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# The Poll

## COMMUNITY

### Attraction/event

(69 different attractions received votes)

- GOLD:** Keene Pumpkin Festival *see ad on page 36*  
(603) 352-4410, [www.pumpkinfestival.org](http://www.pumpkinfestival.org)
- SILVER:** Cheshire Fair  
Keene Music Festival
- BRONZE:** Art In The Park


### Event for charity

(78 different events received votes)

- GOLD:** Hair Ball, Monadnock Humane Society *see ad on page 15*  
(603) 352-9011, [www.monadnockhumanesociety.org](http://www.monadnockhumanesociety.org)
- SILVER:** Lights Camera Keene, MoCo Arts  
Relay for Life
- BRONZE:** Keene Pumpkin Festival *see ad on page 36*  
(603) 352-4410, [www.pumpkinfestival.org](http://www.pumpkinfestival.org)  
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- SILVER:** Ted's Shoe & Sport *see ad on page 3*  
115 Main St., Keene, (603) 357-8337, www.tedsports.com
- BRONZE:** Fenton Family Dealerships *see ad on page 40*  
www.fentondealerships.com

### Fine artist

(72 different artists received votes)

- GOLD:** Campbell, Tim
- SILVER:** Iselin, Mary
- BRONZE:** Drakiotes, Alicia  
Hulsander, Wendy

### Monadnock Shopper News columnist

(19 different people received votes)

- GOLD:** Lori Catozzi Cook
- SILVER:** Sheri Lapointe
- BRONZE:** Skye Stephenson

### Non-profit organization

(133 different places received votes)

- GOLD:** Monadnock Humane Society *see ad on page 15*  
(603) 352-9011, www.monadnockhumanesociety.org
- SILVER:** Moving Company, The *see ad on page 38*  
76 Railroad St., Keene, (603) 357-2100
- BRONZE:** Keene Ice

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**Teacher**

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- GOLD:** Fairbanks, Donna - Keene Middle School  
 Messer, Reagan - MoCo Arts *see ad on page 38*  
 76 Railroad St., Keene, (603) 357-2100
- SILVER:** Sawyer, Deb - Wheelock School
- BRONZE:** Specman, Lynn

**DINING**

**Appetizers**

(43 different places received votes)

- GOLD:** Elm City Brewing Company *see ad on page 14*  
 Colony Mill Marketplace, Keene, (603) 355-3335  
 www.elmcitybrewing.com
- SILVER:** Papagallos Restaurant *see ad on page 56*  
 9 Monadnock Hwy., North Swanzey, (603) 352-9400  
 www.papagallos.com
- BRONZE:** Luca's Mediterranean Café *see ad on page 13*  
 10 Central Square, Keene, (603) 358-3335  
 www.lucascafe.com

**Bagels**

(8 different places received votes)

- GOLD:** Elm City Bagels
- SILVER:** Works, The
- BRONZE:** Panera Bread

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Messer is the executive director as well as the artistic director of the dance facility located on Railroad Street in Keene. A former Boston Ballet soloist, he has performed all over the world and mentored under the best of the best. "You get such a rush when performing on stage; I get the same rush when that student 'gets it,'" he says.

"I have to give credit to my teachers and mentors," he continues. "Dance is passed down from teacher to teacher. As teachers, we are constantly learning ourselves. We need to make that connection with each of our students and inspire them in some way. It's really nice to know that I have had an impact."

Messer is originally from Atlanta and now lives in Keene with his wife and two daughters.

**Donna Fairbanks**

Donna Fairbanks didn't hold back any shrieks of surprise when she found out that she tied for "Best Teacher" in the Best of Monadnock 2014 Readers' Choice polls.

"You just don't expect something like this to happen," says the Keene Middle School math teacher. "And now for a second time!"

Fairbanks, who received "Best Teacher" in the Best of Monadnock 2011 Readers' Choice polls, is as equally excited to tie for "Best Teacher" this year.

"It is wonderful for a teacher to be recognized," she says. "I've been teaching for 37 years and am now teaching the next generation."

Technology has made leaps and bounds since Fairbanks started her teaching career; and though some teachers might have dug in their heels when it came to new technologies, Fairbanks has embraced it. This, along with Fairbanks' methods of engaging students, has helped students connect with her.

Fairbanks loves to garden, travel with her husband, and is an avid Red Sox fan.

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- SILVER:** Elm City Brewing Company *see ad on page 14*  
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[www.elmcitybrewing.com](http://www.elmcitybrewing.com)
- BRONZE:** Ed's Crossroads Pizza & Subs  
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**LIFESTYLE**

- Alternative health care provider**  
 (40 different places received votes)
- GOLD:** Cheshire Chiropractic *see ad on page 44*  
 423 Winchester St., Keene, (603) 355-9911  
[www.cheshirechiro.com](http://www.cheshirechiro.com)
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[www.DrGalbraith.com](http://www.DrGalbraith.com)
- SILVER:** Deep Roots Massage & Body Work *see ad on page 38*  
 99R Main St., Keene, (603) 352-0734  
[www.DeepRootsMB.com](http://www.DeepRootsMB.com)
- BRONZE:** Cornerstone Center For Wellness *see ad on page 46*  
 305 Park Ave., Keene, (603) 358-6116  
[www.cornerstonecenter4wellness.com](http://www.cornerstonecenter4wellness.com)

- Concert/live theater**  
 (16 different places received votes)
- GOLD:** Colonial Theatre Group, Inc. *see ad on page 30*  
 95 Main St., Keene, (603) 357-1233, [www.TheColonial.org](http://www.TheColonial.org)
- SILVER:** Moving Company, The *see ad on page 38*  
 76 Railroad St., Keene, (603) 357-2100
- Redfern Art Center
- BRONZE:** Fritz, The Place To Eat *see ad on page 49*  
 45 Main St., Keene, (603) 357-6393  
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222 West St., Keene, (603) 903-1800  
www.cheshirechildrensmuseum.org
- SILVER:** Moving Company, The *see ad on page 38*  
76 Railroad St., Keene, (603) 357-2100
- BRONZE:** Keene Family YMCA *see ad on page 46*  
200 Summit Road, Keene, (603) 352-6002  
www.keene-ymca.org

### Gym/health club

(24 different places received votes)

- GOLD:** Total Fitness Zone *see ad on page 23*  
17 Bradco St., Keene, (603) 358-6606  
www.totalfitnesszone.com
- SILVER:** Keene Family YMCA *see ad on page 46*  
200 Summit Road, Keene, (603) 352-6002  
www.keene-ymca.org
- BRONZE:** Fit Nation

### Local band

(48 different places received votes)

- GOLD:** Nines Band, The
- SILVER:** Shana Stack Band, The
- BRONZE:** Tom Foolery Band, The

### Martial arts studio

(11 different places received votes)

- GOLD:** Shaolin Studios *see ad on page 37*  
294 West St., Keene, (603) 354-7850  
www.sdsskungfu.com
- SILVER:** Rouleau's Tae Kwon Do
- BRONZE:** Kickboxing Keene

### Movie theater

(8 different places received votes)

- GOLD:** Colonial Theatre Group, Inc. *see ad on page 30*  
95 Main St., Keene, (603) 357-1233, www.TheColonial.org
- SILVER:** Keene Cinemas
- BRONZE:** Peterborough Community Theatre

### Music/dance locale

(31 different places received votes)

- GOLD:** Colonial Theatre Group, Inc. *see ad on page 30*  
95 Main St., Keene, (603) 357-1233, www.TheColonial.org
- Moving Company, The** *see ad on page 38*  
76 Railroad St., Keene, (603) 357-2100
- SILVER:** Grand Monadnock Ballroom *see ad on page 32*  
132 Monadnock Hwy., North Swanzey, (603) 203-0613  
www.grandmonadnockballroom.com
- BRONZE:** Scores Sports Bar & Grille *see ad on page 52*  
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 (603) 209-9735, www.cheshirecleaning.com
- SILVER:** Specialty Cleaning Services
- BRONZE:** Heart and Soul Cleaning

**Dance school**

(13 different places received votes)

- GOLD:** MoCo Arts *see ad on page 38*  
 76 Railroad St., Keene, (603) 357-2100
- SILVER:** Keene Fusion Studios *see ad on page 18*  
 The Center at Keene, Keene, (603) 358-0405  
 www.keenefusionstudios.com
- BRONZE:** Ann's Studio Of Dance

**Daycare provider**

(29 different places received votes)

- GOLD:** Footsteps Daycare & Learning Center *see ad on page 21*  
 407 Winchester St., Keene, (603) 357-1475
- SILVER:** Keene Daycare Center
- BRONZE:** Keene Family YMCA *see ad on page 46*  
 200 Summit Road, Keene, (603) 352-6002  
 www.keene-ymca.org

**Dentist**

(56 different places received votes)

- GOLD:** Hastings Dental Health *see ad on page 20*  
 116 Monadnock Hwy., Swanzey, (603) 357-7707  
 www.hastingsdentalhealth.com
- SILVER:** Keene Family Dental *see ad on page 46*  
 67 Mechanic St., Keene, (603) 357-6767  
 www.KeeneFamilyDental.com
- BRONZE:** Dr. Michael Ledoux, DDS *see ad on page 23*  
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- SILVER:** **Tattersall, Barbara - Keller Williams** *see ad on page 39*  
391 West St., Keene, (603) 352-0514  
www.kellerwilliamskeenenh.com
- BRONZE:** **Greenwald, Josh - Greenwald Realty** *see ad on page 30*  
55 Main St., Keene, (603) 357-3035

## Roofer

(27 different places received votes)

- GOLD:** **Al Melanson Company** *see ad on page 34*  
353 West St., Keene, (603) 352-4232, www.melanson.com
- SILVER:** **Ferguson Roofing**
- BRONZE:** **Jancewicz & Son**

## Service/staff (not restaurant)

(99 different places received votes)

- GOLD:** **Ted's Shoe & Sport** *see ad on page 3*  
115 Main St., Keene, (603) 357-8337, www.tedsports.com
- SILVER:** **K&J Dean Builders, Inc** *see ad on page 24*  
(603) 499-3561, www.kandjbuilders.com
- BRONZE:** **Syd's Carpet & Snooze Room** *see ad on page 7*  
43 St. James St., Keene, (603) 352-4315  
www.sydsfkeene.com

## Service/staff (restaurant)

(69 different places received votes)


- GOLD:** **Luca's Mediterranean Café** *see ad on page 13*  
10 Central Square, Keene, (603) 358-3335  
www.lucascafe.com
- SILVER:** **Papagallos Restaurant** *see ad on page 56*  
9 Monadnock Hwy., North Swanzey, (603) 352-9400  
www.papagallos.com
- BRONZE:** **Thai Garden** *see ad on page 31*  
118 Main St., Keene, (603) 357-4567

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