Local Author Recounts Time on the Camino de Santiago Trail

Thursday, November 30, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

LU ANN LAQUERRE

Theresa Fersch will be speaking at the Concord Public Library about her hike on the “Camino de Santiago Trail” in Spain. The event is being held on November 30, at 6:00 pm at the Concord Public Library at 45 Green Street, Concord, NH. The library and AMC NH Chapter Programs are co-sponsoring this free event.

Fersch lives in Hollis, N.H. with her husband, dog and several chickens. In her free time, she enjoys relaxing at their camp in Rangeley, Maine and volunteering for hospice. Theresa never considered herself much of an adventurer, but in 2015, she found herself in the middle of Spain having the adventure of a lifetime.

From May 17 to June 22, 2015, Theresa hiked the entire Camino de Santiago from St.

Notes from the Chair

Time to Say Thank You

BILL WARREN

The time has come for me to thank all the members of the New Hampshire Chapter of the AMC.
One-Day Class 3 Leader Training

Saturday, November 11, 2017, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Training for those interested in becoming leaders for hikes and walks at lower elevations in three seasons. This session will allow you to become a class 3 leader for the N.H. chapter. Exercises in group dynamics, trip planning and logistics, participant screening, communication, handling difficult behaviors, how to post your trip for approval, and outdoor practice in leading. This training is a good introduction to leading hikes and has been of interest to those who are thinking of becoming trip leaders for the first time.

Up to seven participants will work in a small group with two instructors to understand the methods for planning and leading trips to smaller mountains or natural areas and the sea shore. The group members will use different learning techniques to try out and understand the many roles of a leader and how to apply these to outings. Come prepared to spend the day outdoors “learning by doing.” Bring your pack for a fall day hike, hiking cloths, boots and a trail lunch. Morning snacks, maps and instructional materials will be provided. Training is in Warner N.H. Instructors Rick Silverberg and Bob Humphrey; $35 for AMC members, $40 for non-members. Register at www.amcnh.org

Call (603) 225-5921 with questions between 7-10 p.m.

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Jean Pied-de-Port, France to Santiago de Compostella, Spain. The Camino is a 500-mile pilgrimage traveled by pilgrims for over 1,000 years. It is said to bring great physical, mental and spiritual growth to all who travel its routes, as well as provide continuous examples of kindness, generosity, friendship and love. Theresa wrote a book about her experience while in Spain called Sunrise in Spain, and she speaks throughout New England, providing inspiration and motivation for others to do something amazing for themselves. She provides a brief overview of what a day on the Camino is like and speaks about the significance of living one’s life to the fullest.
LAURA HURLEY
BOSTON, Mass.—The Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) has officially moved into its new organizational headquarters at 10 City Square in Boston’s historic Charlestown neighborhood, positioning the outdoor recreation and conservation nonprofit to better support its staff, cultivate expanded community connections, and achieve its long-term growth and mission objectives.

Last year, after almost a century at its Beacon Hill headquarters, AMC sold its Joy Street buildings and subsequently purchased the City Square property, which has been undergoing renovations in preparation for the move.

“The Appalachian Mountain Club’s new Charlestown headquarters presents incredible potential to expand on the organization’s enduring legacy of connecting people with the outdoors and conservation stewardship,” said John Judge, President and CEO, Appalachian Mountain Club. “As we look ahead to AMC’s next 100 years, our aspiration is to create an outdoor hub here that fosters local, urban connections to Boston open space and beyond through programming, training, access, information, and gear, while working alongside partners and organizations with similar missions.”

Centrally located across the Charles River from North Station...AMC’s new headquarters is located on Boston’s iconic Freedom Trail surrounded by an array of revitalized urban open spaces. Photo courtesy of outdoors.org

AMC’s new office layout occupies the entire second and third floors of the building, plus half of the fourth floor. The remaining office and retail space is leased by other businesses, including Legal Oysteria on the ground floor.

AMC’s second floor features flexible program space for large groups, with high-quality AV equipment, a catering kitchen, abundant natural light, and adjacent gallery and conference room spaces. It will be available to both AMC and non-AMC groups on a limited basis starting in 2018 as part of AMC’s commitment to the community, which includes preserving the civic history of the 1890’s commercial building and meeting space, originally called Roughan Hall.

AMC’s new office layout provides more functional, flexible, and collaborative work space for staff with updated IT infrastructure. It features a combination of private and shared offices, open office work spaces and meeting areas, numerous conference rooms, a staff kitchen and social space, and a reception area. Interior building renovations to AMC’s space, overseen by RODE Architects, were geared toward completely updating the floor layout to optimize natural light quality, celebrate the “bones” of the building, and highlight the character of the original construction by exposing brick walls and emphasizing details such as the southern yellow pine wood structure.

AMC has placed a high priority on minimizing environmental impact in doing renovations.

On the cusp of the 50th anniversary of AMC’s Youth Opportunities Program, moving to this new space is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our efforts supporting Greater Boston teachers and youth development professionals,” said Stefanie Brochu, Vice President of Outdoor Learning and Leadership, Appalachian Mountain Club. “Many of the youth we work with are taking their first trip outdoors, and this center provides ease of access for their leaders to plan and implement a wide range of adventures.”

At City Square, the new space better meets the 21st-century needs of the organization, which had outgrown the functionality of its former headquarters, originally built as residential housing. Renovations to the six-floor Charlestown building, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, are part of the AMC’s long-term master plan for the site, which focuses on stewardship of an older building and a commitment to environmental sustainability.

The AMC will open the flexible, multi-use Spice St. space accommodates program staff, outdoor leadership training, a gear lending library to outfit up to 15 groups at one time, and staging for hundreds of trips and training each year. It also offers the potential to more broadly host other AMC activities in the future.
2018 Winter School Jan 19-21 and/or Feb 23-25

AMC NH Chapter Winter School: Hiking, Skiing and Leadership Workshops

Winter does not mean you have to hang up your backpack until spring. Learn how to explore the N.H. wilds this winter safely and with confidence.

This winter, the N.H. Chapter will again sponsor two training workshops at the Cardigan Lodge in Alexandria, N.H. and include some courses through the Cardigan Mountain Ski School, which is now an official Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) school. Most of our ski instructors hold PSIA certifications, and official PSIA events can be hosted through the school.

These winter workshops are designed to teach students what you need to know for safe travel in the winter mountains: What to wear, what to take, how to use it, how to get there, how to get pack and how to plan for the unplanned. Both workshops will offer the same curriculum, except as noted below. All sections include extensive time outdoors.

The N.H. Chapter Annual Winter Workshop 1, will be held on Friday, January 19 to Sunday, January 21, 2018. This program will be repeated as Winter Workshop 2, held on Friday, February 23 to Sunday, February 25, 2018.

A variety of instructional groups are offered that cover most every aspect of winter backcountry travel and safety. The weekend is filled with instruction, field exercises, lectures and group discussions. Your time will be divided between your individual class and activities during the entire workshop.

Choose from one of the following classes. If you are not sure which class is right for you, give one of the Workshop Directors a call.

If you are looking at a skiing class, check out the Ski Committee recommendations at this link to be sure you pick the right class for you and to answer some of your questions http://amcnh.org/committee/ski/winter-school-faq.php

Once you have found a class, just go to this link to sign up http://amcnh.registration.qilan.com

A. Introduction to Winter Wilderness Travel

Instruction in general mountain safety, clothing and equipment, nutrition, risk management and trip planning. Instruction includes an introduction to snowshoeing as well as map and compass. This workshop section is intended for individuals with limited experience in the New England outdoors who would like to start winter activities safely. Anticipate hiking as much as three miles at a slow pace with occasional uphill grades.

B. Intermediate Snow Shoewing

Instruction in snowshoeing, route finding (map and compass) as well as general mountain safety, clothing and equipment, nutrition, risk management and trip planning. This workshop section is intended for individuals with extensive three-season experience in the New England outdoors, but limited winter experience, who would like to get into more winter activities safely. Anticipate hiking/snowshoeing up to five miles at a slow pace with occasional uphill grades.

E. Advanced Winter Wilderness Travel

Instruction offered in winter travel on steep terrain and above treeline. Subjects covered include snowshoeing on mountain terrain, use of crampons, dressing for extreme weather conditions, off-trail navigation and risk management. Intended for individuals with winter experience in the outdoors interested in climbing New England mountains safely. Anticipate hiking six or more miles at moderate/fast pace, steep terrain and significant exposure to wind.

H. Leadership and Mountain Skills

This section is for those who have mastered the basics of winter hiking. Exercises in planning, organizing and executing a trip with emphasis on leadership techniques and group dynamics. A review of the basics, accident scene management, medical considerations and off-trail navigation. This section is also for people with potential and desire to become trip leaders for the N.H. Chapter Excursions Committee. PREREQUISITE: proficiency on snowshoes.

I. Beginner Winter Backpacking

(Winter School 1 only)

For those who have mastered the basics of three-season backpacking skills. Instruction will cover as many of these topics as possible: General winter mountain safety, snowshoeing, equipment, proper camp site selection, how to erect a tent in winter, how and what to cook, trail finding, map and compass, off-trail navigation, weather, trip planning, nutrition, and emergency situations.

WARNING: All participants must have proper winter clothing, a winter sleeping bag that has a rating of 20 below zero or lower, a winter foam pad and a winter backpacking tent. Tents will be provided if needed. This group will be spending most time outdoors and will sleep outside both Friday and Saturday night, as well as prepare two meals outdoors.

Cardigan Mountain Ski School (PSIA Certified)

C. Back Country Ski Touring 101:

Want to expand your horizons beyond the golf courses and touring centers? Come learn how to explore the winter backwoods on skis. We will cover how to travel efficiently on the ungroomed trails over rolling terrain and how to control speed by turning and stopping on modest hills. We will address general backcountry safety as well. Expect to be outdoors playing in the snow on skis for three to four hours each day and ski 2-4 miles. Be prepared to ski with a day pack.

D. Intermediate Back Country Ski Touring:

Ready to explore the wilderness for the day and go where you one meal outdoors.

J. Intermediate Winter Backpacking

(Winter School 2 only)

For those who have mastered the basics of three-season backpacking skills. Instruction will cover as many of these topics as possible: General winter mountain safety, snowshoeing, equipment, proper camp site selection, how to erect a tent in winter, how and what to cook, trail finding, map and compass, off-trail navigation, weather, trip planning, nutrition, and emergency situations.

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This boxed set also contains six pull-out topographic maps, updated to reflect the latest trail openings, closings and reroutings. Redesigned with bolder, clearer colors and GPS-charted by AMC’s cartography department, these maps include trail-segment mileage; hut, lodge, camping and shelter locations; wilderness-area boundaries; AMC shuttle stops; and more.

Whether you’re planning a day trip to stunning waterfalls, a backpacking trek through the Great Gulf Wilderness or a section hike along the Appalachian Trail, the White Mountain Guide is your quintessential resource for adventure in the White Mountains.

Steven D. Smith has authored several AMC titles, including Southern New Hampshire Trail Guide and The 4000-Footers of the White Mountains. He owns and operates The Mountain Wanderer bookstore in Lincoln, N.H.

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*Date/locations are tentative! Please check with leaders and online at:* [https://activities.outdoors.org](https://activities.outdoors.org)
A 2018 WINTER SCHOOL, FROM PAGE 4

want with confidence! Spend the day in the woods to improve your skills including turning, stopping, climbing, trip planning and navigation. We’ll be outdoors for about five hours each day skiing and learning on various terrain with your full day pack.

F. Down Mountain Backcountry Skiing: Tired of the crowded lift served areas? Leave them behind and explore the solitude of the backcountry. This course is intended and designed for the down mountain skier who wants to jump the gap from the lift served area and side country to the backcountry. This is not a learn-to-telemark clinic but how to apply your front-country/lift-serve skiing skills to the backcountry on down-mountain trails. Strategies for skiing on backcountry terrain in New England “powdah” (less than optimum snow conditions) will be reviewed. Be prepared to spend four to six hours per day outside, on skis and to ski with a pack on down mountain trails. This is not just for telemark skiers, backcountry skills and strategies for the AT skier will also be reviewed.

The workshops will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. Friday evening and end Sunday afternoon at approximately 4 p.m. This is a school for everyone who wants to learn and have a great time.

Cost $165.00 (AMC members), $185.00 (nonmembers), and includes lodging, excellent meals, materials and instruction. You must be 18 years or older to attend.

On-line application: Please apply via our online application to ensure the accuracy and priority of your application. You may access the web app at http://amcnh.registration.qilan.com.

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for the privilege of serving you as the Chapter Chair. It has been an honor and a duty I shall cherish. During my time as Chair, I hope I have helped the Chapter become a little better and helped it become an organization you want to be part of now and in the future.

Some of the accomplishments we have achieved during my tenure will be continued by subsequent Chairs. I introduced goal setting to all our activity and service committees. It stimulated conversations and provided a platform for introspection into the workings of these committees and for what they ultimately provide for you as a member.

I asked the administrative committee, Excomm, to consider and accept new approaches to establishing budgets, appreciating our volunteer leaders, creating administrative policies for how we operate, as well as spending down some of our excess funds on worthy initiatives of benefit to the New Hampshire Chapter members. Excomm also established a Communications Committee to keep you informed of all the wonderful things happening, as well as created a committee to organize the largest Fall Gathering in AMC history.

All of this was done with the help of so many other wonderful volunteers. The time and dedication they provided amazes me. Without exaggeration, there are simply too many to thank by name in this short article. From the officers, to the committee chairs, to the numerous volunteers within each committee: They have supported me and worked countless hours to help make the Chapter one of which you can be proud. Once again, we have provided over 400 activities, more than 60 workshops and numerous informative evening presentations.

As my term comes to an end, I look forward to the next Chair, Frank Miller, bringing his vision and enthusiasm to the forefront with the expectation of the Chapter continuing to be strong and healthy.

I wish him success, and I extend to all of you my respect and sincere gratitude.
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From hiking to biking, AMC’s New Hampshire chapter has it all. Visit our website at amc-nh.org and read more about us and our many year-round events.

NEW BOSTON HEADQUARTERS, FROM PAGE 3

Working with the design and construction team at Rubicon Builders of Mansfield, Mass., the organization has recycled construction and demolition waste, reused many existing walls and ceilings, and incorporated low-impact, non-toxic, and locally-sourced finishes for paint and flooring materials, lighting, and plumbing fixtures. Environmentally-friendly office furnishings were locally sourced from AIS, a BIFMA-certified manufacturer based in Leominster, Mass.

AMC also prioritized minimizing environmental impact in decommissioning its former Joy Street headquarters, working with green logistics company Re-Stream of Waltham, Mass. to reduce waste and repurpose or recycle items, which included reallocating select items to other AMC locations.

AMC is developing its long-term sustainability strategies for 10 City Square in consultation with the Concord, Mass.-based sustainable design firm, The Green Engineer, Inc. Goals include evaluating building-wide energy reduction options, such as conversion of existing mechanical systems, energy-saving renovations to the building envelope, potential on-site renewable energy sources, and green operations and maintenance practices.

In recognition of the organization’s momentous move, AMC is offering a select number of naming opportunities at 10 City Square and 6 Spice St., including program space, the gear lending library, conference rooms, and the gallery.

AMC’s headquarters coordinates outdoor recreation, conservation, and education efforts across AMC’s service area of Maine to Virginia, as well as programs that benefit Boston-area residents. Major AMC initiatives in Greater Boston include the organization’s aforementioned Youth Opportunities Program; Outdoors Rx®, a partnership with healthcare providers and community organizations connecting families and children to the outdoors through free, guided activities as a path to better health; leadership of trail construction and maintenance on the 230-mile Bay Circuit Trail and Greenway running through 37 communities around Boston; AMC Adventure Travel offering domestic and international trips; and statewide conservation policy work. AMC’s Boston Chapter also offers a variety of free or low-cost, close-to-home outdoor activities and instructional trainings led by experienced volunteers.