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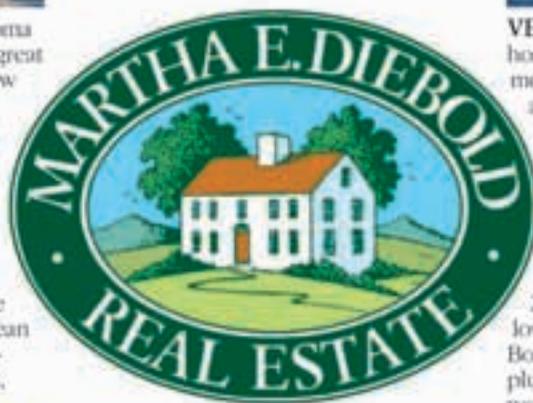
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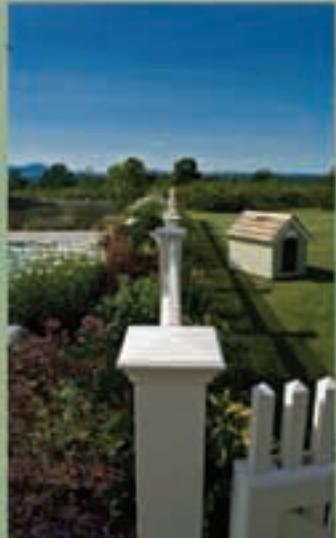
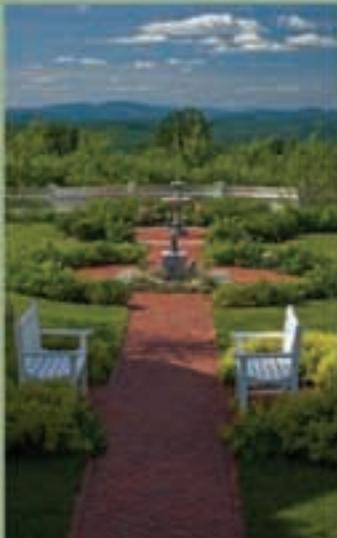
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Spring is coming—it really is. I keep repeating this mantra to convince myself it is true. As I write this note, it's late January, and it's difficult to imagine spring as I look out the window over my desk and marvel at the four-foot-long icicle hanging precariously off the corner of my roof. It's got to be at least eight inches in diameter!

Luckily for me, distractions like the massive icicle and the matching four-foot-high snowbank beside my driveway are being replaced by visions of spring. Because I have the privilege of putting this magazine together, I've spent the last several weeks en-

joying beautiful springtime photography by Lisa Densmore and Matthew Mead. Lisa takes us on a walking tour of Hanover in all its glory (page 22), and Matthew suggests several ways to brighten your home by displaying colorful flowers in imaginative ways (page 50).

Our mission to recognize outstanding citizens in the community continues as we sit down with Dr. Robert Santulli of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (page 33). Dr. Santulli is an expert on Alzheimer's disease, and besides being a highly skilled medical professional, his interview reveals that he's also a kind and compassionate person who believes that getting to know his patients is the most valuable thing he can do for them and their families. How fortunate we are to have dedicated people like Dr. Santulli in our community!

We also chat with Randy Mudge about his successful architectural design firm, and we introduce you to filmmaker Julian Higgins. You'll want to stop in at Hanover Outdoors (page 45), where owner Tom Ciardelli and his staff are gearing up for fishing season and every other outdoor activity you can imagine. And discover the newly renovated and reopened Lyme Inn in this issue (page 38). As the weather warms perhaps you'll want to enjoy a delicious brunch or dinner at this lovely location with a fascinating local history.

Whatever you're doing this spring, we invite you to spend some time with *Here in Hanover*.

Enjoy! ☺

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Mark Aiken

Mark Aiken writes about a wide range of topics and especially likes covering recreational pursuits, so he enjoyed reporting on Hanover Outdoors for this issue. When he's not writing, Mark heads to bike trails, trains for marathons, and plans bigger and better vacations. Mark turns his sights indoors for us, too, to interview Alzheimer's expert Dr. Robert Santulli of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.



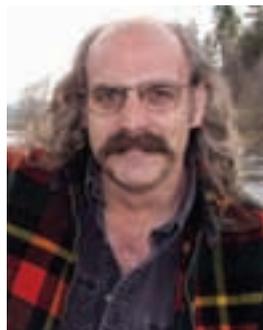
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Jack Rowell

Jack Rowell has been capturing personalities and places with his photography for more than 40 years. In this issue his work is featured in a story about Dr. Robert Santulli. Jack was associate producer on feature films *Man with a Plan* and *Nosey Parker*. Born and raised in central Vermont, he's also an enthusiastic and experienced angler.



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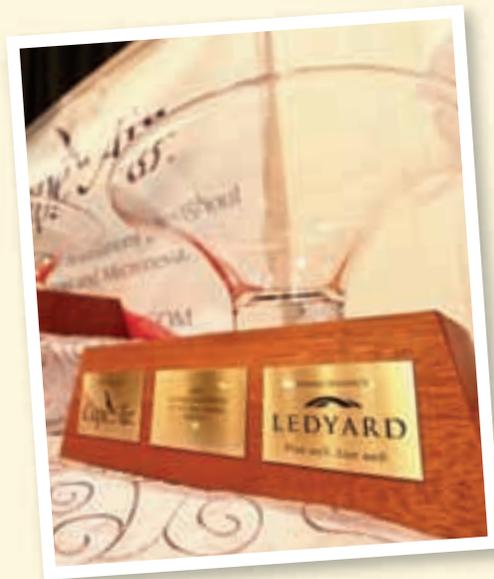
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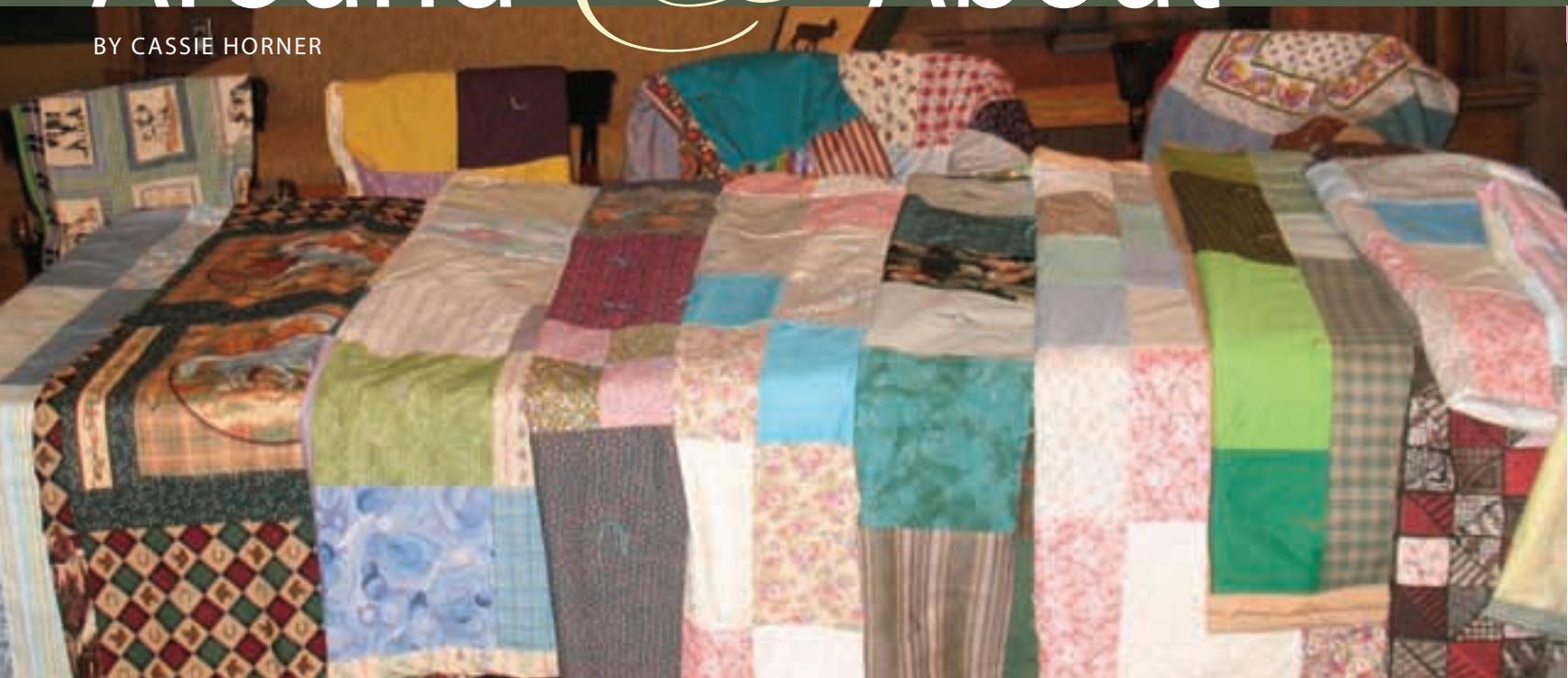
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BY CASSIE HORNER



DISASTER RELIEF QUILTING WORKSHOPS

In the wake of the destruction caused by World War II, Lutheran World Relief began to create quilts out of scraps of fabric to aid people in areas of war and natural disasters. Seventy years later, the organization continues to run this program and distributes more than 400,000 quilts worldwide to disaster sites such as Haiti and Pakistan. Our Savior Lutheran on Summer Street in Hanover has been part of the program for about 40 years. “When the tsunami hit the Far East in 2004, we really started ramping up,” says LaVonne Batalden, one of the local volunteers. “We invited the community to join

Quilts completed at a Lutheran World Relief Quilting Marathon held at Dartmouth College on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 18, 2010.

us. Last year we made 304 quilts and we are ahead of that number already this year.” She guesses that some of the quilts shipped to the warehouse in Baltimore, Maryland, later this spring will go to the scene of the terrible flooding in Australia.

“It is an opportunity to feel we are doing something for people in the world who are in need,” Batalden observes. “At the same time, we have a good time, and we always have the sense we are making something out of things others have recycled.”

The volunteers meet twice monthly on Thursday from 9am to 1pm from September through May, with some sessions from 9am to 9pm. In the summer, they have a couple of tying sessions. People come and go during each session, spending as much or as little time as they want.

“We call them utility quilts,” Batalden explains. “We work as a group. We do the cutting, sewing, and tying at the church. Some people do make the tops at home.” The quilts are simple in design, comprised of blocks no smaller than 11 by 11 inches, and this means that volunteers do not have to be skilled



Eleanor “Ellie” Leach, Esther Bruce, and Peggy Sadler hold up the 300th quilt of the 2009-2010 quilting season.

in the art of sewing or quilting (though they may be). “We can use anybody who’d like to help,” she says. “It is a very low-level activity. We chat as we work and we always feed people.”

All of the fabric is donated. The project accepts any kind of fabric (old sheets are a good source), except “fancy” fabrics such as taffeta and brocade. Donations can be dropped off at the church Monday through Friday from 9am to 1pm when the office is open. If you are interested in volunteering, please call (603) 643-3703.



Clockwise from top: Peggy Sadler holds up a completed quilt at a recent marathon. Esther Bruce and Eleanor “Ellie” Leach sew quilt tops. Congregation members participate in a blessing of quilts before they are sent to Lutheran World Relief.



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The students of the eighth grade Richmond School Student Council in Hanover have been extra busy the last couple of springs, filling hundreds of bright plastic eggs with candy and goodie bags with treats. It is all for a good cause: the annual Egg-Stravaganza Egg Hunt put on by the Hanover Parks & Recreation Department for young children to enjoy an egg hunt, games, face painting, and even a meet and greet with the Easter Bunny. This spring, the event takes place Saturday,

April 16 at noon at the Parks & Rec Department on Lebanon Street.

“This year is the 33rd egg hunt for preschool through third grade. It begins at noon and is free,” says Liz Burdette, assistant director. “It’s a great event and the kids have a nice time. It is a lot of fun and it is quick.”

By quick, Burdette means that the three egg hunts—for preschool kids first, followed by two hunts for groups of older kids—don’t take very long. She emphasizes, “You want to be here on time. We start right at noon.” Children who arrive late may miss the egg hunts and treat bags.

John LaCrosse, guidance counselor at Richmond School, has shepherded the student council in this community volunteer initiative. “The students are fabulous volunteers,” Burdette says. “They are so great with little kids. In addition to preparing the eggs and goodie bags, they work the day of the Egg-Stravaganza, running around to set up the three egg hunts on the second



Hunting for eggs.

floor. They also play games with the kids.”

Each egg hunt concludes with the hunters emptying out the candy from their finds and returning the eggs to the Rec. Department in exchange for a treat bag. “We want to be green and recycle,” Burdette says of this reclamation of the eggs for reuse other years.

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Bonna Wieler spent about 12 years in Alaska where she lived the life “out there” in the wilds. The one thing she wanted to do but never achieved was kayaking. Fast-forward to the Upper Valley where she learned this skill, became certified by the American Canoeing Association to instruct kayaking, and has been sharing the pleasures of paddling with others through custom-designed trips and summer camps. (During the school year, she can be found directing the after-school program at the Ray School in Hanover.)

“In Alaska, I increased my connection to the land,” Wieler says. “I realized out there that I needed to find a way to share my knowledge of living closer to the land. There is healing for people through being in the natural world.” Added to the practical skill of kayaking is her environmental training at Antioch New England Graduate School, which enables her to teach people about what they see around them. “I provide opportunities for people to get out on the water, a really special experience for all of us,” she observes.

One of the options for the 2011 season is Touching the Earth & Arts Summer Camp, which focuses on the environment and arts. The first session, June 27 through July 1, is for grades 2 through 6. The second session, August 15 through 19, is designed for grades 3 through 10 and includes a three-



*Top: A group getting together—called “rafting up”—on the Connecticut River.
Above: View from Wilder picnic area looking north.
Right: Floating down the river.*



Top: Peace and serenity on the water.
 Above: Beautiful view along the Connecticut River.

day trip with hiking, biking, kayaking, and camping at Groton State Forest. The third session, August 22 through 26, is for teens in grades 7 through 12 and offers a five-day educational ocean trip to Cape Cod, including the same four activities. Numbers for all sessions are kept small and have goals of teaching respect for the environment and one another while exploring the outdoors and what Wieler calls “natural arts.” Participants learn outdoor skills, teambuilding, and responsibility. In addition to the three camps, she will custom design Family & Teen camp/kayaking trips which include camping along the river in June and September.

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Spring Walkabout

ENJOY HANOVER'S EARLY BLOOMS

I'm a hiker, but hiking before Memorial Day is muddy in the mountains, so I trek the trails around Hanover, which dry out more quickly than those at higher elevations. For me, the woods offer an hour-long escape from the ever-speedier treadmill of life. The exercise clears my head; I often drag my best friend along. She's a social transplant who considers Mink Brook the outback and Slade Brook conservation a remote wilderness. I consider getting her off the pavement and into the forest an important part of her transformation into a new Hampshireite.

One morning as April showers turned to May flowers, my friend veered from our routine. "I get to choose the route today," she declared. "Let's do an urban walk. I'm not feeling very adventurous." Though reluctant to give up my cathartic woodlands, in the spirit of exercise equity I agreed.

WELCOME, COLOR!

I left home, walking into town from Greensboro Road. I passed a vernal pool loaded with cattails and frog eggs. Some had already hatched. I paused to watch tadpoles swimming nervously among the reeds. A few naturalized daffodils poked up through the strands of wild grasses along the sidewalk. »





Clockwise from top: Dartmouth Row. A fragile tulip opens to the sunlight. Flower boxes brighten Main Street. Elms on the verge of leafing by Dartmouth's administrative buildings.



Narcissus blooms by the Nugget arcade.

As the number of houses increased on either side of the road, I noted how the grass on the neatly raked lawns had greened some since the previous day. Yellow and purple crocuses were about to fade in people's gardens, yet the daffodils and tulips stood proudly in their prime. When I reached the triangle of tulips at the entrance to the Co-op, the mosaic of peach, yellow, and white mesmerized me for a full 10 minutes. The honk of a horn broke the spell. Now late, I trotted past Hanover High and St. Denis Church, smiling at the forsythia that perked up the churchyard's well-tended shrubs.

I met my friend at the bench in front of the bookstore and we headed south on Main Street. I was instantly captivated by the flowers overflowing like fountains of color from the window boxes. Main Street had shed its drab coat of winter. With the first weeks of warm weather, the crocuses, daffodils, tulips, and grape hyacinth had burst forth in a riot of multihued eye candy in front of the Nugget Theater. I hadn't realized how much I craved color after six monotone months. I felt alive and invigorated. Maybe an urban hike would be okay after all.

SO MUCH TO SEE

We zigzagged through the neighborhood between Main Street and River Ridge Road on an unplanned course. Fern heads unfolded by our feet as we stopped to smell the fragrant cherry blossoms that spilled over the shoulder of the street. Dew dripped from budding shrubs, casting a faint sparkle along the sides of the road. »



Top: A plethora of tulips by the Co-op Food Store.

Above: A daffodil as warm and golden as spring sunshine.

Right: Wild pink and blue lupine.



Top: Dwarf amaryllis lily.

Above: Cherry blossoms.

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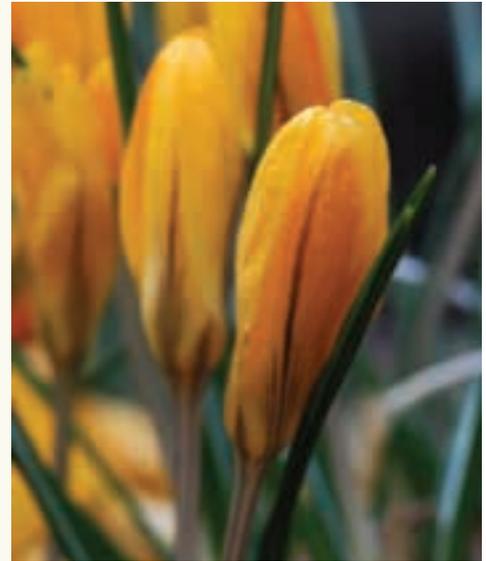
Elms by Dartmouth's Baker Tower.

wild bluets poked up through decaying leaves in front of precisely planted rhododendron. Polka-dotted with purple, the rhododendron looked ready to explode open at any moment. a shy doe watched us through a veil of pink and blue lupine.

as we rounded the bend on ripley road, I spied a house sparrow sitting on a branch by a speed limit sign. The sign said "25 miles per hour," but I was content to meander much more slowly. There was so much to see! a poodle with a dandelion collar trotted across his lawn to request some attention, but mine was drawn to the rocking chairs by his front door. I wanted to spend an hour sitting there, taking in the spring. Then I remembered my own little patch of flora gasping for life after winter's frosty grip. I regretted not planting some bulbs last fall and vowed to pepper the entire plot with them this year.

we headed up main Street, past our starting point, to the Dartmouth Green. The graceful elms by Baker Tower seemed just hours from leafing out, their multitude of buds casting a pastel green against the royal blue sky. In Hanover, we think of autumn as the season for glorious color, but I believe springtime is even more so, a blend of gentle muted tones and bold floral

hues. a walk around town will convince you too. ☺



Yellow crocus waiting for sunshine.

Gardener's Delight

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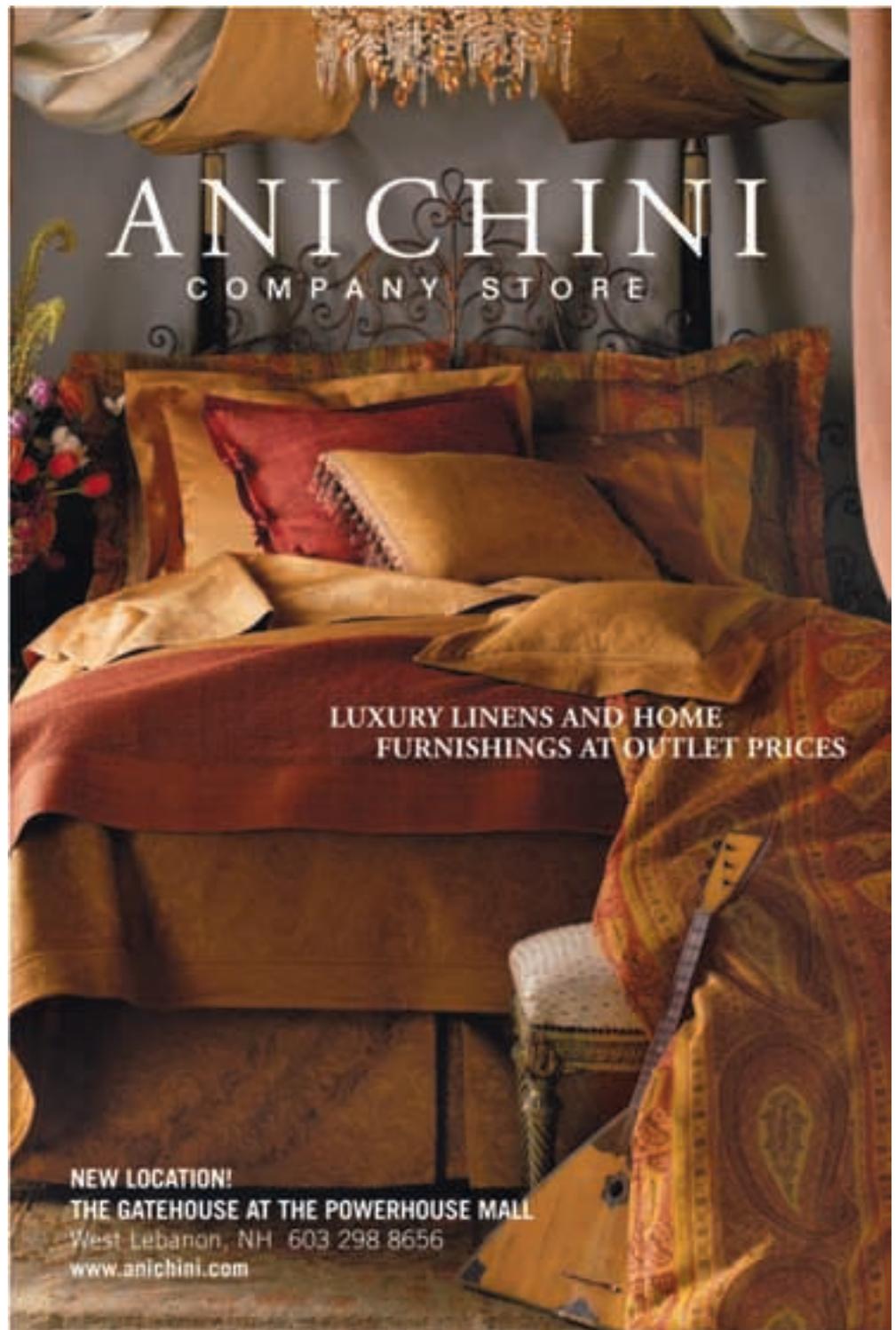
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Grow-How

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1. Deadhead daffodils, tulips, narcissus, hyacinth, and other early bloomers after they fade, but don't cut the foliage back until it yellows. The leaves re-energize the bulb for next year's colorful show. Plant perennials or annuals around your bulbs to hide their foliage until you can cut them back. Or to neaten the space, gather a handful of leaves, gently roll up from ends, and secure with a rubber band near the soil's surface.
2. Be proactive at preventing common fungi and bugs. Treat your garden now. If you wait until midsummer when you see holey leaves or other symptoms, it's too late.
3. Water your garden daily! Spring plants just came from the greenhouse where they got accustomed to a daily dose of H₂O.
4. Use sharp tools for deadheading, pruning, and trimming. A sharp cut looks cleaner and is healthier for your plants.
5. Fertilize your flowerbeds, but hold off if you grow strawberries. If you feed them too early, the fruit will be soft.
6. Mulch thinly (1 to 2 inches) and gently by hand around perennials, thickly around trees and shrubs. It keeps the roots of your plants moist and reduces the number of weeds you'll need to pluck out over the next six months.
7. Dig out perennial weeds as they appear. You can eat the dandelion flowers and leaves!
8. Use restraint when the annuals first appear at the store. The planter's moon is the last full moon in May, when seasoned gardeners believe there's a last chance for a killing frost.
9. Turn the soil when it crumbles through your fingers. Sooner than that and you'll have a clumpy garden. If your garden was less than vibrant last year, take a soil sample at the end of April and send it to the UNH Cooperative Extension to see if it's too acidic or sweet for your plants: www.extension.unh.edu.
10. If you plant annuals, pinch off half the flowers before you plant them. It helps the roots become established more quickly.

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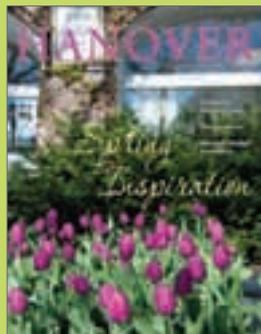
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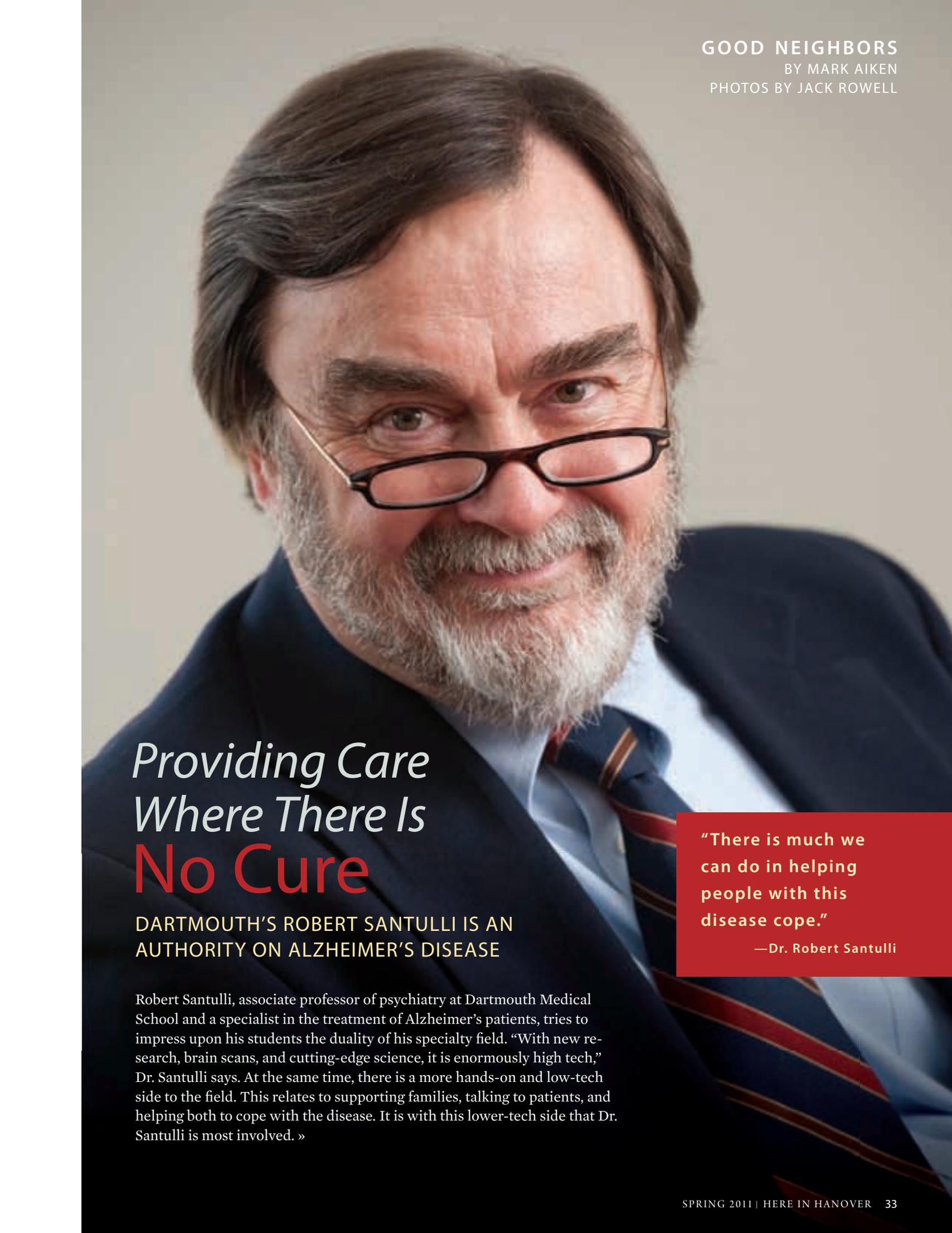
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A close-up portrait of Dr. Robert Santulli, a middle-aged man with dark hair, a full grey beard, and glasses. He is wearing a dark blue suit jacket, a light blue shirt, and a striped tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

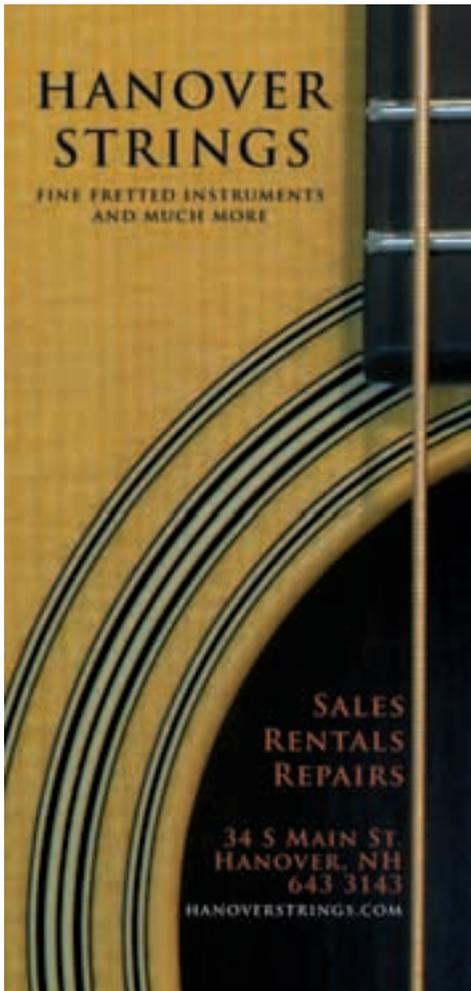
Providing Care Where There Is No Cure

DARTMOUTH'S ROBERT SANTULLI IS AN
AUTHORITY ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Robert Santulli, associate professor of psychiatry at Dartmouth Medical School and a specialist in the treatment of Alzheimer's patients, tries to impress upon his students the duality of his specialty field. "With new research, brain scans, and cutting-edge science, it is enormously high tech," Dr. Santulli says. At the same time, there is a more hands-on and low-tech side to the field. This relates to supporting families, talking to patients, and helping both to cope with the disease. It is with this lower-tech side that Dr. Santulli is most involved. »

"There is much we
can do in helping
people with this
disease cope."

—Dr. Robert Santulli



GOOD NEIGHBORS

Dr. Santulli's office at Dartmouth-Hitchcock is not a sterile doctor's office. On the walls are beautiful wooden bookshelves. His window is covered with living plants. On his table are about 15 photographs of his family—from his wife and kids to his uncle and grandparents to his dog. A graduate of Yale in psychology, he got his M.D. from Columbia and practiced privately for 12 years in New Jersey before coming to Dartmouth Medical School in 1990. In addition to his teaching and research responsibilities, he sees patients—mostly those suffering from memory loss—as director of the Dartmouth memory clinic. In some circles, psychiatrists might believe that having pictures like his in the space where he meets patients reveals too much. Dr. Santulli doesn't feel that this applies to the work he does in his office. "What I am conveying is that family is very important," he says.

A FAMILY DISEASE

If there is one thing Dr. Santulli has learned, it is how much a Alzheimer's impacts families as well as patients. "How

well a family deals with it," says Dr. Santulli, "is directly related to how well patients do." Families and patients often need help to understand this major life crisis that is going to be with them for a long time, and this becomes Dr. Santulli's role. "Seeing their appreciation is very gratifying," he says.

Out of adversity sometimes comes a positive outcome. Despite the fact that there is no cure for a Alzheimer's, he has seen family members—say a father and a son, for example—who didn't have the best relationship grow closer as a result of the ordeal. "I've seen grown children come back and really forge a new and better relationship with parents that becomes truly meaningful for the rest of their lives, even after the parent is gone," he says.

The way some families—spouses, children, uncles, and grandchildren—rally around a Alzheimer's patients is nothing less than inspiring. "I am often impressed with how devoted people are," he says. This isn't always the case, of course. A Alzheimer's is a terrible disease and a tragedy that is also capable of

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Dr. Santulli speaks with staff at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Aging Resource Center.

might be forced out of their homes or be forbidden to drive. “Alzheimer’s is relentlessly progressive,” says Dr. Santulli. So with the fear of potential stigmas impeding timely diagnoses, by the time many patients see a specialist, their quality of life has already declined, and their further deterioration can be rapid.

One program Dr. Santulli initiated with medical students at Dartmouth is the pairing of students with Alzheimer’s patients in the community. “Their purpose is not to ‘doctor’ them, but rather to get to know them as people,” Dr. Santulli explains. One way to break down the stigma surrounding Alzheimer’s is to get people to spend time with those who have the disease. Dr. Santulli also promotes a better understanding of the disease with a book that he edited, *The Dartmouth Memory Handbook*, a collection of informative write-ups that can help patients and families prepare for the ordeal of Alzheimer’s.

Compiling the book was an effort and an accomplishment. However, Dr. Santulli is prouder of what he has been able to do with the book, thanks to the Jeanne Estee Mackay Anderson Alzheimer’s Disease Support and Education Fund. The Anderson Fund, a gift from the widow of a former patient, supports Dr. Santulli’s Alzheimer’s work at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, and it allows him to provide and distribute the handbook free of charge to those who need it.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

With so many challenges facing care providers for Alzheimer’s patients, one could imagine Dr. Santulli finding his work tedious—maybe even depressing. He does not. While he may not be able to cure his patients or even stabilize their condition

breaking families apart. And Dr. Santulli has seen this, too.

CHALLENGES

Alzheimer’s, a brain disease that affects memory, thinking, and behavior, is the most common form of dementia. With just five FDA-approved Alzheimer’s drugs, treatments for the disease are only modestly effective. Furthermore,

the disease carries with it a certain stigma as divisive and damaging as any prejudice. There is a lack of education and understanding about the disease among the general public. And people actually suffering from memory loss and other effects of Alzheimer’s often put off a consultation out of denial or fear of some of the implications a positive diagnosis might have on their lives—for example, that they

Dr. Santulli talks with a patient’s family member.



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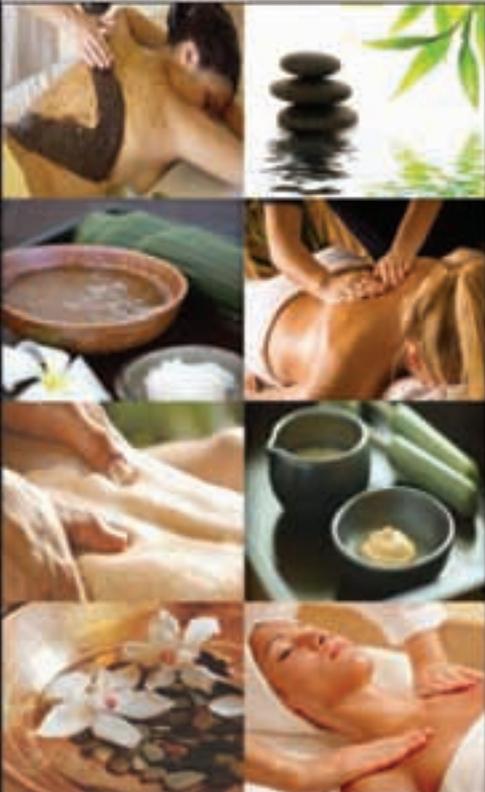
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for more than a short while, he can make positive impacts in other ways. "I believe there is much we can do in helping people with the disease cope." In this, Dr. Santulli is a gifted and talented supporter.

Linda Wilkinson's husband Bob died of complications resulting from a lzheimer's in 2005. w hen Bob w ilkinson first visited Dr. Santulli, he was very anxious. He was not a patient in denial; rather, his anxiety stemmed from the fact that his own father had died of a lzheimer's, and he vividly remembered his father's experience. He shared this personal history with Dr. Santulli at their first meeting. Linda w ilkinson recalls what happened next. "Immediately, Dr. Santulli leaned forward," she says. "He put his hand on my husband's hand. He said, looking straight at my husband, 'Bob, you are not your father. a nd this is not your father's era.'" Instantly, m rs. w ilkinson felt her husband relax. "In one short phrase, he helped my husband to separate himself from his fears," she says.

Dr. Santulli has a vast knowledge of his field, but his strength is his caring and open way with patients. "He was so skillful and sensitive with Bob," says Linda w ilkinson, "and extremely open to the needs of the family."

Linda w ilkinson is not the only one who feels this way. In 2009, Dr. Santulli was awarded the Alma Hass milham award, an annual award honoring a DHmc physician who best exemplifies "humane and ethical values in the practice of medicine." Dr. Santulli does not have a pill he can give a lzheimer's patients to make them better; nobody does. "I have always been interested in helping care for older people," he says. a nd r obert Santulli has positively impacted the experiences of patients and their families around the Upper valley and beyond. ☺

Dr. Santulli shares helpful tips for families and caregivers online at www.hereinhanoveronline.com.

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(Inset right) The Lyme Inn sits graciously
at the top of the town green.
(Inset below) Hubbardton Forge iron
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The Lyme Inn

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UPDATING THE HISTORIC

Closed and empty in recent years, the impressively restored Lyme Inn quietly began serving meals in October 2010, Wednesday to Sunday dinners and Sunday brunch only. The large Tavern Room with traditional forged-iron chandeliers, a Vermont marble bar, and a granite fireplace, is country formal and inviting. Two smaller dining rooms accommodate private parties. Breakfast will be served on the warm enclosed front porch, a place to linger and enjoy the natural light and comfortable upholstered dining chairs. In the future, lunch may be



offered as well.

“Historic elegance, contemporary luxury” is how Marcy Marceau and Alexandre Roupinian, general managers of The Lyme Inn, illustrate their sense of the inn now. They describe the upgraded structure enthusiastically, citing the architect’s and the builders’ painstaking work. The inn, which had deteriorated severely, has been brought up to date—a major renovation—and is now in compliance with fire, safety, handicap access, and all building codes. Marcy and Alex provided some of the finish work and all of the decorating, including carpeting and furniture, with guidance from local resident Susan Williamson and her family; the inn is owned by a company controlled by the Williamson family. Susan and her husband Peter Williamson, MD, bought the inn in February of 2008. When he died later that same year, Mrs. Williamson and her family wanted to carry out his wishes.

Daughter Debbie Williamson explains, “Dad wanted a good restaurant and a place for everyone in the town to feel comfortable and to enjoy. This was one

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of the reasons why we wanted to open The Tavern in October, even though the rest of the inn was not ready; the people of Lyme have endured the inconvenience of the reconstruction and the anticipation of what was to come. We wanted to give them something.”

How’s the food? “Great,” says one woman who lives in Lyme and has gone to both dinner and Sunday brunch during the restaurant’s soft opening. “We started off with sweetbreads and duck rillettes.” The menu

A Brief History of the Inn

The Lyme Inn building dates to Salmon Washburn, who built his house there in 1809 and also designed the magnificent Congregational Church across the street (he was paid \$3.50 for the plans). In 1822, Washburn’s house belonged to Erastus Grant, who expanded it and operated the Grant Tavern as a stagecoach inn on the Boston-Montreal route; dances were held in the third-floor ballroom. From then on, the inn has had a long list of owners—it’s been restored by some, turned into apartments by others, run once again as an inn, and eventually abandoned. Ezra Alden and his wife ran it as Alden House, Alden Tavern, and Alden Inn. Town deeds mention the names of other owners, although in recent times an owner’s name may be replaced by that of a corporation. Deed owners’ names listed are Craven, Bergendorf, Siemons, and Godoy. In 2008, the inn was purchased by Peter and Susan Williamson of Lyme. Dr. Williamson, a physician at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, died the same year. Mrs. Williamson owns the limited liability corporation controlled by the family; in turn, the LLC owns the inn. Mrs. Williamson and her family have brought it back to life by arranging for local talent to design, rebuild to code, and redecorate. It has been given a former name, The Lyme Inn (most recently it had been called the Alden Inn, honoring a long-time owner).

The inn initially reopened in a low-key way starting in October 2010, with anticipated formal opening probably sometime in the spring of 2011. Until then, Sunday brunch is served from 11:30 to 2:30 and dinners on Wednesdays to Sundays, 5pm to close.



varies according to season and chef's selections.

KEEPING RENOVATIONS LOCAL

Both the architect and builders are local: the architect is former Lyme resident Geoff Thornton, now with offices in Thetford, Vermont, and builders are Estes and Gallup of Lyme.

Upper Valley residents or out-of-town guests who have visited the inn over the years won't miss the slanting floors with light shining through between boards or the drip pots to catch leaks on rainy days. Geoff elaborates, "It was Peter's dream to have the inn back in operation. He thought it was important as a gathering place. It bothered him to see it closed and empty. The existing building was in complete disrepair. Maintenance of any sort had been delayed, and fire,



Guests can relax in the parlor, located off the front desk area.

life-safety, and disability access codes had to be met. The front three-story portion of the building was reusable but had to be gutted, saving the timber frame, the exterior sheathing, siding, and some windows. The floorboards and subfloor were removed and milled into the wood flooring that is in the inn today."

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town.” He describes the construction: removal of the back half of the old building, including the old kitchen, removal of everything in the front three stories to its timber frame—there was little insulation to remove, only a little paper—and rebuilding from the timber frame in. He describes an extraordinary new water tank.

“We enjoyed the project. One of the more interesting aspects was the construction of a 30,000-gallon concrete water-storage tank that was located under the new addition’s basement. To make matters even more difficult, a natural aquifer runs about four feet below the basement floor elevation, or about three feet above the bottom of the new storage tank. The entire area needed to be ‘dewatered’ by pumps in order for the concrete to be installed.”

Tim went on to explain that since the town of Lyme does not have a municipal water system with the capacity to provide for sprinkler coverage, the water-storage tank was a necessity. “Another benefit of the tank is to provide a medium for the storage of heat during the shoulder seasons. On those warm fall days when the air conditioning is removing the heat from the rooms, the heat is stored in the tank’s water. When

the rooms call for heat in the evening hours, the warm water can be used to provide heat to the spaces without use of the central heating plant.”

So what’s historic and local? “The timbers of the front section and the floorboards and the wainscoting have been retained. Marble for the bar and the front desk were mined from across the river in Vermont. Additional marble used upstairs in a guest room is called Verde Antique and comes only from Vermont,” says Alex. Visitors may not realize that the current porte cochere



reflects one originally created in 1923 by Ezra Alden, who added modernized improvements. Alden's name would be honored in the future when the inn was called the Alden Inn from 2002 until 2006 after being called the Lyme Inn earlier.

In addition to the inn's architect and builder, key employees are local: concierge Alex McKay and chef Bryan Dame are both from Lyme and nearby. (Chef Bryan recently moved back to Enfield after working as a chef at restaurants in Maine and Virginia.) Facilities and grounds director Jameson Mangani, originally from Malawi, has worked with Alex and Marcy for four years.

THE BEST OF WHAT'S NEW

Contemporary speaks for itself in the style of the furnishings and in the latest "green" building techniques: zero-VOC paint (that's volatile organic compounds, toxic solvents that are released into the air as paint dries). Sheets are all cotton (with high thread count), and duvets nonallergenic and made of recycled soda bottles. The carpet is all wool and even the pillows and furniture (all made in the United States) are nontoxic and nonallergenic.

Another welcome contemporary feature is that the renovated inn is entirely handicap accessible and has an elevator from the all-one-level

front desk, lounges, and dining rooms to the 14 guest rooms on the second, third, and fourth floors. The rooms range from standard accommodations to luxury suites, all fashionably furnished and featuring marble bathrooms. A meeting room and conference space on the lower level has IT and

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ABOUT THE MENU

Samples from the menu list include offerings from pumpkin squash soup to organic Scottish salmon to teres major steak (a tender cut from the shoulder) with cauliflower and vermouth. a ragout of shrimp with lentils and lemon is featured. a more complete menu can be found on the inn's website. a charming woodcut of the inn by Portsmouth artist Carolyn Vibbert decorates the menu.

marcy and alexandre have a special interest in fine dining. They met at la varenne, Joigny, France, where alexandre was born outside of Paris (and grew up in new Jersey), was executive chef and director of kitchens, and marcy was a culinary student. marcy, of South Burlington, Vermont, graduated from Dartmouth in 1985. The couple have two young sons

and live in Sharon, Vermont, where they own the Inn at Idlewood.

In its new life, the grand old inn continues to be central, both geographically and in spirit, to the community of Lyme. "It's been an honor to be involved with an important piece of the town's fabric," says Geoff. "The inn has served as a great gathering place for almost 200 years, and now it will do so again. Peter's gift to the town of Lyme, and the Upper Valley, is a reborn inn." ☺

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Chances are that, at some point, in order to reach this moment on your fishing journey, you paid a visit to Hanover Outdoors, the gear shop on Lebanon Street in Hanover, for an outfitting need. “It’s not just the stuff they have in the shop,” says angler Peter Harding. “It’s the knowledge and the



Top: Manager Steve Cole (left) and owner Tom Ciardelli of Hanover Outdoors.

Above: The store offers a variety of sun- and insect-protective clothing.



Manager Steve Cole adds a new fly reel to the display.

help they give you. They can really help people improve their fishing skills.”

CHANGE IS GOOD

The shop hasn’t always been in its current location, nor has it always been called Hanover outdoors. When Tom Ciardelli purchased the Lyme Angler in 1998, it was located in a cramped downstairs space on South main Street. “The changes,” says Ciardelli, “have really been the fun part.” Harding agrees that the new space is brighter and makes it easier to find what you need.

Ciardelli knows a thing or two about change. He first visited the shop as a customer; a pharmacology professor at Dartmouth medical School, he was also a recreational fisherman. As his job seemed to be shifting farther and farther away from the research that interested him and more in the direction of tedious

administrative work, he heard rumors that the Lyme Angler was up for sale. He made some inquiries, and before he knew it, he was changing careers to become the shop’s new owner.

Retail isn’t an easy occupation no matter what you’re selling, and outdoor equipment is no different. One shift that Ciardelli made in order to ensure success was to diversify. “Fly fishing boomed with Robert Redford’s movie *A River Runs through It*,” Ciardelli explains. “Then it declined.” Many of the fishing shops that popped up with fly fishing’s increased popularity following the film (based on the novel by Norman Maclean) are no more. With the shift from fishing-specific to general outdoor store, Ciardelli was better poised for success. Now, in addition to fishing equipment



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(which, Harding will point out, is still a focal point), more than half the store is devoted to apparel and gear for hikers, campers, adventurers, and hunters.

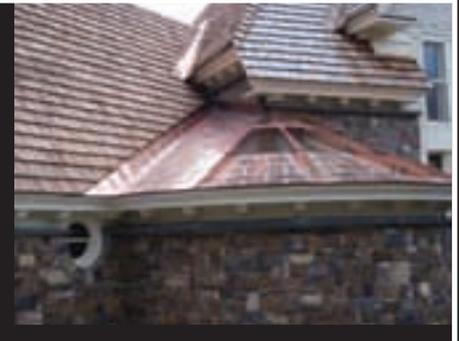
When the seasons change, particularly when spring arrives, it's a busy time at Hanover Outdoors. Winter items are replaced by the newest in warm-weather apparel as sun and insect protection replace warmth and wind as priorities. The emphasis shifts to activewear for seasonal outdoor activities including camping, hiking, running, birding, and gardening. Hanover Outdoors has always strived to bring something unique to the Upper Valley, and this spring they will feature a new line of trekking apparel from Fjallraven of Sweden.

A GREAT LOCATION

The other big changes under Ciardelli's watch have been the name and the location. The name Hanover Outdoors better reflected the shop's more generalized inventory, which in turn attracted a wider range of customers. One demographic that the shift brought in was women; Ciardelli says they make up 60 percent of the shop's clientele versus the 30 percent of women among his clientele when he purchased the shop 13 years ago. Often customers come in looking for a brand that the shop doesn't carry. "There are alternatives," he says, "and sometimes they are less expensive." Ciardelli and his staff enjoy showing people equivalent products that are the same or better for less. "And that is one advantage to coming to a shop like ours versus buying online," Ciardelli says. "You can hold it in your hand, maybe even try it out." »

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The new location comes with several advantages from a business perspective. One is, quite simply, the increased visibility. “a street-level space with show windows certainly helps,” says Ciardelli. In addition, the Appalachian Trail goes right past the shop’s front door on the sidewalk on Lebanon Street. All spring, summer, and fall, trekkers visit to buy insect repellent, water treatment supplies, food supplies, and patch kits. It hasn’t hurt that the town installed public showers and laundry services at the municipal

recreational center, making Hanover a very attractive stopover point.

Another advantage from a customer perspective is the parking lot behind the shop. “Do you know what it’s like to find parking in Hanover?” says Harding. “It’s difficult at best, and that’s not when there are home football games!” Parking in the lot is reserved for store customers, and it’s free. Plus, the lot has an added perk: “we’ll bring customers out to the lot to actually cast rods,” Ciardelli says.

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Most of the classes address fishing—fly-tying, casting, entomology, and more. The classes and Hanover Outdoors' guide service are mutually beneficial; they introduce clients to gear and new pursuits, and they create potential customers. Says shop manager Steve Cole, "These programs, especially the guide services, bring the outdoors to folks who don't have the time or opportunity to do the legwork, and they drive business. We want them to learn and understand so that they can have a good time out there, and we want them to experience our excellent service."

"Fly fishing isn't complicated, and neither is retail," says Ciardelli. Just as the basics of casting are simple enough to learn in 15 or 20 minutes, the goals of Hanover Outdoors are equally simple. "Provide great customer service," says Ciardelli, "and carry products that customers can't find elsewhere." According to Harding, the shop accomplishes both. "They're not just salesclerks," he says. "They're very knowledgeable." The shop, he adds, is a throwback to the days when you could go to your local hardware store and deal with the same guy for 30 years. "They're a good business," Harding says. "And they're doing the town a service just by being here." ☺

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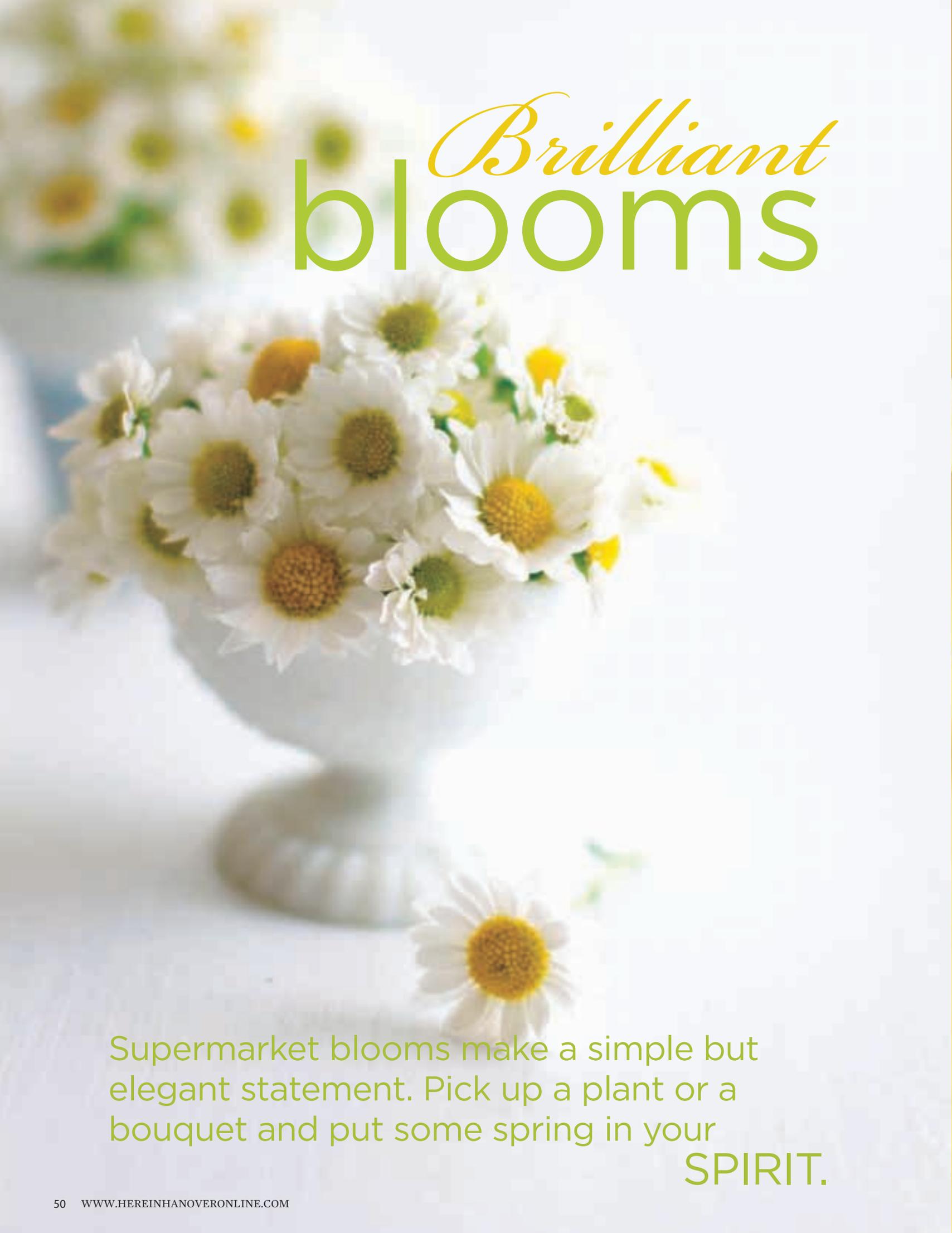
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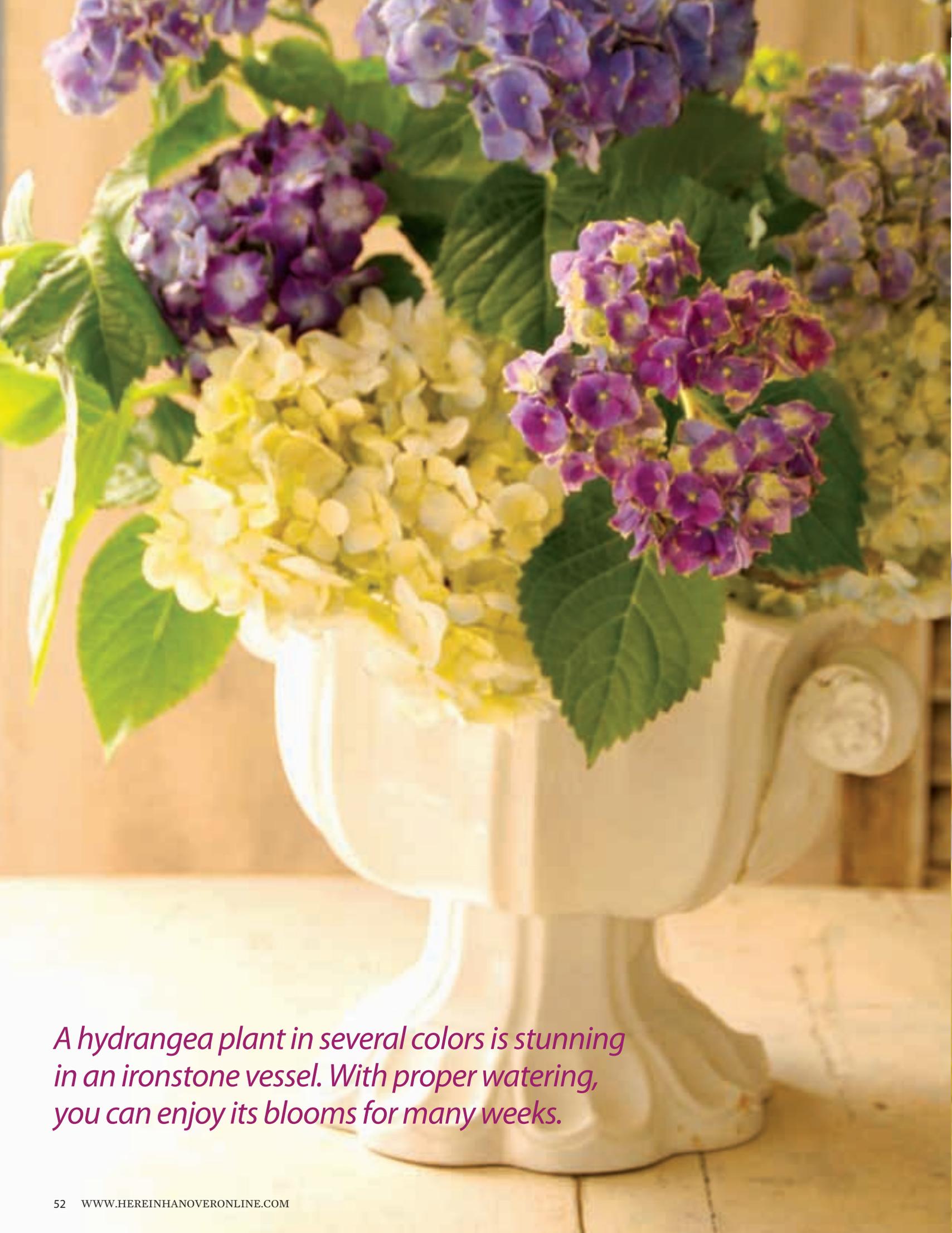
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THE HEART OF AN ARTIST

Randy grew up in Concord, New Hampshire, "reading *Popular Mechanics* and taking art classes all through high school." It was the intersecting of these two practices that he believes led to his interest in archi-

tecture. When Randy was "about 11" his father, a fighter pilot, was killed, and he was raised by his mother and "a very strong extended family." Randy remembers, "When I was 18 my grandfather thought I didn't have a serious direction, so he asked



he's learned, "You can survive these things and get through to the next cycle. We've just hung on." His durability and success, he explains, "have been much more an evolution than a specific moment."

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me to write him a letter that told him what I would be doing with the rest of my life. I wrote that I intended to be an architect and the route I wanted to take to get there.”

It was an apt forecast. Randy went on to do a postgraduate year at the New Hampton School, graduate as an art major at the University of New Hampshire, and eventually head to Montana State University for his Bachelor of Architecture.

Following two years working in Montana, Randy headed to New Haven where he received his Master of Architecture from Yale University and was soon employed by the prestigious architectural firm of Cesar Pelli & Associates. “It was an exciting time. You had to have three years of experience working for a registered architect in all phases of practice before you qualified to take the professional architect exam,” Randy recalls. “I was able to work for a year on the renovation and addition to the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.” »



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The harder and stranger years were during the late '70s. "During that recession, there was a time when we got down to pretty much an answering service," Randy laughs, remembering. "Then we won a competition in Houston for Hermann Park Towers. Not too much later I ended up as the project design team leader on the Four Leaf Towers project—two 44-story residential towers in Houston." It was during that project that Randy took and passed the exam and became a registered architect.

It was also in New Haven that Randy met Bridget, the woman who would become his wife. "At that point, Cesar Pelli & Associates was back to working seven days a week, 12 to 16 hours a day. When Bridget and I decided to get married and began talking about a family and where we should live, we found we were both more country people—but

nothing too isolated or far away from family." Bridget had just received her master's in nursing when the Mudges moved to New Hampshire. "Dartmouth-Hitchcock was here, which was the best for Bridget. She just celebrated her 30th year at DHMC. We have two sons: the youngest, Chris, is taking a year off from

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college, and Will is getting his master's in architecture from Yale." Randy says,



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“We’re just most comfortable in New Hampshire.”

THE ARCHITECT

It was in New Hampshire, on January 1, 1981, that Randall T. Mudge & Associates opened its doors in Lyme, serving clients throughout New Hampshire and Vermont. “It was a 12-by-12-square foot space I shared with Jim Kennedy, a landscape architect. It’s where my office is today.” However, Randy adds as an understatement, over the years they’ve expanded. “As we got a little more work, we needed a little more space.”

The firm was in its third year and finishing up on the conversion of Manchester’s gas station into a convenience store and office when an opportunity came to work on the PowerHouse property in Lebanon. “The site was one that everybody who lived in the area at the time would drive by and imagine something there. There was just the brick PowerHouse—a flat-roofed building—that sat there alone on about an eight-acre site, surrounded by gravel and shrubs.”

According to Randy, there were four or five proposals for developing the site, but it was Bayne Stevenson’s BaySon Company that was selected. “With the PowerHouse, Bayne always wanted to make it a geode-like special place for the community. Once it was completed in 1985, people could see it and experience it, which definitely increased our credibility.” The PowerHouse Mall project would go on to win a New Hampshire Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Honor Award for Excellence in Architecture. It would be the first of several awards that the firm would receive over the next few decades.

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"We've had many great clients and projects over the years, like Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center's Child Care Center, which was done in



The firm worked with the Circle Camp to master plan, design structures, and coordinate construction with a patient contractor on a beautiful site on Spectacle Pond in Groton, New Hampshire. This Director's Cabin is one of eight structures, which were designed to allow construction by supervised volunteers. Timberpeg in West Lebanon provided the primary frame. 2006 Plan NH Merit Award of Excellence.



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the late '80s when there weren't many daycare centers, other than European models." The design—a wide-open mix of functional and play space filled with natural light—also won a New Hampshire Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Honor Award for Excellence in Architecture. David's House (the gingerbread-like home away from home for families of ill children), Dartmouth College's Corey Ford Rugby Clubhouse (which hugs the hillside and blends into the landscape like an upscale hobbit house—another award winner), as well as Circle Camp, a summer camp for at-risk adolescent girls at Spectacle Pond in Groton, have all been Randall T. Mudge & Associates' projects. The Circle Camp project, Randy recalls, was "especially gratifying because we worked with Timberpeg to create a design that was simple enough to allow supervised volunteers to build the buildings."

Randall T. Mudge & Associates have

also been responsible for the addition to the Hanover fire station, the renovation of Town Hall (which used to be the police department), the Johnson & Dix headquarters, Fluent at Centerra, the original GDT (now the primary building for Crossroads Academy), what is now called TomTom in Centerra Plaza, and the Lebanon District Court—just to name a few.

THE FUTURE IS NOW

This resilient and diverse architectural firm has just completed work on what are termed enabling projects for Dartmouth College. Randy explains, "These additions to the Hood Museum and Spaulding Auditorium relocate functions to allow for the future Visual Arts Center. We employed our architectural skills to make the resulting additions appropriately match the existing structures and to minimize the visual impact of the significant changes."

Considering the future of architect-

tural design in the Upper Valley, Randy's experience has taught him a few things: "Think about sustainability. We are firm believers in the reuse of buildings and building elements. Also, a well-designed building takes into account the concept of green. And good design can incorporate the latest technologies and not look like a science project. It can still be beautiful."

What about the future of Randall T. Mudge & Associates? "We will continue to provide excellent architectural services to create beautiful designs for a diverse client group." ☺

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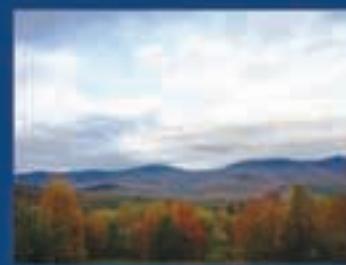
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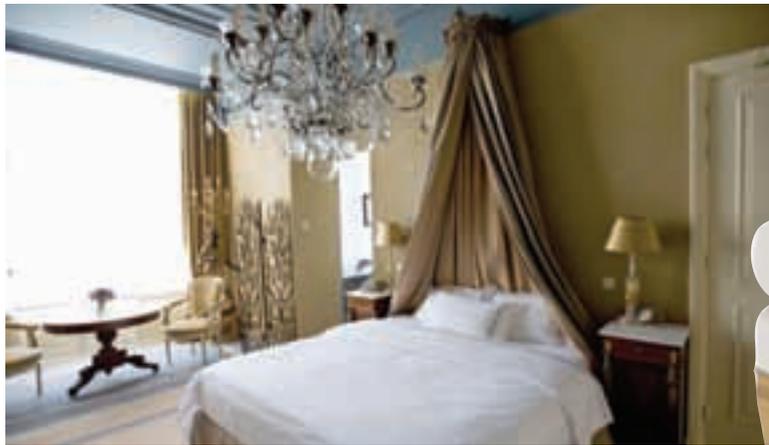
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GRAND OPENING SET FOR MAY 27



How would you like to be whisked away to monte carlo for an evening of romantic dancing, trying your luck at the gaming tables, and delicious food from top chefs—without ever leaving the Upper Valley? It’s all happening at an evening in Monte Carlo, a spectacular *Casino Royale*-themed event taking place at the Juniper Hill Inn in Windsor, Vermont, to celebrate the new england “living” Show House Gala opening and Grand Design reveal on may 27, 2011.

The elegant black-tie event promises to be a fabulous evening with Honorary celebrity hairwoman Cloris Leachman on hand to mingle with guests. She has been very generous with her support for the six Show House beneficiaries. The evening will feature three music venues from big band swing to jazz. Spectacular food from around New England will be featured with contributions from Juniper Hill Inn,



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Home Hill Inn, Grafton Inn, White Barn Inn in Maine, Wyndham Hill Inn, Dove-tail in New York City, and Rosa Mexicano in New York City with many more to be announced over the coming weeks. The evening will also feature an amazing silent auction and a live auction offering fine furniture, antiques, home-related products and services, cooking classes, vacations, dinners, and a very special live art auction with pieces from the coveted artists of the Cornish Colony Artist Guild. Participating artists include painters Jane Ashley, William Hoyt, and Gary Milek, and sculptor Lawrence Nowlan.

A year of planning has gone into achieving the goal of the Show House, which is to raise \$1 million to benefit nonprofit organizations. Beneficiaries include AHEAD (Adventures in Health, Education, and Agricultural Development); Fine Arts Museum of the Cornish Colony in collaboration with Friends of

Saint-Gauden; Historic Windsor, Inc. and Preservation Education Institute; the Humane Society of the United States; the Vermont Institute of Natural Science; and Woodstock's Norman Williams Library. The Show House has been made possible by generous sponsors and donors including Juniper Hill Inn, *Image* magazine, *New England Home* magazine, Cambria, Mascoma Savings Bank, Harpoon Brewery, Sata Airlines, Occasions Catering and the Linen Shop, Lebanon Floral and Plants, Chocolate Now, and The Point Independent Radio. 🍷

The Show House opens to the public on May 28 from 10am to 3pm. These hours continue for the next 10 days and after that on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays until early Labor Day weekend. For tickets, parking information, and frequent updates go to www.newenglandlivingshowhouse.com.

*Time to
Celebrate!*



SMART COOKING

BY SUSAN W. NYE

FESTIVE DESSERTS FOR YOUR SPRING TABLE

*A*s we head into spring, it's time to gear up for a new season of celebrations. If you need one, the list of excuses for frivolity is almost endless. With the days growing longer and the sun higher in the sky, the sheer joy of spring is more than enough reason to gather friends and family together. In addition, there are feasts at Easter and Passover, rapidly followed by brunches and lunches for Mother's and Father's Day. There will be parties for graduations and anniversaries, as well as weddings and all the festivities that surround them.

Spring Desserts

MENU

Maple-Ginger Crème Brûlée

Fraises au Vin Rouge
(Strawberries in Red Wine)

Mojito Strawberries

Chocolate-Dipped Strawberries

Tarte au Citron (Lemon Tart)





Maple-Ginger Crème Brûlée

A French classic is turned into a New England masterpiece with locally produced maple syrup.

Serves 6–8

- 3 cups heavy cream
- 1 Tbsp minced ginger
- 1 large egg
- 5 large egg yolks
- ½ cup maple syrup (preferably grade B)
- 2 Tbsp brown sugar
- Pinch salt
- ¼ tsp cinnamon
- 1 Tbsp pure vanilla extract
- 1 Tbsp dark rum
- About 1 Tbsp sugar for each serving

1. Preheat the oven to 325°.
2. Bring the cream and ginger to just a simmer in a heavy saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally. Remove the pan from the heat and let it steep for 10 to 15 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, combine the egg, egg yolks, maple syrup, brown sugar, salt, and cinnamon with an electric mixer on low speed.
4. With the mixer on low speed, slowly add the warm cream to the eggs. Add the vanilla and rum and combine. Strain the custard through a fine-mesh sieve into a large measuring cup. Pour the custard into six 8-ounce ramekins or eight 6-ounce ramekins until almost full.
5. Arrange the ramekins in a baking or roasting pan and carefully pour boiling water into the pan to come halfway up the sides of the ramekins. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes; the custards will tremble a little when gently shaken. Remove the ramekins from the water bath, cool to room temperature, and refrigerate for at least two hours.
6. To serve, sprinkle a tablespoon of sugar evenly over the top of each custard and heat with a kitchen blowtorch until the sugar caramelizes. Let the crème brûlées sit at room temperature for a minute or two until the caramelized sugar hardens.

All of these special celebrations require special treats. With warmer weather I start to have a craving for fruity desserts. Strawberries are a particular favorite, and I am more than partial to sunny lemons and tart limes. Bright and refreshing, a lemon tart or fresh berries are perfect springtime sweets.

A sure sign that winter is waning is the start of maple sugaring season. Even with snow still on the ground, you know it's spring as soon as you spot the first metal buckets (or the more efficient but less picturesque tubing) collecting sap. Not just for pancakes, the sweet, golden syrup is a wonderful addition to pies and cakes as well as homey custards or an elegant mousse.

An extraordinary dessert is the crowning touch to any celebration. A sweet bite of something fabulous will leave your guests smiling and looking forward to your next party. 🍓

Strawberries Three Ways

Although local strawberries won't be available until June, the market starts to fill up with berries from California in March. Bright red strawberries are a beautiful addition to your spring feast.

Mojito Strawberries

Strawberries with a Latin twist.

Serves 6

- Juice of 1 lime
- 2 Tbsp (or to taste) honey
- 2 Tbsp white rum (optional)
- 1 qt strawberries, washed, trimmed, and halved if small, quartered if large
- Zest of 1 lime
- About 2 Tbsp finely chopped mint

In a large bowl, whisk together the lime juice, honey, and rum. Add the strawberries, sprinkle with grated lime zest and mint, and gently toss to combine. Let sit for 10 to 15 minutes before serving to release the strawberries' juices and combine the flavors. The strawberries can sit for up to one hour in the refrigerator before serving.





Fraises au Vin Rouge (Strawberries in Red Wine)

Simple, elegant strawberries in red wine are a favorite in France.

Serves 6

- About ¼ cup (or to taste) sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- A few turns of the pepper mill
- Pinch salt
- 1 qt strawberries, washed, trimmed, and halved if small, quartered if large
- Grated zest from 1 orange
- 1-½ cups dry red wine

1. Combine the sugar, cinnamon, pepper, and salt in a bowl, add the strawberries and orange zest, and gently toss to coat and combine. Let the strawberries and sugar sit at room temperature for 30 minutes, gently stirring once or twice.

2. Stir in the wine and chill for up to 1 hour. (The fruit will become too soft if it steeps too long.) Serve in small bowls or wine goblets.

Chocolate-Dipped Strawberries

A favorite of strawberry and chocolate lovers.

Makes 12 pieces

- 6 oz very good dark chocolate
- 12 strawberries, preferably with long stems intact

1. Chop the chocolate into small pieces and put it in a small microwavable glass bowl. Microwave for 10 seconds and give the chocolate a stir. Continue to microwave, 10 seconds at a time, until the chocolate has almost melted. Let it sit for a minute and then stir until the chocolate is smooth and shiny.

2. Dip each strawberry into the chocolate, place on a sheet pan covered with parchment paper, and refrigerate to set. About 30 minutes before serving, remove from the refrigerator.



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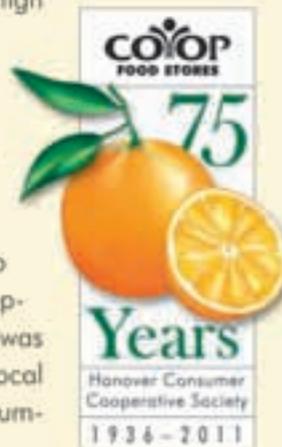
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—Excerpt from Hanover Consumers Club minutes, January 6, 1936.

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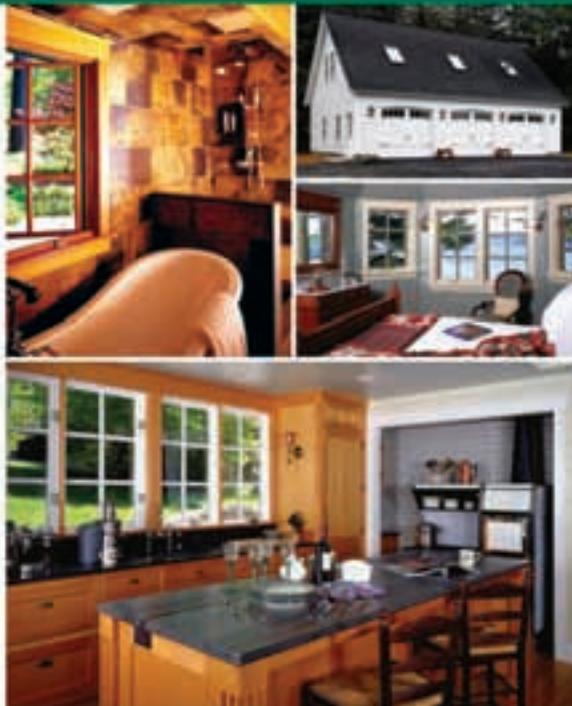
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Tarte au Citron (Lemon Tart)

Perfect for any spring feast, this tart will make a great ending to your Easter dinner.

Serves 8

- 5 whole eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- Zest of 2 lemons
- ¾ cup fresh lemon juice (3–4 lemons)
- 2-½ Tbsp melted butter
- 4 Tbsp heavy cream
- 1 9- or 10-inch unbaked flaky pastry shell (recipe follows)

1. Preheat the oven to 350°.
2. Whisk the eggs, sugar, lemon zest and juice, butter, and cream together. Pour the lemon filling into the chilled tart shell and bake at 350° for 1 hour or until firm. Let cool and serve.

Flaky Pastry

Makes 1 single-crust tart or pie

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp sugar
- ½ tsp salt
- 4 Tbsp (½ stick) chilled butter, cut into small pieces
- 3 Tbsp cold vegetable shortening, cut into small pieces
- 2–4 Tbsp ice water

1. Blend the flour, sugar, and salt in a food processor. Add the butter and shortening and process until the mixture resembles coarse meal.
2. Sprinkle with ice water, 1 to 2 tablespoons at a time, and pulse until the dough comes together in a ball. Remove dough from food processor and flatten into disk. Wrap the dough in plastic and chill for at least 30 minutes.
3. On a lightly floured work surface, roll out the dough into a round about 11 to 12 inches in diameter.
4. Drape the pastry over the rolling pin and ease it into a 9- or 10-inch tart pan or pie plate, pressing it into the bottom and sides. Trim and crimp the edges. Cover and chill for at least 30 minutes.

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At the age of 25, Julian Higgins has a resume to be proud of. His credentials include an internship at Universal Studios, a list of films he has directed, and a list of festival screenings of his work, complete with awards. Despite all that he has to boast about, he remains quite humble and always remembers where he came from; Julian is a Ha-

nover native, through and through. He was born in downtown Hanover in what is now a parking lot (at the time, it was the Mary Hitchcock Hospital) and attended Hanover schools from kindergarten through 12th grade. In 2008, he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Film from Emerson College, and he now lives in Los Angeles, where he's just finished an MFA in Directing at the American Film Institute. »

Hanover Goes Hollywood

FILMMAKER JULIAN HIGGINS

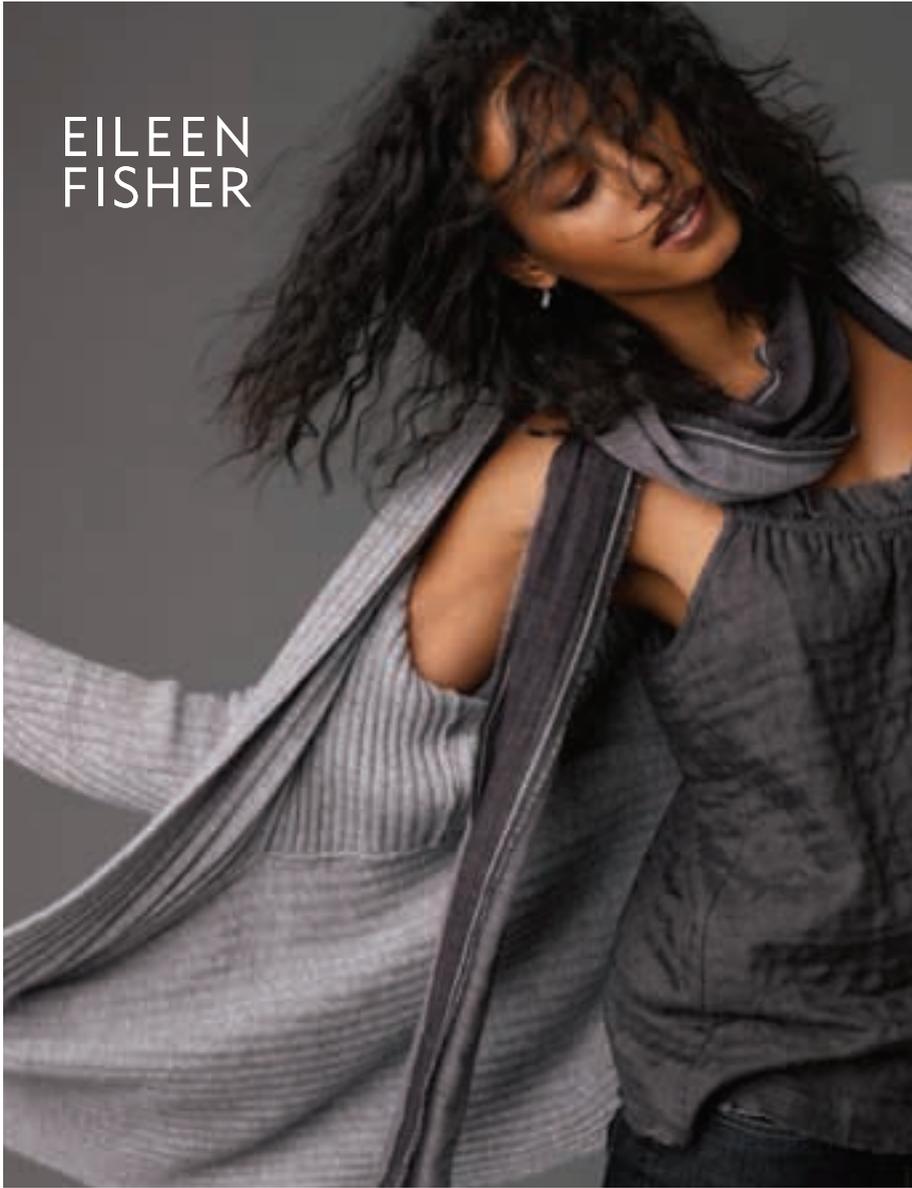


Above: A still from the film *Thief*.

Below: Julian (far right) directing a scene from his latest film *Thief*. Photo by Reid Chavis.



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A GOOD BEGINNING

Julian is a shining example of what the Raymond, Richmond, and Hanover High Schools can produce. Julian had been drawing from an early age, and at the Raymond School he developed an interest in acting (because he wanted to be a pirate, he explains). Kate Schaefer’s acting classes at the Richmond School immersed him in the fundamentals of performance and prompted him to start writing his own scenes with his longtime friend and classmate Nathan Kenton. Just for fun, the two of them



Directing actors Sana Étoile and Ayman Samman on location. The production built a fully functional Iraqi hut on location in Acton, CA, and the entire film was shot on site. Photo by Reid Chavis.

began filming the scenes as a means of preserving them. Julian hasn't stopped since, continuing to make movies all through high school. And it was his experience in the HHS theater program, combined with his extracurricular filmmaking, that convinced him that he should pursue a career in film.

"The whole process was thoroughly nurtured by the Hanover School system," he says. "I feel very lucky to have grown up in a town that values the arts and was supportive of my development. It seems obvious that that should be the case, but it's not in many places. Everybody has dreams, but the hard part is finding a mechanism to actually follow them. I feel very lucky and I also feel the responsibility to



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Setting up for a dinner scene inside the hut. Photo by Reid Chavis.

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FILMS WITH A CONSCIENCE

Julian succeeds at making movies that are entertaining, accessible, and thought provoking all at once. His Emerson thesis film, *No Wind, No Waves*, was inspired by a news brief about a Chinese man who spoke no English and showed up on the steps of the Capitol building in Washington asking to speak to the President. The man was tackled, SWAT-team-style, arrested, and deported within 24 hours.

"nobody ever asked what he wanted," Julian points out. "not once did anyone consider why this man was there, whether there was a legitimate reason. and so *No Wind, No Waves* was born. "It seems that I'm exclusively interested in stories that involve a moral gray area," Julian says. "The more movies I make, the more it feels this way. All my movies are about complicated moral questions."

His most recent short, *Thief*, was completed as his MFA thesis for a FI.



It's a story about a 12-year-old Iraqi boy, Mehdi, who has an unlucky encounter with the young Saddam Hussein in 1959. Then 40 years later, after the rise, peak, and fall of the regime, the two meet again. The film is based loosely around factual events, but ultimately it's about the concept of revenge. The boy and his family are betrayed by this strange young man and, as an adult, Mehdi is given ample opportunity and reason to take revenge. But does he? It's not as simple an answer as one would think.

"I wanted people to be challenged with the question of whether revenge



Maz Siam and Muneer Katchi (as Saddam Hussein) in a still from Thief.



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A still from the film *Thief*.

was the right course or not,” Higgins says. and that question challenged him as well. He even shot two different endings for the film. Once he and his editor were in the cutting room, “we knew immediately that the ending was the problem,” he said. So he rewrote the scene, but not without some difficulty.

“It took me a month and a half of anguish. . . . It was like going through hell to write this because there were so many things that I felt like I needed to do as a filmmaker and as a person.” He involved his editor in the writing process, and together they came up with an ending that was satisfying to Higgins personally as well as to the film.

Now, even though *Thief* is done, Julian is still busy submitting the film to a laundry list of festivals. “What happens now is I try to get the movie seen by as many people as possible. The best thing it can get me is a meeting with someone,” he says. He’s in the process of getting an agent and also working on developing a feature-length film.

I promised not to reveal anything about his next idea, but I’m sure by now you don’t need me to tell you that it’s going to be great! In his own words, “movies are entertainment, but that’s not the only thing they are. I really hope to contribute something with my films, contribute something to life.” Well, Julian, I think you have already succeeded. ☺

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Right and below: The colorful buildings and beaches of Côte d'Azur.





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and collections of Fauvists and Impressionists at Saint-Tropez and Hauts-de-cagnes. and it must be said that monaco and cannes, places you either love or hate, certainly have entertainment value, while the two great cities of marseille

and n ice have their own special charms.

The months to avoid are July and a ugust, when hotels are booked solid and the vegetation is at its most barren. my best trips have been in may, June, and September, when you can mean- der along the coast road and enjoy the dramatic coastline and sweet-smelling flowers.



Along the side streets of Saint-Tropez.

SAINT-TROPEZ

Saint-Tropez is a must-see. I always liked to spend a few days in one of the small hotels hidden away on the cobbled streets of the old town. The vieux Port, with the old town rising above the eastern quay, is where you'll get the classic Saint-Tropez experience—the cafés busy with locals and tourists alike, eye-catching designer boutiques, martini sippers on the decks of their luxurious yachts, and the latest fashions being paraded by the young and not so young! It's surprising just how entertaining this spectacle can be. In sharp contrast, if you are up early enough, you can see the local fishermen land their catch of the day, which will later be menu specials.

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year round. One of my favorites can be seen at the marvelous Musée de l'Annonciade in the deconsecrated 16th-century chapel on Place Georges-Grammont, just west of the port. Originally the idea was to have permanent exhibition space for the Neo-Impressionists and Fauvists who painted here, though it was not until 1955 that the collections of various individuals were put together. The Annonciade features works by Signac, Matisse, and most of the other artists who worked here.

Then there are the beaches—you'll find one to suit every dress preference. If you are taking the family, make sure you don't arrive at the "beach attire optional" one!

NICE

As the capital of the Riviera and the fifth largest city in France, Nice has a glittering reputation. The city started its sophisticated life in the 18th century when Russian and English aristocrats first built their mansions here. Today, it's mostly the retired people of various nationalities whose dividends

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TRAVEL LOG



Russian Orthodox church in Grasse.

and pensions give the city its startlingly high ratio of per capita income to economic activity.

The sun, the sea, and the laid-back, affable nicois as well as the medieval rabbit warren of the old town, the Italianate facades of modern nicois, and the rich, elegant residences that made the city one of Europe's most fashionable winter retreats have all survived intact. It has also retained structures from its ancient past, when the Romans ruled the region from here, and earlier still, when the Greeks founded the city. In addition, its bus and train connections make nicois by far the best base for visiting the rest of the Riviera.

GRASSE

With stunning views over the Côte, Grasse is 16 kilometers from Cannes and has been the world capital of perfumiers for almost 300 years. It is a chic 18th-century village with a medieval heart

surrounded by hectares of scented flowers.

Place aux Aires, at the top of the old town, is the main meeting point for locals and the venue for the daily flower and vegetable markets. At the opposite end of vieux Grasse is the cathedral, which contains various paintings, including three by Rubens.

The fascinating musée International de la Parfumerie at 8 Place du Cours is open January through October plus December. Displayed are perfume bottles from the ancient Greeks to Marie Antoinette to the present. There is also a reconstruction of a perfume factory where you can test your sense of smell by trying to identify fragrances. The guided tours are highly recommended.

A SIDE TRIP TO MONACO

Monaco is located between the South of France and Italy, right on the Mediterranean Sea. It really is a unique place and worth at least a day trip. Monaco is a monarchy with Prince Albert II as head

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Monaco's Royal Family



Monaco has the longest-ruling royal family in Europe. The House of Grimaldi has ruled Monaco for over 700 years, beginning in 1297, when Francois Grimaldi seized the fortress protecting Monaco. Legend has it that he dressed as a monk, and because of his disguise, he was able to overcome the opposing troops. This event is so important in Monaco's history that it is depicted on its coat of arms. After the French Revolution of the 1700s, the Grimaldi family was exiled for more than 20 years. They returned following the Treaty of Paris.

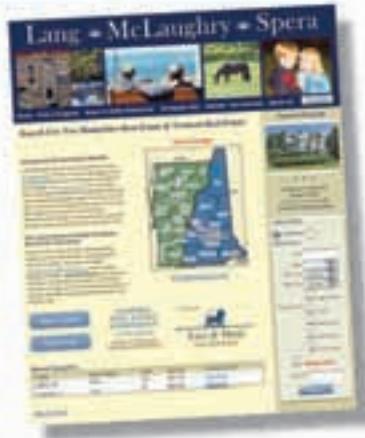
During the 20th century, Monaco was ruled first by Prince Albert I and then, starting in 1922, by his son Prince Louis II. Unsuccessful in his attempts to keep Monaco neutral during World War II, the country was occupied first by the Italians and later by the Germans. Eventually, Monaco was liberated by the Allied forces.

Prince Rainier III became ruler of Monaco in 1949, succeeding his grandfather, Prince Louis II, after his mother, Crown Princess Charlotte, renounced her right to succession in favor of her son. Prince Rainier succeeded in making Monaco a leader in banking, financial services, and other business. In 1956, Prince Rainier brought international interest to the tiny country when he married American actress Grace Kelly. Fascination with Monaco only increased as three children were born to the couple: Princess Caroline in 1957, followed by Prince Albert II in 1958, and Princess Stephanie in 1965.

Tragically, Princess Grace died in a car accident in 1982 at the age of 52. Princess Stephanie was seriously injured in the same crash. Physically recovered, she has admitted that the crash still haunts her. Prince Rainier died in 2005 at the age of 81, after 50 years as the country's well-loved ruler.

Prince Albert II succeeded his father as sovereign in 2005. Internationally known for their independent thinking and perseverance in the face of adversity, the Grimaldi family is as much a part of Monaco as the rock on which the country is built. For over 700 years, they have enjoyed a close relationship with the people they rule, and this unique and fascinating relationship will undoubtedly continue for generations to come.

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TRAVEL LOG



Casino square in Monaco.

of state. The country is only about two square kilometers in area, but boasts a population of more than 30,000 people, making it the most populated country in the world. Monaco is made up of several areas: Monte Carlo, Monaco-Ville, La Condamine, Fontvieille, and Larvotto Beach.

Famous for its Grand Prix, its renowned casino, and its tax haven status, Monaco really is a playground for the rich and famous. As such it offers interesting people-watching opportunities, not to mention the latest luxury motor vehicles.

Established in 1863, the casino in Monte Carlo is the most famous location in the world for roulette, poker, and blackjack. Despite competition from Las Vegas, it remains a firm favorite for poker players the world over, with an annual tournament that has the highest potential winnings in Europe. Ian Fleming, in *Casino Royale*—his first James Bond novel—includes it as a setting, and the 1995 Bond film *GoldenEye* also features it.

A trip to the South of France will not be cheap—food, hotels, and entertainment are expensive—so research well and choose accommodations accordingly. There are many great campsites and lots of small towns and villages offering more economical accommodations that are still within easy reach of the main cities and tourist areas. Bon voyage! ☺

Lesley O'Malley Keyes's career spans managing a group of travel agencies and a staff charged with writing hotel guides for Conde Nast.

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START EARLY

If you have at least 10 years to go until you plan on retiring, you still have the advantage of time on your side. One of the most basic principles of investing is putting your money into different investment vehicles and then leaving it there so you can reap the benefits of long-term returns. With more than 10 years to invest, you might be able to afford to take on a little bit more risk with your investments. While equities, such as stocks, have an inherent risk of losing money, they also have a history of providing significant returns over a long period of time. Just keep in mind that past performance is no guarantee of future results. »





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Probably the biggest advantage of getting an early start is the benefit of compounding earnings. Based on the investments in your retirement portfolio, the money you put in has the potential to earn more money for you, whether through interest payments, dividends, or other means of growth. In many cases, those earnings can be reinvested into your portfolio, further enhancing the total value of your savings and allowing your money the opportunity to “make money” for you.

If your retirement is less than 10 years away, then it's time to start making subtle adjustments to your investment mix. Hopefully, at this point you're not just getting started, but rather taking a look at how your investments are allocated and making sure they appropriately match your risk tolerance, your investment objectives, and your relatively short time horizon. Because you have less time to work with, you still want to have some investments that offer growth, but you also want to begin looking at preservation of principal through fixed-income alternatives such as bonds, which may provide a little more stability in your portfolio and help reduce your overall risk.

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tions to your retirement funds to help them grow, you'll be looking to maintain income from those investments. You'll likely begin taking distributions from them to pay for your day-to-day expenses. A thorough review of your investments will help you clearly see just how much you have saved, and how you will have to plan your distributions so you don't run short on funds during your retirement.

Financial preparation for retirement is something that is different for every individual. To make sure that you're on the right track, take the time now to assess your own situation and see what you can do to make sure you're ready when it's time for you to retire. ☺

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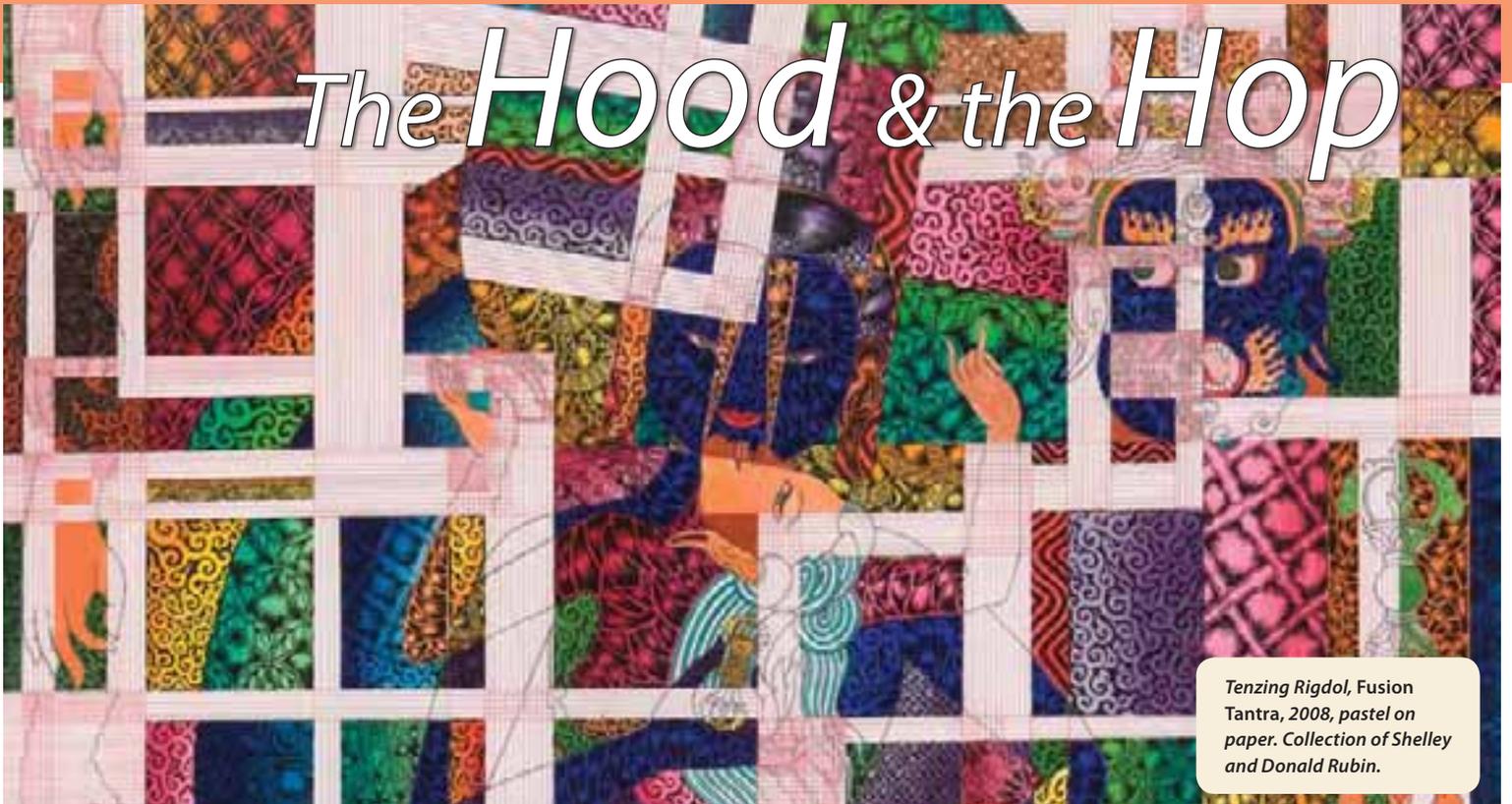
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Tenzing Rigdol, *Fusion Tantra*, 2008, pastel on paper. Collection of Shelley and Donald Rubin.

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SPRING EVENTS
March 4, 4–5pm
Lecture and Reception: Australian Aboriginal Art: Acrylic Movement, Activism, and Archiving
This conference will bring together

scholars, students, and members of the public to learn about contemporary Australian Aboriginal art, with a special focus on the important collection of Aboriginal paintings recently given to the Hood by collectors Will Owen and Harvey Wagner.

March 5, 10am–12pm
Morning Conference:

Australian Aboriginal Art Today: An Introduction to the Owen and Wagner Collection

March 6, 12–5pm

Family Day:

Happy Birthday to the Hood!

Activities throughout the galleries will introduce you to works of art from around the world. In the studio, we’ll offer a range of art-making activities inspired by these works. For children ages 6–12 and their adult companions. No pre-registration is required.



<< Bessie Nakamarra Sims, *Yuendumu/Warlpipi, Yarla Jukurra (Bush Potato Dreaming)*, 1996, acrylic on canvas, 182 x 60 cm. Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College: Gift of Will Owen and Harvey Wagner; 2009.92.31. © 2010 Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York / VISCOPY, Australia.

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MARCH

6

ChamberWorks: Of Animals

Rollins Chapel, 3pm

Flutist Alex Ogle, pianist Greg Hayes, and percussionist Douglas Perkins are joined by talented Dartmouth student musicians to play music written with animals in mind.



MARCH 4

Dartmouth Idol Finals 2011

Spaulding Auditorium, 8pm

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Alumni Hall, 11am

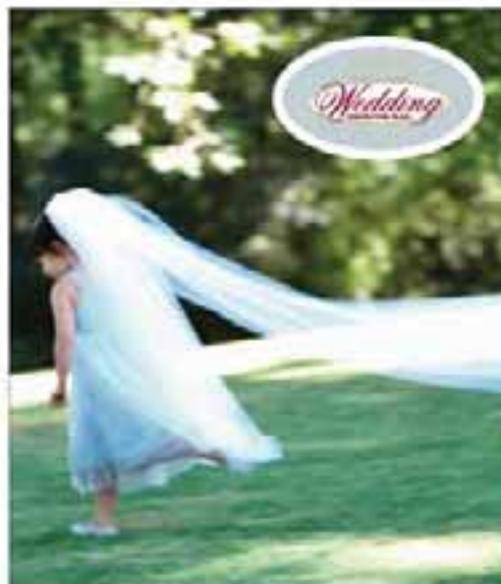
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THE HOOD & THE HOP

19–20

Met Opera: Lucia di Lammermoor

19, Loew Auditorium, 1pm; 20, Spaulding Auditorium, 1pm

Natalie Dessay returns to the role of the innocent young woman driven to madness, opposite Joseph Calleja, who sings her lover Edgardo.

31

Trio Mediaeval

Spaulding Auditorium, 7pm

Whether singing very old or very new music, this enchanting, Grammy Award-nominated ensemble produces an “unnervingly beautiful... precise blend of voices” (*San Francisco Chronicle*). The Oslo-based trio wields its voices on the Worcester fragments, a collection of more than 100 elegant polyphonic compositions from the 13th and 14th centuries.

APRIL

2

Susie Burke: Spring Sing-a-Long!

Alumni Hall, 11am

Susie is known for her strong, beautiful voice and warm, heartfelt stage manner. Drawing on her unique background as both a professional musician and an early childhood teacher, she presents a program that is entertaining, educational, and of high musical caliber.

4–5

Radio Macbeth

The Moore Theater, 7pm

Seven-time Obie Award-winning SITI Company delivers a “brilliantly conceived and fascinating to watch” (*Calgary Herald*) adaption of Shakespeare’s “Scottish play.” In the gloom of an abandoned theater circa 1940, seven radio actors gather to rehearse *Macbeth* but find themselves becoming unhinged by the forces of ambition, violence, vengeance, and madness the play unleashes.

8

13 Most Beautiful... Songs for Andy Warhol’s Screen Tests

The Moore Theater, 8pm



Photo by Joshua Kessler.

APRIL 14

The Klezmatics

Spaulding Auditorium, 7pm

The Grammy Award-winning Klezmatics team up with African-American Jewish vocalist Joshua Nelson to celebrate a Biblical struggle for freedom that has inspired Jews and African Americans through the ages.

In his 1960s New York art playground *The Factory*, artist Andy Warhol persuaded a series of young, beautiful people to sit for four-minute silent “screen tests.” Against a backdrop of 13 of those portraits—including those of Warhol muse Edie Sedgwick and the very young Lou Reed and Dennis Hopper—the charismatic indie rock duo Dean & Britta perform a haunting, seductive combination of original compositions and cover songs.

15

Tempest: Without a Body

The Moore Theater, 8pm

Samoan choreographer Lemi Ponifasio and his company perform luminous, cutting-edge dance theater deeply rooted in the culture and values of the Pacific Islands.

21

Sonic/Vision

Spaulding Auditorium, 7pm

This concert combines thrilling collaborations with visual arts and contemporary classical works accompanied by whimsical projected animation.

23–24

Met Opera: Capriccio

23, Loew Auditorium, 1pm; 24, Spaulding Auditorium, 1pm

On opening night of the 2008–09 sea-

son, Renée Fleming dazzled audiences when she sang the final scene of Strauss’s wise and worldly meditation on art and life. Now she performs the entire work, in which the composer explores the essence of opera itself.

28

AngÉlique Kidjo

Spaulding Auditorium, 7pm

Fans of Grammy Award-winning vocalist AngÉlique Kidjo leap to their feet and dance in the aisles when this charismatic singer delivers her legendary performances.

MAY

1

Darwin the Dinosaur

Spaulding Auditorium, 3pm

Darwin is a trusting innocent who ventures forth from Professor Henslow’s lab and encounters Verla, the gangly ostrich; Peche, the beautiful fish; and Brutus, the menacing red dinosaur.



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MAY 6

Dartmouth Wind Symphony

Spaulding Auditorium, 8pm

Join the Dartmouth Wind Symphony for their spring concert titled “Children at Play.”

8

Dartmouth College Gospel Choir

Spaulding Auditorium, 2 & 5pm

This stunning choir performs a diverse array of traditional and cutting-edge gospel music, including many innovative surprises, accompanied by its amazing band.

14

Barbary Coast Jazz Ensemble

Spaulding Auditorium, 8pm

The Coast celebrates its graduating seniors in this high-energy concert.

14-15

Met Opera: Die Walkure

14, Loew Auditorium, 12pm; 15, Spaulding Auditorium, 12pm

A stellar cast comes together for this second installment of the Ring cycle, with Bryn Terfel as Wotan, Deborah Voigt as Brünnhilde, Jonas Kaufmann as Siegmund, and Eva-Maria Westbroek as Sieglinde.

15

Dartmouth Chamber Singers

Rollins Chapel, 2pm

Join the Dartmouth Chamber Singers for a concert of contemporary voices.

18

World Music Percussion Ensemble

Spaulding Auditorium, 7pm

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20-22

Dartmouth Dance Theater Ensemble

The Moore Theater, 20 & 21, 8pm; 22, 2pm

The Dartmouth Dance Theater Ensemble performs "Undue Influence."

21

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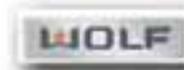
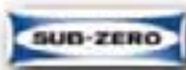
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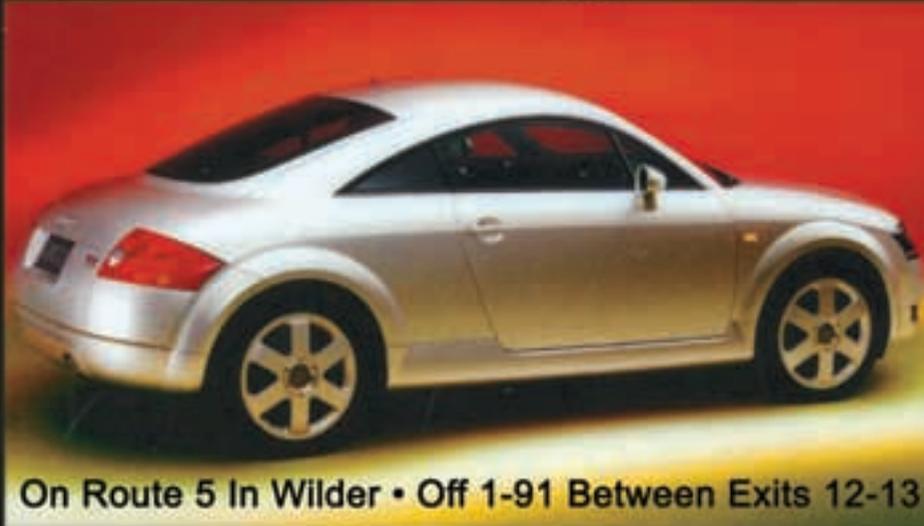
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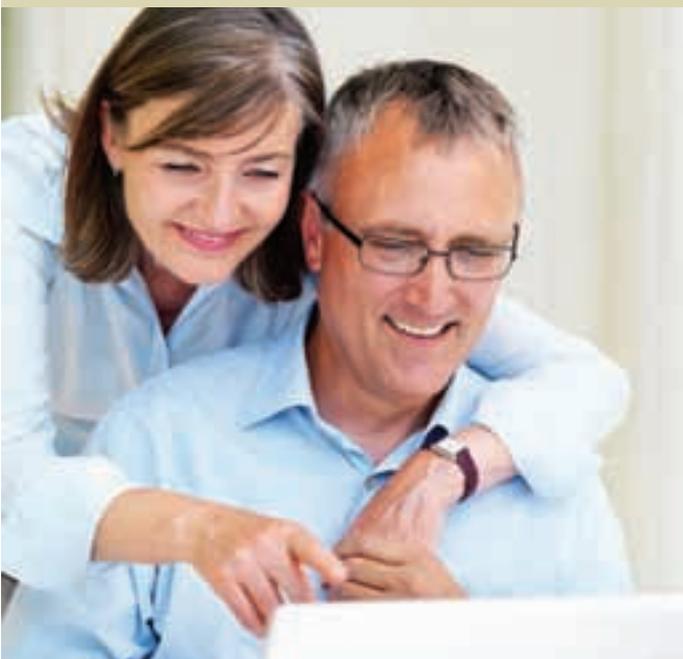
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Maple Sugar Weekend
March 11-13
 Experience the fun of maple sugaring the traditional way at the Museum for the weekend! Join us on Friday, 4-6pm, for a welcome reception. On Saturday, enjoy a traditional Shaker breakfast followed by

your choice of sugarhouse tours, demonstrations, sleigh rides, and more. End the day with our Sugaring Off Dinner. On Sunday, have breakfast and choose from other optional activities.

Sugaring Off Dinner
March 12
 Our annual Sugaring Off Dinner is also offered separately from our Maple Sugar Weekend. Enjoy a traditional Shaker-inspired meal in the elegant Great Stone Dwelling.

Explore Shaker Trails
April 2, 9, 23, 30
 A guide will lead you to the Shaker canal system or the Feast Ground, the Shakers' outdoor worship area in the mid-19th century. Admission is \$20/person, including guided tour, trail guidebook, lunch, and a demonstration of the Museum's new hydropower system. Each Saturday will present a different aspect of the trails.

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Evolvaphone *Through March 20*

Step inside the Evolvaphone to create a unique musical composition from your voice, initials, and the laws of natural selection.

Blue Man Group: Making Waves *Through May 8*

This 1,500-square-foot exhibit will take the whole family through a multisensory exploration of sound. At the Slide-u-lum, Build-u-lum, Sand Drum, and Theramin children will have an opportunity to see, feel, and create sound. At the PVC Station, visitors of all ages will have a chance to play unique Blue Man Group instruments.



Field Ornithology and Conservation Biology *Thursdays and Saturdays, May 5– June 4*

The program includes a four-part lecture series and four field trips to regional birding spots. Whether you are a seasoned birder or a curious beginner, this course will provide an engaging learning experience.

After-school Science Adventures *March 7, 14, 21, 28*

Join us for an after-school science program filled with experimenting and observing. The main topic will be chemistry and properties of matter with explorations of simple chemical reactions, changes of state, and how gases, liquids, and solids behave in various conditions. Designed for those in grades 1–3. Drop-off between 3:15 and 3:30pm, pick-up at 5:15pm.

Magic Carpet: Estonia, with Aarne Vesilind *March 14*

Climb aboard the Montshire's magic carpet and be whisked away to locales around the world. Each Magic Carpet Luncheon features a travelogue followed by a regionally inspired meal. Preregistration required.

Science Saturday: Playing with Light and Sound *March 19*

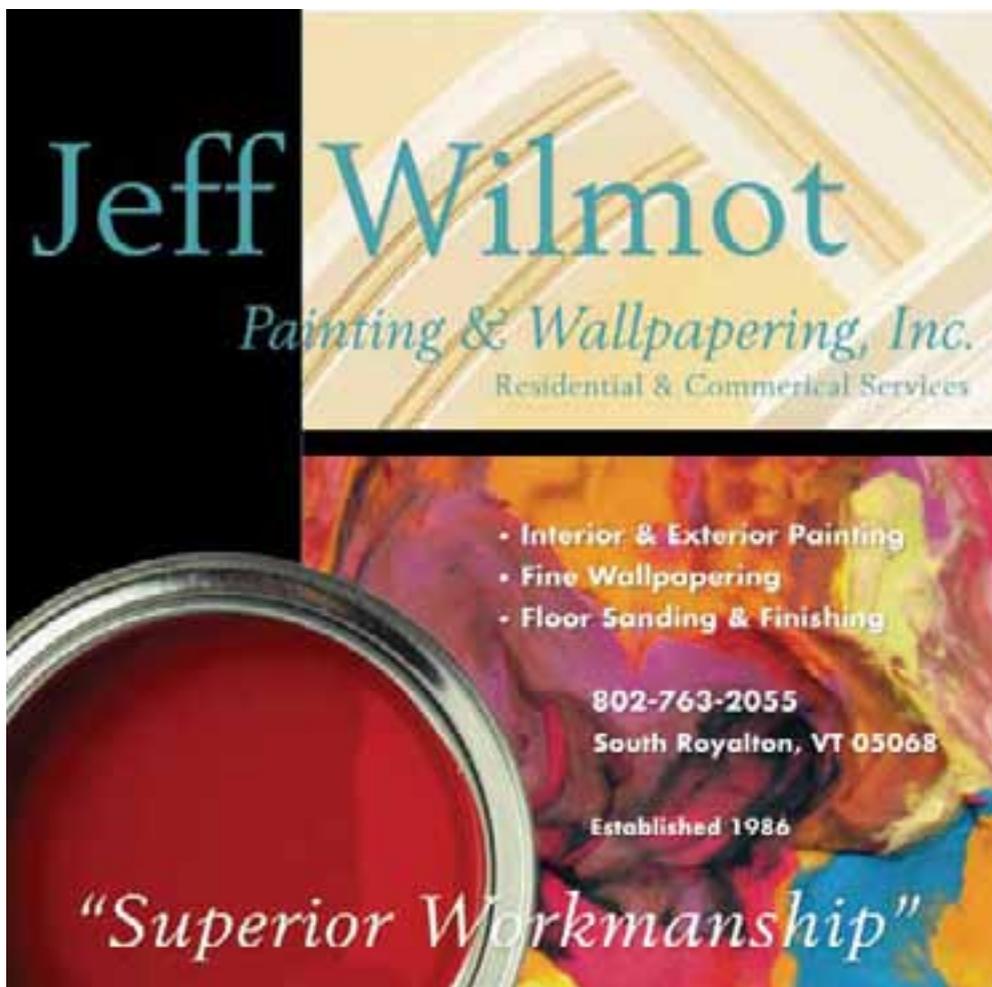
Join us for this special event in collaboration with the Blue Man Group: Making Waves exhibit. Throughout the day there will be exciting activities experimenting with light and sound. Free with admission. 10:30am–3:30pm.

Investigating Earth from Above *March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26*

Examine the Earth's dynamic processes using satellite imagery on your home computer. We'll uncover the seasonal variations of ocean temperatures and changes in summer Arctic ice coverage. Then we'll add in some local data, such as hawk migration counts or spring peeper vocalizations. Register online. 2–4pm.

Teacher Workshop: Cells! *March 28*

Spend a day with Montshire and Dartmouth faculty learning about the basic building block of life. We will use a variety of microscopes, including the Museum's new vid-



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eoscope, to observe plant and animal cells. For grade 5–9 teachers. Lunch provided. Register online. 9am–3pm.

Annual Egg Drop Challenge

April 2

The goal of this egg-citing challenge is to have a raw chicken egg fall approximately six meters onto a hard surface and survive the impact without cracking. Your job is to design and build a container to achieve this goal. Building guidelines are available online at www.montshire.org/eggdrops. 2pm.

Robot Zoo

May 21–September 11

Robot Zoo reveals the magic of nature as a master engineer. Robot animals and seven hands-on activities illustrate real-life characteristics, such as how a chameleon changes colors and a fly walks on the ceiling. The larger-than-life-size animated robots include a chameleon and a platypus.



2011 Benefit Auction: Fiddlehead Fling

May 13

Fiddlehead Fling is sponsored by Global Forest Partners LP and other community businesses, with hundreds of individuals and businesses donating items and services for the event. Reservations are \$75 and include hors d'oeuvres by The Barefoot Gourmet and a complimentary beverage. Register online at www.montshire.org/auction. 6pm.



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2nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration!

March 17

Featuring a fantastic holiday menu and plenty of rollicking Irish music courtesy of O'hAnleigh, The Short Brothers, and the Junior Stevens Trad Band (and watch out for the drive-by bagpiper!).

OTHER NOTEWORTHY SPRING EVENTS

Full Moon Fiesta

March 6

As a family you will either ski, snowshoe, or sled around a designated Nordic course lit by tiki torches to designated bonfires. Each bonfire will represent a sponsoring area restaurant which will provide one of its trademark entrees, beverages, and/or desserts for your family. www.campfiredining.com. Tomapo Farm, Lebanon, NH, 6-8pm.

Naturally Curious

March 9

Mary Holland will bring natural history artifacts (skulls, scat, feathers, etc.) to the Howe Library to show and will talk about her book, *Naturally Curious: A Photographic Field Guide and Month-to-Month Journey Through the Fields, Woods, and Marshes of New England*. 7pm.

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Support the Upper Valley Hostel

April 3

Belleza's hairstylists and nail technician will be donating their time to do hair and nails, and proceeds will benefit the Upper Valley Hostel.

We will have hourly giveaways for anyone who drops in to make a donation or a retail purchase. Auction items will be available throughout the day. Call to make an appointment! Belleza, The PowerHouse Mall, 8 Glen Road, West Lebanon, NH, (603) 298-7630, 10am-3pm.

An Evening of Latin American Poetry

April 6

Amherst College professor Ilan Stavans reads poems by Rubén Darío, Jorge Luis Borges, Gabriela Mistral, Pablo Neruda, Octavio Paz, and others. www.norwichvthistoricalsociety.org. Norwich Congregational Church, 7pm.

Five Colleges 50th Anniversary

Book Sale

April 23-24

Usually 35 to 40,000 carefully sorted, modestly priced books of all categories, DVDs, CDs, audio books, etc. Proceeds support scholarships for Vermont and New Hampshire students at Mt. Holyoke, Simmons, Smith, Vassar, and Wellesley Colleges. (802) 295-0906, www.five-collegesbooksale.org. Lebanon High School, 193 Hanover Street, Lebanon, NH, 9am-5pm Saturday, 12-4:30pm Sunday (half-price day).

Abraham Lincoln, the Silent

President-Elect

May 4

In the 150th anniversary year of Lincoln's inauguration, preeminent Lincoln historian Harold Holzer considers Lincoln's silence prior to his inauguration and the role it played in the sectional crisis and the Civil War. www.norwichvthistoricalsociety.org. Filene Auditorium, Moore Hall, Dartmouth, 7pm.

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A Chat with Julia Griffin

HANOVER TOWN MANAGER

Fifteen years ago, Julia Griffin became Town Manager of Hanover, where she and her husband John Steidl have raised two children, Catie, 21, and Christopher, 14.

What is the significance of Hanover's 250th anniversary?

Many of the Upper Valley communities along the Connecticut River received their land grants 250 years ago this summer. What better excuse to organize some wonderful events that help bring the community together and to help reacquaint folks with our local history. To be linked with several other communities that are planning parallel events at the same time is great fun.

What are a couple "hot topics" on the Board of Selectmen's agenda that will help guide Hanover's future?

[The Board] has adopted a "Total Compensation Statement," which looks to educate our staff about the total cost of their "compensation" package and to link each annual increase in total compensation more closely with the taxpayers' ability to pay for those increases. This is fairly radical stuff for local government, but absolutely makes sense in our effort to control the cost of local government.

What will you do after you complete your tenure as Town Manager?

I would love to manage in the nonprofit sector at some point. I began my career working for the American Friends Service Committee, their Washington, D.C.-based lobby, and Save the Children. They are facing some unique challenges and can be refreshingly free from the government regulation that so controls what we can (or cannot) do at the municipal level here in New Hampshire.

What are the advantages to raising children in Hanover?

Hanover has been a wonderful place for my children. They have thrived in the schools, enjoyed many athletic



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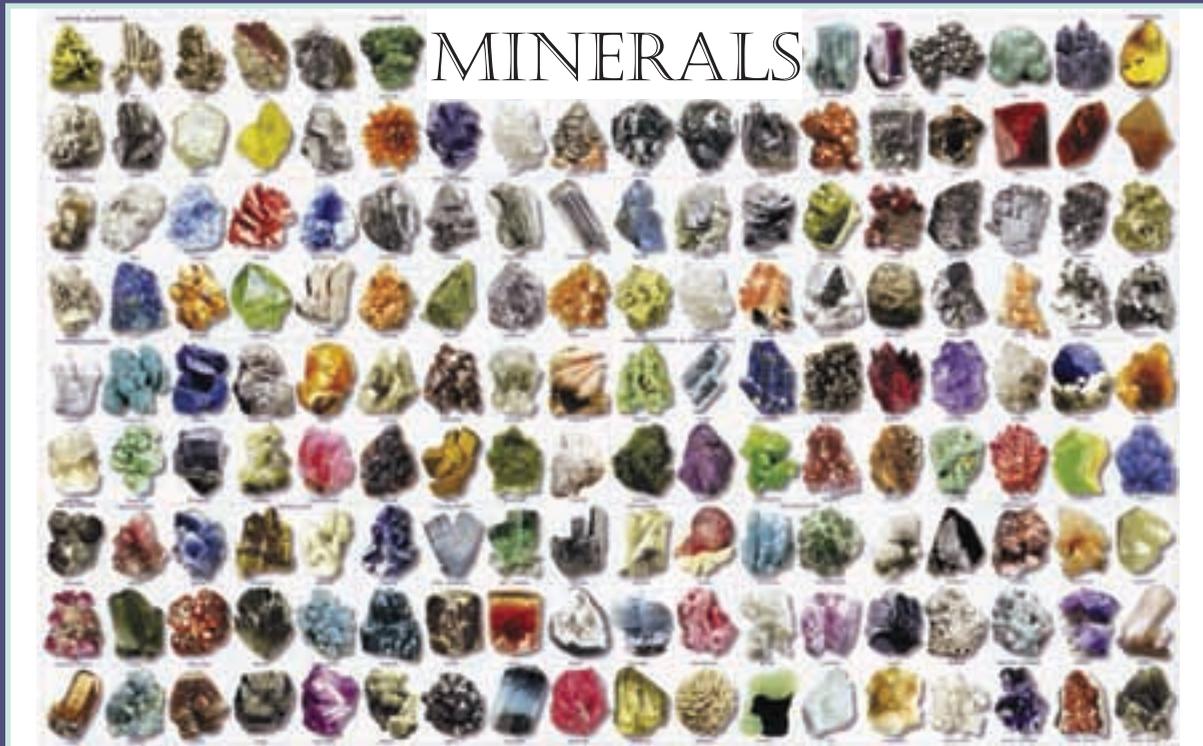
and outdoor activities available, have always felt safe and, most importantly, I have never been more than 10 minutes away from them when they needed me. Our community is small enough that, as parents, we have the opportunity to get to know their friends and their parents, without being so small that it begins to feel claustrophobic. To grow up in this healthy and beautiful environment is the icing on the cake.

What is your favorite room in your home, and why?

Our kitchen. We renovated the house five years ago and my goal was to knock down walls, bring in the sunlight, and plant a big island in the middle of the kitchen. Everything happens around that island—cooking, homework, gaggles of 14- and 21-year-olds hanging out, dogs underfoot, late-night conversations with John or the kids, the morning cup of coffee and newspaper. Standing at my sink, I have the most gorgeous view of the Ompompanoosuc River and the hills of Vermont. In 14 years of gazing out that window, I have never tired of that view. 😊

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