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July Notebook

Strata of the Longest Days

by Bill Felker

The only evidence of time is matter; both are fragile, utterly dependent on our observations. Looking back from this halfway point in the year, I attempt to take stock of what has happened around me in the landscape.

Behind this June solstice lie deposits of seasons and space accessible to anyone willing to dig through vegetative layers of desiccated leaves and petals.

The fossils of early spring are almost gone by now, but tracks of time still hold, evidence decaying quickly but often accessible to the careful sifter. Dividing the land into squares I find small pieces of March and April and May, lanky and withered foliage of spring bulbs, exhausted henbit, withered bluebells, traces of ramps. Some flowers have born fruit: strawberries, raspberries, pie cherries, mulberries, seeds in the rebuds.

The tangible remnants provide a modicum of con-

firmation. I can walk them back to the beginning of 2016. I fondle the pieces of proof, relive as best I can the ephemeral steps which brought me here, review their sequences pulled from the layers of the generations of species, the overgrowths of each previous phase.

Sometimes all this is too easy, and I understand the succession flawlessly, can name the strata as well as any archeologist. But sometimes I lose my way, find no trace of history, and I wonder: could this summer really be a separate phenomenon unrelated to what has gone before it, a sudden act of intelligent design or quirky magic? Has this past spring really vanished like so many emotions and thoughts and words, dying to be born again but never saved?

The sediment of passage tells so little of the miracle. Continuity, I conclude, is not really the land's affair. Nature only gives up so much.



Kids pitching hay onto a wagon at Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT.

photo by Billings Farm & Museum

Westminster, VT

15th Annual Westminster Garden Tour Coming Up July 9 & 10

Westminster Cares will hold its Fifteenth Annual Garden Tour on Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Westminster, VT. The event is held rain or shine.

This year's event will feature the gardens of internationally known garden designers Gordon and Mary Hayward and Julie Moir Messervy. The gardens of Vanessa and David Stern will also be on the tour and David Stern, has donated an original watercolor of Twin Falls in North Westminster to Westminster Cares. Special activities are planned throughout the weekend.

Julie Moir Messervy, JMMS, will give a talk on Saturday and Sunday on "Your Garden Style: Making a Landscape That Fits You and Your Property." Cyndy Fine, Genius Loci, will lead a walking tour and talk through her garden on "Creating Biodiversity in Your Gardens" on both Saturday and Sunday. Tour the oldest organic farm in Vermont, High Meadows Farm, with Howard & Lisa Prussack on Sunday. Visit a Greenhouse and hike to Berry Fields.

There will be a Private End-of-Day Tour of their gardens with Gordon & Mary Hayward, (separate ticket needed) on Saturday. And Morning Star Perennials will hold a plant sale at the Hayward Garden during the event.

In conjunction with the Garden Tour there will be a Raffle.

Tickets can be purchased for a chance to win ten fabulous prizes including a garden trellis, a wooden outdoor bench, and a one-night stay at the Grafton Inn with breakfast and dinner at the Phelps Barn included.

Admission for one or both days is \$15; two for \$25. Discounted tickets can be purchased online through our website with group discounts for 6 or more. Day of event tickets, lunch and refreshments will be available at the Westminster Institute on Route 5 or at the Hayward Garden.

Proceeds from the tour support the services and programs of Westminster Cares, a volunteer organization whose mission is to create opportunities for seniors and disabled adults to live with independence and dignity in the community.

The Westminster Institute is located at 3338 Rt. 5 in Westminster, VT. The Hayward Garden is located at 508 McKinnon Rd. in Putney, VT. For more information on the tour visit www.westminstercares.org. Call (802) 722-3607. wecares@sover.net.



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Visitors on a wagon ride during the Hay Day celebration at Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT.

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Woodstock, VT

Summertime at Billings Farm & Museum

Billings Farm is an operating Jersey dairy farm that continues a 145-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 33rd Anniversary this year. 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 Monday, July 4th, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. featuring traditional music, flag-making, hand cranked ice cream, horse-drawn wagon rides, patriotic speeches, and an historic debate. A special feature will be the continuous showing in the visitor center theater of *Island of Hope, Island of Tears*, a 28-minute documentary by the late 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 men's debate on the topic, "Should the Electoral College be Continued?" Adults and older students can participate 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 5th through August 23rd 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, tiddlywinks, and the stereoscope, plus needlework, photo albums, and games. No pre-registration is necessary.

Foodways Fridays

Find out about heirloom vegetable and see them used in late 19th and early 20th century recipes prepared in our 1890 Farmhouse kitchen. Foodways Fridays will be offered Fridays through October 28th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Each Friday will feature a different menu, including such traditional New England favorites as Ladies Cabbage, Flemish Carrots, Cymling Pudding, and Pink Velvet Soup. Recipes will be available to take home. This program also includes a visit to the heirloom garden to chat with the Billings Farm gardener. The day is a great way for children to learn the importance of preserving heirloom seeds and caring about where their food comes from.

Wagon Ride Wednesdays

Horse-drawn wagon rides are offered at Billings Farm & Museum each Wednesday, July 6th through September 28th, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Celebrate National Ice Cream Day

Celebrate National Ice Cream Day on Sunday, July 17th 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. At 2 p.m. visitors are welcome to join in an "historic" baseball game played in the Billings' fields or enjoy as spectators.

Hay Day!

Hay Day is coming up on Sunday, July 24th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring traditional 19th century haying techniques with Billings Farm's draft horses and narrated horse-drawn wagon rides. Children's activities include penny-in-the-hay-stack and making clothespin horses and scarecrow puppets.

This is a great opportunity to see how field work was done in Vermont over a century ago and also experience modern-day methods at our operating dairy farm. See our award-winning Jersey cows that produce the milk for our 100% raw milk cheddar cheese. Visit the flock of Southdown sheep, three teams of draft horses, and the farm oxen.

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. 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.

The Farm & Museum is located one-half mile north of the village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org.



Hand cranking ice cream at Billings Farm & Museum. photo by Billings Farm & Museum



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Blueberries

Recipes for Summer Treats

SUMMER BLUEBERRY "POP" PIE

4 cup fresh blueberries 3 tablespoons cornstarch
 ¼ cup water ¼ tablespoon salt
 1 cup sugar 1 tablespoon butter
 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Prepare 9" pie shell, bake until golden brown. Cool. Place 2 cups raw berries into cooled pie shell. Cook 2 cups berries, water, sugar, lemon juice, cornstarch and salt until thick. Stir in butter. Pour over raw berries in pie shell. Chill. Serve with whipped cream if desired. You must make this at least once every summer when the local berries are ripe!

BLUEBERRY SOUR CREAM PANCAKES

2 cups all-purpose flour 2 cups sour cream
 2 tablespoons sugar ½ cup oil
 2 teaspoons baking powder 2 cups blueberries
 1 teaspoon baking soda dusted with nutmeg
 2 large eggs

In a bowl whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, and baking soda. In another bowl whisk together the eggs, sour cream and oil, add the flour mixture and stir the batter until it is just combined. Fold in the blueberries gently. Bake on a griddle heated to 350°. Top with lemon sauce or other favorite syrup.

BERRY BEST BLUEBERRY MUFFINS

1 cup flour 2 egg whites
 ¾ cup whole-wheat pastry flour ⅔ cup buttermilk
 ¾ cup sugar ½ cup applesauce
 1 tablespoon baking powder 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 teaspoon finely shredded lemon peel 1 cup blueberries

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Prepare six large, 3-inch muffin cups and set aside. In a large bowl, stir together both flours, sugar, baking powder and lemon peel, making sure all is evenly distributed. Make a well in the center of the mixture. In a small bowl, beat the egg whites until foamy. Stir in the buttermilk, applesauce and vanilla. Add the liquid mixture to the dry mixture and stir until just moistened. Fold in the blueberries. Spoon the batter into the prepared cups, filling each ¾ full. Bake for 22 to 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool the muffins in the pan for 5 minutes, then remove them to cool on a wire rack.



Fresh blueberries, ripe for the picking.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

BLUEBERRY BUCKLE

¾ cup sugar 2½ cups blueberries
 ¼ cup butter Streusel Topping
 2 eggs ¼ cup sugar
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract ¼ cup brown sugar
 2 cups flour ¼ cup flour
 2 teaspoons baking powder ¼ cup butter
 ½ teaspoon salt ½ teaspoon cinnamon
 ½ cup buttermilk

Make streusel topping and set aside: blend sugar, brown sugar, flour, butter, and ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon, until crumbly. Then cream butter and sugar, beat and add eggs and vanilla. Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Add flour mixture and buttermilk, alternately, to the batter. Stir in berries. Spread batter in lightly greased 9 inch square baking pan. Sprinkle with streusel topping. Bake at 375°F for 25-30 minutes or until wooden pick inserted near center comes out clean.

BLUEBERRY COBLER

½ cup butter, melted 1 cup sugar
 (for a low-fat crust, 1 tsp. baking powder
 substitute ½ cup ½ cup milk
 applesauce for the butter) 2 cups blueberries
 1 cup all-purpose flour ½ cup sugar

Pour melted butter into a greased 2-quart square baking dish. Stir together flour, 1 cup sugar, and baking powder in a medium bowl. Stir in milk. Pour over melted butter. Cook and stir berries and ½ cup sugar in a small saucepan over medium heat just until heated through and fruit starts to juice out. Carefully spread over the batter. Bake in a 350° oven for 35 minutes or until crust is golden brown (crust will rise, then

fall during cooling). If desired, serve warm with whipped cream sprinkled with ground cinnamon. Serves 8-10.

BLUEBERRY PEACH CRISP

1 cup rolled oats ½ cup butter
 1 cup brown sugar 4 cups blueberries
 ¾ cup flour, divided 2 cups sliced peaches

Preheat oven to 350°. Combine oats, brown sugar and ½ cup flour. Cut in butter with pastry blender or two knives until well blended and moist enough to form a ball. Place well drained berries in bottom of 8x8" baking dish and toss with remaining ¼ cup flour. Add peaches to baking dish. Sprinkle crumb mixture evenly over fruit and bake in 350° oven for 35-40 minutes or until golden brown. This juicy and highly flavored crisp becomes thicker upon cooling. Delicious served with vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt. Serves 6-8.

BLUEBERRY COTTAGE PUDDING

2 cups flour Milk
 1 cup sugar 3 tablespoons melted butter
 2 teaspoons baking powder ⅔ cup blueberries
 1 egg

Sift the flour, sugar, and baking powder together. Break the egg into a cup, fill up with milk. Add this to the flour mixture, alternating with the melted butter. Beat well. Add ⅔ cup fresh blueberries, washed, drained and dredged with flour. Serve hot. Nice served with a lemon or other sauce.

These recipes are shared with you courtesy of www.justberryrecipes.com where you will find many more recipes that do justice to summer berries.

Rose Barlow's Black Raspberry Recipes

Black Raspberry Vinaigrette

The crown of a good salad is the dressing! Making your own salad dressings is easy and fun. The Black Raspberry juice adds a splash of summer to your favorite green salad recipes.

2 cups olive oil 2 Tbsp lemon juice
 1 cup Black Raspberry juice 1 tsp salt
 4 Tbsp parsley 2 cloves garlic

Whip all the above ingredients together in a blender until smooth and creamy-looking. Note: This recipe may separate when stored in the fridge. Simply pop it back in the blender to freshen it up.

Black Raspberry Lemonade

2 cups honey 1½ cups lemon juice
 2 cups Black Raspberry juice 3 quarts water

Gently heat 1 quart of water with 2 cups of honey until honey is dissolved. Don't boil it, especially if you are using raw honey. Let cool completely, then add lemon juice and Black Raspberry juice. Add the other 2 quarts of water, pour into

a gallon container and top off with water to make one full gallon. Chill overnight in the refrigerator.

Freezing Berries

If I'm in a hurry, I freeze berries to use later on in the year. They are as simple as putting them into quart freezer bags or containers and setting them in the freezer. It takes only a few minutes to put up a bucketful this way. Kids love to suck on frozen berries for a healthy snack anytime of the year.

Unfortunately when they thaw out they are never quite the same; they tend to get soggy and seedy, although some kinds of berries fare better than others. They just aren't as good in the dessert recipes as the fresh berries. Since they won't behave in pie or cobbler recipes anymore, I run my thawed berries through a sieve and just use the pulp or juice to make a variety of treats.

These recipes of Rose Barlow's are shared with permission of www.rosesprodigalarden.org. Visit for more wild foods tips and recipes.

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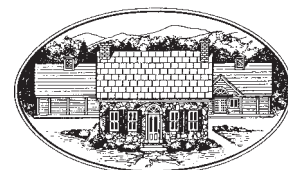
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The duo has been touring in the U.S. and Ireland for 20 years and live on the road full time, travelling from town to town in their van with over 30 instruments from around the World in tow, performing at music festivals, theatres & performing arts centers, folk societies, libraries, house concerts and schools. They are modern day troubadours with an Old World sound playing Sitar, Krumhorn, Charango, Dulcimers and Recorders—and performing songs in Gaelic, Sanskrit and French along with stories and poetry. The couple performs 150 concerts a year and have released 12 recordings. Theirs is a concert not to be missed.

Aodh Og O'Tuama grew up in a family of poets, musicians and writers. He received his degree in Music from University College Cork, Ireland and received a Fellowship from Stanford University in California in Medieval and Renaissance performance. He plays Tinwhistles, Medieval & Renaissance woodwinds, Recorders, Doumbek (from Morocco), bowed Psaltery, Spoons and sings both in English, Gaelic & French.

Christy Martin grew up in a family of musicians and dancers. From the age of 15, she studied North Indian Sitar for 10 years, five of them with a student of master Sitarist Ravi Shankar. She began playing the Hammered Dulcimer in her 20's. In addition she plays Mandolin, Mandola, Bouzouki, Banjo, Guitar, Bodhran (Irish frame drum), Charango, bowed Psaltery and sings in English, Irish, Spanish and Sanskrit.

Concert Schedule

Friday, July 15, 7:30-10 p.m. Celtic, Folk & World music concert. Freewill donation. Mount Holly Library, 26 Maple Hill Rd., Belmont, VT. (802) 259-3707.

Saturday, July 23, 11 a.m. -12 p.m. "Around the World in 30 Instruments" Concert. Free family concert. South Burlington Community Library, 540 Dorset St. (802) 652-7086. www.sburlcomlib.com.

Monday, July 25, 6:30-8 p.m. "Around the World in 30 Instruments" Concert. Freewill donation. Norwich Public Library, 368 Main St. Norwich, VT. (802) 649-1184.

Sunday, July 31, 4-5:30 p.m. Vaughn Recital Series. Free concert. Faulkner Recital Hall, Hopkins Center, Hanover, NH. music.dartmouth.edu/news-events.

Tuesday, August 2, 6-8 p.m. Free outdoor family concert.



Aodh Og O'Tuama and Christy Martin performing in New England this summer. photo by Linda Fedrico-O'Murchu

(Rain date Aug. 3). Landry Park, Pine St., Winooski, VT. www.winooskivt.org

Thursday, August 4, 7 p.m. Celtic Evening Prayer Service with musical performance. Immanuel Retreat Center and Stone Church Arts, 12 Church St., Bellows Falls, VT. (802) 460-0110. www.stonechurcharts.org.

Friday, August 5, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Celtic Music Concert. Tickets \$20, seniors & students \$15. Immanuel Retreat Center and Stone Church Arts, 12 Church St., Bellows Falls, VT. (802) 460-0110. www.stonechurcharts.org.

Saturday, August 6, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Workshop:

Singing in Gaelic. A brief overview of pronunciation of the Gaelic (Irish) language followed by the teaching of traditional Irish songs. Fee: \$45.00 includes pronunciation guide and music. Immanuel Retreat Center and Stone Church Arts, 12 Church St., Bellows Falls, VT. (802) 460-0110. www.stonechurcharts.org.

Saturday, August 6, 7:30-9:30 p.m. The Old Meeting House, 1620 Center Rd., East Montpelier, VT. (802) 229-9593. www.oldmeetinghouse.org.

To contact Christy Martin & Aodh Og O'Tuama call (650-274-1100. fourshillingsshort@gmail.com. Visit fourshillingsshort.com.

Calling the Cows

The evening sky is all aglow.
The sunlight falls in last caress
Upon the hills and seems to press
A parting kiss. The poplars throw
Their lengthening shadows on the grass.
Bearing their clover-gathered store
Belated bees now homeward pass;
The stir and heat of day are o'er.
But on the evening calm I hear
A bell-like summons ringing clear,
"Co' Boss! Co' Boss!"

An answering note comes faintly back,
The tinkle of a distant bell;
From rocky slope and leafy dell
Following many a well-worn track,
The meek-eyed cows come down and pass
Yonder to the milking sheds,
Cropping the sweet and dewy grass
Fragrant with bending clover heads
In calm contentment, one and all

Obedient to the evening call,
"Co' Boss! Co' Boss!"

The drowsy bell is heard no more.
The birds and beasts have gone to rest
Seeking on Nature's loving breast
The balm she ever holds in store.
One by one the peaceful stars
God's acolytes, illumine the sky,
And still I lean upon the bars
And muse on happy days gone by
When I, as evening's mantle fell
Called home the cows from hill and dell,
"Co' Boss! Co' Boss!"

— C. H. STONE



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The Old House

We should walk with soft and careful tread
Who sweep aside the veil
That hides the dim and shadowy realm,
The port of lost and vanished years,
The joys and tragedys of lives
That sound like tales and legends
From musty tomes
Of centuries ago.

There's something in an old house,
An atmosphere that puts the seal of silence
On the lips.

What might its old walls tell
Of those who lived there long ago?
What joys and sorrows made or marred their lives?
What calamity of birth or death,
Or deeper pain, within its precincts
Hidden from the world?
The world knows enough; uncaring it goes on!
It may be the weary traveler,
The world-saddened traveler,
Who finds the grass grown path
Leading to the door.

Reluctant to open
It may sag, lest stranger eyes should read
On the scarred and broken walls
Some dust-veiled secret
Of the lost and silent years.

It is the world-saddened traveler
Who holds the old house
And all its closely guarded secrets,
A legacy too sacred to reveal,
Who goes softly forth, nor tells the world
What he may have read
Behind its sagging door.

—ELLA WARNER FISHER
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A family gathering about 1895 at the Schroeder Cottage, now Silver Towers conference center for the Vermont State Grange. From *West Brookfield and Thereabouts*. photo courtesy of Alice Wakefield

VSO Summer Festival Tour Brings "Wanderlust" to the Hills of Vermont with Picnics, Pops and Fireworks under the Stars!

Music lovers can celebrate the long-awaited coming of summer with picnics, pops and fireworks. From Thursday, June 30, through Saturday, July 11, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra will present its annual Summer Festival Tour in eight locations around Vermont.

"There's something truly magical about experiencing outdoor live music on a warm summer evening in Vermont," says Executive Director Benjamin Cadwallader. We're thrilled to continue this beloved summer tradition of spreading that magic throughout Vermont with a world musical tour for this year's TD Bank Summer Festival Tour: Wanderlust.

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The concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. and gates open at 5:30 p.m. for picnicking.

Concert Schedule

Thursday, June 30, 7:30 pm, Mountain Top Inn, Chittenden, VT.
Friday, July 1, 7:30 pm, Suicide Six Ski Area, South Pomfret, VT.
Saturday, July 2, 7:30 pm, Riley Rink at Hunter Park, Manchester Center, VT.

Sunday, July 3, 7:30 pm, Grafton Ponds Outdoor Center, Grafton, VT.

Monday, July 4, 7:30 pm, Shelburne Museum, Shelburne
Friday, July 8, 7:30 pm, Okemo Mountain Resort Jackson Gore Inn, Ludlow, VT.

Saturday, July 9, 7:30 pm, Three Stallion Inn, Randolph, VT.

Sunday, July 10, 7:30 pm, Trapp Family Concert Meadow, Stowe, VT.

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra is the only professional statewide orchestra that provides live musical experiences for listeners in Vermont. It is a state-assisted non-profit institution founded in 1935 and exists for the purpose of fostering and encouraging the appreciation of music in all its various forms, with emphasis on orchestral, choral and chamber music.

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Bookstock Literary Festival Returns for Eighth Year

Bookstock returns to Woodstock this year on July 29-31. The festival brings together over forty authors, poets and other artists to present and discuss their work. Presentations and workshops are held in historic buildings around the village green and at nearby sites such as ArtisTree Gallery in Pomfret and the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park in Woodstock.

Poet Richard Blanco will give the keynote presentation on Saturday morning, July 30. He will reflect on his own Cuban heritage, Latin American migration, and what connects us all across social, political and cultural gaps. Blanco read one of his poems at President Obama's second Inauguration and is widely acclaimed for his sensitive and insightful work.

Other award winning poets, including Mark Doty and Jorie Graham, and two Vermont poet laureates, Chard DeNiord and Ellen Bryant Voigt, will be on the program, as well as beloved Northeast Kingdom novelist Howard Frank Moshier and other fine writers of regional fiction.

In the categories of nonfiction and memoir, Bookstock 2016 brings together diverse perspectives on the human experience, with authors talking about drug addiction, transgender identity, growing up in the Rust Belt and the rural south, people enduring extraordinary crises or living in the wilderness.

Other presentations will take the audience to faraway places like Siena, Italy and the Himalayan region of India.

Bookstock also presents recent work in the field of African American history, the Cold War, women in the space program, and other historical topics. Nature writer Mary Holland will read her new work for children, while another session celebrates the 100th anniversary of America's national park service.

During Bookstock weekend, Woodstock filmmaker Jim Sadwith will screen his award-winning coming of age story about his encounter with author J. D. Salinger. Renowned actor Chris Cooper, who plays Salinger in the film, *Coming Through the Rye*, will be on hand to talk with the audience.

Another Bookstock session features Carol Dunne and Eric Bunge, directors of the Northern Stage Company in White River Junction, relating the process they go through to put together a season of live theater.

Bookstock hosts two remarkable book sales at once. Norman Williams Public Library offers a unique selection



Book lovers examine the wares under the tent at Bookstock in Woodstock, VT.

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of fine vintage books of interest to both serious and casual collectors. In addition, NWPL and the North Universalist Chapel Society collaborate to put together an extraordinary used book fair. Thousands of quality secondhand books are available at yard sale prices under a tent on the Green, carefully arranged by genre and topic.

In addition to the presentations, the festival includes music and food and a poetry slam. Plan to see the Eighth Annual Unbound exhibit of literary-themed art at the ArtisTree Gallery. There is something for everyone!

Poet Julia Shipley, who will read her work this year, says that "Bookstock is one of the very best literary events in Vermont. It's the perfect combination of who, where, and when—offering readings by nationally acclaimed writers

amid Woodstock's charming and accessible village, surrounded by the gorgeous scenery of Vermont's high summer." Bookstock is free (except for the film) and open to all.

For inquiries contact Ron Miller at info@bookstockvt.org. For complete information see www.bookstockvt.org.

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Dog sleeping in my yard,
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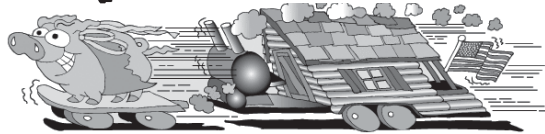


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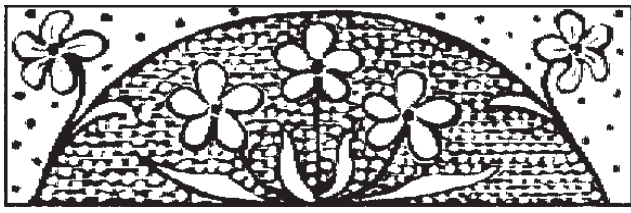
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Farming and Gardening With the Moon

by Bill Felker

As summer warmth continues to build, remember that water consumption requirements for livestock are between two and three times that of dry food. High protein feed that contains salt will add to an animal's need for liquid. Watch for contamination in the water, especially in the chicken house, and consider adding a water-soluble vitamin and mineral on a regular basis.

Hot weather is hard on your horses, too. Be sure they have plenty of shade. And mosquitoes that spread West Nile Virus are especially dangerous to your animals; check your property for mosquito breeding areas.

Pastures of clovers and cool-season grasses stressed by drought early in the summer can suffer more severely during this stagnant July weather. Even as the fields dry up, don't neglect to increase feed to your breeder animals, and consider a physical examination for each.

Include the mums in your summer care; give them a little extra food now for extra blossoms in September. In fact, keep all flowers and vegetables well watered and fed to help them resist the onslaught of July's insects and weather. Then put in fall beets and turnips while the moon wanes in the early or the late days of July.

As the Dog Days intensify, keep an eye on your animals after you have transported them to county or state fairs. Be sure they have plenty of attention, feed and water, especially at full moon, perigee and new moon. And be alert for any changes in their bearing or behavior that might signal problems associated with new surroundings and a change of routine. All things being equal, livestock (like people) may be more susceptible to disease after a traumatic trip when the moon is either full or new than during their regular day-to-day life.



Coneflowers in a summer field in northern Vermont.

photo by Jeff Gold

Before the moon turns full, consider planting tomatoes for autumn and winter greenhouse fruit. As conditions permit, seed fall pastures and late summer greens, beans, and peas. Put out cabbage, kale and collard sets. Complete the harvest of winter wheat and oats under the dark moon. Start the cutting of summer cabbage or cauliflower, too.

Late July, when the day's length has lost an average of 30 to 45 minutes from its longest span, is the typical time for does and ewes to show first signs of estrus cycling. Check your records now to estimate the cycle date for each of your animals; those dates are often similar from year to year. Then prepare your enclosures for the mating season. For rambunctious bucks, you may need to run hot wires across the top and bottom of your fences.

Drought, heat and age contribute to declining nutritional

value in grasses by this time of the summer. Variety in browse offers chances for better nourishment to your flock and herd. Some farmers have livestock graze the hay fields when the pastures give out.

Gallery at Equinox Village Presents Watercolor Exhibit

Watercolor artist Nancy Lent Lanoue is the featured artist at the Gallery at Equinox Village in Manchester, VT with "Watercolors Inspired by a Life in Vermont" on exhibit July 21 to August 12. Nancy has been surrounded by the natural beauty of New England throughout her life.

Whether gazing upon a fog-filled valley, exploring the woods from dawn to dusk, or berry picking on a sunny slope, she relishes returning to these images through her art.

About her work, she says, "While moved by the external beauty of Vermont's natural and architectural images, the intrinsic design qualities of nature hold special allure. Perhaps my tendency toward realism is that the process of observing the subject is peaceful, yet focused. Creating watercolor art is a chance to linger on a scene before it

disappears into the whirl of the moment."

Nancy grew up at the end of a dirt road in South Strafford, Vermont overlooking Downer State Forest. Her father, abstract expressionist artist, Harlow Lent was her first art teacher. After studying art at Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois, and graduating from the University of Vermont, she took a 30-year detour into an education and administrative career.

Starting in 2003 she began seriously studying art again with several professional artists including Peter Hunt-oon, William Lambert, and Peter Granucci. She has been showing and selling her work since 2007.

To contact the artist Nancy Lent Lanoue call (802) 885-6156. Visit www.nlwatercolor.com. "Like" her on Facebook.



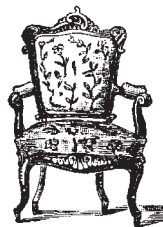
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Still the green soil, with joyous living things
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—William Cullen Bryant

The Weeks of the Moon

Week One

The Raspberry Moon reaches perigee (its position closest to Earth) on July 1. It darkens throughout the period and becomes the new Coneflower Moon at 6:01 a.m. on July 4.

As the Coneflower Moon waxes, it brings on the black-eyed Susans, gray-headed coneflowers, showy coneflowers, and the white, purple and red coneflowers. When their blossoms disappear, early fall will be fast approaching.

Fishing should be best in the late morning and early afternoon as the moon moves overhead prior to the arrival of the July 6th cool front. Plant both before and after the new moon, especially in Taurus on June 29 - July 1, and in Cancer (July 3-5).

Week Two

The Coneflower Moon, new on July 4, waxes throughout the period, entering its second quarter on the 11th at 9:52 a.m. It reaches apogee, its position farthest from Earth on the 13th.

Lunar conditions for planting a middle summer garden are favorable through the week, especially in Scorpio on the 12th through the 15th.

The moon will be overhead (the best lunar position for fishing) in the afternoon. Take advantage of evening temperatures to stay out late and watch moonset over the water. The days prior to the cool front due on the 14th should land the most fish.

Week Three

The Coneflower Moon, entering its second quarter the 11th, continues to wax throughout the period, becoming round and full on July 19 at 5:57 p.m. Fishing should be best during the evening as the moon climbs overhead at that time. The days prior to the 21 cool front are likely to be the most productive times of the week. Plant for autumn salads in Capricorn on July 17-19.

Week Four

The Coneflower Moon, full on July 19, wanes throughout the rest of the month, entering its last quarter at 6 p.m. on July 26 and reaching perigee, its position closest to Earth on the 27th. Rising in the evening and setting close to sunrise, the gibbous third-quarter moon shines throughout the night. As the barometer falls in advance of the July 28 cool front, go fishing; do it when the moon is overhead after midnight and the air is cool.

After full moon, mid-summer lunar stress declines quickly, creating more favorable conditions for vacationers, public service employees, shoppers and livestock owners. The moon's third quarter also provides excellent lunar conditions for putting in autumn turnips. Lunar position in Pisces on July 22-24 is even better.

The Sun

Aphelion, the point at which the Earth is farthest from the sun, occurs on July 4 at 11 a.m. On July 22, the Sun enters the sign of Leo. Throughout July, the Sun drops steadily from its solstice declination of 23 degrees 26 minutes to a late-summer declination of 18 degrees 29 minutes. That distance is approximately a fourth of the way towards autumn equinox.

The Meteors

Look for the southern Delta Aquarid meteors after midnight on the 28th of July in the southern sky. And watch for the Capricornid shooting stars near Capricorn in the southeastern sky after midnight on the 29th and 30th. The dark moon will assist you in your search for shooting stars.

The Stars

In the late evenings of middle summer, the teapot-like star formation of Libra lies in the south, followed by Scorpius and its red center, Antares. Sagittarius, the Archer, follows the Scorpion in the southeast. Above the Archer, the Milky



Jersey herd grazes in the fields at Billings Farm & Museum, Woodstock, VT. photo by Billings Farm & Museum

Way sweeps up toward Cassiopeia in the north. By the end of July, the Big Dipper is moving into the far northwest by 10 p.m., and it will lie along the northern horizon after midnight. June's planting star, Arcturus, has shifted deep into the western sky a few hours after sundown, and Pegasus, outrider of October, fills the east.

The Planets

All the brightest planets share the western sky within the next two months. Venus appears once again, this time in Virgo, after dark on July 14. Jupiter, also in Virgo, sidles up to Venus (the brighter of the two) by the end of August. Mars, also visible in the west in the evening, moves from Libra to Scorpio, approaching Saturn as the summer comes to a close.

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Reenactors fight in the Battle of Hubbardton. This year the event takes place July 9 & 10, 2016. photo by Nancy Cassidy

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Cousins' Weekend

by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

For many years now on the last Saturday of July, my extended family has been holding a Cousins Weekend. It's most often been at the Paige-Gibbs farm in East Barnard, VT, but it's also been at The Manse in Castleton, VT, over in Maine, and one year, remembering all the summers that our aunts and uncles vacationed together on Lake Bomoseen, we held it at my husband and my Avalon Beach cottage.

My mother was a Gibbs, one of Claude and Sarah Gibbs's six children: Stanley, Gerald, Harold, Alma, Connie and Geraldine. They started out on a farm in Hubbardton, but my grandfather wasn't much of a farmer, and later he moved his family to Castleton. At the end of their lives, my grandparents lived in the house that is now the Homestead Senior Center in Castleton Corners.

The six children and their spouses (none of these spouses born and brought up farther away than Dorset, Barnard, Shrewsbury and Fair Haven) socialized together all of their lives, and they liked talking about their progenitors.

They especially liked to talk about Grandpa Fish, my grandmother Gibbs's father, an itinerant preacher who had been traumatized during the Civil War when he, "wandered all night amongst the dead at the Battle of the Wilderness." This is the biblical parlance in which it's always recounted

In my twenties, I realized that the aunts and uncles weren't going to live forever, so I suggested a Cousins' Week-end, much like the older relatives' get-togethers. The cousins said they were "up for it."

We gathered that first year, in the middle of a deep-snow winter, at the Paige-Gibbs farm in East Barnard. We were all kids, just starting our lives. Most had to drive a distance,

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and many had difficulties. It provided the basis for a lot of stories that we repeat to this day.

For example, my just-out-of-college sister drove up from New York City, where she was working at her first job, picked up Cousin Oz Gibbs, and he wound up having to push her VW Bug out of a snow bank somewhere in the Berkshires.

After everyone arrived, we sledged down the hill in back and played board games, slept upstairs in the little, slope-ceilinged, 19th century bedrooms, and later we talked about Grandpa Fish.

But we didn't repeat Cousins' Weekend the next year, and soon everyone was busy with their careers and starting their families. Later, the aunts' and uncles' funerals began, and after one of these, we all decided that it was time to revive Cousins Weekend-end.

The year we met at my husband and my cottage, Cousin Sandra, the family genealogist, came over from Boothbay, Maine a day early to continue her Castleton houses research. Recently-widowed Cousin David drove up from Virginia with an elegant date we figured he was going to marry, and he did. Cousin Steven, who spent years in Peru as a missionary and raised a family of Gibbs boys in South America, another preacher like Grandpa Fish, couldn't come.

Cousin Bobby and his wife Diane drove over from New Hampshire. The three East Barnard Gibbsses, research librarian Paige Gibbs, her technical-writer brother Osborne Ashley Gibbs, and the youngest, Sarah (Sally) Beebe, named after our grandmother Sarah Gibbs, a teachers' aid in the Barre school system, didn't have much of a trip. We were originally ten. We've lost one cousin—Emily, the youngest of us, died a few years ago.

On a hot August day in the late nineteen fifties when all of us cousins were together visiting our grandparents in Castleton Corners, we had a goofy notion to make a human pyramid and take a picture. We had no idea how iconic that picture would become for all of us. In a necessarily-modified form, we redo the pyramid every year.

The decades-later Cousins' Weekend when everyone assembled on my husband and my cottage porch, we recounted some satisfying stories: my Grandfather Gibbs taking youngsters Bobby and David out to see the cows, Bobby patting them lovingly and unseen-David, on the other side, giving them terrible kicks.

We remembered the once-a-week laundry day when little hellion Bobby put his hand into the ringer washer, and terrified aunts came running to free him.



A pyramid formed by cousins at the Paige-Gibbs Cousin's Weekend in Castleton Corners, VT in the early 1950s.

Cousin Sandra distributed her old Castleton post cards. We all huddled around the photos and squabbled over identification, and then Cousin Oz, who really knows this stuff, said "You realize Grandpa Fish had a second family." There was a stunned silence.

"When he came back from the Civil War," Oz continued, "his wife had given him up for dead, and she'd divorced him." (No one in our family ever divorces.)

Then Oz reminded us, "At the Battle of the Wilderness, he'd wandered all night amongst the dead." The cousins murmured together and sighed.

We had one much-younger, next-generation, second cousin with us that year. I recognized his almost-certain boredom

and patient forbearance. Later, I took him aside. I said, "It may not seem it now, but one day, looking back, this will be important; you'll be glad you came."

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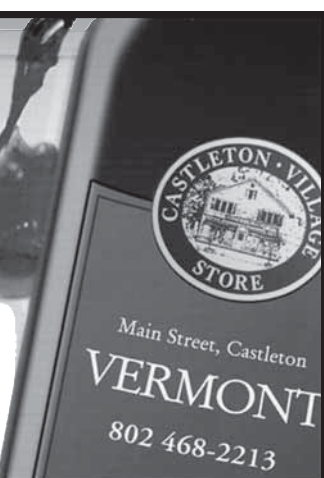
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BRADFORD. Strawberry Festival. Strawberry shortcakes and sundaes. Sponsored by Eastern Star and Masons. \$4-\$6. 11 am – 8 pm. Bradford Academy, 172 N. Main St. (802) 222-4014.

LEICESTER. Otter Creek Festival—Looking Through the Glass. An interactive journey down a rabbit hole that lands you in Lewis Carroll's beautifully crafted Wonderland. 8 pm. General admission \$39. Must be bought beforehand. At Chris Russ' Garden, Cram Rd. (802) 855-8081. merchantshallpress@gmail.com. www.ottercreekfestival.org. Also July 2.

MIDDLEBURY. Pops Concert and Fireworks featuring the Vermont Philharmonic. Bring chairs, blankets, and flashlights. Tickets: adult \$25, youth \$10; under 12 free. Grounds open at 5:30 pm for picnics; Concert begins at 7:30 pm. Middlebury College in the field behind the Mahaney Center for the Arts (rain site: Kenyon Arena). (802) 388-2117. www.henrysheldonmuseum.org.

SOUTH POMFRET. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Tour Concert, "Wanderlust." Tickets: Adult \$35, child 6-17 \$5, child 5 and under free. Gates open at 5:30 pm for picnicking. Concert at 7:30 pm. Suicide Six Ski Area. Tickets available at flyntix.org or (800) 876-9293 x 10. www.vso.org.

SATURDAY, JULY 2

BAKERSVILLE. Independence Day Celebration. Enjoy a full day of activities including the noon parade & chicken BBQ, 7 pm air show followed by fireworks at dusk. 9 am – 8 pm. Intersection of Rts. 36 and 108. (802) 827-6145. sites.google.com/site/bakersfieldvermont.

FAIRLEE. Fairlee Forest Festival. A family celebration of Vermont's magnificent forests in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Vermont Town Forest Act. Guided hikes in Fairlee's own 1600-acre town forest the following day. Town Common Rd., Rt. 5. (802) 333-9881.

GREENSBORO. The Funky 4th. Parade at 10 am, music and games in front of Town Hall, library book sale, tours of the new firehouse, chicken BBQ after the parade until 1 pm, fireworks at dusk. (802) 533-2911. townclerk@greensborovt.org. greensborovt.org/the-funky-4th-of-july.

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LUDLOW. Arts and Crafts Festival at Fletcher Farm. Over 65 of New England's finest artists and craftsmen. Special activities for children, demonstrations by some of our school instructors and of course, our fabulous food vendors including a strawberry shortcake festival. 10 am – 4 pm. Fletcher Farm, 611 Rt. 103 south. (802) 228-8770.

LYNDONVILLE. 46th Annual Burklyn Summer Craft Fair. Free admission. 10 am – 4 pm. Bandstand Park. www.burlyarts.org.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Tour Concert, "Wanderlust." Picnics, pops and fireworks. Tickets: Adult \$35, child 6-17 \$5, child 5 and under free. Gates open at 5:30 pm for picnicking. Concert at 7:30 pm. Hunter Park, Rt. 7A. Tickets available at flyntix.org or (800) 876-9293 x 10. www.vso.org.

MOUNT TABOR. 45th Annual Rainbow Family Gathering of the Tribes. Green Mountain National Forest, on Forest Road 10 in Mount Tabor, off Rt. 7. For more information visit northeastrainbowgathering.blogspot.com. Call the Forest Service at (802) 747-6760. eready@fs.fed.us. Through July 7.

POULTNEY. Annual Public Library Book Sale. 8 am – 4 pm. Annual Youth Flea Market 10 am – 2 pm. Poultny Public Library, 205 Main St. (802) 287-5556. ppl5556@yahoo.com.

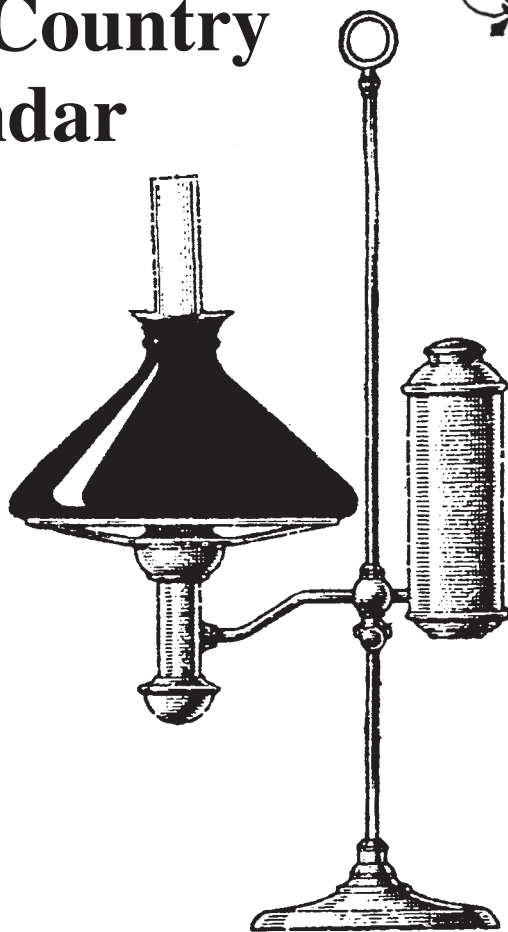
RANDOLPH. Anything Goes. The 18th annual 4th of July musical. Tickets \$19.25 adults, \$12.75 students. 7 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org. Also July 3.

RUTLAND. Summer Smash 2016. Demolition derby. Gates open at 4 pm. Fireworks at 9:45 pm. Free parking. Vermont State Fairgrounds, 175 S. Main St. (802) 775-5200. www.vermontstatefair.org.

ST. ALBANS. Fireworks & Great Race. Triathlon includes a 3.1 mile run, a 12 mile bike ride and a paddle 3 mile paddle. The Bay Day fireworks at the waterfront at the St. Albans Town Bay Park at dusk. (802) 527-0739. www.stalbanstown.com.

SUNDAY, JULY 3

BRISTOL. Fourth of July Weekend Festivities and Fireworks. At 6 pm at the ballpark: food and craft vendors, kid's games, raffles, live music. Fireworks at dusk. (802) 453-2278. cecil@gmavt.net. www.bristol4th.com.



BURLINGTON. Annual July Fourth Celebration & Fireworks. Food, music, face painting, fireworks. Join Burlington Parks, Recreation & Waterfront on the Burlington Waterfront, 1 Lake St. and other parks! Evening events at Perkins Pier, Waterfront Park, Boathouse, Battery Park and North Beach. (802) 864-0123. www.enjoyburlington.com.

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MONTPELIER. Independence Day Celebration. Events starting at 2 pm include family olympics on the State House lawn, pop-up science tent complete with wind tunnel, parade with Buddy the Clown and his Bubble Train, face painting, hula hoops, musical guests, snack stand, dunking booth, mile road race. Over 40 food and craft vendors. Free admission. State St. (802) 223-9604. montpelieralive.com.

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MONDAY, JULY 4

BARTON. Fourth of July Celebration at the Orleans County Fairgrounds. Parade at 2 pm through the village. Other events starting at 9 am. Admission \$7. Free for kids 10 & under and free after 7:30 pm. Orleans County Fairgrounds, 278 Roaring Brook Rd. (802) 371-8426. www.orleanscountyfair.net.

BRISTOL. Fourth of July Parade and Festivities. Parade at 10:30 am, one of the longest-running parades in the Vermont with fire trucks, floats, National Guard units, scouts and marching bands. Outhouse race, music, vendors, crafts, food, horses, car raffle and flags. (802) 453-2278. cecil@gmavt.net. www.bristol4th.com.

EAST CORINTH. 4th of July Parade Celebration. Parade through the historic village to Fairground starts at 10 am. Chicken BBQ and bingo at 11 am. Live music from the Wall-Stiles. Face painting, kiddie fish tank, snack bar with ice cream, popcorn, cotton candy, & soda, wagon rides, and other festivities. 11:30-1 pm. (802) 439-5766. www.corinthvt.org.

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NEWPORT. Independence Day Celebration. Gather friends and family for the best celebration this side of Memphremagog. 8:30 am – 10 pm. Fireworks at dusk. Gardner Park. (802) 334-6345. newportrecreation@gmail.com. www.newportrecreation.org.

PEACHAM. Independence Day Gala. Parade at 11:30 am. Horseshoe tournament, library book sale, BBQ lunch, waterslide for kids. Pig roast and strawberry shortcake supper 5-7 pm at the Congregational Church. Sunday evening contra dance. Free. info@peacham.net. www.peacham.net/fourthofjulyindex.php.

PLYMOUTH. President Calvin Coolidge Birthday Celebration. Plymouth's July 4th commemorates the Nation's birth, as well as the only U.S. president born on Independence Day. 90th anniversary of Coolidge's famous speech about the Declaration of Independence. At noon, the Vermont National Guard leads a march to the cemetery where a wreath from the White House is placed at the president's gravesite. Children's games, barbecue, birthday cake, historic craft demonstrations, wagon rides, and a "marathon reading" of Coolidge's autobiography. 10:30 am – 4 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773.

POULTNEY. Fourth of July. Parade starts at 10 am in East Poultney. Day-long festivities for the whole family. Fireworks at dusk. (802) 287-2010. www.poultneyvt.com.

RICHMOND. Fourth of July Festivities. The 10:35 am parade starts at Harringtons on East Main St., south on Bridge St. at 4 corners and continues on Round Church Rd. Flea market 9 am, car show 10 am and fun run 10:30 am. Barbeque chicken, burgers & dogs, fires & fried dough. Old-fashioned games, music, bingo, pony rides, an auction, dog agility demonstration, and a spelling bee at the library. Music in the evening, fireworks at dusk. (802) 434-6024.

SHELBURNE. Chicken BBQ and Auction. White elephant sale at 9 am. Auction 10 am. BBQ 11:30 am until the chicken runs out, usually around 2 pm. Lunch for adults \$12, children under 12 \$6. Shelburne Methodist Church, corner of Rt. 7 and Church St. (802) 985-3981. shelburneumc.org.

SHELBURNE. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Tour Concert, "Wanderlust." Picnics, pops and fireworks. Tickets: Adult \$35, child 6-17 \$5, child 5 and under free. Gates open at 5:30 pm for picnicking. Concert at 7:30 pm. At Shelburne Museum. Tickets available at flyntix.org or (800) 876-9293 x 10. vso.org.

STOWE. Old-Fashioned Fourth of July. The favorite Moscow parade along Main Street starts at 10 am. Then to Stowe Village for live local music, food, art on park artisan market and other entertainment including a bouncy house, dunk tank, pie eating contest, climbing wall 11 am – 3 pm. Fireworks and fun on the Mayo Fields beginning at 6 pm. (802) 253-2275. www.stowevibrancy.com.

WARDSBORO. Friends of the Wardsboro Library Booth at the Wardsboro Street Fair & Parade. Purchase signature tee shirts, Wardsboro history books, and new Gilfeather Turnip Cookbook. Same day Super Raffle; winners drawn at 1 pm. "2016 Best Raffle Ever" for handmade Vermont quilt; drawing on Oct. 22nd at Gilfeather Turnip Festival. 9 am. Across from Town Hall on Main St. (802) 896-3416. www.friendsofwardsborolibrary.org.

WARDSBORO. Outdoor Art, Antiques & Collectibles Sale. Proceeds benefit Friends of the Wardsboro Library. Free admission. Rain or shine. 9 am – 5 pm. Outdoors on the front lawn of the Wardsboro Public Library, 170 Main St. (802) 896-3416. friendsofwardsborolibrary.org

WARDSBORO. Annual Independence Day Celebration. Parade 10 am at bridge on Rt. 100 and then down Main St. Festival food includes strawberry shortcake, BBQ, bake sale with homemade pies and grilled sausage with onions and peppers. Kids' games, duck race, quilt show, book sale, history exhibit, white elephant sale, fishing derby, bean bag toss, dunk tank, basketball shooting contest, bingo and Zambian circus. wardsboroparade@gmail.com. 4thofjulywardsboro.com.

WARREN. 4th of July Celebration. Parade starts at 10 am on Main St. Live music after the parade with Grippo Funk Band at the Warren Store porch for the big street dance. Mad Mountain Scramblers at Brooks Field Elementary School. Food vendors, kids' activities, prizes. (800) 828-4748. info@warren4thofjuly.com. www.facebook.com/warren4thofjuly.

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum Old Vermont Fourth. A patriotic family celebration featuring the reading of the Declaration of Independence, a historic debate, wagon rides, making 1890 flags, spelling bees, sack races, playing historic base ball, and lots more. Admission: adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

RUTLAND. Vermont Summer Farmers' Market. 3-6 pm. Downtown in Depot Park (across from Walmart). (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Wednesdays through October 26.*

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Wednesdays. Horse-drawn wagon rides featured each Wednesday from 11 am – 3 pm. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12N. & Old River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. *Also July 13, 20 & 27.*

THURSDAY, JULY 7

BRANDON. Musical—*Sunset Boulevard*. Sponsored by Otter Creek Festival. Tickets \$25, students and seniors \$19. 7:30 pm. Brandon Town Hall Theater, 1 Conant Square. (802) 855-8081. merchantshallpress@gmail.com. www.ottercreekfestival.org. *Also July 8, 9 & 10.*

BRANDON. 22nd Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival. 10 Bluegrass bands! \$50 per person till June 27, \$60 at the gate. Early camping Sunday thru Wednesday \$10. (802) 247-3275. basinbluegrass@yahoo.com. www.basinbluegrassfestival.com. *Through July 10.*

FAIR HAVEN. Concert: "Vermont's Own" 40th Army Band. Traditional patriotic American tunes, as well as contemporary musical favorites. Free. 7 pm on the Green. (802) 338-3480.

FRIDAY, JULY 8

BRANDON. Musical—*Sunset Boulevard*. Sponsored by Otter Creek Festival. Tickets \$25, students and seniors \$19. 7:30 pm. Brandon Town Hall Theater, 1 Conant Square. (802) 855-8081. merchantshallpress@gmail.com. www.ottercreekfestival.org. *Also July 9 & 10.*

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FAIRFAX. Ohana Music and Art Festival. Popular local bands including surrounding states! Local food vendors from local farmers markets, live glass blowing, art shows, art performances, organic farmer vendors, Bee awareness speakers, organic animal petting zoo and a community paint collaboration on a vehicle. Activities from early morning yoga to late night DJ tents. Tickets early bird \$30, early bird early arrival \$35, VIP \$75, Organic Fairfax Farm, 31 Tabor Hill Rd. (802) 752-9495.

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Birding Hot Spots in Rutland County

Rutland County Audubon Society has developed a list of places to bird in our area—places that are special to us and are representative of a variety of habitats.

These birding hotspots are places that are publicly accessible; some large, some small. A few involve hiking and others can be canoed.

The spots are selected because they host special birds or habitats. Some are chosen because they are a

good place to take kids or a place for a quick break from our everyday lives.

We hope you will visit these places and report your sightings to www.ebird.org as well so that we can increase the knowledge of the birds of Rutland County. If there is a place that is special to you, please let us know!

Aitken State Forest

Aitken State Forest in Mendon has been monitored

by Rutland County Audubon for the number of species that might be encountered there. The current species total stands at 95. Birding is at its best May through July although it is a pleasant place for a walk at other seasons.

Several species of warblers are present May through September including Blackburnian, Magnolia, Louisiana Waterthrush and Mourning warbler. Black-throated Blue Warblers are numerous as well as American Redstart and Ovenbird. Winter Wren and Scarlet Tanager are also abundant May through September.

Resident species include Ruffed Grouse, Wild Turkey, Downy, Hairy and Pileated woodpeckers, Red-breasted and White-breasted nuthatches, and Brown Creeper.

The camp loop on the north side of Notch Road is short and level with an opportunity to see many of the species possible. A newly created beaver pond in this area will no doubt create opportunities for additional species. Northern Waterthrush and Belted Kingfisher have



already been observed there.

On the south side (the one with the information kiosk) leads out to a small clearing where Mourning Warbler can be found. The access to the Bald Mountain Trail is a short distance down from the kiosk and can be a worthwhile hike for many of the species. The trails to the top of Bald Mountain can be confusing so consult the map on the information kiosk.

Directions: Take Killington Ave east from the city of Rutland. At the top of the hill, turn right onto Notch Rd. Continue on Notch past the intersection with Wheelerville Rd. An information kiosk is on the right side of Notch Rd. with pullouts along the road for parking.

For more information on birding visit the Rutland County Audubon Societys at rutlandcountyaudubon.org.

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LUDLOW. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Tour Concert, "Wanderlust." Picnics, pops and fireworks. Tickets: Adult \$35, child 6-17 \$5, child 5 and under free. Gates open at 5:30 pm for picnicking. Concert at 7:30 pm. At Okemo Resort. Tickets available at flyntix.org or (800) 876-9293 x 10. www.vso.org.

NEWPORT. Newport Jazz Festival. Back-to-back bands on two waterfront stages. 84 Fyfe Dr. (802) 777-7372. Through July 10.

NORWICH. 68th Annual Five Church Rummage Sale. Three-day rummage sale supporting programs at Norwich churches. 11 am - 9 pm. Tracy Hall, Main St. (802) 649-2825. Margo.Nutt@gmail.com. Also July 9 & 10.

STOWE. 30th Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival. More than 25 hot-air balloons fill the sky. Sunset launches, admission: \$10, kids under 12 free. Gates open in the evening for festival activities, entertainment and beer garden at 4 pm. Balloons launch 6:30 am and 6:30 pm, weather dependent. Stoweflake Mountain Resort, 1746 Mountain Rd. (802) 253-7355. Through July 10.

WOODSTOCK. Old Fashioned Band Concert and Ice Cream Social. Listen to old-time favorites played by the South Royalton Town Band while you enjoy ice cream from the White Cottage Snack Bar. Please bring a blanket or chair to sit on. Free, donations accepted. 7 pm. Woodstock History Center, 26 Elm St. (802) 457-1822. www.woodstockhistorical.org.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

BRANDON. 22nd Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival. 10 Bluegrass bands! \$50 per person till June 27, \$60 at the gate. Early camping Sunday thru Wednesday \$10. (802) 247-3275. basinbluegrass@yahoo.com. www.basinbluegrassfestival.com. Through July 10.

BRANDON. Musical—*Sunset Boulevard*. Sponsored by Otter Creek Festival. Tickets \$25, students and seniors \$19. 2 & 7:30 pm. Brandon Town Hall Theater, 1 Conant Square. (802) 855-8081. merchantshallpress@gmail.com. www.ottercreekfestival.org. Also July 10.

CHELSEA. Chelsea Flea Market. A Vermont tradition! 125 vendors and great food. Antiques, crafts, tools, collectibles, toys, china, glass, jewelry, furniture and much more. Book sale at the library. 9 am - 3 pm. On the North and South Commons at Rts. 110 & 113. (802) 685-2204.

CRAFTSBURY COMMON. 46th Annual Antiques and Uniques Festival. 100 antiques vendors and Vermont crafters, book sale, farmers market, kids games, tented outdoor cafe. 10 am - 4 pm. Local foods barbeque. Free admission, parking \$5. On the Common. www.townofcraftsbury.com.

EAST THETFORD. Contradance. Featuring Blind Squirrel and caller Nils Fredland. Everyone welcome—no partner or experience necessary. Bring clean, soft-soled shoes. Suggested donation \$10, seniors and children \$6. 8-11 pm. East Thetford Pavilion, 140 Pavilion Rd. off Rt. 5. uvdm.org.

EAST THETFORD. Revels Traditions Day. Community potluck and family dance. Join in with the Revels Singers, an impromptu chorus for experienced performers and shower singers who explore simple harmonies in the folk tradition with and without accompaniment followed by the Band of Fools or Revels Mimmers workshop. Bring an instrument or choose from those on hand to create a short repertoire of tunes for dancing and marching. Everyone welcome. Events start 2:30 p.m. and run until 5:30 pm for potluck dinner and dancing. East Thetford Pavilion, 140 Pavilion Rd. (866) 556-3083. RevelsNorth.org/revels-traditions.

HARTLAND. Workshop: Cultivation with Horses. How to create cropping and cultivation systems on a horse-powered farm with demonstrations, consultation, and hands-on practice. Locavore lunch. 9 am - 5 pm. \$35 full demo-day and \$35 extra for hands-on practice. Cedar Mountain Farm, 25A Linden Rd. (802) 436-1448. www.draftanimalpower.org.

HUBBARDTON. 239th Anniversary of the Battle of Hubbardton. The only Revolutionary War battle in Vermont will be enacted for the weekend with tactical military demonstrations, drilling lessons, guided camp and battlefield tours, camp life activities, history scavenger hunt, colonial games, children's activities, music, and sutler's row shopping. Premiere of Voices of Hubbardton short film. Admission \$6, children 14 and under free. 9:30 am - 5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov. Also July 10.

MIDDLEBURY. St. Stephen's Annual Peasant Market. 9 am - 3 pm. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 3 Main St. (802) 388-7200.

NEWPORT. Newport Jazz Festival. Back-to-back bands on two waterfront stages. Bread & Puppet Jazz Parade on Main Street. Jazz Yoga and Jazz Zumba on the waterfront. V84 Fyfe Dr. (802) 777-7372. Also July 10.

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RANDOLPH. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Tour Concert, "Wanderlust." Picnics, pops and fireworks. Tickets: Adult \$25, child 6-17 \$5, child 5 and under free. Gates open at 5:30 pm for picnicking. Concert at 7:30 pm. At Three Stallion Inn. Tickets available at flyntix.org or (800) 876-9293 x 10. www.vso.org.

RUTLAND. 37th Annual Rave Car Show and Flea Market. 7 am - 3 pm. Vermont State Fairgrounds, S. Main St. (802) 265-8026. Also July 10.

SHELBURNE. Sugarbush Polo Game. Watch a fast-paced and exciting polo game. A chance to meet the players and their horses. BYOB and food, tailgating is encouraged. Cost \$5. Children under 5 free. 1-5 pm. Sugarbush Polo Club, 929 Shelburne-Hinesburg Rd. sugarbushpoloclub@gmail.com. www.sugarbushpoloclub.com.

STOWE. 30th Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival. More than 25 hot-air balloons fill the sky. Beer and wine garden. Sunset launches, admission: \$10, kids under 12 free. Gates open in the evening for festival activities, entertainment and beer garden at 4 p.m. Balloons launch 6:30 am and 6:30 pm, weather dependent. Free sunrise launches July 9th and July 10th. Stoweflake Mountain Resort, 1746 Mountain Rd. (802) 253-7355. Also July 10.

WESTMINSTER. 15th Annual Garden Tour. Featuring the gardens of internationally known garden designers Gordon and Mary Hayward and Julie Moir Messervy and the gardens of Vanessa and David Stern. Raffle prizes. Rain or shine. Tours held from 10 am - 3 pm. Admission \$15; two days \$25. Purchase at The Westminster Institute, 3338 Rt. 5 in Westminster, VT or The Hayward Garden, 508 McKinnon Rd., Putney, VT. (802) 722-3607. wecares@sover.net. Also July 10.

WINDSOR. Hosta Days and Sale. Hosta season is all summer long. Blooming early July into mid-September. Our vast collection of potted hosta is huge, with over 150 varieties available! Come and explore our gardens. Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery, 1747 Hunt Rd. (802) 674-6825. www.ciderhillgardens.com. www.garymielek.com. Also July 10.

SUNDAY, JULY 10

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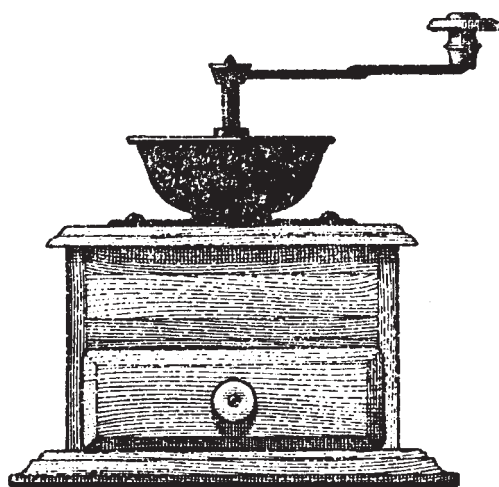
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BROWNINGTON. Back Road Poetry Reading. Ellen McCulloch-Lovell & Major Jackson at 3 pm followed by book signing and reception. Brownington Congregational Church, 126 Parker Rd. (802) 633-4956. www.backroadsreadings.com. Also July 24 & August 7.

EAST DORSET. Vermont Summer Equestrian Festival. Watch the horses and athletes, shop the onsite boutiques, or plan to have lunch and a drink. Admission \$9/\$6/\$5/\$3. 8 am - 4 pm. Harold Beebe Farm, 2971 Rt. 7. (802) 224-6978. www.vt-summerfestival.com. Wednesdays through Sundays through August 14.

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(Sunday, July 10, continued)

LYME, NH. Summer Buffet Music Series on Post Pond. Music by Lyme Town Band. Buffet dinner served at 6 pm. Adults \$22, kids 5-12 \$8, 4 and under free. Reservations required. Loch Lyme Lodge, Rt. 10 just north of town. (603) 795-2141. lochlymelodge.com. *Sundays thru September 4.*

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MONDAY, JULY 11

MIDDLEBURY. Festival on-the-Green. Jon Gailmor at noon (brown bag). Pat Donohue: national fingerpicking guitar champ, innovative songwriter and Prairie Home Companion favorite at 7 pm. The Lonely Heartstring Band: contemporary blue-grass quintet, soulful virtuosity/soaring harmonies at 8:30 pm. Free, family-friendly event. Hot dogs, snacks and ice cream. Village Green. (802) 462-3555. www.festivalonthegreen.org. *Through July 16.*

TUESDAY, JULY 12

MIDDLEBURY. Festival on-the-Green. Pat Dulabaum at noon (brown bag). Tall Heights: captivating vocal harmonies drive folk-inspired accompaniment of cello and acoustic guitar at 7 pm. Les Poules à Colin: winners of the Young Tradition Competition—the new face of Québec folk-trad at 8:30 pm. Free. Hot dogs, snacks and ice cream. (802) 462-3555. festivalonthegreen.org. *Through July 16.*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

MIDDLEBURY. Festival on-the-Green. No Strings Marionette Company at noon (brown bag). They Might Be Gypsies: father and son ensemble inspired by the 1930's gypsy jazz of Django Reinhardt and Stéphane Grappelli at 7 pm. Daby Touré: Mauritanian singer-songwriter and virtuoso guitarist with a global perspective at 8:30 pm. Free. (802) 462-3555. festivalonthegreen.org. *Through July 16.*

RUTLAND. Concert: The Bacon Brothers. Tickets \$35, \$45 & \$60 (includes meet and greet with Kevin and Michael!). 8 pm. At the Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

RUTLAND. Vermont Summer Farmers' Market. 3-6 pm. Downtown in Depot Park (across from Walmart). (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Wednesdays through October 26.*

THURSDAY, JULY 14

BRADFORD. Connecticut Valley Fair. Concerts, mini, pony, horse and oxen pulls, oxen competition, draft horse competition, horse shows, truck and tractor pulls, demo derby, The Vermonster with "Truk-Norris" and Mega Trucks, log loader competition, lots of new and great food vendors, and commercial exhibits. New midway by Dreamland. Connecticut Valley Fair Grounds, Rt. 5. (802) 481-1019. *Through July 17.*

BROWNINGTON. Back Roads Poetry Reading. Edward Hirsch at 3 pm followed by book signing and reception. Brownington Congregational Church, 126 Parker Rd. (802) 633-4956. lisavonkann@gmail.com. www.backroadsreadings.com. *Also July 24 and Aug. 7.*

CHESTER. Chester, VT 250. Celebrating it's 250th year. Music, food, traditional and old time activities and games, historical tours, reenactment, demonstrations, and antique shows. Fireworks at dark. At the Pinnacle and Chester Festival Fairgrounds. (802) 875-5286. *Through July 17.*

FAIR HAVEN. Summer Concert Series: James Mee and the Freeze. Free. 7 pm. On The Green. (802) 265-3010. fairhavenvt.org.

MANCHESTER. Hildene Summer Ecotours. Brooke Decker, horticulturist, education director and Dene Farm manager, will lead programs on meadow and wetland ecology and efforts to encourage bobolinks and other pollinators. Andrea Luchini will discuss the issue of invasive plants. And Diane Newton will lead the group into the wetlands for a hands-on ecosystem activity. Bus rides provided to and from Dene Farm. Registration required. 9:30 am - 12 noon. Fees \$10, \$15. Rain date July 21. Hildene, The Lincoln Home, 820 Hildene Rd. off Rt. 7A south of town. (802) 367-7960. www.hildene.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Festival on-the-Green. Rick Palieri at noon (brown bag). The Brett Hughes Band: Vermont's favorite honky-tonk artist at 7 pm. Dwight & Nicole: American roots band offering a singular blend of blues and soul at 8:30 pm. Free, family-friendly event supported by community donations. (802) 462-3555. www.festivalonthegreen.org. *Also July 15 & 16.*

PUTNEY. Solo Concert. Brattleboro native Sam Amidon performs a concert of re-imagined folk songs accompanied by banjo and guitar, fiddle tunes, and storytelling. Tickets \$17 & \$20. 7:30 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill Rd. (802) 382-0102. www.samamidon.com.

TUNBRIDGE. American Kennel Club Dog Show. The Woodstock and The Green Mountain Dog Clubs sponsor an official four-day event with conformation classes with best in show, companion events, and obedience & rally for both purebred and mixed breed dogs. Ice cream social, BBQ & live music. Tunbridge Fair Grounds, Rt. 110. (802) 479-9843. greenmountaindogclub.org. *Also July 15, 16 & 17.*

FRIDAY, JULY 15

BELMONT. Concert: Four Shillings Short—The musical duo of Christy Martin & Aodh Og O'Tuma perform Celtic, Folk & World Music. Freewill donation. 7:30-10 pm. Mount Holly Library, 26 Maple Hill Rd. (802) 259-3707. fourshillingsshort@gmail.com. fourshillingsshort.com.

BRADFORD. Connecticut Valley Fair. Concerts, mini, pony, horse and oxen pulls, oxen competition, draft horse competition, horse shows, truck and tractor pulls, demo derby, The Vermonster with "Truk-Norris" and Mega Trucks, log loader competition, lots of new and great food vendors, and commercial exhibits. Connecticut Valley Fair Grounds, Rt. 5. (802) 481-1019. *Through July 17.*

BRATTLEBORO. Southern Vermont Dance Festival. Dance classes, workshops, lectures and performances. info@southernvermontdancefestival.com. www.southernvermontdancefestival.com. *Through July 17.*

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MANCHESTER. Solarfest Sunrise Festival. SolarFest 2016 will continue the 20-year legacy of integrating high quality sustainable energy education, music and arts. Souther Vermont Art Center. www.solarfest.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Festival on-the-Green. Magician Tom Verner at noon (brown bag). The DuPont Brothers: Vermont-based indie-folk duo offering blood harmonies and fingerstyle guitar arrangements at 7 pm. Madaila: Burlington's hottest band—upbeat, synth-heavy and catchy at 8:30 pm. Free. (802) 462-3555. www.festivalonthegreen.org. *Also July 16.*

TUNBRIDGE. American Kennel Club Dog Show. The Woodstock and The Green Mountain Dog Clubs sponsor an official four-day event with conformation classes with best in show, companion events, and obedience & rally for both purebred and mixed breed dogs. Ice cream social, BBQ & live music. Tunbridge Fair Grounds, Rt. 110. (802) 479-9843. www.greenmountaindogclub.org. *Also July 16 & 17.*

SATURDAY, JULY 16

BRATTLEBORO. Southern Vermont Dance Festival. Dance classes, workshops, lectures and performances. Visit website for schedule. info@southernvermontdancefestival.com. www.southernvermontdancefestival.com. *Also July 17.*

BRADFORD. Connecticut Valley Fair. Concerts, mini, pony, horse and oxen pulls, oxen competition, draft horse competition, horse shows, truck and tractor pulls, demo derby, The Vermonster with "Truk-Norris" and Mega Trucks, log loader competition, lots of new and great food vendors, and commercial exhibits. Connecticut Valley Fair Grounds, Rt. 5. (802) 481-1019. *Also July 17.*

CHESTER. Chester, VT 250. Celebrating it's 250th year. The celebration will provide guests with a historical perspective, while offering fun events and activities for the whole family. Music, food, traditional and old time activities and games, historical tours, reenactment, demonstrations, and antique shows. Fireworks at dark. At the Pinnacle and Chester Festival Fairgrounds. (802) 875-5286. *Continues July 17.*

FAIRLEE. Flea Market. Free admission. 7:30 am – 3 pm. Railroad Station on Rt. 5. (802) 333-4809. *Saturdays through October 8.*

IRASBURG. United Church Fair. Crafts, auction, music, flower market, baked goods, children's games, strawberry shortcake, chicken barbeque from 3:30-7 pm, parade at 7 pm. Fireworks at dusk. 10 am – dusk. On the Irasburg Common. (802) 754-6583.

JEFFERSONVILLE. Cambridge Annual Music Festival. New England-based musicians, singers, and songwriters. Tickets \$15. 2 pm. Cambridge Community Center. (802) 730-2383. www.cambridgemusicfestival.com.

LYNDONVILLE. 36th Annual Stars and Stripes Festival and Parade. Parade at 10 am followed by music, food, a clown show, bouncy house and over 50 vendors in beautiful Bandstand Park until 4 pm. (802) 626-9696.

MARLBORO. Marlboro Music Festival. Performances are on Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 2:30 pm, with two Friday concerts on August 5th and 12th at 8:00 PM. All concerts take place on the Marlboro College campus. (802) 254-2394. marlbormusic.org. *Through August 14.*

MIDDLEBURY. Festival on-the-Green. Vermont Jazz Ensemble Street Dance. Free, family-friendly event supported by community donations. Hot dogs, snacks and ice cream. 8:30 pm. Village Green. (802) 462-3555. www.festivalonthegreen.org.

RUTLAND. Vermont Summer Farmers' Market. 9 am – 2 pm. Downtown at Depot Park (across from Walmart). (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through October 29.*

SOUTH 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. info@friendsofthehortfarm.org. friendsofthehortfarm.org.

SOUTH NEWFANE. Annual Rock River Artists Tour. Take a trip through our rural villages—visit rustic studios down county lanes, or high up in the hills with spectacular views; Free. 10 am – 6 pm. Start at The Schoolhouse in South Newfane village. (802) 348-7865. rockriverartists.com. *Also July 17.*

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WINDSOR. Constitution Day Celebration. Reenactors, traditional artisans, and costumed guides salute Vermont's first constitution, held where it all began – Windsor's Old Constitution House. The event culminates with "Vermont's Revolutionary Trek" – a symbolic relay from Hubbardton Battlefield to Windsor's constitutional convention – when word is delivered of the British "invasion" by a rider on horseback! 11 am – 5 pm. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 N. Main St. (802) 674-6628.

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(Sunday, July 17, continued)

HARDWICK. Perennial Pleasures Free Sunday Guided Tour. An eclectic gift shop located in the old wooden extension. Teas and light lunches in the display garden or conservatory. Open 10 am – 5 pm, Tuesday through Sunday. Perennial Pleasures Nursery, 63 Brickhouse Rd. (802) 472-5104. perennialpleasures.net. *Every Sunday thru August 14.*

HUBBARDTON. Battlefield Third Sunday—East Hubbardton Cemetery. A Hubbardton resident from 1777 comes to life to talk with visitors about the battle and life in the path of war, and leads a walk through the East Hubbardton Cemetery and back. Inside program if inclement weather. 1–2:15 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton.

LYME, NH. Summer Buffet Music Series on Post Pond. Music by Dan Frehofer & the Dinosaurs. Buffet dinner served at 6 pm. Adults \$22, kids 5-12 \$8, 4 and under free. Reservations required. Loch Lyme Lodge, Rt. 10 just north of town. (603) 795-2141. lochlymelodge.com. *Sundays through September 4.*

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WEST RUTLAND. Cleansing Session. Join us for a cleansing with our yarrow astringent cleanse and replenishing face cream. Vitamin tea served. \$15. 1:30-2:30 pm. Herbal General Store, 518 Main St. (802) 438-2766. info@vermontherbal.com.

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 and playing historic base ball. Admission: adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. *Tuesdays July 5 through August 23.*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

RUTLAND. Vermont Summer Farmers' Market. 3-6 pm. Downtown in Depot Park (across from Walmart). (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Wednesdays through October 26.*

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Wednesdays. Horse-drawn wagon rides through the farm fields featured each Wednesday from 11 am – 3 pm. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12N. & Old River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. *Also July 27.*

THURSDAY, JULY 21

MANCHESTER. Exhibit Opening. Artist Nancy Lent Lanoue is the featured artist displaying "Watercolors Inspired by a Life in Vermont." Free and open to public. The Gallery at Equinox Village, 49 Maple St., (802) 885-6156. www.nlwatercolor.com. *Through August 12.*

RUTLAND. Rock Musical—*Spring Awakening*. Sponsored by Otter Creek Festival. Tickets \$25, students and seniors \$19. 8 pm. Merchant's Hall, 42 Merchants Row. (802) 855-8081. merchantshallpress@gmail.com. www.ottercreekfestival.org. *Also July 22, 23 & 24.*

FRIDAY, JULY 22

JAY. Third Annual Jeezum Crow Festival. A two-day music festival. This family-friendly event. Statewide Amphitheater at Jay Peak Resort, 830 Jay Peak Rd. (802) 988-2611. *Also July 23.*

JOHNSON. Lamoille County Field Days. An agricultural community fair with something for everyone! Lamoille County Field Days Fair Grounds. (802) 635-7113. *Through July 24.*

MONTPELIER. Performance: *Tomfoolery*. A revue of the witty world of famed satirical songwriter Tom Lehrer. Tickets \$25-\$30. 7:30 pm. Lost Nation Theater, City Hall Arts Center, Main St. (802) 229-0492. www.lostnationtheater.org. *Thursdays—Sundays, July 7-24.*

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STOCKBRIDGE. NoTown Festival. Two days and two nights of music and camping on the Tweed River! 2056 Bartlett Corners. (802) 746-8368. *Also July 23.*

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JOHNSON. Lamoille County Field Days. An agricultural community fair with something for everyone! Exhibits, entertainment, demonstrations & midway rides. Lamoille County Field Days Fair Grounds, 203 Wilson Road. (802) 635-7113. www.lamoillefelddays.com. *Also July 24.*

SOUTH BURLINGTON. Rhododendron Workshop. Curator Beth Gutwin will discuss maintenance, pruning, pest and disease management, and provide guidance as we spruce up the collection. Bring gloves, pruning and weeding tools. Free. 9 am – 12 noon. UVM Horticulture Farm, 65 Green Mountain Dr. (802) 864-3073. friendsofthehortfarm.org.

EAST THETFORD. Contradance. Featuring "Fred Breunig and pals" band and caller David Millstone. Everyone welcome—no partner or experience necessary. Bring clean, soft-soled shoes. Suggested donation \$10, seniors and children \$6. 8-11 pm. East Thetford Pavilion, 140 Pavilion Rd. off Rt. 5. uvdm.org.

HUBBARDTON. Hubbardton Town Family Fun Day. A family fun afternoon and evening, with music, food, and activities for all ages with fireworks at dusk. Rain date: July 24. 4–9:30 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton.

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SHOREHAM. Ice Cream Social. Enjoy ice cream cones, sundaes, and root beer floats. All proceeds benefit the Church Restoration Fund. Noon to dusk at the Gazebo on the Town Green next to the church. Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School Rd. (802) 897-5420. gvanhazinga@earthlink.net.

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From Stowe Notes, circa 1890

July's Song

by Edward Martin Taber

A little brown squirrel seen on the trunk of a black walnut, chirping, sneezing, and darting—a creature of electric impulse. A pretty fellow this, that jerks himself down to within easy reach of me, and then whirls up the tree again with a whistling exclamation.

A young chipmunk crosses the road, and I afterward discover it in the fork of a great maple. It is pretty, less wild and flighty, with a more innocent expression, as becomes its years. With its plump striped body, its high narrow head, and the little markings of white above its eyes, it has the look of a Lilliputian semi-wild pig, such as one sees South—of a

guinea pig really, I suppose. It remained perfectly still watching me for some moments, and then at a sudden movement scampered up the tree and disappeared.

At that moment, down the woody slope on the bole of towering basswood, I saw a woodpecker, black, marked with white, circling about the trunk, hopping stiffly with thin shanks stretched wide apart, like a witch around a cauldron. There is something imish in the manner of these birds.

Further on, a rocky pasture, with glades surrounded by a growth of old maples, basswood, ash, beech. Onward through the old road, afterward sitting on the fallen

log, listening to the hermit thrush. A deep wooded road with ferns and mosses, large forest trees, a leaf descending with the swaying motion of a butterfly.

Last night at ten o'clock, the crescent moon, just before setting, shone bright in the sky. The frogs were loud, and in this muttering bass string accompaniment, the thin long call of the locusts and the frosty piping of a cricket trilled in the cold moonshine. It has a kind of sadness, as a sound of the latter end of summer, but is, in association as in quality, a cheering friendly music.

The night was cold. This morning crisp and autumnal—the cricket note was prophetic. At half past six small mists fading on the hillsides. Cobwebs, like the broken bits of Hans Christian Andersen's Magic Mirror, lying scattered in the grass—a heavy dew-wet grass. It seems, later, when this white spangling has disappeared, that the cobwebs were of so ethereal a quality as to have been absorbed alike with the dew.

This afternoon a ride. Oh, the beauty of these damp woods—ferns and leafy underbrush!

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WOODSTOCK. Lobster on the Green. Sponsored by the Woodstock Rotary Club and the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce. Tickets \$30. 5-8 pm. (802) 457-3555.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

BROWNINGTON. Back Road Poetry Reading. Edward Hirsch at 3 pm followed by book signing and reception. Brownington Congregational Church, 126 Parker Rd. (802) 633-4956. lisavonkann@gmail.com. www.backroadsreadings.com. Also August 7.

EAST DORSET. Vermont Summer Equestrian Festival. Watch the horses and athletes, shop the onsite boutiques, or plan to have lunch and a drink. Admission \$9/\$6/\$5/\$3. 8 am – 4 pm. Harold Beebe Farm, 2971 Rt. 7. (802) 224-6978. www.vt-summerfestival.com. Wednesdays through Sundays through August 14.

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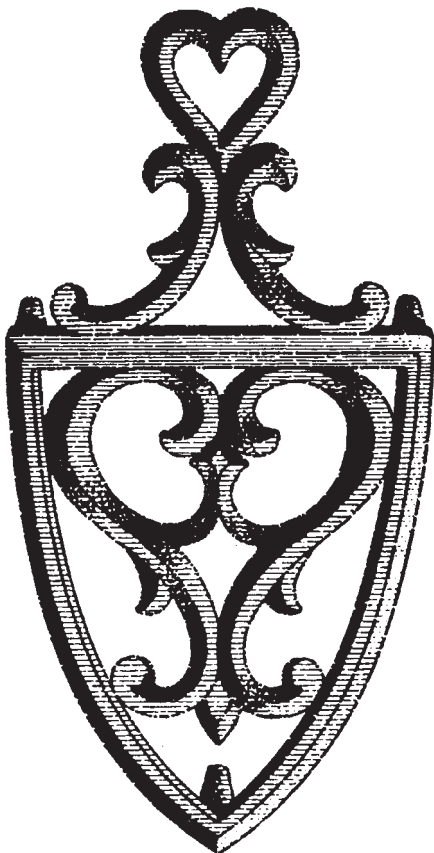
WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm Hay Day. Spend a summer day with us in the farm fields, where you'll see traditional haying techniques, including cutting, raking, and tedding with the farm's draft horses and equipment. Admission: adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

BURLINGTON. Vermont Symphony Orchestra—Symphony on Tap. A benefit by the Champlain Valley Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$25. 8 pm. Switchback Brewing Company Tap Room, Flynn Ave. Tickets available at flyntix.org or (800) 876-9293 x 10. www.vso.org.



CAVENDISH. Free Summer Concert Series: Green Brothers Band. Free and open to the public, so grab your lawn chair, a picnic and a cold drink, and join your friends and neighbors. 6-8 pm. On The Green, Rt. 131. (802) 226-7736. Wednesdays through August 10.

RUTLAND. Vermont Summer Farmers' Market. 3-6 pm. Downtown in Depot Park (across from Walmart). (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. vtfarmersmarket.org. Wednesdays through October 26.

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THURSDAY, JULY 28

BURLINGTON. Lake Champlain Vermont Maritime Festival. Stroll along the shores from venue to venue, view the classic boats, long boats, canoe, kayak and Dragon boat demonstrations as we commemorate the past, present, and future of Lake Champlain. Experience boat building, sample local fare, enjoy music and bring the children for hands-on exhibits along the spectacular shores of Burlington Vermont's Waterfront. (802) 482-3313. lakechamplainmaritimefestival.com. Through July 31.

FAIR HAVEN. Summer Concert Series: Aaron Audet Band. Free. 7 pm. On The Green. (802) 265-3010.

JAMAICA. 5th Annual Pikes Falls Chamber Music Festival. A series of evening concerts and a family and community day, including an open mic night. Free, donations welcome. At the Town Hall. pikesfallschambermusicfestival.com. Through August 6.

SOUTH ROYALTON. Town Band Concert. Richard W. Ellis Band Stand on the Green. Rain Site: small gym at high school. (802) 291-0958. srtdowntown@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

ADDISON. 14th Annual Evening to Remember Social Open House. Enjoy a relaxing summer evening at this old tavern and resort on Lake Champlain. Visit the museum, rock on the porch, enjoy music and children's activities, and meet with special guests from Chimney Point's past. Donations appreciated. Chimney Point State Historic Site 8149 Route 17W. (802) 759-2412.

BARRE. Barre Heritage Festival. Celebration of community, food, music, ethnic pride, history, and the arts. Street entertainment, antique car show, vendors, a parade and a close proximity fireworks display. This family friendly event has a "kids zone" with bounce houses, jousting, face painting and more. Art exhibits at Studio Place Arts and the Paletters art show at the Aldrich Public Library. Historical walks of downtown and a genealogy research station at the Vermont History Center. On North Main St. (802) 477-2967. Also July 30.

BENNINGTON. Plymouth Fife and Drum Concert. 18th Century music. 1 pm. Bennington Battle Monument State Historic Site, 15 Monument Circle. (802) 447-0550.

BURLINGTON. Lake Champlain Vermont Maritime Festival. Along the spectacular shores of Burlington Vermont's Waterfront. (802) 482-3313. www.lakechamplainmaritimefestival.com. Through July 31.

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SATURDAY, JULY 30

BARRE. Barre Heritage Festival. Celebration of community, food, music, ethnic pride, history, and the arts. Street entertainment, antique car show, vendors, a parade and a close proximity fireworks display. This family friendly event has a "kids zone" with bounce houses, jousting, face painting and more. Art exhibits at Studio Place Arts and the Paletters art show at the Aldrich Public Library. Historical walks of downtown and a genealogy research station at the Vermont History Center. On North Main St. (802) 477-2967.

BURLINGTON. Lake Champlain Vermont Maritime Festival. Experience boat building, sample local fare, enjoy music and bring the children for hands-on exhibits along the spectacular shores of Burlington Vermont's Waterfront. (802) 482-3313. www.lakechamplainmaritimefestival.com. *Also July 31.*

JAMAICA. 5th Annual Pikes Falls Chamber Music Festival. A series of evening concerts and a family and community day, including an open mic night. Free, donations welcome. Town Hall. www.pikesfallschambermusicfestival.com. *Through August 6.*

SOUTH BURLINGTON. 37th Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show. Vermont's largest gem, mineral, and fossil show. Thousands of beautiful natural specimens and jewelry are available at affordable prices. Exhibits, lectures, demonstrations, silent auctions, door prizes, and activities for kids. Free parking and refreshments available. Admission: \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, children under 16 free with adult. Tuttle Middle School, 500 Dorset Dr. 10 am - 5 pm. (802) 849-6076. www.burlingtongemandmineralclub.org. *Also July 31.*

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WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum 30th Annual Quilt Exhibition. This juried exhibition of colorful quilts made exclusively in Windsor County will celebrate 30 years of quilting excellence at the Billings Farm. Quilting demonstrations, programs and activities for children and adults. Admission: adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

SUNDAY, JULY 31

BURLINGTON. Greek Festival. Greek food, music and culture will be celebrated. Featuring chicken souvlaki, gyro, pastiche, stuffed vegetables, falafel, spanakopita and stuffed grape leaves, pastries, Greek-style coffees from the "kafenion" (café) and loukoumades (fried dough balls). Greek folk dancing by the church's youth dance group, tours of the 102-year-old church building and a Greek "agora" of items. The Dormition of the Mother of God Greek Orthodox Church, 30 Ledge Rd. off S. Willard St. (802) 862-2155, cell (802) 881-9459. priest@gocvt.org. www.gocvt.org.

BURLINGTON. Lake Champlain Vermont Maritime Festival. Stroll along the shores from venue to venue, view the classic boats, long boats, canoe, kayak and Dragon boat demonstrations as we commemorate the past, present, and future of Lake Champlain. Experience boat building, sample local fare, enjoy music. Along the spectacular shores of Burlington Vermont's Waterfront. (802) 482-3313. www.lakechamplainmaritimefestival.com.

HANOVER, NH. Vaughn Recital Series Concert: Four Shillings Short, the musical duo of Christy Martin & Aodh Og O'Tuma. Celtic, Folk & World Music. Free. 4-5:30 pm. Faulkner Recital Hall, Hopkins Center. (802) 649-1184. music.dartmouth.edu/news-events. fourshillingsshort@gmail.com. fourshillingsshort.com.

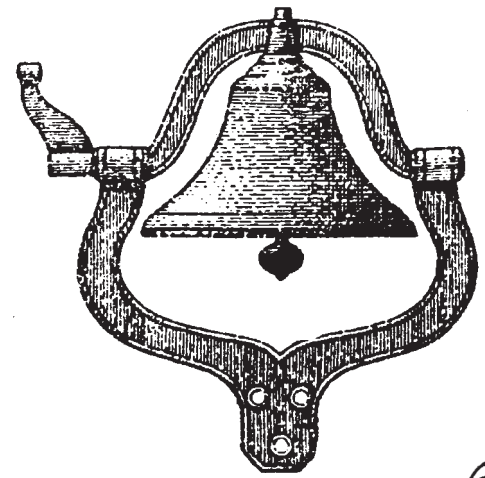
HARDWICK. Perennial Pleasures Free Guided Tour. An eclectic gift shop is located in the old wooden extension, and a seasonal tea-room serves English Cream Teas and light lunches in the display garden or conservatory. 10 am - 5 pm, Tuesday through Sunday. Perennial Pleasures Nursery, 63 Brickhouse Rd. (802) 472-5104. perennialpleasures.net. *Every Sunday through August 14.*

LYME, NH. Summer Buffet Music Series on Post Pond. Music by Dave Clark & Juke Joynt. Buffet dinner served at 6 pm. Adults \$22, kids 5-12 \$8, 4 and under free. Reservations required. Loch Lyme Lodge, Rt. 10 just north of town. (603) 795-2141. lochlymelodge.com. *Sundays through September 4.*

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WAITSFIELD. Vermont Festival of the Arts. Art shows in barns, hands-on activities for kids, theater performances, music under a tent, and even a free putting clinic, you will be immersed in our friendly, creative culture. (802) 496-6682. *Through September 5.*

WAITSFIELD. Annual Festival Frolic. Games and toys in a kids' zone, cash bar and flatbread (pizza), live music, small artworks for sale and fireworks at dusk. The Big Red Barn art show free and open to the public. Suggested festival donation: \$5 per person. 10 am - 6 pm. (802) 496-6682. info@vermontartfest.com. www.vermontartfest.com.



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Middlebury, VT

38th Annual Festival-on-the-Green, July 10-16

Middlebury's Festival-on-the-Green will be taking place this year from July 10-16, on the Village Green in Middlebury, VT. This free, family-friendly event is supported by community donations.

Festival Schedule

Sunday, July 10, 7 p.m. - New Nile Orchestra: Ethiopian traditional music with world, funk, jazz, hip-hop and Afro-Cuban styles.

Monday, July 11, 12 noon - Brown Bag: Jon Gailmor. 7 p.m. - Pat Donohue: National Fingerpicking Guitar Champ, innovative songwriter and Prairie Home Companion favorite. 8:30 p.m. - The Lonely Heartstring Band: Contemporary Blue-grass quintet; soulful virtuosity /soaring harmonies.

Tuesday, July 12, 12 noon - Brown Bag: PaDulabaum. 7 p.m. - Tall Heights: Captivating vocal harmonies drive folk-inspired accompaniment of cello and acoustic guitar. 8:30 p.m. - Les Poules à Colin: Winners of the Young Tradition Competition, the new face of Québec folk-trad.

Wednesday, July 13, 12 noon - Brown Bag: No Strings Marionette Company. 7 p.m. - They Might Be Gypsies: Father and son ensemble inspired by the 1930's Gypsy Jazz of



The Lonely Heartstring Band

Django Reinhardt and Stéphane Grappelli. 8:30 p.m. - Daby Touré: Mauritanian singer-songwriter and virtuoso guitarist with a global perspective.

Thursday, July 14, 12 noon - Brown Bag: Rik Palieri. 7 p.m. - The Brett Hughes Band: Vermont's favorite honky-tonk artist. 8:30 p.m. - Dwight & Nicole: American roots band offering a singular blend of blues and soul.

Friday, July 15, 12 noon - Brown Bag: Magician Tom Verner. 7 p.m. - The DuPont Brothers: Vermont-based indie-folk duo offering blood harmonies and fingerstyle guitar arrangements. 8:30 p.m. - Madaila: Burlington's hottest band—upbeat, synth-heavy and catchy.

Saturday, July 16, 7 p.m. - Vermont Jazz Ensemble Street Dance.

The Festival-on-the-Green is located on the Village Green in Middlebury, VT. For more information call (802) 462-3555. Visit www.festivalonthegreen.org.

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Book News

The Art and Science of Grazing

How Grass Farmers Can Create Sustainable Systems For Healthy Animals and Farm Ecosystems

by Sarah Flack

New techniques for managing grazing animals are producing dramatic results that empower farmers to create grazing systems that are truly effective at meeting their farm and quality-of-life goals.

In this comprehensive book, nationally known grazing consultant Sarah Flack builds on a solid foundation of the key principles of grazing management to help farmers design and manage successful grazing systems.

Farmers and their farms will benefit greatly from Flack's message that, in partnership with their animals, they can create profound change in pasture quality and productivity and the performance of the livestock. The book's unique approach presents information first from the perspective of pasture plants, and then from the livestock perspective—helping farmers understand both plant and animal needs before setting up a grazing system.

Flack's lifelong experience with grazing began when her family employed mob grazing techniques on the family farm to transform a brushy, overgrown series of fields into high-quality pasture. She has pursued graduate studies on pasture management at the University of Vermont, and she has successfully helped many farmers create positive change in their pastures, soils, livestock, finances, and farm-family quality of life.

The Art and Science of Grazing is an essential guide for ruminant farmers who want to create grazing systems that meet the needs of their livestock, pasture plants, soils, and the larger ecosystem. The book covers all the practical details that are critical for sustained success, including:

- Design considerations for setting up a new system or improving existing systems
- Acreage calculations
- Paddock layout
- Fence and drinking water access
- Lanes and other grazing infrastructure
- Livestock movement and flow management
- Soil fertility
- Seeding and reseeding of pastures

Flack includes descriptions of real grazing systems working well on dairy, beef, goat, and sheep farms in different regions of North America. The book covers pasture requirements specific to organic farming but will be of use to both organic and non-organic farms.

The Art and Science of Grazing by Sarah Flack is available for \$39.95 at your bookseller or from the publisher, Chelsea Green Publishing at www.chelseagreen.com.

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ONGOING ACTIVITIES

ADDISON. Chimney Point State Historic Site. The newly updated permanent exhibit on the Native American, French Colonial, and early American history of the Chimney Point area. Learn how to use the atlatl (ancient spear thrower). Children's French Colonial dress-up basket. Admission \$5, children 14 and under free. Wednesday through Sun and Monday holidays 9:30 am - 5pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Rt. 17W. May 28 to October 10.

BELLOWS FALLS. TransCanada Bellows Falls Visitor Center and Fish Ladder. Sponsored by the Nature Museum at Grafton. Free admission. Program at 11 am. 10 am - 4 pm. Bellows Falls Visitor Center and Fish Ladder, 17 Bridge St. (802) 843-2111. info@nature-museum.org. www.nature-museum.org. Every Friday, Saturday & Sunday May 27 through September 3.

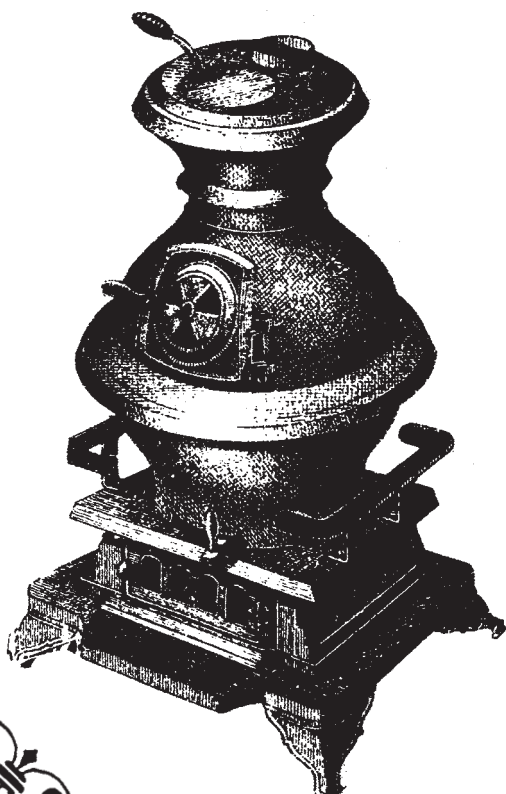
BENNINGTON. The Bennington Battle Monument is open for the season. A brand new elevator takes visitors to the observation floor for a spectacular view of three states. Events through the season include the 125th anniversary celebration in August. \$5 adult admission, \$1 for youth, five and under free. The Monument and gift shop are open seven days a week from 9 am - 5 pm. Bennington Battle Monument, 15 Monument Circle, (802) 447-0550. marylou.chicote@vermont.gov. www.historicsites.vermont.gov.

BURLINGTON. ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center. Exhibits, workshops, programs, café, gift shop, story hour. 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.

CHESTER. Famous New England Clambake. Two to three lobsters each, steamers, littleneck clams, corn on the cob, red potatoes, watermelon, and soda. \$34 per person. Every Saturday 12-6 pm. William Austin's Tavern, 42 Maple St. (Rt. 103). (802) 875-3032. July and August.

EAST DORSET. Vermont Summer Equestrian Festival. Watch the horses and athletes, shop the onsite boutiques, or plan to have lunch and a drink. Admission \$9/\$6/\$5/\$3. 8 am - 4 pm. Harold Beebe Farm, 2971 Rt. 7. (802) 224-6978. www.vt-summerfestival.com. Wednesdays through Sundays through August 14.

HARDWICK. Perennial Pleasures Free Sunday Guided Tour. Over 900 varieties of flowers, herbs and shrubs, specializing in heirloom and medicinal plants, and a special fondness for phlox. An eclectic gift shop, specializing in summer hats, is located in the old wooden extension, and a seasonal tea-room serves English Cream Teas and light lunches in the display garden or conservatory. Open 10 am - 5 pm, Tuesday through Sunday. Perennial Pleasures Nursery, 63 Brickhouse Rd. (802) 472-5104. annex@perennialpleasures.net. www.perennialpleasures.net.



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.

HUBBARDTON. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site. Children's colonial dress-up basket. Bring your flag to be raised over the Hubbardton Battlefield and receive a certificate. Admission: adults \$3, children 14 and under are free. Open 9:30 am - 5 pm Thurs through Sun, and Monday holidays. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton. May 28 to October 10.

HUNTINGTON. Monthly Bird Monitoring Walk. Our monthly walks gather long-term data on the presence of bird species, their abundance, and changes in populations. Donation appreciated. 8-10 am. Green Mountain Audubon Center, 255 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-3068. vermont@audubon.org. vt.audubon.org.

LONDONDERRY. Wagon Rides at Taylor Farm. On the hour on the weekends. Rides last 45 minutes. Come early and pack up a picnic basket of goodies from our farm store. Our wagons each hold up to 10 adults. Prices: \$20 for everyone over age 7, \$10 for ages 7-3, under 2 free; private rides \$150 for 1-5 people, \$200 for 6-10 people. Mid-week private rides available on request with advance notice. Taylor Farm, 825 Rt. 11. By reservation only, call (802) 824-5690. www.taylorfarmvermont.com.

MARLBORO. Marlboro Music Festival. Performances are on Saturdays at 8:00 PM and Sundays at 2:30 PM, with two special Friday concerts on August 5th and 12th at 8:00 PM. All concerts take place on the Marlboro College campus. (802) 254-2394. marlboromusic.org. July 16 through August 14.

ORLEANS. Vermont Reindeer Farm. Come see the only live reindeer in the whole state of Vermont! Many other farm animals to pet & feed. Nature trail, Reindeer games & gift shop. Vermont Reindeer Farm, 3108 Chilafoux Rd. (802) 754-9583. On Facebook.

ORWELL. Mount Independence State Historic Site. Celebrating "Strong Ground," the 240th anniversary of the start of American construction of the Revolutionary War's Mount Independence and the military road to Hubbardton and Rutland, the 50th anniversary of the trail system, and the 25th anniversary of the Mount Independence Coalition. Special Exhibit: "Independence Must Be Won: The Art of Ellen Viereck." Admission \$5 for adults, free for children under 15. Open daily, 9:30 - 5:30. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. May 28 - October 10.

PLAINFIELD, NH. The Attic Shop. New and used items include antiques, books, gift items, collectables, jewelry, furniture, glassware, artwork, and gently used clothes. Free coffee. Free admission. 10 am - 3 pm. Blow-Me-Down Grange, 1107 Rt. 12A. (603) 448-0773. Every Saturday.

PLYMOUTH NOTCH. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. Adults \$9, children 6 to 14 \$2, under 6 free. Family pass \$25. 9:30 am - 5 pm daily. 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicsites.vermont.gov. May 28 through October 16.

QUECHEE. Predators of the Sky. Explore the natural world through the eyes of raptors. Bird programs cover the mechanics of flight, seasonal migration and avian conservation issues to the extraordinary abilities of raptors. 11 am - 3:30 pm. Vermont Institute of Natural Science, 6565 Woodstock Rd. (802) 359-5000. info@vinsweb.org. www.vinsweb.org.

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. (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.

SHELBURNE. Historic Barn Tour. Explore two magnificent barns (Breeding Barn & Old Dairy Barn) — their past, present, and future. 1¼ hours. Admission plus \$3 fee: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 children 3-17, free to children ages 2 and under. 2:30-4:15 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org. Every Monday through October 10.

STOWE. Stowe Library Book Sale. Dawn to dusk daily. Separate sections for kid's books. All books are in very good condition, with new selections brought out daily until event's end. Special section for VT themed books. Stowe Free Library, 90 Pond St. (802) 253-6145. Through July 31.

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(Ongoing activities, continued)

ST. ALBANS. Book Cellar—Library Used Book Sale. Tuesdays from 10 am - 8 pm. Held in the library basement. St. Albans Free Library, 11 Maiden Lane. (802) 524-1507. www.stalbansfreelibrary.org.

STRAFFORD. Senator Justin Morrill Homestead and Education Center. Adults \$6, children 14 and under free. Open Wednesday-Sunday and Monday holidays 11 am - 5 pm. Justin Morrill Homestead, 214 Morrill Memorial Hwy. (802) 765-4484. director@morrillhomestead.org. www.morrillhomestead.org. May 28 through October 10.

VERGENNES. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Step aboard replica 1776 gunboat Philadelphia II. Explore some of the lake's 300+ historic shipwrecks in our Nautical Archaeology Center. Key to Liberty exhibit. See the replica 1862 schooner Lois McClure and our collection of canoes, kayaks, and wooden boats on display in the new Hazelett Watercraft Center. Take a boat cruise on Lake Champlain. Admission: adult \$12, seniors \$11, youth 6-17 \$8, children 5 & under free. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. off Rt. 22A. (802) 475-2022. info@lcmmm.org. www.lcmmm.org. May 21 through late October.

WEYBRIDGE. UVM Morgan Horse Farm. The UVM "government" line of Morgan Horse is considered one of the best in the world. See the horses. The farm's gift shop offers many UVM Morgan and horse related gift items. Small admission fee. 9 am - 4 pm. UVM Morgan Horse Farm, 74 Battell Dr., two miles from Middlebury. (802) 388-2011. www.uvm.edu/morgan. May 1 through October 31.

WEST RUTLAND. Home Buyer Education Classes. Call for schedule. NeighborWorks office at 110 Marble St. (802) 438-2303 x 216. www.nwwvt.org.

WEST RUTLAND. Vermont Herbal General Store. Owned and operated by a registered pharmacist. Tai' Chi Gung classes, Tuesdays at 5 pm at the store. 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.

WILMINGTON. Scenic Horseback Trail Rides. \$25/40 minutes. Children over 6 can ride alone. Year round seven days a week by reservation. Flames Stables, Rt. 100 south. (802) 464-8329.

WINDSOR. Old Constitution House. Admission: adults \$3, children 14 and under free. Open weekends and Monday holidays 11 am - 5 pm. The Old Constitution House is located on Main Street at the northern end of the village on Rt. 5, between exits 8 and 9 on I-91. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 N. Main St. (802) 672-3773. William. jenney@vermont.gov. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. May 28 through October 10.

WINDSOR. Hosta Days and Daylily Days. Come and explore our gardens. Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery, 1747 Hunt Rd. (802) 674-6825. www.ciderhillgardens.com. www.garymilek.com.

WOODSTOCK. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park. Tours, trails, carriage roads, gardens and a mansion at Vermont's only national park. Admission: \$4 or \$8, under 15 free. Walk the grounds for free. Guided tours, reservations available. 10 am - 5 pm daily. 54 Elm St. (802) 457-3368. www.nps.gov/mabi/index.htm. May 23 - October 31.

MUSEUMS, EXHIBITS & GALLERIES

BARRE. Vermont History Center and Leahy Library. Thousands of books, manuscripts, photographs, maps, audio, video and film recordings. 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. vermonthistory.org.

BENNINGTON. The Dollhouse and Toy Museum of Vermont. 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., corner of Valentine St. (802) 681-3767. www.dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com.

BENNINGTON. Bennington Center for the Arts. 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. "It is all a mystery," drawings by Marcy Hermansader, 1981-2015, May 5 through July 30. Founding documents, fine art, Bennington Pottery, the 1924 Wasp Touring Car, Vermont furniture, and the Bennington Flag—one of America's oldest flags. Adults \$10, seniors and students over 18 \$9. Admission is never charged for younger students or to visit the museum shop. Open 10 am - 5 pm every day except Wednesdays. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. www.benningtonmuseum.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.

BURLINGTON. Fleming Museum of Art. More than 20,000 objects that span the history of civilization, from early Mesopotamia through contemporary America. Adults \$5, family \$10, students and seniors \$3, children 6 and under free. Tue, Thu, Fri 10 am - 4 pm. Wed 10 am - 7 pm, Sat-Sun noon - 4 pm. Fleming Museum of Art, 61 Colchester Ave. (802) 656-0750. www.flemingmuseum.org.

CHESTER. 103 Artisans Marketplace. Hand crafted gifts, decorative accessories, small batch Chocolates and Vermont Maple products. Greenleaf Café now open. Owned by artists Elise & Payne Junker, exclusive showroom of Junker Studio metalwork. Open every day 10 am - 5 pm, closed Tuesday. Located at 7 Pineview Dr. and Rt. 103, south of town—look for the life-size moose! (802) 875-7400. www.103artisansmarketplace.com.

FERRISBURGH. Rokeby. From 1793 to 1961, Rokeby was home to four generations of Robinsons — a remarkable family of Quakers, farmers, abolitionists, artists, and authors. Open daily however the house may be seen by guided tour only, with tours at 11 am and 2 pm on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Admission \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 students, children younger than 5 are free. Admission is free on Tuesday afternoons 1-5 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. rokeby.org. May 22 thru late October.

HUNTINGTON. Community Art Show Featuring Eggs. "In Layers: the Art of the Egg" focuses on the beauty, biology, and essence of eggs. Works of almost two dozen artists hatch feelings of passion, delight, commitment, and discovery. Daily from May 1 to October 31. Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. www.birdsofvermont.org.

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MIDDLEBURY. Middlebury College Museum of Art. Free. Tuesday through Friday 10 am–5 pm, Saturday and Sunday 12–5 pm, closed Mondays. 72 Porter Field Rd. (802) 443-3168. cfa@middlebury.edu. museum.middlebury.edu.

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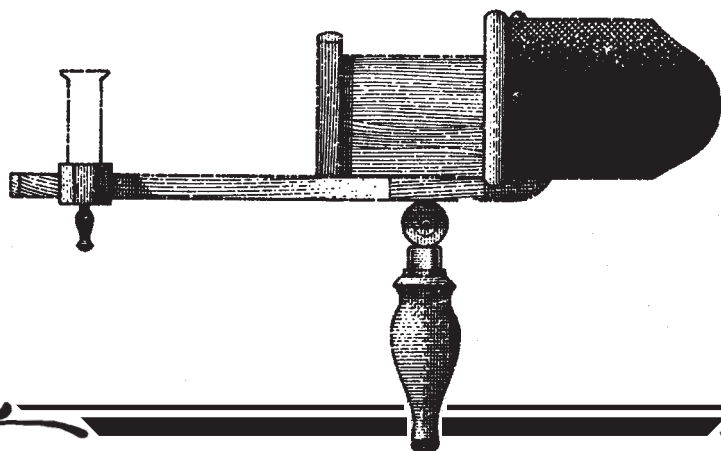
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North Country Reflections

Glorious Color: The Heart of a Beautiful Garden

by Judith Irven

Color is the elixir of life. From the youngest child exulting in a new set of crayons or somebody looking for that perfect tie or scarf to highlight a particular shirt, to a couple choosing paints to decorate their home, color dominates the scene.

So it comes as no surprise that, as we contemplate our favorite flowers and how to use them in our gardens, we instinctively focus on color. Making a lovely garden is like painting a beautiful picture—where our paintbox is composed of myriad flowers and leaves.

And course, as the season evolves, our gardener's paintbox is constantly changing. Carpets of cheery yellow daffodils announce the arrival of spring. May brings us young yellow-green leaves, as well as lilac and crab apple blossoms in many shades of pink, with and purple. In June the scene is dominated by pink, red and yellow peonies, together with pale purple catmint and deep purple salvia, plus irises in various shades of yellow and blue. In July and August our gardens are filled with red, pink and yellow day-lilies, plus deep pink coneflowers and white shasta daisies. Soon the purple New England asters, emerging amongst the sweeps of golden Black-eyed Susans, herald the start of fall.

So obviously, when considering what flowers would look good together, we need to remember their bloom time. And of course, since some plants like lots of sun, whereas others prefer a shady corner, that too needs to be taken into consideration.

But, beyond these practicalities, we can look to the world of art for insights about how to paint beautiful pictures with plants.

It is also helpful to realize that color preferences can be quite personal. For instance, I love soft pinks and yellows, as well as gentle blues and subtle purples, both for my wardrobe and in my garden. But the other day I had a garden visitor who was adamantly opposed to pink—especially in roses of any kind—but who delighted in the bolder colored plants, such as a bright yellow spirea (*Spirea 'Gold Princess'*) and a ninebark with variegated orange and red leaves (*Physocarpus 'Amber Jubilee'*).

The gardener's paintbox

The leaves of our plants and the lawn give all our garden pictures a backdrop of soothing green. But the careful observer will quickly see there actually lots of different greens involved. There are the yellow-greens of spring, blue-greens in some hostas as well as in grasses like the Blue Oat grass (*Helictotrichon sempervirens*), dark-greens in various evergreens and many more.

In addition to green leaves, our gardener's paintbox offers us flowers in every color of the rainbow, from red, orange and yellow to blue and violet that come and go throughout the season. And there are even a few plants with yellow or bronze leaves (especially those in the Spirea or Ninebark families) which will provide splashes of color from May till September.

Also different colors convey varied moods. Blues and purples—often described as 'cool colors'—are gentle and soothing. An expanse of blue catmint seems to recede gently



photo by Dick Conrad

The spiky blue-violet flowers of Sea Holly (*Eryngium planum*) create a stunning contrast of both color and texture against these lemon-yellow daylilies.

into the distance, giving your garden a sense of depth and calmness.

By contrast, yellows, oranges, reds and bright pinks—known as 'hot' colors—have a strong, vivid and energetic spirit. For instance, we are all familiar with the way a mass of brash golden Black-eyed Susans (*Rudbeckia Goldstrum'*) can dominate the scene.

Combining plants and mixing colors

The easiest way to decide how to create pleasing flower combinations is to let your own instincts be your guide. Pick a couple of blossoms from any one of your favorite plants, test them alongside other plants in the garden, and decide what would make the best color companions. Continue around the garden until you have found at least one great companion for all your special plants. Then make a mental note of what plants to move during the cooler weather of fall.

However, if you would like to explore further about how to use color in the garden, may I suggest Sydney Eddison's excellent book *The Gardener's Palette: Creating Color in the Garden*. (While it is no longer in print, a quick Internet search will yield plenty of copies for sale.) Not only was the author trained as an artist, she is also a very experienced gardener and her book is illustrated throughout with pictures from her own garden. And, since she lives in Connecticut, most of her plant choices should also grow well up here in Vermont.

She starts out by introducing the traditional color wheel that displays all the visible colors around a circle in the order in which they appear in the rainbow.

Then she describes the two fundamental ways to combine two or more colors: contrast and harmony.

Contrast is based on the inherent difference between any two colors that lie directly opposite each other on the color

wheel, known as complementary colors. Combine a pair of complementary colors—such as the yellow daylily in this picture with the blue-violet sea holly—for a bit of colorful drama.

Harmony, however, is based on the inherent likeness in colors that are adjacent on the color wheel, such as red, violet-red, red-violet and violet. There is red in all four colors and combining plants with these colors creates a pleasing compatibility.

The addition of white to any color produces a range of tints that are essentially paler versions of the parent color. I am reminded of all the wonderful pale pinks I can see in a group of peonies—or for that matter in a single blossom. These are all tints based on the parent color of red.

And conversely adding black will create richer versions or shades of the parent color, while adding gray will produce more subdued versions of the parent color that are called tones.

And finally, I recently discovered the Gardener's Color Wheel (available at TheGardenersColorwheel.com), also by Sydney Eddison, which shows each parent color together with its related tints, shades and tones. A sliding mask demonstrates how to combine any two or more colors in either harmony or contrast.

As summer progresses, take the Gardener's Color Wheel outside, both around your own garden and in those you visit, to see anew the amazing range of colors to be found in both the leaves and the flowers. Then use it to start planning next year's garden pictures!

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.

Dick Conrad is a landscape and garden photographer; to see his photographs go to northcountryimpressions.com.

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Greek food, music and culture will be celebrated at the 2016 Greek Festival, to be held on July 31st, rain or shine, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at the Dormition of the Mother of God Greek Orthodox Church grounds on Ledge Rd. in Burlington, VT.

Chicken Souvlaki, Gyro, and Pastichio will be on the menu, as will many vegetarian items such as homemade Stuffed Vegetables, Falafel, Spanakopita and Stuffed Grape Leaves. These and other Greek dishes will be accompanied by traditional pastries by the church's Philoptochos charity group, Greek-style coffees from the "Kafenion" (café) and Loukoumades (fried dough balls).

Crowds will enjoy Greek folk dancing by the church's youth dance group, tours of the 102-year-old church building and a Greek "Agora" of items.

Says event Chair Nicholas Pitt: "Each year, the festival is an opportunity for our community to invite our neighbors and friends to come enjoy an afternoon of food, music and culture. We see friends who have been coming to our festival for quite some time and it's a joy to visit with them and enjoy the memories."

About the Church: Founded by Greek immigrants in the Burlington area over 50 years ago, the Dormition of the Mother of God Greek Orthodox Church serves the spiritual needs of all Orthodox Christians in the Champlain Valley and Northern Vermont.

Proceeds from the festival will not only support the Dormition Greek Orthodox Church itself, but also contribute to the building of the St. Nicholas National Shrine on the site of the St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, the only house of worship destroyed at the World Trade Center on September 11th, 2001. The shrine will function as both an Eastern Orthodox Church and an international/interdenominational pilgrimage site.

Festival sponsors include Papa Nick's Restaurant, Henry's Diner, Tim's Place Restaurant, Lee Zachary's Pizza House, Donny's Pizza and the Pine Street Deli.

The Dormition of the Mother of God Greek Orthodox Church is located at 30 Ledge Rd. off S. Willard St. in Burlington, VT. For info contact: Rev. Father Andreas M. Papayiannis, work (802) 862-2155, cell (802) 881-9459. priest@gocvt.org.



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Since its beginnings this past January, Revels Traditions has become a much-loved part of Revels North's year-round programming, offering an opportunity to sing, play and perform for all ages in a relaxed atmosphere with folks who just like to make music or theater for the fun of it.

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Who You Gonna Call...

by Burr Morse

The other night, our daughter-in-law Miriam, who lives over in our farmhouse, found that ghosts make strange bed-fellows. Let me back up a bit. Betsy and I decided a couple years ago to have that ancient farmhouse insulated with cellulose and foam, you know, the modern stuff that both provides warmth and saves the earth. Our insulation guys, Bob and Kevin, just shook their heads on their first visit. They said the turn-of-the-century knob and pin wiring was a complete “no, no” and left instructions to have the whole house rewired. “Call us when it’s done” they said, no doubt hoping we’d never call. The farmhouse, with all its nooks, crannies, and added L’s probably represented an insulating “nightmare” to them.

Fast forward to May of 2016: the insulation guys didn’t know my wife very well. Betsy had employed an electrician immediately and recently called Bob and Kevin to come back up and do the job. They pulled in with two big pickup trucks, one hauling a huge trailer full of cellulose and a device to pump it into all areas of the farmhouse. The first thing they did was perform a “blow test” which checks to see

“I was part of everything up there...it was almost like I was living back then when all that stuff was new.”

how needy a dwelling is for additional insulation. The test on the farmhouse that day proved dire. Between what was never put there and what the mice had carried away, living in that old place was no better than living right outdoors on a January day.

They immediately went to work, using multi-techniques for knee walls, roof lines, and attic floors but before those floors could be done, that space had to be cleared of clutter. Enter Burr and Betsy in full “grunt” mode. Except for the fear of contracting Hanta virus from Civil War-era mouse droppings, we were excited to think of the treasure we might find up there. We first removed loads of general clutter left behind by recent tenants, but in the far recesses, we began finding ancient farm tools, horse paraphernalia and a few items of apparel from days long gone by. “Starting to stir up the ghosts,” I said to Betsy through my dust mask. After a long day, we had thrown tons of refuse out the gable window and selected a few worthy artifacts. We finally went home for essential showers.

A few days later we were talking to Miriam who had not been with us for our historical cleaning. “You know that day you were clearing the attic?” she asked. “Well, that night



Holsteins at rest under an ancient maple by an old un-lived-in house at the corner of Quarry Hill in Danby, VT.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

was really weird for me.” She went on to say that her dreams led her right to that attic area. “I was part of everything up there...it was almost like I was living back then when all that stuff was new.” She said it seemed to go on interminably and when she finally woke up, she felt a presence above her bed, someone with her, maybe gazing, maybe staring right through her. When I asked if she was frightened, she said, “No, they weren’t hostile or angry, just wanting to show me around, I guess.”

Miriam said she’s not a doubter—called it “energy.” I said it sounded more to me like ghosts, just plain old ghosts playin’ around with someone who’s still breathing. “I’d rather not have ‘em here,” I said, knowing we really have no choice in the matter. With any old house, you’re going to have some uninvited roommates, the mice and the ghosts. Oh well, at least they’ll all be warm next winter.

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North Country Book News

Children's Book Reviews by Charles Sutton

Trolls, Tomtes, and Mythical Creatures

The northern countries may have given us magnificent 'northern lights' but also a year-round display of colorful mythical characters like tomtes, elves, trolls, gnomes, fairies, wood nymphs, sprites and others whose antics are enjoyed by the young and old.

For an unforgettable journey into the world of trolls—those ugly cave-dwelling giants or dwarfs—make friends with *D'Aulaires' Book of Trolls* by Ingrid and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire (*New York Review Children's Collection*, \$19.95, www.nyrb.com).

The artist-writer team had a five-decade career together with their first books, including this one, being steeped in Scandinavian folklore. The couple married in Norway and were Bohemian artists in Paris before coming to America. Initially they used stone lithography for their illustrations which gave their drawings an other-world valiance of soft tones although many of the subjects were downright scary—as you will see.

We learn that in the early days of Norwegian history the mountains were the homes of all kinds of trolls: giant ones who were creatures of darkness; small trolls called gnomes (little men with glowing amber eyes and cats' whiskers); the huge and ugly part-troll hulder-people who had no souls; and creatures with one, three or 12 heads. Ones especially to avoid were the huge troll-steeds so fierce that flames spurted from their nostrils.

Among the D'Aulaires stories is one involving a 12-headed troll who kidnaps 12 princesses to provide brides for each head. A lad who comes to the rescue, slays the 12-headed troll and tames a troll-horse who carries them back to the king's castle. The lad-hero is awarded half the kingdom and gets the youngest and prettiest of the king's daughters to be his bride. The other 11 daughters may have escaped with troll silver and gold in their hands, but the youngest held onto the lad's hand—good for her! Although one is dealing with many strange and scary-looking trolls they are presented with humor and folklore.

Readers may be familiar with the Loch Ness monster, but here you can learn about other Scottish legendary and

mythical creatures including giants and witches, selkies and fairies and a great winged beast in *An Illustrated Treasury of Scottish Mythical Creatures* by Theresa Breslin and illustrated by Kate Leiper and told by Julia Donaldson (*Floris Books*, \$24.95, www.florisbooks.co.uk). The 11 stories are accompanied with unbelievably beautiful illustrations even if they are of monsters of the land or deep.

Among the spell-binding myths are Big Grey Man similar to Bigfoot or the Yeti, part-man, part-beast who menaces or gives warning to travelers; the vulver who has the body of man, but the head, feet and hands of a wolf (he is kind and helpful and gives away the fish he catches); and the selkies who are seals who can take off their skin and become human.

Especially intriguing is the story of Archer and the Island Beast, an old clan tale from the northeast of Scotland that is similar to the story of William Tell. A lone boy-archer saves

his village, plagued by an enormous winged breast with "hooked talons, glittering eyes and a gaping mouth" that can gobble up 16 sacks of grain and 19 long loaves of bread all at once.

Slaying the beast and becoming a hero of Moray island only makes its ruler, the Thane, jealous who then schemes to have the boy executed. The Scottish King is not fooled and casts the Thane into the deepest dungeon. And the "boy of no name" is called Brogach or Brodie which means sturdy lad. He goes on to become chief of his own clan, ruling wisely and well.

We learn some unique Scottish words including some tongue-twisters: cailleach (old woman); clootie dumpling (a spicy pudding wrapped in cloth and boiled); gue (a two-stringed lyre); hart (male deer); hind (a female deer); scattald (common land used for peat or pasture); selkie (a mythical seal); shinty (a game similar to hockey played with distinctive curved stick); spae-wife (a wise woman or fortune teller); and tumshie (an old word for turnip, and therefore an excellent insult).

For a thoroughly enjoyable story about a tomte called Grump, who really isn't that way at all, join the fun of *The Midsummer Tomte and the Little Rabbits* by Ulf Stark and Eva Eriksson (*Floris Books*, \$24.95, www.florisbooks.co.uk).

Midsummer eve is a national holiday in Sweden celebrated with dancing around a maypole, playing games, and enjoying holiday foods. See how the aging tomte, a long-bearded loner in a conical cap, gets roped into such a sociable event.

There is a devastating storm in the forest driving all its woodland animals to seek shelter. They find safety with Grump in his home—an abandoned dog kennel only large enough for him and his sometimes companion, a bee.

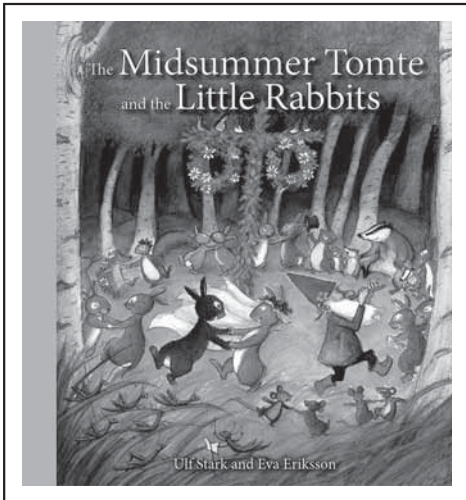
He is somehow able to put up the rain-soaked herd of rabbits, squirrels, mice, forest doves, badgers and moles. He covers the floor with small piles of hay and makes bedding out of wood shavings. He does emergency first aid as many of the animals have bumps and bruises or have caught colds from being soaked in the rain.

The rabbits are especially worried about one of their kin named Rory who has disappeared in the storm. Grump goes to the rescue and finds the lost rabbit in the woods, injured, but still alive, trapped under a fallen tree. Grump cuts him loose with a saw and brings him home in a wheelbarrow.

As the story unfolds the animals, including the very-ill Rory, recover enough so that the Midsummer celebration does take place. Grump even ends up marrying two of the rabbits—the rescued Rory and his love Binny.

You'll enjoy the wedding banquet, too, which includes dill and potatoes, bread made from corn and bark, pine-nut balls, carrot leaf salad, lingonberry cakes, cabbage leaves stuffed with chopped hazelnuts and plates of young nettles.

Readers may hope someday they will meet such a tomte who is certainly no Grump.



Children's Book Reviews

A Summertime of Bats!

We have a long history of scaring little children especially at Halloween with tales of bats. Not fair! The fact they sleep upside down in caves also earns them a bad rap. However, we can see how amusing and bats are through their adventures in settings other than in night skies and caves. In the three-book bat book collection: *Box of Bats: Bats at the Beach, Bats at the Ballgame, and Bats at the Library* by Brian Lies (\$16.99, *Houghton Mifflin Harcourt*, www.hmh.com), one will forever have a new respect for this flying mammal.

Join them heading to the beach with buckets, trowels and towels, banjos, blankets and books strapped to their backs and under their wings. They spend the night burying friends in the sand, flying kites, riding the surf, singing songs and eating picnic food.

Play ball with the bats in a touch-and-go baseball game with another bat team and at one crucial moment we hear, "We shake our feet and raise our wings. In voices high and strong, together, all the fans belt out the famous bat-ball song."

A slightly more subdued outing is to the library where the bats flutter off and lose themselves among the books. Adventures include hanging upside down from a large lampshade, playing wing-tip tag, shaping shadows on the wall and duplicating themselves in a copying machine.

The box of bat books includes bat stickers of events in these books, but most of all you will enjoy these bats having family fun. Brian Lies is also the author of *Bats in the Band*, and his books are available in large paperback format, too.

A good book to introduce small children to the ways

of bats is *Hello Bumblebee Bat* by Darrin Lunde and illustrated by Patricia J. Wynne (*Charlesbridge*, \$6.95, *Board Book*, www.charlesbridge.com).

In a series of large colorful drawings one meets the bumblebee bat who is small like a bumblebee, its fur a relish brown and its ears long and pointy. We see the bat in pursuit of moths and flies for an evening meal before returning to a cave with its brothers and sisters for a night's sleep upside down.

The author is a mammal expert who works at the Smithsonian's Natural Museum of Natural History. His drawings show you that the bumblebee bat is quite the character.

An educational introduction to bats inspired by true stories and the people working to help and understand them is *Little Brown Bat Story* by Melissa Kim and illustrated by Jada Fitch (*Islandport Press*, \$10.95, *Board Book*, www.islandportpress.com).

One sees a hungry brown bat and its companions consuming a huge number of mosquitos and other insects in just one hour. He is doing an important job.

Bats in North America have been plagued with a fungal disease called White Nose Syndrome which threatens entire colonies. Pictured are scientists in bat caves working on ways to combat this disease. Our brown bat is one of the survivors, but one must worry about what happened to his fellow bats.

The book is published in cooperation with Maine Audubon which is working to conserve healthy bat habitats, maintaining roosting areas, limiting toxins and promoting monitoring.



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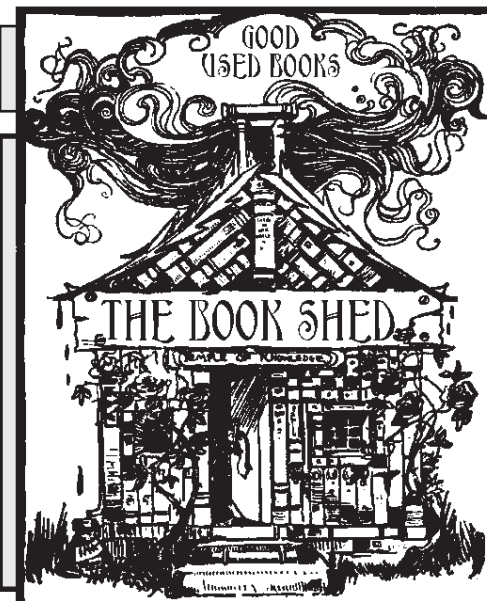
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Miraculous Abundance

One Quarter Acre, Two French Farmers, and Enough Food to Feed the World

by Perrine and Charles Herve-Gruyer
(Chelsea Green Publishing)

We've been seeing the steady growth of small, subsistence farms in Vermont evident at farmers' markets with emphasis on organic or natural produce and even some farms replacing machinery with horses.

For a glimpse of where this movement is going read about the adventures into micro-farm agriculture as practiced by two unlikely farmers in Normandy, France. This amazing story tells how a couple of neophytes turned a tiny scape of land into a garden of beauty, home to wildlife, and where a huge variety of plants and even a mini-forest produce abundant food.

Author Charles Herve-Gruyer, a mariner, visited many foreign countries where he was intrigued on how native peoples lived and had plenty of food from the natural world. His wife Perrine Herve-Gruyer, an international lawyer, knew the life of world cities, but nothing about farms.

Both showed they had the perseverance, courage and optimism to create the ideal small farm—one that could feed many, many people and set an example of what should and could be done worldwide.

The couple, including his two children from a previous marriage, moved into a thatched-roof cottage on 1.6 acres in Le Bec-Hellouin, Normandy in February 2004. They named their farm La Ferme du Bec Hellouin. They soon grew to a family of six with two more children.

The heart of their original garden was .25 acre made into 70 plots. Added when possible were greenhouses, out-buildings, 14 ponds, livestock, and 10 terraced gardens where fruit and berries were planted. As the years passed they were able to buy additional acres from the adjoining monasteries.

The farm today is described as a mosaic of intermingled ecosystems—ponds, islands, orchards, forest gardens, mounded crops and pastures where wild plants and animals "seem to feel right at home."

Many differing approaches to growing food were studied and integrated into the farm including Rudolph Steiner's biodynamic agriculture, organic farming, Amish agriculture, Korean natural farming using Bokashi (an anaerobic fermented organic matter), bio-intensive agriculture developed by John Jeavons, and Maine's Elliot Coleman's Four Season Farm. Coleman also wrote the book's introduction.

Micro-agriculture includes organic farming procedures like composting, companion planting, using open-pollinated seeds and never any chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. Vegetables also are planted systematically and staggered to fit more crops in the available space. Permanent garden beds are made from deep soil penetration and double diggings—an old technique that unpacks two shovel-scoops deep but the soil layers are not mixed.

The farm's top priority is sustaining and constantly rebuilding its soils. As market gardeners they respect and support soil assistants like bacteria, worms, fungi, algae, and crustaceans. They prefer the 'no-till' approach done entirely by hand on small areas, achieving productivity that a machine cannot match.

Some 60% of their cultivated area is dedicated to bio-mass plants able to provide the bulk of materials to be composted for the whole garden. These plants including grains, beans and sunflowers produce carbon—the main content of the organic material and calories. Some 30% of the cultivated area is dedicated to tubers and other vegetables rich in calories like potatoes, leeks, Jerusalem artichokes, garlic, parsnips, sweet potatoes and oyster plants. The remaining 10% is dedicated to vegetables that provide vitamins and minerals such as salad greens, carrots, radishes and turnips.

The couple learned gardening techniques from what Parisian market gardeners of the 19th century accomplished with unique raised hotbeds of soil mixed with fresh and composted horse manure in which they were able to grow vegetables day and night throughout the year.

In 1845 the crops raised by these 1,800 marketeers within the walls of Paris covered 3,405 acres and employed 9,000 people or five persons per garden, usually a master gardener and his wife, day laborers, and a hired boy or girl, more often than not their own children. They raised enough to feed the entire city earning these farmers the name "the goldsmiths of the ground."

Charles and Perrine to this day grow much of their pro-

duce in the compost-rich raised beds—a veritable vegetable growing art form!

An intriguing part of their story is the edible forest garden. Such gardens may be common in tropical countries of Africa and Asia, but they are practically unknown in northern latitudes. We may have a woodlot for stove and fireplace wood, and later hopefully some timber, but have never considered the woodland's rocky soil with lots of roots and its shady area as a place for a garden.

Charles and Perrine's forest garden occupies an area of about 1/3 of an acre and runs in a horseshoe shape around the ponds and islands. The garden today, an autonomous system, includes 100 varieties of fruit trees, shrubs, berries, nuts, nitrogen-fixing plants, ground covers, edible vines, and some perennial vegetables and herbs. Other forest products include chestnut trees, mushrooms and medicinal plants. This garden also serves as a paddock for Winick, their draft horse, Alice the donkey, and their four kids' ponies.

Benefits of forest gardens include low investment and operating costs, an ideal garden for the elderly, no daily monitoring needed and time off in the winter. The couple coined a name for the forest gardener—a sylvanier.

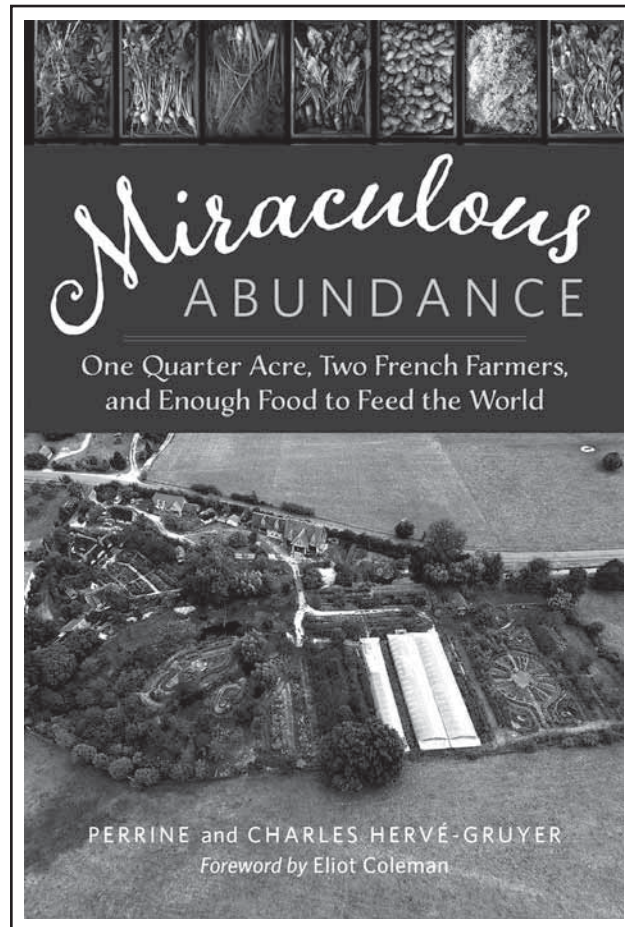
In 2008 the couple began constructing a circular-shaped 'mandala garden'—"The idea of gracing our landscape with a design that was thousands of years old spoke deeply to us," they wrote. This mandala-shaped garden is more productive (due to very close plantings) than other gardens and contributes to the beauty of the farm.

The book concludes with several chapters about the future role for micro-farms worldwide as providing continual employment, family security, and a source of local food for the surrounding community. In the not too distant future their usefulness will be even greater as the planet runs out of fossil fuels for farm machinery and worldwide transportation systems. Even though 90% of the world's farms today are under five acres, they are producing poorly due to climate change (especially droughts), on-going wars and civil strife, and a lack of knowledge of better ways to farm.

The authors warn that creating their version of 'a Garden of Eden' was no easy task. They went through their savings and had to borrow money for the four start-up years needed to become profitable. They learned through hard work, and trial and error; but also got valuable advice from agronomists from all over the world, who were amazed at what was being done at La Ferme du Bec Hellouin where its sustainability could be a model to help feed the world.

Book Review by Charles Sutton

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Writers at Back Roads Readings

Ellen McCulloch-Lovell of Montpelier, VT, whose first book of poems was published in 2010, recently retired after a decade as the first female president of Marlboro College. She served as chief of staff for U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy and later deputy chief of staff to First Lady Hillary Clinton helping her create Save America's Treasures. Later she founded the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress.

Major Jackson of South Burlington, VT, author of four collections of prize-winning poems, is the Richard Dennis Green and Gold Professor at the University of Vermont and serves as the poetry editor of *The Harvard Review*. He was the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and a creative arts fellowship at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard.

Edward Hirsch, president of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, received numerous awards for his poetry including MacArthur and Guggenheim Fellowships and the Prix de Rome. His book *Selected Poems* brings together 35 years of poems. He also is the author of five prose books exploring poetry and their effect on the poet and the reader.

Rachel Hadas, a longtime summer resident of Danville, VT, has taught English at Rutgers University and literature and writing at Columbia and Princeton. She received a Guggenheim Fellowship in Poetry, an Ingram Merrill Foundation grant, and a literature award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. She is the author of numerous books of poetry, essays, and translations. She is now working on verse translations of two plays by Euripides, a Greek play writer 5th century BC.

Vijay Seshadri, a native of Bangalore, India, who came to America at the age of five, has published four collections of poems of which he latest won the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry. He has received grants from the Guggenheim Foundation, the New York Foundation for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts award. He lives in Brooklyn and teaches poetry and nonfiction writing at Sarah Lawrence College.

Brownington Congregational Church is located at 126 Parker Rd. in Brownington, VT. For more information contact Lisa von Kann at (802) 633-4956. lisavonkann@gmail.com. www.backroadsreadings.com.



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Rachel Hadas will be reading at the 2016 Back Roads Summer Poetry Reading in Brownington, VT.

Gleaning Season Has Begun: VT Farms Already Donating Fresh Produce to Vermont Foodbank

Warm weather, longer days and abundant sunshine have provided the right formula for Vermont's farms.

The Vermont Foodbank and volunteers from the Burlington area set to work gleaning salad and braising greens from Digger's Mirth Farm at the Intervale.

"The glean at Digger's Mirth allowed us to deliver more than 100 pounds of delicious greens to area food shelves and meal sites," said Andrea Solazzo, Vermont Foodbank's gleaning and community outreach coordinator.

The Vermont Foodbank's Gleaning Program is the largest in the state, working with as many as 80 farms and 800 volunteers.

"We are always looking for volunteers to support our gleaning work," said Hanna Snyder, Vermont Foodbank volunteer coordinator. "Gleaning is a great activity for children, civic groups, or a corporate office team. It's a great way to learn about Vermont's agricultural

economy, while giving back to the community."

Last year, the Foodbank provided 443,000 pounds of fresh Vermont produce to food shelves and meal sites around the state. Through cooking demos and taste tests, the Vermont Foodbank is also providing introduction to new produce and simple recipes.

"We know that the visitors we see at food shelves and meal sites want to eat healthy, delicious food," said Michelle Wallace, Vermont Foodbank director of community health and fresh food initiatives. "Our Gleaning Program provides the necessary nutrition that people need and want but likely can't afford on fixed or limited incomes."

Vermont Foodbank is the state's largest hunger-relief organization. In FY2015, the Vermont Foodbank distributed 10 million pounds of food to 153,100 Vermonters.

The Vermont Foodbank is nationally recognized as one of the most effective and ef-

ficient non-profits and food banks in the nation.

volunteering for the gleaning program or to sign up visit www.vtfoodbank.org/gather-food/gleaning.

To find out more about

40th Army Band to Perform

The Vermont National Guard and the Office of the Adjutant General are proud to present "Vermont's Own" 40th Army Band summer tour.

The Concert Band program will feature traditional patriotic American tunes, as well as contemporary musical favorites.

The 40th Army Band will also be marching in the Worcester, Vermont Independence Day Parade beginning at 11:00 am on Monday July 4, 2016.

The 40th Army Band will also feature the Music Performances Teams True North, a big band style ensemble, and The Power of 10, a power rock show band.

Members of the 40th Army Band serve one weekend a month and two weeks of Annual Training each year in the Vermont Army National Guard. As civilians the rest of the year, they are engaged in such diverse occupations as education, law, security, technology, medicine, and sales.

All concerts are free and open to the public.

40th Army Band

Monday, July 4th at 8 p.m. on the Village Green at Smugglers' Notch Resort in Jeffersonville, VT. In what has become a Vermont musical tradition, "Vermont's Own" 40th Army Band will perform a concert sponsored by Smugglers' Notch Resort as part of the Jeffersonville community's 4th of July celebration. The finale will feature Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture," followed by a fireworks display.

Tuesday, July 5th at 7 p.m. at the Enosburg Opera House located at 123 Depot St, Enosburg Falls, VT.

Thursday, July 7th at 7 p.m. the Green in Fair Haven, VT.

True North

Wednesday, July 6th at 7 p.m. at the Ethan Allen Homestead Museum located at 1 Ethan Allen Homestead, Burlington, VT.

Friday, July 8th at 2 p.m. at the Newport Vermont Jazz Festival at the Waterfront Gazebo Stage in Newport, VT.

The Power of 10

Wednesday, July 6th at 7:00 PM at Bombardier Park located at 1 Park Pl, Milton, VT.

Further information about the 40th Army Band may be obtained by calling the unit's office in Colchester, weekdays, at (802) 338-3480, or by visiting the 40th Army Band on Facebook.

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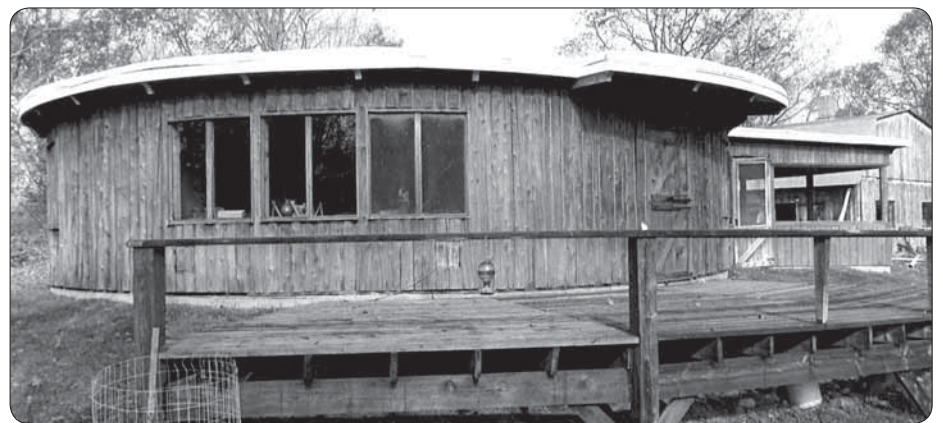
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