



January 12, 2018



**NH Trivia:** One hundred million years ago, the area of this mountain range was a very different place. What appear to be individual peaks are actually what is left of a large, now extinct volcano. It is thought that the volcano may have been as high as 10,000 feet, and would have looked something like Mt. Vesuvius or Mt. Fuji. Three major eruptions, each about ten million years apart, changed the volcano into what is seen today. The second eruption, around 90 million years ago, created this famous ring dike.

*(answer at end of newsletter)*

### **ANNUAL OPERATIONS SURVEY**

It's that time again and we can't tell you how much we appreciate your thoughtful and insightful feedback. Last year, we had a record number of responses which put a lot of wheels in motion for our organization. Help us keep the momentum going! **Everyone who participates in our survey, will receive 1 Volunteer Service Hour. If you answer every single question, you will earn 2 Volunteer Service Hours!** **Click here to begin the survey.** Plan on about 15-20 minutes. If you would like to remain anonymous, just email [info@nhgsa.com](mailto:info@nhgsa.com) with your name and how many hours you earned after you complete the survey.



### **AMBIEs**

Speaking of Volunteer Service Hours, I wanted to remind you that March 30 is the cut-off date for hours earned towards awards at our annual AMBIEs Awards Luncheon. Before we finalize the awards, we will post all earned awards online for you to review. If you are working towards a specific goal and need a little more time, just let us know. We will take what you typically volunteer and what you have scheduled into consideration. Naomi is still working on a location and date -- we are looking at mid-June.



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## **GSA Volunteer Opportunities for GSAs**

### **2018 NH Farm and Forest Expo**



We are looking for Granite State Ambassadors to volunteer at "New Hampshire's Greatest Winter Fair!"

**Expo dates: February 1 (load in) and February 2- 3, 2018**

**Sign ups are open - there are still lots of spots left!**

There is always something for everyone at the NH Farm and Forest Expo: it's an industry trade show with nearly 100 exhibitors, hosts free educational workshops that are open to the public, unique NH Made products, Kidzone area with fun activities for the kids, fuzzy and furry animals, lots of networking and much more! [Click here for more details.](#)

## Keene Ice and Snow Festival

The 16th Annual Keene Ice and Snow Festival, presented by the Monadnock Travel Council, takes place on **Saturday, February 3.**

**Sign ups are open - lots of spots left!**

GSA's can volunteer at the NH Information Booths. Booths will have information from the NH Division of Travel and Tourism, Keene Chamber, local Monadnock Region information as well as Keene Ice & Snow Festival Events Map and Information. Due to the fact that the booths are outside, shifts are 2 hours long. Feel free to sign up for more than one if you wish to stay longer. More details are coming soon! [When we have them they will be posted here.](#)



## Welcome & Visitor Information Centers, statewide

[South Central Region](#) | [Monadnock / Sunapee Region](#) | [Seacoast Region](#)  
[Lakes Region](#) | [White Mountains Region](#)

## GSA Learning Opportunities for GSAs

Read the **December Best Practices Report** with *Innovative Customer Service*, *Tactic Articles*, and *Competitive Information* - [click here](#)



### [Manchester-Boston Regional Airport Quarterly Meetings](#)

Next one January 23 2018 - **sign-ups always open**  
Volunteer/Booth Meeting 2-3pm open to all GSAs  
Airport Management Update Meeting 3-4pm

[Moonlight Meadery Tour & Tasting](#), Derry - February 12, 2018  
(*sign-ups are open*)

**NHTI, Concord's Community College** - March 7, 9am -- more info coming  
(*sign-ups open Feb 5, 8am*)

**Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) Certification Tour** - part 1 April 25, 2018 -- more info coming  
(*sign-ups open March 27, 8am*)

Part 1 2018 we will learn about summer offerings / Part 2 2019, will be winter.

**Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center**, Laconia - May 7, 2018, 10am  
-- more info coming (*sign-ups open April 9, 8am*)

[Mill Falls at the Lake Tour](#), Meredith - May 29, 2018 (*sign-ups open May 3, 8am*)

**October:** White Mountain National Forest  
NH Manufacturers Extension Partnership tours

## Weekly Educational Topic - Monadnock Region

The Monadnock Region is a diverse and historic region with some really interesting places to visit. Before I became a GSA, the only thing I knew about the region was that Keene was the prominent city and that my sister lived nearby. I am thankful that through my years with this great organization, I have learned about and experienced some truly wonderful locations and met some of the most dedicated tourism professionals that I feel honored to call my friends. I wanted to share some of my favorite places to tell folks about.



[Cathedral of the Pines](#), Rindge - What a breathtaking and thought-provoking place. The open-air cathedral sits on a hilltop with an impressive view of Grand Monadnock. It's 236 acres contain outdoor meditation chapels, beautiful gardens, and historic monuments to honor the service of American men and women. On their website, you can download a 44 page detailed guide with photos. There is no charge to enjoy the property.

[Stonewall Farm](#), Keene - Stonewall farm is more than an organic farm. They offer a variety of educational programs, a farm store, a beautiful function hall, horse-drawn sleigh rides, farm animals to visit, and guests can explore their hiking & biking trails for free. They are a fantastic place to explore.



[Historical Society of Cheshire County](#), Keene - The society operates a culture heritage center from its two iconic buildings on Keene's Main Street: its headquarters in an 1870 Italianate building at the Ball Mansion, and a period house museum at the Wyman Tavern (built in 1762). Their collections are extensive and exhibits are interesting and well-done.

[Hannah Grimes](#) & [Hannah Grimes Marketplace](#) (celebrating 20 years) - Hannah Grimes provides space, tools, and connections to help local entrepreneurs thrive. Their celebrated Marketplace is a must stop place when you are visiting Keene's beautiful downtown. Inside you can find a wonderful collection of over 1000 local artisans selling products to purchase in their storefront. Many are one-of-a-kind. Perfect for all your gift giving!



[Greater Hillsborough Area Chamber Events](#) - this very involved chamber works with its community on these large events each year. This year, our GSA volunteers, will be able to serve at all of them! So much fun.

[Balloonfest](#) (celebrating 30 years) - hot air balloons, midway, amusement rides, entertainment, car show, 5K race, vendors and more!

[Living History Event](#) (celebrating 10 years) - Held on 4 action-packed sites, LHE is jammed packed with historical entertainment including, but not limited to, battles, skilled actors and historians re-enacting famous people, hands-on and educational children and family activities, an artisans fair, farmer's market, and more...

[Schnitzelfest](#) (celebrating 16 years) - Authentically prepared schnitzel, sauerkraut, potato salad, breads, and delectable desserts served under the tent. NH Beer and wine bar. Craft vendors. Entertainment, including the Zouer Kraut

Bavarian band.

[Monadnock Center for History and Culture](#), Peterborough - The museum features four display rooms with something for every history lover, along with rotating exhibits that explore using objects, documents, and photographs. For their youngest visitors, there is even a Town's Attic, a family-centered space with hands-on activities including quill writing, rag doll making and historic games. On their website, you can find links to their library, research, events, and programs.

[The Colonial Theater](#), Keene (celebrating 93 years) - this historic performing arts center is at the center of the region's cultural and creative spirit. Not only do they have high-end entertainment and films, they also have many educational outreach programs. Visit their site for an impressive list of upcoming shows!



[Madame Sherri Forest](#), Chesterfield - The 488 acres of the Madame Sherri Forest was generously donated for conservation to the Society for the Preservation of New Hampshire Forests by Anne Stokes. The forest is named for the eccentric Madame Antoinette Sherri. The foundation, chimneys and a grand stone staircase from the once magnificent house can be seen adjacent to the Madame Sherri Forest on a side trail close to the entrance off the Gulf Road.



[Harrisville Mills](#), Harrisville - this historic mill district covers about 200 acres and has about 135 structures. A personal favorite spot is Harrisville Designs. They make high-quality, natural 100% wool yarns for knitting and weaving along with carded fleece for felting and spinning. They offer looms of every size and a line of children's products in their store, along with textile artisan workshops and classes. When my daughter was young, there was always something from their shop under the tree from Santa! (photo: Historic Harrisville, Inc)

Beautiful historic inns & restaurants include the [Fitzwilliam Inn](#) & the [Hancock Inn](#). Other favorite places to stay in the region are the [Jack Daniels Motor Inn](#) in Peterborough, and the [Days Inn](#) in Keene.

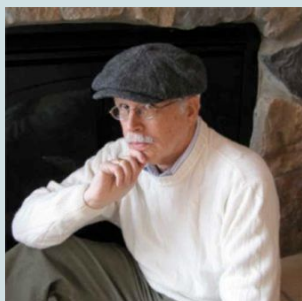


[The Grand Monadnock](#) - a family favorite and considered the most frequently climbed mountain in North America, at 3,165'. There are 40 miles of maintained foot trails and 1000s of acres of protected land on and around the peak.

[Stone Arch Bridge](#), Stoddard - This twin arch structure built without mortar and sustained solely by expert shaping of its archstones is typical of a unique style of bridge construction employed primarily in the Contoocook River Valley in the first half of the Nineteenth Century. It's easily seen off Route 9 and worth a look (and a photo!). [Click here](#) for information on Hillsborough's Stone Arch Bridges.

[Franklin Pierce Homestead](#), Hillsborough - Franklin Pierce Homestead was the home of the 14th president of the United States from his infancy until his marriage in 1834. The Pierce Homestead is a fine example of New Hampshire village architecture. It is a two-story frame building with a hipped roof. Built by Pierce's father in 1804, it reflects the gracious and affluent living of the nineteenth century.

## GSA's in New Hampshire's Landscape



### American Roadways and Vacationing With Your Parents So Long Ago

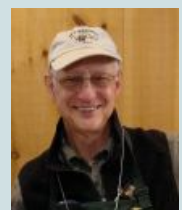
By Mark Okrant, NH Travel Guru for InDepthNH (and GSA)

In my [last column](#), we talked about the relationship between development of the railroad system and evolution of larger and larger hotels in New Hampshire (1850-1917, est.). Following World War I, railroad travel by passengers in this country began to be usurped by the automobile phenomenon. Soon, roadways were built that connected the countryside and small villages to large towns and cities. This opened the way for middle income America to visit areas that, heretofore, were exclusive vacation enclaves of wealthiest Americans.

[Read more...](#)

### Photography Tips by GSA Maurice Demers

**Shooting photographs in sunshine:** Sunny days are great for making photographs. But avoid shooting with the sun behind your subject. If you do, it will fool your camera into thinking there is too much light and the subjects will be under-exposed or dark. Conversely, avoid shooting your subjects with the sun shining into their eyes. It will cause them to squint. Instead, try to have the sun positioned to the side of your subject. This will have the added benefit of producing better detail due to the shadows that result.



## GSA Partner News, Headlines, & Events

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### [Ski NH - Learn to Ski & Snowboard Month](#)

Many New Hampshire ski areas are celebrating [Learn to Ski & Snowboard Month](#) this January by offering a \$39 lift, lesson and rentals beginner package for downhill skiing and riding, and a \$19 trail pass, lesson, and rentals beginner package at cross-country ski areas. Taking a lesson your first time on skis or a snowboard can make all the difference in the world in terms of having a great experience, and our Learn to Ski & Snowboard Month special is a great and affordable way to try a new sport.

### [Snowfest at Loon Mountain](#)

Fundraiser for CASA of New Hampshire

Join CASA of New Hampshire at Loon Mountain on Friday, Feb. 2, 2018, for the most fun you'll have on the slopes all winter. The 18th annual Snowfest at Loon Mountain is a collision of summer and winter where participants strap on skis or snowboards for a round of 9 wacky holes of mountainside golf on a course built by Loon's snow groomers exclusively for this event. You bring your ski gear and we'll provide the clubs! Your registration for this event gets you a lift ticket for a day of skiing and riding Loon's 60 trails and 6 terrain parks, a continental breakfast, a hot and cold buffet lunch by the Common Man and access to our apres ski party complete with a live auction, raffles and giveaways. All Snowfest proceeds support the vital advocacy work provided by CASA volunteers on behalf of New Hampshire's abused and neglected children. Single tickets are \$105 or get a foursome together for \$400.



### [Tradition and Innovation at the Currier Museum of Art](#)

January 13 at the New Hampshire Historical Society

This lecture launches the new New Hampshire Heritage Lecture series. During the almost 90 years since opening its doors in 1929, the [Currier Museum of Art](#) has engaged the community through art and education, inspired by the words of its first benefactor, New Hampshire Governor Moody Currier, who wanted to establish an art museum "for the benefit and advancement of humanity." More...

### [NH ATV Day - The Gerry Pomerleau Memorial Ride](#)

June 30 at the Mount Washington Auto Road

The Road is open for ATVs and UTVs ONLY 8:00am - 6:00pm

Guided Tours in Auto Road vans are available to the public 8:30am - 5:00pm.

No ATV/UTV tickets will be sold on the day of the event. If you did not purchase an advance ticket, due to limited parking at the base, you will not be able to park at the Auto Road. Please help us avoid the severe traffic issues we've had in the past - IF YOU DO NOT HAVE TICKETS, PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE HERE ON EVENT DAY.

### **New Hampshire Humanities - Poets**

Through a grant from **New Hampshire Humanities**, you can meet award-winning poet and filmmaker [Anders Carlson-Wee](#) this Thursday in [Milford, New Hampshire](#). He'll share his poetry, engage in an interactive interview with Milford High School students, and screen the poetry film he made with his brother [Kai Carlson-Wee](#). The event is free and open to the public! Details: <http://bit.ly/2Eo9yO3>



### **Terrapin Glassblowing Studio**

Interested in learning how to make your own glass beads?!?

Take our Beadmaking I class ~ Only 1-hour for \$40! 😎🕶️

Check out our calendar to sign-up at [www.terrapinglass.com](http://www.terrapinglass.com) .. Don't see a class that works for you?! E-mail [info@terrapinglass.com](mailto:info@terrapinglass.com) & we will work to make one that fits in your schedule!

### **Citizens Count NH - Live Free or Die Alliance**

The LFDA provides objective information on NH issues, legislation, elected officials, and political candidates because good information leads to good decision making. The LFDA separates fact from opinion and presents the pros and cons of various solutions. In addition, the LFDA website is an excellent source for citizenship oriented events statewide, webcasts with NH government officials, and links to additional resources.

The LFDA promotes civil discussion and debate in keeping with NH's proud tradition of civic participation. Get in on the discussion at [www.livefreeordiealliance.org](http://www.livefreeordiealliance.org) or on [Facebook](#).

**Yankee Magazine** - 17 Best Ways to Have Fun in NH This Winter -

<https://newengland.com/today/travel/new-hampshire/new-hampshire-winter-fun-ideas/>

**Become a Granite State Ambassador** [www.nhgsa.com/BecomeGSA](http://www.nhgsa.com/BecomeGSA) - Register today

These trainings aren't just for volunteers -- we certify an equal amount of industry employees!

March 19 & 20, 2018 hosted by: [HMS Host / Manchester-Boston Regional Airport](#) -- Full (There is a wait list)

April 16-17, 2018 hosted by [Seacoast Science Center](#)

April 30 - May 1, 2018 hosted by [Mountain View Grand](#)

### **Win a prize!**



Each week, there will be several fun icons hidden throughout the newsletter.

Fill out the form at <https://surveyhero.com/c/d02e254> with how many are hidden, and where they are, to be entered into a quarterly prize drawing. Next drawing April 1.

The winner of the Rock's Estate Hat for Quarter 4 of 2017 was GSA Rose Shajenko! Congratulations.

**Trivia Answer:** Ossipee Ring Dike, Ossipee Mountain Range