



WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2026

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WELCOME TO THE
WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER'S
OCTOBER-DECEMBER 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!



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WCC News...

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

We are collecting photos for the Photos of Jackson Show at the Community Potluck Supper on Sunday, November 8th. Send your photos to whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com.

Currently in its 53rd year, the Mount Washington Valley Community Band, a social club comprised of volunteers of all ages and walks of life, performs at the Whitney Community Center on Saturday, December 12th from 2-3 pm.

Want to connect over Crafts, Cribbage or Classic Card Games? Learn more about the Whitney Community Center's Bring Your Own Crafts, Cribbage and Classic Card Game gatherings by emailing us at whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com.

How to contact the Whitney Community Center: You can reach us by email at whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com, by phone at 603-307-0639, by mail at PO Box 665, Jackson, NH, or by visiting whitneyccprograms.com to learn more and sign up/register for all programs.



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Jackson New Hampshire's
Community Programming Calendar

Check out the
Jackson Community
Programming Calendar
online @ 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.

Special Events!

Community Volunteer Fair & Dessert Competition

Discover meaningful ways you can make a difference while enjoying one of the community's sweetest events! Meet local nonprofit organizations and volunteer groups, learn about opportunities to get involved, and then sample entries in a friendly community dessert competition.

This fair is part of the Jackson Public Library and Whitney Community Center's Celebrate Democracy – 250 Years and Beyond! series.

Free / No Limit
Whitney Community Center
Thursday, October 22nd/5–7pm



Annual Community Potluck Supper

Join us for an uplifting gathering celebrating friendship, community, and the connections that bring us together. Bring your favorite dish to share, and we'll provide the drinks. After enjoying a wonderful meal together, we'll view the 2026 Jackson Photography Show and hear the wisdom, memories, and stories of our elders through a special presentation by Jackson Grammar School students. It's the perfect opportunity to reconnect with old friends, meet new neighbors, and experience the joy of community—one dish, one story, and one shared moment at a time!

This gathering is hosted by
The Friends of the
Whitney Community Center.

Free / Sign-Up required
Whitney Community Center
Sunday, November 8th /4–7 pm

A Christmas Celebration of Songs, Stories & Traditions for All Ages

Celebrate the magic of the holiday season with a community gathering filled with beautiful Christmas carols, timeless stories, and fascinating histories behind some of our favorite holiday songs. You will enjoy performances by Olde Towne Carolers, festive refreshments, and a joyful gathering that brings together music, memories, and the traditions that make Christmas special.

This celebration is hosted by The Friends of the
Whitney Community Center.

Free / All are Welcome – the more the Merrier!
Whitney Community Center
Sunday, December 20th /4–5:30 pm





Making Fabric Christmas Trees

Create a charming handmade fabric Christmas tree that will add warmth and holiday cheer to your home or make a thoughtful gift. In this beginner-friendly workshop using a folded fabric technique you'll learn how to attach the fabric pieces to a styrofoam base as well as embellishing techniques to create a festive tree you can proudly display year after year.

This program is taught by craft enthusiast Peggy Connolly and a few of her elves.

Fee \$15 / Supplies Inc / Limit 15
Whitney Community Center
Wednesday, October 7 & 14, 6:30-8 pm



Learning the Waltz with Grace & Confidence

Discover the beauty and elegance of the waltz in this fun and welcoming class designed for beginners and those looking to refresh their dance skills. You'll learn the basic steps, turns, and partner techniques while enjoying one of the world's most timeless and graceful ballroom dances. No partner needed.

This program is taught by professional dance instructor Elizabeth Converse.

Fee \$80 Per Person / Limit 16
Whitney Community Center
Tuesdays, Oct 13,20,27 & Nov 10, 6-7 pm



Discover East Coast Swing

Get ready to move, laugh, and have a great time as you learn the lively basics of East Coast Swing. This beginner-friendly class will teach you fundamental steps, turns, and partner techniques so you can dance with confidence to a wide variety of upbeat music. No partner needed.

This program is taught by professional dance instructor Elizabeth Converse.

Fee \$80 Per Person / Limit 16
Whitney Community Center
Tuesdays, Oct 13,20,27 & Nov 10, 7-8 pm



That Reminds Me of a Story: Tales of New Hampshire

Stories speak to us of community. They hold our history and reflect our identity. Rebecca Rule has made it her mission over the last 30 years to collect stories of New Hampshire, especially those that reflect what's special about this rocky old place. Rebecca will tell some of those stories- and invite audience members to contribute a few stories of their own.

This program is presented by Rebecca Rule, the host of Our Hometown on New Hampshire Public Television.

Free / No Limit
Whitney Community Center
Sunday, October 18, 4-5:30p



Holiday Appetizers for Entertaining

Celebrate the season by creating an assortment of festive, crowd-pleasing holiday appetizers, including warm savory tarts, colorful crostini, flavorful dips, and a specially crafted gluten-free option. Learn simple techniques, discover creative seasonal flavors, and leave with delicious recipes you can confidently prepare for holiday parties, family gatherings, and festive celebrations.

This program is taught by Anjali Rose, who has been creating delicious appetizers for years.

Fee \$15 /Supplies Inc / Limit 10
Jackson Community Church
Tuesday, October 20, 5:30-7:30p

One Boat, One Ocean, One Incredible Journey

Join Renee Blacken as she shares her incredible story of rowing solo across the Atlantic Ocean—an adventure of endurance, resilience, and discovery. Through photos, stories, and firsthand experiences, Renee will take you behind the scenes of this remarkable journey, from the challenges of life at sea to the moments of triumph along the way.

This program is presented by educator Renee Blacken, who rowed to raise awareness of and funding for trauma recovery programs that integrate mind and body healing.

Free / No Limit
Whitney Community Center
Friday, October 23, 7-8:30p



Spooky Stories for Kids with Motoko

At the conclusion of the Halloween Hollow – Jackson Treat Trail celebrate Halloween with award-winning storyteller Motoko as she shares a delightful collection of spooky, silly, and surprising stories for children and families. Filled with imagination, humor, and a touch of mystery, this special storytelling event will bring Halloween magic to life without being too scary.

This show is performed by Motoko, who brings spooky tales and enchanting folktales to life with her captivating voice, expressive style, and unique cultural perspective.

Free / No Limit
Whitney Community Center
Saturday, October 31, 5:30-6:15p



In Ghostly Japan

Come on down to the Thompson House Eatery and enter the shadowy world of ancient Japan, where fantasy and mystery intertwine and warriors, peasants, nuns, priests, ghosts, and demons come alive in unforgettable tales. Bring your own meal and drinks and get ready for a BIG CHILL!

This show is hosted by THE and performed by Motoko, an internationally acclaimed storyteller who brings mystery, humor, and a touch of the supernatural to her storytelling.

\$25 per person / Limit 60
Thompson House Eatery
Sat, October 31, 6-8:15p



Understanding Wildfire: Factors, Risks & History in NH

Explore the fascinating world of wildfires in New Hampshire, including when and why they occur, the science behind fire prediction, suppression and the history of wildfire across New England. Learn how climate shifts are affecting forest health, how researchers study past and present fire activity, and practical steps you can take to reduce wildfire risks and create a more resilient landscape on your property.

This program is presented by retired US Forest Service Forest Ranger John Neely who works as the Community Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator with NH Fire Management.

Free / No Limit
Whitney Community Center
Wednesday, Nov 4, 7-8:30p



Build Your Own Ceramic Wall Pocket

Create a unique ceramic wall pocket using hand-building techniques and your own creative style. Learn the basics of shaping, decorating, and finishing clay as you design a functional piece of art perfect for displaying flowers, plants, or seasonal decorations in your home.

This program is taught by Jenn Hayes of Mountain Ridge Pottery, who specializes in making functional pieces for home or business.

Fee \$45 / Supplies Inc / Limit 10
Whitney Community Center
Thursdays, Nov 5, 12 & 19, 6-8:00p





The Art of Pearl Knotting

Discover the traditional craft of pearl knotting and create a beautiful piece of jewelry to treasure or gift. Learn the techniques used by professional jewelers to string, knot, and finish pearls while gaining the skills to repair and design your own elegant necklaces and bracelets. Supplies are included but feel free to bring your own items as well.

This program is taught by Tim Psaledakis, a professional jeweler specializing in custom-made pieces and jewelry repair services.

Fee \$45 / Supplies Inc / Limit 8
Whitney Community Center
Friday, Nov 6, 1-4:00p

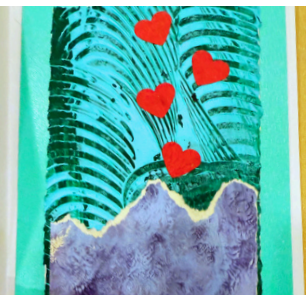


Understanding Bobcats in New Hampshire

Explore the fascinating natural history of this elusive wild cat, including its behavior, habitat needs, and current population status. Learn how long-term wildlife research is supported through a unique federal funding program and how these efforts have helped protect and restore abundant wildlife populations across the country.

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

Free / No Limit
Whitney Community Center
Thursday, Nov 12, 7-8:30p



Create Handmade 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 artist June McLeavey who has years of experience creating cards with people of all levels.

Fee \$15 / Supplies Inc / Limit 12
Whitney Community Center
Tuesday, Nov 17, 6-8:00p



A Valley Storytelling Gathering

Join us for a special evening of storytelling featuring both scheduled storytellers and spontaneous tales shared by members of the audience. Enjoy a mix of prepared stories, personal experiences, and unexpected moments while relaxing with friends and enjoying food and beverages available at Pro Tune.

This gathering is hosted by Greg Marsello. If you would like to be included in the storytelling lineup, please contact Greg at whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com.

Free / No Limit
Pro-Tune Tap Room in Glen
Wednesday, Nov 18, 6-8:00p



When Words Wound: A Jewish-Christian Conversation on Antisemitism

In a time of rising antisemitism, deep grief, and painful division surrounding Israel and Palestine, many people are struggling to find ways to speak with honesty, compassion, and moral responsibility. Join a thoughtful Jewish-Christian conversation rooted in friendship, trust, and the belief that difficult subjects require more dialogue, not less.

This program is presented by Reverend Walt Hampton and Dori Stern from the MWV Chavurah.

Free / No Limit
Whitney Community Center
Sunday, November 22, 4-5:30p

The Art of the Hearty Stew with Chef Coffey

Warm up your kitchen with the comforting flavors of a hearty homemade stew. Join Chef Coffey as he shares techniques, tips, and a delicious recipe for creating a satisfying one-pot meal perfect for cozy nights, family dinners, and gatherings with friends.

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

Fee \$30 / Supplies Inc / Limit 10
Jackson Community Church
Tuesday, December 1, 4-6:00p



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 DWB's Sarah Montgomery.

Fee \$55 / Supplies Inc / Limit 25
Whitney Community Center
Friday, Dec 4, 5:30-7:30p



From Closet to Catwalk Re-Fashion Show

Refresh your wardrobe and have fun while giving clothing a second life! Bring gently used items to swap, discover new-to-you treasures, enjoy a creative runway show featuring reimagined fashions, and get re-fashioning tips. Add some food, friends, and fun, and you have a gathering celebrating style, sustainability, and community connection.

This show is hosted by Mount Washington Valley Climate Action.

Free / No Limit
Whitney Community Center
Sunday, December 6, 11:30-1:00p



Protect Yourself from Senior Scams

Scammers are constantly developing new ways to target older adults, but knowledge and awareness are powerful tools for protection. Learn about common fraud schemes, warning signs to watch for, and practical steps you can take to safeguard your finances, personal information, and peace of mind.

This program is presented by Brian Day-Lewis who has researched and reported on senior scams.

Free / No Limit
Whitney Community Center
Friday, December 11, 1:30-3:00p



A Story I Must Tell: The History of "Jingle Bells"

In this interactive presentation, explore what James Lord Pierpont, the composer of "Jingle Bells," can teach us about speculative industries and changing opportunities in nineteenth-century America. Follow Pierpont's remarkable journey from teacher to whaler to purser's clerk, organist, photographer, and Confederate Army musician as we uncover how this son of an Abolitionist composed one of America's most beloved holiday songs.

This program is presented by Kyna Hamill, Director at Boston University's College of Arts and Sciences.

Free / No Limit
Whitney Community Center
Sunday, Dec 13, 4-5:30p





JACKSON

Community Potluck Supper



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SUNDAY 4-7PM **NOV. 8TH**

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COMMUNITY

CHRISTMAS

Celebration

Songs, Stories & Traditions

SUNDAY, DEC. 20TH
4:00-5:30PM

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