



WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER

October-December 2025



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WELCOME TO THE
WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER'S OCTOBER
THROUGH DECEMBER 2025 PROGRAM CATALOG.

OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE CLASSES, PRESENTATIONS,
EVENTS & SERVICES OFFERED BY
THE FRIENDS OF THE WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER.

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



**WCC
News...**

Use & Bookmark our Website:
Visit www.whitneycctrprograms.com
to sign-up/register for all programs.

Send us your Photos of Jackson: We're creating the 2025 edition of Pictures of Jackson—a video celebrating the beauty and spirit of our community. It will be shown at this year's Community Potluck Supper on Sunday, November 9, from 4-7 pm. Email your favorite Jackson photos to whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com by October 26.

Want to Help Us with Programs? The Friends of the Whitney Community Center Programming Committee plays a key role in shaping the mix of events and programs we offer. The committee meets four times a year and welcomes new members and fresh ideas. If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering, email us at whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com.

Looking to connect over Crafts, Cribbage or Bridge? Learn more about the Whitney Community Center's Bring Your Own Crafts, Cribbage and Bridge gatherings by signing up for "At The Whitney" email updates. It's easy, just email whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com and ask to be added to the email list.

We have a new Mailing Address & Phone Number: PO Box 665 Jackson, NH. Our new phone number is 603-307-0639. Add us to your phone's contact list for future convenience and as always you can also reach us at the email above.

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A collaboration between

Jackson Community Church, Jackson Historical Society, Jackson Public Library,
Jackson Ski Touring Foundation, Tin Mountain Conservation Center
The Upper Saco Valley Land Trust & Whitney Community Center

The new
**Jackson Community
Programming Calendar
is online!**

A collaboration between Jackson, New Hampshire nonprofit organizations to provide Jackson and surrounding community residents and visitors a one-stop calendar with all community programming.

FRIENDS OF THE WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTS

A Christmas Carol



D E C E M B E R

SUNDAY | 21 | 4-5:30PM

FEATURING STEPHEN COLLINS & POORNIMA KIRBY

Get ready to warm your heart and usher in the holiday season! Join beloved actor Stephen Collins who presented "An Afternoon with Walt Whitman" and talented actress Poornima Kirby for a funny & heartfelt journey through Charles Dickens' timeless classic, A Christmas Carol.

This special one-hour adaptation vividly portrays Ebenezer Scrooge's transformation from a grumpy, selfish misanthrope to a generous, wise, and kindly man, brimming with the true spirit of Christmas. Collins takes on the iconic role of Scrooge, while Kirby masterfully shifts between all the other beloved characters. This fast-paced and playful adaptation retains all the beauty & humor of Dickens original text, interwoven with melodious Christmas Carols and even a lively folk dance!

There will be festive Carol Singing
& Cookies to Share!

A FREE EVENT THAT PROMISES TO BE A MEMORABLE
START TO YOUR HOLIDAYS!

PLEASE RSVP @ WHITNEYCCPROGRAMS.COM



Wonders of Wool: Needle Felting an Owl

Needle felting is a craft using specialized needles to create felt sculptures from soft wool fibers. It's easy to learn and offers unlimited creativity. In this two-class series, you will make an adorable owl starting with a pre-felted egg base. You'll learn techniques for three-dimensional sculpting and for creating fine details with wool. This program is appropriate for all skill levels.

This program is taught by Kathy Seymour who's taught birding and crafting programs for over 20 years.

Thurs, Oct 2 & 9 / 5:30-8:00p
Fee \$25 / Limit 12 / Supplies Inc.
Whitney Community Center



What Makes Putin Tick?

Explore the personality, motivations, and leadership style of Vladimir Putin, one of the most consequential and enigmatic figures in global politics. Trace his rise from KGB agent to Russian President, examining how his worldview, personal ambitions, and historical grievances have shaped Russia's domestic and foreign policy. Special attention will be given to his fixation on Ukraine and his desire to restore Russia's global power.

This program is presented by Dr. Anthony Deluca, Professor Emeritus of History.

Tuesday, Oct 7 / 7-8:30p
FREE
Whitney Community Center



The Perfect Charcuterie Board

Transform your next gathering into a feast for the senses by creating the perfect charcuterie board. Discover how to pair meats, cheeses, fruits, nuts, and condiments to craft beautiful and delicious arrangements for any occasion. Whether you're hosting a dinner party or bringing a dish to share, you will leave with the skills and inspiration to wow guests with your own curated board.

This program is taught by Anjali Rose & Sue Berthelette, who have been creators of delicious meals for years.

Tuesday, Oct 14 / 5:30-7:30p
Fee \$25 / Limit 10 / Supplies Inc.
Whitney Community Center



Knitting Felted Mittens

Learn to knit cozy, stylish felted mittens that are as warm as they are beautiful. You will be guided through the process from casting on to felting, using wool yarn to create a snug and durable winter accessory. Perfect for confident beginners or experienced knitters looking for a new project.

This program is taught by knitting enthusiasts Peggy Connolly & Melinda Foley-Marsello.

Wed, Oct 22 & 29, Nov 5 & 12 / 6:30-8:00p
Fee \$20 / Limit 8 / Supplies Inc.
Jackson's Old Library

Yankee Humor with Fred Marple

Yankee humor, Ayuh. Join Fred Marple for an evening of semi-true tales, rumors and outright lies from the most under-appreciated town in NH, Frost Heaves. People have called his family-friendly show "hilarious," "outstanding," and "more fun than raking wet leaves."

This performance is presented by Yankee humorist, Fred Marple, who has appeared in Yankee Magazine.

Tuesday, Oct 21 / 7-8:30p
FREE
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Barn Dance with Erik Rollnick & the White Mountain Ceili Band

Join the White Mountain Ceili Band and veteran dance caller, Eric Rollnick, and kick up your heels at our lively Barn Dance, featuring an evening of toe-tapping music and joyful dancing for all ages. No experience is necessary as Eric will guide you through various easy, traditional, New England dances.

The program is hosted by the Friends of the Whitney Community Center.

Saturday, Oct 25 / 7-9:00p
FREE
Whitney Community Center



Microplastics Inside Us All

Microplastics are everywhere. Delve into the pervasive world of microplastics and their undeniable presence within our bodies and environment. Understand what microplastics are and their growth in our NH lakes and rivers. Discover the potential health implications, as well as what actions can be taken, individually and collectively, to mitigate the challenges of microplastic pollution.

This program is presented by Jill M. Emerson, MB, (ASCP)^{CM} Staff Scientist at the Green Mountain Conservation Group.

Tuesday, Oct 28 / 7-8:30p
FREE
Whitney Community Center



Let's Ear It for the Mountain Ear

Through stories from the book Mt. Washington Valley Through the Ears, learn about the rich history of The Mountain Ear newspaper and the fascinating people and places that played pivotal roles in the evolution of the Mount Washington Valley. Discover how the vibrant community of Jackson, including the pioneering efforts of Betty and Bill Whitney at their inn and ski slopes, helped shape this iconic New Hampshire region. An engaging look back that provides insight into the local events, notable figures, and daily life that made the Valley what it is today.

This program is presented by MWV Through the Ears authors, Sarah Eastman and Karen Cummings, along with other The Mountain Ear writers.

Sunday, Nov 2 / 4-5:30p
FREE
Whitney Community Center





An Evening of Storytelling

Humans are innate storytellers, using narratives to make sense of our world and connect with one another. As a continuation of our storytelling evenings, you are invited to share a story or just listen and connect with others as they share theirs. Stop in at the Pro Tune Tap, have something to eat and drink, and continue the timeless tradition of fostering communication and understanding through shared human experience.

This program is hosted by Margaret Graciano.
To sign up for a storyteller slot
contact Margaret at mgracian8@gmail.com

Wed, Nov 5 / 6-8:00p

FREE

Pro Tune Tap Room / Glen, NH



The Last Class with Robert Reich

Will you join Professor Reich for his last class? Step into the mind, heart, and classroom of a teacher who will change how you see the world, and yourself in it. The Last Class film captures a master educator wrestling with the dual realities of his own aging and his students inheriting a world out of balance. Watch The Last Class and get the education you didn't know you needed.

This film is hosted by Unity Works, a local group who's focus is public education to help shape a more just and inclusive society for all.

Thursday, Nov 6 / 7-8:30p

FREE

Whitney Community Center



Annual Community Potluck Supper

Join us for a uplifting gathering celebrating community connection! Bring your favorite dish to contribute, and we'll provide the drinks. After we've all enjoyed the delicious food, we'll watch the 2025 Jackson Photography Show and be entertained by a showcase of local talent. It's the perfect opportunity to rekindle old friendships, make new acquaintances, and experience the joy of bringing people together, one dish at a time! Don't forget to invite a friend or neighbor.

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

Sunday, Nov 9 / 4-7:00p

FREE

Whitney Community Center



Making Holiday Cards

Get a jump on your holiday cards! Join us for a fun and creative session where you'll make one-of-a-kind holiday cards that are uniquely yours. Samples will be available for inspiration, all materials will be supplied, and no experience is necessary. You can choose to send your favorite design to be printed so that you'll have enough personalized greetings for everyone on your holiday list.

This program is taught by local artist June McLeavey for adults of any skill level.

Wed, Nov 12 / 6:00-8:00p
Fee \$15 / Limit 12 / Supplies Inc.
Whitney Community Center

An Evening with Ana Hebra Flaster

Join us for a compelling evening as Ana shares her powerful personal story. This New Hampshire resident and author will recount her experience of being forced from her Cuban barrio for opposing communism. Drawing from her book, *Property of the Revolution: From a Cuban Barrio to a New Hampshire Mill Town*, Flaster will discuss how, despite its imperfections, she believes the U.S. offers unparalleled opportunities to pursue one's dreams.

This program is hosted by the Jackson Public Library, White Birch Books, and Friends of the Whitney Community Center.

Tuesday, Nov 18 / 7-8:00p
FREE
Whitney Community Center



Making Bohemian Leather Button Bracelets

Create two unique bohemian leather bracelets by choosing your own combination of beads, leather cord colors, and button closures. Select from beautiful stones and tubes like Indian agate, Red Creek jasper, mixed sandalwood, and more to design a piece that reflects your personal style. This hands-on, easy-to-follow workshop is perfect for anyone age 12 and up—and makes a great handmade holiday gift!

This program is taught by Daphne LeMay of Balance Malas.

Wednesday, Nov 19 / 4-5:30
Fee \$40 / Supplies for two Bracelets
Jackson Community Church



Festive Wreath Making with DUTCH BLOEMEN WINKEL

Learn how to make a festive seasonal wreath using different professional florist techniques. The Dutch Blomen Winkle's own "flower fairies" will show you how to use different winter greens and natural elements to create a balanced arrangement, complete with a festive bow. Always a hit, the wreath making program is a fun way kick off your holiday decorating at home with your personal touch.

This program is taught by Flower Friaries Sarah Montgomery and Antonia Conte.

Monday, December 1 / 4-6:00p
Fee \$55 / Supplies Inc.
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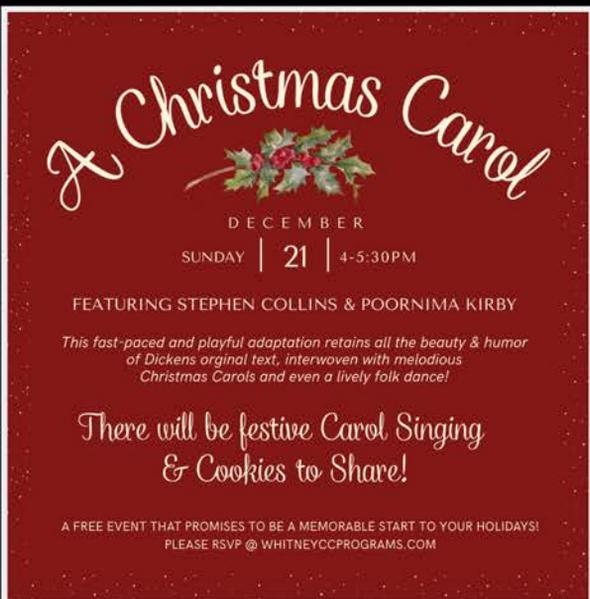
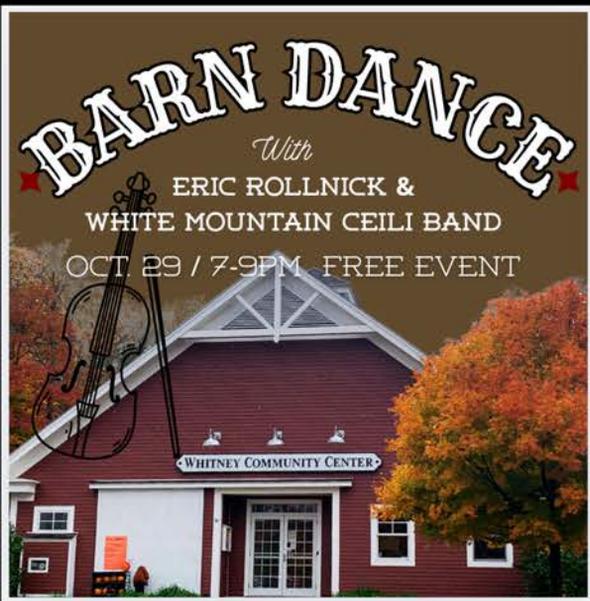
Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Franciscans (But Were Afraid to Ask)

Who were Francis and Clare of Assisi? What compelled a privileged young man to embrace poverty—and joyfully so? Why did a teenage girl walk away from comfort and status to follow him? What does it mean to live as a Franciscan today? Join us for a dynamic and interactive hour exploring the radical lives, ministries, and enduring legacies of Francis and Clare. You'll discover how their 13th-century vision continues to inspire a movement of simplicity, compassion, and kinship with creation.

This program is presented by Reverend Walt Hampton, Franciscan brother, pastor, spiritual leader, and storyteller.

Sunday, December 7 / 4-5:00p
FREE
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There you will find the details on all our latest program offerings. Scroll down and click the PROGRAMS button to sign-up for all our fee-based offerings and free events to help us better prepare. Fee based programs fill fast so register today. Thank You!

Questions? Call or email us at: 603-307-0639
whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com

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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.