



# WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER

JANUARY-MARCH 2026



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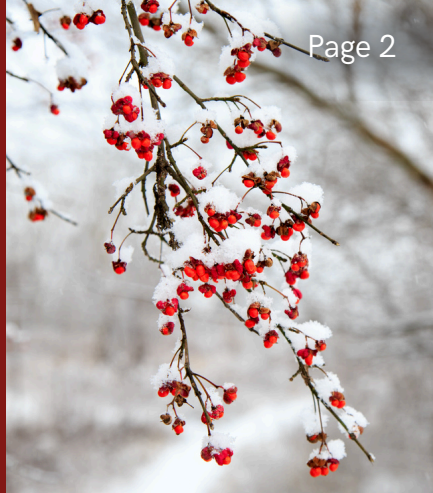
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WELCOME TO THE  
WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER'S  
JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2026 PROGRAM CATALOG.

OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE CLASSES, PRESENTATIONS,  
EVENTS, AND 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.whitneyccprograms.com](http://www.whitneyccprograms.com)  
to sign-up/register for all programs.

**March Community Yard Sale:** Four times a year Friends of the Whitney Community Center, in collaboration with MWV Climate Action, host community yard sales featuring vendors and *Free Stuff* tables stocked with items contributed by community members. The next Community Yard Sale is scheduled for **March 14, 2026 / 9a-12p**. If you're interested in reserving a vendor table or learning more about donating items for the *Free Stuff* tables, please email [whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com)

**Looking to connect over Crafts or Cribbage?** Learn more about the Whitney Community Center's Bring Your Own Crafts nights and Cribbage Game gatherings in the latest At the Whitney Program Updates email newsletter, in Jackson e-news or email us at [whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com).

**Our Mailing Address & Phone Number:** PO Box 665 Jackson, NH and 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. Visit our website to learn more and to register for all programs: **WHITNEYCCPROGRAMS.COM**



Check out the new  
Jackson Community  
Programming Calendar  
online @ [jxncpc.com](http://jxncpc.com)

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



# Thank You!



The Friends of the Whitney Community Center would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in one or more of our programs in 2025. This year, over 2,000 community members joined us for more than 75 offerings—including two Summer Camps and the First Annual Mount Washington Valley Storytelling Festival.

Thanks to the generosity shown during our February Fundraising Drive, we're able to offer more than 70% of our programs at no cost. To learn how you can support our work 2026 Fundraising Drive, please see Page 8.

# Celebrate Democracy - 250 Years and Beyond!



Join The Friends of the Whitney Community Center and Jackson Public Library as we launch a collaborative series of 10 community programs in 2026 to celebrate the 250th birthday of our country. Together, we'll reflect on our nation's history through the works of dedicated historians, explore topics from the founding of the United States, and consider how a changing world may shape its future.

This series will include ten programs held at either the Whitney Community Center or the Jackson Public Library. During January–March, two programs will be offered at WCC: Why Democracy? on Sunday, January 11 (see page 4) and Exploring Ken Burns' Documentary Series: The American Revolution on Wednesday, March 4 (see page 6).



## Why Democracy?

Democracy is often treated as an unquestioned good—the one political principle on which people across the ideological spectrum can agree. Yet its value has been challenged repeatedly throughout history. To understand democracy's place in the modern world, it is essential to examine the arguments on which it rests.

This program is presented by Dr. Josh Duclos, the 1923 Chair of Humanities at St. Paul's School in Concord, NH. This program is part of the Celebrate Democracy – 250 Years and Beyond! series.

**Sunday, Jan. 11 / 4-5:30p**

**FREE**

**Whitney Community Center**



## Minestrone Magic!

Discover the warmth and flavor of classic Italian minestrone in this hands-on cooking class. Learn how to build a rich, hearty broth. Participants will chop, simmer, and taste as we create a delicious, customizable soup you can easily recreate at home. Ideal for all skill levels and lovers of comforting, wholesome home-cooked meals.

This program is taught by Brian Coffey, a local professional chef with over 30 years of experience.

**Tuesday, January 13 / 4-6p**

**Fee \$30 / Supplies Inc. / Limit 10**

**Jackson Community Church**



## A Winter Gathering of Stories

Gather at the Pro Tune Tap Room for a warm and engaging winter evening as locals share personal stories that spark laughter, reflection, and conversation. Settle in with something to eat or drink and enjoy a cozy atmosphere filled with voices and experiences from across our community. Brighten the season and celebrate the power of shared storytelling.

This program is hosted by Margaret Graciano. To sign up for a storyteller slot contact Margaret at mgraciano8@gmail.com.

**Wed., January 21 / 6-8p**

**FREE**

**Pro Tunes Tap Room Glen, NH**



## How to Write a Legacy Letter

Learn how to craft a meaningful legacy letter that captures your values, life lessons, and hopes for the future. In this guided session, you'll explore reflective prompts, storytelling techniques, and simple structures that help transform memories into a heartfelt message for loved ones. For a special occasion or preserving it for future generations, this program offers support, inspiration, and space to create a lasting written treasure.

This program is taught by Greg Marsello who has presented legacy letter programs across North America.

**Monday, January 26 / 7-8:30p**

**FREE**

**Whitney Community Center**



## Winter Wildlife Tracking

Explore the fascinating world of winter wildlife tracking through hands-on and observational games, followed by a fun and engaging wildlife tracking trivia. Even if you've never tracked animals before, you'll leave confident in your new skills and with a deeper understanding of how to read signs in snow and nature. Gain appreciation for our wildlife neighbors, always present yet rarely seen.

This program is taught by Kyle Ball who runs wildlife tracking programs through New England Wildlife Tracking, LLC.

**Friday, January 30 / 7-8:30p**

**FREE**

**Whitney Community Center**



## Learn to Play Cribbage

Discover the timeless card game of Cribbage in this hands-on, beginner-friendly workshop. Learn the rules, scoring, and strategies while playing practice hands in a fun and supportive environment. Perfect for new players or those looking to refresh their skills, this program emphasizes both technique and friendly competition.

This program is taught by the Whitney Community Center Cribbage Group.

**Friday, February 6 / 4-5:30p**  
**FREE**  
**Whitney Community Center**



## 3rd Annual WCC Cribbage Tournament

Test your skills and enjoy friendly competition at our 3rd Annual Cribbage Tournament! Players of all levels are welcome to join in for an evening of strategic card play, camaraderie, and fun prizes. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a casual player, this event offers the perfect chance to challenge yourself, meet fellow cribbage enthusiasts, and celebrate the timeless appeal of this classic game in a lively, welcoming setting. Sign-up at [whitneycpprograms.com](http://whitneycpprograms.com).

This tournament is hosted by the WCC Cribbage Group.

**Friday, February 6 / 7-8:30p**  
**FREE / Sign-Up Required / Limit 30**  
**Whitney Community Center**



## The Survival Story of Moose in NH

Learn about New Hampshire's moose population, including their natural history, preferred habitats, and how climate change is affecting their survival. This informative session provides insight into moose behavior, conservation challenges, and the efforts that help protect these iconic animals, offering a deeper appreciation for New Hampshire's wildlife.

This program is presented by New Hampshire Fish and Wildlife Steward Jack Varin.

**Sunday, February 8 / 4-5:30p**  
**FREE**  
**Whitney Community Center**



## Making Molded Chocolate Candy

Learn the art of crafting beautiful, molded chocolate candies in this hands-on program. Discover techniques for melting, tempering, and molding chocolate, and explore ways to fill and decorate your creations for a professional finish. Perfect for beginners and chocolate lovers alike, you'll leave with delicious handmade treats and the confidence to recreate them at home.

This program is taught by the J-Town Deli's Peter Bennett.

**Thursday, February 12 / 6-8p**  
**FEE \$20 / Supplies Inc. / Limit 10**  
**Whitney Community Center**

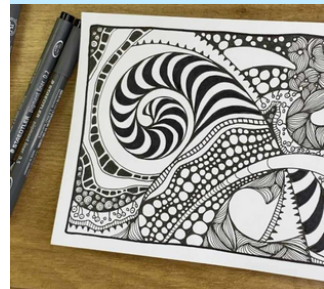


## The Art of Zentangle

Discover the relaxing and creative art of Zentangle in this beginner-friendly class. Learn simple, structured patterns that build into intricate designs while reducing stress and enhancing focus. No drawing experience is needed—just curiosity and a willingness to explore lines and shapes. You'll leave with completed pieces, new techniques, and a journal with supplies to continue your meditative practice at home.

This program is taught Donna Torney, a Certified Zentangle Teacher and Licensed Mental Health Counselor.

**Tuesday, February 17 / 4-6p**  
**FEE \$15 / Supplies Inc. / Limit 6**  
**Jackson Community Church**





## Living with Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Science fiction writers have been anticipating the challenges of artificial intelligence for over a hundred years and have helped shape our scientific and intellectual responses to today's world of personal assistants and increasingly smart devices. This program looks at both the benefits and the challenges of AI. Its new opportunities, privacy concerns, ethical dilemmas, and societal impacts.

**Wednesday, February 18 / 7-8:30p**

This program is presented by award-winning science fiction writer James Kelly.

**FREE**

**Whitney Community Center**



## Supporting Brain Health

Everyone deserves a life with the healthiest brain possible, and we can all take action to help protect our brain health. The program shares important information about brain-healthy actions we should all build into our routines to benefit our brains, including the U.S. POINTER recipe. It's never too early—or too late—to start prioritizing brain health.

This program is presented by Lorraine Kermond from the Alzheimer's Association.

**Friday, February 20 / 12-1:30p**

**FREE**

**Whitney Community Center**



## Family Magic Show

Children and adults will be captivated as Conjuring Carroll blends storytelling, humor, and seemingly impossible feats into a seamless show. This uplifting, high-energy experience sparks curiosity, fuels imagination, and creates shared family moments that last long after the final illusion. Arrive ready to smile, be astonished, and maybe even join Carroll on stage to become part of the magic!

This program is performed by international performing artist, Carroll Chapman, a veteran magician with more than 30 years of experience.

**Sunday, March 1 / 3-4p**

**FREE**

**Whitney Community Center**



## Balloon Magic Workshop

Join Conjuring Carroll for a lively balloon-twisting experience where you'll learn to create one of his most requested designs—the classic balloon dog! In this hands-on session, he'll guide you step-by-step through simple twisting techniques while adding his signature humor and showmanship. No experience needed, and all materials are provided. Perfect for kids and adults alike. You'll leave with a colorful balloon dog, a new skill, and a big smile—so come be part of the fun!

Please register at [whitneyccprograms.com](http://whitneyccprograms.com)

**Sunday, March 1 / 4-5p**

This program is also performed by the amazing Carroll Chapman.

**Fee \$10 per child (parents free) / Limit 30**

**Whitney Community Center**



## Exploring Ken Burns' Documentary Series: An American Revolution

Join us for a lively community discussion of An American Revolution, the powerful documentary by Ken Burns. Together we'll explore the film's portrayal of the people, conflicts, and transformative ideas that shaped the nation's path to independence. Participants will reflect on key themes, ask questions, and consider how the documentary connects the Revolution's ideals and challenges to what we face today.

This program is part of the Celebrate Democracy-250 Years and Beyond! Series

**Wed., March 4 / 7-8:30p**

**FREE**

**Whitney Community Center**



## The Pope, the People, and the Faith: Understanding Catholicism

Explore the foundations of Catholicism in this accessible and informative program. Learn about the role of the Pope, the structure of the Church, and the beliefs and traditions that shape the Catholic faith. Gain insight into how Catholicism has evolved, how it influences communities worldwide, and why it remains a significant spiritual force for millions.

This program is taught by Michele Dillon, Professor of Sociology at the University of New Hampshire.

**Sunday, March 8 / 4-5:30p**  
**FREE**  
**Whitney Community Center**



## Classic Card Game Night

Gather for an evening of friendly competition and classic card-playing fun! This program introduces four timeless games—Hearts, Spades, Crazy Eights, and Rummy 500. Whether you're learning for the first time or brushing up on long-forgotten skills, you'll enjoy clear instruction, relaxed play, and plenty of laughs. Come solo or bring a friend as we explore the strategies, surprises, and social enjoyment that make these card games enduring favorites.

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

**Wednesday, March 11 / 7-8:30p**  
**FREE**  
**Whitney Community Center**



## Maple Sugaring Demonstration

Celebrate the arrival of spring and discover how maple syrup is made the "old-fashioned way"! This hands-on afternoon includes a presentation on the history of maple sugaring in our region, followed by the chance to experience the full syrup-making process—from collecting sap to boiling it down into sweet maple syrup. Please sign-up at [whitneyccprogram.com](http://whitneyccprogram.com).

This program is demonstrated by Jackson maple syrup lovers Peter and Emily Benson.

**Sunday, March 15 / 1-3p**  
**FREE / Sign-Up Required / Limit 15**  
**Marsh Brook Maples on Carter Notch**



## Nature's Highway: Flyway of Life Movie

Discover the remarkable journey of migratory birds in Flyway of Life, an inspiring and visually stunning documentary that follows species as they navigate thousands of miles across continents. The film explores the challenges they face, the habitats they depend on, and the delicate balance that sustains their migrations. Learn the the importance of protecting these vital flyways.

Film by Tomas Koeck and produced by Silent Flight Studios. Hosted by MWV Climate Action and post-film discussion led by Jane Sender and Kathy Seymour.

**Sunday, March 15 / 7-8:30p**  
**FREE**  
**Whitney Community Center**



## That Reminds Me of a Story: Tales of New Hampshire

Rebecca Rule hosts *Our Hometown* on NHPBS. Each program features a different New Hampshire town, its stories about what makes their town special told by its citizens. Join us for this special event where Rebecca highlights some of her favorite and funniest stories that reflect what is so special about this rocky old place we call home.

This program is presented by NHPBS author and storyteller Rebecca Rule.

**Sunday, March 22 / 4-5:30p**  
**FREE**  
**Whitney Community Center**





Our  
February  
Fundraising  
Drive has  
Begun!

**Your Contributions allow us to offer 70% of our programs for FREE.** Please donate online at [https:// friends-of- the-whitney-communitycenter.square.site](https://friends-of-the-whitney-communitycenter.square.site) or mail a check made out to: Whitney Community Center  
PO Box 665, Jackson, NH 03846



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Questions? Call or email us at:  
603-307-0639  
[whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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.

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# Winter Concert

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 / 4:00PM

# Community YARD SALE

WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER  
16 BLACK MOUNTAIN RD. JACKSON



Saturday  
3/14  
9am-12pm