



NTCH Newsletter

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February NTCH Meeting

February 21st, 7:00 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION CHANGE: 49 Birch Mountain Road, Bolton (Member Residence)

•Exposing the Seven Major Blind Spots of Homeschoolers•

This link (www.familyministries.com/HS_Crisis.htm) will bring you to the article that inspired the topic, but our discussion will not be limited to the article.

Hands-on Field Trip!

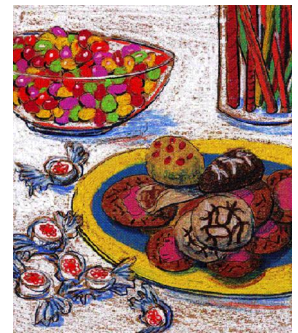
Birch Mountain Pottery
223 Merrow Road, Tolland, CT 06084

Date: Wednesday, February 29th from 10:30 AM to 12 PM
Cost: \$16 per child

The class includes learning about clay and pottery and making a handmade item that will be fired in the kiln and glazed. We did this trip before and everyone enjoyed it! Please RSVP to Karen by Feb 15th. We need 8 students to hold a class. For more information go to www.birchmountainpottery.com



Grateful **thanks** to Jennifer and Nick Yang for providing refreshments for the February NTCH Meeting!



Hymn Sing-a-Long

Every 4th Friday of the month
February 24th, 1:00–2:00 pm
Manchester Manor
385 West Center Street, Manchester

Call or email Karen Cupit for details.
(860) 645-1773 or
cupit_kj@sbcglobal.net

UPCOMING TALENT NIGHT!

We're planning a talent night for our April NTCH meeting. Parents and students are invited to participate so start thinking about what you would like to share.



Thoughts And Perspectives

As we enjoy our unseasonably warm weather, I'm reminded of the truism that nothing is so constant as change. In back-to-back years, we've had one of the snowiest, and one of the least snowiest winters on record. So much for weather forecasts. We as Christians, of course, recognize the hand of God in all of this ó He is sovereign, and will do what He will do when He wants to do it ó for His own purposes and no matter what we think about it. To the world, however, these events just go to underscore how little control humans really have over the events in their lives ó a fact that generally leads to fear and anxiety. And even as technology continues to feed the illusion that we are òin control,ö God reminds us that we are not. No wonder there are so many anti-anxiety drugs on the market now.

As Christians, we view change differently. Change is God's sovereign hand at work in our lives ó guiding, disciplining, correcting, rewarding, and comforting us as He sees fit. All we can do is react to this change and hope that we learn the lessons that he prepares for us while maintaining a thankful heart for the gifts He brings.

It is within this context that I'm announcing some changes within NTCH. Things have changed, not just for the group, but for me personally as well. Since the group was founded, the òhomeschoolö movement has matured. New resources are available that early homeschoolers could only dream of, and homeschooling is much more generally accepted in our society. When we mention that our family homeschools nowadays, it is rare that we don't hear a response like òoh, I know Jane ó she homeschools as well.ö And although there are certainly those who still view homeschooling with suspicion, there seem to be just as many who consider it a smart schooling choice.

As a homeschooling family, things have also changed for Gail, the kids and me. With our oldest moving on to college and our second working hard to attend a military academy, we've entered into a new phase of our homeschooling years ó one that requires time, attention, and energy.

To adapt to these new realities, the NTCH board has discussed two changes that will be taking place. The first is that I will be stepping down as NTCH Chairman. We will continue to be members of NTCH and consider it a valuable organization, but I am simply not able to keep as many plates spinning on sticks as I would like. With this change, TC Cupit has graciously agreed to step into the role, which I'm sure all will agree is the obvious person for the task.

As NTCH moves forward, however, the questions stands before us ó what now? What do we want to be and how can we continue to provide value to the homeschooling community. Low attendance at the meetings seems to indicate that the traditional òmeetingö format is no longer desired or necessary, but that does not mean the group is not still needed. The answer to this question, of course, must come from you ó the NTCH member. To that end, the board will take some time to evaluate possible modifications to the NTCH charter to better serve you, the Christian homeschooler. Your input is greatly valued in this endeavor and we ask that you attend next month's meeting that your voice may be heard.

Your servant in Christ,
Ron

The NTCH Board

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