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geese on the go



Photos by BARBARA ALEXANDER

Above, several Canada geese travel overhead in their characteristic formation.

At right, a goose takes some time off from flying to splash some water over its back in the marshy area behind Target in Keene.

Canada geese are in the midst of their spring migration now, with many returning north to their namesake region for the summer.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

MONIFF announces guests for 2019 film festival

The annual Monadnock International Film Festival will be held this year from Friday, April 26, to Sunday, April 28, with films screening at The Colonial Theatre, the Putnam Theatre and Keene Cinemas in Keene, and The Peterborough Community Theatre in Peterborough.

This year will feature 16 special guests and filmmakers for panel discussions and question-and-answer sessions in Keene.

Sasha Friedlander and Cynthia Wade, co-directors of the documentary "Grit," will participate on a documentary panel Saturday, April 27, at 1:30 p.m. before their film screens later that evening, 7:30 p.m. at The Colonial Theatre. The

two will accept this year's Jonathan Daniels Award for their film that explores the horror of an environmental disaster in Indonesia. "Grit" follows villagers whose homes and entire world were buried by feet of hot mud unleashed by a gas and oil exploration company drilling for gas. Former N.H. Public Radio journalist Virginia Prescott will return from her current post at Atlanta Public Radio to conduct an on-stage interview with Wade and Friedlander.

Geoffrey Taylor, producer of "Ghost Light," will bring one of his actors along to participate on the dramatic film panel Friday, April 26, at 1:30 p.m. A resident of Concord, Mass.,

Taylor spent many years working in Los Angeles before moving back to the East Coast. "Ghost Light" is a comedy about the absurd, but very seriously regarded, superstitions of the theater, specifically those surrounding Shakespeare's "Macbeth." Taylor's film will screen at The Colonial Theatre on Friday, April 26, 11:30 a.m.

Lisa Black and Brandi Savitt, producer and executive producer, respectively, of "The Bird Catcher" will participate in a Q&A after their film screens on Saturday, April 27, at 4 p.m. "The Bird Catcher" is a suspenseful coming-of-age story set against the backdrop of violence and prejudice. It's inspired by actual

stories of Norwegian Jews during World War II.

Steve Young, a writer for the David Letterman Show and other comedy projects and the main protagonist of "Bathtubs Over Broadway," will do a Q&A after his film shows at Keene Cinemas on Sunday, April 28, at 1:30 p.m. "Bathtubs over Broadway" follows Young on his quest to uncover all he can about the hidden world of industrial musicals. While delving into forgotten archives and rare albums and rediscovering composers and performers, Young discovers how this discarded musical genre starring tractors and bathtubs was once bigger than Broadway.

Information: moniff.org.

YOUR WORDS

Hear the story of quilts at Marlborough presentation

Quilts represent a rich legacy of artistic expression and historical documentation from the earliest days of this country to the present. Quilts tell stories — often heart-warming tales of service and tradition. Pamela Weeks will share some of these stories with those who attend the April 16 meeting of the Marlborough Historical Society at 7 p.m. at the Community House auditorium on Main Street (Route 101) in Marlborough. The public is invited to attend

this free program, which is supported by a Humanities to Go grant from N.H. Humanities.

Quilting is not just an American art: Nearly every culture on Earth that has cold weather uses quilted textiles. Pam Weeks weaves world history, women's history, industrial history and wonderful stories into her presentation. She may also speak about fashion fads, the Colonial Revival and quilt-making for Civil War soldiers. Participants are invited to

bring one quilt for identification and/or story sharing.

Pamela Weeks is the Binney Family Curator of the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell, Mass. She is author of the book "Civil War Quilts" and lectures nationally on quilt-making and quilt history. Weeks uses quilts to tell stories of the Civil War, women's history and industrial history.

The New England Quilt Museum (NEQM) uses quilts and stories of quiltmaking to educate

and inspire quiltmakers and the general public. Founded in 1987 and housing both special and permanent exhibits, it is the only institution in the Northeast dedicated solely to the art and craft of quilting. Collections are strong in 19th century quilts with a geographic focus on New England.

VESTA HORNBECK, Marlborough Historical Society publicity P.O. Box 175 Marlborough

HAPPENINGS

International peacemaker to speak at Mariposa Museum

The Mariposa Museum in Peterborough will host a talk by international peacemaker Padraig O'Malley, following the screening of the award-winning film, "The Peacemaker," Saturday at 6 p.m.

The film focuses on O'Malley's unusual life, work and model of peace-building based on addiction recovery.

O'Malley, born in Ireland, specializes in the problems of divided societies and has written extensively about this issue in the context of Northern Ireland, South Africa, and Israel and Palestine. O'Malley's model of peacekeeping, derived from his experiences with AA, reflects his belief that leaders of societies undergoing violent conflict are best helped by leaders of other societies that have moved through conflict.

"The Peacemaker" examines O'Malley's life and work in some of the most dangerous crisis zones on Earth over five years, including Northern Ireland, Kosovo, Nigeria and Iraq.

In his talk at the Mariposa, O'Malley will focus on his most recent work as founding director of GAME, the Global Alliance of Muslims for Equality, the focus of a gallery exhibit at the Mariposa. GAME is a youth movement composed of young people in cities across Europe and the Middle East, working to change perceptions of Muslims and to bring positive change for young Muslims in marginalized communities.

Admission is free for Mariposa members and \$8 for non-members, \$6 for seniors.

The Mariposa is at 26 Main St. in Peterborough. For more information, visit www.mariposamuseum.org.

Kona Ice in Keene to host sixth annual 'Chill Out Day'

Kona Ice in Keene will offer free shaved ice as part of the sixth annual National "Chill Out" Day on Monday, April 15, at TD Bank, 194 West St., Keene, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The event is held each year on tax day in an effort to relieve taxpayers of the stress associated with meeting the federal deadline.



The island-inspired truck will be parked at TD Bank to hand out free cups of tropical shaved ice to all who stop by.

Through partnerships with schools, youth sports leagues and other neighborhood organizations, Kona Ice has given back more than \$60 million to the communities it serves. To learn more about Kona Ice's giveback efforts, visit www.kona-ice.com/giveback-programs/.

GRANT

Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter receives mini grant

The Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter (MATS) recently received a mini grant from C&S Wholesale Grocers for its Hope Fund.

The Hope Fund, established by MATS several years ago, helps residents at the shelter with transportation costs. Reliable transportation has been identified as a key factor in moving beyond homelessness.

C&S awards mini grants to "effect positive change in our communities and develop relationships with local nonprofit organizations."

The Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter's mission is to provide transitional housing, support and referral services to people who are homeless; to educate our community on issues of homelessness; and to advocate for solutions.

BULLETIN BOARD

Bulletin board, published daily, lists upcoming events in the region open to the public. For best bets in the world of arts and entertainment, check out the calendar in the Spotlight section of *ELF* every Thursday. Events and activities listed below take place Sunday, April 7.

Talks and classes

Discussion of Bernstein's "Mass," a conversation between American composer, pianist and Leonard Bernstein scholar Allen Shawn and Cailin Marcel Manson, 3 p.m., Alumni Center, Keene State College Norma Walker Hall, 229 Main St., Keene.

Etc.

"GenSilent," a critically acclaimed documentary about the issues facing older LGBT people toward the end of life, 1 p.m., Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Brew Barry Conference Rooms, Brattleboro.