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Mountain Hideaways House & Garden Tour

Wardsboro, West Wardsboro, Stratton & Jamaica

The 4th Annual Mountain Hideaways House and Garden Tour sponsored by the Friends of the Wardsboro Library is scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine.

The self-guided tour features the interiors and gardens of homes in Wardsboro, West Wardsboro, Stratton, and Jamaica (just over the Wardsboro line) and the recently renovated Wardsboro Public Library and perennial gardens located at 170 Main Street.

The tour starts at the Wardsboro Town Hall on Main Street where visitors receive a tour journal with a description of each property and a map of the self-guided tour route. Check in begins at 9:30 a.m. The properties may be visited in any order.

A Café located in Town Hall features breakfast sweets, snacks, beverages and gourmet box lunches, available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors can choose to eat in the Café or take

out their purchases to eat at designated stops on the tour route. See the lunch menu and tour details at www.friendsofwardsborolibrary.org. The proceeds of the tour benefit the Friends of the Wardsboro Library.

Reservations made in advance are \$20 per adult and \$8 for children under 12. Admission on tour day is \$25 and \$10 for children. Box lunches for \$10 each can be ordered in advance. Reserve tickets by calling the Friends at (802) 896-3416 or emailing your request to info@friendsofwardsborolibrary.org. Tickets may also be purchased online using our secure Paypal site at www.friendsofwardsborolibrary.org. To order tickets by mail, send payment for advance reservations and lunches to Friends of the Wardsboro Library, P.O. Box 137, Wardsboro, VT 05355.

Wardsboro is on Rt. 100 between Jamaica and Wilmington in Southern Vermont.



Typical mountain vista that visitors will enjoy on the upcoming Mountain Hideaways House and Garden Tour on Saturday, July 25 in Wardsboro Vermont. All proceeds of the tour benefit the Friends of the Wardsboro Library.

July Journal

In Costume

by Bill Felker

In every walk of life each man puts on a personality and outward appearance so as to look what he wants to be thought: in fact, you might say that society is entirely made up of assumed personalities.

—Rochefoucauld

I have always wondered who I was, and I continue to wonder who I am and who I am becoming. The answer gets cloudier the older I get. Although I seem to be the same person I used to be, I also seem to be quite different from the way I once was.

Like the outward appearance of Rochefoucauld's man, much of my demeanor is assumed; in fact, I am never quite sure at any given time if I am being who I am or pretending to be who I am or who I might be or who I want to be. I am not even sure if I know who all those people really

are, whether they are substance or façade, authentic or only wanting to be authentic.

I am a different person when I teach, different when I write or bind books or chop wood, a different person as a father and a husband. I sometimes seem to become all of those personae when I am alone; solitude often brings out the panorama of my personality as my life and roles pass before my eyes.

There is one state, however, that seems the most true, and it occurs when I respond to the expectations of the outdoors. When I walk in the woods, I am temporarily the confluence of people I was at home or at work. Those projections soon dissipate, however, as I engage more with the slope and texture of the land, the color and character of the sky, the temperature, the strength and direction and smell of the wind, the thickness and state of the vegetation, the sting of nettles, the fragrance of flowers, the singing of birds and insects.

Soon I take off all my masks. There is no work to do, nothing to fashion in my image and likeness (and therefore nothing to become through that process). There is no one to relate to, no one to please or appease, no one to impress or influence or change, no person to be except the person who remains. At night, out in the countryside, I am more naked still, my isolation and, therefore, my true, unassumed self complete and, for a little while, clear and distinct.

But I am always glad to be back home again, back in costume. The truth of who I really am reminds me too much of a final loss of posture, an irreparable separation from others and from all those imagined and projected other selves I nurture with such attention.

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Raking hay with draft horses during the annual Hay Days at Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT.

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Woodstock, VT

July Festivities at Billings Farm & Museum

Billings Farm is an operating Jersey dairy farm that continues a 144-year tradition of agricultural excellence and offers farm programs and historical exhibits that explore Vermont's rural heritage and values.

Billings Farm & Museum is celebrating its 32nd Anniversary this year. Over one million visitors—hailing from every state in the U.S. and over 40 foreign countries—have made the farm an important part of their visit to Vermont. Whether you are a visitor or make Vermont your home, plan a trip to Billings Farm this summer. You'll have a great time!

"An Old Vermont 4th"

Celebrate "Old Vermont 4th" on Saturday, July 4, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. featuring traditional music, flag-making, hand cranked ice cream, horse-drawn wagon rides, patriotic speeches, and debate. A special feature will be the continuous showing in the visitor center theater of *The Making of Liberty*, a 55-minute documentary about the Statue of Liberty by internationally recognized filmmaker Charles Guggenheim.

Throughout the day, families may make their own 43-star flags (the flag of 1890), Uncle Sam bookmarks, presidential silhouettes, fireworks stencils, compete in sack races, crank fresh strawberry ice cream, and enjoy a wagon ride.

A reading of the Declaration of Independence will occur at noon. At 1 p.m. there will be a women's debate: "Should practice in Athletic Games form a part of every system of education?" Adults and older students can test their 19th century vocabulary skills in spirited spelling bees.

Time Travel Tuesdays

Billings Farm & Museum announces a program designed for children and adults to experience 19th century chores and pastimes in the restored and furnished 1890 Farm House.

Time Travel Tuesdays will be offered each Tuesday, July 7 through August 18, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Help prepare seasonal meals in the kitchen, copy into ledger books in the farm office, churn butter in the creamery, and help with laundry. Relax in the sitting room with popular pastimes of the era—dominoes, tiddley winks, and the stereoscope, plus needlework, photo albums, and games. No pre-registration is necessary.

Wagon Ride Wednesdays

Horse-drawn wagon rides are offered at Billings Farm & Museum each Wednesday, July 1st through September 30th, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Foodways Fridays

Come for this program designed for children and adults and learn how heirloom vegetables are used in historic recipes prepared in the 1890 Farm House kitchen. Offered each Friday, July 10th through October 16, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Foodways Friday will feature traditional late 19th and

early 20th century recipes. No pre-registration is necessary.

Visitors can learn about the history, importance, and uses of old vegetable varieties as they are prepared in the farmhouse kitchen. Each Friday will feature a different menu, which might include Ladies Cabbage, Flemish Carrots, Cymling Pudding, or Pink Velvet Soup. Take home recipes. Visit the heirloom garden to chat or tour with the gardener.

Celebrate National Ice Cream Day

Billings Farm & Museum will celebrate National Ice Cream Day on Sunday, July 19, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Make and sample hand-cranked ice cream made from Billings Farm milk and cream while learning the history and science of the "great American dessert." Enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides. Children may join in making an ice cream cone headband and playing 19th century historic games.

Hay Day!

Hay Day is coming up on Sunday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will feature traditional 19th century haying techniques using horse-drawn equipment, including cutting,

raking, and tedding with draft horses. There will be narrated horse-drawn wagon rides, family activities; plus switchel, the haymaker's drink will be available to try. Additional activities include: penny-in-the-haystack, making clothespin horses and scarecrows puppets, and rope making demonstrations.

The Billings Farm & Museum is owned and operated by The Woodstock Foundation Inc., a charitable non-profit institution, founded by Mary French and Laurance Spelman Rockefeller.

Admission includes all activities and programs, plus the operating dairy farm, farm life exhibits, and the restored and furnished 1890 Farm House. Admission: adults: \$14; 62 & over: \$13; children 5-15: \$8; 3-4: \$4; 2 & under: free.

Open daily May 1 through October 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekends Nov. – Feb., and Christmas & Presidents' weeks, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Green Man Creations on Display

Just in time for summer gardens, Gallery at the VAULT in Springfield, VT is pleased to welcome the Green Man creations of Susan Smith-Hunter of Brandon, VT.

Images from pre-history, light and color of the American Southwest, and landscapes of human faces and Vermont gardens of tendril and leaf pattern inspire Susan. Some sculptures intend to suggest the stillness of ancient civilizations and earth, as well as expanses of space and time. Ceramic planters explore various human countenances and expressions as well as function.

The Green Man archetypal

image can be found all over Western Europe and parts of Asia and North Africa. The Green Man has been there since Mesopotamia, hidden in texts of great epics and peering down at us from the roofs of the great cathedrals of Europe.

For more about this see *A Little Book of the Green Man* by Mike Harding.

Gallery at the VAULT, a Vermont State Craft Center, is located on 68 Main St. in Springfield, VT. It is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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A Green Man Planter and a Smiling Face on display at the Gallery at the VAULT in Springfield, VT.

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Gallery at the VAULT Summer Art Camps in Springfield, VT Feature Experimentation and Drawing for Kids

Registration is open for Gallery at the VAULT's two summer children's Art Camps in Springfield, VT.

In "Boats and Banners," builders age eight and up are invited to design and build little boats using simple tools and then test them on miniature waterways with fans providing wind. We will name our boats and create colorful banners for them. We'll even learn a bit about Springfield's use of water power from the Black River.

Diane Kemble and Melissa Post are delighted to team up again for this Art Camp.

Christine Mix will lead "Drawing Steampunk" Workshop for ages 10 and up.

Kids will gear up for the Steampunk Festival by learning to draw Steampunk and create their own worlds, with Steampunk cars, planes, boats, towns, characters, and learn a few basic drawing skills.

Students will learn a little history of Steampunk, and brainstorm on paper for their own stories and personal projects. They are encouraged to bring their own favorite toy boats, planes, trains, cars, dolls, stuffed animals,

watches, hats, shoes, clothing, etc. to use as drawing props.

Both Art Camps will be held on August 18, 19, and 20 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon and cost is just \$35 per Art Camp.

"Drawing Steampunk" will be held at the Gallery at the VAULT and "Boats and Banners" will be held at the Congregational Church, right across the street.

Students can be registered by stopping in at VAULT on 68 Main St. in Springfield, open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.



Registration and payment are due by Friday August 14 but space is limited.

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Rock River Artists' 23rd Annual Open Studio Tour

South Newfane and Williamsville, VT

The Annual Rock River Artists' Open Studio Tour will celebrate its twenty-third weekend on Saturday and Sunday, July 18 and 19, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Every year the Rock River Artists open their homes and studios for a weekend-long tour, inviting visitors to view their creative processes, purchase artwork, and interact directly with the artists. Established in the South Newfane and Williamsville area, fourteen professional artists will open their studios and gardens.

Enjoy a feast for your eyes and nourishment for your soul, as you live a little bit of the artist's and crafter's life, making your way to the homes and studios of nationally recognized and exhibited artists and artisans.

You will hear the artist's perspective on their medium and method of working and have an opportunity to purchase first-rate crafts and fine art.

You will be greeted by painters, print-makers, photographers, sculptors, potters, fabric, metal and wood workers including Rob Cartelli, Kim Hartman Colligan, Robert Cramp, Dan DeWalt, Richard Foye, Rich Gillis, Caryn King, Leonard Ragouzeos, George, Roger Sandes, Deidre Scherer, Matt Tell, Christine Triebert, and Mary Welsh. There is every imaginable medium, and even some that you might never imagine such as Deidre Scherer's "paintings" done completely with fabric and thread.

The tour features work as diverse as Rich Gillis' blacksmith designs which range from iron sculptures to kitchen utensils, to the delicate ceramics of Rob Cartelli, recently back from winning the top prize for ceramics at the prestigious Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show.

Hear the why and wherefore of Christine Triebert's latest photographic explorations,

and how Dan DeWalt's funky and unique furniture made from the earth's gifts—milled and raw wood, stone, roots—was conceived and executed.

Rock River Open Studio Tour is a banquet of creative and unique objects by some of the finest craft-makers in the northeast; and prints, paintings, collage and fabric art by some of the most gifted artists in New England.

The Rock River Tour is held during a time of year when flower gardens are at their most profligate and many of the tour homes, such as that of artist couple Roger Sandes and Mary Welsh, have gardens that are works of art themselves.

The tour allows visitors to get a behind-the-scenes look into the unique locations where each artist's work is made. Come take a trip through rural villages—visit rustic studios down county lanes, or high up in the hills with spectacular views; visit studios with lush gardens and landscaping; and studios tucked away in the woods, or along the river's edge—and see how and where art is made in Vermont.

Follow charming country roads that lead to each artist's unique location, enjoy hilltop and valley views, abundant gardens in full summer splendor, and view works of art that are fresh, local and homemade!

Start at the Old Schoolhouse in South Newfane Village and pick-up a map to take a self-guided tour of the studios of your choice.

The Schoolhouse itself is worthy of a visit, as it's a classic 19th-century structure which formerly housed the village one-room school.

On the weekend of the Rock River Artists Tour, the historic Old Schoolhouse with its maple wood floors and natural light streaming through old glass windows, is magically transformed into a premier contemporary



Roger Sandes oil painting, "Deer."

art viewing venue. See the display of each artist's work before you set off on your tour.

There will be a Community Barbeque Saturday, July 18 in the historic Williamsville Hall from 6-8 p.m. Menu includes pulled pork, chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, and corn bread. Tickets are \$12, kids under 10 are \$8. Vegetarian options included! The hall is

on Dover Rd. in the village of Williamsville.

The Old Schoolhouse is located at 387 Dover Rd. at the intersection of Dover and Auger Hole Rds. in South Newfane, in southeastern Vermont. For more information call Mary Welsh and Roger Sandes at (802) 348-7865 or visit rockriverartists.com.

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Phenology For Middle Summer

by Bill Felker

In natural history, every event is a sign, and every sign is what it signifies. Every observation tells a precise time of the earth's turn.

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— July —

When the first apple and cherry tree leaves become yellow and drift to the ground, alewives head back to sea from their estuaries along the Atlantic Ocean.

When road kills increase in summer, thunderstorms and intense Dog Day heat often follow.

When mimosa webworms appear on locust trees, potato leafhoppers reach economic levels in some alfalfa.

When teasel flowers along the roadsides and wood nettle blooms in the woods, then bagworms attack arborvitae, euonymus, juniper, linden, maple, and fir. Root diseases stalk the soybeans, and the wheat still standing in the fields sometimes suffers from rust, powdery mildew, head scab, and glume blotch.

When elderberry flowers turn to fruit, then giant green June beetles appear in the garden, and poisonous white snakeroot is budding. Gardeners often dig their garlic then, and plant their autumn turnips after they process their garlic.

When geese start getting restless, then the blueberry crop is thinning and summer apples will be about half picked.

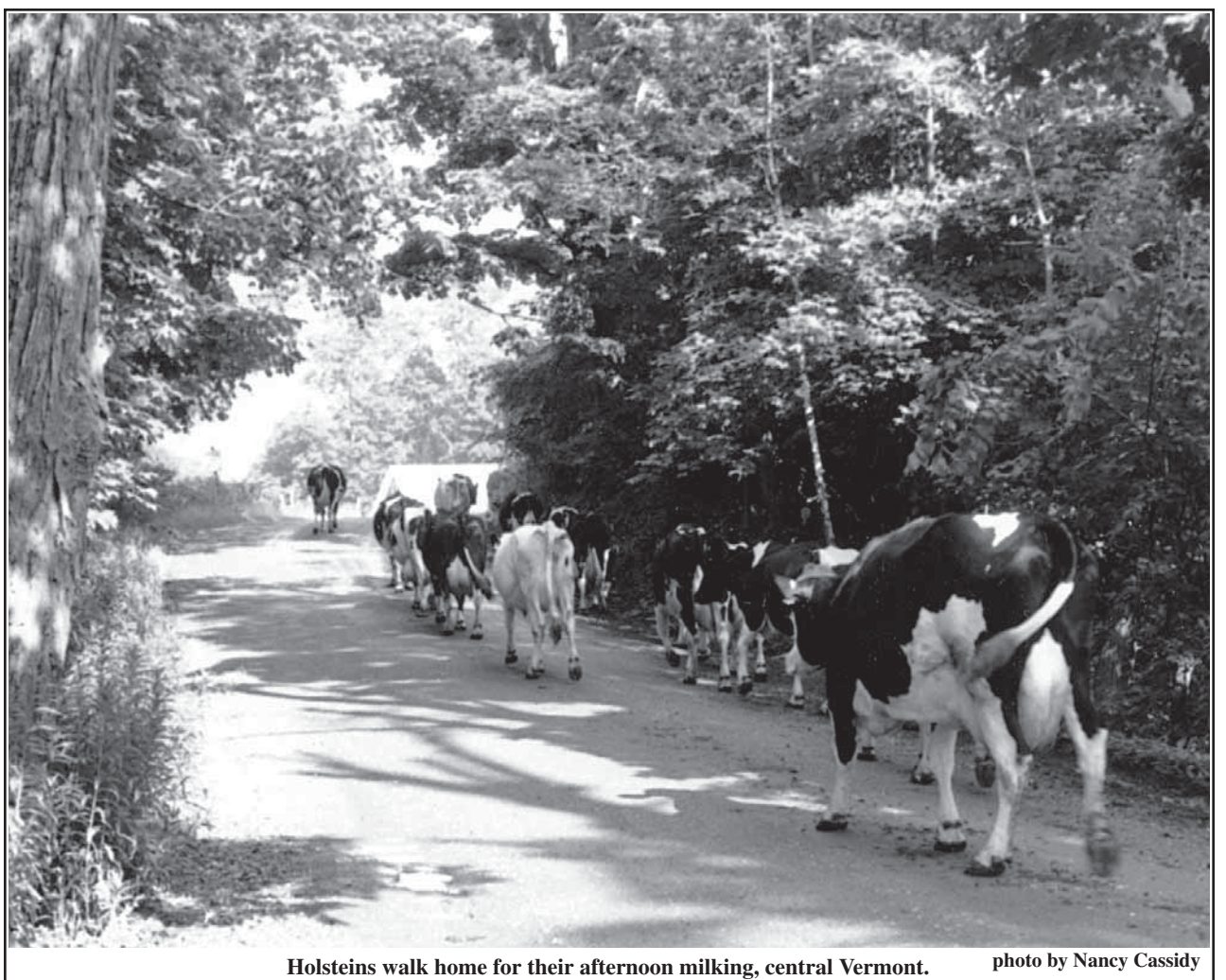
Milkweed pods appear on the milkweed, those pods should burst is about 80 days at the approach of middle autumn.

When pokeweed has green berries, Japanese beetles are usually at their strongest in the soybeans and roses.

When morning birdsong diminishes and insect volume increases, then gardeners plant collard, kale and cabbage sets for fall.

When sycamore trees shed their bark, marking the center of summer, then tobacco farmers top their crop and peaches ripen across the Midwest.

When thistledown floats across the fields, then more wildflowers and weeds are blooming than at any other time of year. That's when many people complete the carrot harvest.



Holsteins walk home for their afternoon milking, central Vermont.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

When hemlock and parsnips turn brown and brittle in the sun, then early summer's clovers and grasses are past their prime.

Velvetleaf blooming in the fields announces the driest time of summer.

When wild cherries darken on the wild cherry trees, then potato leafhoppers could be causing serious damage to the potatoes.

When peaches ripen in the Midwest, then strawberries are coming in throughout Ontario, and peonies are flowering on homesteads along the northern rim of the Great Lakes.

When the foliage of multiflora roses is yellowing, then poisonous white snakeroot is budding around the woodlots.

When wild grapes ripen, then the dry onion harvest begins.

When the green fruit of the osage orange is big and fat enough to come down in thunderstorm winds, then swallows congregate on the high wires, resting on their way south.

When Joe Pye weed sends out its purple flowers in the wetlands, then farmers are preparing for August seeding of alfalfa, smooth brome grass, orchard grass, tall fescue, red clover, and timothy.

When late crickets start to chant, then a few Judas maples produce red and orange foliage, and telling farmers to finish the cutting of winter grains.

When seedpods are fully formed on the trumpet creepers and green berries on the poison ivy, and when white vervain blossoms reach the end of their spikes, then katydids start shouting "katy-did" after dark.

When ragweed comes into bloom, then a few cottonwoods are turning pale with age.

When black walnut leaves start to fall, then middle summer is coming to and end, blue-winged teal and meadowlarks have begun their southward migration, and pokeweed berries darken.

Summer-Tide

by Bill Felker

Deep in July, the tide of summer reaches as far north as it can go, and then it starts to slip away back toward the Gulf of Mexico. The rate of the retreat varies with each year, but the balance always shifts during the seventh month.

The day's length now becomes one to two minutes shorter every twenty-four hours, and the countryside responds with changing color and sound.

At the start of the year's ebb tide, the land is on the early side of coneflower

bloom, and fireflies are still vigorous.

The first katydids begin to chant after dark, and crickets intensify their calls. Woolly bear caterpillars, chiggers, ticks and Japanese beetles become more common. Thistledown unravels more dramatically when summer's tide goes out. Seed pods form on trumpet creepers.

Milkweed pods emerge; they burst their shells at the approach of middle fall, just 80 days from now.

The first peaches and summer apples are coming in. July's wild cherries are ripening, and elderberries are setting fruit. Blueberries are blue. Black raspberries have been picked; the best red mulberries have fallen.

Lupine pods break apart to spread their seeds. Late summer's white snakeroot, ironweed, boneset, wingstem, tall coneflowers and

gray-headed coneflowers are budding.

Wheat is ready to cut or has already been cut. Field corn is tasselling. Garden tomatoes are ready to eat. Carrots and beets are ready for supper. Broccoli has headed, some of it bright yellow with July bloom. June's radishes are too hot. Lettuce has bolted.

This year's ducklings and goslings are full grown. Rough-winged swallows have started to move south, leading the migrations.

Depending on the year, buckeyes can be badly rusted, and leafminers are browning the locust trees. Sometimes, a slight turning of the leaves is taking place on the redbuds, Virginia creepers, box elders, and buckeyes.

Cicada song pushes down on autumn's side of the year, off-balancing the diminished cardinal song and robin song.

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A Vermont Almanack for Middle Summer

by Bill Felker

At the turn of summer's tide, there can be quickening of the psychic pulse, panic that it's now too late, that all the promises are still to be fulfilled, that there will never be sufficient time, never be summer enough. Then the days become so short they spur a different chemistry, one that points to survival instead of fulfillment; we batten down our souls, make ready for the great test, resigned to loss but not defeated.

—Eliades Quintana

The Firefly Moon And the Cicada & Cricket Moon

Where the climate is cool and wet enough, fireflies now reach their peak abundance, soon to cede the nights to the crickets. Cicadas rule the days.

July 1: The Firefly Moon is full at 9:20 p.m. *July 5:* Lunar perigee, the moon's position closest to Earth. *July 8:* The moon enters its last quarter at 3:24 p.m. *July 15:* The Cicada and Cricket Moon is new at 8:24 p.m. *July 21:* Lunar apogee, the moon's position farthest from Earth. *July 23:* The moon enters its second quarter at 11:04 p.m. *July 31:* The moon is full at 5:43 a.m.

The Sun

Aphelion, the point at which the earth is farthest from the sun, occurs at 8:00 p.m. on July 3. Throughout the month, the sun moves steadily from its solstice declination of 23 degrees 26 minutes to a Late-Summer declination of 18 degrees 30 minutes. That distance is approximately a fourth of the way towards autumn equinox.

The Shooting Stars

The Southern Delta Aquarid meteor shower begins on July 18 and continues through August 19. The peak of the shower is expected on July 29. The meteors of this shower cross the sky at the rate of about 20 per hour, so the chances of your spotting at least one are fairly good. To find these shooting stars, look due south in the vicinity of Aquarius and Pisces when the moon is dark.

The Stars

Some of the stars that cradle the meteors of July after midnight: The Great Square of Pegasus is almost overhead, the Summer Triangle filling the west, and Pegasus due east. The meteors will be most common above the southern horizon where Aquarius and Pisces hold sway.

The Planets

Venus leaves Cancer and moves backwards into Leo, joining Jupiter almost below the cup of the Big Dipper and competing with bright Regulus. Venus is the largest planet in Leo, Jupiter the smaller of the two, and Leo's Regulus rivals Jupiter. You can tell those two apart: Regulus twinkles! Saturn remains in Libra, low in the southwest after dark. Mars is still not visible this month

Bill Felker has been writing nature almanacs since 1984. His website, with a link to his weekly radio notes on NPR station WYSO, is www.poorwillsalmanack.com.

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Though not in mint and money,
For I can roam the templed hills
That flow in milk and honey.

I'm very rich in things that count,
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—MARTHA DURGIN
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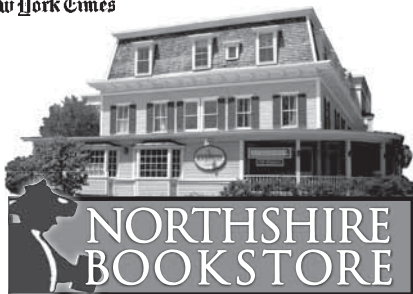
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Blueberry Pie

Pick out all the stems and wash one quart of berries; line a pie dish with paste, put in the berries; cover with two thirds of a teacupful of brown sugar; sprinkle a teaspoonful of flour over, a little salt. Cover the pie, cut a slit in the center, press the two crusts together around the edge and bake in a quick oven for forty minutes.

—J. A. C.

Strawberry Blanc Mange

Take one quart of milk and soak one-half of a box of gelatine in it for one hour; place it on the fire and stir often. Beat the yolk of one egg very light with a cupful of sugar, stir into the scalding milk and heat until it begins to thicken (it should not boil or it will curdle). Remove from the fire and when nearly cold stir in some nice stewed and sweetened strawberries or raspberries or other fruit, without the juice. Then pour into molds wet in cold water and set away to cool. Serve with cream and sugar.

—Mrs. R. M. Nesbitt

Sun-Preserved Gooseberries

Put into a quart pan six pounds of gooseberries with two pounds of sugar sprinkled over them and set the pan on the fire. Stir carefully; when the juice commences to come out take off the pan. Repeat this process for two days more; the second and third day add one pound of sugar, then take the gooseberries out of the syrup. Place on platters, boil the syrup till thick and pour over the fruit; place them to dry in the sun. In two days seal.

—Miss C.

Raspberry and Current Pie

Put a layer of red or black raspberries in the bottom of a deep pie tin, then a layer of red currants cleaned and stemmed, then another layer of raspberries, then currants, and proceed till the dish is full; sprinkle over one-half cupful of sugar and one-fourth of a cupful of water, put a thin layer of pie crust round the edge, then put on the top crust. Brush the top crust over with a little water and sift over a little granulated sugar. Bake in moderate oven one-half hour; the sugar gives it a frosted look. Be careful to watch it after it is in the oven so that it does not burn.

—M. E. J.

Individual Berry Cakes (Strawberry, Blueberry, Blackberry)

Take one pint of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, a little salt; sift together, then rub in two even tablespoonfuls of butter. Add enough milk to make a soft dough. Pour on bread board and pat down. Take a large round cutter and cut out the cakes. Lay on buttered pan and bake in quick oven. When done pull apart, spread with butter and lay over them fresh ripe berries rolled in sugar. Serve with cream if desired.

—Mrs. L. A. B.

Blackberry Roll

One pint of flour sifted with one heaping teaspoonful of baking powder; mix into this one tablespoonful of butter and one-fourth teaspoonful of salt; add three-quarters of a cupful of milk and roll out one-third of an inch thick. Spread thickly with blackberries or any other kind of berries you may prefer, sift sugar over and roll. Bake one-half hour and serve hot with the following:

Sauce

Cream together one-half cupful of sugar and one tablespoonful of butter; one cupful of mashed berries and one cupful of boiling milk. Wet one teaspoonful of corn-starch in enough milk to dissolve it and stir in slowly. Let boil three minutes and serve to pour over slices of the roll.

—Aunt Carrie

To Preserve Berries Whole

Take the fruit, be it strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, or other fruit of your choosing, when not over-ripe, pick over carefully, wash and put in glass jars, filling each one about three-fourths full. Make a syrup of a pound of granulated sugar and one cupful of water for every one and one-half pounds of fruit and let it boil slowly fifteen minutes. Pour syrup into the jars over the berries, filling them up to the top; then set the jars in a boiler of cold water with a generous amount of straw or excelsior in the bottom of the boiler to prevent the cans from falling against each other. Place on the stove and let the water boil until the fruit becomes scalding hot; add more syrup as the fruit settles. Now take out of the cans and seal tight. If these directions are followed carefully, the fruit will keep for years.

—Mrs. A. Peters

Blueberry, Raspberry or Gooseberry Turnovers

Take a good light crust, roll it out two or three times, then leave it one-quarter of an inch in thickness. Cut it out in rounds with a small basin, and lay a few black raspberries, blueberries, or gooseberries, or other fruit which have been stewed with sugar, on one-half of each round. Turn the other half over the fruit, fasten the edges securely, and bake on tins in a moderate oven. Serve with sifted sugar.

—Mrs. C. I. Burt

Raspberry Ice Cream

Mix one pound of ripe raspberries with the juice of a lemon, one-half pound of powdered sugar and one and one-half pints of thick cream, or, if preferred, one pint of cream and one-half pint of milk. Beat the mixture in a basin, rub it through a sieve, freeze and leave it in the ice-pail till it is wanted. If more convenient, raspberry jam or raspberry jelly may be used in place of the fresh fruit, and when this is done very little sugar will be required. A still more agreeable and refreshing ice-cream may be made with two portions of red currants mixed with one portion of raspberries, instead of raspberries alone.

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Spectators under the tents watch the border collies herding sheep at Merck Forest's Annual Sheep Dog Trial and Farm Festival. This year's event is on July 18 & 19.

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11th Annual Sheep Dog Trial and Farm Festival Coming to Rupert, VT

With the arrival of summer at Merck Forest and Farmland Center comes the Sheep Dog Trial and Farm Festival. In its eleventh year, the two-day weekend event, July 18 and 19, 2015, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., is a combination of the Northeast Border Collie Association's competitive sheep dog trial event, and Merck's family-friendly farm festival, complete with fun activities for all ages.

Merck Forest and Farmland Center hosts the first leg of the Northeast Border Collie Association's Vermont Triple Crown, a three-part sheep dog trial, which culminates in Quechee, VT later in the summer. The Northeast Border Collie Association (NEBCA) has members from all over the eastern seaboard, as well as the Maritime Provinces in Canada, and this year, the Merck Forest Open could see as many as 60 dogs compete! Visitors to the event can enjoy watching the competition from the viewing tent at Merck's farm, and learn more about NEBCA at their vending and information table.

In conjunction with the Sheep Dog Trials, Merck Forest and Farmland Center hosts the family-fun Farm Festival. Activity stations explore the many facets of raising sheep and sheep products. Furthermore, regional fiber artists will

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Merck Forest and Farmland Center's mission is to teach, demonstrate and sustain a working landscape. The Sheep Dog Trial and Farm Festival is one of the non-profit's major annual events. Proceeds go toward education programming.

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Reenactors fight in the Battle of Hubbardton. This year the event takes place July 11 & 12, 2015.

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Revolutionary Weekend at Hubbardton Battlefield

Experience a Revolutionary weekend at the Hubbardton Battlefield in Hubbardton, Vermont, on July 11 and 12, 2015, when hundreds of reenactors gather to give the public a colorful, full scale history pageant paying tribute to the July 7, 1777, battle. This was the only battle fought on Vermont soil in the war for American independence.

Over 350 reenactors from all over the Northeast portray American, British, and German forces who fought the battle 238 years ago in this weekend encampment, offering the Revolutionary War sights, sounds, and scents of campfires and gunpowder. Expected are members, including men, women, and children, of at least 18 American units, 10 British units, and a combined German unit. A number of sutlers (traveling storekeepers of the time) will be on hand to interact and talk with visitors.

The weekend has activities for all ages and interests. Visit the tent camps, talk with reenactors, watch the tactical and artillery demonstrations, see camp life activities, learn how to drill, and take in guided camp and battlefield tours. Hands-on activities for children are offered near the museum. Sutlers

offer a colonial shopping experience. The museum is open both days, with a shop that has an excellent selection of books and other items relating to the American Revolution. Local groups provide a food stand both days.

Saturday afternoon there will be a military tactical on the slope of Monument Hill, weather permitting, at 2 p.m.

The weekend highlight is the Sunday battle, also weather permitting, with troops starting formations about 7:30 a.m. The extended tactical demonstration begins at 8 a.m., as muskets sound in the distance before the soldiers emerge over Monument Hill. Call (802) 273-2282 to confirm tactical times.

The site opens at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. Sunday's events start about 7:30 a.m. Admission daily is \$6.00 for adults and free for children under 15. There will be plenty of nearby parking and a "people mover" from the parking area to the central location for those who wish to ride.

The event is offered by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, Living History Association, and the Hubbardton Historical Society with support from other Hubbardton organizations and businesses.

The site is open Thursdays through Sundays and Monday holidays through October 12, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regular admission is \$3, children 14 and under are free.

For more information about the Battlefield or this event, call (802) 273-2282. For information about Vermont's State-Owned Historic Sites visit www.historicsites.vermont.gov. Join the Vermont State Historic Sites on Facebook.

One Vermonter's Recent Visit To Hubbardton Battlefield...

by Bill Clark

Sue and I recently took a drive up to the Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site. We hadn't been there in years. This Revolutionary War battle was the only one fought on Vermont soil.

From Castleton we traveled up a country road north about seven miles, arriving at the site which is at the top of a hill, at about 12:30 p.m. It was a beautiful day, sunny, about 77°.

There was a pleasant view to the south, of the Taconic Mountains. A couple of miles to the southeast, stood a tower on a hill. This was the site of the world's first commercial electric generating wind mill, built 75 years ago in 1940 on Grandpa's Knob.

As we looked to the west, a gentle breeze was blowing through the grass in the wide meadows that stretched up to the horizon. Or could that

motion been the "spirits" of all who fought and died here 238 years ago this July?

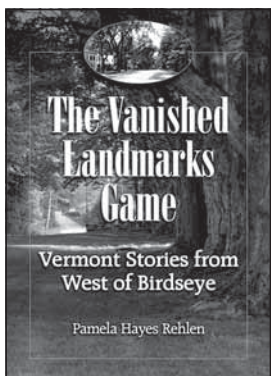
On this day it was a beautiful place, a very silent and peaceful place. There is an 18 ft. marble monument erected about 150 years ago, said to be the 8th oldest in the U.S.

A visitor's center houses many artifacts and there is a diorama showing how the battle took place. An excellent video depicts the battle's history. The site interpreter, Carl Fuller, dressed in period attire knew his history well as he explained the battle's story.

It may have been peaceful on the day we visited but on July 11 and 12 all this will change as the spirits of these heroes rise again as reenactors gather to recreate the Battle of Hubbardton!

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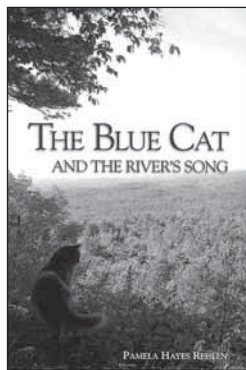
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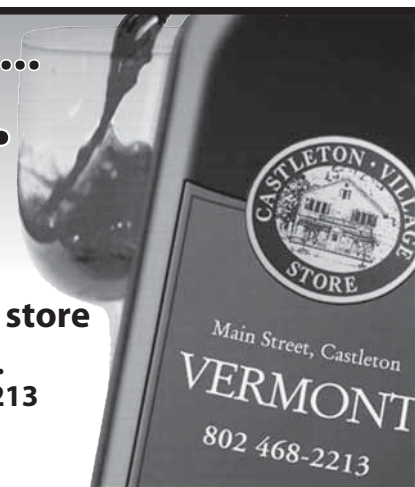
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Castleton Corners

by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

Peggy Noonan has written that a large number of people in the United States have become immigrants by virtue of the fact that everyone over fifty—and that, she says, is a third of the population—grew up in a different cultural ‘country’ than the country they now inhabit. They remember the world they left behind, but that isn’t where they live now.

I think of her observation when I drive through Castleton Corners, the crossroads of Rt. 30 and old Rt. 4, two miles west of the village of Castleton, VT.

This is where I first lived—carried home from the hospital in a picnic basket to my Gibbs grandparents’ house. I stayed there off and on throughout my childhood.

Castleton Corners was once a quiet, leafy hamlet. There were no grand houses, but a number of charming ones. Our next door neighbor was Mrs. Grace whose husband worked down the street at Spaffords Well Drillers. Every noon I’d see him driving his truck home for lunch.

Mrs. Colvin lived on the other side of us. (I never used, or even knew, anyone’s first name.) Mrs. Brooks was across the street, next to Mrs. Brown’s vegetable stand. I remember all of these ladies as being deep-bosomed and solidly built, wearing farm-style, heeled oxfords and bib-front aprons.

The sophisticated, out-of-state, antique dealer neighbors—of whom my grandparents were wary, if for no other reason than their Airedale had one day managed to get lose, come over, and kill our family cats—were the Porters.

The Porters lived in a red house on the other side of Mrs. Colvin. They had a shady lawn and a lot of old, colored glass, oddments arranged on shelves behind their front picture window.

Majestic Mrs. Porter wore her white-gold hair in a coronet of braids and seemed ill-suited to dealing with her four, high-spirited, young sons, known by us—at least when we were at home safely out of ear shot—as ‘The Terrible Porter Boys.’

My Scarsdale-school-teacher Aunt Alma maintained a little summer-season antique shop in my grandparents’ barn. She visited the Porters regularly, and sometimes she’d take me along. I remember the family’s pretty front parlor filled with old things, their tree-shaded front lawn, and the intermittent buzz of seemingly-far-away Rt. 4.

Down the street, Coon’s Store was the commercial center of Castleton Corners. It was owned by Clarence Coon, an imposing cigar-smoker who drove around in a big car—probably a Chevrolet or an Oldsmobile.

Unfortunate Mr. Coon was married to a woman who makes me think of Jane Eyre’s Mrs. Rochester. She could have been a mad woman in the attic, except that I don’t know exactly what was wrong with her, and instead of an attic, she was confined to the ground floor of a rambling house with a glassed-in-porch across the street from her husband’s business.

She never came out of her house, was probably unable to come out of her house, and over the years Mr. Coon’s attentions had turned to the dainty, white-haired, postmistress, Miss Hunter, who conducted business from behind a little grill in the west side of his store. The two of them went on late afternoon drives in his big car.

I remember tagging along behind my grandfather when he went to buy stamps and standing below Miss Hunter’s post office window—which looked like the ornate ticket window of a rides booth at the Rutland Fair.



photo courtesy of Castleton Historical Society
Coon’s Store and Bomoseen Post Office at Castleton Corners about 1930. Coon’s was a country store dealing in farm machinery, gas (6 gal. for \$1.00), general merchandise, as well as groceries.

When I was living at the Corners, or visiting, my grandfather and I walked to Coon’s every day. I liked being with him in his vegetable garden. I went along with him to feed the chickens. I walked across the street to stand nervously-close to him when he rounded up a milk cow. I have a favorite photograph of us raking leaves together.

On our walks to Coons, he’d buy me penny candy, and sometimes he’d get me a comic book. I remember on one trip—because there were none of my favorite Little Lulus on the spinner rack—he bought me a Classic Comic, which cost 25 cents. When we got back to the house, my grandmother, aunts, and uncles were angry with me because a quarter was a lot of money, far more they implied, than my grandfather could afford. I should never have allowed him to

get me such a treat. I had been irresponsible and wasteful. I think of that to this day. I think of the elms out in front of Coon’s Store and Mrs. Brown’s vegetable stand, the neat little houses and gardens of Mrs. Colvin, Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Grace. I think of my mother’s first cousin Carrie Fish and the pails of gladioli that every August she had sitting for sale on the lush green lawn in front of her gift shop.

Peggy Noonan hit the nail on the head. I—like so many others—grew up in a different world.

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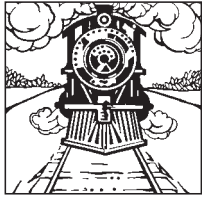


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DAILY EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

BARRE. RockFire Granite Heritage Night. Art, music and fire combine on a monumental scale, celebrating central Vermont's colorful granite heritage, set in abandoned quarries and granite ruins. Admission adults \$10-\$25, ages 10-17 \$5-\$12. At The Lodge at Millstone Hill. (802) 479-1000. www.rockfirevt.com. Also June 28.

CASTLETON. 8th Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale. Over 50 vendors outdoors and indoors at the Community Center. Bargains, treasures, and one-of-a-kind items. "Drive-around Maps" available at the Community Center for at-home yard sales held in the area. Castleton Community Center, 2108 Main St. For more information call (802) 468-3093.

CHESTER. 13th Annual Music-In-The-Meadow Benefit. Music, games, silent auction, raffle, horseshoe tournament and food. Suggested donation \$5. Saturday BBQ & music 12-6:30 pm, Sunday brunch & music 10:30 am - 3 pm. Motel-in-The-Meadow, 936 Route 11 West. (802) 875-2626. www.motelinthemeadow.com. Also June 28.

DUMMERSTON CENTER. Annual Old-Fashioned Strawberry Supper. Ham and baked beans, potato salad, tuna-macaroni salad, coleslaw, homemade sweetbreads, beverages, and "all you can eat" old-fashioned whole strawberry shortcakes with real whipped cream and locally grown berries! Adults \$10, children 6 and under \$5. Held at Dummerston Evening Star Grange Hall, 1008 East West Rd. 5-7 pm. (802) 257-0544 or (802) 257-1128.

ESSEX JUNCTION. Vermont Quilt Festival. New England's oldest and largest quilt festival. Admission: one-day \$12, two-day \$22, three-day \$32, children under 14 free with paying adult. At the Champlain Valley Exposition, 105 Pearl St. Also, June 27-28. (802) 872-0034. www.vqf.org. Also June 28.

KILLINGTON. Killington Music Festival—Music in the Mountains. Grand Season Opening Works by Sarasate, Halvorsen & Schubert. Tickets: \$25, (802) 422-1330. 7 pm. Ramshead Lodge, Killington Rd. (802) 773-4003. killingtonmusicfestival.org. Saturdays through August 1.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Annual Ham and Strawberry Supper. Baked pit hams with delicious special sauce and homemade baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, broccoli salad, homemade rolls, and beverages. Freshly-picked strawberries on homemade biscuits with real whipped cream. Served family-style. Handicap accessible. Reservations recommended. Adults \$12, children 8 and under \$5. One seating at 6 pm at the First Baptist Church, Rts. 7A & 30. For reservations (802) 362-3473.

NORTH POMFRET. Annual Strawberry Supper. Baked ham and baked beans, potato salad, tossed salad, deviled eggs, rolls, coffee, punch, strawberry shortcake & whipped cream. Ladies Circle Bazaar and quilt raffle tickets. Supper benefits the North Pomfret Congregational Church. Seatings at 5, 6:15 & 7:30 pm at the Pomfret Town Hall. \$12 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. Call for reservations! (802) 457-1014.

NORWICH. 6th Annual House and Garden Tour. Tickets \$25, lunch available for purchase. Raffle. Rain or shine. 10 am - 4 pm. Norwich Historical Society, 277 Main St. (802) 649-0124. www.norwichhistory.org.

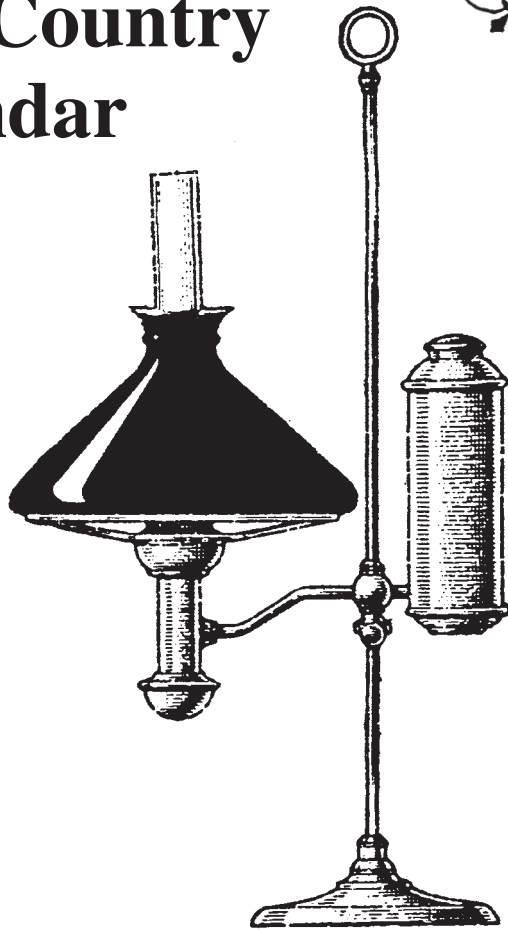
STOWE. Opening Day for the Gondola Skyride. Ride the Gondola Skyride to the top of Mount Mansfield. Spectacular views await you near the peak of Vermont's highest mountain. From the gondola, access hiking trails or stop for a bite in the lift summit snack bar. Fee. 10 am - 4:30 pm. Stowe Mountain Resort, 5781 Mountain Rd. (802) 253-3500. gostowe.com.

SWANTON. Kids Annual Fishing Derby. Every child will receive a free goody bag containing fishing related items. Activities during the morning for young anglers. No fee to participate. Night crawlers provided. Bring a lawn chair, blanket, pail, or something to sit on. 8 am - 1 pm. At the Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, along Macs Bend Rd. beginning at Louie's Landing boat launch three miles from Swanton on Rt. 78. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 15 years and younger pre-register by calling the refuge office at (802) 868-4781. www.fws.gov.

TUNBRIDGE. 15th Annual Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival. Camping is available. 8 am - 9 pm. At Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. www.jennybrookbluegrass.com. Also June 28.

VERGENNES. 33rd Annual Junior Fishing Derby. Fishing, educational activities, boat rides. Free BBQ at 1 pm. For ages 3-15. Free. 5 am - 9 pm. At the Vergennes Falls Basin. (802) 877-9986. vergenes.org. Also June 28.

WELLS. Second Annual Pick-Your-Own Little Lake Orchard Strawberry Festival. Organic strawberries, music by The Wiyos Band, strawberry shortcake, strawberry lemonade, and salads by Valley Roots Catering. 12-4 pm at Little Lake Orchard, North Street. Rain date 6/23. (802) 417-7946.



WEYBRIDGE. Foal Days at UVM Morgan Horse Farm. Meet some of the foals as they run and play. Learn about the first year of a Morgan's life. In good weather meet at the outdoor arena. In poor weather meet at the Remount Barn. Bring a picnic lunch. Adults \$5, teens \$4, kids \$2, under 4 free. 11 am - 2 pm. UVM Morgan Horse Farm, 74 Battell Dr. (802) 388-2011. www.uvm.edu/morgan.

WINDHAM. 5th Annual Friendly Gathering Music Festival. 30 musical acts will play at the festival which combines music, camping, yoga, food, skateboarding, dancing, and inspiration. Tickets \$139 for weekend pass; children 12 and under, free. 420 Magic Mountain Access Rd. (800) 881-3138. www.friendlygathering.com.

WOODSTOCK. Plein Air Painting with Lynn VanNatta. 9 am - 2 pm. The Artistree, 2095 Pomfret Rd. (802) 457-3500. www.artistreevt.org. Also July 25 and August 29.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

ADDISON. Amateur Radio Service Field Days. The Addison County Amateur Radio Association sets up a simulated emergency station, part of a nationwide event, using only emergency power supplies to practice emergency communications with no reliance on phone systems, internet, or commercial power sources. Public welcome. Admission: adults \$3, children under 15 free. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint.

BARNARD. Play: *Oleanna* by David Mamet. Staged by BarnArts Center for the Arts. 5:30 pm. Clark Farm Common, 2248 Royalton Turnpike. For tickets call (802) 234-1645. info@barnarts.org. www.barnarts.org.

BARRE. RockFire. Art, music and fire combine on a monumental scale, celebrating central Vermont's colorful granite heritage, set in abandoned quarries and granite ruins. Adults \$10-\$25, ages 10-17 \$5-\$12. At The Lodge at Millstone Hill. (802) 479-1000. www.rockfirevt.com.

BELLOWS FALLS. Concert: A Festival of Mandolin Chamber Music. Tickets: \$17, student/child \$13. 3 pm. Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 460-0110. www.immanuelretreat.org.

CHESTER. 13th Annual Music-In-The-Meadow Benefit. Free admission. Saturday BBQ & music 12-6:30 pm, Sunday brunch & music 11 am - 3 pm. Motel-in-The-Meadow, 936 Route 11 West. (802) 875-2626. www.motelinthemeadow.com.

EAST THETFORD. 13th Annual Strawberry Festival at Cedar Circle Farm. Children's crafts and games, theatrical performances, live music, horse-drawn wagon rides, educational activities and displays, self-guided farm tour, strawberry picking, homemade strawberry shortcake, grilled local sausages, fresh salads, organic local ice cream, and more! Rain or shine. \$10 per car (carpooling strongly encouraged). Walk or bike and get in free! Help us to reduce waste, bring your own plate, cup, and silverware. 10 am to 3 pm. 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. cedarcirclefarm.org.

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GREENSBORO. Season Opening: Circus Smirkus 2015 Big Top Tour—Bon Appetit. Kids 10-18 are the stars! 1 pm at The Circus Barn. (877) Smirkus. smirkus.org. Through August 15.

MONKTON. 29th Annual Strawberry Festival. At the Monkton Central School. Luncheon a la carte, hot dogs, and our famous strawberry shortcake! Live music. Huge book sale! 12-3 pm. Sponsored by Russell Memorial Library. (802) 453-4471.



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(June 28, continued)

TUNBRIDGE. 15th Annual Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival. Camping is available. 8 am – 9 pm. At Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. www.jennybrookbluegrass.com.

WOODSTOCK. Ice Cream Sundays. Lend a hand making and sampling delicious ice cream at 12:15 & 2:15 pm. Adults \$14, 62 & over \$13, children 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, 2 & under free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

CHITTENDEN. Vermont Symphony Orchestra's Summer Festival Tour: "Spellbound." Concert concludes with the spectacular 1812 Overture, marches, and fireworks. Tickets: \$31 advance, \$36 at the gate, under 18 free with advance adult ticket purchase or \$12 at the gate. Gates open 5:30 pm for picnicking, concert at 7:30. Mountain Top Inn, 195 Mountain Top Rd. For tickets go to www.flynntix.org. For more information call (802) 864-5741 x 10. www.vso.org.

EAST DORSET. Vermont Summer Festival Horse Show. Celebrating its 22nd year as Vermont's premier hunter/jumper competition. See Olympic equestrians participating in events for \$750,000 in prizes. Beebe Farm on Rt. 7A. (802) 489-4945. www.vt-summerfestival.com. *Wednesdays through Sundays through August 9.*

THURSDAY, JULY 2

MANCHESTER CENTER. Vermont Symphony Orchestra's Summer Festival Tour: "Spellbound." Concert concludes with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, marches, and fireworks. Tickets: \$32 advance, \$37 at the gate, under 18 free with advance adult ticket purchase or \$12 at the gate. Gates open 5 pm for picnicking, concert at 7:30. Riley Rink at Hunter Park. For tickets go to www.flynntix.org. For more information call (802) 864-5741 x 10. www.vso.org.

WALLINGFORD. Program: Exploring Frederick Douglass's Famous and Fiery Fourth of July Address of 1852. 6:30 pm. Wallingford Town Hall, 45 South Main St. (802) 446-2685. vermonthumanities.org.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

GRAFTON. Vermont Symphony Orchestra's Summer Festival Tour: "Spellbound." Tickets: \$31 advance, \$36 at the gate, under 18 free with advance adult ticket purchase or \$12 at the gate. Gates open 5:30 pm for picnicking, concert at 7:30. At Grafton Ponds Outdoor Center, 783 Townshend Rd. For tickets go to www.flynntix.org. (802) 864-5741 x 10. amy@vso.org. www.vso.org.

MONTPELIER. Fourth of July Celebration. Family activities and entertainment 3-6 pm on the State House lawn. Zumba dance party 4 pm, Capitol City Band 4:15 pm, Seth Warner Mount Independence Fife & Drum Corps 4:50 pm, parade at 6 pm. Dave Keller concert on the State House lawn at 7:15 pm. Fireworks at 9:30 pm! 40 food and craft vendors. Many more festivities all around town. Free admission. Downtown. (802) 223-9604. montpelierlive.org.

POULTNEY. Poultnery Public Library Book Sale. 8 am - 4 pm. In the parking lot in front of the Brass Butterfly at 169 Main St. (802) 287-5556. poultneypubliclibrary.com.

RANDOLPH. Musical: Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*. The 2015 summer youth musical with a cast of a hundred youth and teens from around the region. 7 pm at Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org. *Through July 5.*

TUNBRIDGE. Vermont Morgan Heritage Days. This special event features competitions in dressage, in-hand classes, junior-amateur horse show, races, carriage driving, and the only-known Justin Morgan Performance competition to take place in the U.S. 8 am. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 468-5031. www.vtmorganheritagedays.org. *Through July 5.*

SATURDAY, JULY 4

KILLINGTON. 33rd Annual Killington Music Festival Concert. The Killington Music Festival Chamber Orchestra pays tribute to Joseph Haydn with his beloved Symphony No. 49 "La Passione" and his cello Concerto in C Major, featuring guest soloist Emilio Colon and guest conductor, Daniel Andai, both Killington Music Festival faculty members. Tickets \$25. 7 pm. Rams Head Lodge at the Killington Resort. For tickets and information call (802) 773-4003. killingtonmusicfestival.org. *Saturdays thru August 1.*

PLYMOUTH NOTCH. President Calvin Coolidge Birthday Celebration. A special July 4th celebration commemorating our Nation's birth, as well as the only U.S. President born on Independence Day! A group reading of President Coolidge's autobiography in the Union Christian Church. Organized with help from the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation. Adults \$8, children 6 to 14 \$2, under 6 free. Family pass \$25. 10 am - 5 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicsites.vermont.gov.

RUPERT. Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides. Bring a picnic lunch with you. Before or after your ride, walk or hike to one of several picnic destinations. 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, 12 noon. Cost: \$150/ride for two to six people. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. www.merckforest.org. *Saturdays and Tuesdays July 4 through October 31.*

TUNBRIDGE. Vermont Morgan Heritage Days. 8 am. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 468-5031. www.vtmorganheritagedays.org. *Also July 5.*

WARDSBORO. Celebrate Independence Day with the Friends of the Wardsboro Library. On sale—signature T-shirts, Wardsboro history books, Gilfeather Turnip Cookbooks and more. All day Antiques and Collectibles Sale on the library lawn. Wardsboro Library Book Sale starting 9 am on the library lawn. Free admission. Rain or shine. Wardsboro Library, 170 Main St. (802) 896-6988. wardsboropubliclibrary.org.

WARDSBORO. 66th Annual 4th of July Street Fair and Parade. Chicken BBQ, Strawberry Shortcake, Dinner in the Town Hall, Bake Shop with pies in the Town Hall, Hamburger Booth, coffee & donuts. Parade. Kids' games, game booths, relay races. Quilt display in the Methodist Church, over 50 vendors and crafters, library book sale, Friends of the Library Art Show. Mark Lohr and his Family Circus. Country and bluegrass music. Duck race in the nearby river. The History House and Fire & Rescue Squad will be open to visitors. 9 am till late in the day. Along Main St. (802) 896-6141. 4thofjulywardsboro.com.

WOODSTOCK. An Old Vermont Fourth. Traditional music, flag-making, hand cranked ice cream, horse-drawn wagon rides, patriotic speeches, and debates. A special feature will be the continuous showing of *The Making of Liberty*, a 55-minute documentary by internationally-recognized filmmaker Charles Guggenheim. Admission: adults \$14, age 62 and up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, ages 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Route 12 & River Road. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

MIDDLEBURY. 46th Annual Middlebury Summer Festival-on-the-Green. Free, family-friendly programs at noon, and musical performances. Opening act on Sunday evening. Rain or shine. At the Middlebury Recreation Park, 94 Main St. (802) 462-3555. www.festivalonthegreen.org. *Through July 11.*

ORWELL. Program: Withdrawal from Mount Independence. To commemorate the July 5, 1777 American withdrawal from Mount Independence, the public is invited to participate in reading American, British, and German period sources from June and July that chronicle this critical time in the American Revolution. Held inside if inclement weather. \$5 adults, free for children under 15. 1-5 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. www.historicsites.vermont.gov.

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Birding Hot Spots in Rutland County

Rutland County Audubon is developing a list of places to bird in our area—places that are special to us.

Located in the heart of the Green Mountains, Kent Pond, Gifford Woods State Park, and the Appalachian Trail along Rt. 100 in Killington offer a variety of birds in a beautiful setting.

Common Merganser, Mallard, Common Loon and Spotted Sandpiper are often present on Kent Pond. Sometimes Osprey are seen and, on more rare occasions, Bald Eagle. Spotted Sandpipers nest here. In the summer of 2009 a pair of loons unsuccessfully attempted to nest on one of the islands in the pond. The pond is a particularly good place to visit after stormy weather in spring or fall. On May 31, 2011, ob-

servers there to check on the nesting loons were startled to find an American White Pelican perched on one of the rocks near the loon nest.

There are two options for viewing Kent Pond. One is the fishing access on Rt. 100 (on the west side of the pond). The second is along the impoundment on Thundering Brook Rd. (the east side of the pond). The area is heavily used by fishermen and kayakers especially on summer weekends.

The Appalachian Trail runs through Gifford Woods State Park west of Kent Pond and passes along the south side of the pond. The trail in either direction offers the opportunity to see a wide variety of warblers including Nashville, Northern Parula, Chestnut-sided, Magnolia,

Black-throated Blue, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green, Blackburnian, Blackpoll, Black-and-white, American Redstart, Ovenbird and Canada warblers. Brown Creepers, Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers and Winter Wrens are present in good numbers.

A pleasant hike is to take the Appalachian Trail south of the parking lot and continue east along Kent Pond and across Thundering Brook Road. This route will take you over a ridge to the bottom of Thundering Brook Road. You can then return the way you came or walk up Thundering Brook Road to the pond and then back along the trail to the fishing access parking lot. Alternately you can turn east, cross Route 100 (traffic moves quickly so use caution) and take the Appalachian Trail through Gifford Woods State Park.



Birding is best mid-May through summer and well into September. The pond is usually frozen in winter through mid-April.

Directions: take Rt. 100 north from the intersection with Rt. 4 in Killington.

The fishing access and parking lot are about ¼ mile on the right. To view the pond from the east side, take Thundering Brook Rd. north from Rt. 4 (the first road east of the intersection of Rt. 100).

For more information on birding in Rutland visit Rutland County Audubon Society's website at www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org.



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(Sunday, July 5, continued)

PLYMOUTH NOTCH. Grace Coolidge Musicales #1. A recital in honor of one of America's most popular First Ladies. This "all Mozart" program of vocal and keyboard works features soprano Hannah Murray and pianists Susan Cobb and Abigail Charbeneau. Refreshments follow at the Wilder House Restaurant. Donation is suggested. 4-5:30 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicsites.vermont.gov.

RANDOLPH. Musical: Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*. The 2015 summer youth musical with a cast of a hundred youth and teens. 2 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. chandler-arts.org.

STOWE. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Tour: "Spellbound!" Tickets: adults \$30 in advance (\$35 at the gate), under age 18 free w/advance adult ticket purchase only (\$12 at the gate). Gates open 5:30 pm for picnicking; Concert at 7:30 pm. Trapp Concert Meadow. (802) 864-5741 x 10. vso.org.

TUNBRIDGE. Vermont Morgan Heritage Days. Sponsored by the Morgan Horse Association. 8 am. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 468-5031. www.vtmorganheritagedays.org.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

HARTLAND. Upper Valley Seed Savers meet on the second Thursday of the month at 5 pm at member's gardens. Our mission is to further knowledge about seed saving and to work on projects that will help develop a body of locally-adapted open-pollinated vegetable seeds. For information, or if you can't come to meetings but would like to receive a monthly email with our minutes which contain information on our projects, please contact Sylvia Davatz at sdav@valley.net or call (802) 436-3262.

MIDDLEBURY. 46th Annual Middlebury Summer Festival-on-the-Green. Free programs and Brown Bag Specials at noon, and musical performances from 7-10 pm, Monday-Friday. Rain or shine. At the Middlebury Recreation Park, 94 Main St. (802) 462-3555. festivalonthegreen.org. Through July 11.

SOUTH POMFRET. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Tour: "Spellbound!" Tickets: adults \$31 in advance (\$36 at the gate), under age 18 free w/advance adult ticket purchase only (\$12 at the gate). Gates open 5 pm for picnicking; concert at 7:30 pm. Suicide Six Ski Area, 247 Stage Rd. (802) 864-5741 x 10. www.vso.org.

STOWE. Stowe Free Library Giant Annual Book Sale. 9 am. Stowe Free Library Porch, 90 Pond St. (802) 253-6145. www.stowelibrary.org. Through July 26.

TUNBRIDGE. Dog Shows—The Vermont Scenic Circuit. The Woodstock Dog Club and The Green Mountain Dog Club sponsor an Official AKC event. Ice Cream Social on Thursday. Parking \$5/car. At the Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 479-9843. greenmountaindogclub.org. Through July 12.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

LUDLOW. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Tour: "Spellbound!" Tickets: adults \$31 in advance (\$36 at the gate), under age 18 free w/advance adult ticket purchase only (\$12 at the gate). Gates open 5:30 pm for picnicking; Concert at 7:30 pm. Okemo Mountain Resort, Jackson Gore Inn. (802) 864-5741 x 10. www.vso.org.

MIDDLEBURY. 46th Annual Middlebury Summer Festival-on-the-Green. Free. Music 7-10 pm and Brown Bag Specials Monday-Friday 12-1 pm. Events held rain or shine. At the Middlebury Recreation Park, 94 Main St. (802) 462-3555. festivalonthegreen.org. Through July 11.

MONTPELIER. Baked Bean Supper. Celebrate National Baked Bean Month with maple-sweetened legumes, hot dogs and Audrey's famous salads. \$6 kids/\$10 adults. 4-7 pm. Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks 1168 County Road. (802) 223-2740. www.morsefarm.com.

PUTNEY. Yellow Barn Opening Night. Works by Mozart, Kagel, Schubert, Schumann, and Ravel. 8 pm. The Big Barn, Main St. (802) 387-6637. www.yellowbarn.org.

SOUTH HERO. 53rd Annual Islands Antique Show and Sale. Appraisals Saturday 10 am – 12 noon, \$5 per item, three item limit. Sandwiches, desserts and more 11 am – 2 pm. Admission \$3. 9 am – 5 pm. Folsom Educational Center, 75 South St. (802) 372-6425. www.cidervt.org. Also July 11.

STOWE. 29th Annual Stoweflake Hot-Air Balloon Festival. See more than 25 hot-air balloons! Admission \$10 (children 12 and under are admitted for free). Open at 4 pm with twilight launch at 6:30 pm. Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa, 1746 Mountain Rd. (800) 253-2232. www.stoweflake.com. Through July 12.

TUNBRIDGE. Dog Shows—The Vermont Scenic Circuit. The Woodstock Dog Club and The Green Mountain Dog Club sponsor an Official AKC event. Conformation classes, companion events, obedience & rally for both purebred and mixed breed dogs. Dog show tours and vendors from the serious to the frivolous. Parking \$5/car. Tunbridge Fairgrounds. (802) 479-9843. greenmountaindogclub.org. Thru July 12.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

CHELSEA. Annual Chelsea Flea Market. 125 vendors and great food. 9 am. On the North and South Commons, Rt. 110. chelseafleamarket@gmail.com.

GRAND ISLE. 9th Annual Champlain Islands Open Farm & Studio Tour. 10 am – 4 pm. openfarmandstudiotour.com. Also July 12.

GRANVILLE. 17th Annual Bach Bash. Professional and amateur musicians celebrate the music of Bach and others. Sponsored by the Rochester Chamber Music Society. Freewill donations. 7 pm at the Granville Town Hall, 4157 Rt. 100. (802) 767-9234. www.rcmsvt.org.

HUBBARDTON. Battle of Hubbardton Revolutionary War Encampment Weekend. The 238th anniversary of the only Revolutionary War battle in Vermont. Reenactors portray soldiers who fought here. Witness tactical military demonstrations, and participate in drilling lessons, guided camp and battlefield tours, camp life activities, history scavenger hunt, colonial games, children's activities, music, and sutler's row shopping. Revolutionary War battle maneuvers Sunday morning. Food stand both days. Admission: adults \$6, children under 15 are free. Open 9:30 am – 5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov. Also July 12.

KILLINGTON. 33rd Annual Killington Music Festival Concert. The Killington Music Festival Chamber Orchestra performs Bach, Dvorák, Debussy, and Brahms. Tickets \$25. 7 pm. Rams Head Lodge at Killington Resort. (802) 773-4003. www.killingtonmusicfestival.org. Saturdays through August 1.

LINCOLN. 4th Annual Lincoln Garden Vista Tour. Visit seven glorious gardens. Tour concludes with a festive reception from 4-6 pm at WildWind on Orchard Rd. in North Lincoln. For tickets call (802) 388-2117. www.henrysheldonmuseum.org.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Photographer and artist Edward L. Rubin presents his book, *Vermont—An Outsider's Inside View*. Free, public welcome. 6 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. edwardlrubin.com.

MIDDLEBURY. 46th Annual Middlebury Summer Festival-on-the-Green. Free, family-friendly programs. Vermont Jazz Ensemble Dance on Saturday evening. Rain or shine. At the Middlebury Recreation Park, 94 Main St. (802) 462-3555. www.festivalonthegreen.org.

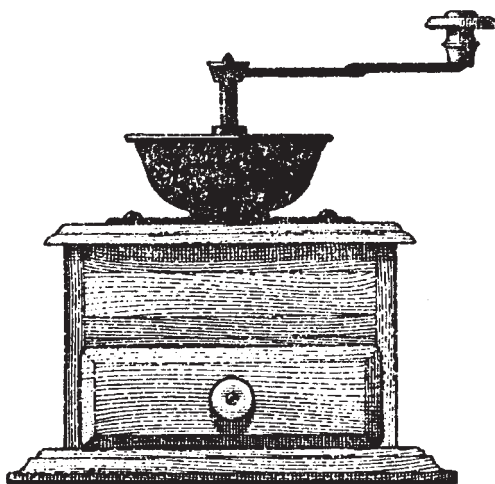
RANDOLPH. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Tour: "Spellbound!" Concert concludes with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, marches, and fireworks. Tickets: adults in advance \$15 (\$20 at the gate), under age 18 free w/advance adult ticket purchase (\$5 at the gate). Gates open 5:30 pm for picnicking; Concert at 7:30 pm. Three Stallion Inn. (802) 864-5741 x 10. www.vso.org.

SOUTH HERO. 53rd Annual Islands Antique Show and Sale. 11 am – 2 pm. Admission \$3. 9 am – 5 pm. Folsom Educational Center, 75 South St. (802) 372-6425. www.cidervt.org.

STOWE. Book & Author Event. Photographer and artist Edward L. Rubin presents his book, *Vermont—An Outsider's Inside View*. Free, public welcome. 11 am. Bear Pond Books, 38 Main St. (802) 253-8236. edwardlrubin.com.

STOWE. 29th Annual Stoweflake Hot-Air Balloon Festival. Admission \$10 (children 12 and under are admitted for free). Sunrise launch at 6 am and twilight launch at 6:30 pm. Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa, 1746 Mountain Rd. (800) 253-2232. www.stoweflake.com. Also July 12.

TUNBRIDGE. Dog Shows—The Vermont Scenic Circuit. The Woodstock Dog Club and The Green Mountain Dog Club sponsor an Official AKC event. Conformation classes, companion events, obedience & rally for both purebreds and mixed breeds. Canine Good Citizen Testing, 9 am – 12 noon. Vendors. BBQ & live music. Parking \$5/car. At the Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 479-9843. www.greenmountaindogclub.org. Also July 12.



Bird-Watchers Revel in Return Of Migratory Songbirds

Local birders have good reason to be atwitter. Migratory songbirds are back in the Vermont's forests and fields having completed their annual migration north.

Some birds arrived from points south as early as March and April, but by June the forests truly became symphonic with songbirds, according to John Buck, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's migratory bird biologist.

Buck says that Vermont's bird breeding season is shorter than many people realize. "Some migratory birds, such as warblers, live in Vermont for only about three months," said Buck. "The early migrants have flown from here by late-July or August, and most of our warblers are gone by September."

May to September is a bird-lover's heaven

During the brief time between May and September birders excitedly grab their binoculars and head outdoors. While some birds are easy to identify by sight, spring songbirds are usually best identified by their songs.

"The sheer variety of birds in Vermont in early summer can be a little overwhelming to a beginning birder," notes Buck. "By focusing on a few common birds, you can easily learn to identify two dozen species by sound alone."

Learn to identify by birdsong

Buck advises beginners to start with a few of the easiest birdsongs such as those of a robin, chickadee, or Vermont's state bird, the hermit thrush. "The hermit thrush is like the Mozart of the bird world with one of the most melodic songs," said Buck. "Once you are familiar with the thrush and a few other basic birdsongs, they become like old friends talking and the bird chorus takes on a whole new feeling."

For birders who already have the basics, the next challenge is learning how to identify the wide variety of warblers in the state. "Warblers arrive in Vermont as the leaves appear, because they rely on insects that hatch in sync with bud break," said Buck. "As a result, the smaller-sized warblers can be a little more difficult to spot among the leaves."

Migratory birds arrive in Vermont from places as far away as South and Central America.

Loss of habitat a problem even in Vermont

"Habitat loss is the primary source of bird population declines," said Buck. "As the land area available for birds to exist continues to shrink, ever-declining bird populations become concentrated in the remaining, sometimes marginal-quality spaces that remain."

Buck pointed out that even in rural Vermont, forest cover has started to decline. "Breaks in the forest such as roads, power lines, driveways, and lawns can degrade bird habitat and give an advantage to bird predators and parasites," said Buck. "We assume that birds will just fly 'somewhere else,' but we're running out of 'somewhere else' for birds to go."

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department acquires and manages land for a variety of bird species with a wide range of habitat preferences. These lands are open to the public to observe birds. For a list of Wildlife Management Areas in Vermont, go to www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

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WATERBURY CENTER. Northeast Fiddlers Association 50th Annual Anniversary Celebration. 7 pm. Waterbury-Stowe Fish and Game Club. (802) 728-5188. www.nefiddlers.org. Also July 12.

WILLIAMSTOWN. Town Yard Sale. Set up in front of the Historical Society. Museum will be open for tours. 9 am – 3 pm. (802) 433-6671.

WINHALL. Summer Hike. Meet at 8 am at the Rt. 11/30 Long Trail parking lot, leave some cars and drive around to the Mad Tom Notch Long Trail parking lot, hike the Long Trail south from Mad Tom Notch to Rt. 11/30, 5.5 miles over Bromley Mtn. Sponsored by the Manchester Section of the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. RSVP to trip leader, Marge Fish at (802) 824-3662 or marge.fish@gmail.com.

WINOOSKI. 10th Annual French Heritage Day. Celebration of all things French-related—music, art, crafts, history, food, language, culture. Music by Va-et-Vient and Déja Nous; Québécois fiddlers Nicolas Babineau and Alexis Chartrand; and Pete Sutherland's "Pete's Posse". The Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society will assist visitors to explore family connections. 10 am – 4 pm. Near Champlain Mill at the Winooski Falls Way greenspace, off Rt. 2. (802) 363-2431. frenchheritageday@gmail.com. On facebook.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

BELMONT. Mount Holly Day. Old Fashioned Picnic at Star Lake with food, games and family fun. Free! 12-3 pm. (802) 259-2562. mounthollyvt.org.

HUBBARDTON. Battle of Hubbardton Revolutionary War Encampment Weekend. Revolutionary War battle maneuvers Sunday morning at 8 am. Memorial service at 9 am. Over 400 reenactors encamped for the weekend portray soldiers who fought here. Witness tactical military demonstrations, and participate in drilling lessons, guided camp and battlefield tours, camp life activities, history scavenger hunt, colonial games, children's activities, music, and sutler's row shopping. Food stand. Admission: adults \$6, children under 15 are free. Open 8 am – 2 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov.

ROCHESTER. Rochester Chamber Music Society Concert—Baroque to Jazz. Julia Salerno and Sarah Whitney, violins. Telemann, Bartok, Kenji Bunch, Mikos Rosza, Igudesman, Mark Summer. Freewill donations gratefully accepted. 4 pm at the Rochester Federated Church, 15 N. Main St. (802) 767-9234. www.rcmsvt.org.

TUNBRIDGE. Dog Shows—The Vermont Scenic Circuit. The Woodstock Dog Club and The Green Mountain Dog Club are sponsoring an Official AKC event. Conformation classes, companion events, obedience & rally, for both purebred and mixed breed dogs. Vendors. Parking \$5/car. At the Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 479-9843. greenmountaindogclub.org.

WINDSOR. 1777 Constitution Day Celebration. Join reenactors, traditional artisans and costumed guides in this tribute to Vermont's first constitution, held where it all began—the Windor Old Constitution House. The event culminates with "Vermont's Revolutionary Trek", a symbolic relay from Hubbardton Battlefield to Windsor's constitutional convention. Admission: adults \$3, 14 and under free. 11 am – 5 pm. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 Main St. (802) 672-3773. www.historicsites.vermont.gov.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

HARDWICK. Book & Author Event. Photographer and artist Edward L. Rubin presents his book, *Vermont—An Outsider's Inside View*. Free, public welcome. 7 pm. The Galaxy Bookshop, 41 S. Main St. (802) 472-5533. edwardlrubin.com.

THURSDAY, JULY 16

HUBBARDTON. Starry, Starry Night. Green Mountain Alliance of Amateur Astronomers members bring their telescopes to show you the magic of the stars, planets, and maybe even Comet PanSTARRS, discovered in 2014. Bring binoculars, blankets, and flashlights, if you like. We provide the marshmallows. If inclement weather, inside illustrated program. Call to confirm. Admission: adults \$6, children under 15 are free. 8-11 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov.

RUTLAND. Workshop: Rattlesnakes in Vermont. Doug Blodgett will discuss this reclusive but much-maligned and misunderstood reptile. Sponsored by VT Woodlands Association and VT Dept. of Fish & Wildlife. Free. Register by July 13. 6:30-8:30 pm. Green Mountain National Forest Office at 231 North Main St. (802) 747-7900. www.vermontwoodlands.org.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

LUDLOW. Ludlow Farmers' Market. Locally grown produce, prepared foods, crafts, and live entertainment. A very pleasant market. EBT and debit cards. Fridays 4-7 pm. Front lawn of Okemo Mountain School, 53 Main St., Jerry Milligan. (802) 734-3829. lfmkt@tds.net. ludlowfarmersmarket.org. May 22 - October 9.

WINDSOR. Hosta Days—Hosta Sale. Over 150 varieties! The Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery at 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. Open daily from 10 am - 6 pm. (800) 232-4337. ciderhillgardens.com. Through July 19.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

ADDISON. Program: Blast from the Past—"How They Did It In New France." Site interpreter Karl Crannell offers hands-on craft and skill demonstrations about those living long ago at Chimney Point, on the frontier of New France. Admission: adults \$3, children under 15 free. 1:30-3:30 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicsites.vermont.gov. Also August 15.

BOMOSEEN. 8th Annual Basket Party. The \$5 admission gives you 25 tickets; additional tickets \$3. Lunch and snacks. Proceeds benefit Castleton Community Seniors Wellness programs. Doors open at 11 am; drawings begin at 1 pm. At American Legion Hall, Rte. 4A. (802) 468-3093.

HUBBARDTON. Town of Hubbardton Family Fun Day. Afternoon and evening fun and games for all ages, music, food including a pig roast, and fireworks at dusk. Free admission, charge for food. 4-9:30 pm. Visitor's Center, Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov.

KILLINGTON. The Killington Music Festival Chamber Orchestra presents "A Little Night Music", with the festival's grand sextet, performances on a festival grand piano, and featuring the festival's grand faculty! The program includes Grieg, Mozart, and Glinka. Tickets \$25. 7 pm. Rams Head Lodge, Killington Resort. (802) 773-4003. killingtonmusicfestival.org. Saturdays thru August 1.

LYNDONVILLE. 35th Annual Stars and Stripes Festival and Parade. Music, crafts, vendors, food, and fun! Park Dance with music by the Sutton River Band from 6-9 pm. 10 am – 9 pm. Bandstand Park. (802) 626-9696.

MARLBORO. Marlboro Music Festival. Three weeks of daily rehearsals and concerts to follow on Saturday and Sunday evenings through August 16 and on Friday evenings August 7-14. Marlboro College. (215) 569-4690.

RUPERT. 11th Annual Sheep Dog Trial and Farm Festival. Northeast Border Collie Association's competitive sheep dog trial event and Merck's family-friendly farm festival. See Border Collies herd sheep, enjoy delicious food, explore the farm, pick berries, and peruse the wares of fiber artists. Admission: \$5/adult, \$3/child ages 4-12, and under age 4 are free. 8 am – 4 pm. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. www.merckforest.org. Also July 19.



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Vermont Country Calendar



SOUTH NEWFANE. 23rd Annual Rock River Artists' Open Studio Tour. Fourteen professional artists open their studios and gardens. You will be greeted by painters, print-makers, photographers, sculptors, potters, fabric, metal and wood workers. Start at the South Newfane Schoolhouse for a map and sample display of each artist's work. (802) 348-7865. rockriverartists.com.

SWANTON. Missisquoi Family Paddle Day. A morning of paddling and instruction for families. Please bring water bottle, shoes or sandals that can get wet, sunscreen and hat. Free, lunch included. 9 am - 1 pm. Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge. RSVP Required: (802) 535-5855. kevin@northernforestcanoetrail.org. celebratethemissisquoi.com.

WEYBRIDGE. Monument Farms 85th Anniversary Celebration. Farm tours, games and prizes, free food and MFD t-shirts for sale. Tractor parade starts at 11:30 am! Bring your friends and family, fun for all ages. Live music by The Horse Traders. 11 am. Monument Farms Dairy, 2107 James Rd.

WILMINGTON. Book & Author Event. Photographer and artist Edward L. Rubin presents his book, *Vermont—An Outsider's Inside View*. Free, public welcome. 7 pm. Bartleby's Books, 17 W. Main St. (802) 464-5425. edwardlrubin.com.

WINDSOR. Hosta Days—Hosta Sale. Over 150 varieties! The Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery at 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. Open daily from 10 am - 6 pm. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. ciderhillgardens.com. www.garymilk.com. Also July 19.

WOODFORD. Summer Hike. Meet at 8 am at Shaw's in Manchester Center or 9 am at the entrance to Woodford State Park on Rt. 9 for a map & compass hike through the Aiken Wilderness (the only Trail-less Wilderness in Vermont). Sponsored by the Manchester Section of the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. RSVP to trip leader, Dave Ratti at (802) 366-0698 or dbrspruce@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

HUBBARDTON. Battlefield Third Sunday—East Hubbardton Cemetery. A Hubbardton resident from 1777 comes to life with visitors about the battle and life in the path of war, and leads a walk to the East Hubbardton Cemetery and back. Inside program if inclement weather. Admission: adults \$6, children under 15 are free. Admission: adults \$3, children 14 and under are free. 1-2:15 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicssites.vermont.gov.

MARLBORO. Marlboro Music Festival. Three weeks of daily rehearsals and concerts to follow on Saturday and Sunday evenings through August 16 and on Friday evenings August 7-14. Marlboro College, 2582 South Rd. (215) 569-4690. www.marlbormusic.org.

RUPERT. 11th Annual Sheep Dog Trial and Farm Festival. A combination of the Northeast Border Collie Association's competitive sheep dog trial event, and Merck's family-friendly farm festival with fun things to do for all ages. See Border Collies herd sheep, enjoy delicious food, do the hay maze, see the baby chicks, explore the farm, pick berries, and peruse the wares of fiber artists. Admission: \$5/adult, \$3/child ages 4-12, and under age 4 are free. 8 am - 4 pm. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. www.merckforest.org.

RUTLAND. Rutland City Band in Main Street Park. 7-8:30 pm. Main Street Park, corner of West St. and Rt. 7. (802) 773-1822. rutlandrec.com. Every Sunday till August 16.

SO. BURLINGTON. 21st Annual Plant Sale. A wide variety of ornamental trees, shrubs, perennials and other plants donated by gardens and nurseries throughout Vermont. Silent auction. 10 am - 3 pm. UVM Horticulture Farm, 65 Green Mountain Dr. (802) 864-3073. friendsofthhortfarm.org.

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WOODSTOCK. National Ice Cream Day. Help make and sample four flavors of ice cream as we celebrate the great American dessert. Horse-drawn wagon rides. Admission includes all programs and activities: adults \$14, age 62 and up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, ages 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org. Fridays thru October 16.

MONDAY, JULY 20

BENNINGTON. Book & Author Event. Photographer and artist Edward L. Rubin presents his book, *Vermont—An Outsider's Inside View*. Free, public welcome. 7 pm. Bennington Bookstore, 467 Main St. (802) 442-5059. edwardlrubin.com.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

BARRE. Barre Heritage Festival & Homecoming Days. Music, street entertainment, food, art displays, historic exhibits, workshops, and much more. Throughout downtown. (802) 479-8500. info@barreheritagefestival.org. www.barreheritagefestival.org. Through July 26.

WEST RUTLAND. Film Screening: *The Lost Bird Project*. A film about sculptor Todd McGrain's bronze memorials to five extinct North American bird species—the Passenger Pigeon, the Great Auk, the Labrador Duck, the Carolina Parakeet, and the Heath Hen. Co-sponsored by Rutland County Audubon Society and The Carving Studio. Free admission. 7 pm. The Carving Studio and Sculpture Center, 636 Marble St. (802) 747-4466.

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Wednesdays. Horse-drawn wagon rides from 11 am - 3 pm. Adults \$14, age 62 and up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, ages 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org. Wednesdays through September 30.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

BARNARD. Feast and Field Farmers' Market. 4:30-7:30 pm, music at 5:30 pm by Pete's Posse. 1544 Royalton Turnpike. (802) 999 3391. clovermont@gmail.com. feastandfield.com. Thursdays through October 22.

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SOUTH ROYALTON. Band Concert: Royalton Town Band. Rain location South Royalton School. Free. 7-8:30 pm. Town Green. (802) 763-8172. *Thursdays thru Aug. 6.*

FRIDAY, JULY 24

BARRE. Barre Heritage Festival & Homecoming Days. Music, street entertainment, food, art displays, historic exhibits, workshops, and much more. Throughout downtown. (802) 479-8500. info@barreheritagefestival.org. www.barreheritagefestival.org. *Through July 26.*

LUDLOW. Ludlow Farmers' Market. Fridays 4-7 pm. Front lawn of Okemo Mountain School, 53 Main St., Jerry Milligan. (802) 734-3829. lfmkt@tds.net. ludlowfarmersmarket.org. *May 22 - October 9.*

ROCHESTER. Rochester Chamber Music Society Concert. Helian Trio with soprano, Mary Bonhag. Schubert; Mendelssohn; Rorem; HyeKyung Lee's "Dreaming in Colours" for bassoon and piano; commissioned piece by Padma Newsome for soprano, clarinet, bassoon, piano. Freewill donations gratefully accepted. 7:30 pm at the Rochester Federated Church, 15 N. Main St. (802) 767-9234. www.rcmsvt.org.

WOODSTOCK. Bookstock—The Green Mountain Festival of Words. More than forty outstanding authors, poets and other artists gather for readings and presentations. Giant used book sale; a literary marketplace for publishers, writers, and artists; activities for children; live music and great food. Norman Williams Public Library will hold its annual vintage book sale. 9 am. On the Green and around the village. (802) 457-3456. bookstockvt.org. *Thru July 26.*

SATURDAY, JULY 25

BARRE. Barre Heritage Festival & Homecoming Days. Music, street entertainment, food, art displays, historic exhibits, workshops, and much more. 10 am - 4 pm. Throughout downtown. (802) 479-8500. info@barreheritagefestival.org. www.barreheritagefestival.org. *Also July 26.*

BELMONT. Ninth Annual Mount Holly Garden Tour. Self-guided tour of high altitude gardens, including a wide range of perennials, organic vegetables, and truly creative landscaping ideas. Special Garden Hunt for children. Belmont General Store provides "Garden Tour Lunches". 9:30 am - 4 pm. Tickets and a map of the garden sites can be purchased for \$12 (children 12 and under are free) at the Mount Holly Town Library & Community Center on the Green, 26 Maple Hill Rd. (802) 259-2562. lindaddmiller@aol.com. mounthollyvt.org.

CAVENDISH. 5th Annual Town-Wide Tag Sale. Food and BBQs are available in several locations. Pick up a map at the Cavendish Baptist Church, Historical Society Museum or the Proctorsville Fire Department booth for vendor locations. 9 am - 3 pm. Along Rt. 131. (802) 226-7807. cavendishconnects.com.

FAIR HAVEN. 10th Annual Classic Auto Show. For cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Come early, stay late for fun, food, raffle, vendors. Sponsored by the Vermont Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce. Registration begins at 9 am, judging at 1 pm. At the Town Green. (802) 468-3152. fowlerservices@myfairpoint.net.

GLOVER. Bread & Puppet Museum. A performance of *Underneath the Above Shows* in the Paper Mache Cathedral. \$10 suggested donation. Museum tour at 6 pm. Show at 7:30 pm. Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. (802) 525-3031. www.breadandpuppet.org. *Saturday nights through August 29 and September 12-26.*

HUNTINGTON. Bird Monitoring Walk. Most fun for adults, older children, and somewhat more experienced birders. Please bring your own binoculars. Free, please pre-register. 7:30-8:30 am. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. www.birdsofvermont.org. *The last Saturday of every month.*

KILLINGTON. 33rd Annual Killington Music Festival Concert. The Killington Music Festival Chamber Orchestra presents "A Killington Music Festival's Souvenir", with performance that you are sure to remember long including the oboe in Mozart's oboe quintet, three cellos in Popper's gorgeous Requiem and closing with the thrilling Souvenir de Florence by Tchaikovsky. Tickets \$25. 7 pm. Rams Head Lodge at the Killington Resort. For tickets and information call (802) 773-4003. www.killingtonmusicfestival.org. *Saturdays through August 1.*

MARLBORO. Marlboro Music Festival. Three weeks of daily rehearsals and concerts to follow on Saturday and Sunday evenings through August 16 and on Friday evenings August 7-14. Marlboro College, 2582 South Rd. (215) 569-4690. www.marlbormusic.org.

ORWELL. An Inquiry into the Revolutionary Mind: What Were You Thinking, Benedict Arnold and Guy Carleton? Modern day historian Paul Andriscin turns back the time machine to interview American General Benedict Arnold and British General Guy Carleton about their activities on Lake Champlain in 1776, including October's Battle of Valcour. \$5 adults, free for children under 15. 2-3:30 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. www.historicsites.vermont.gov.

RANDOLPH. Summer Pride Festival of LGBT. Terry Baum in "HICK: A Love Story", exploring Eleanor Roosevelt's lesbian relationship with reporter Lorena Hickok. Tickets \$20; students \$15. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-9878. www.chandler-arts.org.

SHELBURNE. Green Mountain Draft Horse Annual Field Day. Meet the farmers who use draft animal power and learn about working horse breeds including Suffolk Punch, Halfinger, Percheron, Clydesdale, Shire, and Belgian while they demonstrate plowing, seeding, reaping, binding, and threshing. Free with admission to the property. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of Shelburne Farms by horse and wagon (\$8/person). 11 am - 2 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. shelburnefarms.org. www.greenmountaindraft.org.

STARKSBORO. Garden Tour at Marijke Niles Perennial Gardens. Marijke will conduct a tour of her 40+ gardens located in a spectacular mountainous setting. See low-maintenance gardens with nature-nourishing native plants and hardy succulents. Marijke will demonstrate container gardening with succulents; bring your own container to create yours. Picnic in the gardens after the tour. Spring water and lemonade served. Field grown hardy perennials for sale. Fee: \$25. 10 am - 1 pm. Marijke Niles Perennial Gardens, 1299 Robert Young Rd. (802) 453-7590. friendsofthehortfarm.org. perennialgardensplus.com.

WARDSBORO. "Mountain Hideaways" House & Garden Tour. A self-guided driving tour of exclusive properties. Coffee, light fare, and box lunches at the Friends Cafe at the Town Hall. 10 am - 4 pm. Tickets \$25 and maps at Wardsboro Town Hall on Main St. (802) 896-3416. friendsofwardsborolib.org.

WOODSTOCK. Bookstock—The Green Mountain Festival of Words. More than forty outstanding authors, poets and other artists gather for readings and presentations. There will be a giant used book sale on the Green, a literary marketplace for publishers, writers, and artists, activities for children, live music and great food. The historic Norman Williams Public Library will hold its annual vintage book sale. 9 am. On the Green and around the village. (802) 457-3456. info@bookstockvt.org. www.bookstockvt.org. *Through July 26.*

WOODSTOCK. Book & Author Event. Photographer and artist Edward L. Rubin presents his book, *Vermont—An Outsider's Inside View* at the Bookstock Literary Festival. Free, public welcome. 4 pm. On the Green. (802) 310-2169. edwardlrubin.com. bookstockvt.org.

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I'm happy with my spinning wheel,
And happy with my wool to reel,
From head to toes it clothes me fine,
And wraps so softly me and mine.
I settled down to sing and spin,
While low descends the summer sun,
Blest with content, and milk and meal,
I'm happy with my spinning wheel.

On every hand the brooklets wend,
Up to my cottage by the bend,
The scented birch and hawthorne white,
Across the pool their arms unite,
Alike to screen the birdie's nest,
And little fishes cooler rest:
The sun shines kindly where I dwell,
Where smoothly turns my spinning wheel.

On lofty oaks the pigeons croon,
And echo out their doleful tune;
The linnets in the bushes raise
Sweet songs that rival other lays.

The crakes among the clover run,
The partridge whirring in the sun,
The swallows swooping for their meal,
Amuse me at my spinning wheel.

With small to sell and less to buy,
Above distress, below envy,
Oh who would leave this humble state,
For all the pride of all the great,
Amid their flaring, idle toys,
Amid their cumbrous noisy joys?
Can they the peace and pleasure feel
Of Bessie at her spinning wheel?

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SUNDAY, JULY 26

BROWNINGTON. Back Roads Summer Readings. Regional and national writers and poets read their works in the Northeast Kingdom and Eastern Townships. Poet David Huddle will read from his work followed by a reception and book signing. Free, handicapped accessible, everyone welcome. Donations. Readings begin at 3 pm at Brownington Congregational Church. (802) 633-4956. www.backroadsreadings.com. Also July 26.

BURLINGTON. Concert Band in the Park. 163rd season! Pack a picnic and join us for an evening of free music. 7 pm. Battery Park, 1 North Ave. burlingtonconcertband.org. Every Sunday through August 16.

FAIRLEE. Flea Market. Free admission. 7:30 am - 3 pm. Fairlee Railroad Station, Main St. (802) 333-4890. Saturdays and Sundays through the summer.

HUNTINGTON. Children's Program: Sundays for Fledglings. Birds! From feathers to flying, from art to zoology. Develop skills in observation, research, and goofing around. Kids can earn a Junior Birder Badge! Admission: adult \$7, senior \$6, child 3-17 \$3.50. 2 pm. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. www.birdsofvermont.org.

LUDLOW. Okemo Mountain Blueberry Fest. Celebrate all things blueberry! Start the day with a blueberry pancake brunch in the Jackson Gore courtyard. Live music, games, local vendors, a pie eating contest and nearby blueberry picking (conditions permitting). 10 am - 2 pm. SouthFace Village at Okemo. (802) 228-4041. okemo.com.

MARLBORO. Marlboro Music Festival. Three weeks of daily rehearsals and concerts to follow on Saturday and Sunday evenings through August 16 and on Friday evenings August 7-14. Marlboro College, 2582 South Rd. (215) 569-4690. www.marlbormusic.org.

PUTNEY. 13th Annual Twilight on the Tavern Lawn concert series. Cantrip—high energy Scottish music: bagpipes, fiddle, guitar trio. 6 pm in downtown Putney on the Putney Tavern lawn (bring a lawn chair or blanket) or at The Putney Community Center at 10 Christian Square in case of rain. Free to the public (donations accepted) and food will be available. (802) 387-5772. www.twilightmusic.org. Also August 9 & 23.

RANDOLPH. Summer Pride Festival of LGBT. Jonathan Harvey's 1993 play "Beautiful Thing", a classic teen coming-out play. Tickets \$20; students \$15. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-9878. www.chandler-arts.org.

RUTLAND. Rutland City Band in Main Street Park. 7-8:30 pm. Corner of West St. and Rt. 7. (802) 773-1822. rutlandrec.com. Every Sunday till August 16.

WOODSTOCK. Bookstock—The Green Mountain Festival of Words. More than forty outstanding authors, poets and other artists gather for readings and presentations. There will be a giant used book sale, a literary marketplace for publishers, writers, and artists, activities for children, live music and great food. The Norman Williams Public Library will hold its annual vintage book sale. 9 am. On the Green and around the village. (802) 457-3456. www.bookstockvt.org.

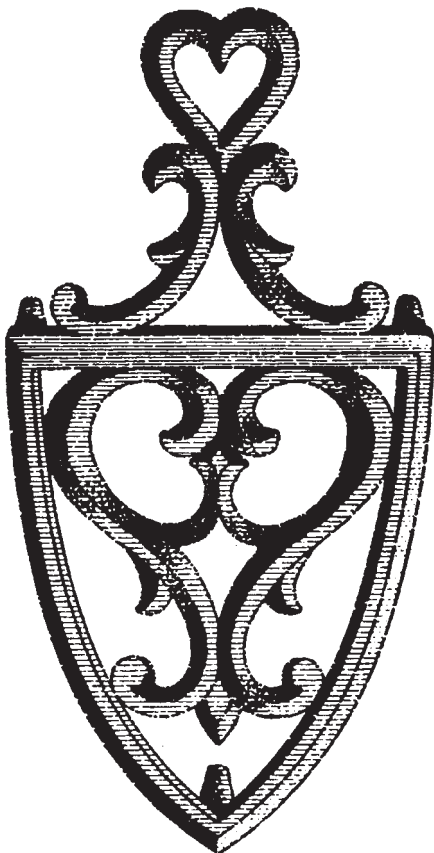
WOODSTOCK. Annual Hay Day at Billings Farm. Spend a summer day in the farm fields, where you'll see traditional haying techniques, including cutting, raking, and tedding with the farm's draft horses and equipment. Quench your thirst with a sample of switchel, the haymaker's drink. Especially for families: penny-in-the-haystack, making scarecrows, puppets, & clothespin horses. Horse-drawn wagon rides, farm programs, and activities. Admission: adults \$14, age 62 and up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, ages 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org.

MONDAY, JULY 27

ADDISON. Points of Interest: Lake Champlain Bridge Guided Walk. Learn about the history of what you see walking across the Lake Champlain Bridge! Friends of Crown Point, NY, board member Tom Hughes and Chimney Point administrator Elsa Gilbertson lead a guided walk. Meet at the Crown Point, NY, State Historic Site museum. Rain or shine, dress for the weather. Adults \$3, children under 15 free. 1-3 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicsites.vermont.gov. Also August 30 and September 27.

ADDISON. 13th Annual Evening to Remember Social. Spend a relaxing summer evening in an old resort on Lake Champlain. Enjoy the museum, music, children's activities, rock on the porch, watch the sun set and the full moon rise, and visit with costumed personages from Chimney Point's past. Admission: adults \$3, children under 15 free. 1-3 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicsites.vermont.gov.

BRANDON. Concert: The Yabuno Ettun Project. The duo play original music, as well as Jazz standards, Israeli and Japanese folk music and even Bach. Tickets: \$20. Pre-concert dinner available for \$20. Reservations recommended for the show and required for dinner. Venue is BYOB. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 247-4295. info@brandon-music.net. www.brandon-music.net. www.yabunoettun.com.



SO. LONDONDERRY. Hike. Meet at 2 pm at Gale Meadows boat put in, off of Haven Hill Rd in South Londonderry, for a paddle - bring your own canoe or kayak PFD required - and/or join us at Marge and Bob Fish's in Londonderry for a barbecue with potluck side dishes and desserts and our second half of summer and fall planning meeting. Sponsored by the Manchester Section of the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. RSVP to trip leader, Marge Fish at (802) 824-3662 or marge.fish@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

RUTLAND. Noontime Concert. Killington Music Festival musicians. Free at noon, Rutland Public Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860.

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Wednesdays. Horse-drawn wagon rides from 11 am - 3 pm. Admission includes all programs and activities: adults \$14, age 62 and up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, ages 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, one-half mile north of the Woodstock village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. Wednesdays through September 30.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

FAIR HAVEN. Concert in the Park: Snake Mountain Blue Grass. Bring your chairs, have a picnic. Hot dogs, popcorn, water and soda available. Free ice cream. Door prizes. Free admission. 7 pm at the town park. Bad weather location: Fair Haven Baptist Church. (802) 265-3010. fairhavenvt.org/concerts. Each Thursday through August 13.

JAMAICA. Pikes Falls Chamber Music Concert. Ten musicians from New York, Philadelphia, Washington DC, and San Francisco will perform works from their Grammy-nominated CD. Admission: \$3 for 14 or older, \$2 for 4-13, 3 and younger free. 6 pm. Jamaica State Park, 48 Salmon Hole Ln. (802) 874-4600. www.vtstateparks.com. www.pikesfallschambermusicfestival.com.

SOUTH ROYALTON. Band Concert: Royalton Town Band. Rain location is South Royalton School. Free. 7-8:30 pm. Town Green. (802) 763-8172. Thursdays through August 6.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

BENNINGTON. 37th Annual Southern Vermont Art & Craft Festival. Over 120 booths of fine art and artisan craftwork, and a great selection of Vermont craft beers, wine, and spirits. Children's activities, and entertainment. From 10 am - 5 pm. Camelot Village, 1.5 miles west of downtown on Rt. 9. (802) 442-5758. www.betterbennington.com. Through August 2.

BROWNSVILLE. 8th Annual Vermont Mountain Bike Festival. Vermont's premier mountain biking event. 75 miles of trails, guided rides, demos, games, contests, food, live music, vendors, free onsite camping, swag, MBT Olympics, kids' rides, womens' clinics, raffles, showers/bike wash, BBQ. Fee: \$65. Ascutney Mountain Resort, 400 Ski Tow Rd. info@stabvt.org. ascutneytrails.com. Through August 2.

BURLINGTON. 8th Annual Festival of Fools. A curated festival of street theater. Celebration of circus arts, music and comedy for family audiences. Church Street Marketplace. (802) 865-7166. www.vermontfestivaloffools.com. Through August 2.

BURLINGTON. Comedy Performance. Lewis Black—The Rant is Due: Part Deux. Lewis is one of the most prolific and popular performers working today. He executes a brilliant trifecta as stand-up comedian, actor and author. Tickets \$49.50. 8 pm. Flynn MainStage. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org. Through August 2.



Film Screening about North America's Extinct Bird Species

"The Lost Bird Project," a film about sculptor Todd McGrain's bronze memorials to five extinct bird species will be shown on Wednesday, July 22, at 7 p.m. at The Carving Studio and Sculpture Center in West Rutland, VT.

"The Lost Bird Project" is a compelling one-hour film about an artist's memorials to North America's five lost avian species—the Passenger Pigeon, the Great Auk, the Labrador Duck, the Carolina Parakeet, and the Heath Hen. The artist Todd McGrain's five bronze sculptures have been placed where each of the birds were last seen. The evocative background music and gorgeous photography of massive sweeping flocks of birds have been brought together in a thought-provoking video. Yet the sculptor, McGrain, discovers that once he emerges from the creative process of his personal vision, difficulties are encountered in finding acceptable sites for these monuments. There were also logistical hurdles in transporting and mounting them out in nature. This film will be enjoyed by not just birders and sculptors, but environmentalists, artists and nature lovers of all kinds.

The Carving Studio and Sculpture Center is located at 636 Marble St. in West Rutland, VT.

The event is co-sponsored by Rutland County Audubon Society and The Carving Studio. All are welcome and admission is free.

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RUTLAND. Concert: Zappa Plays Zappa. Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the release of *One Size Fits All* in 1975, the five-member band recreates live the final studio album from Frank Zappa and The Mothers of Invention. Tickets: \$42.50-\$79.50. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

ADDISON. Chimney Point State Historic Site. Learn how to use the atlatl (ancient spear thrower). Children's French Colonial dress-up basket. Open 9:30 am - 5 pm, Wed. - Sun. and Monday holidays. 8149 Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicsites.vermont.gov. *May 23 through October 12.*

ARLINGTON. Equinox Skyline Drive. An unforgettable drive to the summit of Mount Equinox. Picnic areas, hiking, visitor's center. Admission: automobiles \$15, car and driver \$5 per passenger (under 10 free); motorcycles \$12 bike and driver, no passenger fee. Open 9 am - 5 pm. 42 Skyline Dr. off Rt. 7A. (802) 362-1114. www.equinoxmountain.com. *Through October 31.*

BENNINGTON. Bennington Battle Monument. Vermont's tallest structure, is open to the public for educational exploration from 9 am to 5 pm daily. Admission \$3 adults, \$1 children ages six through 14 years. Children under six years free. (802) 447-0550. *Through October 31.*

BURLINGTON. ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center. Admission: \$9.50 adults, \$7 ages 3-17, \$8 seniors and students, under 3 free. Monday-Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm. At Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, One College St. (877) 324-6385. info@echovermont.org. www.echovermont.org.

FAIRFIELD. President Chester Arthur Historic Site. Admission by donation. Open Saturday and Sunday, and Monday holidays 11 am - 5 pm. 4588 Chester Arthur Rd. (802) 933-8362. historicsites.vermont.gov. *July 4 through October 12.*

GRANITEVILLE. Rock of Ages Visitors Center. Visit our new website and online store offering handcrafted stone products, cheese trays, clocks, lazy Susans, wine chillers and jewelry. Order custom granite house plates, desk plates and street number plates. Rock of Ages Visitor's Center, 558 Graniteville Rd. (802) 476-3119. rockofages.com. rockofagesgiftshop.com.

HUBBARDTON. Hubbardton Battlefield. Bring your flag to be raised over the Hubbardton Battlefield and receive a certificate. Children's colonial dress-up basket. Admission: adults \$3, children 14 and under free. 9:30 am - 5 pm. Thursday through Sunday and Monday holidays. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. elsa.gilbertson@state.vt.us. www.historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton. *May 23 through October 12.*

LUDLOW. Fletcher Farms School for the Arts and Crafts. Vermont's oldest residential arts and crafts school. Register for our arts and crafts classes. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, 611 Rt. 103 South. (802) 228-8770. info@fletcherfarm.org. www.fletcherfarm.org.

ORWELL. Mount Independence State Historic Site. Special exhibit: Mount Independence Depicted. Children's Discovery Corner. Special events. \$5 adults, free for children under 15. Open daily, 9:30 am - 5:30 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. www.historicsites.vermont.gov/MountIndependence. *May 23 - October 12.*

PERU. Bromley's Sun Mountain Adventure Park. 22 rides & attractions for everyone. Party on our Sun Deck with great food and drink specials from 5 pm 'til close. At Bromley Mountain Ski Resort, 3984 VT Rt. 11. (802) 824-5522.

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PROCTOR. Vermont Marble Museum. Marble Cafe and Gift Shop—enjoy pastries, soups and sandwiches, free wifi, open Tuesday thru Saturday year round from 9 am - 3 pm. Admission: adults \$7, seniors \$5, kids & teens and Proctor residents free. Museum hours, 10 am - 5 pm, seven days a week, May 24 through October 14. Marble Museum, 52 Main St. (802) 459-2750. www.vermontmarblegifts.com.

PROCTOR. Wilson Castle Guided Historic Tours. Daily 9 am - 5 pm. Adults \$10; children ages 6-12, \$6; ages 6 and under free. Murder Mystery tours. Haunted Castle tours in October. Wilson Castle, 2708 West St. (802) 773-3284. www.wilsoncastle.com. *Through mid-October.*

RUPERT. Merck Forest and Farmland. Camping, cabins, trails, farm, workshops and seasonal events. Visitor's Center and store with certified organic maple syrup, our own 100% wool blankets, and more. Open year round, dawn to dusk. 3270 Rt. 315, west of Manchester. (802) 394-7836. merckforest.org.

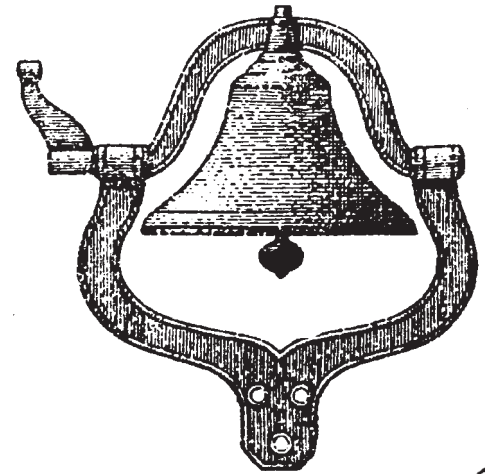
RUTLAND. Himalayan Salt Cave. Come relax in the only public Himalayan Salt Cave in North America. Mon-Fri 10 am - 7 pm, Sat & Sun 10 am - 6 pm. \$12. Pyramid Holistic Wellness Center, 120 Merchants Row. For reservations call (802) 775-8080. www.pyramidvt.com.

RUTLAND. Rutland Area Flea Market. Indoors, year-round, clean & friendly! Cozy cafe offers refreshments and light lunch. 10 am - 4 pm. 200 West St. corner of Forest St. (802) 770-9104. On Facebook. *Every Saturday and Sunday.*

SPRINGFIELD. Stellafane. A place and an organization devoted to amateur astronomy, founded by Russell W. Porter in 1923, and considered by many to be the "Birthplace of Amateur Telescope Making." Home to The Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc., an active amateur astronomy and telescope-making club that sponsors many events, classes, and a convention Aug. 4-7. Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc., PO Box 601, Springfield, VT 05156. webmaster@stellafane.com. www.stellafane.com.

STATEWIDE. Salvation Farms. Volunteer opportunities to glean and process Vermont raised, surplus fruits and vegetables for use by vulnerable populations. (802) 522-3148. salvationfarms.wordpress.com.

STOWE. Gondola Skyride. Ride the Gondola Skyride to the top of Mount Mansfield. Spectacular views await you near the peak of Vermont's highest mountain. From the gondola, access hiking trails or stop for a bite in the lift summit snack bar. Fee. 10 am - 4:30 pm. Stowe Mountain Resort, 5781 Mountain Rd. (802) 253-3500. gostowe.com. *June 27 through autumn.*



10th Annual French Heritage Day, Saturday, July 11, Now Celebrated in Winooski

On Saturday, July 11, the Annual French Heritage Day will take place at the Winooski Falls Way greenspace in Winooski, VT, with a move from Vergennes to Winooski for its 10th Anniversary.

Come for a day of free fun from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Vermont's most French-settled community. Enjoy the outdoor celebration of all things French-related—music, art, crafts, history, food, language, culture.

See knifemakers, genealogists, clockfixers, hand-spinners, fiddlers, singers, historians, lacemakers, fencers, petanque-players, chair-caners, tourtière-bakers, trappers, traders and canoemakers are all expected, thanks to the Winooski Historical Society, who is organizing the day.

Live entertainment will include the favorite bands Va-et-Vient and Déja Nous; young Québécois fiddlers Nicolas Babineau and Alex-

is Chartrand sponsored by Young Trad Vermont; and Pete Sutherland's "Pete's Posse" with traditional regional and contra-dance tunes. Winooski native Kim Chase, French teacher, historian, and writer, will read selections of her works with colleague Judy Dow. Middlebury College's Emeritus Professor Simon Barenbaum will lead a community folk singing (in French, souvenir texts provided) to carry on a beloved tradition of the event.

The Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society will have a major presence, out of its Fort Ethan Allen offices, equipped with multiple computer terminals and volunteer help, to assist visitors explore the on-line records of their family connections.

And, of course, there will be lots of wonderful food. Winooski City Manager Deac Decarreau said, "We'll have the French Heritage



Day celebration outside the Champlain Mill, where the employment opportunities drew thousands of French-speakers to our City. Winooski's first settlers as well as its first millwork immigrants were both French-speaking.

We are proud of that heritage which continues today with many French-speaking new Americans from Congo and West Africa.

From the French church to our mothers' tourtière recipes handed down over many generations, we're excited to be celebrating our history and culture with French Heritage Day on July 11."

For a great day of free fun for all ages show up July 11!

All events at the French Heritage Day will take place near the traffic round-about and the Champlain Mill at the Winooski Falls Way greenspace, off Rt. 2 near Burlington, VT.

To make a donation to the event, mail checks to the Winooski Historical Society, 20 Winooski Falls Way, Suite 42, Winooski, VT 05404.

For more information call (802) 363-2431 or e-mail frenchheritageday@gmail.com. On facebook.com.

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STRAFFORD. Justin Morrill Homestead. Admission: adults \$6, children 14 and under free. Open Wednesday through Sunday and Monday holidays, 11 am – 5 pm. 214 Justin Morrill Hwy. (802) 765-4484. www.historicsites.vermont.gov.

WEST RUTLAND. Vermont Herbal General Store. Owned and operated by a registered pharmacist. Tai' Chi Gung classes, Tuesdays at 5 pm at the store and Saturdays at 8 am at Best Western, Rt. 4, Rutland. Free intro classes. Usul & Karuna Reiki Healings & Classes. Handmade Herbal Medicines, Oils, Essences, Crystals, Gemstones & Books. Teas, Lotions, and Capsules. All are welcome. Open Tuesday & Wednesday 1-6, Thursday-Saturday 12-6, Sunday 1-4, closed Friday. Vermont Herbal General Store, 578 Main St. (802) 438-2766. info@vermonthherbal.com. On Facebook and Twitter. www.vermonthherbal.com.

WINDHAM. The Fourth Corner Foundation Library. A small library on sustainable architecture and landscape design is open until mid-September to anyone, free of charge, interested in these subjects. Open by appointment, 9 am – 5 pm. In the all-purpose gallery of The Fourth Corner Foundation, 578 Hitchcock Hill Rd. adjacent to A Stone Wall Inn. (802) 875-2194. www.thefourthcornerfoundation.org.

WINDSOR. Cider Hill Gardens & Art Gallery. Open May-June 10 am – 6 pm daily; July-October Thursday-Sunday 10 am – 5 pm daily. At 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. ciderhillgardens.com. garymilek.com.

WINDSOR. Old Constitution House. Admission: adults \$3, 14 and under free. Open weekends and Monday holidays, 11 am – 5 pm. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 Main St. (802) 672-3773. www.historicsites.vermont.gov/constitution. *May 23 through October 12.*

WOODSTOCK. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park. 20 miles of trails and carriage roads are open year-round. Gardens and mansion. Vermont's only national park. Guided tours \$4/\$8, under 15 free. Walk the grounds free. Visit the Carriage Barn Visitor Center open daily 10 am – 5 pm through October 31. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park, 54 Elm St. (802) 457-3368 x 22. nps.gov/mabi.

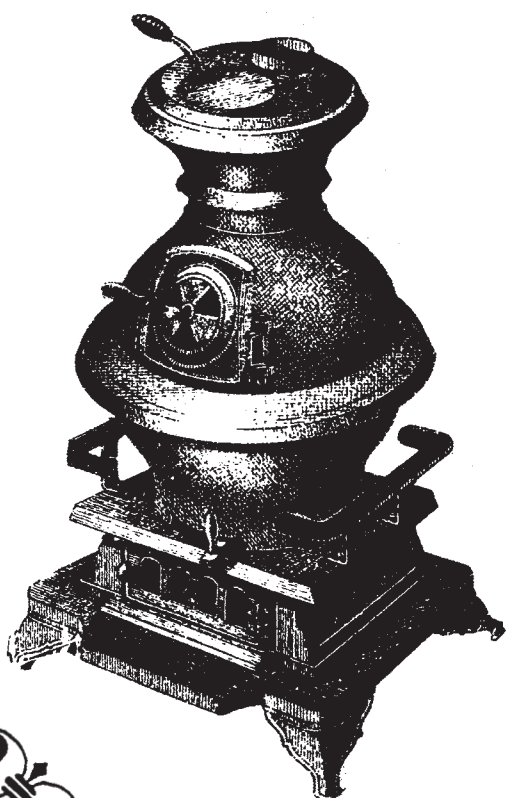
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BARRE. Studio Place Arts. Exhibits, classes, workshops, and artists' studios. Free. Tues, Wed & Fri 10 am – 5 pm, Thurs 11 am – 7 pm, Sat 9 am – 5 pm. 201 N. Main St. (802) 479-7069. info@studioplacearts.com. www.studioplacearts.com.

BARRE. Vermont History Center and Leahy Library. One admission fee for both the Vermont Heritage Galleries in Barre and the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier. Adults: \$5; families: \$12; students, children, seniors: \$3; members and children under 6: free. Monday through Friday, 9 am – 4 pm. Vermont Historical Society, 60 Washington St. (802) 479-8500. vermonthhistory.org.

BELLOWS FALLS. BF3F—Third Friday Art Walk. Stores and galleries in town and in the surrounding area host special exhibits and events. 5-8 pm. Flyer available at Village Square Booksellers, 32 The Square. (802) 463-9404. villagesquarebooks.com. *Third Fridays.*

BENNINGTON. The Dollhouse and Toy Museum of Vermont. Dolls and dollhouses, puppets, trucks and trains, toys, and educational displays. Museum shop. Admission is \$2 for children three and older, \$4 for adults and \$10 for families. Open Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 pm. 212 Union St. at the corner of Valentine St. (802) 681-3767. www.dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com.



BENNINGTON. Bennington Center for the Arts. Small Works Show May 23-December 20. Permanent collections, theater productions, workshops. Admission: adults \$9, seniors & students \$8, families \$20, under 12 are free. Open Wed-Mon, 10 am – 5 pm. Bennington Center for the Arts, 44 Gypsy Lane. (802) 442-7158. shirley@thebennington.org. www.thebennington.org.

BENNINGTON. Bennington Museum. Exhibit: "Laurence Jackson Hyman—The Bennington Years, Photographs 1962-1970". Also Jonathan Gitelson: "In the World". Exhibits and programs, founding documents, fine art, and more. See Bennington Pottery, the 1924 Wasp Touring Car, Vermont furniture, and the Bennington Flag—one of America's oldest flags. Lectures, workshops, concerts, films, and the George Aiken Wildflower Trail. Admission: adults \$10, seniors and students over 18 \$9, children under 18 free. Free admission to the Gift Shop. Open 10 am – 5 pm every day except Wednesdays. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. www.benningtonmuseum.org.

BRANDON. Compass Music and Arts Center. Arts businesses and studios, classes & workshops, exhibits, concerts, and community events. A gift shop features art and music related books, collectibles, and the music of the classical recording company, Divine Art Records. Onsite café. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Drive, Park Village, 1.5 miles north of downtown. (802) 247-4295. www.cmactv.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Hooker-Dunham Theater & Gallery. Your community arts venue since 1999: art exhibits, live music, photography, film, comedy, live theatre, film and literary festivals, and community events. 139 Main St. (802) 254-9276. www.hookerdunham.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. Open daily 11-5, closed Tues. Admission \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$4 students, free for youth 18 and under. 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. www.brattleboromuseum.org.

BRATTLEBORO. First Fridays Gallery Walk. Monthly celebration of the arts in downtown and nearby locations. 40-50 or more exhibit openings, many with meet-the-artist receptions and live music, plus occasional readings, dance, circus arts, theater, and more. Free. 5:30-8:30 pm. (802) 257-2616. www.gallerywalk.org. *Monthly on first Fridays.*

BURLINGTON. First Friday Art Walk. Visit over 30 galleries, studios, and interesting venues all around town. Free. 5-8 pm. Map available. (802) 264-4839. www.artmapburlington.com. *Monthly on the first Friday.*

CHESTER. 103 Artisans Marketplace. Hand crafted gifts, decorative accessories, small batch Chocolates and Vermont Maple products. Owned by artists Elise & Payne Junker, exclusive showroom of Junker Studio metalwork. Open every day 10 am – 5 pm, closed Tuesday. Located on Rt. 103, south of town—look for the life-size moose! (802) 875-7400. Gallery103.com.

ENOSBURG FALLS. Art Exhibit. Featured artist reception first Sunday of every month, 1-3 pm. Open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday 10-2 pm. Artist In Residence—a Cooperative Gallery, 321 Main St. (802) 933-6403. info@artistinresidencecoop.com. www.artistinresidencecoop.com.

FERRISBURGH. Rokeby Museum. Exhibits, buildings to tour, grounds to explore. Admission \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 students, children under 5 free. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. rokeby@comcast.net. www.rokeby.org. *Open through October 25.*

GLOVER. Bread & Puppet Museum. One of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world housed in a 100-foot-long converted dairy barn built in 1863. Events and exhibits. Free admission, donations welcome. Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. (802) 525-3031. www.breadandpuppet.org. *Open daily June through October.*

GRAFTON. Grafton Valley Arts Guild invites you to visit the Cricketers Gallery in historic Grafton Village at 45 Townshend Road. Open Thursday thru Sunday from 10 am – 4 pm. (802) 843-4824. www.graftonvalleyartsguild.com.

GRAFTON. The Nature Museum at Grafton. Hands-on natural history exhibits, mounted specimens and wildlife garden, nature programs for adults and children, plus tours for schools and community groups. Admission to the Museum is free, donations welcome. Visit www.nature-museum.org for upcoming programs. Open Thursdays and Saturdays 10 am – 4 pm from Memorial Day through Columbus Day. 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. info@nature-museum.org. www.nature-museum.org.

GRANVILLE, NY. The Slate Valley Museum. Exhibits, events, demonstrations, programs, First Fridays, and gift shop. Tues-Fri 1-5 pm, Sat 10 am – 4 pm. Admission \$5, under 12 free. Downtown at 17 Water St. (518) 642-1417. www.slatevalleymuseum.org.

HUNTINGTON. Birds of Vermont Museum. Features over 500 carved wooden birds, representing 259 species. "Birds of a Fiber"—Community Art Show through October 1. Museum, special events and bird walks, exhibits, children's programs, gift shop, video, restrooms and trails with maps available. Admission: adult \$7, senior \$6, child 3-17 \$3.50. Open daily 10 am – 4 pm. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. www.birdsofvermont.org. *May 1 through October 31.*

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MANCHESTER. Southern Vermont Art Center. Galleries, exhibits, classes, performances, gift shop, café, botany trail. Free admission to some exhibits. Open Tues-Sat 10 am – 5 pm. Yester House Galleries, Southern Vermont Arts Center, West Rd. (802) 362-1405. www.svac.org.

MANCHESTER. Visit Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home. Summer home of presidential son, Robert Lincoln. House, gardens, Pullman car, working farm and cheese-making facility, floating boardwalk, walking trails, museum store and welcome center. Admission: \$18 adults, \$5 children 6-14, under 6 free. Open daily 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Hildene, off Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 362-1788. www.hildene.org.

MARLBORO. Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. Perched on an overlook—on a clear day the horizon is 100 miles away! See mounted specimens of over 600 native New England birds and mammals, a Raptor Center with live hawks and owls, amphibian and reptile exhibit and fall wildflower exhibit. Hogback Mountain Gift Shop next door. Admission: adults \$5, seniors \$3, children 5-12 \$2, kids 4 and under are free. Open 10 am – 4 pm weekdays, 10 am – 5 pm weekends. Rt. 9, Hogback Mountain. (802) 464-0048. museum@sover.net. www.vermontmuseum.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Middlebury Arts Walk. A free family-friendly event. 30+ locations including artists' galleries, stores, professional offices and museums. Musicians perform in the town's outdoor parks whenever possible and weather permitting. Work on view includes paintings, photography, performances and crafts. 5-7 pm. For details visit www.middleburyartswalk.com. (802) 388-7951. *Second Fridays May through October.*

MIDDLEBURY. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont. The oldest chartered community history museum in the United States, welcoming visitors since 1882. Current Exhibit: Warren Kimble All-American Artist—An Eclectic Retrospective, through October 18. Exhibits, research center, and museum shop. Admission: adults \$5, youth 6-18 \$3, senior \$4.50, family \$12, under 6 free. Open Tues-Sat 10 am – 5 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History, One Park St. (803) 388-2117. henrysheldonmuseum.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Vermont Folklife Center. Gallery, archives & research center, programs, and Heritage Shop. Free admission. Open Tues-Sat 10 am – 5 pm. Vermont Folklife Center, 88 Main St., (802) 388-4964. info@vermontfolklifecenter.org. www.vermontfolklifecenter.org.

MONTPELIER. Vermont History Museum & Bookstore. One admission fee gives access to both the Vermont History Museum and the Vermont Heritage Galleries. Adults: \$5; families: \$12; students, children, seniors: \$3; members and children under 6: free. Open 9 am – 4 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. Pavilion Building, 109 State St. (802) 828-2291. vhs-info@state.vt.us. www.vermonthistory.org.

NORWICH. Montshire Museum of Science. Exhibit: Prehistoric Menagerie—a group of life-size sculptures by New Hampshire artist Bob Shannahan on view *June 1 through September 7*. Exhibits, trails, programs, and museum store. Open 10 am – 5 pm daily. Admission \$14 adults, \$11 children 2-17, under 2 free. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. One Montshire Rd. (802) 649-2200. www.montshire.org.

QUECHEE. Vermont Institute of Natural Science. Trails, exhibits, live bird programs and animal feeding times. \$11-\$13, under 3 free. 10 am – 5 pm daily. 6565 Woodstock Rd. (802) 359-5000.

READING. Art Exhibits. Outdoor sculpture by Richard Deacon, Olafur Eliasson, and Marc Quinn. Indoor exhibits: Keith Sonnier: Early Neon—sculpture incorporating unconventional and industrial materials; and paintings by Peter Saul. Admission is free. Open weekends and Wednesdays by appointment. Hall Art Foundation, 551 VT Rt. 106. (802) 952-1056. www.hallartfoundation.org. *May 9 through November 29.*

ROCHESTER. Exhibit: Viva Cuba. Gallery hours: Wed-Fri 10 am – 5 pm, Sat 12-5 pm, Sun-Tues by appointment. BigTown Gallery, 99 North Main St. (802) 767-9670. www.bigtowngallery.com. *Through July 12.*

RUTLAND. Chaffee's 8th Annual Photography Exhibit: *Images of Love and Community*, through July 25. Gallery open Thursday and Friday 12-6 pm and Saturdays 12-5 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. info@chaffeeartcenter.org. chaffeeartcenter.org.

RUTLAND. Chaffee Downtown Art Center. Exhibits, workshops, classes. Open Tuesday-Friday 12-6 pm, and Saturday 10 am - 5 pm. Chaffee Downtown Gallery, 75 Merchants Row. (802) 775-0062. info@chaffeeartcenter.org. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

RUTLAND. Castleton Downtown Gallery. Free admission. Open Wed through Sat 1-6 pm. Center Street Alley. For info call Bill Ramage at (802) 468-1266. castletoncollegegalleries@gmail.com.

SAXTONS RIVER. River Artisans Cooperative. Over 40 artists and artisans display a wide variety of handcrafted items. Year round, weekdays from 12-5 pm and weekends from 10 am – 3 pm. 26 Main St. (802) 869-2099. www.riverartisans.com.

SHAFTSBURY. Robert Frost Museum. Adults \$6, seniors (60 plus) \$5, under 18 years old \$3, under 10 free. Open 10 am – 5 pm, Wednesday through Sunday, closed Monday and Tuesday. Robert Frost Stone House Museum, 121 Historic Rt. 7A. (802) 447-6200. frostnow@sover.net. *frostfriends.org. May 1 through October 31.*

SHELBURNE. Shelburne Museum. Home to the finest museum collections of 19th-century American folk art. Adults \$24, Vermont residents \$14, children \$7 (5-12), under 5 free. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Shelburne Museum, 6000 Shelburne Rd. (802) 985-3346. shelburnemuseum.org. *Summer hours May 1 through October 31.*

SHOREHAM. Shoreham Bell Museum. See 5-6,000 bells collected from all over the world. Open most afternoons by appointment or chance year round. Free admission, donations accepted. Shoreham Bell Museum, 127 Smith St. off Rt. 74 west. For information call Judy Blake at (802) 897-2780. vtcat@shorehambellmuseum.com. www.shorehambellmuseum.com.

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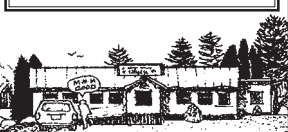
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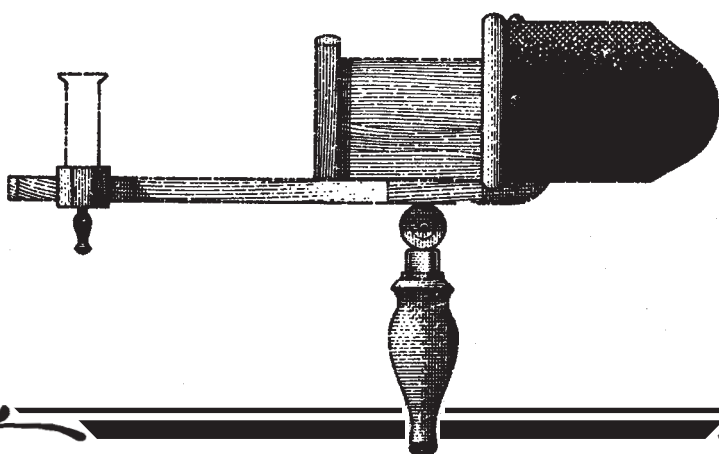
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Beautiful Tapestries Grace the Garden

From May till October

by Judith Irven

Most observant gardeners can describe the seasonal rhythms of their garden by when the flowers bloom. Early spring brings snowdrops and daffodils. Then, for one glorious fortnight, the crab apples and lilacs burst forth. In June the peonies, roses, and iris put on their show alongside the deep blue salvia and the paler blue catmint. In July and August the daylilies, shasta daisies and purple coneflowers take center stage, and by September masses of golden rudbeckia, purple asters and pink anemones whisper that fall is just around the corner.

Of course I love all the flowers, but in some ways the true backbone of my garden is actually a leafy tapestry that graces the garden all season long. Flowers come and flowers go, but the leaves endure. The gardener's year is like a series of beautiful flowery acts against a mural of interesting shapes and colors.

A few weeks ago my garden was 'between acts'—the crab apples and lilacs had finished, but the peonies, roses and iris were still waiting in the wings. And yet, despite the hiatus between flowers, it was anything but barren. Here are some of the things that caught my eye.

Shapes and sizes

Everybody knows hostas, those architectural plants with big crinkly leaves, most often used to populate the shady corners around our houses. In fact they are so common that some people call them boring.

I like to soften the feel of my workhorse hostas by adding plenty of companions with complementary leaf structures. For instance ferns and astilbes, which thrive in similar conditions, have lacy intricate leaves that form a delightful contrast to the broad leaves of the hostas. I am particularly partial to the delicate Maidenhair fern (*Adiantum pedatum*), a New England native, which shows off to perfection among smaller hostas. Another favorite is the Japanese Painted Fern which has finely cut gray leaves with red veining; it has slowly formed an extended carpet along the front of one of my shady beds.

And for added interest among the taller hostas I grow lots of the Scented Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum odoratum*). It has many small variegated leaves that are evenly spaced all along the arching stems. The fragrant June flowers are an added bonus.

There are other well-behaved plants with huge leaves that also make great garden specimens throughout the season. The Umbrella Plant (*Darmera peltata*), which thrives in damp



The grey Lambs Ears, blue grey Oat Grass and Bigroot Geranium are a study in contrasting textures, and look lovely against the bright yellow spirea, aptly named 'Gold Princess'.

soil, has enormous circular leaves (two feet and more across) that grow on single stems about 4' above the ground—hence the name. To complete the textural picture I have surrounded it with Bigroot Geranium (*Geranium macrorrhizum*), a dense ground-cover plant with a mass of scalloped leaves.

Linear grasses

I love to include grasses in my garden. Not only do they dance delightfully in the breeze, but they also introduce graceful linear lines into my garden pictures.

Here are three mounding grasses, all of which thrive in Vermont's climate:

- Blue Oat Grass (*Helictotrichon sempervirens*) forms low-growing bluish clumps which look good at the front of the border.
- Prairie Dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*), also for the front of the bed, is like a hummock of fine green hair which, over the years, will become a yard or more across.
- Tussock Grass (*Deschampsia cespitosa*)—which always reminds me of Miss Muffet's tuffet—is for the middle of the bed.

By July the taller summer grasses, including Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*) and Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) will reach their full height at the back of my borders.

And also by July clumps of Feather Reed Grass (*Calamagrostis x acutiflora* 'Karl Foerster') will be at full height, creating strong vertical accents near the feathery evergreen False cypress (*Chamaecyparis pisifera* 'Boulevard').

Beyond green

Not all leaves are green! In addition to the bronze leaved perennials, especially the many kinds of Heuchera, a number of garden shrubs have bronze or yellow leaves. Used sparingly these all add a wonderful element of surprise to our garden pictures.

Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*) is an adaptable shrub that is native to New England. It has green leaves and small white flowers and, in our gardens, it would be decidedly

underwhelming. However plant breeders have been able to coax the Ninebark species into producing a whole range of wonderful cultivars with leaf colors that run the gamut, from dark bronze to lemon yellow, and which thrive in our gardens both in sun and in partial shade. (A word of warning: always check the mature size of any Ninebark cultivar you are buying as they can range anywhere from three feet to ten feet high.)

A few years back I planted a low-growing Ninebark trio: the four-foot high bronze cultivar, Little Devil, flanked by two slightly smaller cultivars called 'Lemon Candy'. And the result, which I enjoy from my study window throughout the season, is quite delightful.

Amber Jubilee, with orange, gold and scarlet variegated leaves, is another gorgeous Ninebark cultivar. It grows to about six feet high and has become a beautiful feature at the back of one of my flower beds.

We all love the red-twiggled dogwoods for their colorful stems in winter. Some also have variegated leaves in summer, making them a real four-season plant. The leaves of Ivory Halo dogwood, (*Cornus alba* 'Bailhalo') are mottled green and white, which look especially attractive behind my bronze leaved Weigela 'Wine and Roses'.

And finally, a number of the spirea clan, including Spirea 'Gold Princess' and Spirea 'Ogen' (with an unusual feathery texture), are a cheery yellow that always bring a welcome splash of color to my garden, even when it is 'between acts'.

Mix and Match

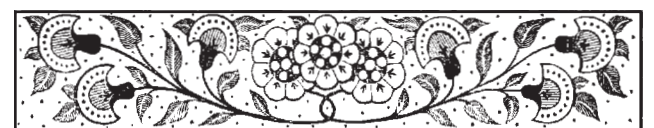
Lambs Ears (*Stachys*), with its fuzzy oval gray leaves and a touchable felted texture appeal to children and adults alike. The picture above, taken at the beginning of June, shows a gold leaved spirea (*Spirea* 'Little Princess'), some Blue Oat Grass (*Helictotrichon sempervirens*) and a huge patch of Lamb's Ears—it is truly a study in gray and yellow.

There is always something new to learn and something new to try in our gardens! Towards mid-summer I found myself spending too much time removing the taller flower stalks of my Lamb's Ears in order to redirect the plant's energy into making more leaves. So last year I acquired a couple of the plants of the Lamb's Ears cultivar 'Helene von Stein', which I planted near some bronze leaved Coral Bells, (*Heuchera* 'Purple Palace'). This has enormous leaves and very few flower stalks to remove, which I hope will make for a big improvement.

And thus the garden creation cycle continues!!

Judith Irven and her husband Dick Conrad live in Goshen, VT where together they nurture a large garden. You can subscribe to Judith's blog about her Vermont gardening life at www.northcountryreflections.com.

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by Charles Sutton

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Horseback Riding

Riding around Vermont one can't but notice that there are lots of horses, not as many as cows yet (1 cow per 3.8 Vermonters), but trail riding and equine shows, competitions and other events are ever more popular. There are 12 equine events (shows or trails involving hunter-jumpers and ponies and driving classics) only 30 miles away in South Woodstock at Green Mountain Horse Association, Inc., now through September. For a schedule call (802) 457-1509 or visit gmhainc.org.

The Three Stallion Inn, as its name suggests, is in horse country and guests who travel with their horses can put them up in the stables at the inn. Right on the property are 18 miles of well-groomed horseback riding trails through woods and open fields, and there are well-maintained indoor horse stalls,



The front porch at Three Stallion Inn.

photo courtesy of Three Stallion Inn

a riding ring, and fenced pastures. Inn staff can suggest stables offering horses to rent for trail rides, including guided trail rides at T-N-T Stables in Barre, VT, (802) 476-3097.

For an unusual horse ride, try Icelandic horses which are sturdy, fun and have personality galore. Contact Vermont Icelandic Horse Farm in Moretown, VT, (802) 496-7141. www.icelandichorses.com.

Boating

Instead of skis on their roofs many cars today are seen carrying kayaks, paddle-boats, canoes or other floatation gear. Canoes have been around along time, but kayaking and flat-water stand-up paddling boating (SUP) are gaining in popularity. You will be surprised, too, to see more and more kayakers in Class III and IV rapids and even maneuvering down a mountain stream.

For a nearby place to rent a kayak with safety gear and instructions contact Kayak King in Pittsfield, VT, (802) 345-1011. For an all-day kayak adventure and excursion contact Appalachian Trail Adventures, Killington, VT, (888)-855-8655. Silver Lake State Park in Barnard, on the north shore of an 84-acre lake, offers paddle boats and canoes for rent.

Fishing

The various branches of the ever-flowing White River, home to brook, brown and rainbow trout are their own lure for the fresh-water fisherman. Ponds and lakes in the area also offer opportunities for catching bass, perch, northern pike and other warm-water species. In the Killington area one can fish Burr and Colton Ponds.

Plan a visit to the White River National Fish Hatchery, on Hatchery Entrance Rd. off Rt. 107 in Bethel, a production center for 'cold-water' salmon and lake trout. Call (802) 234-5400. www.fws.gov/whiterivernfh. For a complete

listing of Vermont fishing opportunities and license information visit the Vermont Fish and Wildlife website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

River Tubing

For a few leisurely hours on the water try river tubing on the White River. Large comfortable, specially-made tubes—a step up from inner tubes of our childhood with their scratchy valves, can be rented with life jackets at two places in Stockbridge, VT: Tweed River Tubing, (802) 746-8977; and Vermont River Tubing, (802) 746-8106. Call ahead to check out water conditions.

Swimming Holes

Vermont has plenty of rivers, lakes and ponds that provide plenty of places to go swimming on a hot summer day. Among the favorites are large and inviting swimming holes on the White River. Not far from the Inn are Big Parker swimming hole in Bethel; Twin Bridge swimming hole in Gaysville and Little Parker in Stockbridge. Other favorites include the Third Branch in Braintree and one on Locust Creek in Bethel. For locations visit whiteriverpartnership.org.

Hiking

Vermont is ideal for hiking for all levels of ability offering more than 1,000 miles of hiking trails and 223 mountains of over 2,000 feet in elevation. For a starter, Three Stallion Inn offers its own 35 km of groomed trails suitable for hiking and mountain biking. These initial trails were laid out by Olympic skiers Kim (Mumford) and Bob Gray who operated an informal skiing center there in the 1970s.

Would-be hikers should check in at the Green Mountain National Forest's ranger station on Rt. 100 in Rochester for hiking advice and trail maps. For info call (802) 767-4261.

Popular hiking destinations in the area include seeing unusual eye-catching waterfalls. Two in Central Vermont include the 68-ft. Moss Glen Falls, known as "the horsetail with thin streams of water" off Rt. 100 in Granville, VT, and the cascading Texas Falls, also off Rt. 100 in Hancock. Hikers visiting Texas Falls can walk the nearby Robert Frost Interpretive Trail and a section of the Long Trail.

Another suggestion for the Long Trail is from Gifford Woods State Park, half-mile north of Rt. 4 on Rte. 100 at Killington. This is a favorite stop-off for through hikers and day hikes are available. The park is noted for having one of the few old-growth hardwood tree stands remaining in Vermont. For more information about self-guided and group hikes, call The Green Mountain Club at (802) 244-7037 or go to www.greenmountainclub.org. For more hiking information try the Catamount Trail Association at (802) 864-5794 or www.catamounttrail.org.

Guests at The Three Stallion Inn often do the 3-5 hour round trip climb of Camel's Hump (elevation 4083). The summit area provides a panoramic view of the Green, White and Adirondack Mountains with views south from Mt. Mansfield to Mt. Ascutney.

For dramatic views not involved in climbing that high visit Allis State Park located on the summit of Bear Mountain in nearby Brookfield, VT. There's also an hour-long loop-around nature trail providing great scenic views and wildlife habitat.

Located in Central Vermont the Three Stallion Inn has its own swimming pool, tennis courts, sauna, hot tub and fitness center. Your sporting life adventures can start here.

The Three Stallion Inn is located at 665 Stock Farm Rd. in Randolph, VT. For information and reservations visit www.ThreeStallionInn.com or call (802) 728-5575.



A birdseye view of Three Stallion Inn in Randolph, VT.

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Vermont Farmers Markets Summer 2015

Start your grocery shopping with a trip to a Farmer's Market and you'll be pleased at how much of your table can be from Vermont, locally-grown and better tasting.

You'll also find all sorts of crafts, jewelry, and knitted goods for that special gift, not to mention Vermont wines and artisan cheeses. You can enjoy music and have a snack while you shop or take home a tasty prepared dish for supper.

Mondays

Westford, VT. Westford Farmers' Market, Rt. 128 between Essex and Fairfax. Mondays 4-7 pm, June 22 - October 5, 2015. Laura Baum. (802) 734-5203. info@westfordfarmersmarketvt.org. westfordfarmersmarketvt.org.

Tuesdays

Bennington, VT. Bennington Farmers' Market, Merchants Bank Park at the corner of Pleasant and North Streets. Tuesdays 3-6 pm, June 2 - October 6, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Katherine Keys. (802) 681-3501. info@walloomsac.org. www.benningtonfarmersmarket.org.

Brattleboro, VT. Brattleboro Area Farmers' Market, Whetstone Pathway, lower Main St. Saturdays Tuesdays 10 am - 2 pm, June 16 - October 27, 2015. Meghan Houlihan. (802) 254-8885. www.brattleborofarmersmarket.com.

Burlington, VT. Old North End Farmers' Market, Dewey Park, across from IAA/HO Wheeler. Tuesdays 3-6:30 pm, June 9 - October 27, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Kelsea Peace. (802) 324-3073. oldnorthendfarmersmarket.org.

Northfield, VT. Northfield Farmers' Market, Northfield Common. Tuesdays 3-6 pm, thru October 13, 2015. Charlie Morse. (802) 485-8586. northfieldfarmersmarketvt.com.

Wednesdays

Barre, VT. Barre Farmers' Market. Vermont Granite Museum, 7 Jones Brother Way. Wednesdays 3-7 pm, May 16 - October 17, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Joann Darling. (802) 505-8437. barrefarmersmarketvt.com.

Burke, VT. Burke Farmers Market. East Burke Village Green at Burke Mountain Clubhouse. Wednesdays 3-6 pm, June 3 - September 30, 2015. Jess Simpson. (802) 535-1101.

Colchester, VT. Colchester Farmers' Market. Burnham Memorial Library Green. Wednesdays, 4-7 pm. June 10 - August 26, 2015. Hannah Peacock. (802) 264-5660.

Danville, VT. Caledonia Farmers' Market. Danville Village Green. Wednesdays 9 am - 1 pm, June 10 - October 7, 2015. Elizabeth Everts. (802) 592-3088. cfmamanager@gmail.com. sites.google.com/site/caledoniafarmersmarket.

Enosburg Falls, VT. Enosburgh Farmers' Market. Lincoln Park, Main St. Wednesdays. 3-6:30 pm. May 16 - October 31, 2015. Jennifer Wright. (802) 285-6844.

Jeffersonville, VT. Jeffersonville Farmers' and Artisans Market, 276 Main St. Wednesdays 4:30-8 pm. Starting June 10, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Deb Nevil. (802) 999-8486. www.jeffersonvillefarmersandartisanmarket.com.

Middlebury, VT. Middlebury Farmers' Market. North parking lot at The Marbleworks. Wednesdays. 9 am - 12:30 pm. June 17 - October 14, 2015. EBT and debit cards. (802) 673-4158. www.middleburyfarmersmarket.org.

Morrisville, VT. Morrisville Farmers Market, Oxbow Park. Wednesdays 3-6:30 pm., May 16, October 10, 2015. Mary Brandt. (802) 585-5267.

Newport, VT. Newport Farmers' Market. 246 The Causeway. Wednesdays. 9 am - 2 pm. June 3 - October 14, 2015. Judy Szych. (802) 274-8206. On Facebook.

Rutland, VT. Vermont Farmers' Market. At Depot Park. Wednesdays, 3-6 pm. May 6 thru October 26, 2015. Maura Wildman. (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org.

South Hero, VT. Champlain Islands Farmers' Market. St. Rose of Lima Parish, 501 Rt. 2. Wednesdays 3-6 pm, May 27 - September 23, 2015. EBT and debit cards. champlainislandsfarmersmarket.com.

Williston, VT. Williston Farmers' Market. NEFCU Parking lot at 141 Harvest Lane and Rt. 2. Wednesdays 3:30-6:30 pm, June 3 - September 30, 2015. Kathryn Parker. willistonfarmersmarket@gmail.com. On Facebook.

Woodstock, VT. Woodstock Market on the Green, Rt. 4. Wednesdays 3-6 pm, June 10 - October 14, 2015. Kathy Avellino. (802) 457-3555. woodstockvt.com.

Thursdays

Barnard, VT. Feast and Field Farmers Market, 2248 Royalton Turnpike. Thursdays 4:30-7:30 pm, June 11 - September 24, 2015. Chloe Powell. (802) 999-3391. feastandfield@gmail.com. On Facebook.

Burlington, VT. UVM Medical Center Farmers' Market, in the Davis Concourse of the hospital. Thursdays 2:30-5 pm, May 14 - October 1, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Tanya McDonald. (802) 847-5823.

Castleton, VT. Castleton Farmers' Market. Next to Citizens Bank parking lot on Main St. Thursdays. 3:30-6 pm. June 4 - October 1, 2015. Lori Barker. (802) 273-2241.

Fairfax, VT. Jeffersonville Farmers' and Artisans Market. 951 Main St. Thursdays 4:30-8 pm, June 11 - October 8, 2015. Deb Nevil. (802) 999-8486.

Hinesburg, VT. Hinesburg Lions Farmers' Market. United Church. Thursdays. 3-6 pm. June 11 - September 3, 2015. Jeanne Albertson. hinesburglionsfarmersmarket.org.

Jericho, VT. Jericho Farmers' Market, Mills Riverside Park. Thursdays 3-6:30 pm, May 28 - October 1, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Kelly King. (802) 343-9778.

Manchester, VT. Manchester Farmers' Market, Adams Park, Rt. 7A. Thursdays 3-6 pm, May 28 - October 8, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Krysta Piccoli. (505) 470-4237. mfmvermont@gmail.com. manchesterfarmers.org.

Middlebury, VT. Middlebury Farmers' Market. The Marbleworks. Saturdays. 9 am - 12:30 pm. June 17 - October 14, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Alicia Standridge. (802) 377-2980. www.middleburyfarmersmarket.org.

Milton, VT. Milton Farmers' Market, Milton Hanneford. Thursdays 4-6:30 pm, June 4 - September 24, 2015. Brenda Tourangeau. (802) 893-1009. farmersmarket@miltonyouth.org. www.miltonyouth.org/farmers.

Peacham, VT. Peacham Farmers' Market, Academy Hill Green. Thursdays 3-6 pm, May 21 - October 1, 2015. Koren Warden. (802) 633-4959. korenwarden@gmail.com. peacham.net/market.

Poultney, VT. Lakes Region Farmers Market, Main St. Thursdays 9 am - 2 pm, June 18 - October 1, 2015. Hilary Lambert & Kris Jacoby-Stevenson. (802) 468-585. poultneymarket@gmail.com. On Facebook.

South Royalton, VT. Royalton Farmers' Market, on the town green. Thursdays, 3-6 pm, May 21 - October 8, 2015. Rachel Bigelow. (802) 763-8303. foxvillefarm@gmail.com

Vergennes, VT. Vergennes Farmers' Market. Town Green. Thursdays, 3-6:30 pm. June 11-September 24, 2015. Rhonda Williams. (802) 377-8693. rhondawilliamsvt@gmail.com. vergennes.org/vergenes-farmers-market.

Waterbury, VT. Waterbury Farmers' Market. Rusty Parker Park, Main St. Thursdays. 3-7 pm. May 21 - October 8, 2015. EBT and Debit Cards. Rob MacLeod. (802) 881-7679. vtwwm@comcast.net. waterburyfarmersmarket.com.

Fridays

Bellows Falls, VT. Bellows Falls Farmers' Market, Canal St. Fridays 4-7 pm, May 15 - Oct. 16, 2015. Daniel Hartigan. (603) 499-2374. bffarmersmarket.com.

Brandon, VT. Brandon Farmers' Market, Central Park, Rt. 7. Fridays 9 am - 2 pm, May 22 - October 9, 2015. Wendy Cijka. (802) 273-2655. cijka4@gmail.com. On Facebook.

Chelsea, VT. Chelsea Farmers' Market, North Common. Fridays 3-6 pm, May 15 - Oct. 2, 2015. Misha Johnson & Taylor Katz. (802) 685-3174. manager@chelseafarmersmarket.org. www.chelseafarmersmarket.org.

Essex Junction, VT. Five Corners Farmers' Market, Lincoln Place. Fridays 3:30-7:30 pm, May 29 - October 2, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Emily Morton. (802) 999-3249. 5cornersfarmersmarket.com.

Fair Haven, VT. Fair Haven Farmers' Market. Town Square. Fridays 3-6 pm. June 12 - October 23, 2015. Greg Cox. (802) 683-4606. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. vtfarmersmarket.org.

Jeffersonville, VT. Jeffersonville Farmers' and Artisans Market. 1015 Rt. 15W. Fridays 4:30-8 pm, June 12 - October 9, 2015. Deb Nevil. (802) 999-8486. On Facebook.

Hardwick, VT. Hardwick Farmers' Market, Atkins Field, Granite St. off Rt. 15. Fridays 3-6 pm, May 22 - October 9, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Karlin Ostefeldt. (802) 755-6349. www.hardwickfarmersmarketvt.com.

Hartland, VT. Hartland Farmers' Market, Hartland Public Library fields at 153 Rt. 5. Fridays 4-7 pm, June 5 - September 11, 2015. Brian Stroffolino. (603) 252-1288. www.hartlandfarmersmarket.com.

Ludlow, VT. Ludlow Farmers' Market, Front lawn of Okemo Mountain School, 53 Main St. Fridays 4-7 pm, May 22 - October 16, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Jerry Milligan. (802) 734-3829. lfmkt@tds.net. ludlowfarmersmarket.org.

Lyndon, VT. Lyndon Farmers Market. Bandstand Park Green. Fridays. 3-6pm. May 22 - October 16, 2015. Jenny Girard. (802) 751-5178. lyndonfarmersmarket.com.

Richmond, VT. Richmond Farmers' Market, Volunteers Green. Fridays 3-6:30 pm, May 29 - October 16, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Kelly King. (802) 343-9778. rfmmanager@gmail.com. richmondfarmersmarketvt.org.

West Townshend, VT. Townshend Farmers' Market, West Townshend Country Store, Rt. 30 & Windham Hill Rd. Fridays 4-7 pm, June 5 - October 9, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Brittany Frost. (802) 874-4800. On Facebook.

Whitingham, VT. Whitingham Farmers Market. Fridays 4-7 pm. June 26 - October 19, 2015. Kristine Sweeter. (802) 368-7286. whitinghamedg@gmail.com.

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Barre, VT. Barre Farmers' Market. Vermont Granite Museum, 7 Jones Brother Way. Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm, May 16 - October 17, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Joann Darling. (802) 505-8437. barrefarmersmarketvt.com.

Bennington, VT. Bennington Farmers' Market. Bennington Station at Riverwalk Park. Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm, May 2 - October 31, 2015. Also on Tuesdays at Merchant's Park from 3-6 pm. EBT and debit cards. Katherine Keys. (802) 681-3501. info@benningtonfarmersmarket.org. www.benningtonfarmersmarket.org.

Burlington, VT. Burlington Farmers' Market. City Hall Park. Saturdays 8:30 am - 2 pm, May 9 - October 24, 2015. EBT and debit cards accepted. Chris Wagner. (802) 310-5172. info@burlingtonfarmersmarket.org. burlingtonfarmersmarket.org.

Enosburg Falls, VT. Enosburgh Farmers' Market. Lincoln Park, Main St. Saturdays. 9 am - 1 pm. May 16 - October 31, 2015. Jennifer Wright. (802) 285-6844.

Grand Isle, VT. Champlain Islands Farmers' Market. St. Joseph's Church, 185 Rt. 2. Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm, May 23 - October 3, 2015. EBT and debit cards accepted. champlainislandsfarmersmarket.com.

Groton, VT. Groton Growers Farmers' Market. Lawn at Community Building. Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm, May 23 - Sept. 26, 2015. EBT and debit cards accepted. Sandi Adams. (802) 633-3031. grotongrowers@gmail.com. grotongrowers.org.

Jay, VT. Jay Village Farmers' Market. in the field next to the Jay Country Store. Saturdays 11 am - 4 pm, May 23 - October 10, 2015. (802) 988-2521. jayvillagefarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Londonderry, VT. West River Farmers' Market. intersection of Rt. 11 and Rt. 100. Saturdays 9-1 pm. May 23 - October 10, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Lauren Ingersoll. (802) 875-5004. westriverfarmersmarket@gmail.com. westriverfarmersmarket.com.

Middlebury, VT. Middlebury Farmers' Market. Marble Works. Saturdays 9 am - 12:30 pm, May 7 - October 31, 2015. Alicia Standridge. (802) 377-2980. middleburyfarmersmkt@yahoo.com. www.middleburyfarmersmarket.org.

Montpelier, VT. Capital City Farmers' Market. 60 State St. Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm, May 2 - October 31, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Carolyn Grodinsky. (802) 223-2958. manager@montpelierfarmersmarket.com. montpelierfarmersmarket.com.

Morrisville, VT. Morrisville Farmers Market. Hanneford Green, Brooklyn St. Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm, May 16 - October 10, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Mary Brandt (802) 585-5267. berkshirebotanicals@gmail.com.

Newport, VT. Newport Farmers' Market. 246 The Causeway. Saturdays. 9 am - 2 pm. May 9 - October 17, 2015. EBT and debit cards accepted. Judy Szych. (802) 274-8206. newportvtfarmersmarket@gmail.com. On Facebook.

Norwich, VT. Norwich Farmers' Market. 300 Rt. 5 south. Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm, May 2 - October 31, 2015. EBT and debit cards accepted. Steve Hoffman. (802) 384-7447. manager@norwichfarmersmarket.org. norwichfarmersmarket.org.

Pittsford, VT. Pittsford Farmers Market. Pittsford Village Green, Rt. 7. Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm, June 13 - October 10, 2015.

Randolph, VT. Randolph Farmers' Market. OOSO Property, Central St. Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm, May 23 - October 17, 2015. EBT and debit cards accepted. Lisa Grey. (802) 728-2007. randfarmmarket@yahoo.com. On Facebook.

Rutland, VT. Vermont Farmers' Market. At Depot Park. Saturdays, 10 am - 2 pm. May 9 thru October 30, 2015.

Maureen Wildman. (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org.

Shelburne, VT. Shelburne Farmers' Market. Shelburne Center on Rt. 7 and Church St. Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm, May 30 - October 10, 2015. Tod Whitaker. (802) 482-4279. farmersmarket@sbpavt.org. sbpavt.org/farmers_market.php.

Springfield, VT. Springfield Farmers Market. People's Bank parking lot. Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm, May 30 - October 11, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Steve Bernatchy. (802) 885-1527. springfieldonthemove.net.

St. Albans, VT. Northwest Farmers' Market. Taylor Park. Saturdays 9 am - 2 pm, May 16 - October 31, 2015. Robin Morrill. (802) 827-3157. alavista@myfairpoint.net.

St. Johnsbury, VT. Caledonia Farmers' Market. Municipal parking lot behind Anthony's Diner. Saturdays, 9 am - 1 pm, May 9 - October 31, 2015. EBT and debit cards accepted. Elizabeth Everts. (802) 592-3088. cfmamanager@gmail.com. sites.google.com/site/caledoniafarmersmarket.

Waitsfield, VT. Waitsfield Farmers' Market. Mad River Green. Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm, May 16 - Oct. 10, 2015. Barbara Conn. (802) 498-4734. marketmanager@waitsfieldfarmersmarket.com. www.waitsfieldfarmersmarket.com.

Windsor, VT. Windsor Farmers Market. State St. on the Green. Saturdays 11 am - 2 pm, May 30 - October 14, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Tim Carey. (802) 359-2551. windsorfarmersmarket.blogspot.com.

West Brattleboro, VT. Brattleboro Area Farmers' Market. Rt. 9W on the left just past the Creamery Covered Bridge. Saturdays 9 am - 2 pm, May 2 - October 31, 2015. Also Wednesdays 9 am - 2 pm at Main St., Whetstone Pathway. EBT and debit cards. Meghan Houlihan. (802) 254-8885. farmersmarket05301@yahoo.com. www.brattleborofarmersmarket.com.

Woodstock, VT. Mt. Tom Farmers' Market. Mt. Tom parking lot, Rt. 12N. Saturdays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, May 23 - October 17, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Neil Lamson. (802) 457-2070. foxxfarm@aol.com. mttomfarmersmarket.com.

Sundays

Bradford, VT. Bradford Farmers' Market. Bradford Academy Building, 172 N. Main St. Sundays 10 am - 2 pm, May 18 - mid-October, 2015. Iris Johnson. (802) 222-4495.

Dorset, VT. Dorset Farmers' Market. H.N. Williams General Store lawn, Rt. 30. Sundays 10 am - 2 pm, May 10 - October 11, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Carol Adinoffi. (802) 353-9656. dorsetfarmersmarket.com.

Dover, VT. Dover Farmers Market. 10 am - 3 pm, June 7 - October 11, 2015. Alan Dellert. (802) 464-5320. doverforge@myfairpoint.net.

Putney, VT. Putney Farmers Market. Carol Brown Way, next to Putney Co-op. Sundays 11 am - 2 pm, May 24 - Oct 11, 2015. EBT & debit cards. Marisa Miller. (802) 387-4052. PutneyFarmersMarket@gmail.com. putneyfarmersmarket.org.

South Burlington, VT. South Burlington Farmers' Market. S. Burlington High School. Sundays 10 am - 2 pm, June 7 - October 11, 2015. Kylie deGroot. (802) 652-0188. sbfm.manager@gmail.com. On Facebook.

Stowe, VT. Stowe Farmers' Market. 1799 Mountain Rd. Rt. Sundays 10:30 am - 3 pm, May 17 - October 11, 2015. Barbara Conn. (802) 472-8027. stowefarmersmarket.com.

Winooski, VT. Winooski Farmers' Market. Champlain Mill Green. Sundays 10 am - 2 pm, May 31 - October 11, 2015. EBT and debit cards. Charlotte Roozekrans. (413) 446-4684. downtownwinooski.org/farmersmarket.



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Summer is a magical time for adventures. And if there are challenges involved it's just a little easier because—well, the weather is just fine.

Join *Lily, the Little Elf Princess* by Stefanie Dahle (NorthSouth Books, Inc., \$17.95, www.northsouth.com), who with tiny Snuffle, meadow snipe, and other-worldly friends attempts to get the water lilies to open so bee-like honeylings can gather honey to make cakes for the Great Elf party.

Lily's friend, the frog-skinned nymph Freya, wants to go to the party, but can't leave the lake while the water lilies are closed. She must play her flute for the lilies to open, but it was broken by a big forest troll. You will be thrilled at how simply Lily Elf princess finally gets the lilies to open after failed attempts to do so by the Light, Meadow and Forest Elfs. The tale shows us that the answers to our problems can come from within if we just stop and listen.

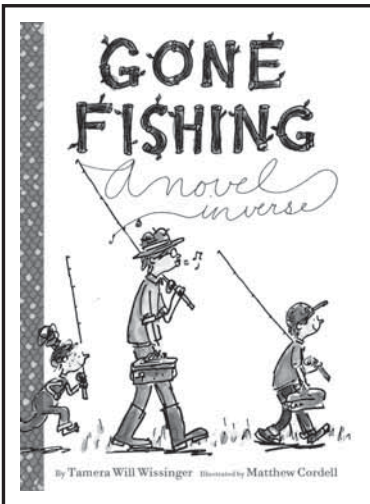
The so carefully detailed illustrations of this other world and its enchanting creatures are just amazing! You and your children will be dazzled by the glittering silver highlights that make this fairy world look just enchanting.

This is a translation of the story first published in Germany. The artist Stefanie Dahle, who was born in Schwerin, Germany in 1981, studied illustration at the University of Applied Sciences in Hamburg and works as a freelance illustrator specializing in literature for children and young adults.

For a thrilling adventure in summertime Maine, readers will keep worrying and wondering 'what's going to happen next?' to the shaggy and lovable dog in *Mabel Takes the Ferry* by Emily Chetkowski, illustrated by Dawn Peterson (Islandport Press, \$12.95, www.islandportpress.com).

Enterprising Mabel refuses to stay at home after her family leaves for a day of sailing on Penobscot Bay. She has no

problem slipping onto the ferry from Isleboro to Lincolnville Beach, hoping to see her family among the many boats out sailing. No luck, but on land she makes friends, goes swimming, is given snacks of steak and lobsters...but misses the return trip! A name tag helps her get reunited with her family who sail over to pick her up. And we read: "At last they were together, and Mabel thought it was the best sail EVER!" Although this is based on a true story we hope in real life Mabel never gets left behind again.



You've heard many a fishing story about the big one that got away, but you will really enjoy this one, in *Gone Fishing—A Novel in Verse* by Tamera Will Wissinger and illustrated by Matthew Cordell (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for Young Readers, \$15.99, www.hmhco.com). This amusing story about a father and son taking the unwanted pesky daughter on a day-long fishing expedition, is told in verses—dozens of them, introducing the reader to poetic forms, some you may never have heard of. Now you have. Among the poems that make up this

story are acrostic, ballad, blues, the 5-line cinquain, concrete/shape, couplet, short and tricky double dactyl, free verse, 3-line Japanese haiku, lyric, ode, and more. The poems are accompanied by lots of large and expressive line drawings.

Incidentally the trouble making daughter caught eight bluegills of which three were keepers, the son caught one giant catfish, and the good-sport dad, none. Grandpa cooked the fish on the grill.

Book News

The Battle of Hubbardton The Rear Guard Action that Saved America

by Bruce M. Venter
(The History Press)

In the only Revolutionary War battle fought in Vermont, British and German troops ran into stubborn rebel resistance at Hubbardton, Vermont, on July 7, 1777. But the day would ultimately turn the tide for the Patriot cause.

After capturing Fort Ticonderoga, the British, under Lieutenant General John Burgoyne, pursued a retreating Continental army under Major General Arthur St. Clair. In the fields and hills around Hubbardton, a tenacious American rear guard of about 1,200 derailed the British general's plan for a quick march to Albany.

Patriots, under Colonel Seth Warner, Colonel Ebenezer Francis and Colonel Nathan Hale, left the Brit-

ish and Germans bloodied. Burgoyne and his weakened forces ultimately surrendered at Saratoga on October 17, 1777, paving the way for American independence.

The reenactment of the Battle of Hubbardton takes place July 11 & 12 at the Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site in Hubbardton, VT. It is well worth attending and this book should prepare you for what you'll see. Visit www.historicsites.vermont.gov.

The Battle of Hubbardton: The Rear Guard Action that Saved America, by Bruce M. Venter is available for \$21.99 at your bookseller or through the publisher, History Press at www.historypress.net. (888) 313-2665.

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Seventh Annual Bookstock Literary Festival, July 24-26

Bookstock: The Green Mountain Literary Festival will draw hundreds of book lovers to Woodstock this summer. More than forty outstanding authors, poets and other artists will gather in the charming village of Woodstock, Vermont during the last weekend of July for the Seventh Annual Bookstock Literary Festival.

The festival takes place Friday through Sunday, July 24 through 26. On the green will be a giant used book sale, a literary marketplace for publishers, writers, and artists, activities for children, live music and great food.

Bookstock is an entirely free event providing an intimate setting for readers to hear and meet prizewinning and bestselling writers as well as promising and provocative regional authors and poets. Readings and presentations take place in historic buildings around Woodstock's village green.

Noted poets Mark Doty, Rosanna Warren, Ron Padgett and others will read from their work. Emmy Award winner Ed Rubin will discuss his new collection of photography focusing on Vermont life and scenery, while the widely respected

regional filmmaker Jay Craven will show and discuss his newest work.

The program also includes former Vermont governor Jim Douglas as well as other public figures and historians reflecting on political and social issues of recent decades and little known facts about Vermont history and culture.

ArtisTree Gallery will open its annual show Un-Bound, an exhibit of book-themed art, and host a poetry jam open to all amateur as well as published poets to read their work.

Bookstock planning team coordinator Ron Miller observes that "this is truly a community-wide event. Our local non-profits, businesses and dozens of volunteers collaborate to celebrate the written word and other arts."

The historic Norman Williams Public Library will simultaneously hold its annual vintage book sale, offering a special selection of fine, older used books for both serious collectors and curious browsers.

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1001 Walks

You Must Take Before You Die

Barry Stone, Editor

(Universe Publishing, Rizzoli International Publications)

Most of us may have a token list with big expectations of what adventure we must do in this lifetime. For us in the Northeast, hikers likely would want to walk the whole length of the Long Trail; for climbers it could be climbing Mt. Washington in New Hampshire (by foot, not car) or Mt. Katahdin in Maine; and for canoeists it would be paddling Maine's famous Allagash.

If walking, strolling, hiking and trekking is your forte then you will be encouraged and dared to compete as many as possible of the *1001 Walks You Must Take Before You Die* edited by Barry Stone with forward by Julia Bradbury (Universe Publishing, Rizzoli International Publications, \$36.96, www.rizzoliusa.com). Armchair travellers will also love this book while it takes them around the world.

The walking challenges described and shown in stunning color photographs in this 960-page book are broken to five categories: country hikes, heritage trail, coastal strolls, mountain paths and city walks. They are located in 162 countries throughout the world with the largest number of offerings—250, in the United States. They are followed by these countries offering from 25 to 50 walks: Scotland, Canada, Italy, France, England, Germany and Australia. Many countries may have only one to three walks, but that's a good sign for the future of this outdoor activity.

The longest hikes

The curious would want to know what is the longest hike. It is the 14,000-mile long Trans Canada Trail, the soon-to-be world's largest network of recreational trails finally linked together for Canada's 150th birthday in 2017. The trail which stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans and north to the Arctic Ocean is made up 400 individual trails. Allow 2-3 years to complete the walk!

Other long overland walks include The Iron Curtain Trail from Norway to Bulgaria (4,750 miles) and these in the 3,000-4,000-mile range: North Country National Scenic Trail from Crown Point, NY to North Dakota; Continental Divide Trail from Montana to New Mexico; Pacific Crest Trail from British Columbia in Canada to Campo, CA; the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine; and the Te Araroa Trail from North to South Islands, New Zealand.

Places we thought we could never go

One can't but notice that there are opportunities to hike in countries that were once our adversaries. Many former Soviet bloc countries offer visitors a chance to see and enjoy their wilderness and mountains. One can hike the 1,000-mile Ho Chi Minh Trail from Hanoi to Ho Chi Ming City in Vietnam. This easy to moderate grade trek takes 3-4 months through the jungles of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. Portions of the Great Wall of China (13,170 miles long) is a 'must-do' by visitors to that country. Different sections are open for walking with one at least 6.5 miles long.

For those so inclined a 100-mile Berlin Wall trail is available. (The infamous wall of the Cold war era was finally dismantled in 1989).

Walking along the coastlines

It is no surprise that many of the most appealing hikes are along coastlines where

beautiful landscapes meet the sea with its timeless sands and rocks, unusual wildlife, the ebb and flow of tides, and often powerful ocean surges. The book's photographs capture more than words—the unique magic of these places, hopefully never to be spoiled.

So many unusual places to visit

Among the many on the 'must do' list would include Umnak Island in the Aleutians, Alaska (4-70 miles) with its mud spots, heated geysers, hot springs, volcano craters and wildflowers; Isla del Sol, La Paz, Bolivia (5-10 miles), no cars here but 180 Incan ruins; Dingle Way, Kerry, Ireland (101 miles) a route steeped in history and scattered with the ruins of ancient dwellings, forts, churches; Lomyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway (varied distances) where the sun shines 24 hours a day in the summer and where hikers are required to carry a rifle for protection from polar bears; and mudflat walking on the Wadden Sea, Lower Saxony, Germany, where about 45,000 hardy souls a year find that twice a day at low tide it is possible to walk on the sea's sandy bed, often returning in waist deep in sea water on the way back to shore.

This is also a great geography book. You'll be reminded that more than 50 countries are completely surrounded by oceans or seas, most of them with inviting, even spectacular shorelines well worth a hike—obvious countries being Japan, the Philippines, Indonesia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Taiwan, Iceland, Australia, and even Cuba.

If you are small island-bound next winter planning to just to sit on the beach and soak up ocean breezes, you can also take a hike—yes, hike, on Jamaica, the U. S Virgin Island, Barbados and Bermuda, and other small islands—even the Azores if you get that far.

Heritage hikes

For hikers with an interest in history and the arts including music and literature, the Heritage section has many opportunities for you. In Vermont there's the Robert Frost Interpretative Trail (1.2 miles) in Ripton where one can walk the farmland and woods that inspired the poet; Boston's Freedom Trail connecting 16 historic Revolutionary War sites; the 4.25 mile Walk Whitman Trail at the poet-essayist's home West Hills, Long Island, NY; and a Richard Wagner Walking Tour in Saxony, Germany.

Hikes in Vermont and Maine

Vermont has several on the 'must hike' list: Buckling trail (7.2 miles up to Killington Peak with a warning about the last leg being considerably tougher with a 1,000-foot hand-over-hand scramble up Killington Spur to the rocky summit; Camel's Hump where on a fine day views stretch to Mount Marcy in New York and Mount Washington in New Hampshire; and the much easier five-hour Delaware and Hudson Rail Trail between West Rupert and Castleton, VT along the border with New York State.

For Vermonters who frequent the southern coast of Maine for sea breezes and lobsters, the guide suggests you go take the ferry from Portland to Peaks Island in Casco Bay for an easy grade two-hour loop around the island. Its eastern shoreline has large expanses of open horizon and views to some of the bay's other 211 islands.

1001 WALKS

YOU MUST TAKE BEFORE YOU DIE

GENERAL EDITOR
BARRY STONE

FOREWORD BY
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UNIVERSE

For more rugged walks, travel further 'Down East' for the 10-mile Bold Coast Trail along rugged ocean cliffs and through forests of spruce. The National Guard helped build the trail by helicoptering in cedar planks to build walkways over boggy stretches. The guide says the trail shows it is still possible to experience wilderness on the east coast of the U.S.

Central Park and Brooklyn Bridge

The next time you go to New York City for a ball game or musical, take your walking shoes or hiking boots. Try some of the 58 miles of walking trails within Central Park. Included is a six-mile hike over steep inclines and rugged paths. You won't be alone. Today more than 25 million people walk its 853 acres every year. Next try the Brooklyn Bridge for the one-mile trip and enjoy one of the best views of the New York skyline. Also, don't miss the city's new High Line, a transformed elevated rail line, "an aerial greenway" that runs along Manhattan's west side.

And on your way to the city go over the Hudson River on the reinvented, steel-cantilevered Poughkeepsie Bridge, the longest elevated pedestrian bridge in the world! The bridge crossing is part of a 7.5-mile hike "offering thrilling river views and connects

riverside parks, cultural attractions, and historic points of interest."

For exercise at your own pace, consider hiking on a boardwalk. You might be familiar with New York's Coney Island—"the promenade to reclaim the beach for the people." Or you could try New Jersey's Atlantic City's "the grandfather of all boardwalks"; Maryland's Ocean City "boardwalk on a barrier island" and the newest one, Myrtle Beach in South Carolina.

Barry Stone, the general editor of this one-of-a-kind book and a travel writer in Australia, offers the would-be hiker more than 30 amazing walks throughout his island continent. He was hooked on hiking when he and his wife did a nine-day trek in Nepal in 1993, and he has been a walking-writer ever since. Our compliments to him for getting travel writers, adventurers, and hiking enthusiasts from all over the world to contribute to this book with their best photos along with intriguing write-ups for each hike.

1001 Walks You Must Take Before You Die—Country Hikes, Heritage Trails, Coastal Strolls, Mountain Paths, City Walks by Barry Stone, Editor is available at your bookseller for \$36.95 or can be purchased from Universal Publishing, at www.rizzoliusa.com.

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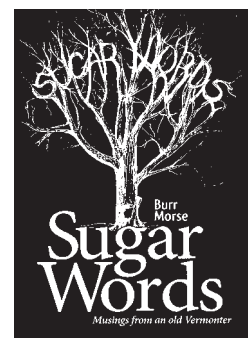
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by Burr Morse

There's never been a time in my life when there wasn't a "Barn Across the Road", except for now. It started one summer when my son, Tommy, looked the old thing over and concluded that it was 'terminal'—time to salvage the few timbers that were still OK. He began the process of clearing out the accumulated detritus of the past century, much of it thrown in haphazardly during my tenure at the Morse Farm. By mid-summer, Betsy and I had joined in the effort, 'mucking' out alternating trailers loads for the scrap yard and the landfill.

A Civil War era barn

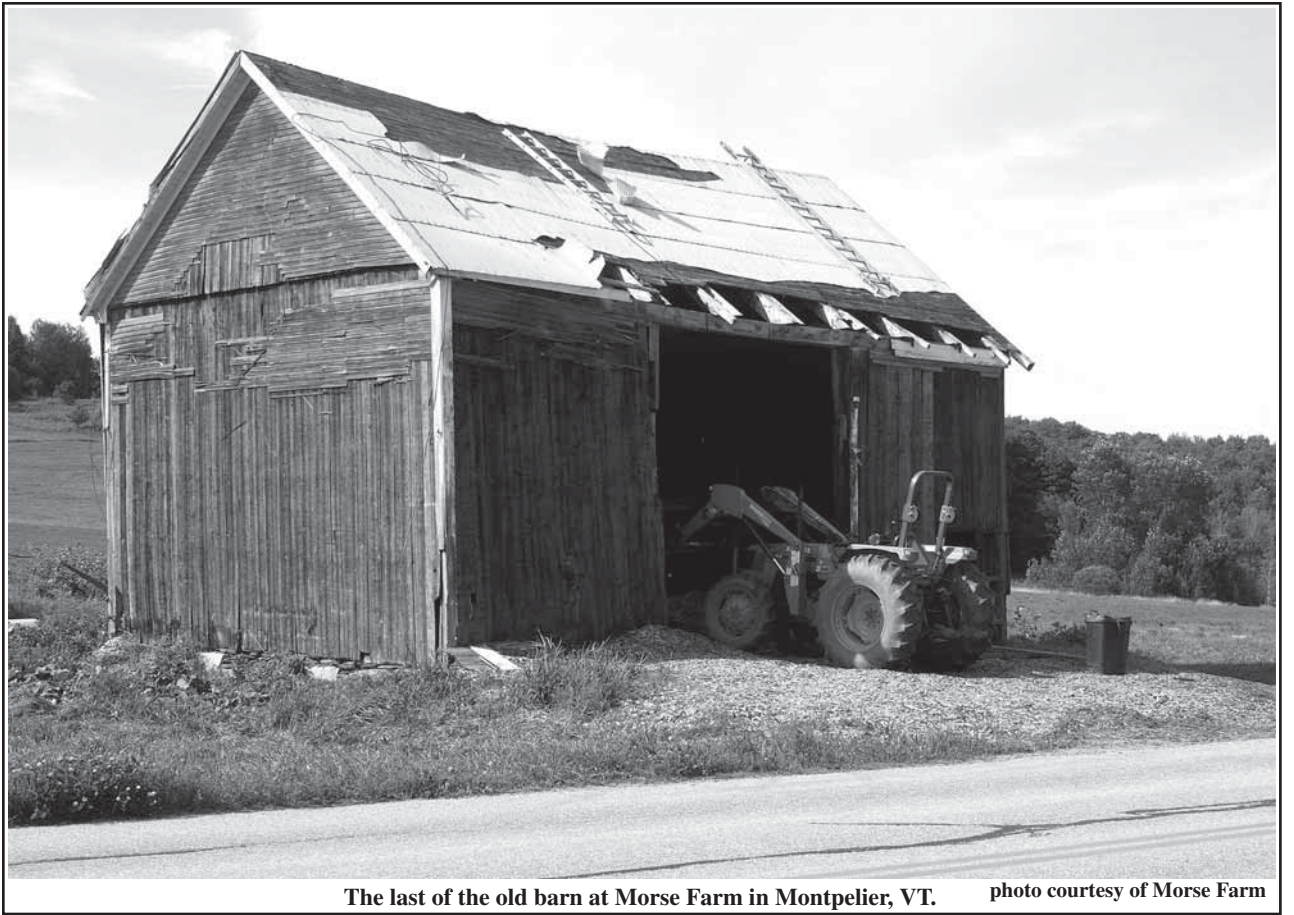
The old barn was born of handhewn timbers and wide, hemlock boards shortly after the Civil War. Even though its original purpose as a hay barn had evolved to wood chip storage at the end, there were still two hay scaffolds separated by a wide open path for wagons to enter one side and exit the other. The barn originally had a hay hoist system which consisted of a steel track bolted to the heavy-duty ridge pole, and huge steel claws which were suspended by ropes. The claws would swoop down, grab clumps of loose hay from waiting wagons and then whisk them away to different points in the scaffolds. It was a perfect system for the times but systems, like people, change, get old, die.

Taking it down piece by piece

Tommy started disassembling the barn, "peeling it like an onion" from high on its roof where modern sheet aluminum covered aged cedar shingles. Betsy worked the narrow clapboards which had been nailed weakly to a layer of barn boards. The barn boards had weathered to about one half their original thickness, telling us that the old structure had spent much of its life without the clap boards. Betsy remarked about the number of shims and the jagged cuts on both layers of its siding but as we exposed the posts and beams of its frame, we were struck by the quality and workmanship.

What framing really meant

I suddenly realized why the term, 'framing', was used so much back in the old days. Those folks put their "heart and souls" in the frames of buildings but shortchanged the facades. Hmmm...sometimes it seems the opposite in our artificial world of today. We marveled at the old barn's multiple



The last of the old barn at Morse Farm in Montpelier, VT. photo courtesy of Morse Farm

personalities and the secrets it offered with each board we took off. We even found liquor bottles stashed deep within its bowels, no doubt left by some long forgotten hired man!

We finally talked Tommy into abandoning his work high up on the steep roof when several people stopped and warned us of the danger he was in. One neighbor said he lost a whole night's sleep worrying that the barn would collapse and Tommy would end up badly injured or worse.

A practical decision for safety's sake

Suddenly our strategy changed and we made plans to pull it over with our tractor. On the appointed day, Tommy climbed a ladder and hitched a chain to a key timber about half way up the barn's south side. I positioned my tractor at a safe distance away, put her down into 'grandpa' gear, threw her into 4-wheel drive, and crept ahead to tension the four chains that were linked together.

On the first few pulls, the tractor just "snorted and pawed" like a bull getting ready for some real action. The old barn offered little more than a few creaks and a scattering of dust. I kept backing up, setting over, and nudging the accelerator toward more horsepower.

Finally there was a key cracking sound and some real movement. Knowing the next pull would end the life of the barn that had served nobly for so many years, I paused out of respect. Tommy stood a distance away, it seemed, at attention. From the vantage point that was so familiar, the farmhouse across the road, my brother recorded the scene with his camera. Finally I inched ahead. The old barn made one last groan, flexed in the middle, and gently bowed to the ground.

We inspected the remains and found much more rot than we expected. The last of the old barn's secrets came out;

somewhere back in time, it had spent a few years with a leaky roof.

To old barns everywhere

We all went home with a "rained on" feeling ourselves, knowing that it would take time to heal our grief. In the meantime, my thoughts go out to old barns everywhere. I know you're being slowly replaced by a motley collection of flat-roofed and plastic covered wanna-be's but times are pointing to the possible resurrection of your kin. Until that time, I'll just say "Well done good and faithful servant...rest in peace, dear Barn Across the Road."

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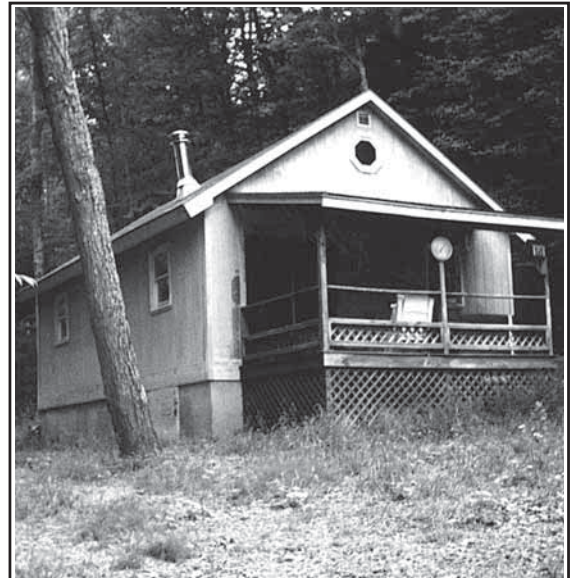
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