," Belew continued.

Everyone in the band is booked, he said, "and I'm ready to take a breather, do other things." However, he's enjoying the final go-round. The last time hitting the road felt like this, he explained, was when he played guitar with David Bowie on his 1990's *Sound + Vision* tour — but this one's even better.

"It's different when you have something like this happen," he said, "That genuinely lights a fire under an audience you weren't even sure was there."

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Weekly comedy nights

• **Wednesdays** Ruby Room at the Shaskeen in Manchester, 9 p.m.

Open mic comedy nights

• **Moka Mic hosted by Alex Lachance** Moka Pot in Manchester, Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m.
• **This Must Be the Mic co-hosted by Tucker Sampson** Hop Knot in Manchester, Wednesdays, 8 p.m.
• **Laugh Attic hosted by Danny Pee** Strange Brew in Manchester, Thursdays, 8:30 p.m.
• **Candia Road Brewing hosted by Pete Trubble Morse** 840 Candia Road, Manchester, first and third Thursdays, 6 p.m.

Events

• **Brian Glowacki** Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth, Friday, Nov. 6, 6 and 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 7, 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.
• **Edge of Reality** Rex in Manchester, Friday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.
• **Tyler Hittner** Moka Pot in Manchester, Saturday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m.
• **Jimmy Dunn's Comedy All-Stars** Colonial in Laconia, Saturday, Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.
• **Kelly MacFarland** Headliners in Manchester, Saturday, Nov. 7, 8 p.m.
• **Carolyn Plummer** Chunky's in Manchester, Saturday, Nov. 7, 8 p.m.
• **John Mulaney** Casino Ballroom in Hampton, Sunday, Nov. 8, 8 p.m.
• **Lucy Darling: Simply Darling** Music Hall in Portsmouth, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.
• **Matt Shore Does Songs at You** Word Barn in Exeter, Thursday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.
• **Emo Phillips** McCue's in Portsmouth, Friday, Nov. 13, 8 p.m.
• **Lenny Clarke & Friends** Chunky's in Manchester, Friday, Nov. 13, 8:30 p.m.
• **Orlando Baxter/Jack Burke** Moka Pot in Manchester, Saturday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m.
• **Lenny Clarke** Saturday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., Park Theatre in Jaffrey
• **Steve Sweeney** Headliners in Manchester, Saturday, Nov. 14, 8 p.m.
• **Amy Tee** Chunky's in Manchester, Saturday, Nov. 14, 8 p.m.
• **Bob Marley** Swope Theater at Cap Center in Concord, Saturday, Nov. 14, 8 p.m.
• **An Evening with Peter Billingsley & *A Christmas Story*** Swope Theater at Cap Center in Concord, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.
• **Conor Janda** Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.
• **Andrew Della Volpe/Christine Hurley/Cory Rodrigues** LaBelle Amherst, Thursday, Nov. 19, 8 p.m.
• **Comedy Showcase at the Laugh Attic** Strange Brew Tavern in Manchester, Friday, Nov. 20, 8 p.m.

MUSIC THIS WEEK

Amherst
LaBelle Winery 345 Route 101, 672-9898

Atkinson
Merrill's Tavern 85 Country Club Drive, 362-8700

Auburn
Auburn Pitts 167 Rockingham Road, 622-6564

Barnstead
JJ Goodwin's: 769 Suncook Valley Road, 269-0059

Bedford
Copper Door 15 Leavy Drive, 488-2677
Murphy's Carriage House 393 Route 101, 488-5875

Bow
Chen Yang Li 520 S. Bow St., 228-8508

Brookline
The Alamo Texas Barbecue & Tequila Bar 99 Route 13, 721-5000

Candia
The Barnyard / Town Cabin Pub 285 Old Candia Road, 483-4888

Concord
The Barley House 132 N. Main St., 228-6363
The Forum Pub 15 Village St., 565-3100
Hermanos Cocina Mexicana 11 Hills Ave., 224-5669
Lithermans 126B Hall St., 219-0784
Tandy's Pub & Grille 1 Eagle Square, 856-7614
T-Bones 404 S. Main St., 715-1999
Uno Pizzeria 15 Fort Eddy Road, 226-8667

Contoocook
Gould Hill Farm & Contoocook Cider Co. 656 Gould Hill Road, 746-3811

Derry
Fody's Tavern 187 Rockingham Road, 404-6946

Dover
Auspicious Brew 1 Washington St., 953-7240
Cara Irish Pub & Restaurant 11 Fourth St., 343-4390
Revo Casino & Social House 887b Central Ave., revocasino.com

Epping
Holy Grail 64 Main St., 679-9559
Telly's Restaurant & Pizzeria 235 Calef Hwy., 679-8225

Epsom
Hill Top Pizzeria 1724 Dover Road, 736-0027

Exeter
Sea Dog Brewing Co. 5 Water St., 793-5116

Gilford
Patrick's 18 Weirs Road, 293-0841

Goffstown
Village Trestle 25 Main St., 497-8230

Hampton
The Goat 20 L St., 601-6928
L Street Tavern 603 17 L St., 967-4777
Wally's Pub 144 Ashworth Ave., 926-6954
Whym Craft Pub & Brewery 853 Lafayette Road, 601-2801

Hudson
The Bar 2B Burnham Road
Luk's Bar & Grill 142 Lowell Road, 889-9900
Lynn's 102 Tavern 76 Derry Road, 943-7832

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon 92 Route 125, 369-6962

Laconia
405 Pub & Grill 405 Union St.
Fratello's 799 Union Ave., 528-2022

Litchfield
Luk's Bar and Grill Mel's Funway Park, 452 Charles Bancroft Hwy., 261-3484

Londonderry
Coach Stop Restaurant & Tavern 176 Mammoth Road, 437-2022
Stumble Inn 20 Rockingham Road, 432-3210

Manchester
Backyard Brewery 1211 S. Mammoth Road, 623-3545
Derryfield Country Club 625 Mammoth Road, 623-2880
The Foundry 50 Commercial St., 836-1925
Fratello's 155 Dow St., 624-2022
The Goat 50 Old Granite St.
Great North Aleworks 1050 Holt Ave., 858-5789
KC's Rib Shack 837 Second St., 627-RIBS
Revo Casino & Social House 1279 S. Willow St., revocasino.com
Salona Bar & Grill 128 Maple St., 624-4020
Shaskeen Pub 909 Elm St., 625-0246
Stark Brewing Co. 500 Commercial St., 625-4444
Strange Brew 88 Market St., 666-4292
To Share Brewing 720 Union St., 836-6947

Meredith
Twin Barns Brewing 194 DW Highway, 279-0876

Merrimack
Homestead 641 DW Highway, 429-2022
Tomahawk Tavern 454 DW Highway, 365-4960
Tortilla Flat 595 DW Highway, 424-4479

Milford
Riley's Place 29 Mont Vernon St., 380-3480
Stonecutters Pub 63 Union Square, 213-5979

Nashua
Casey Magee's Irish Pub 8 Temple St., 484-7400
Fody's Tavern 9 Clinton St., 577-9015
Peddler's Daughter 48 Main St., 821-7535
The Spot 217 Main St., thespotnashua.com
Union Public House 194 Main St., 699-8112

New Boston
Molly's Tavern & Restaurant 35 Mont Vernon Road, 487-1362

Newmarket
Stone Church 5 Granite St., 659-7700

Pembroke
Cavern Sports Bar 351 Pembroke St., 485-7777
Pembroke City Limits 134 Main St., 210-2409, pembrokecitylimits.com

Penacook
American Legion Post 31 11 Charles St., 753-9372

Pittsfield
Over the Moon 1253 Upper City Road, 216-2162

Portsmouth
Clipper Tavern 75 Pleasant St., 501-0109
The Gas Light 64 Market St., 430-9122
The Goat 142 Congress St., 590-4628
Press Room 77 Daniel St., 431-5186
Thirsty Moose Taphouse 21 Congress St., 427-8645

Salem
Copper Door 41 S. Broadway, 458-2033
Dreo 254 N. Broadway, 824-6337

Seabrook
Backyard Burgers & Wings 5 Provident Way, 760-2581
Chop Shop Pub 920 Lafayette Road, 760-7706
Red's Kitchen + Tavern 530 Lafayette Road, 760-0030

Tilton
Greenside Lochmere Country Club, 360 Laconia Road, 528-7888

Warner
The Local 15 E. Main St., 456-3333

Thursday, Nov. 5

Auburn
Auburn Pitts: open mic, 7 p.m.

Bedford
Copper Door: Eddie Sands, 7 p.m.

Derry
Fody's: music bingo, 8 p.m.

Epping
Telly's: Tim Theriault, 7 p.m.

Epsom
Hill Top: music bingo w/ Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.

Hampton
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Wally's: Bumpin Uglies, 8 p.m.
Whym: music bingo, 6:30 p.m.

Hudson
Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: karaoke w/ George Cox, 7 p.m.

Laconia
405 Pub & Grill: Tyler Levs, 7 p.m.
Fratello's: Eric Grant, 5:30 p.m.

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Chuck and Jon, 7 p.m.

Manchester
Backyard Brewing: Willy Chase, 6 p.m.
The Foundry: Paul Driscoll, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Jamie Hughes, 5:30 p.m.
Goat: DJ Prodigy, 9 p.m.
Strange Brew: David Rousseau, 8 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Clint Lapointe, 5:30 p.m.
Tomahawk: Chad LaMarsh, 6 p.m.
Tortilla Flat: Justin Jordan, 6 p.m.

Milford
Riley's Place: open mic, 7 p.m.
Stonecutters: music bingo, 7 p.m.

Nashua
Campo Enoteca: karaoke w/ KJ-Dave, 7 p.m.
Casey Magee's: open mic, 7:30 p.m.
Fody's: DJ Rich karaoke, 9:30 p.m.
Union Public House: Matt Jackson, 5:30 p.m.

Pembroke
PCL: Ray Cashman Blues, 7 p.m.

Pittsfield
Over the Moon: open mic, 6 p.m.

Portsmouth
Press Room: Dummy Ache w/ Spirit Hotel, Kong Moon, & Isaac Raven, 7 p.m.

Salem
Copper Door: Jodee Frawlee, 7 p.m.
Sevmar Mediterranean Bistro: Paul Lussier, 6 p.m.

Tilton
Greenside: Holy Cow! Music Bingo, 6:30 p.m.

Warner
The Local: Ryan Williamson, 5 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 6

Auburn
Auburn Pitts: Jordan Quinn, 6 p.m.

Bedford
Murphy's: Zak Lombard, 6 p.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Jake Alden, 6 p.m.

Concord
Forum: Hank Osborne, 8 p.m.

Derry
Fody's: Joe Macdonald, 8 p.m.

Dover
Revo: Down By Ten, 8 p.m.

Epping
Holy Grail: Dave Ayotte Duo, 6 p.m.
Telly's: Lewis Goodwin, 8 p.m.

Hampstead
Pickleball 603: Ralph Allen, 6:30 p.m.

Hampton
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Wally's: The Warped Tour Band, 7 p.m.

Hudson
Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: line dancing, 7 p.m.

Laconia
405 Pub & Grill: Jeff Line, 7 p.m.
Fratello's: Kyle Dumais, 5:30 p.m.

Litchfield
Luk's: Chad Verbeck, 6 p.m.

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Dave Clark, 6 p.m.
Stumble Inn: Small Town Stranded, 8 p.m.

Manchester
Backyard Brewing: Willy Chase, 6 p.m.
Derryfield: Boston City Rhythm, 8:30 p.m.
The Foundry: Paul Driscoll, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Chris Cavanaugh, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: Salt Riot, 9 p.m.
Revo: Karaoke w/ DJ George Cox, 9 p.m.
Shaskeen: High Horse, 9 p.m.
Strange Brew: BJ Magoon Duo, 8 p.m.
To Share Brewing Co.: The Gents, 6:30 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Jessica Olson, 5:30 p.m.

Nashua
Casey Magee's: karaoke, 9:30 p.m.
Fody's: Tanner, 10 p.m.
Union Public House: Dan Morgan, 7:30 p.m.

New Boston
Molly's: Malcolm Salls, 6 p.m.

Newmarket
Stone Church: The Edd w/ The Humans Being, 8 p.m.

Pembroke
PCL: Truck Stop Messiah, 7 p.m.

Penacook
American Legion Post 31: JMitch Karaoke, 7 p.m.

Pittsfield
Over the Moon: Partner In Crime, 6 p.m.

Portsmouth
Black Rock: Cory Phillips, 5 p.m.
Clipper Tavern: Max Sullivan, 9 p.m.
Gas Light: Brett Wilson, 9:30 p.m.
The Goat: Chris Toler, 9 p.m.
Press Room: Driftwood w/ Jon Nolan & Good Co., 7 p.m.
Thirsty Moose: DJ Chad Banks, 9:30 p.m.

Salem
Dreo: Phil Jaques, 7 p.m.

Seabrook
Red's: Another Shot, 8 p.m.

Tilton
Greenside: Bob Pratte, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov, 7

Bedford
Murphy's: Jordan Holmes, 6 p.m.

Bow
Chen Yang Li: Danny McCarthy, 7 p.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Bella Perrotta, 6 p.m.

Concord
Forum: acoustic circle with John Farese, 2 p.m.; Anastasia Karaoke, 8 p.m.

Music, live and in person

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Derry
Fody's: Dave Thompson, 8 p.m.

Dover
Revo: Lexi James & Wildheart, 8 p.m.

Epping
Telly's: Doug Mitchell Duo, 8 p.m.

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Wood Wind & Whiskey Duo, 6 p.m.

Hampton
The Goat: Codie Welch, 9 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Wally's: Red Light, 9 p.m.

Hampstead
Jamison's: Chad Lamarsh, 6 p.m.

Hudson
Luk's Bar: live music, 6 p.m.

Jaffrey
Park Theatre: Herman Melville, 3 p.m.; Eve Pierce, 6 p.m.

Laconia
405 Pub & Grill: Ian Archibold, 7 p.m.
Fratello's: Amanda McCarthy, 6 p.m.

Litchfield
Luk's: live music, 6 p.m.

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Peter Pappas, 6 p.m.
Stumble Inn: Swipe Right Band, 8 p.m.

Manchester
Backyard Brewery: Mikey G, 6 p.m.
Derryfield: Dancing Madly Backwards, 8:30 p.m.
The Foundry: Rock Dave, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Justin Bethune, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: Jump the Line, 9 p.m.
Great North Aleworks: Kevin Horan, 3 p.m.
Revo: DJ JayD, 9 p.m.
Shaskeen: Saint Celia, 9 p.m.
Strange Brew: Peter Ward, 9 p.m.

Meredith
Twin Barns: Ryan Allen Meier, 5 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Bob Pratte, 5:30 p.m.

Milford
Riley's: Straight A's, 7 p.m.

Nashua
Casey Magee's: Two Drink Minimum, 8 p.m.
Fody's: Twelve Pence Mad, 10 p.m.
Peddler's Daughter: Best Not Broken, 9:30 p.m.
Union Public House: Ra;ph Allen, 7:30 p.m.

New Boston
Molly's: Cody Knapp, 6 p.m.

Newmarket
Stone Church: Caitlin Piper & Pj Donahue, 4 p.m.; Proelium & Wired For Sound, 8 p.m.

Pembroke
PCL: Folk Festival, 2 p.m.; Towse, 7 p.m.

Pittsfield
Over the Moon: South Duo, 6 p.m.

Portsmouth
Gas Light: ALXIA, 9:30 p.m.
The Goat: Kevin Herrera, 9 p.m.
Press Room: Space Cowboys, 6:30 p.m.
Thirsty Moose: Matty & The Penders, 9:30 p.m.

Salem
Dreo: Jordan Quinn, 7 p.m.

Seabrook
Red's: Troy & Costley, 8 p.m.

Tilton
Greenside: Mason Trubey, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 8

Bedford
Copper Door: Phil Jacques, 11 a.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Matt Bergeron, 4 p.m.

Contoocook
Contoocook Cider Co.: Dakota Smart, 1 p.m.

Hampton
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Wally's: line dancing, 6 p.m.
Whym: Max Sullivan, 1 p.m.

Laconia
Fratello's: Denise Sanborn, 5:30 p.m.

Lee
Flag Hill: Bella Perrotta, 1 p.m.

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Another Shot, 1 p.m.

Manchester
The Goat: Chris Toler, 10 a.m.
Revo: music bingo, 6 p.m.
Strange Brew: One Big Soul Jam, 7 p.m.
To Share Brewing Co.: open mic, 4 p.m.

Milford
Riley's Place: blues jam, 1 p.m.
Stonecutters: Mullen Around, 4 p.m.

Newmarket
Stone Church: Irish Matinee, 4 p.m.; open auditions, 6:30 p.m.

Pembroke
PCL: Live Movie Musical Sing-Along, 4 p.m.

Pittsfield
Over the Moon: Tug Wildwood, 3 p.m.

Salem
Copper Door: Steve Aubert, 11 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 9

Dover
Cara Irish Pub: open mic, 8 p.m.

Gilford
Patrick's Pub: open mic, 6 p.m.

Hampton
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.

Hudson
The Bar: karaoke with Phil, 8 p.m.

Manchester
The Goat: 603 line dancing, 7 p.m.
Revo: music bingo, 6 p.m.
Salona: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.

Nashua
Fody's: karaoke night, 9:30 p.m.
The Spot: open mic, 7 p.m.







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NITE MUSIC & EVENTS

Tuesday, Nov. 10

Concord
Barley House: Irish session, 6 p.m.
Tandy's: open mic, 8 p.m.

Hampton
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: beginner line dancing, 7 p.m.

Manchester
Fratello's: Jodee Frawlee, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: karaoke night w/ King of Karaoke, 8 p.m.
KC's Rib Shack: Paul & Nate open mic, 7 p.m.
Strange Brew: Jordan Quinn, 8 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Justin Jordan, 5:30 p.m.

Nashua
Campo Enoteca: karaoke w/ KJ-Dave, 7 p.m.
Fody's: music bingo, 8 p.m.
The Spot: karaoke with Jamie V, 7 p.m.

Portsmouth
Press Room: Marty O'Reilly w/ Shaun Sullivan, 7 p.m.

Seabrook
Backyard Burgers: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

Atkinson
Merrill's: Regular Gents, 6 p.m.

Barnstead
JJ Goodwin's: Good Vibes Music Bingo, 6 p.m.

Candia
Barnyard: Boots on the Ground line dancing, 5:30 p.m.

Concord
The Barley House: music bingo, 6:30 p.m.
Forum: Don Bartenstein, 8 p.m.
Tandy's: karaoke, 8 p.m.
Uno Pizzeria: Ryan Williamson, 6 p.m.

Derry
Fody's: karaoke, 7 p.m.

Hampton
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Wally's: Tropidelic, 8 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: Musical Bingo Nation, 7 p.m.

Laconia
405 Pub & Grill: Tyler Levs, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Michael Werning, 5:30 p.m.

Manchester
Fratello's: Chris Lester, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: 603 line dancing, 7 p.m.
Stark Brewing: Cox karaoke, 8 p.m.
Strange Brew: open mic w/ Jordan Quinn & Scott Armstrong , 8 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Eddie Sands, 5:30 p.m.

Milford
Riley's: karaoke, 7 p.m.

Newmarket
Stone Church: karaoke night, 8 p.m.

Pembroke
PCL: Danny Savage, 7 p.m.

Concerts

• **Clifford Cameron's Vinyl Quartet** Thursday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m., Hermit Woods in Meredith
• **The Mountain** Thursday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter
• **Willy Porter** Thursday, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m., Flying Goose in New London
• **Clutch** Thursday, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m., Casino Ballroom in Hampton
• **Peter Wolf and the Midnight Travelers** Thursday, Nov. 5, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry
• **Scenes** (Billy Joel tribute) Thursday, Nov. 5, 8 p.m., LaBelle Amherst
• **Steeplechase** Friday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter
• ***Rocky* in Concert** Friday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., Music Hall in Portsmouth
• **Story Songs of the '70s: Fall Edition** Friday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey in Plymouth
• **The Weight Band** (The Band tribute) Friday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth
• **Jamantics** Friday, Nov. 6, 8 p.m., BNH Stage in Concord
• **Seacoast Last Waltz Band** (The Band tribute) Friday, Nov. 6, 8 p.m., 3S Artspace in Portsmouth
• **YellowHouse Blues Band** Saturday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m., BNH Stage in Concord
• **Folksoul** Saturday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m., Andres Institute in Brookline
• **Hanz Araki** Saturday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m., Blasty Bough in Epsom
• **Turbo Cats/Spitefire/Nathan Hill Trio** Saturday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m., Button Factory in Portsmouth
• **Connor Garvey & Ben Cosgrove** Saturday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter
• **Draw the Line** (Aerosmith tribute) Saturday, Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester
• **The British Invasion Years** (Beatles tribute) Saturday, Nov. 7, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry
• **BEAT** (King Crimson tribute) Saturday, Nov. 7, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom in Hampton
• **Marty Stuart & His Fabulous Superlatives** Saturday, Nov. 7, 8 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts
• **Griffin William Sherry** Saturday, Nov. 7, 8 p.m., 3S Artspace in Portsmouth
• **The Freese Brothers Big Band** Sunday, Nov. 8, 2 p.m., Rex in Manchester
• **Le Vent du Nord** Sunday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m., Park Theatre in Jaffrey
• **Punch Brothers** Sunday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m., Swope Theater at CCA in Concord
• **Catie Curtis** Sunday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m., Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth
• **Close Enemies/Jeff Hilliard** Sunday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts
• **Being Petty** (Tom Petty tribute) Monday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth
• **Dan Bern** Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m., Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth
• **CelloGaygeum** Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m., BNH Stage in Concord
• **Mick Flannery** Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter
• **Briston Maroney/Noah Pope** Tuesday, Nov. 10, 8 p.m., 3S Artspace in Portsmouth
• **New Hampshire Jazz Orchestra** Wednesday, Nov. 11, 7 p.m., Dana Center in Manchester
• **Geoff Tate's Operation Mindcrime: The Final Chapter** Wednesday, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., Colonial in Laconia
• **Toronzo Cannon** Wednesday, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth
• **Jar of Flies** (Alice in Chains tribute) Thursday, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester



LIVING LEGEND

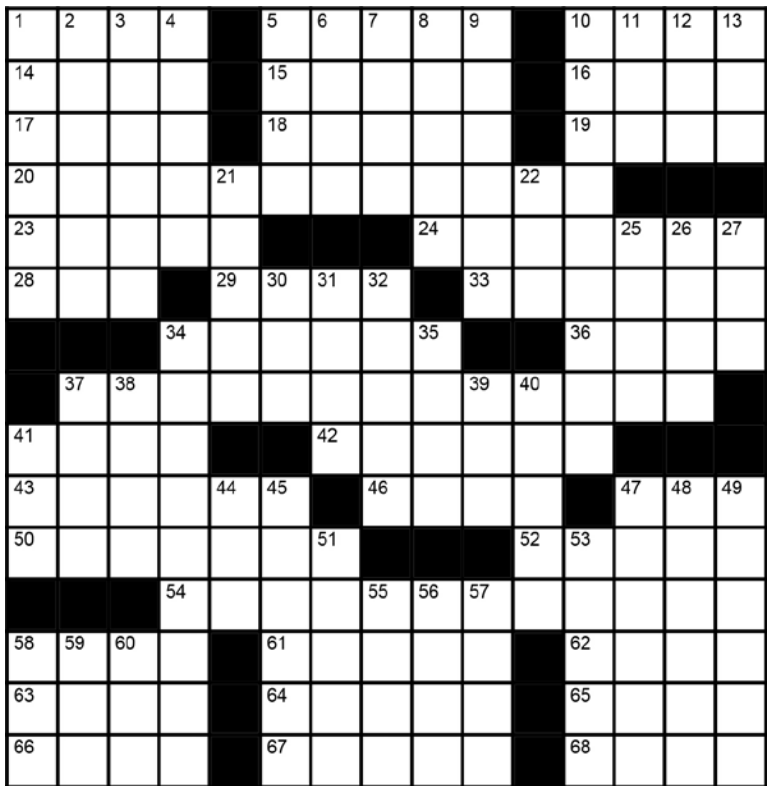
He's been a painter, a DJ, a front man, a solo artist and now a memoirist. He's **Peter Wolf** and he's coming to Tupelo (10 A St., Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusichall.com) on Thursday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m. See website for tickets.

ROCK AND ROLL CROSSWORDS BY TODD SANTOS

Most sensational, inspirational, celebrational

Across

1. 'Love Shack' __-52s (3,1)
5. Like prominent musician that went down in the books
10. STP 'All In The Suit __ You Wear'
14. Jessie Daniels asks do you listen to 'What I __'
15. Smashing Pumpkins "The bitterness __ who's left alone, ooh the years burn" (2,3)
16. Tom Petty 'Climb That __'
17. Cody Jinks asks 'What __ Is New'
18. Guns 'N Roses '__ Bones' (4,1)
19. Side-long vinyl track
20. '85 Slade single off 'Rogues Gallery' (6,6)
23. __-track recording consists of many tracks
24. Kind of 'Connection', to Kermit The Frog in The Muppet Movie
28. Led Zep "I __ traveler of both time and space, to be where I have been" (2,1)
29. Dire Straits rollergirl says "bull" in Spanish or this
33. '02 Teresa Bright album for a Hawaiian flower necklace and a girl's name (3,3)
34. Talking Heads 'Life __ Wartime'
36. 'Hurricane' pop duo for Miz/Mister (2,2)
37. '73 Timothy Bottoms film John Williams scored (3,5,5)
41. Kind of Big Fish that listens to 'Sell Out'
42. Jeff Buckley song that was confirmed? (2,4)
43. 'Other Animals' rockers Erase __
46. James Gang song for dancer Astaire
47. Like fresh music
50. Lifehouse hit 'Hanging By __' (1,6)
52. Tracy Chapman 'Give __ Reason' (2,3)
54. Hans Zimmer's '14 spacey score for Matthew McConaughey film
58. Blowgun ammo Bruce Cockburn gets 'To The Heart'
61. Johnny Cash has negative vision: '__ Darkness' (1,3,1)
62. Fountains Of Wayne feel a 'Radiation' one
63. Panamanian sing/songer Alfanno
64. Roadies will use a "C" one
65. Loudon Wainwright III is in Hollywood: 'Grey __' (2,2)
66. Musical Instrument Digital Interface (abbr)
67. She is 'Sexy' to Beatles
68. Yes 'I've __ All Good People'



R&R answer from pg 27 of 10/29

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Down

1. Paul Simon song about Louise's friend?
2. Plain White T's song they may sing in a funny voice after inhaling a balloon
3. Cheech & Chong 'Born In __' (4,2)
4. 'Sydney (I'll Come Running)' Dennen
5. Italian metal band for a connecting point
6. None __ Are Free (2,2)
7. Legendary Peter of The Wailers
8. "Come in!" sign in venue window
9. Some addicted stars have to get past this step, before help
10. Twisted Sister's Mark Mendoza nickname for The Muppet Show drummer (3,6)
11. "It's __ to be square" says Huey Lewis
12. Backyard Dog is on the __ G Indahouse soundtrack
13. 'CrazySexyCool' girl-group
21. Sheryl Crow "I'm __ like a Christmas tree" (3,2)
22. Fabrication told to folks to sneak to show
25. Floyd Pepper played this 4- stringed instrument on The Muppet Show
26. Offspring "She's pawing and grabbing __ now" (2,2)
27. In 'The Battle Of Armageddon' Hank Williams sang of "nation against nation" in this
30. Tim McGraw "Don't hold a grudge __ chip" (2,1)
31. Jams
32. Katy Perry '__ The Boys' (3,2)
34. 'Roll To Me' band (3,6)
35. '12 Rolling Stones greatest hits album announced by a dog?
37. Label contract duration
38. Life saver, as a role model musician
39. Gnarls Barkley's __ Lo Green
40. A Day To Remember 'You __ At Hello' (3,2)
41. Iconic English song/songer Chris
44. Sting '93 album '__ Summoner's Tales'
45. Some crazy ones may happen onstage
47. '09 U2 album '__ On The Horizon' (2,4,2)
48. To allow rocker friend to keep using drugs
49. Rita Coolidge "__ all time high" (4,2)
51. 1989's 'Love Song' band
53. Living Colour said this Presley 'Is Dead'
55. What we may do to Gordon Lightfoot's 'Mind'
56. Hollow-body electric or __- acoustic
57. Record, as with reels
58. Suffix with free, as '97 Sheena Easton album
59. Chris Young asks 'Who __ With You' (2,1)
60. "Awesome!" exclamation for a ripping song

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NITE SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. *See last week's puzzle answers on pg 29.*

King Classic Sudoku — **Puzzle A**

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King Classic Sudoku — **Puzzle B**

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King Classic Sudoku — **Puzzle C**

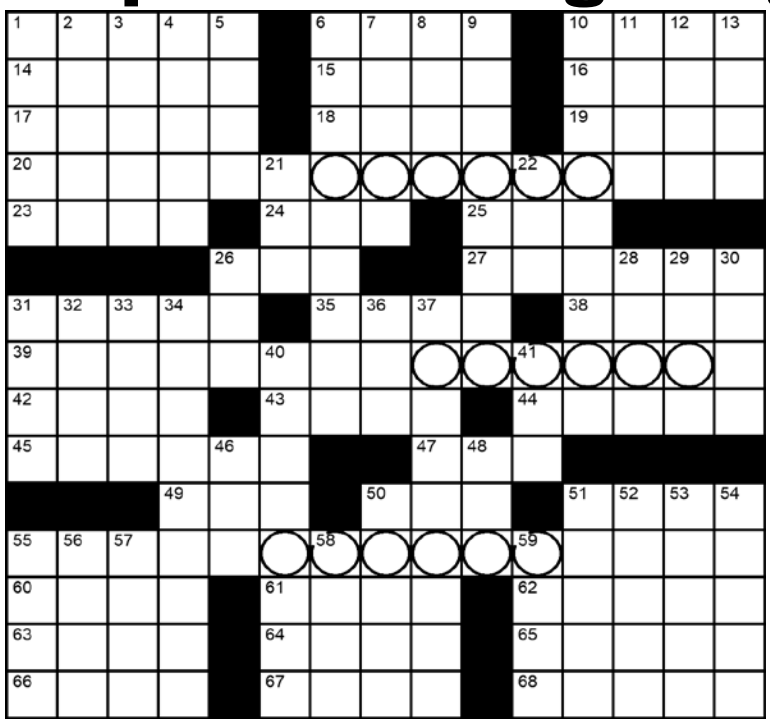
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Difficulty: ★★★

JONESIN' CROSSWORD BY MATT JONES

"Capital Gains"— gaining an extra letter.



Across

1. African capital on the Atlantic
6. Sound of surprise
10. Made an escape
14. Savory sensation
15. State where dirty sodas originated
16. "Touched by an Angel" costar Downey
17. Animal on old nickels
18. "A Streetcar Named Desire" director Kazan
19. Final writeup?
20. Living room controller
23. North ___, Alaska
24. "___ not worth much"
25. Oscar nominee for "The Crying Game"
26. Amorphous amount
27. "___ up" (Canadian hockey slogan that gained traction in 2025)
31. Helmet attachment
35. Prized Australian export
38. Suffix meaning "vision"
39. Fans of cruciverbalism (like you, I hope?)
42. Car with a four-ring logo
43. ___ out (barely got by)
44. "Chicago" actress Zellweger
45. Joint, back in the day
47. Word before maker or breaker
49. Vexation
50. Inc., in Cambridge
51. Gare du ___ (Paris train terminal)
55. Playful words to an infant
60. "Terrible" ruler
61. ___-speak (altered words to bypass social media filters)
62. Backless couch
63. "Scream" star Campbell
64. Genesis figure
65. Bandleader Miller
66. Became larger
67. Fast-food franchises that announced a switch from Pepsi to Coke beverages after 40 years
68. Alex's mom on "Family Ties"

Down

1. Brush (against)
2. Acid in proteins
3. "Fawlty Towers" owner
4. "Don't make ___!"
5. Spork part
6. Place to write your name in a museum or B&B
7. Collection of cartography
8. Nautical sheet
9. "Happy" singer Williams
10. Rain source?
11. Rebecca of the Basketball Hall of Fame
12. Release
13. November 3, for one
21. Museu do Amanhã site, casually
22. Anago, in sushi bars (if it's saltwater)
26. Navigation aid
28. Store door sign
29. Send via Western Union
30. Freelancer's postal encl.
31. Simba's uncle
32. Provable
33. Took the bus
34. "No idea, really"
36. Post's opposite
37. Building expansions
40. Return announcement?
41. Siderite, for one
46. Mesozoic, e.g.
48. Columbia House offerings, once
50. Sudoku solving skill
51. "Jurassic Park" actor Sam
52. "Up, Up and ___" (2006 book about Judaism and comics)
53. Chestnut horses
54. "Practical Magic" director Griffin
55. Attempt to message
56. At any point
57. Roof's overhang
58. Lemony Snicket's Count
59. Jigsaw starting point

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Jonesin' answer from pg 28 of 10/29

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Two four-letter rivers	☐☐

Last Week's Answers: INCH FOOT MILE YARD / BARITONE SOPRANO TENOR / TURTLE LIZARD SNAKE / ZESTY ZILCH ZEBRA / ITALY KENYA JAPAN

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1. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
2. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
3. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

3− 4	1	2− 3	24× 2
2− 3	2 2	1	4
1	2÷ 4	2	3
9+ 2	3	4	1 1

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3− 5	5− 1	24× 4	6	1− 3	2
2	6	12× 1	240× 3	4	11+ 5
5− 1	4	3	5	3+ 2	6
6	50× 2	5	4	1	3 3
7+ 3	5	2÷ 2	1	16+ 6	4
4	11+ 3	6	2	5	1

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SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from *The Food Lover's Guide to Paris*, by Patricia Wells, born Nov. 5, 1946.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) *Even though puff pastry can easily be purchased today, there is nothing more rewarding than the sight of your own homemade, golden, multilayered pastry emerging from the oven.* If you have the time, take the time.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) *Walking into this pastry shop feels like entering a time capsule, for the pastries are ultra-classic and traditional. You won't find polka dots or shards of pastry rising to the heavens here.* Quality over showiness.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) *Of the hundreds of Parisians I've interviewed over the decades, I love the bakers best.* Spread the love.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) *Cheese on cheese — why not?* Cheese on cheese on cheese.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) *The French have very specific coffee-drinking habits*. Reflect on your habits.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) *I am constantly being asked to name my favorite Paris restaurant. ... The answer depends on the hour, the season, my mood, the company.* Most answers do.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) *[I]t's obvious that what many Frenchmen do between meals is make shopping lists, shop for food, and talk about meals past and future.* Before, during, and after are all important.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) *Philippe Gosselin offers one of the most dependable baguettes in Paris.* Be a dependable baguette.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) *One has the feeling, on tasting these chocolates, that each bite is a worthwhile occupation, offering satisfaction, delight, interest, and just the right amount of challenge.* That's what you're going for.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) *How many varieties of French cheese are there really? The French are not a people given to simple agreement.* Doesn't matter how many as long as there's enough.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) *The way the French fuss over chocolate, you'd think they invented it.* Chocolate invented itself.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) *Is this a pastry shop or is it a gallery offering edible art? Honestly, it's both.* Combine your interests.

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 topaz's birthstone month (8)	_____
2 unvarying (7)	_____
3 swing dance staple (7)	_____
4 Canadian province & capital (6)	_____
5 people of southern Africa (4)	_____
6 jagged mountain chain (6)	_____
7 Mature of Old Hollywood (6)	_____

VE	UNI	LU	ER	SI
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NO	RM	ZU	RA	ROT
MB	VI	OR	XT	ER

Last Week's Answers: TRUTHFUL 2. DUMBSTRUCK 3. MUUMUU 4. SUCCUMBS 5. CUMULUS 6. ULURU 7. TUTU

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Puzzle A

1	7	3	6	2	4	5	8	9
8	4	9	1	5	7	2	6	3
6	5	2	9	8	3	1	4	7
3	6	8	7	4	5	9	2	1
9	2	5	8	1	6	7	3	4
4	1	7	3	9	2	6	5	8
2	8	1	5	3	9	4	7	6
7	3	4	2	6	1	8	9	5
5	9	6	4	7	8	3	1	2

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Difficulty: ★ 10/12

Puzzle B

7	2	5	1	4	8	3	6	9
3	6	1	5	9	2	4	8	7
9	8	4	6	7	3	1	5	2
8	5	7	2	6	1	9	3	4
2	9	6	4	3	7	8	1	5
1	4	3	8	5	9	7	2	6
6	1	8	9	2	4	5	7	3
4	3	2	7	1	5	6	9	8
5	7	9	3	8	6	2	4	1

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Difficulty: ★★ 10/13

Puzzle C

9	7	1	6	2	5	3	4	8
3	2	4	8	9	1	5	7	6
5	8	6	7	4	3	2	9	1
4	6	8	9	3	2	7	1	5
2	3	7	5	1	6	9	8	4
1	5	9	4	8	7	6	3	2
8	4	3	2	6	9	1	5	7
7	1	2	3	5	8	4	6	9
6	9	5	1	7	4	8	2	3

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Caped Crusader to the Rescue

A month ago, London's Batman took to the streets to clean up litter with a group of masked sidekicks, and since then, the caped crusader has paid parking fines for people visiting patients in hospitals, given out an estimated $46,000 in fuel and brought back inexpensive chicken and chips, The Guardian reported on Oct. 24. But who is London's Batman? That, in true superhero style, is still a mystery. And why all the good deeds? "I believe that anyone can be a hero. I want to show the good in London. People are struggling and I want to help them," he said in an interview with a BBC reporter. Citizens are taking to this good Samaritan, with nearly 315,000 people following him on TikTok in just one month. *The Guardian, Oct. 24*

Wolverine?

After 15 years on the job, not much surprises Dennis Oishi anymore. But the Sea-Tac TSA agent was indeed taken aback by a passenger's superherolike item in their carry-on, King 5 reported on Oct. 28. The item in question? Brass knuckles with three long blades attached, with the resulting contraption calling to mind the claws of the comic book superhero character Wolverine. "We've never seen that before," Oishi said. The passenger was not charged with anything and voluntarily abandoned the claws at the security checkpoint. *King 5, Oct. 28*

Just Right

After checking out three cars in a Juneau, Alaska, neighborhood, one black bear decided a Subaru was "just right" to get trapped in on Oct. 26, reported KTUU. A local alerted 911 after hearing a car horn going off and witnessing a bear inside the vehicle, leaning on the horn. Police asked the owner for the keys in an attempt to release the interloper, but the bear had already ripped out the wiring, rendering the attempt ineffective. Instead, Juneau police used a rope to pull the door open. The bear reportedly ran off unharmed after destroying the inside of the unlocked vehicle. Owner Michael Wilson shared a photo of his ransacked Subaru online and reminded others to lock their car doors. *KTUU, Oct. 26*

Panic! At the Laundromat

A deer crashed into a laundromat in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, breaking a window and startling customers before making a hasty escape, WXII reported on Oct. 28. Footage from the Wishy Washy Laundry shows a woman attempting to get into her car when a deer comes running up, knocking her over. The deer then leaps into the laundromat via the window, races around and even jumps on the machines before bounding back out the broken window. Owner Corey Pendergrass wasn't there when it happened but was just glad no one got hurt. The broken window was repaired within a couple of hours, and the woman at her car drove away shortly after the incident. *WXII, Oct. 28*

But Why?

Video footage of a woman reaching out of a fishing boat in repeated attempts to pet a great white shark in Tybee Island, Georgia, is making the rounds, Fox Weather reported. "One second, Jen, one of our veterans, is laying her hand on a wild white shark like it's the family dog, and the next second, that shark whips around and lunges toward her," Knot Lucky Fishing, a program that catches, tags and releases great white sharks off Tybee Island, shared in an online post. "Everybody on the boat felt that one in their chest." This apex predator was not tagged due to safety concerns for both the shark and the crew, but the founder of Knot Lucky Fishing says the shark was under the crew's control the entire time and the woman was never in any danger. *Fox Weather, Oct. 27*

A Protest for Everything

Americans have long exercised their right to gather to protest pressing concerns like war, support civil rights and ... complain about insurance mascots. WBZ Boston NewsRadio reported on Oct. 26 that Connor Harvey, 19, jokingly posted on his YouTube channel that Liberty Mutual's new mascot, a fuzzy yellow anthropomorphic being named Liberty Biberty, had to go. However, his joke became reality when viewers rallied, and Harvey hosted a protest on Oct. 25 outside Liberty Mutual's headquarters in Boston. Like any other protest, this one featured witty signs and chanting. "This is to take down Liberty Biberty here at Liberty Mutual's headquarters," he said. "We're done. It's over. We're getting rid of him, and we have to make our voices heard." *WBZ NewsRadio, Oct. 26*

Dog Walkers Wanted. Must Love Robots.

Dimensional, a robotics engineering company in San Francisco, recently posted an unusual job listing: part-time workers to operate robo-dogs, Yahoo! News reported on Oct. 27. The robo-dogs' task was to traverse the city streets and collect navigation data for an AI operating system. The human handlers' job was to scoop up the 33-pound machines if they overheated or stopped working, because "[AI] agents are still very bad at controlling hardware," Dimensional founder Stash Pomichter said. The job posting has since been taken down, but human applicants could have earned $20 per hour, with each dog-walking gig expected to take up to six hours. *Yahoo! News, Oct. 27*

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