

FRIDAY

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The **Gardner** Chair City Pipers will perform at 7:30 p.m. at ACT 3rd Friday coffeehouse, located at Stevens Memorial Library, 20 Memorial Drive. This female a capella group will entertain the audience with a varied program of "oldies but goodies" sung in a balanced barbershop quartet style. Baked goods as well as coffee and herbal teas available. Suggested donation is \$5. For information, call Lois Somers at (978) 827-4301.



SATURDAY

An Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the **Ashburnham** Community Church, corner of Route 12 and Chapel Street. Over 25 vendor's tables will sell craft supplies, furniture, CDs, video tapes, household items, stamped cards, toys, knick-knacks, books, dishes, candles, some clothes, and odds and ends. There will be a breakfast grill with bagels and egg sandwiches, lunch grill with hamburgers, hot dogs and salads, and a bake table. Inside space is available for \$15; outside space for \$10. For information, call (978) 827-5492. Held rain or shine.

The 12th annual Habitat for Humanity Hike will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mt. Monadnock, in **Jaffrey, N.H.** Raise money to build homes with families in need in north central Massachusetts. For information, call (978) 348-2749.

Charlie's Angels Relay for Life Team will host the **Winchendon** Town Wide Yard Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For a fee of \$10, you can guarantee yourself a spot on the map. Maps setting out the locations of the yard sales will be sold for \$1 at the park (intersection of Front and Pleasant streets) starting at 8:30 a.m. the morning of the sale. For more information, contact co-captain Mary M. Hasselmann at (978) 297-4484.

Townsend United Methodist Church will host its 26th Annual Spring Festival and Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the **Townsend** Common, junction of routes 13 and 119, Townsend Center. Crafters from all over New England will participate with a great variety of arts and crafts. (Rain date is Sunday, May 20). For information, or to apply for crafter space, call (978) 597-2486.

Kid Expo 2007 will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HealthAlliance Hospital, 60 Hospital Road, **Leominster**. Festivities include demonstrations, activities, performances, give-a-ways, and refreshments. Held in partnership with the Molly Bish Institute for Child Health and Safety.

The Wachusett Writers and Poets Club of Central Massachusetts will hold a celebratory reception called "Meet Your Local Writers Day" from noon to 2 p.m. at Forbush Memorial Library, 118 Main St., **Westminster**. Held in conjunction with the publication of their second annual collection of writings titled "The Power of Words," this event will feature readings from their work by the authors, books available for purchase, and refreshments. For information, call the library at (978) 874-7416.

"Springtime in Paris with Eleanor Norcross" is the theme of **Fitchburg** Art Museum's Gala Auction and Fundraiser beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the museum's courtyard, Merriam Parkway. This is a tribute to museum

LEOMINSTER COMMUNITY CHOICE



The **Ashburnham/Westminster Rotary Club** has announced that half of the proceeds from its upcoming benefit will be given to the **Lt. Ryan Jones Scholarship Fund**, which will be awarded to a student at the **Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School**.

The Annual Spring Benefit will be held from 5 to 11 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at Wachusett Village Inn, Westminster. This sixth annual benefit supports local charities in Ashburnham and Westminster and neighboring communities, and the work of Rotary International in such projects as the global elimination of polio.

This is a family event featuring a gourmet buffet dinner, including a variety of ethnic cuisine, and entertainment. The children's menu features pizza, chicken nuggets, soda, and cookies. The swimming pool will be open until 9 p.m. for adults and children attending the event.

The dinner will be preceded by a Chinese auction and a silent auction including gift certificates from local businesses and hotels and motels in New England. Tickets for the event are \$25 for adults; \$10 for children under 12 and may be obtained by calling the Wachusett Village Inn at (978) 874-2000 or by contacting a local Rotarian. The Ashburnham/Westminster Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 7:15 a.m. at Wachusett Village Inn. The club welcomes new members.

founder Eleanor Norcross, an educator who loved art and lived in Paris for much of her life, and features a silent and live auction and dinner. Proceeds to benefit the cultural mission of the Fitchburg Art Museum. For information, call (978) 345-4207, or visit fitchburgartmuseum.org.

Academy Skating Club presents their annual figure skating show "Making Memories" from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Theodore Iorio Arena, Cushing Academy, **Ashburnham**. Tickets are \$10; \$6 for seniors and children 12 and under.

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First Parish Church of **Fitchburg** will hold a plant sale from noon to 4 p.m. at 923 Main St. (upper common). Vegetable and ornamental flowering plants will be available.

The Fitchburg Art Museum presents a unique sketching excursion, "Canoeing and Sketching on the Nashua River," from 1 to 4 p.m. Join artist and author Gordon Morrison with certified guides from Nashoba Paddler of Groton for an amazing day trip exploring the habitats and wildlife of the Nashua River. Bring a sketchbook and

camera to record scenic views of the river and surrounding landscape. No previous canoeing or drawing experience necessary. The excursion departs from **Groton**. For children over age 12 and adults. Cost is \$60 for members; \$75 for non-members. Limited to 20. Registration required. Call (978) 345-4207, Ext. 306.

The Montachusett Mycological Society (MMS) will hold its first annual foray beginning at 1 p.m. at the Audubon Society, Goodnow Road, **Princeton**. The walk will be guided by Dr. Lawrence Millman. There is a \$20 suggested donation for all adults who attend. For information, visit <http://montachusett-mycological-society.org>, or contact Dr. Matthew DeLisle at (978) 537-2490.

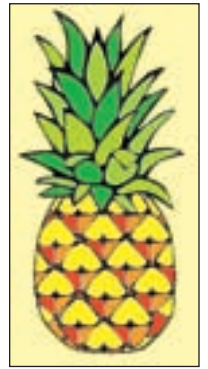
"Kids Performing for Peace" will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at **Leominster** City Hall, 25 West St. This event is being held to promote peace and non-violence through artistic expression in a community setting. Special performances will be presented by dancers from the Christian Performing Arts Center of Fitchburg and the Academy of Dance Arts junior team of Leominster. Open to the public; free admission. For more information, call Pete Cormier, at (978) 855-8160.

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The Westminster PTO will host Rob Surette "The Fastest Portrait Artist in the World" and his famed "Be Somebody" performance at 2 p.m. for an amazing 60-minute performance at **Oakmont** Regional High School. Tickets are \$5. For information, contact Kim Samson at (978) 874-6154; Lynn Breau at (978) 874-2059; and Sarah Paiste at (978) 874-4020.

A Spring Pops Concert by the Greater **Gardner** Community Choir will be performed at 4 p.m. at Mount Wachusett Community College. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling the Theatre at the Mount box office at (978) 632-2403.

Dance2Swing Studios presents The O'Tones at 7 p.m. at the **Leominster** Lodge of Elks, 134 North Main St. A group swing dance lesson will be held at 6 p.m. For information, visit their Web site at www.dance2swing.com.



MONDAY

Prize Bingo, sponsored by Sunrise Assisted Living and hosted by the **Ashburnham** Council on Aging, will be held at 1 p.m. at the Council on Aging, 1 Memorial Drive. Lunch will be served at noon and includes stuffed shells with tomato sauce and Italian green beans. Donation of \$2 requested. A "Pineapple Paluza" will be held at 12:30 p.m. Homemade pineapple upside down cake, pineapple sundaes, and pineapple surprise will be served. Donation is \$1. Van transportation available. For information, call (978) 827-5000.

TUESDAY

The **Fitchburg** Public Library, located at 610 Main St., will host "Menopause: A Hot Topic" at 6 p.m. Linda Churchill, a medical social worker from the University of Massachusetts Medical School, will discuss traditional and alternative therapies to relieve the symptoms of menopause. Free and open to the public; refreshments will be served. For information, call (978) 345-9635.

The Twin City Toastmasters will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ronald M. Ansin Foundation Community Conference Room, 1 Main St., **Leominster**. For information, visit www.twincitytoastmasters.com or call (978) 343-7259.

THURSDAY

LeTip of Twin City Professionals will meet from 7:01 to 8:31 a.m. at the Doyle Conservation Center, Abbott Avenue, **Leominster**. For further information, contact Ed Herter at (978) 400-7086.

FRIDAY

The Jack and Lou Leamy Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament will be held at 10 a.m. at the **Westminster** Country Club. Entries cost \$100 per person or \$400 for a foursome. Tournament sponsors are also needed at levels ranging from \$25 to \$250. For registration and sponsorship contact Michael Leamy at (978) 665-4783 or mleamy1@fsc.edu.

SATURDAY

A Fly Fishing Seminar, with Eino Kauppi, will be held from 11 a.m. to noon. Meet at Pearl Hill State Park parking lot on New Fitchburg Road, **West Townsend**. Eino, a Townsend resident, has taught fly fishing on the Squannacook River for more than 15 years. Be treated to an overview of the sport of fly fishing, including the aspects of casting, equipment, the fish's environment, and the practice of good conservation. For information, call (978) 597-0248. Sponsored by the Friends of Willard Brook.

A Beaver Hike, with **Townsend** resident Eino Kauppi, will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. Learn about the beaver's life history, its habitat, and its role in nature. Meet at Pearl Hill State Park parking lot. For information, call (978) 597-0248. Sponsored by the Friends of Willard Brook.