



# BARNSTEAD BANNER

Good News from a Small Town



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## Project Failure

by Kristina Schram

If you're anything like me, you enjoy doing projects, but you aren't particularly good at actually getting around to them, much less finishing them. Especially in the summer when it's hot and humid and you'd rather be doing something a little less arduous, like making sure your pillow is just right for a much-needed Sunday afternoon nap on the hammock. I had a ton of projects planned for this summer, but I was too busy doing other terribly important things, like rewarding myself with fresh cider donuts after 20 back-breaking minutes of strawberry picking. And gearing up to fight the Invasion of the Moles using only my wits and coffee grounds. And going to yard sales to pick up stuff for new projects. And talking to people about all the projects I'm thinking about doing.

A big part of my problem is that I underestimate the time and effort involved in doing even the simplest of tasks. Because when you decide to take on a project, that's when things (e.g., tools/machinery/your body) decide they're going to break. Or the weather turns on you. Or you don't have/have enough of something that you thought you had/had enough of. It's like when I plan to make a meal, and I would swear on my late grandma's nerve tonic recipe that the chicken I needed to make supper is in my freezer. But it's not there. Where did it go? Did I use it and forget that I did? (Not possible. My mind is like a steel trap.) Did it get out? Well, that sounds a little frightening. Ruling out dementia and the chicken coming back to life and somehow managing to push open the freezer door from the inside, I can only guess that someone stole the chicken. And if someone is stealing chicken out of my freezer, then I'm afraid to tell you this neighborhood is going downhill.

Chores also get in the way of my project progress. If I have big plans for the day, that's when the vacuum roller brush decides it needs cleaning (where do all those stray threads come from?). Or I run out of that weed wacker plastic cutting stuff (if you've ever had to replace it you know how easy it is to screw it up, and the clock is ticking so you go faster and screw it up even more. So then you decide you prefer the overgrown jungle look even though it means you could lose a child or a pet in there). There are other deterrents. Black flies, deerflies, and horseflies have a way of derailing outdoor projects. Thunderstorms and heat waves can get you electrified and/or melted. Being in a bad mood might lead you to setting something/someone on fire or blowing something/someone up. (Sigh. Don't ask me how I know this.)

And yet, as I make my yearly list of projects, hope springs eternal. I truly believe I will complete everything on it. It's odd, though, how every year the list gets longer. (Of all the nerve!) But after I take a big swig of my grandma's nerve tonic, I feel ready to swear that I won't give up. In fact, I plan to start my next project right after I eat a few donuts, spread some coffee grounds, and take a much-needed nap!



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# September Library Happenings



**Library Hours:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00AM-6:00PM, Thursdays and Fridays from 12:00PM-8:00PM, and Saturdays from 10:00AM-1:00PM. We are closed for staff training on the second Thursday of every month until 3:00PM (9/12). Good to Know Info: No Yoga on 9/2, Labor Day.

**September Book Nook Project:** We will have book nook kits available to pick up and decorate (while supplies last). Each nook will have a 3D-printed character that will determine its theme. Once completed, email a photo to [ofmlstaff@gmail.com](mailto:ofmlstaff@gmail.com) for us to share on FB for voting.

**Tuesdays @ 10:30AM Toddler Music and Movement Storytime:** Join us for an interactive storytime filled with stories, songs, and loads of sensory play specifically for toddlers.

**Wed. 9/4 @ 6-7:30PM Meet and Read (Ages 18+):** This month's book will be "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett. Next month's book will be "The Haunting of Hill House" by Shirley Jackson.

**Thurs. 9/5 @ 6:00PM: NH Humanities Presentation:** "Before Peyton Place: In Search of the Real Grace Metalious" by Robert Perreault. To what extent does fiction reflect culture or shape it? Can one be ruined by a book? This is a free event, with funding made possible by the NH Humanities.

**Thurs. 9/12 @ 6:00PM Haunted Walk Meeting:** The library will be partnering with T.L. Storer for a Haunted Walk! All are welcome to help us plan this event. We will be meeting to discuss a theme, costumes, decorations, and more! We will be looking for donations, volunteers, and scare actors.

**Fri. 9/13 @ 6:00PM Adult Brick-Book Painting (18+):** Recreate your favorite book cover on a brick, or create your own book cover for your favorite book to display near our new gazebo. Registration is required.

**Tues. 9/17 @ 3:00PM Senior Social Club (65+):** \*NEW!\* Designed to provide activities that foster community and relationship building. Light refreshments will be served.

**Wed. 9/18 @ 12:30-3:30PM The OFML Sewcial Club:** Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Bring any sewing or quilting project, and supplies, to the library to socialize and share tips while they sew.

**Thurs. 9/19 @ 6:30-8:00PM Books & Banter (18+):** Discuss the last three books you have read with a welcoming and open-minded group. Give a brief synopsis of the book and we can discuss it as a group. All book genres are welcome! Romantasy, Sci-Fi, Horror, YA, Historical, Non-Fiction. Light refreshments provided.

**Fri. 9/20 @ 4:00-6:00PM Family Crafternoon:** This family event happens every 3rd Friday. Come join us this month to make a craft and watch a movie. Materials will be provided and light refreshments served.

**Fri. 9/20 @ 6:00PM Hero's Feast Teen/Tween Potluck:** Pick a recipe from "The Official D&D Cookbook" (available at the library) and bring it to the potluck. We can photocopy recipes for you. Registration required.

**Thurs. 9/26 @ 6:00-7:30PM The Tight-Knit Knitting and Crocheting Circle:** \*NEW!\* Knitters and crocheters come together to work on your projects, discuss any technical difficulties you're having, and support one another. It happens the fourth Thursday of the month in the library meeting room.

**Fri. 9/27 @ 6:00-7:30PM Let's Write a Novel (16+):** \*NEW!\* Join us in the library's meeting room for a series of structured classes on the how-to's of writing a book. The goal is to provide aspiring authors with inspiration and structural hints, as well as get constructive feedback on your work via your classmates.

**For events that require registration, please contact us at 269-3900 or [ofmlstaff@gmail.com](mailto:ofmlstaff@gmail.com) to reserve your spot!**

## MODELS WANTED!

Oscar Foss Memorial Library is looking for..  
Stylish pets who love the camera (and books) for  
the 2025 "Pets of OFML" calendar !

Submit a photo of your furry, feathered or scaled friend posing with their favorite book to [ofmlstaff@gmail.com](mailto:ofmlstaff@gmail.com) by 10/31/2024. Please include pet name, "likes" and "dislikes" and owner's name and contact info.

We will put the photos on our Facebook page the first week of November for voting, and the winners will be featured in our 2025 calendar (and their owner will receive a free copy!) Calendars will be available for purchase late November, just in time for the holidays!



**BARNSTEAD  
FARMERS MARKET**

**JUNE 1 - SEPTEMBER 28  
9AM-1PM**

**LOCATED ON THE GROUNDS OF PARADE  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BARNSTEAD  
1 PARADE CIRCLE, BARNSTEAD, NH 03218**

Find your locally sourced goodies at the Farmer's Market, fresh from the farm to your table! Live music and food trucks.

[www.barnsteadfarmersmarket.com](http://www.barnsteadfarmersmarket.com)

The Barnstead Farmers Market will be hosting a Young Entrepreneurs Day on September 7th from 9 am to 1 pm at the Barnstead Parade.

This is an opportunity for young people between the ages of 5 and 17 to showcase their crafts. Come out and show your support for our local youngsters!

If you know someone who would like to be a vendor, direct them to our Facebook page or stop by the market to get an application!

**BARNSTEAD PARADE  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH**

Worship Service 9:00 A.M.  
Rev. Sandy Pierson—483-2846

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**back to  
SCHOOL**

**BE THE CHURCH**  
*Protect the environment. Care for the poor.  
Forgive often. **Reject racism.**  
**Fight for the powerless.**  
Share earthy and spiritual resources.  
Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.*

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
OF NORTH BARNSTEAD - UCC**


504 N. Barnstead Rd. Center. Barnstead, NH  
[ccnorthbarnstead.com](http://ccnorthbarnstead.com)

**Worship with us in-person  
or join on Zoom at 10am**

# Pumpkin & Pine

*a charming Old Fashioned CHURCH FAIR*

**Saturday, September 14, 9-2**

 *... same great event*

Mark your calendars for September 14th for a charming country church fair!

Join us at the Congregational Church of North Barnstead for some fun, food, and treasures! Bring family & friends, get a jump start on your holiday list with unique gifts, and join others for a delicious

lunch in the café.

This annual fair has many favorite features including a silent auction, antiques & collectibles, home goods, baked goods, hand-made gifts, holiday items, and jewelry. Want a unique and colorful gift? The table with bags and purses made from fabric from Ghana is one of a kind!

This year, the silent auction has dozens of choice items to bid on including carved birds, a White Mountain get-away suite, beautiful art by NH craft persons, and gift certificates to local services and restaurants. Have a delicious lunch and go home with some treasure! Come see for yourself all that the fair has to offer!

The Pumpkin & Pine Fair will be held between 9am and 2pm at the Congregational Church of North Barnstead, located at 504 North Barnstead Road, Barnstead NH. Just follow the signs!

## Community Events

**Pumpkin and Pine:** The Pumpkin & Pine Fair will be held September 14th between 9am and 2pm at the Congregational Church of North Barnstead, located at 504 North Barnstead Road, Barnstead NH. Just follow the signs!

**Board of Selectmen Meetings** will be Tuesday 9/10 and Tuesday 9/24 beginning at 5:00 PM at the Barnstead Town Hall.

**Barnstead Farmers Market** is every Saturday from 9 AM to 1 PM in the Parade Circle.


**PMHS** Back to school on 9/3.

**Alcoholics Anonymous meetings** are held Tuesday evenings at 7 PM at the Center Barnstead Christian Church.

**JMA School Board Meeting** 9/17 at 6:00 PM.

**BES School Board Meeting** 9/18 at 6:00 PM.


**State Election Day** 9/10 starting at 7:00 AM.



**CENTER BARNSTEAD  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Worship Service - Sundays @ 10AM


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BARNSTEAD  
HOMESCHOOL GROUP


**PARENT  
INTEREST  
MEETING**

Looking for a local group of  
homeschool families to  
meet with weekly during  
the school year for  
socializing, crafts, and  
cooperative learning  
activities?

**Let's brainstorm ideas for a  
weekly get-together!**

Oscar Foss Memorial Library  
Friday, September 13 at 10am

**Children are welcome to  
attend as well!**



# JEANNIE'S RECIPE CORNER

## VEGETABLE BARLEY SOUP



- Ingredients:
- 2 Quarts of vegetable or chicken broth
- 1 Cup uncooked barley
- 1 Lg. onion
- 3 Chopped carrots
- 2 Stalks celery chopped
- 2 Cups diced tomatoes or 1 can(14.5 oz) diced tomatoes with juice
- 1 (15 oz) can dark kidney beans (rinsed & drained)
- 2 Bay leaves
- 3 Garlic cloves, minced
- 2-3 Tbsp italian seasoning (depending on preference)
- 2 Cups mixed vegetables (fresh or frozen) of your choice (I recommend peas, corn, string beans, lima beans, summer squash or zucchini)
- Optional: 2 Cups cooked chicken, diced
- Salt and pepper to taste



Directions:

1. Heat broth in a large pot
2. Add barley, onions, carrots, celery, tomatoes, kidney beans, bay leaves, seasoning, and garlic to broth
3. Bring the broth to a boil
4. Cover and simmer for 90 minutes
5. Add additional mixed vegetables and diced chicken (optional), cook on medium heat for 10 minutes
6. Add salt and pepper to taste. Remove bay leaves before serving

Goes well with a loaf of honey-wheat or other hard bread. This is a great meal to have after church, after you've been raking leaves or just for a light midweek supper!

Enjoy and have a lovely September!!

Jeannie

