

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
October 7, 2022**

Town of Lee Clerk's Office and Library
CLOSED Monday, OCTOBER 10th for Indigenous People's Day

TRICK OR TREAT IN LEE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30th 5:00pm - 7:00 pm



AND DON'T MISS THE
LEE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION TRUCK OR TREAT

Lee Safety Complex, October 30th 5-7pm
No need to get out of the car. Just drive the kids through the Lee Fire Station!

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 11, 2022** at 8:30am at the Lee Town Offices, 249 Calef Highway, to approve changes to the official checklist for the Town of Lee.

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

October 17th Select Board Meeting 6:00pm
Budget Meetings
10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/17, 11/29, 12/6 and 12/12
Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road
Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

Meetings can be seen on **You Tube** at [CLICK HERE](#)

RIVER TRAIL CELEBRATION

**Saturday, October 15th, 10:00am at
Little River Park**

It took a lot of time and hard work, but work on the River Trail at Little River Park has been completed. Kiosk, trail markers, bridges and a nice bench by the Little River are all in place, and the result is beautiful, peaceful and welcoming. Join us for an opportunity to meet all the folks who made this much-improved trail possible. A short nature walk featuring the different habitats encountered along the trail will wind up our hour-long celebration.



PHOTOS BY CATHERINE FISHER



From Guns to Gramophones: Civil War and the Technology that Shaped America

Presenter: Carrie Brown

Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 7:00pm

Location: ZOOM

Carrie Brown explores the technological triumph that helped save the Union and then transformed the nation. During the Civil War, northern industry produced a million and a half rifles, along with tens of thousands of pistols and carbines. How did the North produce all of those weapons? The answer lies in new machinery and methods for producing guns with interchangeable parts. Once the system of mass production had been tested and perfected, what happened after the war? In the period from 1870 to 1910 new factory technology and new print media fueled the development of mass consumerism. While this program tells a broad, national story, it focuses on the critical and somewhat surprising role of Vermont and New Hampshire in producing industrial technology that won the war and changed American life.



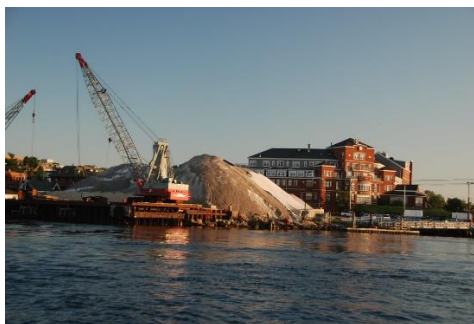
Jennie Powers: The Woman Who Dares

Presenter: Jennifer Carroll

Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 7:00pm

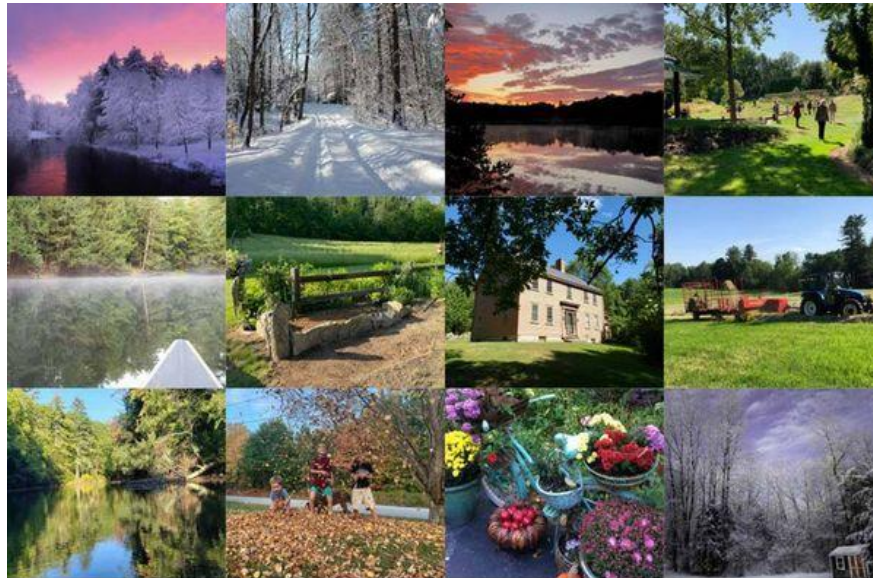
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Jennie Powers took a stand against social vices in New Hampshire and Vermont in the early twentieth century. She was a humane society agent in Keene from 1903-1936 and one of the first humane society agents to become a deputy sheriff in New Hampshire. Jennie was known across the country as "The Woman Who Dares" cited by the Boston Post newspaper in 1906 as having arrested more men than any other woman in America. As a photographic activist, she used her camera to document animal cruelty, family violence, and widespread poverty in New Hampshire's Monadnock region and beyond. This one-hour illustrated presentation from Jenna Carroll introduces us to Jennie's life story, the work of humane societies at the turn of the twentieth century, and the politics of the Progressive Era (1890s-1920s) from a local perspective.



SAND & SALT NOTICE

Sand & salt will now be given out at the Transfer Station during their business hours.
Please **for personal use only**; the cost for sand & salt has risen dramatically over the last year.



The Lee Heritage Commission is a town commission that works to preserve Lee, New Hampshire's history, heritage, and historic places for future generations. Any proceeds from the sale of this calendar will be used to support our work. All members of the commission are town volunteers who donate their time.

Learn more about the LHC on the town of Lee website: <https://www.lee-nh.org/heritage-commission>

You can also follow our new Facebook page "Lee Heritage Commission - Lee, NH" <https://www.facebook.com/LeeHeritageCommissionLeeNH>



LEE HERITAGE COMMISSION – LAST DAY FOR PHOTO SUBMISSIONS!!

The Lee Heritage Commission is compiling photos for our 2023 wall calendar, and wants to feature photos that celebrate the history, traditions, and unique character of Lee. Please email your photos of Lee to LeeNHcalendar@gmail.com by today! Submit as many as you'd like! If we use one of your photos, you will receive a free calendar!

Photos can feature any buildings, places, events, or activities in Lee, with particular interest in:

- Photos of town events and traditions, such as the Lee Fair, Lee skating rink, Ice Cream Smorgasbord, parades, Family Night, Model Rocket Day, etc.
- Photos of our parks and natural resources, such as Little River Park & trails, Town Forest & Bog, the Lamprey River, Wadleigh Falls, Maud Jones Memorial Forest Trail, Wheelwright Pond, etc.
- Photos of historic homes, barns, and other buildings
- Photos of old cemeteries, stonewalls, scenic roads, town triangle, etc.
- Photos of farms, farm activities, and the agricultural heritage of Lee

Please keep in mind:

- We are interested in photos from all seasons, winter, spring, summer, and fall!
- Photos taken horizontally (not vertical or portrait orientation) are preferred, as they will fit best in the calendar format but vertical photos may be submitted.
- Please submit photos in the highest possible resolution
- Photos can be from any year. Images from recent months or years are always wonderful, but scanned copies of old photos are very welcome too!

You will be notified if your photo is selected for printing in the calendar. Copies of the calendar will be available for purchase at the library and other locations, as well as by online order. We hope to have the calendars available before the end of November. We look forward to seeing your photos!!

NATURE NOTES FOR THE SPOOKY SEASON PART 2: CROWNED SLUG – THE HEADLESS CATERPILLAR

By Catherine Fisher, Conservation Commission

Photos by Catherine Fisher

The crowned slug, *Isa textula*, is a very strange caterpillar: small (15 mm/.59 in.), wonderfully ornate, sluggish, beautiful and venomous. This species remains active until well into the spooky season, much later than most of our native caterpillars, often actively feeding on the leaves of oak, beech, maple, and various hardwood species even as those leaves are beginning to turn. Feeding on the underside of the leaves of its food plant, this is a very well camouflaged caterpillar; its pale green skin, low profile, and small size making it all but invisible, unless you happen to brush against one as you walk by.



Crowned slugs belong to the family Limacodidae, the slug moths, so named for their resemblance to slugs. Crowned slug caterpillars and those of other slug moth species are also slug like in locomotion. Unlike the five pairs of stubby prolegs found on most caterpillars, slug moth caterpillars have, on the undersides of the bodies, suckers that run down the middle of each of the first seven segments. These suckers allow the caterpillar to adhere to, and glide along, the undersurface of the leaves of their food plants. Unfortunately I didn't have my macro lens with me, when I encountered this caterpillar on the backstop of the Mast Way ballfield, but though the suckers aren't really distinguishable in the photograph showing the caterpillar's ventral side, it does show the underbelly's smooth surface and lack of prolegs.



In addition to being a venomous creepy crawlie, the crowned slug's apparent headlessness enhances its suitability as a critter of the spooky season. Along with several other members of the slug moth family, the crowned slug's head is tucked quite a ways inside its thorax, and there it stays, even when the caterpillar is feeding. A special slit in the thorax provides an opening through which this bizarre little caterpillar is able to eat.

Its peculiarities notwithstanding, the crowned slug is one of our most gorgeous caterpillars. Its leafy green body, accented with bits of orange-red along the front edges, is both subdued and lovely. It is its crown, however, those crystalline, fernlike structures radiating all along the perimeter of its body that makes this caterpillar a showstopper.

Those beautiful structures are urticating spines, a name derived from "urtica" the Latin word for "nettle," and they are how this small, soft-bodied, toothless creature defends itself. Just like the spines on a nettle stem, the crowned slug's urticating spines sting when other creatures come in

contact with them. Each hollow spine, or seta, is connected to a tiny, toxin-secreting gland. The tips of these urticating spines are slightly hooked, and when something brushes against them, they break off, hook into the skin, and inject venom. The painful result is described as being akin to a wasp sting, and depending upon the number of spines involved and the sensitivity of the person, the resulting burning, itching sensation can persist for several hours or several days.

Though a somewhat daunting task, it is possible to find a crowned slug by locating some of its food species and checking out the undersides of their leaves. Look from about knee height (saplings) to to lower branches of tall trees. Leaves that have been chewed or skeletonized are excellent places to examine. You may also find crowned slugs and other slug caterpillar species on the ground following heavy winds or rains. Or, you can look for them at night: like many caterpillars, the crowned slug moth fluoresces under ultraviolet light, so by using an ultraviolet flashlight it is possible to locate a feeding crowned slug caterpillar during summer and fall evenings.

In mid to late autumn, having consumed all the food it will ever eat, the crowned slug stops feeding and goes in search of a place to overwinter. Upon locating a suitable branch or tree trunk, it spins a compact, round, cocoon of strong brown silk. This silk is saturated with calcium oxalate, which puts a white coat on the cocoon's outer surface and gives it the cup-like appearance from which derives the slug moth family's other common name "cup moths." Having encased itself in this protective cup, the crown slug enters diapause, a state of suspended development that persists throughout the winter. In spring, the caterpillar breaks dormancy and pupates within its cocoon, emerging as a small brown moth in the spring.



(Little Cocoon) - 5332051073_932
Caption: "Cup moth cocoon" by jeans_Photos is licensed under CC BY 2.0.



(Moth) 42674396965_f052
Caption: "*Isa textula* – Crowned Slug Moth" by Wildreturn is licensed under [CC BY 2.0](#)



VOLUNTEER (AND EMPLOYEE) APPRECIATION DINNER

Thursday, October 13th Lee Public Safety Complex at 6pm

Call Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 x301 to RSVP

TOWN OF LEE SWAP SHOP

Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays 8am - 5pm

The Swap Shop is open, if the garage door is open. **Please do not drop off anything if the Swap Shop garage door is closed.** The Swap Shop will close if a volunteer is not available. Bulky Items: The Swap Shop accepts large items.

We look forward to greeting our visitors at the Swap Shop. Seeing the free exchange of items between the folks in town brings a lot of satisfaction to the volunteers at the Swap Shop. If you would like to join in and volunteer, please let us know. Contact Forms are available at the Swap Shop or email us at swapshopleenh@gmail.com. You must be a residence of Lee and at least 18 years of age. Thank you!

DON'T FORGET, LEE DOES FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING!

BE PART OF THE PROGRESS AND HELP THE TOWN SAVE MONEY ON MSW!

Interested residents should e-mail the Public Works Director Steve Bullek at sbullek@leenh.org, call him at 603-659-6515 or sign up at the Transfer Station. The Town provides special compostable bags to bring your food waste in to the Transfer Station.

NEW LEE TOWN OFFICES HOURS

Town Administrator's Office

Monday 8am – 6pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am – 4:30pm

Friday 8am – 12:30pm

Town Clerk's Office

Monday 8am – 6pm / Wednesday 8am – 4pm / Friday 8am – 4pm

LEE TOWN BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

See below for current openings! If you are interested, contact the Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 x301 or email dduval@leenh.org. [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

The NEW CIP Committee

Planning and Zoning Boards

Energy Committee, Fair Committee and Sustainability Committee

E-CRIER PUBLISHING ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have a community event that you would like to publish in the E-Crier, please email Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at dduval@leenh.org by noon on Thursday to get published in that Friday edition.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD [MEETING CALENDAR](#) [NEW LIBRARY WEBSITE](#)

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

[NH COVID-19 WEBSITE](#)

NH Department of Health and Human Services

[CLICK HERE](#) for New DHHS Website!

WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY - Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Rd

The food pantry is open to any household in Lee, Durham, Madbury, Newmarket, and Nottingham. Delivery is through a walk-up window service to minimize contact during this time. The pantry is open the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month from **5:30pm - 7:00pm**. If you have an emergency need for food outside of the normal hours, please call the Church office at 659-2861 or email at leechurchucc@comcast.net. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

READY RIDES

Ready Rides provides transportation at no charge for the elderly & disabled residents living in: **Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madury, Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford** NH. Rides are provided by volunteer drivers using their own vehicles. **Accessible rides available.** To request information about registering as a rider or becoming a volunteer driver, please email info@readyrides.org or call (603) 244-8719. You can find an [Application](#) for riders and a [Volunteer Application](#) on this website. Email or mail it to Ready Rides P.O. Box 272 Northwood, NH 03261. For other transportation options available in the region, please visit ACT's [Community Transportation Directory](#).

WHEN SECONDS COUNT... Please take the time NOW to SAVE TIME in an EMERGENCY.



Can the Police, Fire, or Ambulance find your home when you need them for assistance with an emergency? Can they find it at night? Can they find it during a snowstorm?

Having your name and number on a mailbox is just not enough. The Lee Firemen's Association, in a joint effort with the Lee Fire Department, has a program to install reflective house number signs at driveway entrances to assist all emergency responders in locating your home in a time of need. The cost for each sign with a post is \$50.00 and it will be installed by the Lee Firemen's Association. [CLICK HERE for Reflective House Number Sign Request Form](#)



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Wednesday 11:00 am – 7:00 pm
Thursday & Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

OCTOBER AT YOUR LEE LIBRARY!

NEW LIBRARY CARDS... They are finally here! We are so excited to introduce our new 14 digit library cards. These new cards are more durable, will help minimize circulation errors, give patrons access to a variety of statewide downloadable resources, help protect your privacy, and offer the option of a key tag as well as a library card for your convenience! If your current card number is 5000 or under, you will have the option of keeping that number, if your current number is over 5000, we will issue you a new number. Either way, your downloadable holds and past history will be transferred so you will not lose any past data or saved information! Come on over for your new card today!





SPOOKY SCARECROWS! It's time to bring your scarecrow back! If you picked up a scarecrow stake, bring it on back to us, complete with your finished scarecrow! Our staff led walk will be held at 4:30pm on October 28th, when you will get the chance to vote on your favorite... but of course you are free to walk the trail at any time ☺

Tuesday October 18, 1:00pm – 5:00pm – Grab & Go Craft Kit Pick-Up: Come and pick up a kids craft kit while supplies last!

Tuesday October 11, 18 & 25, 3:30pm – 4:45pm – Afterschool Lego Club: Students are bussed from Mast Way and should be picked up from the program space at 4:45pm. Program is full!



Wednesday October 19, 10:00am - Knitters: Meet on the first and third Wednesday at 10:00am. Bring along your knitting and enjoy some friendly company! New knitters always welcome.



Thursday October 13, 20 & 27, 10:30am – 11:30am – Preschool Story Time: Join Miss Judy in the program space for stories, songs, games and fun! No sign up necessary ☺

Thursday October 13, 20 & 27, 3:30pm – 4:45pm – After School Story Time & Craft: Join Miss Judy in the program space for a chapter book reading and fun craft. Students are bussed from Mast Way and should be picked up from the program space at 4:45pm. Please call to register.



Friday October 14, 21 & 28, 10:30am – 11:30am – Sensory Station Story Time: Join Miss Judy in the program space for stories, songs, movement/station/sensory activities and more! No sign up necessary ☺

Monday October 10, Library Closed in Celebration of Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day: Stay safe and have a great day!



Tuesday October 11, 6:00pm – 7:00pm - Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn – Virtual Program in partnership with NH Humanities and ORCR: Join us via Zoom for this virtual presentation with Thomas Hubka.

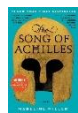
Wednesday October 12, 1:00pm – 3:00pm: Movie Time! Join us in the program space for hot chocolate, cookies and the movie *Where the Crawdads Sing* (2022, PG 13).

Wednesday October 12, 5:30pm – 6:30pm: Library Trustee Meeting. This is a public meeting, all welcome.

Saturday October 15, 9:00am – 12:00pm – Friends of the Library Books Sale and Yard Sale: We're fundraising for our renovations and programming! Pop on over to buy a book, or check out what we have on the donation yard sale!



Middle School Book Club – Date to be Decided: This year we will be working our way through the Harry Potter Series. We will meet to discuss our reading and watch the related movie. A supply of books are available at the library, ***Call the library at 659-2626 if you are in grades 5-8 and would like to join us. Attendance will be capped at 15.***

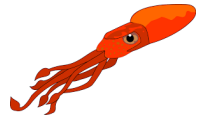


Monday October 17, 6:00pm – 7:00pm – Book Group: Our book group usually meets on the second Monday of each month at 6 pm. October's title is *The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller. Copies are available at the library!

Wednesday October 19, 7:00pm – 9:00pm – Presentation and Skywatch with NH Astronomical Society: Join us in the program space for a short space themed presentation, then it's off to Steven's Farm on Tuttle Road with telescopes and equipment to look at our night sky during our first ever Skywatch with NH Astronomical Society! Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Lee Public Library ☺



Saturday October 22, 10:00am – 11:00am – Squid Dissection with UNH Extension: Bring the family along to this fun filled program. A team of UNH docents will lead us in identifying external parts of the squid, then guide us through a careful dissection and identification of internal anatomy.



Monday October 24, 6:00pm – 8:00pm – Crafty Creations, Virtual or In-Person Crafting for Adults: Join us on the Fourth Monday of every month (via zoom or in person) as we create wonderful decorations for your home or garden. Pick up your supply program kit from the library and tune in to zoom or come in to the library and create in person! Please call or email to sign up.



Wednesday October 26, 7:00pm – 8:00pm – The Capital Crime of Witchcraft, in partnership with The Lee Historical Society and NH Humanities: Margo Burns explores an array of prosecutions in seventeenth century New England, using facsimiles of primary source manuscripts, from first formal complaints to arrest warrants, indictments of formal charges to death warrants, and the reversals of attainder and rescinding of excommunications years after the fact; demonstrating how methodically and logically the Salem Court worked. **To be held in person at the Safety Complex, 20 George Bennet Road, in Lee.**



Friday October 28, 4:30pm – 5:30pm – Spooky Scarecrow Walk: Join us on the library trail for some cookies, hot chocolate and a trail walk. We'll be taking a walk to check out the spooky scarecrows made by the Town of Lee! There will also be a Halloween story on the trail 😊



Friday October 28, 6:00pm – 8:00pm – Family Movie Night: Join us in the library program space on the last Friday of every month for our family movie night! This month we will watch 'Spooky Buddies' (2011). We'll provide the popcorn, snacks and drinks!



Regional & State News & Events

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD NEWS - September 21, 2022

Oyster River Schools still need Bus Drivers, Custodians, Substitute Teachers, Paraprofessionals, and more! Currently open positions are listed [here](https://www.applitrack.com/orcsd/onlineapp/default.aspx?all=1).

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Jasmine Daniels, ORCSD's new director of facilities, provided an update on various construction projects across the district. Some of the highlights include:

- The 2nd phase of air conditioning for the High School is in progress and should be complete by October 15th.
- Addition of soft walls to make the High School multipurpose room more flexible will begin October 1st.
- Tennis courts are still in progress due to contractor delays and are expected to be completed in October.
- Turf for the Middle School field has started to arrive and will be installed in October.

There is no school for students in Oyster River on Friday, October 7th or Monday, October 10th. The next school board meeting will be on **Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 in the Middle School** concert hall. This is a change from the usual schedule. The following school board meeting on **Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00 will be held at Mast Way School.**

PLANNING ON FALL CANNING?

Canning can be a great way to preserve some of your leftover summer or incoming fall harvest. Often times it is easier than you think to make delicious canned goods for yourself, family and friends. Check out these helpful guides, tutorials, and videos that offer tips and tricks for beginners and pros alike. [Click here for the full article and more tips!](#)



[CLICK HERE](#) for the Fall Lamprey River Wild & Scenic Newsletter

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 9/21/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 10:00 am, New London Barn Play House, New London, NH

BEWARE OF SMISHING CAMPAIGN

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the New Hampshire Information & Analysis Center (NHIAC) bulletin regarding a COVID-19 themed smishing campaign being distributed to NH citizens. Smishing is the fraudulent practice of sending text messages purporting to be from a reputable company in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information. If you receive a text message like this one, please delete it immediately. If you click on the link, you will be redirected to a fraudulent website that collects personal information.

If you are a Lee Resident in need of assistance with a Veteran's issue the Lee Memorial VFW Post 10676 may be able to help.

This post serves the communities of Lee, Durham, Madbury and Newmarket and has Service Officers who can help folks with just about any Veteran's related issue. At the State level they have a seat on the SVAC (State Veterans Advisory Committee) and are linked with tens of other non-profit Veterans organizations that provide a host of services. Please contact **Scott Moreau**, Commander, VFW Post 10676, at vfwpost10676@yahoo.com for assistance.

The Seacoast Village Project (a nonprofit)

Helping seniors age in their homes and community!

Educational Programs, Social Activities, Home Services, Resources, Friendships

Membership Information

<https://www.seacoastvillageproject.org/>

(603)-373-8429

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