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GFWC Women's Club of North Haven Furry Friends Three Raffle

North Haven: Watch for the GFWC Women's Club of North Haven Furry Friends Three Raffle. Our members will be selling Raffle Tickets at Stop and Shop on Saturday, August 1st and Saturday, August 15th.

All monies collected will be donated to the North Haven Animal Control. September is our raffle month - 30 days of winning chances.

Contact our President, Pam Lerner to buy tickets: (203-671-5911). Also check out our Facebook page: GFWC Women's Club of North Haven for more information on tickets and prizes

Save the Date Shore Line Trolley Museum's Annual Dinner & Auction - Sept. 27

Please save the date for the Shore Line Trolley Museum's Annual Dinner & Auction on Sunday, September 27, 2026.

Join us for dinner, live and silent auctions, dancing, and a special keynote presentation by Anthony "Unk" DaRos, former Branford First Selectman.

This special event will celebrate America's 250th anniversary and the spirit of innovation and ingenuity that helped drive our nation forward, while supporting the museum's ongoing preservation and educational programs.

Additional information, sponsorship opportunities, and ticket reservations are available at shorelinetrolley.org/fundraiser.

We hope you will join us for this special event.

FOR SALE: Two wood Adirondack chairs with grey L.L. Bean chair pads $50 each; (203) 605-4327 •

WANTED: Buying older beer cans, flats, conetops, single cans or entire collections; (203) 915-7662 •

NHGC Youth Poetry Contest Winner

North Haven Garden Club recently presented Annette Babu, a 3rd grader at Clintonville Elementary School, with a Certificate of Achievement and a Barnes & Noble gift card for her winning entry in the 2025-26 Youth Poetry Contest. The contest theme this year was "Plant America for the Next 100 Years" and Annette's poem, 'A Seed, Tiny as a Bead', fit perfectly by depicting the lifecycle of a plant, the ancient wisdom of nature and her (our) role in keeping the cycle going – for the next 100 years.



Her entry went on to win first place in the state- and regional-level Youth Poetry Contests, for which she also received awards.

North Haven Garden Club is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of CT, the New England Garden Club, Inc., and the National Garden Club, Inc. Find more garden club news on our facebook page.

Article and photo by Maria Yankura

A Seed, Tiny as a Bead by Annette Babu

If I plant America for the next 100 years It would start as a seed, tiny as a bead.

It packs hope and courage to grow, planted in soil hand crafted with care, Soil rich and deep, holds wisdom from the past.

It shoots out of the soil peeks into the world, A sapling starts to grow, taller and taller as it goes.

The baby plant turns into a flower, seeking the sun Ready to bear fruits, for all to share

Held strongly by the roots, tall and proud it stands Prepared to help new seeds grow.

If I plant America, this is what I do Again and again, to help it grow anew.

Professional Ice Skating Instructor From Hamden

Hamden: Sharon Funderburk of Hamden is a ISI District one Championship Gold Medalist of 2025, Advit Open Gold Category. She previously skated with Walt Disney's Great Ice Odyssey. Sharon has been skating since 1976 and is a Professional Ice Skating Instructor. Her expertise is in basic skills, Ice dancing, freestyle skating in the field of US Figure Skating and Ice Skating Industry. She is also a ISI Gold level judge, presently a staff coach at the West Hartford Figure Skating Club at Veterans Memorial Ice Rink and at Milford Ice Arena. She is a decendant of the German Royal Family, Vonder Borg, a fantastic skater, and a great person.

Story by Sharon Funderburk, and Jo Ann Buccetti, photo by Sharon.



Scheduled Bus Trips

HORIZONS TRAVELERS PRESENTS: *An Exclusive Event* - **"Margaritaville on Cape Cod" - A new Resort in Hyannis, MA: Mon., Tues., Wed., September 21-23.** 3 days, 2 nights. Roundtrip Motorcoach, 2 nights at the New Margaritaville Resort, 2 Buffet Breakfast at Resort, 2 Dinner Shows at the Resort, The Amazing Edward Twins Show, Kenny Rogers + Dolly Tribute Show, Hyannis Harbor Cruise (Kennedy Compound), Free time on Main Street in Hyannis (Shops), Guided Tour of Hyannis, Twin Rivers Casino. On Mon., Sept. 21 Bus Departs: 8am - Miller Library, 2901 Dixwell Ave., Hamden; 8:30am-Commuter Lot Exit 40 off I-95, 332 Old Gate Lane, Milford. $100 deposit per person to hold your seat, $672 per person double occupancy. Cancellation protection is available for $49 per person at sign-up only. If interested, please call Liz/Carrie, (203) 231-5637 for a flyer or more information.

FOR SALE: L.L. Bean hammock, quilted, dark green, Sunbrella canvas, reversible to green stripes, brand new $200; (203) 605-4327 •

FOR SALE: Lawn mower, 21" cut, good for small yards & tight spots, runs good $99; (203) 248-3906 •

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Area Craft Fairs, Bazaars, Festivals, Auctions, Rummage, Flea Markets & Tag Sales

Tag/Rummage Sales

NORTH HAVEN

MONTOWESE BAPTIST CHURCH Blessings Thrift Shop, 201 Quinnipiac Ave., North Haven, located behind the church. Hours: Fri. & Sat., 10am-2pm. ***Save Big Now*** while it's off-season on Jackets and coats. Hope to see you soon. Always a secret sale happening! All items are in good to mint condition. Please until further notice the thrift shop is NOT ACCEPTING ANY DONATIONS and please NO BULK ITEMS. Contact Pauline for questions (203) 824-1170. All proceeds help pay the bills at Montowese Baptist Church! Worship hours, 10:30am on Sunday. Please join us. All are welcome. Check us out on FACEBOOK at https://www.facebook.com/people/The-Montowese-Baptist-Church/100086603520221/#

NORTH HAVEN

TAG SALE: Sat., August 8, 9am-3pm, 11 Cindy Lane, North Haven. We will have clothes, toys, books, CDs, household items and more. Please no early birds.

FOR SALE: John Deere utility 10P dump trailer. Used for pulling behind a John Deere tractor $75; (203) 804-3719 •

FOR SALE: Coins - Lincoln wheat back pennies, 500+ coins, old timers $50; (203) 527-4200 •

WANTED: Antique country store items, old tins, bins, signs, boxes or anything related; (203) 915-7662 •

FOR SALE: John Deere "Professional & Agricultural" rubber hose, 5/8"x100', used one season $25; (203) 234-2377 •