



CONCERT SERIES BEGINS WITH RENAISSANCE MUSIC

Submitted by Bob Strichartz
for the Danby Community Council

The Danby Concert Series for 2006 begins with a performance by the **Mignarda Duo** on Sunday, March 12, at 3pm in the Danby Town Hall. The Mignarda Duo, who will perform music from England, Scotland, France and Italy from the period 1500–1620, consists of Ron Andrico, lute, and Donna Stewart, mezzo soprano. This is an opportunity to hear charming and delightful music that is not often performed.

Andrico and Stewart, who recently moved to West Danby, also perform with a larger ensemble, Mignardo, and are involved in historical studies of lute music and lute songs. Andrico has a music degree from Pacifica University, has performed with Oregon's Trail Band, and has published books on lute music. Stewart has performed with Apollo's Fire, a Baroque Orchestra from Cleveland.

The concert series is sponsored by the Danby Community Council, and is made possible in part with public funds from the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County and the NYS Council on the Arts Decentralization program. All events are free.

The next concert in the series is planned for Sunday, April 2, at 3 pm in the Danby Town Hall, featuring tenor David Parks and pianist Rebekah Jordan-Miller performing the songs of contemporary American composer Richard Hundley. More information about this concert will appear in the April *Danby Area News*. ❀



DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

There was some open space between what he knew and what he tried to believe, but nothing could be done about it, and if you can't fix it you've got to stand it.
—from "Brokeback Mountain", a short story in *Close Range, Wyoming Stories* by Annie Proulx. This book is available for check out at the Danby Community Library.

We also have a very interesting Book on CD on loan from Finger Lakes Library System. *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* by Laurie R. King is about Sherlock Holmes and his young American woman apprentice in 1914.

Beatrice Hogben found some books with local settings by T. M. Wright; two of the books refer to Candor and the Waldorf School. New McNaughton lease purchases include, *Could It Be Autism? A Parent's Guide to First Signs and Next Steps* by Nancy D. Wiseman, *The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell* by Lillian Jackson Braun, *Manhunt* by Janet Evanovich, and *Teacher Man: A Memoir* by Frank McCourt. New collections expected from TCPL: Picture Books and Easy Readers, Adult Fiction (A-L), and Audiobooks and Videos (4/6/2006).

Come on down. There's always something new at your Danby Community Library. ❀

DANBY FUN DAY!

Submitted by Andrea Hazard

Don't miss out! This year's Fun Day is Saturday, July 15th. The planning committee is now meeting, and is in need of volunteers. To help with Fun Day activities, contact Andrea Hazard, 272.8791, [ahazard@twcny.rr.com]. For the Parade, get in touch with Sue Beeners, 277.0697, [sbeeners@aol.com] or Amy Cusimano, 272.4634, [amymc@twcny.rr.com]. ❀

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DANBY TOWN HISTORY

Submitted by Joan Grant, Town Historian

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The Business Portion of the Village Swept by Fire

A few weeks ago a rumor reached this city to the effect that several business places in Danby village had been destroyed by fire. The rumor at that time proved false, but last night a fire actually occurred in that place which swept away the entire business portion of the little village.

From Mr. A. W. Beardsley, who arrived here early this morning, we learned that the fire broke out about 2am in the upper portion of T. H. Howell & Son's general store, the largest in the place.

There was scarcely any wind, but the flames had things their own way and licked up the dry frame structure very rapidly. Situated some ten feet south of the Howell store was the store of Will Bierce, and near that the Danby Hotel and its outbuildings.

North of the store where the fire started stood the storehouse and barn of Jacob Wise, and all of these buildings were destroyed, and then the flames went out simply for lack of material to feed upon. While the Howell store was burning, the crowd which had been attracted to the fire turned its attention to saving the goods in the stores of Bierce and Wise and nearly everything was removed from those buildings as well as considerable of the furniture from the hotel and Wise's dwelling.

Estimates of the aggregate loss places the figures at from \$18,000 to \$25,000.

Mr. Howell, who was here today, said his firm lost a considerable amount above the insurance. Jacob Wise placed his insurance with the Tompkins County Cooperative on the day of the Grange picnic.

DANBY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Submitted by Beatrice Hogben, Trustee, 272.5294

Andrew Dunnick, Thomas Schwartz and Tyler Moore recently completed a nine hour Fire Fighter Survival Training course at the Emergency Response Building on Brown Road. In addition, five Danby Fire Department members successfully completed CPR training in February.

There is no direct communication with Danby either by telegraph or telephone, consequently it is not an easy matter to obtain definite details of the loss at this writing.

Those gentlemen in from Danby who were seen by the **JOURNAL** reporter today said they could not account for the origin of the fire. It seemed to start in the upper story of the Howell store, but from what cause could not be stated.

Mr. Hawes, a Danby resident, said it was not probable that the burned buildings would be rebuilt, although possibly one or two might be.

At ten o'clock last night there were present in the Howell store the following well known residents of Danby; T. H. Howell and son, Dr. John Beers, and George A. Bierce. At the time there was no sign of fire about the building.

The store and stock of Howell & Sons were insured for \$4,500, the risk being divided between the Phoenix of Hartford and the Tompkins County Cooperative. The amount of insurance on the Wise store, stock, dwelling and barn was \$5,000, all of which was in the Cooperative.

The post office was located in Howell & Sons store. The mail was saved.

It is said that the following is a moderate estimate of the various losses; Howell & Sons, \$8,000; W. Bierce, \$1,000; Thayer, \$2,000.

The Red Men's wigwam was located over one of the stores which burned. With the exception of a few chairs all of the properties were destroyed. The lodge had its effects insured for \$250.

Many thanks to Wayne Meyer, of Danby, for providing this article. ❁

By popular demand, the Danby Fire Department will continue its pancake breakfasts. The members will be hosting one on Sunday, March 19 from 8-11:30am and another on Sunday, April 2nd from 8-11:30. All welcome.

We could use some extra help at these breakfasts, especially during the cleanup. If you can spare some time, call me. ❁

TOWN OF DANBY

Submitted by Carol Sczepanski, Town Clerk

The Town Board approved the following resolutions during their meeting on February 13, 2006:

1) Bond Resolution to bond \$500,537. Copies of the Bond Resolution may be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office. Items included in this bond:

Town Truck Purchase Project	\$68,515
Highway Barn Roof Project	\$27,995
Salt Barn Project	\$386,079
Water District Electric Line Project	\$17,948

(see sidebar for more information)

Other Items Approved

1) Modified a resolution which created a Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force and appointed Ray Van de Bogart as chair, Joel Gagnon as vice chair and retained Carol Sczepanski as secretary.

2) Accepted roads and easement for general municipal purposes for Danby CMC Development subdivision and expressed intent to establish a drainage district for the lands in that subdivision.

3) Approved the extension of a mapping project with Tompkins County.

4) Approved the purchase of mapping software for the Code Enforcement Office.

5) Authorized the Code Enforcement Officer to advertise for a planning intern.

6) Aquifer Study—Authorized the Town Supervisor to execute agreements with U.S. Geological Survey and Tompkins County for Upper Buttermilk Creek/Danby Creek Aquifer.

7) Expressed support for an application of the Danby Fun Day and Parade Committee for funds through Tompkins County Community Celebrations Fund.

8) Approved of a grant submitted by the Beautification/Revitalization Committee \$3,500 - \$5,300 in matching funds from the County Rural Beautification Projects.

9) Approval granted to the Highway Department for permission to sell all salable scrap metals, dispose of all garbage/refuse on the Old Town Barnsite. Funds will be used for the purchase of a tractor trailer box to store items with future use for the department. ❁

Summary of Bond Resolution Subject to Permissive Referendum

A Resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Danby, Tompkins County, New York (the "Town") on February 13, 2006 authorizes the issuance of bonds and other obligations to finance (i) the purchase of a new one ton Town Truck (the "Truck Purchase Project"), (ii) the construction of a new Highway Barn Roof (the "Highway Barn Roof Project"), (iii) the construction of a new Salt Barn (the "Salt Barn Project"), and (iv) the acquisition and construction of electric lines for certain water district facilities located within the Town (the "Water District Electric Line Project") (the Truck Purchase Project, the Highway Barn Roof Project, the Salt Barn Project and the Water District Electric Line Project are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Projects"), at a maximum estimated cost of Five Hundred Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Seven (\$500,537) Dollars including all professional costs, equipment, machinery and other necessary appurtenances and all other necessary costs incidental to such work, and to pay for such Projects by the levy of a tax for the foregoing object or purpose in an amount not to exceed \$500,537, which shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Town Board and that in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the Town are authorized to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$500,537 and a tax is authorized to pay the interest on said obligations when due. Under the Local Finance Law, the Projects have a weighted average period of probable usefulness of nineteen (19) years.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE

Submitted by Sue Beeners

The Town Board and the Task Force have reviewed the proposed “Round 2-A” revisions to the Subdivision Regulations. The Planning Board discussed the revisions on February 16.

The proposed revisions will now be further developed so that the Town Board can consider holding a public hearing in the future. Please stay tuned for further information on that.

The proposed revisions focus on removing the “60% Conservation Area” requirement and adding options for creating lots by permit without having to go the Planning Board. If you would like to review a summary of the proposed revisions, please contact Town Clerk Carol Sczepanski.

The Town Board has appointed Ray Van de Bogart as Chair and Joel Gagnon as Vice Chair.

The Task Force will meet again on Wednesday, March 8, at 7:00pm. This meeting will include

- the framework for possible “Round 2-B” revisions, which will be developed over the next few months
- discussion of the overall work plan for the year.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Task Force Meetings. ❀

NEW EAGLE SCOUT!

Submitted by Eloise Greene

John Greene, of Danby, has completed the requirements for Eagle Scout. His Eagle project, last June, was the renovation of the hiking bridge over Michigan Hollow Creek at Diane’s Crossing in the Danby State Forest. He was assisted by fellow members of Troop 12, friends, family, The Cayuga Trails Club, the Finger Lakes Trails Conference, and NYSDEC. 84 Lumber provided the materials for the project. ❀

DANBY TOWN TALK IN THE ITHACA JOURNAL

Submitted by Gay Huddle,
Ithaca Journal Correspondent

I would like to encourage everyone from the Danby community to send me stories of interest for my *Danby Town Talk* column, which appears in the *Ithaca Journal* every other week.

I would particularly like to hear about the, “Danby of days gone by.” Can you tell me about the school system of the past (more than one schoolhouse, buses rented from private drivers)? Can you tell me about life on a farm in Danby? Can you tell me about the rodeo which used to be held on Jersey Hill Road?

Can you tell me the history behind the names of some Danby roads and streets? Do you have fun family stories to tell or would you like others to know about special occasions you have enjoyed? Do you have anecdotes about the Danby Elementary School as a student, or parent, or teacher?

Are you a member of the Danby Fire and Rescue with a story of heroism or sacrifice?

You can contact me via Email, [gayhuddle@hotmail.com] or by US Postal Service at 65 Gunderman Road, Ithaca, New York, 14850.

If your information is time-sensitive, please remember that the column appears every other Thursday and my deadline is the Monday before that date. ❀



AG LITERACY DAY

Submitted by Debbie Teeter, Cornell Coop Ext.

New York State Ag in The Classroom is sponsoring a new initiative this year called *Ag Literacy Day*. It will be held in conjunction with National Ag Day on Monday, March 20th. The proposed program is to organize volunteers to read, *Extra Cheese Please!: Mozzarella's Journey from Cow to Pizza* in second grade classrooms across the state.

I have agreed to coordinate this program in Tompkins County and have the assistance of a Cornell work study student. We are contacting all the schools in the county to explain the program and arrange for their 2nd grades to participate. There are 18 public and private elementary schools in Tompkins County.

Please let me know if you, or someone you know, are willing to volunteer for this program. It would involve visiting 1–3 second grades in one Tompkins County School, introducing yourself, and explaining what role you play in local agriculture and reading the book. The book will then be donated to the school library.

I imagine it will be more difficult to find volunteers to visit the schools in Ithaca, so I'm hopeful some folks would consider reading there. Please help me spread the word by forwarding this email to anyone else you might think would be interested. Here's hoping you can help! ❀

DANBY QUILTERS

Submitted by Chris Decker

Come join the Danby Community Quilters. We meet every Friday 9–11pm and one Monday evening a month. The group is busily working on a lovely pieced and appliquéd queen size quilt, to be raffled off during the Danby Fun Days; the proceeds will benefit the Community Center Building Fund.

Do you have a quilt you've made or an heirloom you would like to show? The Quilters are looking for Danby quilts to display during a one-day show in June.

For more information about the group, selling or purchasing raffle tickets, or to offer your quilt for the show, contact Mary Oltz, 273.2950, Chris Decker [ckdecker4@hotmail.com], or talk with any member of the Danby Community Quilters. ❀

MASSAGE IN DANBY

Submitted by Sally Ryan, LMT

Sally Ryan, LMT will be offering free chair massage at the Danby Market on Saturday March 11, 2–4pm and on Sunday March 12, 10:30am–Noon.

Sally is relatively new to Danby but not to the area. She worked for Tompkins County in Human Services, for many years, and becoming a massage therapist was an extension of her desire to help others. She practices in her home on Gunderman Road and at Northeast Physical Therapy and Massage in Ithaca.

She is eager to meet more of the Danby community and answer any questions about massage. "Massage has so many benefits beyond just feeling good. Massage can also reduce chronic muscular pain, increase joint mobility, calm the mind and promote more restful sleep."

Stop in to the Market to say hello, have a cup of coffee, and a mini-massage. If you can't make the event and would like to set up an appointment you can call her at 607.280.5590. ❀

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93 Hornbrook Road • Phone: 272.9169
Mon–Fri, 6am–2:30pm

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

Phone: 277.0799 • Fax: 277.0559
Wed–Fri, 10am–5pm or by appointment

TOWN COURT:

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Tue, 7pm

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Tue & Thu 3:30–5:30pm, Sat 9:30am–2:30pm
All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

Danby Youth Flyer

Community Council Youth Programs March 2006

Programs are for youth from the town of Danby; the age range is listed for each program. Look for brochures and registration forms in the Danby Store, at the Town Hall, and on the web: [<http://www.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/rys/local.htm>] To have a brochure mailed or faxed to you, please contact Tom Archibald, 607.272.2292 x222, or [tga4@cornell.edu]. Remember, these programs fill up, so register early. Feel free to sign up even if a program is already underway.

Stilts—Grades 4-8

Danby Federated Church

Wednesdays, March 8—April 5, 3:30–5:30pm

Join us for this great program as we make our own stilts (complete with extra long pants) and then learn how to walk with them. Just think of how cool it would be to be walking around, a few feet taller than you are now, on stilts that you made with your own hands! We'll finish in time for you practice in case you want to show them off in the Ithaca and Danby parades.

Garage Band—Grades 4-8

Danby Federated Church

Thursdays, March 9–30, 3:30–5:30pm

Most great musicians today get their start with beat-up old instruments in their parents' garage. Garage Band is a computer program used to record and add effects (like echo and reverb) to music. Join us to make instruments, make music, record it, and change it into cool songs we'll burn to a CD.

Whether you like rock, rap, jazz or something else, bring your creativity, an instrument (if you have one already) and come make music!!!

Coming Soon!

Keep your eyes open for more great programs this spring. We'll get back outside with everyone's favorite, *Primitive Pursuits* with Tim and Jed. We'll have a chance to help out our community while having fun when we make the Town Hall even more beautiful.

Do you like photography? We'll get deep into it as we explore different kinds of cameras and different ways to take pictures. And these are just a few of our offerings.

For more information, or to share your ideas about potential after school programs, feel free to call. The more the merrier, so please don't hesitate to come and try these wonderful free programs. See you soon! ❁

DANBY REVITALIZATION

Submitted by Naomi Strichartz

The Revitalization Committee has received a beautification grant from Cornell Cooperative Extension for the purpose of improving the appearance of local businesses and the entrances to the town.

Some of our projects may include shrubs, ornamental grasses, and bulbs for the corner of Rt.96B and Bald Hill Road and for the two West Danby signs, planters for the Danby Market, and paint and landscaping for the Town Hall gazebo.

We are fortunate to have David Mastroberti, an experienced landscape designer and manager at Cayuga Landscaping as a member of the committee. He also serves on the Danby Planning Board.

The committee hopes to improve the appearance of our hamlets and to inspire homeowners to take pride in their property. We will also plant trees in strategic locations hoping to enhance Danby's natural beauty. ❁

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Mar 2 • Thu

Noon 🏛 Federated Church
Danby Senior Citizens Dish-to-Pass Lunch
...followed by board games!
7pm 🏛 Town Hall
Danby Community Council

Mar 6 • Mon

6:30pm 🏛 Town Hall
Town Board Agenda Meeting

Mar 8 • Wed

7pm 🏛 Town Hall
Comprehensive Plan Task Force

Mar 9 • Thu

7pm 🏛 Town Hall
Community Council

Mar 12 • Sun

3pm 🏛 Town Hall
Concert: Mignarda Duo

Mar 13 • Mon

6:30pm 🏛 Town Hall
Town Board Meeting

Mar 14 • Tue • 9:30–11:30am 🏛 Market

Meet Your Representatives—County Rep Frank
Proto and Town Supervisor Ric Dietrich

Mar 16 • Thu

7pm 🏛 Town Hall
Planning Board

Apr 2 • Sun

3pm 🏛 Town Hall
Concert: Parks and Jordan-Miller

ONGOING

Seniors Strength Training Group 🏛 Federated Church
Mondays, 9am.

West Danby Volunteer Fire Company 🏛 WD Fire Hall
2nd Monday, 7pm.

Danby Fire Company 🏛 Fire Hall
Mondays, 7pm; monthly mtg 2nd Monday, 7:30pm.

Danby Food Pantry 🏛 Federated Church
3rd Thursday, 6–8pm, 3rd Friday, 4–6pm.

Danby Community Library Reading Group 🏛 Town Hall
4th Tuesdays, 7pm.

Danby Quilters Group ☎ 273.2950
Mondays, 6:30pm, Fridays, 9–11am.

WHERE THINGS HAPPEN

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🏛 Danby Market • 1774 Danby Road

🏛 Danby Fire Hall • 1780 Danby Road

🏛 West Danby Fire Hall • Sylvan Lane, off Rt.34/96

🏛 Danby Federated Church • 1859 Danby Road