



# Connecting Communities

## *Along Our Trails 2014*

IN NASHUA – NOVEMBER 29



Turtle Island by Tom Huff, Seneca Indian from Upstate NY, located on Main Street at Bicentennial Park.

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 29  
4:00-5:00 PM  
RAIN OR SHINE**



Mirage of the Horse by Amgalan Tsevegmid of Mongolia, located on the Riverwalk by Cotton Mill Square. Photo by Suzanna Morse.

### **DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK**

The Riverwalk tour will start on the west side of the Main Street Bridge in Downtown Nashua, traverse the south bank of the river going west, over the Cotton Transfer Bridge, and then back to Main Street along the north bank. Walk along Le Parc de Notre Renaissance Francaise, celebrating Nashua's diverse cultural heritage. Learn about the Nashua Manufacturing Company, mostly intact and on the National Register of Historic Places. Did you know that by 1926 Nashua was the largest cotton blanket manufacturer in the world? Enjoy river views on the restored Cotton Transfer Bridge, built in 1910 to move cotton from the Cotton Storage Building to the mills. Learn about Nashua's most recent riverfront development, Cotton Mill Square. See and touch Diversity and Mirage of the Horse, two of Nashua's twenty sculptures from the annual Nashua International Sculpture Symposium.

The Riverwalk tour will end at 5:00 p.m. at Main Street just in time for you to enjoy the festivities, including lighting the tree, during Nashua's famous Holiday Stroll. Leashed dogs are welcome.

**Organizers/Leaders:** Kathy Hersch, President of City Arts Nashua, former Nashua Community Development Director, and Al Futterman, Nashua River Watershed Association Land Programs Director.

**Distance, Time and Difficulty:** This easy walking tour is just under a mile.

**Directions/parking:** Check the *Holiday Stroll* web site [www.downtownnashua.org/event/holiday-stroll](http://www.downtownnashua.org/event/holiday-stroll)

Main Street and the surrounding roads will begin closing at 3:30pm, but several parking lots around downtown will be open during the Stroll: Elm Street Parking Garage, High Street Parking Garage (accessible from westbound direction and via Factory Street) and Southern NH Medical Center Parking Garage. We encourage you to take advantage of the ample parking and free shuttles available at Rivier University and Holman Stadium. Shuttles run from 4:00-10:30pm.

**Connecting Communities** is offered by the Montachusett Regional Trails Coalition and Freedom's Way National Heritage Area, in collaboration with trail stewards, land trusts, community leaders, historical organizations, naturalists, and volunteers, and provides free trail-inspired events from June 2014 – May 2015.



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**JANUARY 2015 – Ashburnham, MA**

**FEBRUARY 2015 – Petersham, MA**

**MARCH 2015 – Westminster, MA**

**APRIL 2015 – Gardner, MA**

**MAY 2015 – Groton, MA**