



WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER

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WELCOME TO THE WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER'S SPRING SESSION CATALOG

OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE CLASSES,
PRESENTATIONS, EVENTS, SERVICES
AND COMMON GROUND
ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY THE
FRIENDS OF THE
WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER.

JOIN MEMBERS OF JACKSON AND
THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY
WHERE ANYONE CAN TEACH AND
ANYONE CAN LEARN!



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new for Spring...

New AudioVisual System Thanks to all who continue to generously donate! We are currently upgrading our projection, mics and sound system equipment to bring you an even better program experience. If you too would like to contribute please send checks to WCC PO BOX 809, Jackson, NH 03846

Last fall we successfully experimented with "BYOC" (Bring Your Own Crafts) gatherings on Mondays 6-8pm. If you want more information and upcoming dates please contact whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com to learn more about these fun crafter evenings hosted by Gloria Hutchings and Bridget Herlihy in the WCC art room.

It is not too soon... to start sending in Jackson photos for this August's Pictures of Jackson Photography Show. Send to whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com. Your photo has a chance to be included in one of our upcoming program catalogs!

DaCapo Singers *Summer Concert*

at Whitney Community Center
June 9th / 4pm



The Friends of Whitney Community Center are pleased to host the Jackson DaCapo Concerts for 2024.
For Ticket Info Contact: juliesara143@gmail.com

MARCH PROGRAMS

GRAMMY AWARD WINNING

Storyteller

BILL HARLEY

Don't Miss These FREE EVENTS



Appearing in Two Special Events!
Feb. 28th Jackson Library
& March 2nd WCC 7-8p

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!
SEE BACK COVER FOR SIGN UP INFO OR EMAIL
WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER @ GMAIL.COM

**VOLUNTEER
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

SATURDAY,
MARCH 16TH
8-10AM



Thank You!

**SCULPTURE
BASICS**

WITH LAUREN WEBBER, RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN

EXPLORE THE BASIC TECHNIQUES
OF SCULPTURE WITH EASY-TO-USE MATERIALS

TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH 4-6PM FEE \$15



**WICKED STEEP
TRAILWORK
OF THE WHITE
MOUNTAINS**

FREE PROGRAM
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH / 7-8PM



**BUILDING EFFECTIVE AND EQUITABLE
CLIMATE SOLUTIONS**

Sunday, March 10th / 7-8:30pm

FREE PROGRAM



FREE PROGRAM

MAPLE SUGARING

DEMONSTRATION WITH PETER & EMILY BENSON

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD / 10AM-12PM



DO YOU WANT TO BE A BEE KEEPER?



Have you ever dreamed of keeping your own honeybee hives? Unravel the mysteries of keeping bees. Topics will include: the three types of bees found in a hive, bee biology, bee behavior, and the numerous products, as well as hive construction, beekeeping equipment needs, start-up costs, hive management, and more.

This program is taught by Janice and Joe Mercieri, the founders and owners of White Mountain Apiary & Bee Farm located in Whitefield, NH.

Saturday, April 6th / 10am-12 noon

FREE / No Limit

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COMPOSTING Turn Table Scraps to Garden Gold

Learn practical tips for turning a year of vegetable, lawn and garden discards into rich compost using familiar garden tools, mostly free materials and a bit of productive exercise. Topics will include different methods of backyard composting; materials that are appropriate for maintaining an active pile; the importance of aeration, humidity and temperature; plus, much more.

This program is taught by Allan Brooks, a lifelong composter with a wealth of hands-on knowledge to share.

Tuesday, April 16th / 7-8:30 pm

FREE / No Limit

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THE POWER OF NATURE ABSORPTION

Discover a simple compass pointing toward an enhanced natural world awareness that can be experienced by everyone.

Based on the just released book, 'The Science of Watching, the Art of Seeing, and the Power of Nature Absorption' this program is perfect for birders, nature enthusiasts, travelers and anyone seeking to increase their knowledge about the extraordinary connections we share with the natural world.

This program is presented by Chris Lewey, Executive Director and Founder of RAVEN Interpretive Programs, and his co-authors, Sharon Fisher and Jane Lounsbury.

Tuesday April 23rd / 7-8pm

FREE / No Limit

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FLOWER ARRANGING with CARRIE SCRIBNER



Are you ready to learn Carrie's secrets to flower arranging? Learn how to clean and process flowers. Discover how to design a flower arrangement based on color schemes, shapes, patterns, and textures. Don't forget Sunday is Mother's Day! Clippers will be provided and you will be able to bring home your beautiful creation.

This program is taught by Carrie Scribner the owner of Dutch Bloemen Winkel.

Tuesday, May 7th / 3-5pm

FEE \$50 / Limit 25

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What's your story?

FAMILY STORIES How and Why to Tell Them

Telling personal and family stories is fun – and much more. Storytelling connects strangers and strengthens links between generations with vivid descriptions of ideas, beliefs, personal experiences, and life-lessons. In this active and interactive program learn foolproof ways to develop and tell meaningful stories.

This program is taught by Jo Radner, a storyteller, oral historian, and author.

Monday, May 13th / 6:30-8:30pm

FREE / No Limit

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MAKING MOCKTAILS



Learn how to make incredible non-alcoholic mocktails that are healthy and refreshing and can be easily transformed into a cocktail. Discover how to combine fresh ingredients with innovative beverage recipes. Whether you imbibe or not, mocktails can be a treat for any social gathering or night in.

This program is taught by Michelle Phillips, a seasoned mixer of Innovative mocktails.

Sunday, May 19th / 3-4:30pm

FEE \$15 / Limit 10

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WONDERS OF WOOL Needle Felting an Owl



Needle felting is the craft of creating three dimensional felt sculptures from soft wool fibers using specialized needles. It's a therapeutic, forgiving medium that is easy to work with and offers unlimited creativity. You will be amazed at what you can create in your first session! With simple silhouettes and charismatic expressions, owls are a perfect subject for both beginners and experienced needle felters.

This program is taught by Kathy Seymour who for over 15 years taught birding and needle felting for Mass Audubon.

Sunday, June 2nd / 1:30-4:30pm

FEE \$20 / Limit 10

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Community, Democracy & Grammar School Playground Build



Jackson Grammar School



Being part of a community without question, is a central human experience.

Committing to an engaging community gives a sense of connection and belonging. Civic health is at the heart of a vigorous community. Richard Haas in his book, *The Bill of Obligations: The Ten Habits of Good Citizens* encourages citizens to be informed, get involved, stay open to compromise, remain civil, reject violence, value norms, promote the common good, respect government service, support the teaching of civics and put country first.

To help us all be better informed, this year the Jackson Public Library is moderating book club discussion groups around the role democracy plays in our lives. Contact staff@jacksonlibrary.com if you are interested in knowing more about the democracy discussion groups.

One way to get involved is by lending a helping hand.

On May 10th, 11th & 12th, all community members are invited to help in the installation of the Jackson Grammar School's brand new playground.

Mark your calendar today to be available to help out. Keep your eye on the Jackson Grammar School newsletter and Jackson ENews for more detailed information. The new playground will be a great resource for all community members, especially our children.

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.

– Coretta Scott King



Choosing Appliances Energy Performance and Appliance Rebates

New appliances are not only a great facelift, but they can help you save big in the long run. Learn about ENERGY STAR certified electric appliances that reduce energy use by 10 to 50 percent without sacrificing performance. Find out about rebate options that reduce the cost of your purchase.

This program is taught by NHEC Energy Solutions Program Administrators, Haley Kuplin and Eric Sandberg,

Monday, June 3rd / 7-8:30pm

FREE / No Limit

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Is RVing for You?

If you have a sense of wanderlust and a thirst for adventure, RVing might be an option for you. Garner tips on renting or buying, getting to know your RV, planning a RV trip, enjoying and getting the most out of your trip, how to find places to stay, and tips on North American locations, especially National and Provincial Parks to visit.

This program is taught by Greg and Melinda Foley-Marsello and Betsy & Don Gemmecke, RV enthusiasts with lessons to share.

Wednesday, June 19th / 7-8:30pm

FREE EVENT / No Limit

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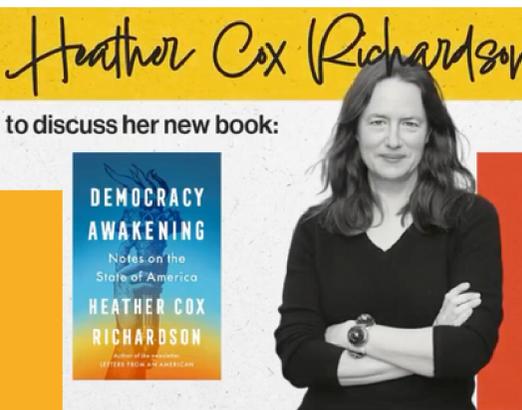
Heather Cox Richardson: DEMOCRACY AWAKENING

Join American academic historian, author, and educator and creator of Letters from an American, a newsletter about the history behind today's politics, as she discusses her new book, "Democracy Awakens: Notes on the State of America" and addresses critical US and world issues as we ramp up for the 2024 election. After Richardson's presentation, there will be a discussion group about what we have learned.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Whitney Community Center.

Friday, June 14th / 4-6pm

FREE / No Limit Whitney Community Center





SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

The summer solstice is the time when our ancestors celebrated the sun's power and its ability to sustain life on Earth.

Come to celebrate the summer solstice as we collaborate with Jackson Historical Society, Jackson Public Library, Tin Mountain Conservation Center, and Jackson Community Church to offer multiple activities held throughout Jackson, highlighted by an evening campfire by the WCC's pavilion.

Gather with old and new friends to celebrate the beginning of summer.

Thursday, June 20th / Daytime - 8pm

FREE / No Limit

Multiple Locations (details listed on poster)

QUESTIONS? email us at:
whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com

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and check **JACKSON E-NEWS** for updates!



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Whitney Community Center

Help Wanted!

We're always looking for great programming ideas and teachers. Of particular interest are teachers for: Crafts, Cooking, Travel Talks, Children's Programs and Outdoor Activities. If you have an idea for a program or are interested in teaching, contact us at: whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com.

REGISTER ONLINE FOR ALL WCC PROGRAMS:

FEE BASED PROGRAMS:

<https://friends-of-the-whitney-community-center.square.site>

FREE PROGRAMS:

Sign up at <https://whitneyccprograms/sign-up>

Cancellation Policy: Fee-based programs may be canceled if the program does not meet minimum enrollment. A full refund will be issued to people who register for a fee-based program that is canceled. To drop from a fee-based program and get a full refund please contact whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com three days prior to the start date of the program.

Liability Waiver: In registering for and/or attending a Friends of The Whitney Community Center Program you agree you are familiar with and understand the inherent risks in attending, and you assume all the risks of injury and loss arising from your participation, here by releasing and holding harmless the Whitney Community Center and its agents from liability for any such injury or loss.