

Mission Statement

The Pittsfield Youth Workshop is a nonprofit organization committed to providing programs and services that empower youth by helping them to develop useful skills, self-esteem and meaningful friendships, by involving them in activities that are interesting, challenging, and healthy avenues to self discovery.

Board Corner...

For all your PYW Board news, Special Information and Thank-you Notes...

giving time at other fundraising events.

His dedication and compassion has made him very valuable to the board. He is starting a new adventure in Florida and will be greatly missed.

Jim, the BOD would like to thank you for all your time spent making the PYW a better place. Good Luck on your new adventure!

On a final note the BOD is in need of a few new members at large to help us continue to make PYW thrive. If you are interested please contact a member of the board at PYW.

Board of Directors

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PYW is funded in part by the Rolfe and Rumford Donor Advised Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. Other support is provided by donations, fundraising and generous volunteers.

The PYW BOD would also like to congratulate the Pittsfield Listens Facilitators for their amazing work over the summer and for receiving a *Spirit of New Hampshire* award from Volunteer New Hampshire. Great work everyone!

Pictured below are a few members of the group (Ross Morse, Jen Cole, Deb Godin, Julia Cole, Zach Powers and Paula Martel) along with Governor John Lynch.



The Pittsfield Youth Workshop is proud to be a partner agency of Granite United Way.

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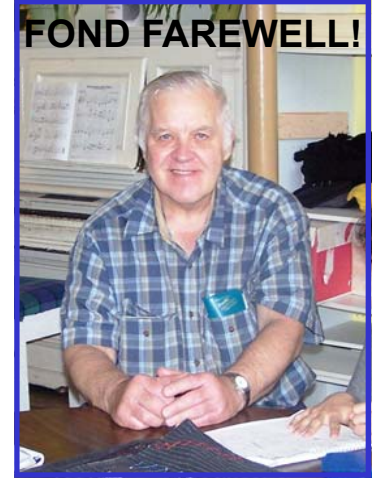
**PYW
Winter
Schedule
Enclosed!**



WHAT'S UP AT PYW?

"Empowering youth in the Pittsfield area since 1986"

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The Pittsfield Youth Workshop Board of Directors would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday season. We would like to thank everyone for making 2011 another successful year. PYW continues to provide a meaningful, safe and educational environment for the youth of Pittsfield. As we all know funds that were once relied upon are drying up and no longer available. We continue to do what we can to ensure the great work PYW does can continue. Feel free to stop in and see what PYW has to offer - lend a hand!

The PYW Board of Directors is made up of individuals volunteering countless hours in many different ways. Jim Maestranzi has been a great asset to the board for many years and has given up countless hours to support the organization. Jim spent valuable time with fundraising efforts for the PYW. He organized and ran many 50/50 raffles. Jim spent time sitting in rain or shine at different business selling tickets to raise money. In addition to the 50/50 raffles he collected cans and brought them to the recycling plant to cash in. Jim also spent countless hours helping at drop-in and *(continued on the back page...)*






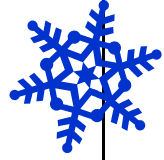


PYW VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2011 - JENNIFER COLE!

Each year, PYW staff select an extraordinary member of the PYW family to bestow the prestigious *Volunteer of the Year* award to. This year, we are proud to present Jennifer Cole with this award. Jen has been volunteering at PYW for the past six years. Her three daughters have all been involved in PYW programs and activities throughout this time. Jen currently serves on the PYW Board of Directors - previously acting as Secretary and most recently stepping in as Vice President. She is always available to help out with fundraising events, chaperoning field trips, hanging out for Drop-In and lending her time for the benefit of the youth in town. We truly appreciate all that Jen has done for PYW throughout the years.

Jen was also a founding member of the Pittsfield Listens project - acting as a facilitator for community conversations regarding educational reform in Pittsfield. We are truly proud to call Jennifer Cole PYW's Volunteer of the Year for 2011. We couldn't do all that we do without the help and assistance of volunteers like Jen. If you are interested in lending a hand - let us know! We are always looking for community members to help out with fundraising events, to serve on the Board of Directors, to teach a skill or hobby to the youth or just hanging out during Drop-In. Congratulations Jen - you truly deserve the honor!



PYW WINTER CALENDAR 2011-12

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 DECEMBER 	5 DROPI-N 3-6PM Arts & Crafts: Snow Flakes	6 DROPI-N 3-6PM	7 DROPI-N 3-6PM <u>Community Service:</u> Cards for Troops	8 DROPI-N 3-6PM	9 DROPI-N 3-6PM <u>Game Night:</u> Cards	10
11	12 DROPI-N 3-6PM Arts & Crafts: Duct Tape Crafts	13 DROPI-N 3-6PM	14 PES ER Movie & Pizza 11:30-3:00 DROPI-N 3-6PM	15 DROPI-N 3-6PM Sewing Project	16 DROPI-N 3-6PM <u>Game Night:</u> Cribbage	17
18	19 DROPI-N 3-6PM PYW HOLIDAY PARTY 4-6PM	20 Happy Hanukkah DROPI-N 3-6PM	21 DROPI-N 3-6PM <u>Arts & Crafts:</u> Holiday Cards	22 DROPI-N 3-6PM <u>Mentor: Holiday Party</u> 3-5PM	23 No School PYW CLOSED	24
25 Merry Christmas 	26	27	28	29	30 	31
Holiday Vacation - No School - PYW CLOSED ALL WEEK						
1 JANUARY Happy New Year	2 DROPI-N 3-6PM 	3 DROPI-N 3-6PM Quilting Group	4 DROPI-N 3-6PM	5 DROPI-N 3-6PM Cooking Club	6 DROPI-N 3-6PM <u>Game Night:</u> Checkers	7
8	9 DROPI-N 3-6PM <u>Arts & Crafts:</u> Beads	10 DROPI-N 3-6P Quilting Group	11 DROPI-N 3-6PM	12 DROPI-N 3-6PM Cooking Club	13 DROPI-N 3-6PM <u>Game Night:</u> Sorry	14
15	16 MLK DAY No School Indoor Rock Climbing 11-5:30PM	17 DROPI-N 3-6PM Quilting Group	18 PES ER DROPI-N 3-6PM	19 DROPI-N 3-6PM Cooking Club	20 DROPI-N 3-6PM <u>Game Night:</u> Monopoly	21 <u>MENTOR:</u> Inline Skate 12:30-5:30PM
22	23 DROPI-N 3-6PM <u>Arts & Crafts:</u> Knitting	24 DROPI-N 3-6PM Quilting Group	25 DROPI-N 3-6PM	26 DROPI-N 3-6PM Cooking Club	27 DROPI-N 3-6PM <u>Game Night:</u> Chess	28
29	30 DROPI-N 3-6PM <u>Arts & Crafts:</u> Bath Salts	31 DROPI-N 3-6PM Quilting Group	1 FEBRUARY DROPI-N 3-6PM	2 DROPI-N 3-6PM Cooking Club	3 DROPI-N 3-6PM <u>Game Night:</u> Clue	4
5 	6 DROPI-N 3-6PM <u>Arts & Crafts:</u> Candles	7 DROPI-N 3-6PM Quilting Group	8 DROPI-N 3-6PM	9 DROPI-N 3-6PM Cooking Club	10 DROPI-N 3-6PM <u>Game Night:</u> Rack-O	11
12	13 DROPI-N 3-6PM <u>Arts & Crafts:</u> Valentines Cards	14 Valentines Day  DROPI-N 3-6PM	15 DROPI-N 3-6PM WINTERFEST SIGNUPS 4-6PM	16 DROPI-N 3-6PM Cooking Club	17 DROPI-N 3-6PM <u>Game Night:</u> Jenga	18 <u>MENTOR:</u> Bowling 10-1:30PM
19	20 DROPI-N 3-6PM	21 DROPI-N 3-6PM	22 PES ER DROPI-N 3-6PM	23 DROPI-N 3-6PM Cooking Club Family Dinner	24 DROPI-N 3-6PM <u>Game Night:</u> Pictionary	25 
26	27	28	29	1 MARCH	2	3
WINTER VACATION - NO SCHOOL WINTERFEST SCHEDULE TO BE ANNOUNCED						