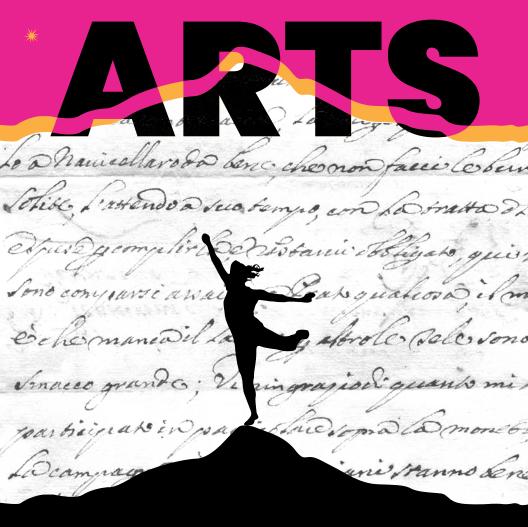
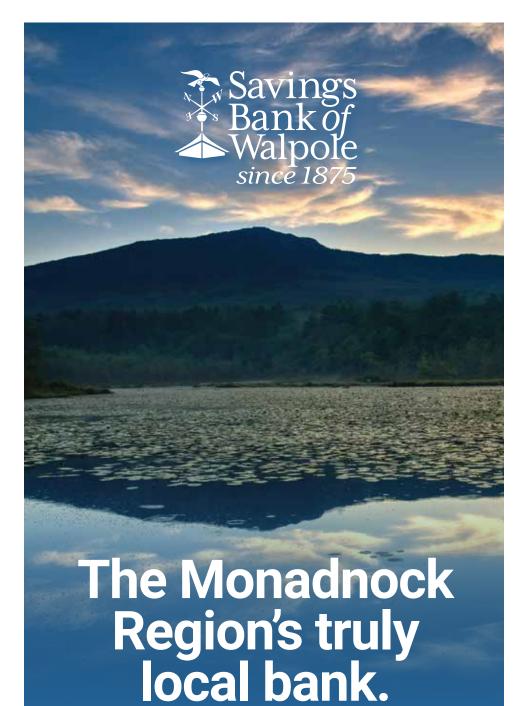


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Welcome to the Monadnock region—a quiet and unassuming corner of New Hampshire where creativity runs deep. Arts are everywhere—and a rich network of creatives welcome you to be a part of it. The region's name, derived from the language of its local indigenous Abenaki tribe, reflects the hiker's favorite Mount Monadnock. This notable geological feature and the delightfully rural natural beauty surrounding it has been a beacon for painters, filmmakers, dancers, musicians, and more for generations. Arts are everywhere here, and a rich network of creatives welcomes you to be a part of it!

Join us! For the dozens of things to do each week, visit the region's cultural calendar at DiscoverMonadnock.com/Events for dozens of fun and enriching things to do each week. There, you can join our email newsletter to receive a weekly list of the great things going on in the region—from concerts and plays to group hikes and farmers festivals.

This book and the Discover Monadnock project are spearheaded by Arts Alive, a nonprofit organization that elevates, inspires, and connects the arts community here in the Monadnock region. We hope you'll visit this neat little nook of New England and ignite your creativity with us!

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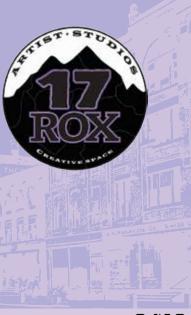
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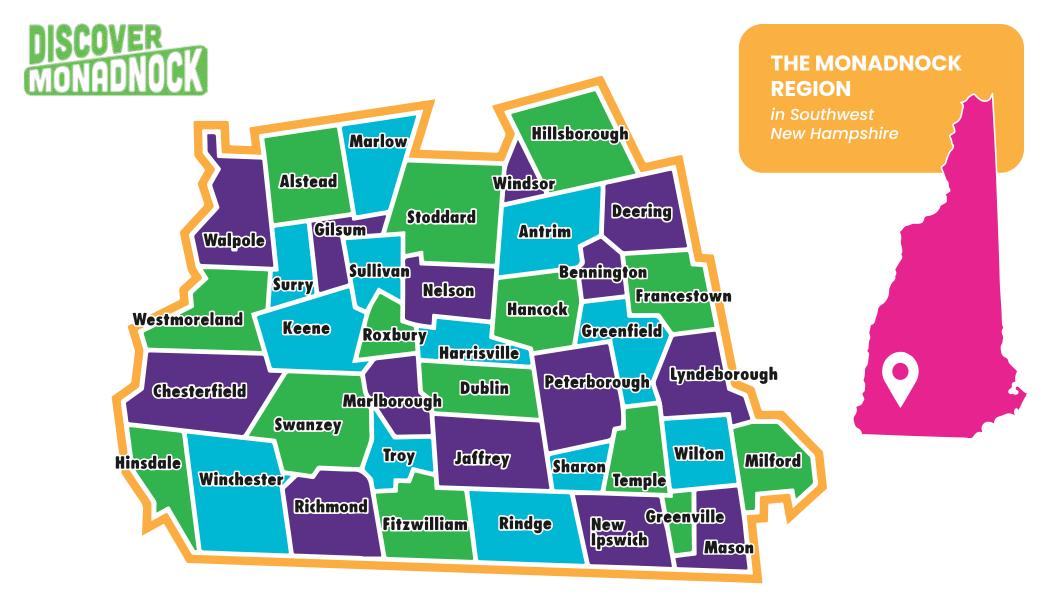
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| FEBRUARY | Ice & Snow Festival in Keene |
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| MARCH | New Hampshire Maple Weekend |
| MAY | Children and the Arts Festival in Peterborough The Thing in the Spring in Keene |
| JUNE | Keene ArtWalk Northlands Music Festival in Swanzey Taste of Keene Gilsum Rock Swap and Mineral Show in Gilsum Strawberry Festivals in Windham, Wilton, and Fitzwilliam |
| JULY | Keene Wizarding Week Art Walk in the Park in Peterborough Uplift Music Festival in Mason |
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| OCTOBER | Monadnock International Film Festival Monadnock Art Open Studio Tour Fall Foliage Art Studio Tour Pumpkin Festivals in Milford and Keene Viva Bach Peterborough Festival Goldenrod Bluegrass Festival in Swanzey |
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For those of you who are captivated by New England history, find remnants of the Monadnock region's colonial and industrial past preserved in buildings overtaken by the arts. You'll find some wonderful surprises!

From lunchtime concerts to film screenings and site-specific installations, **Epsilon Spires** makes the most of a renovated 19th-century Victorian Gothic and Gothic Revival church in downtown Brattleboro, Vermont. Noteworthy features of this building include a double balcony, Tiffany stained glass windows, antique wooden pews with stories to tell, a historic pipe organ, and a trap door to a baptismal font beneath the stage. Climb to the top of the stairs to visit artist studios and ring the old bell!

Nova Arts is the collaborative arts initiative of Terra Nova Coffee Roasters and Brewbakers Cafe in Keene. Coffee shop by day, the old-warehouse-turned-cafe transforms into a concert venue by night. You'll see their grand piano

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hanging out on the inconspicuously elevated stage next to the tables and chairs. Established and emerging artists of all kinds set up here, from local indie bands and puppeteers to paintings on the walls and murals on the outside of the building. Off to the side, artisans hold workshops and display their crafts. Look out for the occasional pop-up artisan market and for the annual Thing in the Spring music festival in May!

A glass repair service left a dilapidated barn on Route 101 vacant until the DublinArts & Muse Gallery transformed it into a multi-use arts and event space with a lot of personality. While most of the building was gutted, huge windows give a sense of the former factory and repair shop. Exposed rustic logs from Maine trees replaced steel support beams in dividing the first and second stories. For an artistic flair, bittersweet vine from the once abandoned property is twisted into stairway banisters leading up to the second floor reading room and workshop space. Visit to experience an eclectic mix of arts, classroom, and gallery space filled with unique and antique decor!

First opened in 1924 at the peak of the vaudeville era, the renovated 900-seat **Colonial Performing Arts Center** in Keene maintains much of its original Italian Renaissance-style auditorium. Enjoy a show enveloped in the architectural grandeur of dancing figures, gilded marble columns, and French doors and grills. While you're there, stop behind the main theater to catch a film at **Showroom**, a much newer multi-use black box



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theater repurposed from an early 20th century auto business that sold vehicles from 1915-1935. Preserved original wooden flooring, exposed pipes, and glimpses of large steel girders that brought cars to the second floor offer a flair of historic ambiance from Keene's industrial past.

Perfectly at the intersection of modernity and rustic charm, the Peterborough Players produce and livestream professional theater in a 250-seat state of the art venue renovated multiple times from an abandoned barn. The 18th century building, located at the end of a long wooded road, was purchased during the Great **Depression!** Latest renovations include the outdoor Elsewhere Stage for summer performances. In the warmer months, audiences will picnic on their flowery patio and landscaped grounds.

Sometimes, when the arts take over old industrial spaces, relics are left behind, like the giant orange hole punching machine at **Mole Hill Theatre** in Alstead. This 140-seat theater, fashioned out of a 20th century United Tool storage area, makes for an intimate experience of local bluegrass, folk, blues, and indie musicians and bands. Concerts are BYOB!

The Peterborough Community

Theatre, having first opened in 1914, is New Hampshire's oldest movie theater. With 95 seats and a single screen, the theater only made the jump to digital from 35mm film in 2013. The theater is deeply ingrained into the town's history as an entertainment and performance venue and is still often used for community events in addition to movies and film screenings.

Surrounded by trails for hiking and biking, the **Hancock Depot Cabaret** operates in the midst of outdoor enthusiasts and adventurers. Built as the Hancock Train Station in 1878, the depot was used as tourist and summer farmer accommodations until the Hancock Depot Association started hosting open mic cabarets and renting out the venue for arts events and private functions.

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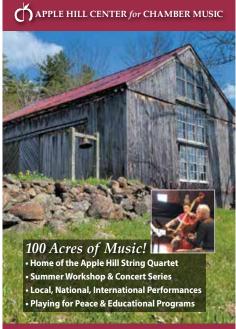
The Monadnock region has a deep love for music of all kinds, and classical music is no exception! Excellent musicians with love for community outreach and teaching have set up their practices here. During a visit, take the chance to be swept away by enchanting compositions in local churches, town halls, and arts venues.

A proud member of the chamber music appreciation club? Seek out a performance by **Ashuelot Concerts**. (Keene was known as *Ashuelot*



International musicians serenade an audience in the Concert Barn as part of the Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music's summer series. Photo by Amelia Perron. in the local indigenous Abenaki language.) This small but mighty nonprofit brings the works of excellent composers to life through concerts, talks, and school performances, ensuring that the love of classical music lives on in future generations. Founded by two British musicians, Ashuelot Concerts brings in internationally recognized musicians to play on local stages.

It may be surprising to learn that the Monadnock region is a music education destination! In Nelson,



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the Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music's summer program brings students of all ages from across the world. Enjoy dinner outdoors surrounded by mountainous rustic scenery before one of their summer concerts in the barn with the resident string quartet! Repertoire includes new and world music and pieces by lesser-known composers in addition to the core canon. During The Walden School's summer intensive Young Musicians Program, visiting artists in residence guide students in improvising and composing original works. Attend concerts throughout the program to take in the artistic excellence of the students and faculty!

Monadnock Music takes chamber music out of traditional, "stuffy" atmospheres and presents in intimate and informal settings around the region. They often throw contemporary and world music, and even dance, into the mix. Don't miss the free village concerts in the summer! With a similar mission of making quality concerts accessible and affordable, Electric Earth Concerts often collaborates with other art forms such as painting to enhance the healing and educational powers of chamber music. Latin, jazz, folk, and other genres will also make appearances in their programming!

The Monadnock region boasts many opportunities to hear choral music, including **Monadnock Chorus** and **Grand Monadnock Youth Choir** of Peterborough, **The Keene Chorale**, **Zenith Ensemble** in Keene, and the **Chamber Singers of Keene**. Some are professional, some semi-professional and auditioned, and

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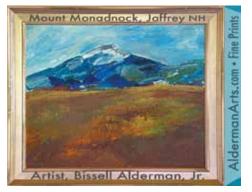
monadnockmusic.org For full Summer Season Schedule and concert details some are open to all, regardless of experience or skill level. Each performs a variety of classics and contemporary compositions in the winter and spring.

Music on Norway Pond presents a series of about 5 concerts per year, often bringing high caliber postgraduate classical and jazz musicians from Boston's New England Conservatory of Music. In addition, the organization coaches two local performing choirs: the women's group of Norway Pond Festival Singers and children's group the Junior Minstrels (AKA the Jr. Mints!) All adhere to their signature onehour concert time with no intermission. Make the most of a visit to Hancock's serene natural water feature by attending a performance at the Meeting House, First Congregational Church, or town green Common!

For staunch lovers of the standard canon and Baroque Era of classical music, the annual **Viva Bach Peterborough** festival in October is sure to impress. The 3-day affair of suites, concertos, and cantatas celebrates the music of Johann Sebastian Bach with Boston-area and local professionals, soloists, and choirs. With a mission to bring Bach's music to all regardless of circumstance, the festival offers sliding scale tickets!

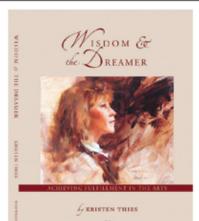
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The love of performing arts runs rampant in the Monadnock region. From plays, musicals, and operas to circus performances and, of course, the holiday ballet staple The Nutcracker, there's a show here for all ages and occasions.

The **Peterborough Players** have a deep love for high caliber theater. Share in that enthusiasm with a visit to their renovated barn, happily secluded in a charming, rural setting. The Players not only put on their own shows (while giving their audiences a peek at the stagecraft process) they broadcast live from The Metropolitan Opera and London's National Theatre on their big screen. Make a night of it with their red carpet, cash bar, and catered bites!

Another way to enjoy a good libretto is with **Raylynmor Opera**, a small professional company performing live opera around the region. Raylynmor's repertoire includes many of the Spanish, Italian, and German classics, but sung in English to make these works more accessible.



The Peterborough Players' iconic 2021 production of Thornton Wilder's Our Town took place outdoors in the heart of Peterborough — the village that inspired the play! Photo by Hannah Schroeder.

Catch the next Barber of Seville, Hansel and Gretel, Macbeth, and the like to witness this company's lively and joyful stage interpretations!

Immersive and innovative, **Firelight Theatre Workshop** presents both contemporary and original theater and original film in traditional and site-specific venues. For a new, intimate, and thought-provoking experience of being in an audience, keep an eye on their season plans! The co-founders also offer a direct line to their expertise and creativity through classes and workshops at their home base in Peterborough.

Keene's Edge Ensemble Theatre Company has been performing and teaching theater for decades. The company's name reflects their preference for material—edgy! Many performances and staged readings are from American one-act plays of the 20th century, in addition to originals and plays by widely recognizable playwrights. Catch a passionate and very affordable production, often presented with dinner, dessert, or snacks, their home on Marlboro Street in Keene. The ensemble has also produced a handful of films, and engages the locality in classes and workshops in acting, theater, and improvisation.

Some of the most fun in the Monadnock region's arts scene is in its sense of community spirit. If you find yourself near Marlborough or Antrim, **Branch River Theatre**, **Small Pond Productions**, or the **Antrim Players** are a few community theater groups that are sure to





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Local volunteer organization The Keene Lions Club fundraises through annual winter and summer musicals—and the whole community comes out to enjoy the show! From The Wizard of Oz to Anastasia, check to see if one of their all-age and family friendly musical extravaganzas are running during your visit. The club goes all out for set, costume, and stage design—a production you won't want to miss!

It can be both fulfilling and heartwarming to see youth pour themselves into terrific performances. See the region's young theater artists perform the classics at one of Project Shakespeare's plays. For a fun dance performance, check out the arts education nonprofit MoCo Arts. (They also offer drop-in classes for everyone, from infants to adults, if you feel the need to move your feet.) This local school collaborates with Boston Ballet to put on their annual Nutcracker! (They also offer drop-in classes for every age, if you feel the need to move your feet.) And while The **New Hampshire Dance Institute** mostly works with schools, a big show sweeps Keene State College's Redfern Arts Center every

year. To see pre-professional dance, **Keene State College**'s dance program is one of the best around. Catch their Evening of Dance or Choreography Showcases each semester to see students honing their skills. Hop into a drop-in class to dance along with them!

There are even more fun, creative, and often wacky performances to discover in the local circus community. Youth circus arts education group Flying Gravity Circus in Wilton encourages kids to discover and hone their love for skill-building and performance art. See them land their coolest tricks at various venues around the region including The Amato Center, Andy's Summer Playhouse, and Wilton's local Waldorf school. Circus performers will often be inspired to set up their equipment in the region's natural resourcesimagine performance art in the trees!

If circus sounds like something you want to try for yourself, the **New England Center for Circus Arts** right next door in Brattleboro, VT is an internationally recognized training school for amateurs and professionals alike. Drop in for some fun with flexibility, silks, trapeze, and so much more!



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Have you ever blown air into molten glass through a pipe? No? Try it on your next visit to the Monadnock region! The **Hot Glass Art Center** is a state of the art glassblowing, flameworking, and education facility in Marlborough. Check out their gallery of blown glass items when you walk in! In Temple—home to northern New England's first glass factory—**New Temple Glassworks** uses lampworking and glass fusing techniques in addition to traditional glassblowing.

Slightly different to blowing glass, flameworking is the art of using flame to shape rods and tubes of glass. Visit **Terrapin Glassblowing Studio** to try it in Jaffrey! No matter the experience or skill level, anyone can jump right into learning to make functional and decorative glass objects in private or group lessons. Try your hand at blowing a pumpkin,

ornament, vase, drinking glass, and more!

Inaugurated as Monadnock Art X Tech in Peterborough, **MAXT Makerspace** is where the region's tinkers and makers gather together over shared tools, resources, and hands-on education in various crafts. If you like working with your hands and are looking to try something new, check out one of their workshops in jewelry, textiles, wood and metal working, repair skills, and more!

Newly incorporated in Dublin, the MAXT Sharing Arts Ceramics Center is the namesake of a highly beloved and now closed arts space. The center thrives through providing ceramics workshops and classes for all ages and skill levels.

Local breweries and wineries have gotten onboard with the region's craftiness—try a craft & sip event that's all about fun and not necessarily about the result! One-off craft & beer or art & wine workshops with interesting themes like gemstone tree making, bookbinding, and junk-robot making make a great date night. Check out local beer and wine destinations like Swanzey's Frogg Brewing and West LA Beer Company, Peterborough's Post & Beam and diVINE on main. Even Everglow Wellness, a fitness studio

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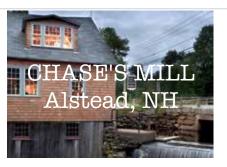




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More of a writer, musician, or comedian? Restaurants, libraries, arts venues, community centers and more all welcome artists to show off their stuff.

The Hungry Diner in Walpole has hosted Irish Sessions on weekday nights. Locally renowned contradance and Irish session multi-instrumentalist Randy Miller leads the group. Local band Touch the Ocean hosts open mics at Yahso Jamaican Grille in Keene on first and third Wednesdays. On the third Saturday of the month, the Dublin Community Center (affectionately known as The DubHub) organizes evening open mic coffee houses with featured performers.

Take a new song, story, or skit over to the Park Theatre in Jaffrey on second Wednesdays, where all creations are welcome to be shared. If you're a writer or a poet looking for some feedback and support, local publication Monadnock Underground holds open mics at the Peterborough Town Library. (Did you know libraries are awesome accessible places for events and classes of all kinds? The Monadnock Region definitely makes the most of what we've got!)



The Historical Society for Cheshire County held a plein air art day at Monadnock Berries for artists to capture the region's namesake, Mt Monadnock. Photo by Hannah Schroeder.



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Famous portrait painter Richard Whitney works and resides at his Studios at Crescent Pond in Stoddard. In Swanzey, watermedia painter Jeanee Maguire Thieme works and teaches in her home's Pipe Dream Studio. Dreamy oil painter of the natural world Alicia Drakiotes established her base in Marlborough. In the same town, Mary Iselin paints her luminous equine, landscape, and fantasy oil paintings, often lovingly depicting the sheep from her very own Earth Haven Farm. In Jaffrey, painter and installation artist Joan Hanley draws inspiration from contemplating contemporary life in her Hanley Studio. Maggie Cahoon, who crafts encapsulating abstract works from fiber, alcohol ink, and encaustics, has a warm, quiet straw-bale nook in Marlow that she calls her Studio -Sanctuary. Once a furniture -maker, painter Chris Myott applies this expertise and his unique oil paint and wax process to depicting objects close to his heart. A visit to his studio in Jaffrey might uncover

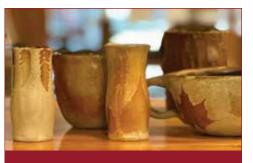
dinosaurs, plants, motorcycles, baseball cards—all in handmade frames!

Right in the heart of downtown Keene are the **17ROX** artist studios, rented by all kinds of artists, from painters to jewelry makers to fascinating fiber artists. There is also a fantastic concentration of artists studios at the Historic Harrisville Mills.

This region is also an inspiring destination for artists from around the country and the globe. MacDowell, an artist residency program based in Peterborough, welcomes hundreds of artists each year to focus on their craft. The organization offers exclusive fellowships to architects, filmmakers, visual and interdisciplinary arts, writers, musicians and composers, and playwrights purely on the basis of talent. Though reclusive, the renowned organization welcomes the public to view their 31 uniquely-built artist studios for one day per year only-in the summer on MacDowell Medal Day.

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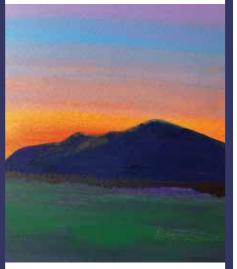


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and the Fall Foliage Art Studio Tour. These self-guided excursions to dozens of working studios across the region—during peak leaf-peeping season, no less— bring tourists from all over the New England area and beyond!

Monadnock region artists and artisans also come together to showcase their creativity and excellence in local art festivals including **Art in the Park** in Peterborough in July and in Keene in September, and **Elevate the Arts Fest** in Keene in August. Look out for a sea of white tents to explore countless unique works and wares!





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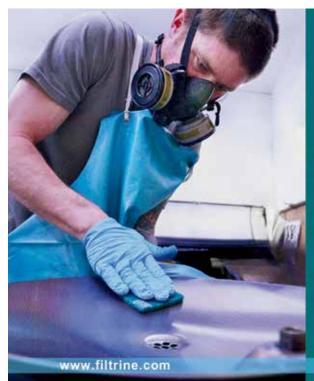


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among other instruments, will accompany with live music that has picked up French, Irish, Canadian, and other influences over the years. These are beginner friendly if you have a sense of adventure! Groups like the Monadnock Folklore Society host regular dances in Nelson and Peterborough.

If you'd rather enjoy folk dance from a distance, local Morris groups perform various styles of English folk dance. These dances are characterized by rhythmic



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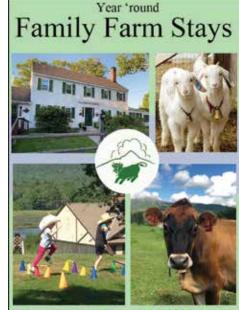


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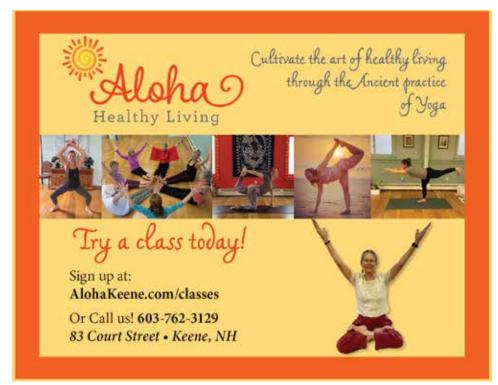
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Take a look inside the world that these dances are passed down from! An annual festival in Hillsborough, History Alive, features historical reenactments of famous battles and daily village life from the 1700s. Visit for a weekend in August to see the Revolutionary and French and Indian Wars come to life! The two-day festivities are replete with demonstrations in artillery, gold panning, working a cider press, stone-wall building, and a look inside the life and culture of the region's indigenous Abenaki people. Hop from the Colonial era to the Industrial: The Monadnock Center for History and Culture's Phoenix Mill House is a museum of an overseer's home of a large 19th century cotton mill. Visitors can experience what life was like during that time with candlelit holiday open houses and hearth cooking demonstrations.

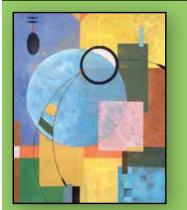
More folk traditions, by way of music and crafts, are still going strong. What's left of Alstead's 18th-century Mill Hollow industrial center, which was used for lumber, arain, and wool, is a water-powered mill on Lake Warren called Chase's Mill. Learn about the region's settlement history at their tours and lectures on mill water power, cellar holes, and stone walls. Or, attend a class in the arts or artisan crafts! The Craft School at Mill Hollow Works in Keene also teaches folk crafts and skills

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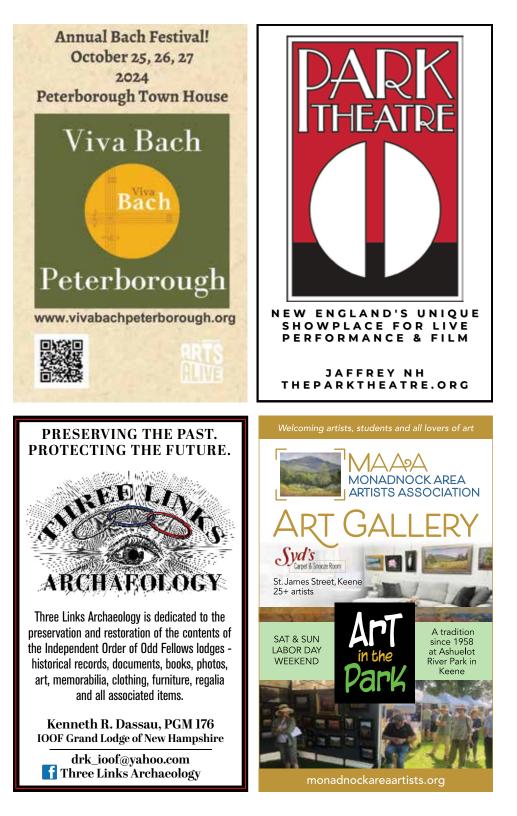
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One last local tradition is New Hampshire Maple Month in March. Over one weekend mid-month, more than 60 sugarhouses across the state participate in an annual weekend open house where visitors can learn how maple syrup is made; plus free samples, horsedrawn rides, sugar on snow, pancake breakfasts, and more!

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