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**REGION — Just in time for the Governor’s Lilac and Wildflower Commission’s annual photo contest,** it is once again offering their limited edition 2014 Lilac Calendar, featuring the Top 12 photographs from this year’s photo contest.

“I think people will really enjoy the calendar this year. We received some beautiful entries of a lot of different and unique lilacs,” said commission Chairman Guiyama Quin. “This year marks the 170th year of the lilac, and we celebrate the state flower and recognize the tailor-made blooms that lilacs include. As always, we encourage people to take some photographs from all across New Hampshire.”

The lilac was designated as New Hampshire’s state flower in 1919, and in 1964, the Lilac Commission was created and established under Gov. John Sununu. The Lilac Commission’s mission is to encourage the planting of lilacs and other wildflowers all across New Hampshire.

While weather in 2013 imitated the development of the fragrant blossoms, this year’s lilacs were abundant and drew more than 400 photographic entries in the annual contest.

“The lilac season was longer this year, and it was a great opportunity to capture a result of that, as we have double the entries over last year. The contest and calendar have been a big success over the years and we’re very pleased with how much everyone enjoys it,” Guiyama said.

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**REGION — Begin- ning with numerous rec- ommendations laid out in a 2010 charrette, Belmont has been steadily building toward the future. Last week, a covered pedestrian bridge arrived in town with plans for it to span the Tiraq River, where it will help complete that vi- sualization for success and bring back the vibrancy of its historic main village.**

With the completion of a new highway bridge and walkway over the Cocheco River in Dover, their cov- ered bridge, built in 1996, was no longer needed. In Belmont, that wooded bridge was seen as a gate- way to opening the newly revitalized village green. However, there were also opportunities to buy the covered bridge. Knowlton said he worked with Woody and Christine Fogg to first remove hundreds of nuts, bolts, washers and splic- ing plates that held the structure together. Each piece was labeled to make it easy to disassemble the bridge.

Moving the more than 160-foot wooden structure may have seemed daunting to some communities who passed up on the opportunity to buy the covered bridge. Knowlton said Mark Roberts and his crew from Leslie E. Roberts, Inc. were able to easily bring the bridge to its new home in Belmont.

“We are very, very for- tunate to have someone like Mark and his com- pany in our town. They gave us such a great prize and we are very thank- ful. They knew just what needed to be done and they did it,” Knowlton said. “I can’t sing their praises enough!”

In order to recognize the successful move, Knowlton said the bridge will help complete the town’s newly revitalized village green. Alongside the bridge, Knowlton said the town highway department will also plant the lilac at the trailing edge of the train of the recreation area.

Registration for all ages and abilities begins at 8 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning. With a 9 a.m. kick off for both races. The first 50 people to register will also receive a free event T-shirt. The contest and calendar have been a big success over the years and we’re very pleased with how much everyone enjoys it,” Guiyama said.

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reconstruction simpler. From there Roberts and his crew then broke the bridge into separate top and bottom sections for transport.

Over five days the pieces were flat beded to Hanover along with some concrete supports that anchor the structure, which was in use over winter.

One of the most unique aspects of this project was the way that section of an abutment for the section that will go over the Unquowa River. The middle piece of the bridge will be fairly heavy and will require a place as well just have to bolt the new section to the old section together,” said Knowlton. Having a section that place in the area will allow pedestrian to walk over the bridge.

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“Corporate Fund Nonprofit Management Award applications were very impressive,” said speaker Camera Passe of Marimian Image, who pre- sented the award. “It was difficult to make a decision among the distinguished list of non-profits. The win- ners stood apart for their evidence LRCS really impressed the judges with its deep commitment to work in job development, its depth of expertise, its ability to serve its customers in selling tax credits to 37 area businesses for its relo- cation, its caring manage- ment practices for a staff of 50 and the effective leadership- ship all around.”

Upon reflecting on this honor, Santinello com- mented that the dedication and hard work of all agency employees have played a role in achieving this rec- cognition. “I am extremely proud of the work of all of the LRCS employees,” said Santinello.

“This is a huge win, and it is a long-standing tradition for LRCS to be a leader in the field of nonprofits.”

For more information visit www.humanitiesnh.org or call her at 486-1718.

LILAC TILTON — AutoServ of Tilton is sponsoring the Auto- serv Driving Course, which is the official photo- grapher for the Plymouth Auto- samaritan Foundation in besieged areas. A call-in show featuring 12 beautiful photos taken by amateur photographers all over the region was organized. All proceeds will benefit the LRCS Employee Assistance Program.

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