

## REFLECTIONS

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The loon's reign is the greatest of any species using the pond; it roams the pond's entirety and in every strata of its liquid substrate. Here, the loon sits atop the food pyramid of Center Pond, eating pan-sized perch and having no predators. It is here because of the vast and intact natural resources that we and our ancestors have chosen to preserve.

And, unfortunately, it will only remain with the same level of intervention. The Loon Preservation Committee ([www.loon.org](http://www.loon.org)) has been monitoring NH's breeding loons for more than 30 years. Lead sinkers, the sale of which is banned in the state of NH are, shockingly, still the leading cause of

loon death. Close approach by boaters, too, often causes nest failure in loons and impacts their populations. Mercury deposition from power plants is yet another threat, and who knows what climate change may have in store for loons. As a Monadnock loon monitor this summer, I've learned that Center Pond is small for a nesting loon, and they often abandon it for the area's larger water bodies. But, we can do our part to protect loons by giving them a healthy distance, making environmentally conscious decisions, and continuing to support organizations that protect them. Loons are part of our economy, natural history, and culture; and their presence in the Monadnock Region enhances our lives. I hope we may enjoy the wail of the loon from Center Pond for years to come.



### TUESDAY EVENINGS, 7:30 PM, APPLE HILL CONCERT BARN

Performance space is wheelchair accessible. Box office telephone: 603-847-3371; 800-472-6677

Website: [www.applehill.org](http://www.applehill.org)

#### AUGUST 11

*The award-winning Firebird Ensemble performs two world premieres.*

#### AUGUST 18

*Beethoven, Piano Trio in B-flat Major, Archduke  
Gabriela Diaz, violin  
Brooks Whitehouse, cello  
Yi-Heng Yang, piano*

*W. A. Mozart, Duet  
John Steinmetz, bassoon  
Brooks Whitehouse, cello*

#### Antonin Dvorak, Bass Quintet

*Gabriela Diaz, violin  
Salley Koo, violin  
Kate Vincent, viola  
Rupert Thompson, cello  
Max Zeugner, string bass*

#### AUGUST 25

*The Dirt Road Ensemble with Leonard Mateczynski, conductor, and Elise Kuder, violin*



### NELSON 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATES

Names for this picture were not available at press for the June issue so here is the picture again with names.



*Nelson School 2009 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates: l to r - Rynne Champney, Susan Stires (teacher), Elena Mednick, Tyrrell Vizcaino, Logan Cucchi, Wayland Tolman-Anderson, Thomas Fanteux, Taylor Merrifield*

## MOVING IN STEP...

### AUGUST 09 UPDATE

By Karen Tolman

*Here are some projects being supported and/or sponsored by Moving In Step:*



- A monthly (1st Thursday) potluck supper and committee updates held in the Nelson Congregational Church basement, at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.
- An e-mail update and weekly calendar of events. Contact [nelsonmovinginstep@wildblue.net](mailto:nelsonmovinginstep@wildblue.net) to be added to this list.
- Contributions to the Town of Nelson Website, mastered by Gordon Peery, that enhances communication within the town ([www.townofnelson.com](http://www.townofnelson.com)).
- A local phone directory. Contact Candyce Fulford at [cfulford@wildblue.net](mailto:cfulford@wildblue.net)
- An increase in volunteers to help with the *Grapevine-2*.
- Working with the library to hold a forum/discussion about Town Government - planned for the fall.
- The establishment of The Nelson Energy Committee. Contact Dave Birchenough at [birchenough@pobox.com](mailto:birchenough@pobox.com).
- The Gazebo Re-creation Project, being researched by Maury Collins.

**NELSON'S FUTURE IS CALLING**  
For e-mail updates contact [nelsonmovinginstep@wildblue.net](mailto:nelsonmovinginstep@wildblue.net)

- A town-wide Vision To Action Forum to be held in the fall of 2010.

*And, the following committees and boards are laying the foundation for Moving In Step's work:*

- A Board of Incorporators, chaired by Rich Popovic.
- A Stakeholders Committee to identify the broad spectrum of interests that make up our small community and to create a database for our town, chaired by Betsy Church.
- A Fund Raising Committee, chair to be announced.
- An Events Committee to plan potlucks and meeting places, chaired by Susan Hansel.
- A Steering Committee to plan a town-wide "forum" from which community-defined goals and projects will grow, chaired by Kathy Schillemat.
- A Public Relations Committee, chaired by Karen Tolman.