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Community celebrates the opening of Blue Heron House

After four years of intense work, we are pleased to announce the opening of the Charles and Patricia Watts Conservation Center at the Blue Heron House in July.



Blair Folts introduced Caroline, Katey & Charlie Watts who cut the ribbon on the new building and spoke of their parents commitment to GMCG.

GMCG supporters will remember the story of accepting the gift of this property from the Royal Little Family Foundation back in 2014 when it was purchased from the town of Effingham at a tax sale auction. The organization next spent two years cleaning, gutting it and securing permits for renovation. Fortunately, due to the close proximity to the Huntress House office, none of the programs were interrupted during construction.

“My biggest concern was to make sure that nothing happened to all of our



Arthur Little & Jann Leeming unveil the Community Room.

programs while the project was underway and that volunteers were still celebrated and honored for all their help with Water Quality, educational programs and the land trust work,” stated Blair Folts,



Dale Heckler & son Matt open the Water Resource Center donated by bequest by her aunt and uncle Jackie & Larry Leavitt of Effingham while Water

Executive Director and contractor on the project. She added, “the most complicated challenge was that many people were afraid to take on this project as it seemed so daunting given the state of the property. It really took looking at the bigger vision and the fact that the new center was to be located directly on the Ossipee River—the exit of the entire Watershed’s water.” At the grand opening in July, former board member



Elaine & Peter Klose open the River Room.

Peter Klose approached Folts and said “I was wrong when I voted ‘no’ on this. This is an amazing center and I am so pleased it came to fruition.”

Over 200 people attended the celebration and there was music, potluck entrees, a narrated talk and walk by Dr. Rick van de Poll about the Vernal Pool project with site manager Bill Huckins. Volunteers, carpenters, friends and

neighbors all helped celebrate. “It was a long hard push,” remarked Folts, “and thanks to so many we were able to realize this dream. To have so many volunteers come out the last month and to now see



The Stan & Gladys Brown Natural Resource Library is unveiled by daughter Carrie Crowley while her husband John looks on.

kids fishing at the river and residents stop in for advice from BMP work to how to write a natural resource ordinance to people just curious about what we do...that is just a huge reward. I know that as the organization moves into a new decade with new board members, staff



Carol & Brian Taylor, volunteers extraordinaire stand with Bill Huckins site manager.

and volunteers, the Blue Heron House will provide a wonderful place for folks to work, gather and celebrate WATER together.

Please stop by!”

The Watershed News

The Watershed News is a quarterly publication of the Green Mountain Conservation Group, a non-profit, 501(c)3, charitable organization established in 1997 and dedicated to the preservation of the natural resources in the Ossipee Watershed. The towns of Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Madison, Ossipee, Sandwich and Tamworth make up the boundaries of the Ossipee Watershed. This watershed includes one of the largest and deepest stratified drift aquifers in New Hampshire. GMCG also partners across the Maine border into Parsonsfield and beyond. Water does not have any political boundaries.

GMCG's purpose is twofold:

1. To provide an organizational structure for a coalition of citizens and local officials interested in identifying sensitive areas within the Watershed in need of protection;
2. To offer public educational events about conservation issues and possible solutions regarding the preservation of unique natural resources.

Through research, education, advocacy and land conservation we strive to promote an awareness and appreciation of our watershed's natural resources and encourage a commitment to protect them.

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Education Committee seeks new members

The GMCG Education Committee is looking for enthusiastic new members to help plan and implement educational programs at Blue Heron House and across the community. The Committee, which meets once each quarter, will meet on October 24 from 6-7pm at Blue Heron House located at 236 Huntress Bridge Road in Effingham.

The Committee will plan programs for 2019, and help coordinate the launch of potential new programs such as: A Watershed Minute - 1 minute video clips weekly for social media about the watershed and natural resources; the Watershed Ambassador Program - for local middle and high school students who receive training from GMCG to reach their community

with watershed education and potentially receive a scholarship to pursue environmental science in college; DIY Be Green Series to minimize chemicals used in the household and streamline waste; Less Plastic Day in local high schools in December; place-based programs at Heron House; youth programs at local libraries and with other groups such as Girl and Boy Scouts, recreation departments and summer camps; building a labyrinth and other educational displays for Blue Heron House.

If you are interested in coming to the next meeting to learn more about the Committee or would like to join, please contact Tara Schroeder at education@gmcg.org.

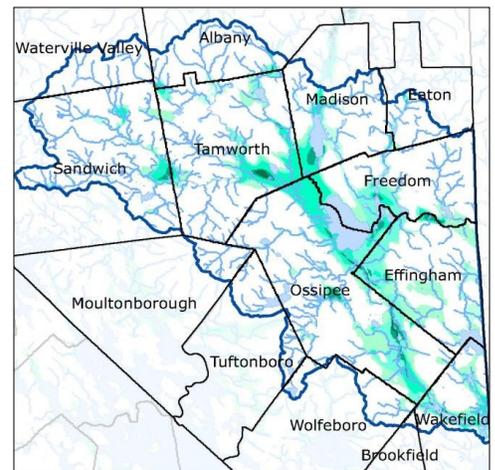
Aquifer Advisory Committee plans well study

Are you interested in protecting your drinking water? You are invited to learn about the Ossipee Aquifer Advisory Committee. Their mission is to raise public awareness and assist communities with regional aquifer protection, guide educational programs and water research, as well as work with local municipalities, agencies, boards and commissions to protect the Ossipee Aquifer.

If you live in the Ossipee Watershed region, chances are your drinking water comes from the Ossipee River Basin Aquifer. The Ossipee Aquifer is the largest stratified drift aquifer in the State of New Hampshire. Stratified drift aquifers lie within sand and gravel deposits laid down by meltwater rivers that drained the continental glaciers while they were retreating from this area approximately 15,000 years ago. Because they consist mainly of sand and gravel, they are more vulnerable to contamination due to their extremely permeable soils. The high transmissivity of water in aquifer recharge areas means that potential contamination sources in one town can impact groundwater quality in another town, as water knows no boundaries.

How do we protect this essential resource well into the future? The answer lies in education and cooperation. There must be cooperation between the State, multiple towns, local organizations and all people living in the area.

The next meeting will be October 24, 7-8:15pm at Blue Heron House located at 236 Huntress Bridge Road in Effingham.



Water resources know no borders. Ossipee Watershed towns share water resources.

In 2019, GMCG will be working with Dr. Robert Newton of Smith College on a groundwater monitoring study. What would you like to test your water for? What are the greatest threats to our drinking water in this region? Come to the meeting and share your ideas and concerns to help guide drinking water education and protection in our area.

Tara Schroeder returns as GMCG Education Coordinator

GMCG is pleased to welcome back Tara Schroeder as Education Coordinator. Tara worked as Program Director from 2004 to 2011 and was instrumental in forming many of the core educational programs still implemented at GMCG today.

During those seven years Tara worked in all branches of the organization such as outreach, advocacy, and water quality as the organization grew. Tara, BS Bowdoin College in Environmental Education and Anthropology, Biology minor, MS Audubon Expedition Institute & Lesley University in Environmental Education first heard of GMCG through a friend working for the EPA. She and Executive Director Blair Folts connected both professionally and as good friends. For many years it was just the two of them carrying on the organization with help from lots and lots of volunteers.

When Tara started a family, her passion for yoga inspired her to start a new career in Portsmouth. She eventually returned to the area she loves, and since 2011 she has created a successful local yoga business Green Turtle Yoga in West Ossipee.



Tara Schroeder with her family Eden Piper and Jeremy.

M:

What brought you back to GMCG?

T: Having a team of co-workers. The beautiful new building and property that gives opportunity to develop place-based programs. All the awesome people involved! Reconnecting with the board members, school teachers, etc. A lot of good, giving, caring people are involved with GMCG. Inspiring young people to appreciate our amazing shared resources.

M: What new things are you planning?

T: Working with high schools and younger kids outside the range of 4-6th

grade. Girl and Boy Scouts. Partnering with libraries. I'd love to develop GMCG's social media to include a video program called "The Watershed Minute" which would be a weekly video series of interviews and mini documentaries that connect towns, and grow pride in local nature, culture and lore..

M: What does it feel like to be back?

T: It feels natural to be back. I'm super grateful for the opportunity.

Tara has lived in New Hampshire and Maine for her entire life, and currently resides in Tamworth. In her spare time, she enjoys paddle boarding on Lake Chocorua and White Lake with daughter Eden Piper, 6. Tara is a Girl Scout Troop Leader for Daisies and Brownies. She has a pet dog and parrot. She enjoys leading Eco-tours on kayak and paddle board in Center Harbor Bay in the summers. In winter time she's mostly teaching yoga at her studio or for kids at local libraries.

Have ideas for new programs?! Contact Tara at education@gmccg.org

Water Literacy Programs underway in 6 schools

Six schools will participate in the Volunteer Biological Assessment Program (VBAP) this year, marking the 13th year of the program in the Ossipee Watershed. Elementary Schools from Effingham, Freedom, Ossipee, Sandwich and Tamworth, New Hampshire, as well as the Sacopee Middle School in Maine, will be working with GMCG's Education Coordinator, Tara Schroeder, and GMCG staff and volunteers, to sample rivers and streams for aquatic macroinvertebrates, animals without backbones that live at least part of their life cycle in the water and can be seen with the naked eye.

Macroinvertebrates tell us about the water quality of a waterbody since some species are sensitive to pollution, while others are more tolerant of pollution. The program gets students actively engaged in an ongoing citizen science program that tracks water quality over time. Since 2006, GMCG has collaborated with NH DES NH Fish & Game Department, to bring this program to area schools.



Freedom Elementary Students sort macro this fall at Cold Brook.

Judy Tumosa, Watershed Education Specialist of the NH Fish and Game Department, often comes to the Ossipee Watershed to help train new teachers and volunteers.

Judy uses the data that schools collect with GMCG from VBAP for her ArcGIS online watershed map that is used by schools in different watersheds to compare water quality and fisheries data. Visit: <http://arcg.is/9eyHX> and click on the bookmarks tab, scroll down and click on "GMCG WQ", and it will zoom to past test sites.

Stay tuned for the results of this year's sampling on December 5 from 6:30-7:30pm at the Annual Community Presentation of the results when students will present their findings at GMCG's Blue Heron House and receive their t-shirts for participating in the presentation. The public is invited and encouraged to attend to learn about the health of your local rivers from these young citizen scientists!

Let's Get Salty

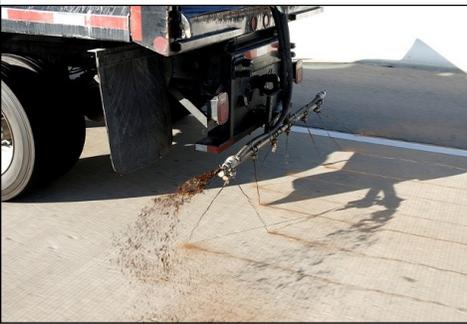
Ahhhh...it's that time of year again in New England. The leaves are changing color, the temperature is getting colder, and pumpkin spiced flavored everything comes back with a vengeance. While the days are still warm, we New Englanders know that winter is right around the corner. And with winter comes the snow, the sleet, and my least favorite – the freezing rain. Winters in New England can create all kinds of treacherous road conditions, making travel dangerous or impossible.

One of the things our local communities do to try to protect those of us who travel in unfavorable conditions is to lay down road salt. Road salting in the United States started in the late 1930s/early 1940s right here in good old New Hampshire, and by the end of WWII the practice had taken off. Today, the United States can use anywhere between 10 and 20 million tons of salt a year just in road maintenance alone. All of this salt ultimately ends up somewhere, and unfortunately it tends to be in our local lakes, rivers, and streams. This increase in the amount of salt we use not only has an environmental impact, but an economic one as well. Salt prices have soared in recent years, and that's not even taking into consideration the cost of repairs for things that salt corrodes.

But what are we to do? Human safety is clearly important and cannot be taken lightly, and people like hospital workers have jobs that can be the difference between life and death if they don't show up for their shifts. Others simply cannot afford to take a day off from work. In other words, we can't expect people won't travel in inclement weather. So what options have other communities come up with that still offer road safety, but perhaps keep either the cost or environmental impact (or both) down? I decided to find out!

1) Beet juice, or beet wastewater, has been tested out on roads in some communities. Beet juice is high in sugar, which when applied to roads can help lower the freezing temperature of water from 32°F to below -4°F (rock salt only lowers the freezing temperature to about 14°F). Other communities have used different sugar heavy solutions, like molasses or potato juice, for their road treatments as well. However, adding sugar on to the roads can have an unintended effect of getting into our waterways, potentially promoting bacteria growth. The most common complaint for these applications? The smell.

2) Heating pipes in roads, perhaps even heated by solar, are becoming more widely tested for their melting abilities.



*Beet juice being sprayed on a road.
Photo credit: Tennessee Communications*

3) This can be costly upfront, currently making it an unrealistic option for many communities.

3) Cheese or pickle brine also lowers the freezing temperature of water. In communities that make cheeses or pickles this waste byproduct can be recycled for road use. This saves the communities from paying for both the disposal of the byproduct and the purchase of the salt, as many of the industries donate the waste to the towns for free. The best cheese wastes tried for road brining? Provolone and mozzarella.

While these were fun to learn about, most of these choices are not practical



*Salt brine used in cheese making can be applied to roads.
Photo credit: Bastian Parschau/Getty Images*

for our communities. A few reasonable things we can do, and that some communities have started to adopt, is to brine the roads with a salt water solution before a storm hits. Salt is most effective if it can be put down as a layer between the asphalt and the ice, and it tends to stay stuck to the road better if the salt has been wetted first. Brining has been shown to not only be more effective for ice removal, but is cost effective too. It takes approximately 4 times less salt to prevent ice build up than it takes to remove ice after it has formed. This salt reduction would also mean less of it getting into our waterways.

But an even simpler solution for most communities is just a readjustment of the salting trucks they currently use so that there is not as high an overspray. This will help keep what salt is put down on the road rather than bouncing off into the ditches, and potentially help communities use less. Lastly, sand is also a reasonable alternative that is low cost and much better for the environment, and most communities already have and use it. These are our realistic options for reducing our community's salt load – unless we open up a pickle plant.

By Jill Emerson - Water Quality Coordinator at GMCG.

Conservation Conversations

Editors Note: *Conservation Commissions across the Ossipee Watershed care about natural resources. Please read to keep updated on their happenings.*

Effingham

The Conservation Commission invites the public to walk the new Pine River Cherubini Preserve trail that connects the property to an old logging road and continues to the Pine River and one of the best views in Effingham. The trailhead is on Pine River Road.

Eaton

Lake Management efforts continue to maintain signage at Crystal Lake for invasive plants, Hatch Pond for loons & anglers and Potter Road for worn out loon sign, and a needed invasive species sign. Marnie Cobbs spoke with Jim Innes, District Ranger at the Saco Ranger Station and he was optimistic about their participating in a burn of blueberry fields in the spring of 2019

before Foss Mountain Road is open.

Freedom

The Conservation Commission has been working with the Freedom Planning Board to update the Natural Resources Chapter of the Master Plan. The Master Plan is updated every ten years. They FCC is also drafting a new "Solar Ordinance" for review by the Freedom Planning Board. The Commission is working with GMCG, Freedom Planning Board, Ossipee members, & volunteers to discuss remediation efforts related to findings in the "Shoreline Survey" completed by Forest Bell Associates. These surveys identified shoreline properties on the lake and bays which could potentially contaminate the waters with run-off water carrying phosphates and fertilizers.

Ossipee

The Ossipee Conservation Commission successfully placed a Lake Host at the Rt 25 Fish & Game Boat Launch, on

the Pine River. This access site experienced a very busy summer. The Lake Host was able to add to the data compiled by NHLAKES Association, and spread the word to the boaters regarding invasive species, and the importance of inspecting boats and trailers both prior to launching, and after hauling out. Efforts continued to monitor parcels in Ossipee under conservation easement.

Tamworth

The Commission celebrated having sponsored Spring bird walks for 42 years at 4th of July parade. The Commission also partnered with Cook Memorial Library to sponsor talk by Dr. Rick Van de Poll in August on butterflies & moths. At its August meeting Robert Hardy and Shaun Bresnahan, NH State Foresters, gave a presentation on the next timber harvest in Hemingway State Forest.

NOTES FROM DOWN STREAM

The Saco River Corridor Commission (SRCC) had a busy summer continuing to carry out their regulatory and water quality monitoring programs. It has also been a transitional season for the Commission as Dennis Finn, former Executive Director since 1995, has passed the torch to the new Director, Dalyn Houser. Dennis was an instrumental partner in GMCG's early Water Quality Monitoring program and helped initiate the shared QAPP that SRCC shares with GMCG. Dalyn has jumped into her new position with great passion and we look forward to our continued partnership on water protection from Saco Lake in NH to Saco, Maine.

In a recent conversation Dalyn Houser shared, "SRCC has concluded its 18th year of annual Water Quality monitoring program, where we test 35 sites for water quality parameters bi-weekly from Conway, NH to Saco/Biddeford, ME. In addition we have had a busy summer carrying out our regulatory program and ensuring that development occurring along the Saco River Corridor is meeting the standards of the Saco River Corridor Act. The Act was established in 1973 and since then has contributed significantly to

the protection of the Corridor from overcrowding and poorly planned development. At our 500th meeting, in April of 2018, the State of Maine honored the Commission with a House Legislative Sentiment (HLS 1307) to recognize the Commission for its important work protecting the waters of the Saco River Corridor."

The Saco River Corridor Commission serves twenty municipalities. Each town is represented by a regular and alternate member on the commission. Commission membership is as diverse as the communities served and represents a cross section of valley life and values. Serving without compensation for their time, efforts, or expenses, the commissioners are constant proof that land use controls can be effectively and sensibly administered at a regional level by area residents.

Members and alternates are appointed by their respective town officials. Each member is appointed to serve a three-year term. While in office, regular members have full voting and participatory rights in all proceedings of the full commission at its committees. Alternate members are allowed to participate in all proceedings

of the full commission but may only vote in the absence of the regular member from the municipality they represent. Both regular and alternate members may serve on subcommittees.



SRCC celebrated its 500th meeting on April 25, 2018.



From mud pit to Sanctuary—Visitors marvel at new Vernal Pool

By Moselle Spiller - Outreach Coordinator at GMCG

Vernal pools, also called vernal ponds, are temporary surface waters that are inundated in winter, typically dry up in summer, and support the breeding of specific vertebrate and invertebrate animals that require these conditions. During wet seasons vernal pools buzz with life. In New England the most common native inhabitants are various species of frogs, toads, and salamanders. Other vernal pool indicator species are *Daphnia* and fairy shrimp. Wetland scientist Dr. Rick Van de Poll has six biological criteria to identify a vernal pool: 1. Cycles annually from flooded to dry conditions, although the hydro period, size, and shape of the pool might vary from year to year; 2. Forms in a shallow depression or basin; 3. Has no permanently flowing outlet; 4. Holds water for at least two continuous months following spring ice-out; 5. Lacks a viable fish population; and 6. Supports one or more primary vernal pool indicators, or three or more secondary vernal pool indicators species.

When GMCG first acquired the property at 236 Huntress Bridge Rd. there was no vernal pool like there is today. In 2014 the original vernal pool site was more of a mud pit having been filled in by the previous tenants with yard debris. GMCG met with wetland scientist Rick Van de Poll, the Army Corps of Engineers and folks from NH DES to get a permit to do a Vernal Pool Enhancement Project. GMCG hired Bill Huckins of Parachthonic Engineering who did all the site work at the Squam Lakes Science Center to lead the project. “We hired him because we knew he would be able to build something that looked like it has always been there,” said GMCG Executive Director Blair Folts. Huckins worked closely with Rick Van de Poll to ensure the sculpting of the land and its features would be as natural for native species as possible. The first stages of the project required Huckins

to drive a bull dozer through the wetland to sculpt the shallow basin. Huckins had to be creative in order to not sink his large machinery into the mud and engineered a “corduroy road” with Scott Aspinal out of branches and stumps as he maneuvered about the wetland. While scooping the pool Huckins discovered ancient tree stumps perfectly preserved in peat dating approximately 10,000 years old. Van de Poll estimated this number based on the depth and type of soil the stumps were discovered in. During this process Huckins also hit three ground water springs by surprise. This makes the vernal pool also a vernal pond because it is not likely to dry up. Huckins says the new vernal pool is an almost perfect water table indicator that rises and falls reflecting drought and rain fall.

The pool is just one part of a rich riparian habit system on the Blue Heron Trail. The vernal pond area engineered by Huckins drains into a smaller traditional vernal pool that does dry up seasonally. When the smaller traditional vernal pool is full it drains into a wetland area that drains into creek down a bank to the Ossipee River. This is a wonderful educational opportunity for visitors of all ages to experience this water flow system all within easy walking distance on one trail.

Visitors to the vernal pool have already enjoyed the first of many educational programs to come. GMCG hosted Home School Day where kids learned about the native species in the vernal pool, a Mushroom Identification Walk led by Stephanie Doyle, and an Edible Plant Walk lead by Carol Felice. For the grand opening celebration on July 21st Dr. Rick Van de Poll led a walk and gave a presentation on riparian habitat. Outreach Coordinator and artist Moselle Spiller is developing an interpretive map of the Blue Heron Trail so visitors may take a self-guided discovery walk at any time.



Bill Huckins uses his excavator to haul fill out of the area where the vernal pool now sits. He is pictured removing dead vegetation and debris into Scott Aspinal's truck. The original owners had dumped stumps and limbs into wetland.



The beginning stages of sculpting the pool bed. The rock pictured in the middle became “Turtle Island,” one of 3 islands within the vernal pool. The others are called “Spring Island,” and “Maple Island.”



The completed vernal pool in June of 2018. The water level pictured is moderately full. Painted turtles have been spotted basking on the log to the right hand side. There are also numerous frogs, salamanders, and macroinvertebrates living throughout.

Save the Date! 2019 Fall & Winter Calendar

All events take place at 236 Huntress Bridge Road Effingham, NH. For info call 539-1859 or email info@gmcg.org

October 17, 6-8pm Book Signing & Poetry Reading with Dr. Rick Van de Poll GMCG will host a special book signing and poetry reading with Dr. Rick Van de Poll to celebrate the recent release of his book, *Crossing Paths: A Poetic Journey in 45 Days*. His illustrated book of nature poems is an expression of nature as seen from the eyes of someone who has devoted his entire life to the service of the natural world. Books will be available for purchase for \$10. Refreshments will be served.

October 24, 6-7pm Education Committee Meeting New members welcome! The Committee helps to guide GMCG's educational programs and meets quarterly throughout the year. Help plan fun and informative programs for 2019 and discuss new program and project ideas. Please RSVP to Tara at: education@gmcg.org if you would like to be a part of this exciting work!

October 24, 7-8:15pm Ossipee Aquifer Advisory Committee Meeting Are you interested in protecting your drinking water? You are invited to learn about this group whose mission it is to raise public awareness and assist communities with regional aquifer protection. Help guide educational programs and water research, as well as work with local municipalities, agencies, boards and commissions to protect the Ossipee Aquifer.

November 3 11:00am-12:30pm Felting Forms from Nature Learn how to interpret a form from nature into felt in this fun, innovative and hands-on workshop. In this workshop, felting artists Jo Williams, Diana Robbins and Elaine Giles will teach the basics of felting and shaping wool to create objects from nature. This workshop is a great introduction to the many ways you can create with raw wool! Experience the magic in transforming fiber to felt! Small children may work with soap felting and creating felt leaves and acorns. Adults and older children may work with needles to create leaves and pumpkins. No experience necessary. Please preregister by contacting education@gmcg.org or (603) 539-1859 and bring \$15 for materials for adults, \$5 for children.

November 19, 5:30-6:30pm GET WET! at Conway Public Library GMCG presents the Groundwater Education through Water Evaluation and Testing (GET WET!) program. Participants can bring in a sample of their home well water and test it for six parameters, including: chloride, conductivity, hardness, nitrates/nitrites, pH, and iron. Learn about common contaminants, health concerns, where to go for more information, and sign up to be a volunteer to bring this important program to schools in your community! FMI, contact education@gmcg.org or (603) 539-1859. This program is suitable for families; children must be supervised by an adult caregiver.

December 5, 6:30-7:30pm VBAP Community Presentation Students from six local schools will co-present the results of their water quality research, which they conducted in September. The public is invited and encouraged to attend to learn about the health of your local rivers from these young citizen scientists. Students from Effingham, Ossipee, Tamworth and Sandwich Elementary Schools and Sacopee Middle School in Maine participated in the Volunteer Biological Assessment Program (VBAP) this fall, a biomonitoring program that began thirteen years ago with many local volunteers, NH Department of Environmental Services, and NH Fish & Game Department.

December 15, 11:00am-12:30pm Annual Cookie Swap The public is invited to the annual holiday cookie swap. Bring your favorite cookies to share and a tin or box for taking your assorted cookies home! Festive music, cookie decorating for kids, and recipe swapping are all part of this fun, family-friendly event! Kids will decorate their own gingerbread cookie to take home.

PLEASE! Renew your membership today! Every drop counts! Thank you!

(Please make checks payable to Green Mountain Conservation Group Box 95, Effingham, NH 03882)

You may also donate online at www.gmcg.org/we-need-your-help/



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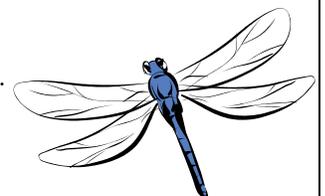
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Save the date!

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**WINTER Newsletter items due
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