



Galway Get Together

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*A bi-weekly online newsletter
promoting local resources and
opportunities*



Galway Skyline — Photo by Adrienne Maros

A community service of the Galway Public Library, P.O. Box 207, Galway, NY 12074 Phone: 882-6385. www.gettogether.galwaypubliclibrary.org.

For Sale

Firewood for sale, 16" cut and split seasoned firewood. \$60.00/facecord. You pick up, no delivery. Call 882-9987 after 5pm or keep trying days.

Free

Material - One box of material scraps: velvety, satin, assorted textures and colors, perfect for crazy quilt, crafts or doll clothes; One box with large pieces of new material: flannels, velvet-like, and many cottons (mostly stars and cloud patterns); Four pieces (approximately 36" x 45" each) of material made up of 4 inch squares in velvety, dark rich colors.

Call 882-6147 if interested in some or all!

Help Wanted

Occasional, regular help with light cleaning. Reliability is critical. References requested. Must love our dog. 882-1790.

Services Available

Personal training service - Let me help you reach your health and fitness goals. Personal training service and nutritional counseling. Call today for a free consultation. Call 882-1916.

Stampin' Up demonstrator - Now booking in-home workshops for card making parties! Special bonuses until March 31, or contact the Galway Public Library for monthly classes. Ideas and supplies provided. Email: mandie.stampinup.net.

Stampin & Craft for Kids

Scrap-booking classes with Nadine are: February 21, 1:30pm. \$10/child with discount for each additional sibling. This class provides three pages, and an album. Cupcake themed with the snack included! Next adult card and page class is March 3, 4pm. Minimal purchase required. Call for details and/or reservations for each offered class at 882-9854 or email GMoonman65@aol.com.

Community Announcements

Friends of the Galway Public Library are collecting a "Mile of Pennies" to support the library's programs and services. Please donate your rolled or unrolled pennies in the container on top of the book return box inside the library. Thanks to all who have already contributed.

Thanks to all those who attended the presentation of *Nothing by Name*, the book inspired by local resident Rachael Scripter, at the Town Hall Feb. 3. Another presentation will be held at the **Arts Center in Saratoga Springs, on March 7, 7:30pm**. Also, the book is available at the **Village Home and Garden**, Galway, for \$12.95.

Vouchers for Eye Glasses

Prescription eyeglasses can be beyond the budgets of some families, elderly individuals and other community members. **The Galway Lions Club** can assist individuals in need with a voucher redeemable at any Lens Crafters store for a free pair of prescription eyeglasses (frame and lenses included). Call Ken Perez at 225-4048 for the details.

The Spring issue of *Life in Galway* will be out March 21. You can get your copy at the **Galway Market, Chucks, Village Home and Garden, the bank and post office**. Available until they run out (usually about ten days).

Chili Cook Off, March 11, from 1-4pm. The **Providence Fire Department Auxiliary** will host their annual Chili Cook Off to be held at the **C & R Restaurant**, Rte. 29, Galway.

There will be many chili dishes to sample, drink discounts, bread and butter and homemade cookies for dessert. A great afternoon of family fun, all for \$7/person!

The Galway Get Together seeks to help build a stronger, more cohesive and conservation-minded community through local trade and networking. The Galway Public Library is not responsible for the outcome of any exchange. To receive the newsletter and to submit postings go to: www.gettogether.galwaypubliclibrary.org. Inquiries? Email: mcuffeperez@gmail.com.



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Community Announcements (cont'd)

Harmony Community Center will be sponsoring a concert by Dan Berggren on April 4, 7pm at Harmony Hall, corner of Rte 67 and Peaceable St., Charlton. The Charlton Historical Society is co-sponsor and all are welcome.

Put it on your calendar now — Harmony Community Center's popular **spring barn dance** will be held April 14 at Harmony Hall at 7pm. All invited to attend.

SOS Seeks Volunteers

SOS (Support Our School) grant team will be meeting every Wednesday at the Galway Public Library from 5:30-6:30pm. If you are interested in helping out, please join us. As more people volunteer, a larger location may be found. During the meeting, we will follow up on new initiatives and collaborative partnerships with the library and talk about pending items.

Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner, March 17, 4-7pm, hosted by the **Providence Volunteer Fire Department, Hagadorn Station** on Fish House Road, Galway. Eat in or take out. \$8/person; \$5/seniors and for children under six years old.

The March 1, 2012 deadline is fast approaching to submit your poems, short memoirs, photos and drawings to be included in a book of Galway community images, words and sounds. More details and submission guidelines at: www.galwaypubliclibrary.org.

Seeking your submissions to the Galway Get Together.

Ads, announcements, news, observations, photos and MORE **Submit ads or community announcements:** www.gettogether.galwaypubliclibrary.org;
Submit articles and photos: mcuffeperez@gmail.com.

Focus on Business: Johnston's Winery

Kurt Johnson, owner and operator of Johnston's Winery, invites you to stop by and sample some of the great wines made right on the premises at 5140 Bliss Rd., Galway. Store hours are Wed.-Sat., 11am-5pm and Sun., Noon-5pm. The winery makes traditional grape wines, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Muscat. They also produce a variety of fruit wines, such as Strawberry, Raspberry/Grenache blend, and a dry Blueberry. In the spring they'll offer a McIntosh Apple wine and a Red Concord wine as well. The store also carries home made jams and jellies and local honey and maple syrup.

Johnston's Winery not only offers you excellent local wine, but sells the equipment you need to make your own wine and beer. A full line of winemaking supplies are available, including Wine Expert concentrate kits, Brewers Best Beer kits, carboys, corks, bottles and yeast stocked year round.

Johnston Winery's gift packages are available year round for every holiday. If you have questions, call 882-6310 or visit the website: www.johnstonwinery.com.

Spring fever? Galway Home and Garden in Galway Village has received an order of seed starter sets and a good selection of seed packets. Time to think about what plants to start on your window sill.

Nature Notes: Porcupines

One of the most fascinating and under appreciated mammals in our area is the North American Porcupine (*Erethizon dorsatum*), the second largest of all rodents.

While mostly nocturnal, porcupines may be seen foraging during the day, as my Cocker Spaniel recently discovered and quickly regretted. My husband and I were right behind him in the regret department — to the tune of a \$600 vet bill.

But I digress - back to porcupine appreciation: the porcupine is a peace-loving animal and its only (but very effective) defense are the quills (30,000 of them) that cover its upper body. The porcupine does not and cannot propel its quills but is more than happy to relinquish them if attacked; turning the aggressor instantly into the victim (just ask my dog). Besides humans, its only predator is the Fisher, which is agile enough to upend the porcupine and attack its quill-less underside.

The prickly porcupine is a herbivore and an excellent climber, feeding mostly on leaves and other green matter during spring and summer and nibbling on tree bark during the winter. They are especially fond of hemlock. If you find hemlock twigs littering the ground, look up. You might find a porcupine contemplating you from above.

If you happen upon a porcupine during a walk in the woods, appreciate this solitary, gentle creature — and keep your dog on a leash.