Scarecrow Summit At North Haven Cultural Center



North Haven: The field is ready for your homemade scarecrow at the North Haven Cultural Center and History Museum! You have until October 30th to bring your scarecrow in time for the North Haven Garden Club's 2026 Scarecrow Contest. Set up and label your scarecrow with a sign, and fill out and return a registration form for a chance to win bragging rights and prizes!

And come to the Cultural Center on October 31st at 1:00pm for the contest judging followed by judging of the Pumpkin Decorating Contest and then the Costume Parade. Email your questions to nhgcscarecrows@gmail.com.

North Haven Garden Club is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc, the New England Garden Club, Inc and the National Garden Club, Inc. Find out more about North Haven Garden Club activities on their Facebook page.

NARFE Meeting

North Haven: The National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) monthly meeting will be held on Mon., November 2, 1pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend.

The guest speaker will be Debbie Herget, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Federal Health Benefits Account Executive who will discuss the 2027 Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan and the Postal Service Health Benefit Plan. Brochures will be available.

NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. For Information: http://www.Narfe.org.

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WANTED: Old tools - woodworking planes, levels, chisels, machinist's tools, antique hand tools; (203) 494-2496, Bill •



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EDWARD SMITH LIBRARY UPCOMING EVENTS

To register for events at the Smith Library, visit the Events Calendar at our website: https://northbranford.librarycalendar.com/ or call (203) 484-0469.

Little Makers: Tues., Oct. 20, 10:30-11am. Each session has a simple craft activity that we do together. This session we will make a shooting star craft. Recommended ages 2-6.

Chess Club: Wed., Oct. 21, 3:30-4:30pm. Wednesday Chess Club is for tweens and teens looking to play chess or join a group of players. Some previous knowledge is required. Beginners welcome. This is not an instructional group, but group members are willing to help new players. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration not required.

3D Printer Drop-in Event: Wed., Oct. 21, 4-7pm. Drop in to see our 3D printer in action. Ask about the process and get more information on how you can use 3D printing software from home. Registration not required.

Drop-In Tech Help: Thurs., Oct. 22, 10am-1pm. Personal tech help is available. First come, first serve. Limited to 30 minutes each. Bring a device that you need help with. No registration is required.

Tots & Tunes: Fri., Oct. 23, 10:30am-11am. Young children ages 18 months and up and their siblings can enjoy 30 minutes of songs, stories and movement. Parent or guardian must attend. Registration not required.

Movie Matinee - *Project Hail Mary:* Fri., Oct. 23, 1-3:30pm. This month's movie is *Project Hail Mary,* the 2026 sci-fi adventure. "A science teacher wakes up alone on a spaceship. As his memory returns, he uncovers a mission to stop a mysterious substance killing Earth's sun, and realizes that an unexpected friendship may be the key" - IMDB. Starring Ryan Gosling, Sandra Hüller and James Ortiz.

Read with Libby: Mon., Oct. 26, 5-6pm. Children in grades 3-5 are invited to take turns reading to Libby, a trained therapy dog. Reading to a therapy dog is a great way to boost reading skills in children, develop emotional and social skills, and encourage a love of reading. Bring a favorite book to read or pick one out in the library before the event.

Monday Night Mah-Jongg: Mon., Oct. 26, 6pm-8pm. Those interested in playing Mah-Jongg are invited. Participants should bring their Mah-Jongg sets.

Monarchs - An Icon on the Edge: Tues., Oct. 27, 6:30-8pm. Come learn about beautiful monarch butterflies, their life history, threats, and what you can do to help this iconic species. Presented by Nancy Tipping of the Xerces Society.

Town of No. Branford Office of Social Service

THANKSGIVING BASKET SHARE

The Thanksgiving Basket Share Program will take place on Monday, November 23rd. For those that need some assistance with their Thanksgiving Dinner, you only need to call the Office of Social Service and request to be a recipient in the Thanksgiving Basket Share. The only requirement is that you are in need, and that you reside in Northford or North Branford. Your information is protected, and your name will not be disclosed. You must be able to pick up your basket or arrange for someone to pick it up for you. We are unable to deliver or bring it to your car.

For those wishing to donate a basket or grocery store gift card, call or email the Office of Social Service and express your desire to donate a Thanksgiving Dinner Basket or a grocery store gift card. You may choose the family size you would like to adopt. You may choose to do this alone, or as a group, with neighbors or coworkers.

Although names are not disclosed, a number will be given to both the recipient and the donor. This is used to identify which family is the recipient. All commitments by the donor and recipients will receive written confirmation.

Should you have an interest in being a recipient or a donor, please contact the Office of Social Service by email, lbreen@northbranfordct.aov or ksperry@northbranfordct.gov or by phone at (203) 484-6006 or (475) 655-0412 by **10/30/2026** for recipients. There is no end date for donors.

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