

# PITTSFIELD POST

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"A ship in port is safe; but that is not what ships are built for. Sail out to sea and do new things." ~Grace Hopper

December 9, 2020

## Restoration of Library Portrait Paintings

The portraits of Josiah and Georgiana Carpenter are going to be cleaned and restored! The library is grateful to have received funding for the restoration work from the NH State Council on the Arts Conservation License Plate Program, more affectionately known as the Moose Plate program, and the Globe Community Fund. The project began on December 1st when Martha Cox Painting Conservation of Shapleigh, Maine came to the library to pick up the portrait of Georgiana Carpenter.

As part of the design and construction of the library building Josiah and Georgiana Carpenter commissioned New England artist Jean Paul Selinger to paint their portraits. It is believed that the paintings were hung in the library's main room when the building opened to the public in 1901. Over time the paintings have collected layers of dirt causing details to fade away and darken. Martha will begin her work by thoroughly documenting each portrait's current condition, then test cleaning methods with particular attention to the stability of the paint and protective varnish.

It will be exciting to see Georgiana when she returns; for now Josiah is looking a little lonely, and he may be wondering when he gets to take a well-deserved trip to Maine. *Leslie Vogt*



Dirt wiped from a small corner of the painting.

Georgiana Carpenter removed from her fancy gilt frame, and ready for her journey.



  
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**Tuesday December 15, 9-11am** Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry, through the First Congregational Church. We ask that you please call 435-7471 when you arrive at the parking lot. Clients are not able to enter the Church at this time. Weather permitting, we will place your diapers and wipes in a bag with your name attached and place it on a table in the Chestnut Street parking lot. If weather is not permitting, we will bring the product to you.

The Pantry could use your help as we assist our many young struggling families. We have seen an increase in numbers since our reopening in June. We currently need size 3,4,5,6 diapers, along with Wipes, Pull-Ups and Overnights. Do you have any diapers that your child no longer needs, we could use them! If you are able to purchase a package or two, we thank you. To arrange for drop off please give the church a call.

If you are able to help financially, please make any checks out to: FCC-Pittsfield and please note in the memo that it is for Diaper Pantry. Checks can be mailed to: First Congregational Church- Diaper Pantry 24 Main St, Pittsfield, NH 03263.

**Secret Santa for Christmas 2020**, donations are still being collected. This program provides Christmas assistance for residents of Pittsfield in need. We provide not only toys, but a warm outfit and needed winter outerwear. This program is fully funded by donations from local individuals and businesses. If you would like to assist, donations of new, unwrapped toys or clothing can be dropped off at the fire station at your convenience. Monetary donations are also very much appreciated. If you are donating clothing or toys, please contact Kris at the fire station at 435-6807 to coordinate a time to drop them off, or arrange for us to pick them up. Checks may be made payable to: Pittsfield Secret Santa, PO Box 392, Pittsfield NH 03263.

**The Pittsfield Masonic Lodge** has sold out of their Christmas trees. Congratulations!

**The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce** is sponsoring a House Decorating and Lighting Contest. Get in the holiday spirit and pull out those house decorations and lights and help us "Light Up Pittsfield". Any residence in Pittsfield is

invited to participate. There is no entry fee and there is one prize of \$100! Judging will be on Thursday, December 17 at 7pm. Please call or text Louie Houle at 848-1553 to register. The Chamber also invites businesses and nonprofits to decorate their storefronts and join in the Holiday fun and help us "LIGHT UP PITTSFIELD". There is one prize of a 2 year Chamber membership and judging will be on Thursday, December, 17 at 7pm. Please call or text Louie Houle at 848-1553 to register.

**The 2021 Pittsfield Historical Society** calendars may be purchased at the town hall or the Josiah Carpenter Library for \$15.00 each. The theme of the 2021 calendar is "**Before & After**" – 28 pictures of old buildings in town and how they have changed. For more information contact Fuzz Freese at (603) 848-4488.

**The Pittsfield Elementary School PTO** will receive a \$1 donation during December from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag at the Hannaford store located at 174 First NH Turnpike, Northwood NH.

**The Pittsfield High School Alumni Association** sent out its annual newsletter for our yearly request for donations to support the scholarships that are awarded each year to graduating seniors. If you did not receive a newsletter, please send your name and address to the Alumni email at [phsalumni@pittsfieldnhschools.org](mailto:phsalumni@pittsfieldnhschools.org). Donations may be made by going to paypal.com and send your donation to [phsalumni@pittsfieldnhschools.org](mailto:phsalumni@pittsfieldnhschools.org). Thank you in advance for supporting the PHS Alumni Association.

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Jeff Miller and Heather Davis this past Tuesday. I hope you both enjoy your special day! Happy 50th Birthday Sugar!!!! I hope you have a great day on December 12!!!

## Thank You

Victory Workers 4-H Club would like to thank everyone for supporting our organization by buying pies at Mike's Meat Shoppe the day before Thanksgiving. All proceeds go towards our club's goal of "Making the Best Better." Thank you all and Happy Holidays.

## Girl Scout Completes Bronze Award for Josiah Carpenter Library

Girl Scout Cynthia has completed her Bronze Award Project. I did my project to get more books for the Josiah Carpenter Library for the 4th - 6th grade age group. This is a 20 hour service project. In addition I also had to complete a fundraiser. I was able to donate 28 new books to the library as well as a suggestion box. I hope everyone enjoys the new books!  
Cynthia

*\*Dear Cynthia: Thank you for all your hard work and generosity. You demonstrated real resilience to complete your project independently with just remote guidance. The children of Pittsfield will certainly enjoy the books! Sincerely, Leslie Vogt, Josiah Carpenter Library*



Cynthia with the books she donated. Photo by Amber Pelletier.

## Double Word Puzzle #16

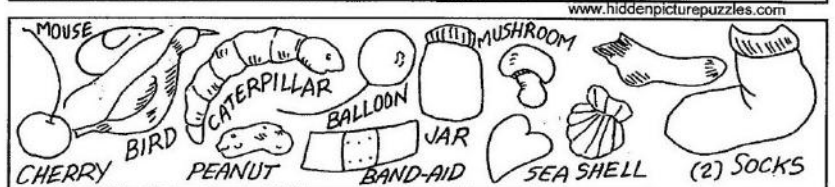
By Diana Westgate

Find the word that satisfies both definitions.

1. Satisfied \_\_\_\_\_  
Subject matter
2. Become smaller \_\_\_\_\_  
Legal agreement
3. Swimming stroke \_\_\_\_\_  
Slow motion
4. Wood quantity \_\_\_\_\_  
Part of spine
5. Foot ailment \_\_\_\_\_  
Crop
6. Against \_\_\_\_\_  
Surface
7. Sidewalk defect \_\_\_\_\_  
Whip sound
8. Guile \_\_\_\_\_  
Skill
9. Stuff \_\_\_\_\_  
Study intensively
10. Lifting mechanism \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of bird

## Snowmen Feeding Birds

Hidden Picture Puzzles by Liz Ball



The answers are on page five.

## Cook's Corner

### Beef and Cheddar Hand Pies



Now here's a throwback recipe. Do you remember when our grandmothers and great grandmothers made hand pies? Guess what, they're still delicious. You might want to mix the ground beef with some ground sausage. And you definitely need a good mustard to serve with these pillows of goodness. These freeze well, in case you're on a roll and want to make a larger batch. But wrap the pies in parchment paper and then cover them with tin foil before you freeze them. Enjoy!

1 lb ground beef (or a mix of ground beef and ground sausage)

1 Tbsp minced garlic, or two cloves

1 large onion, diced

2 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce

2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

2 cups shredded Cheddar

1 sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed

1 large egg, lightly beaten

Heat a large skillet over high heat. Add beef (or beef & sausage if using), garlic and onion; cook stirring often until cooked through, about 7 minutes. Stir in Worcestershire sauce and Dijon mustard; season with salt & pepper to taste. Remove from heat and cool completely.

Stir cheese into beef mixture.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Roll out puff pastry, you may need to put some flour down to roll it out so it doesn't stick. Roll into a 14 inch square and then cut into four 7 inch squares. Place beef mixture on each square, brush edges with egg then fold one corner of each pie over, forming a triangle. Press edges to seal.

Place pies on a parchment-paper lined baking sheet. Brush tops with egg wash or milk. Cut 2 vents in each pie. Bake until golden brown, about 20 minutes.

Serve with additional mustard on the side, steamed broccoli or salad of baby greens and thin sliced red onion.

*Mary Pat Christakos*

**TIME TO DECORATE!!!!**

**Sat., Dec. 17**

**DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS**

**LET'S "LIGHT UP"**

**PITTSFIELD!!!**

*All Pittsfield Residents Are Invited to Participate*

**Judging Dec. 17 at 7pm**

Registration Info Available on the  
Greater Pittsfield Chamber Facebook page

**HOLIDAY UPDATE**

Due to COVID we have had to  
cancel the Children's Store for 2020.

The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting  
event is being planned following,  
the COVID guidelines, and information  
will be made available on  
Facebook and on the Chamber website  
at [www.pittsfieldchamber.org](http://www.pittsfieldchamber.org).

**Let's show NH Our Christmas Spirit!!**

Please support the **Pittsfield Post**. Checks may be made out to Pittsfield Center Development Corporation, P.O. Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Donations are tax-deductible. Donations above \$50.00 may be acknowledged as Sponsor of the Week. Go to [www.pittsfieldpost.org](http://www.pittsfieldpost.org) to download a donation form.

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## PYW Winter CALENDAR 2020-2021

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wend.	Thursday	Friday	Sat
6	7 <u>Virtual Drop-In</u> Lets hang out & play games! 3:30-5:30pm	8 PYW Closed 	9 <u>Virtual Art &amp; Craft Project</u> SLIME (Regular & Chocolate) 3:30-5:30pm	10 <u>Virtual Cooking Group</u> Pretzels 3-4:30pm <u>D &amp; D Introduction</u> to: Roll20 4:30-6pm	11 Campfire at PYW! You bring a blanket and we will bring hot cocoa and S'mores! 4:00-5:30pm	12
13	14 <u>Virtual Drop-In</u> Lets hang out & play games! 3:30-5:30pm	15 PYW Closed	16 <u>Virtual Art &amp; Craft Project</u> Let's build A Gingerbread House together! 3:30-5:30pm	17 <u>Virtual Cooking Group</u> Banana Muffins 3-4:30pm <u>D &amp; D Roll20</u> 4:30-6pm	18 Walk around town to see the lights and sing some Christmas Carols! 4:00-5:30pm	19

PYW will be closed Mon., Dec 21st until Friday, Jan., 1st.

We will continue programming on Monday, Jan., 4th.

JAN 4	<u>Virtual Drop-In</u> Lets hang out & play games! 3:30-5:30pm	5 PYW Closed 	6 <u>Virtual Art &amp; Craft Project</u> Beads w/Anna 3:30-5:30pm	7 <u>Virtual Cooking Group</u> Rice Krispy Treats 3-4:30pm <u>D &amp; D Roll20</u> 4:30-6pm	8 (High School Students 9-12) Campfire at PYW! We will supply hot cocoa and S'mores! 6:00-8:00pm	9
10	11 <u>Virtual Drop-In</u> Lets hang out & play games! 3:30-5:30pm	12 PYW Closed	13 <u>Virtual Art &amp; Craft Project</u> Working w/clay 3:30-5:30pm	14 <u>Virtual Cooking Group</u> Peanut Butter Fudge 3-4:30pm <u>D &amp; D Roll20</u> 4:30-6pm	15 Campfire at PYW! You bring a blanket and we will bring hot cocoa and S'mores! 4:00-5:30pm	16

All items for all activities will be available ahead of time for pick up (contact us to schedule a time); or we can drop them off if absolutely necessary. Youth will need to register ahead of time for D&D (contact us for more info). Links for virtual programs will be shared by email in advance - please make sure we have the best address on file to send it to!

### Classifieds

#### Daycare Openings

Infant and Toddler Daycare in Pittsfield now has 2 openings. Over 25 years of experience. Diapers and wipes are included 435-0871

#### Firewood

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#### Cordwood

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*Sunday worship at 10 a.m.*

**First Congregational Church of Pittsfield**

24 Main Street  
Phone 435-7471

### Advertising in the Post

Costs begin at \$5.00 for a brief classified ad. Guidelines and order forms are located at [www.pittsfieldpost.org](http://www.pittsfieldpost.org)

### Answers to Double Word Puzzle #16

1. Satisfied – **content**– Subject matter
2. Become smaller – **contract** – Legal agreement
3. Swimming stroke – **crawl** – Slow motion
4. Wood quantity – **cord** – Part of spine
5. Foot ailment – **corn** – Crop
6. Against – **counter**– Surface
7. Sidewalk defect – **crack** – Whip sound
8. Sneaky action – **craft** – Skill
9. Stuff – **cram** – Study intensively
10. Lifting mechanism – **crane** – Type of bird

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