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## July Journal

# Some Lessons from Walking the Camino de Santiago

by Bill Felker

In April, I walked for weeks on the Camino de Santiago, an ancient pilgrimage route, in northern Spain. Many of the lessons that I had learned prior to my trek resurfaced as I went along. They were easy lessons I learned at home:

Going slow matters. What you see is what you get. Anywhere is as good as somewhere. Truth comes from the feet up. Distance is physiology. Motion is the great teacher. Sleep is the great teacher. The path is the great teacher.

Now that I have returned,

I relearn other easy lessons: Stillness is the great teacher. Staying put is the great teacher. Watching is better than seeing. I am my own path. Somewhere is as good as anywhere. Insomnia is the great teacher. Waiting is the great teacher. There are no great teachers. There is no path.

It doesn't matter to me now that the lessons sync or clash are true or false, make sense or not. Lessons, once they are embodied, are—of course—physical. Living and learning are easy then. The body does it all by itself.



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## TRAVELING HAYMAKERS ~ WYMAN AND HIS MARE ~

All day long, from day to day,  
Where the July windrows lay  
Wyman worked. From where I sat  
I saw him lift his hot felt hat,  
Wipe his brow, and rough his hair,  
Stand and gaze away somewhere,  
Maybe to his bait and pole,  
Or the black, deep swimmin' hole.  
Long he'd stand, and then "come back."  
Old folks often have the knack  
To forget it is today,  
And go wandering far away.

I could see that he was sad,  
And I thought, "Now that's too bad.  
Guess I'll make a *swichel* drink,  
But just how I'll have to think,  
Such as mother made haydays  
To relieve the blistering rays  
Of the blessed, curing sun,  
Till the word came, 'Hayin's done.'"

Wyman's patient Morgan mare,  
Flicking horseflies here and there,  
Turned her head and looked me through,  
Morgan-like, "Now who be you?"

You ain't her that went away  
On that other July day?"  
Dropped her head and closed her eyes,  
Stamped, and switched annoying flies,  
Shivered flesh, as horses will,  
Shaking one fly clinging still.  
Then I said, "Oh, Wyman, where  
Did you get that fine horse there?"  
And he (what was there to hide?)  
Turned his back, and though he tried,  
Could not answer. It was sad;  
And again I said, "Too bad."

"Wa-al," he said, with quavering voice,  
"We ain't travelin' raound from choice;  
But with jest old Doll an' me,  
Watcha goin' ter do?" said he.  
"Sence she left us two one day,  
Summers, Doll and me, we hay,  
Jest go raound from place to place."  
Wiping sweatdrops from his face,  
"Nothin' else ter do—" he said,  
"Eat an' work an' go ter bed."

"Raised her from a colt, you see,  
Trained her, yes, sir!—her an' me.

Was our baby, was our pet;  
An' there's none can git her—yet."

Then he made a wry old face.  
"Ain't this world a funny place?  
If it warn't for old Doll there,  
Seems as if I couldn't bear  
Life at all. But here we be,  
An' we've got ter stay, y'see."

\* \* \*

Wyman's cured up all my hay—  
Gone some other place today,  
Lonely man and faithful beast  
Loning just to be released,  
Never minding July sun,  
Waiting call of "Hayin's done."

Stubble's all that's left today.  
But from where the windrows lay  
Comes a scent of faded flowers,  
Bits of birdsong, breath of showers,  
And I'm carried back somewhere,  
Just as Wyman was out there.

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Woodstock, VT

## July Festivities 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. The Farm & Museum has served as a gateway to Vermont's rural heritage for over 1.5 million visitors. In addition to the following special events, you can visit the farm for Time Travel Tuesdays, Wagon Ride Wednesdays and Foodways Fridays. Whether you are a visitor or make Vermont your home, plan a trip to Billings Farm & Museum this summer. You'll have a great time!

### "An Old Vermont 4th" Tuesday, July 4th

Celebrate "Old Vermont 4th" on Tuesday, 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.

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

Debates and speeches have played a key role in the Independence Day observance, as does the reading of the Declaration of Independence, which will occur at noon. At 1 p.m., there will be a women's debate on the topic, "Is the production of great works of literature favored by the conditions of modern civilized life?" Adults and older students can test their 19th century vocabulary skills in a spirited spelling bee.

### Celebrate National Ice Cream Day Sunday, July 16th

July 16th is National Ice Cream Day. Join us as we celebrate the great American dessert by making and sampling four delicious flavors of hand-cranked ice cream. There will also be horse-drawn wagon rides, educational programs with our award-winning Jersey cows, including "Judging Jerseys with our Farm Manager," and a game of historic baseball.

### Hay Day! Sunday, July 23rd

Billings Farm & Museum will feature Hay Day on Sunday, July 23rd, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This annual family-friendly event will feature traditional 19th century haying techniques with Billings Farm's draft horses, as well as narrated horse-drawn wagon rides and children's activities, including penny-in-the-haystack and making clothespin horses and scarecrow puppets.

Watch how field work was done in Vermont over a century ago and also modern-day farming at our operating dairy farm. Billings Farm features over 35 award-winning Jersey cows, Southdown sheep, draft horses, chickens, and oxen.

### 31st Annual Quilt Exhibition July 29 through September 17, 2017

Billings Farm & Museum will host its 31st Annual Quilt Exhibition from July 29 through September 17, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring quilts made by Windsor County quilters.

The exhibition will include quilting activities and demonstrations for every age and skill level, with quilters on hand to discuss their work. Challenge quilts made by the Heart of the Land Quilt Guild will also be exhibited.

For over three decades, Billings Farm & Museum has played a significant role promoting and encouraging the quilting tradition in Windsor County. Still considered both a creative and utilitarian household craft, renewed interest in the tradition dovetails with the museum's mission of celebrating Vermont's rural heritage. Since 1985, over 280 quilters have submitted more than 1,000 quilts for exhibit at the Farm & Museum.

Admission includes all activities and programs. Adults \$15; 62 & over \$14; 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 November through February, and Christmas & Presidents' weeks, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Farm & Museum is located one-half mile north of the Woodstock village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org) or through Facebook: [facebook.com/BillingsFarmMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/BillingsFarmMuseum).




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Woodstock, VT

# Bookstock 2017

Bookstock 2017, one of New England's premier literary festivals, returns to Woodstock, VT for its ninth consecutive year on July 28, 29 and 30.

Situated at venues on and near the historic Village Green of this picturesque Vermont town, the festival attracts over 30 notable authors. Novelists, poets, historians, experts, memoirists, essayists, artists, activists, philosophers, and biographers discuss their latest works in informal settings.

Headlining the festival are two dynamic women: the best-selling author, Julia Alvarez, and the quintessential Vermont artist, Sabra Field. These women have collaborated on a new picture book, *Where Do They Go?*, a beautifully crafted illustrated poem for children of all ages who have wondered what happens to those they love after they die.

Besides author presentations, Bookstock 2017 offers an exciting variety of related events.

A cutting edge virtual reality demonstration, produced by Champlain College's Emergent Media Center, will enable individuals to experience this developing technology. Participants will enter a tent on the Village Green, don a helmet with built-in lenses, and experience a variety of virtually real three dimensional scenes, such as climbing to a mountain summit or painting a picture surrounded by your own studio.

The Village Green will also be the setting for a performance of prize-winning one act plays by high school students, a Bob Dylan Tribute Band, a gigantic book sale, a literary market place for authors and publishers, plus food and activities for children.

On Sunday, Vermont filmmaker Jay Craven will screen his film, *Where the Rivers Flow North*, based on a book by Vermont author, Howard Frank Mosher, who died in January.



Listening to a concert on the Green at Bookstock 2017 in Woodstock, VT

photo by Bookstock

Craven will relate his experiences with Mosher in bringing the author's books to the screen.

Bookstock 2017 will present its usual collection of notable poets, led by Pulitzer Prize and T.S. Eliot Prize winner Paul Muldoon and Molly Peacock, poet, essayist, biographer, memoirist and fiction writer.

The field of fiction is rich with writers. Three authors from Sisters in Crime, a national organization of mystery and thriller authors, will discuss their craft.

Jack Mayer, an author and a practicing pediatrician in Middlebury, presents his novel, *Before the Court of Heaven*, that tells the story of how the Weimar Republic in Germany became the Third Reich. Jean Hanff Korelitz, author of adult and children's fiction and poetry, focuses on the life of a woman college president and the issues she faces, both professional and personal.

Other fiction writers at Bookstock, include popular novelists Roland Merullo, Castle Freeman, Jr. and Brooke Herter James.

In the non-fiction field, Kevin Dann will discuss his new book, *Expect Great Things—The Life and Search of Henry David Thoreau* which received a full-page review in the NY Times Book Review. Jabari Asim presents his provocative book, *The N Word: Who Can Say It, Who Shouldn't, And Why*. Philip Baruth will unveil his biography, *Senator Leahy: A Life*

*in Scenes*; and John Rousmaniere, a mariner and maritime historian, will speak on writing about bad news – using his career as an example.

Historians are well represented. Stephen Long tells the story of the great 1938 New England Hurricane and talks about his book, *Thirty-Eight: The Hurricane That Transformed New England*. Delia Robinson writes about the horrific 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Company Fire in her book, *A Shirtwaist Story*.

Sarah Prager chronicles the ignored stories of LGBTQ figures through the ages in her recently published book, *Queer, There, and Everywhere—23 People Who Changed the World*. Marcos Stafne, who is the Executive Director of The Montshire Museum in Norwich, VT, relates the history of Woodstock's own John Cotton, pioneer founder of libraries and museums.

Bookstock will also have a super "Anything Goes" poetry slam, open to poets, comedians, magicians, musicians, marital artists and choral groups.

A special event at Bookstock 2017 will be a performance by singer and songwriter Chris Pierce, who also performs blues and roots music as the Reverend Tall Tree.

For more information contact [info@bookstockvt.org](mailto:info@bookstockvt.org) or visit [www.bookstockvt.org](http://www.bookstockvt.org).

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For soil and air:  
Kind zephyr's pleasant breeze  
Whispers among the trees  
Where men may live at ease,  
With prudent care.

Here cows give milk to eat,  
By nature fed:  
Our fields afford good wheat  
And corn for bread.  
Here sugar-trees they stand  
Which sweeten all the land,  
We have them at our hand,  
Be not afraid.

Here's roots of every kind  
To preserve our lives;  
The best of anodynes  
And rich costives.  
The balsam of the tree  
Supplies our chirurgery;  
No safer can you be  
In any land.

The butternut and beech  
And the elm tree,  
They strive their heads to reach  
As high as they:  
But falling much below,  
They make an even show;  
The pines more lofty grow  
And crown the woods.

Here glides the pleasant stream  
Which doth not fail  
To spread the richest cream  
O'er the intervale.  
As rich as Eden's soil  
Before that sin did spoil  
Or man was doomed to toil  
To get his bread.

Here little salmon glide,  
So neat and fine,  
Where you may be supplied  
With hook and line:  
They are the finest fish  
To cook a dainty dish  
As any one could wish  
To feed upon.

The pigeon, goose and duck,  
They fill our beds;  
The beaver, coon and fox,  
They crown our heads.  
The harmless moose and deer  
Are food and clothes to wear;  
Nature could do no more  
For any land.

There's many a pleasant town  
Lies in this vale,  
Where you may settle down;  
You need not fail  
To make a fine estate,  
If you are not too late,  
You need not fear the fate,  
But come along.

—THOMAS ROWLEY  
Shoreham, VT, 1721-1796

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# Friesen & Martin: Planet Talk, New Chamber Rap

Vermont cellist Eugene Friesen brings pianist Joel A. Martin to Bellows Falls, Vermont for the local debut of *Friesen & Martin: Planet Talk, New Chamber Rap* at Immanuel Episcopal Church on July 14th at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by Stone Church Arts. Admission is \$20.00.

The duo explores the intersection of jazz, classical and world music styles with a melodic and rhythmic improvisatory style born from decades of concerts on six continents.

Friesen & Martin will be joined by poet/rapper Myles Bullen. Based in Portland, Maine, Bullen has a fresh, positive message and a rhythmic vitality that provokes thought and emotion in multiple generations of listeners. Blending rap into an innovative chamber setting, Planet Talk is a unique exploration of multiple styles with an emphasis on beauty, love, and community.

### Eugene Friesen

Cellist Eugene Friesen is well known to local listeners. A four-time Grammy winner Friesen is active internationally as a cellist, composer, conductor, teacher, and recording artist. He has been featured in concerts all over the world with the Paul Winter Consort, with Trio Globo (Friesen, Howard Levy and Glen Velez), and in his popular CelloMan performances for children and families. A pioneer in the teaching of improvisation to classically trained musicians, Eugene has led workshops throughout North America and around the world.

Friesen is an artist-in-residence at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, and on the faculty of the Berklee College of Music in Boston. He lives in Bellows Falls and is music director of the Stone Church Arts concert series.

### Joel A. Martin

Joel A. Martin is an award-winning concert and jazz pianist who has performed his innovative Jazzical compositions as well as jazz and classical pieces both domestically and in Paris, London, Finland, Germany, Switzerland, Japan, Russia and Kyrgyzstan. Joel has performed as soloist with the New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, Baltimore Symphony, Delaware Symphony, Springfield Symphony and Hartford Symphony Orchestras premiering Jazzical: Dueling Orchestras.

Martin has been featured on BET (Black Entertainment Television) in "BET on Jazz," NBC-TV and performed his original Jazzical compositions at the Savannah Music Festival, Guggenheim Museum, Lincoln Center, Snug Harbor, Kennedy Center, and the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival.

In addition to his prodigious productions and concert schedule, Joel is also touring with famed soprano Kathleen Battle in international concert appearances.



Cellist Eugene Friesen and pianist Joel A. Martin will be performing on July 14th in Bellows Falls, VT. photo by Stone Church Arts

### Myles Bullen

Spoken word performer, teaching artist, and "play expert" Myles Bullen is a radical poetic rapper who touches on self empowerment, social issues, uplifting oppression, and creating community. He performs in schools, living rooms, juvenile prisons, rehabilitation centers and conscious music festivals around the U.S.

The well-traveled, hip-hop poet is also a creative writing educator teaching poetry to teens in juvenile detention centers, public and private schools, and other art related programs. Myles has explored most of the United States as well as parts of Europe touring his music, writing and teaching poetry.

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## Dummerston, VT

### Southern Vermont Dance Festival Hosts a Midsummer Night's Picnic and Promenade Performance Gala at Scott Farm

The Southern Vermont Dance Festival takes place this year on Thursday, July 13 through Sunday, July 16 at many venues in and around Brattleboro, VT with classes, concerts, galas, a community dinner, and dozens of free events.

For the first time ever, Southern Vermont Dance Festival will be offering a picnic with live music to enjoy a late summer afternoon. Those picnicking will be among the first to do the outdoor promenade performance that will take you through the grounds of Scott Farm and The Stone Trust to see multiple stunning works

from 10 choreographers that would normally be exhibited on a proscenium stage. Choreography will be by Aria Roach, Dorcas Roman, Sonia Plumb, Julie Petrusak, Julie Marie Muskat, Noel St. Jean Chevalier, Marisa Cohen, Melissa Gendreau, and Maurice Fraga.

This evening promenade performance is most magical, almost like a dance dream on a midsummer night. The evening does involve walking so bring your walking shoes.

The picnic and promenade starts at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45. The promenade performance alone is scheduled at 8:30 p.m., 9 p.m.,

9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. and is \$25. Choose your time slot when you order your tickets from [southernvermontdancefestival.com](http://southernvermontdancefestival.com).

There will be no parking at the farm. A shuttle will be available and you'll get an email or text as to what time you should be there for the bus, which will be ferrying attendees in shifts.

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magical summer evening of dance performances.

Scott Farm is located at 707 Kipling Rd. in Dummerston, VT. Go to [www.scottfarmvermont.com](http://www.scottfarmvermont.com) for directions. For more information about the Southern Vermont Dance Festival and a full schedule of events visit [www.southernvermontdancefestival.com](http://www.southernvermontdancefestival.com).

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## Summertime Berry Desserts



### Blueberry Polenta Cake

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1 large egg	¼ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons lemon juice	½ cup vegetable oil
1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries	½ cup plain low-fat yogurt
Blueberry Compote, optional	¼ teaspoon grated lemon rind, packed
	1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar, optional

Preheat oven to 350°F. With parchment or wax paper, line the bottom of a 9-inch cake pan and spray well with cooking spray. In a small bowl, stir together flour, cornmeal, baking powder, and salt. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the granulated sugar, oil, egg, yogurt, lemon juice and rind. Fold in flour mixture until just combined, then fold in blueberries. Transfer to prepared pan. Bake until cake springs back when gently pressed in the center, about 35 minutes. Cool pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes. With a knife, loosen edges before inverting cake onto a cake plate to cool to room temperature. Just before serving, sift confectioners' sugar over the top or serve with Blueberry Compote, if desired. *Serves 8.*

### Blueberry Compote

In a small pan, combine 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries and ¼ cup maple syrup. Over high heat, bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer just until the first berry pops, 1 to 2 minutes. In a cup, combine 2 tablespoons water and 2 teaspoons cornstarch. Stir mixture into blueberries. Cook and stir until thickened. Remove from heat and stir in 1 teaspoon lemon juice or 1 teaspoon vanilla.

### Southern Raspberry Cornbread

2 cups white corn meal	1 egg
¼ teaspoon soda	1 cup molasses or maple syrup
¼ teaspoon salt	1½ cups raspberries (or any other berry)
1 cup buttermilk	

Into mixing bowl, add corn meal, soda, salt, buttermilk, egg; stir well. Add maple or molasses, stir well. Add raspberries, fold into mixture without mashing them. Pour into a well greased iron skillet and bake slow at 350° until pone begins to brown. Reduce heat to 200° until cooked.

### Blueberry Flummery

2 cups blueberries	½ cup sugar
¼ cup water	juice of 1 lemon
3 teaspoons cornstarch	¼ teaspoon salt

Cook the blueberries in the water until soft. Strain and mix with the remaining ingredients. Cook until thick. Mold and chill. Serve with heavy cream. *Serves four.*

### Raspberry Cobbler

2½ cups raspberries	¼ teaspoon salt
⅔ cup sugar	1 stick plus 2 tablespoons butter
1½ cups flour	½ cup heavy cream
1 tablespoon baking powder	

Preheat oven to 350°. Butter an 8x8 inch shallow baking dish. Place raspberries in the dish and sprinkle with ½ cup of sugar. Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Add the stick of butter in pieces and create a lumpy mixture. Add cream and combine until dough forms. Dough will be soft and sticky like a biscuit; if need be, add a splash more of cream. Spoon dough over the raspberries. Melt remaining 2 tablespoons butter and drizzle over the mounds of dough. Sprinkle with remaining ½ cup sugar. Bake about 30 to 40 minutes or until dough and fruit are cooked through and dough is lightly browned. Serve with whipped cream. *Serves 6-8.*

### Rose Barlow's Berry Batter Pudding

2 cups fresh blackberries	1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup sugar	2 cups flour
½ cup shortening	2½ tsp. baking powder
1 cup sugar	¼ teaspoon salt
1 egg, well-beaten	1 cup milk

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix berries with ½ cup sugar and put in well-greased square pan. Prepare batter: cream shortening well, and add 1 cup sugar. Add egg and vanilla. Beat until well blended. Sift dry ingredients together. Alternately add dry ingredients and milk to the batter. Pour batter over berry mixture. Bake about 45 minutes. This recipe can be used with blueberries, cranberries, and red and black raspberries.

### Whole Grain Black Raspberry Muffins

1 c. whole wheat flour	1 cup quick oats
1 tbsp. baking powder	½ cup honey
½ cup raisins	1-1½ cups black raspberries
1 cup water	⅓ cup oil
3 egg substitute	½ to 1 cup chopped pecans
¼ cup wheat germ (optional)	

Mix oats, baking powder and flour together. Then mix liquid ingredients together. Add blackberries, raisins, nuts and wheat germ; stir in with spoon. Spray muffin tins with non-stick spray. Spoon mixture into muffin tins and bake 30 minutes at 400°F.

### Panna Cotta with Raspberries

2 cups buttermilk	1½ tsp. unflavored gelatin
⅔ cup heavy cream	¾ cup sugar
2 cups fresh raspberries	

Sprinkle gelatin over 1 cup of the buttermilk. Let stand to soften, about 5 minutes. Meanwhile, bring cream and scant 1/2 cup of sugar to a boil on top of a double boiler. Add gelatin mixture; place over simmering water and stir until gelatin is dissolved. Stir in remaining buttermilk; strain through a cheese cloth. Divide among 6 4-ounce ramekins or small bowls on a baking sheet. Cover, refrigerate until set, about 4 hours. Sprinkle berries with remaining sugar. Let stand for 1 hour. To serve, unmold onto plates and serve with berries and their juices. (To unmold, dip into hot water and run tip of a knife around the edge.) *Serves 6.*

### Blueberry Teacake

½ cup butter	¼ teaspoon salt
¾ cup sugar	1 cup milk
1 egg	1 teaspoon vanilla
2¼ cups flour	1 cup blueberries
4 teaspoons baking powder	

Cream the butter and sugar and add the egg. Stir well. Sift the dry ingredients and add alternately with the milk to the first mixture. Add the vanilla. Flour the blueberries and stir in quickly, being careful not to crush the berries. Turn into a buttered pan and bake in a moderate oven, 375°F, for thirty-five minutes. Serve warm with butter or with pan cream.

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The balsam scent of a poplar tree  
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And a garden spot of rich black soil  
With strength to do the bending toil  
When the birds are singing spring again.  
It means a ride in the country air,  
Just on and on and on, to where  
I can find a quiet lovely spot—  
Perhaps a lane where the meadowsweet  
And mint are stirred by clicking feet  
Of homing cows from the pasture lot.

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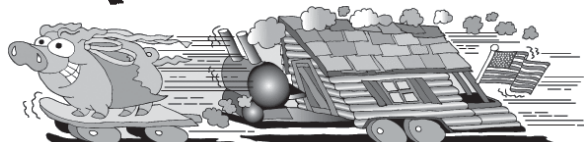
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# A Vermont Almanack for Middle Summer

by Bill Felker

Midsummer pause  
between the birdsong of spring and early summer  
and the insect chorus of middle and late summer:  
I wait in this quiet space  
as the pull of the sun reaches its limit,  
balances on the edge of this week of the year,  
then breaks apart,  
folds to the darkening foliage  
and the fallen strata of May and June.  
I look for cheer in old details,  
list the history of events around me,  
coming to terms with loss in its teaching:  
The cycles are bound together,  
closed and tight, the history says;  
whatever is taken comes again;  
nothing leaves or is left behind.

—B.F.

## The Sun's Progress

At 5:00 a.m. on July 3, the Earth reaches aphelion, the point at which it is about 153 million kilometers (its greatest distance) from the Sun. On July 23, the Sun enters the late summer sign of Leo.

## Phases of the Sweet Corn Moon and the Blackberry Moon

**June 23:** The Sweet Corn Moon is new at 9:31 p.m. at perigee (when the moon is closest to Earth).

**June 30:** The moon enters its second quarter at 7:51 a.m.

**July 6:** Lunar apogee (when the moon is farthest from Earth) occurs today.

**July 8:** The Sweet Corn Moon is full at 11:07 p.m.

**July 16:** The moon enters its final quarter at 2:26 p.m.

**July 21:** Lunar perigee occurs today

**July 23:** The Blackberry Moon is new at 14:43 a.m.

**July 30:** The moon enters its second phase at 10:23 a.m.

## The Planets

Venus remains the morning star in the east throughout the summer. Jupiter is the evening star in the far west. Saturn lies below Hercules at sundown and then disappears into western horizon after midnight. Mars is not visible in July and August.

## The Stars

Cassiopeia and the Milky Way lie on the northern horizon in the late evening. Cygnus rises from the northeast, Ophiuchus from the east, Sagittarius and Libra from the southeast. Centaurus and Corvus are low on the southern horizon. Hydra snakes across the southwest. Monoceros is setting in the west, Capella and Perseus disappearing into the northwest.

## Meteorology

Fish, game, livestock and people tend to feed more and are more active as the barometer falls one to three days before the weather systems that reach Vermont near the following dates: July 6, 14, 21, & 28.

Tornadoes, hurricanes, floods or prolonged periods of soggy pasture are most likely to occur within the following window July 3-8, July 21-23. Full moon on July 8 and new moon on July 23 are likely to coincide with more dangerous storms.

## The Shooting Stars

The nights of July 28 – 29 bring the Delta Aquarid meteor shower after 12:00 a.m. in Aquarius. This shower can bring up to 20 meteors in an hour. The crescent moon should not interfere with viewing of these meteors.

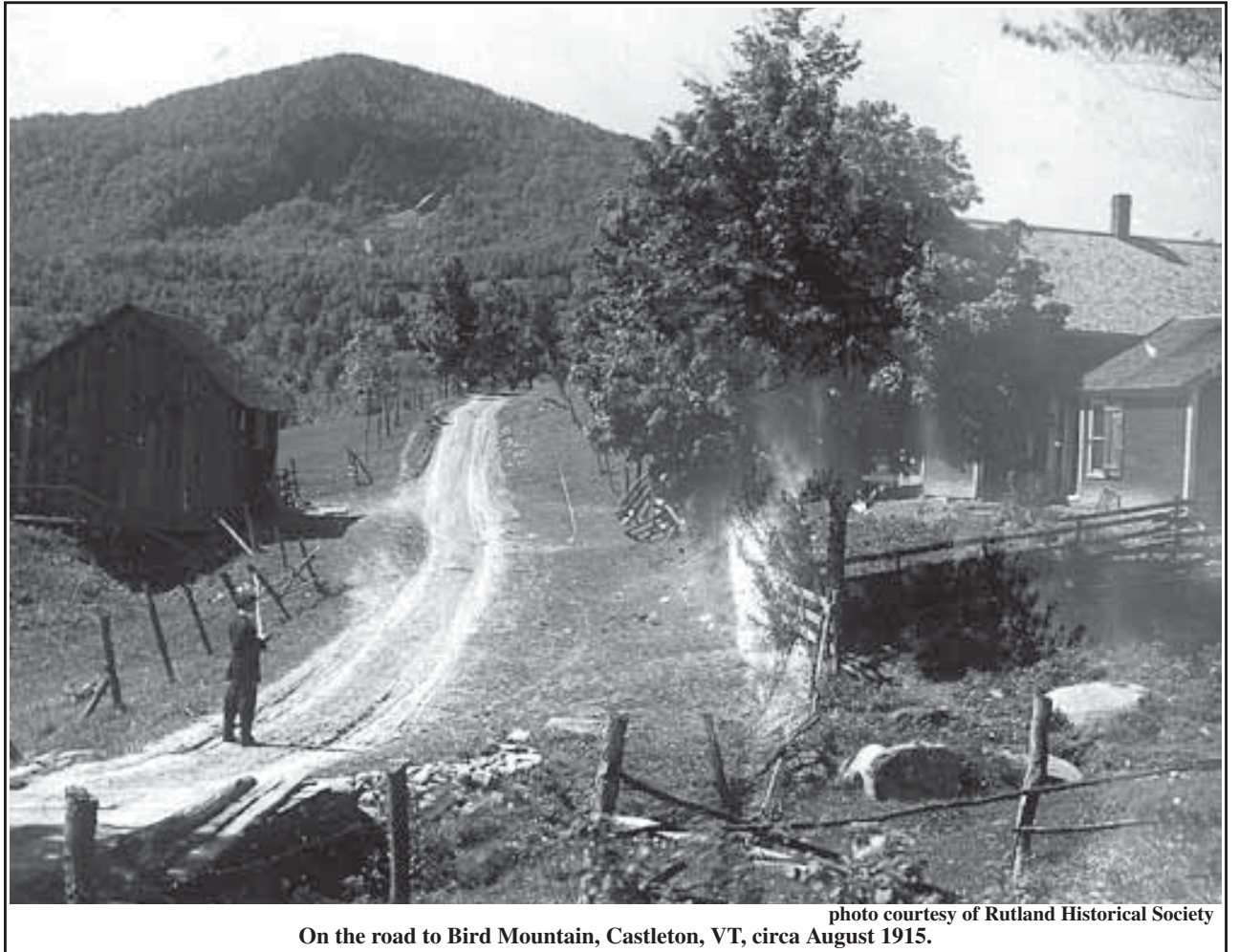
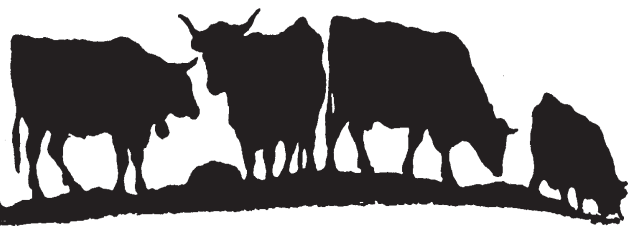


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On the road to Bird Mountain, Castleton, VT, circa August 1915.

## A Guide to Farming and Gardening in July

by Bill Felker

**July 1:** Plan for early autumn lamb and kid sales. September brings six holidays which you can market to.

**July 2:** Explore ethnic markets in the closest large cities now and see how you might serve their needs for lambs, kids and other livestock.

**July 3:** Japanese beetles now reach major levels in roses and ferns.

**July 4:** When the temperature rises past 80 degrees, your rabbit may experience heat stroke.

**July 5:** Be sure to provide extra water, building ventilation and shade for livestock. Begin autumn planting of root crops for autumn salads.

**July 6:** Today's lunar apogee means less lunar stress, better for livestock and you

**July 7:** The moon is full today, but yesterday's apogee should weaken lunar power, good news if you are transporting animals to the fair.

**July 8:** Poor Will's daughter Jeni says that if she lets her chickens indoors and feeds them snacks, they lay a lot more eggs. Hmmm.

**July 9:** The height of summer heat adds to environmental stress, turning some grasses dormant.

**July 10:** Patrol chicken pens; remove carcasses, which may cause botulism if eaten by other chickens.

**July 11:** If your buck rabbit (like your buck goat or ram) is exposed to excessive heat, he may become sterile for up to three months.

**July 12:** Be alert for heat stroke in your chickens. Keep their water cool or cold with ice cubes.

**July 13:** Make your feeding schedule for pregnant animals now. Good nutrition favors twinning.

**July 14:** Weight loss in livestock can alert you to problems not only associated with temperature but with feed, the type of pasture, and disease.

**July 15:** Explore the mail order or online market for organic goat's milk soap or sheep's milk soap.

**July 16:** Schedule hoof trimming for a week to two weeks before you show your animals.

**July 17:** Shear the rams they will use for fall breeding. Some homesteaders shear ewes in midsummer to improve flushing.

**July 18:** Increase the quality of forage available to your bucks and rams in order to increase breeding performance later on in the year.

**July 19:** Rotate pastures to ensure the youngest animals get the best location and shade. Consider setting up a mister to cool off your chickens.

**July 20:** Increase the availability of loose salt to your animals as the heat increases.

**July 21:** Lunar perigee today is likely to increase stress in folks and animals.

**July 22:** Early estrus cycling may occur in does and ewes during rapid rising or falling of barometric pressure.

**July 23:** The Blackberry Moon turns new: more lunar stress today and increased likelihood of storms. On the other hand, that moon brings blackberries!

**July 24:** Get ready to market lambs and kids for Jamaican Independence Day (August 7) and Ecuadorian Independence Day (August 10)

**July 25:** Do you have enough mud for your pigs to wallow in? It's hot out there!

**July 26:** Move pansies and mums to market for autumn sales.

**July 27:** Be alert for conditions which would favor the transfer of ringworm and club lamb fungus in crowded show conditions.

**July 28:** Younger animals have a harder time adjusting to high summer heat. High humidity makes it even more difficult for them to adjust.

**July 29:** Consider digging a back-yard pond for tilapia fingerlings born indoors during the winter.

**July 30:** A little mineral oil (about an ounce) given daily during the flushing period of sheep and goats may increase ovulations and have a positive effect on fertility.

**July 31:** Keep a bag of ice in the freezer for keeping poultry and rabbits comfortable in the heat.

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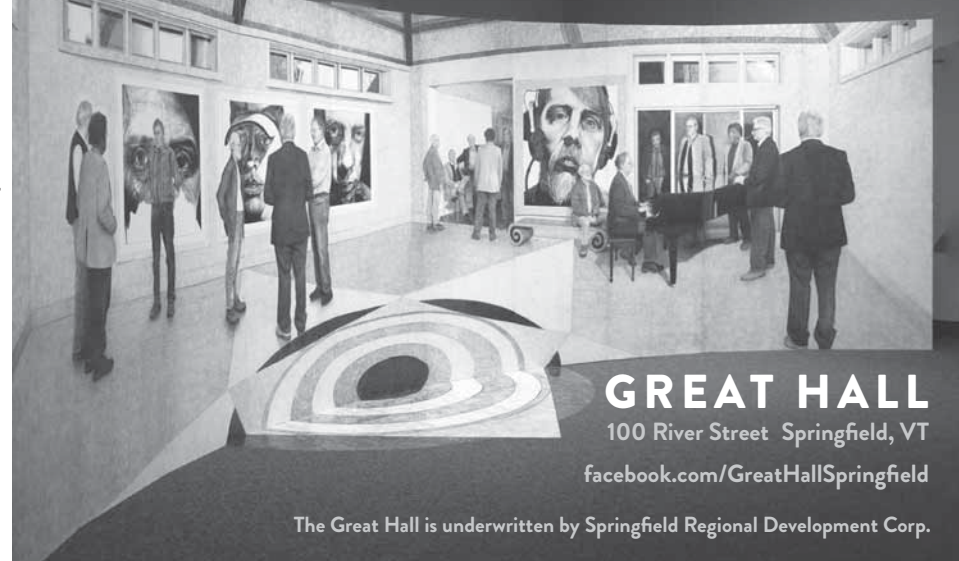
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And the name brings back those kindly hills  
 And the drowsing life so new to me;  
 And the welcome that those purple blossoms  
 With their tiny trumpets blew to me.

Stout and tall, they raised their clustered heads,  
 Leaping, as a lusty fellow would,  
 Through the lowlands, down the twisting cow-paths;  
 Running past the green and yellow wood.

How they come again — those rambling roads;  
 And the weeds' wild jewels glowing there.  
 Richer than a Paradise of flowers  
 Was that bit of pasture growing there.

Weeds — the very names call up those faint  
 Half-forgotten smells and cries again...  
 Weeds — like some old charm, I say them over,  
 And the rolling Berkshires rise again:

Basil, Boneset, Toadflax, Tansy,  
 Weeds of every form and fancy;  
 Milk-weed, Mullein, Loose-strife, Jewel-weed,  
 Mustard, Thimble-weed, Tear-thumb (a cruel weed).

Clovers in all sorts — Nonesuch, Melilot;  
 Staring Buttercups, a bold and yellow lot.  
 Daisies rioting about the place  
 With Black-eyed Susan and Queen Anne's Lace...

Names — they blossom into colored hills;  
 Hills whose rousing beauty flows to me...  
 And with all its soundless, purple trumpets,  
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Henry David Thoreau was a gifted and far-sighted thinker, determined to distill life to its essential components, unencumbered by societal expectations. When he embarked on the work of constructing a small house on the banks of Walden Pond, he was committed to a minimalist, utilitarian approach to the project and to a life lived simply in the woods.

As author of numerous essays, poems, philosophical treatises and books, pacifist, abolitionist, natural history advocate, and adherent of the Transcendentalist movement, Thoreau has had a significant impact on the development of modern day environmentalism. The tenets by which he lived—specifically those he modeled in the two years he occupied the house at Walden—align with Merck Forest & Farmland Center's own mission, and we have honored his legacy of self-reliance, intentional living, and respect for the land with this special project.

Through the autumn and

winter months, Merck Forest sponsored [www.petenewton.com](http://www.petenewton.com), students used materials harvested at Merck Forest or sourced locally to replicate Thoreau's original design. During the colder months, students worked in the Sap House, and in the spring, the completed building elements were transported and assembled on the banks of Rasey Pond. Most recently, the cabin was sheathed, and the roof shingled.

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Working on Thoreau's cabin at Merck Forest in Rupert.



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## July Notes

by Edwin 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 impish in the manner of these birds.

Further on, a rocky mossy 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!



A road through the Green Mountains in Rochester, VT.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

### East Poultney, VT

## Historic St. John's Episcopal Church Celebrates Independence Day

St. John's Episcopal Church will celebrate Independence Day with a prayer service on Saturday, July 8 at 4 p.m. The service will take place at St. John's Episcopal Church on Route 140 in East Poultney, VT. The service will feature Dr. James Casarino, Director of the Vocal, Instrumental and Welsh Heritage programs at Green Mountain College, on the original mechanical organ. Light refreshments and fellowship are offered following the service.

St. John's Episcopal

Church, which held its first service on May 27, 1832, sits on the historic village green in East Poultney. St. John's held regular Sunday services until 1931.

In 2013, a group of concerned citizens took on the task of caring for this virtually untouched structure. The church features the original box-style pews, stenciled walls, oil lamps and a remarkable, intact mechanical organ, one of four remaining organs manufactured by the Nutting Organ Company of Vermont. The Church has

no plumbing facilities, no furnace, and no electricity. Recent restoration efforts have included repair of the Church roof and steeple, all under the guidance of a restoration architect.

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## Remembering Chris White

by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

College math professor Chris White was a Castleton friend who was part of my life for a long time. I expected I'd always be seeing and talking to him. But ten years ago, he died in his sleep. He willed his not-very-special South Street family home to the college, and now when I walk by I notice that the school is using the empty place for storage. Everything about him was unique, but none of that particularly struck me at the time.

He was a CSC professor, the son of a CSC professor. Chris's superannuated Harvard-graduate, retired from Harvard, professor-father, Dr. Robert White, taught in a pleasant but exhausted manner several 19th Century English Novel courses. Chris's mother Dorothy was a 1940s-style, genteel-lady-writer - along the lines of Vermont Life magazine's long-ago feature scribe Mrs. Appleyard.

Smallish, mild-featured Chris graduated from Bowden College, spoke Russian, wrote clever verse, and was the president of the Vermont Poetry Society.

The White family moved to Castleton from Massachusetts in the nineteen fifties and bought a house on South Street across from old-timer Martha Towers.

Martha delighted in telling wickedly funny stories illustrating the high-mindedness and otherworldliness of the Whites. But eventually the town forgave this family their impeccable, intimidating, credentials.

After his father died, Chris moved back home and lived with Dorothy, who because of her lively personality and weak heart needed a lot of companionship and a fair amount of assistance. He carved out a satisfying life for himself as a prestigiously-credentialed professor in a college with a tiny, unambitious, math department.

At home, he liked to do stupefyingly-difficult numbers puzzles and translate Russian academic monographs. He went to his Vermont Poetry Society meetings, and year after year was elected president.

He and his mother took an annual vacation together to the old Shelburne Inn—where any time I drove past on my trips

***“Gentle, sensitive, brilliant Chris. They lived together for years, and he took the tenderest care of her.”***

to Burlington I never saw evidence of another guest—and where they enjoyed having meals prepared for them and spent their week's stay reading.

I probably first got to know Chris talking to him when we had a magazine rack in our Castleton Village Store and he came in regularly to pick up The Economist.

I knew that he walked to maintain his health, usually around the college parking lot, a route that allowed for exact-distance-measurement. As a walker myself, I suggested that we walk together. I remember how hard he was to reach at home in order to set up a time.

He never gave out his telephone number. The best thing to do was to go to his back door, although he was also never comfortable having people come to his house—so much so that I used to wonder if he had something hidden in there.

We hiked my favorite South Street loop, and Chris would talk to me about topics that interested a Russian-speaking math professor who by that time lived alone, had never married, read voraciously, and was drawn to certain types of conspiracy-theorizing.

I began to include Chris in my family's life. I started asking him to our annual Easter dinners. He always came a little late because he first had to drive to Rutland to play his violin—surprisingly poorly—at a number of nursing homes.

Chris was particularly astute about old people, both because of his nature and because of the many years he'd lived beside, and had been so attuned to, his mother's fragile condition.

After he'd become part of my family's annual festivities, I watched his relationship with my elderly father change from jokey pal to gentle helper.

My father used to pick Chris up and drive him out to our Lake Bomoseen cottage for a yearly 4th of July party. Then one day, when I was standing at the door waiting for them, I saw it was Chris behind the wheel and my father in the passenger seat.



Chris White in Castleton, VT.

Chris later explained, “Your father isn't up to driving out here any more.” Then he told me that old people grow increasingly frail, not smoothly and steadily but drop down in—sometimes jolting—steps.

Back when Dorothy White was alive and in better health, she used to walk down to our diner, and sometimes the two of us would sit and talk. That was before I'd gotten to know her son.

Dorothy was a great believer in astrology, and she knew that she and I were both Aries. She would tell me, with typical Aries forthrightness, how difficult it was for her to have brought up four children—the other three now living far away—who were all terribly-incompatible signs for her. Two of these children were Capricorns, and two were Cancers.

Chris was one of the Cancers.

“It couldn't be worse;” she moaned.

Gentle, sensitive, brilliant Chris. They lived together for years, and he took the tenderest care of her.

I laugh now, thinking back. In Chris, she—and really all of us—had a treasure.

*Pamela Hayes Rehlen has written and lived most of her life in Castleton, VT. She is the author of stories, articles, essays and magazine features and of two books: **The Blue Cat and the River's Song** (\$17 plus shipping and handling) and **The Vanished Landmarks Game—Vermont Stories from West of Birdseye** (\$20 plus shipping and handling) available at the Castleton Village Store, P. O. Box 275, Castleton, VT 05735, and at a number of Vermont booksellers. To reach the store, call (802) 468-5027.*

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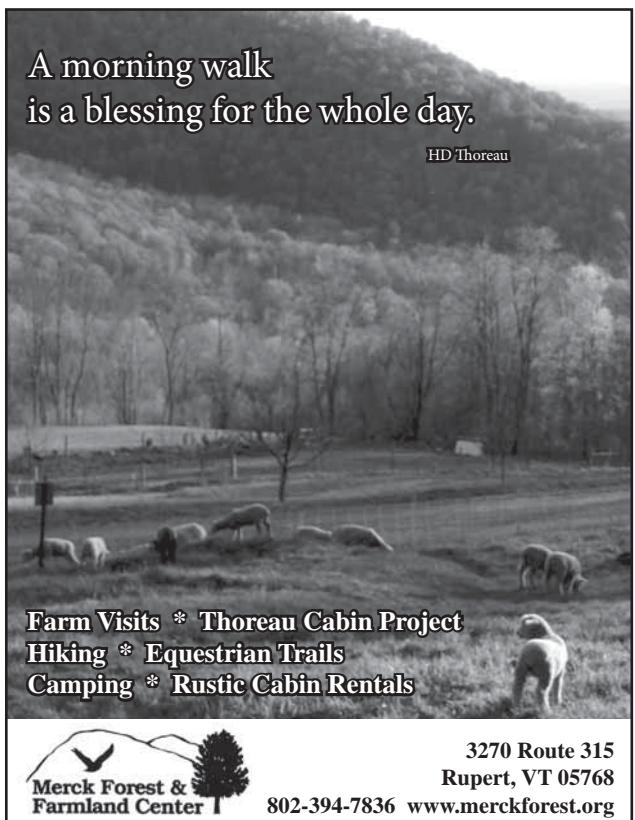


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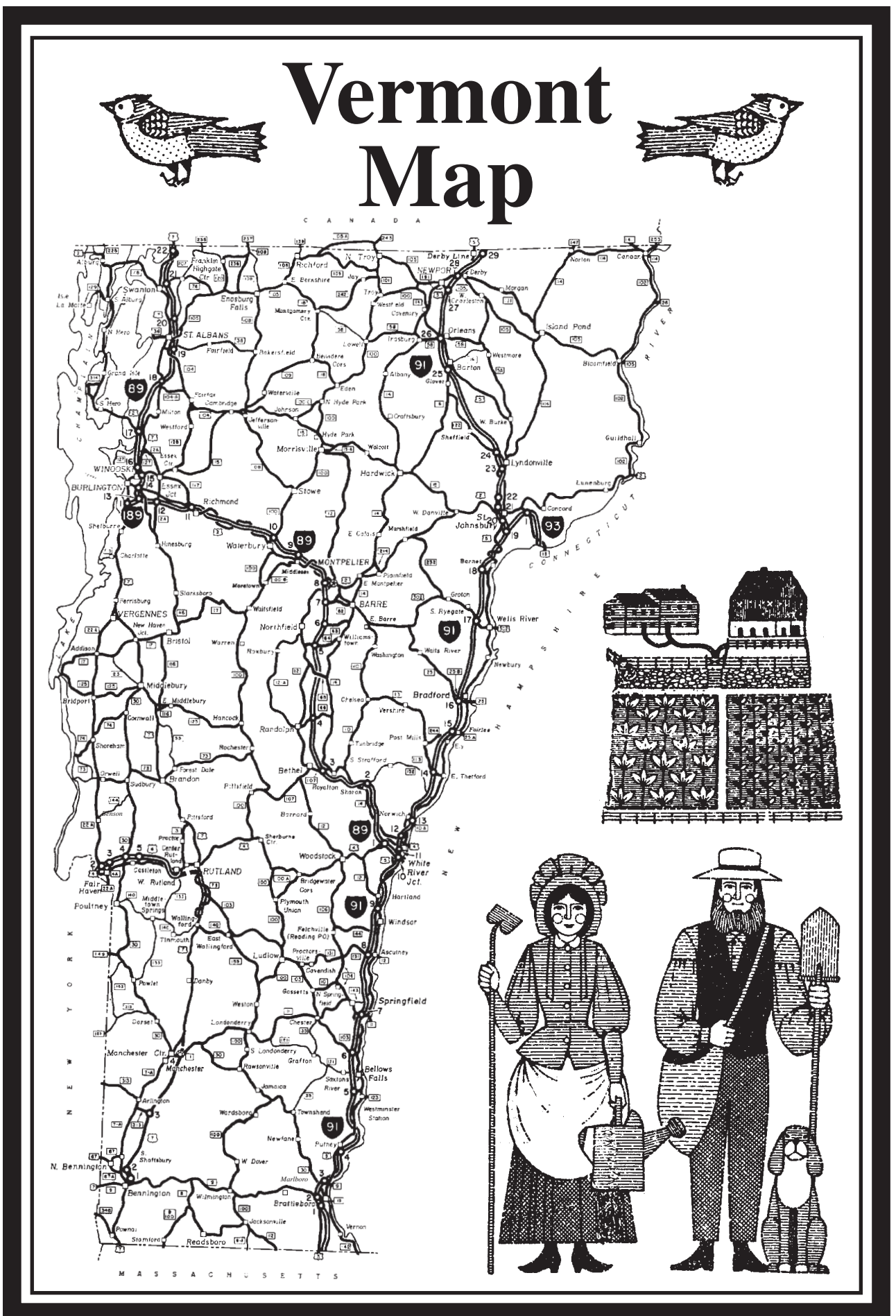
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# Vermont Country Calendar

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## SATURDAY, JULY 1

**BRANDON.** Brandon Independence Day Celebration. Annual Silent Auction in the Park Village North Campus Gymnasium. Family Games including bouncy houses, dunking booth, face painting, soap sculpting & the Swiss Roll eating contest at the Center Green. Karaoke, magic show, 50/50 raffle. Parade, headed by the Vermont National Guard 40th Army Band at 1 pm. Vendors offering food, ice cream, jewelry, clothing, toys & more! Keating Five concert following the parade. 5-7 pm community supper (adults \$3, children under 12 \$1 or bring a picnic). 6-9 pm DJ Jam Man. Fireworks at dusk. 10 am - 10 pm. Park Village just off Rt. 7 north of town. Parking onsite & nearby, free shuttle from Central Park & Post Office. (802) 345-0056. bidcc@yahoo.com. brandon.org.

**KILLINGTON.** 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Killington Music Festival—Music in the Mountains, Classical Concert Series. Tickets \$25. 7 pm. Ramshead Lodge, Killington Rd. (802) 773-4003. kmfest@sover.net. killingtonmusicfestival.org. Saturdays through July 29.

**LUDLOW.** 70th Anniversary Celebration at Fletcher Farm School. Craft demonstrations, children's activities, live music, people and pet photos, animal balloons, raffles, silent auctions, food & drink, plus 60+ craft and art vendors. 10 am - 4 pm. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, 611 Route 103 South. (802) 228-8770. www.fletcherfarm.org.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Vermont Gran Fondo. Ride through Vermont's Green Mountains. Four ride options: Gran Fondo: 108 miles, 11,000 feet of climbing; Medio Difficile: 78 miles, 6,300 feet of climbing; Medio Facile: 67 miles, 7,000 feet of climbing; Piccolo Fondo: 39 miles, 2,900 feet of climbing. 8 am - 6 pm. Woodchuck Cider House, 1321 Exchange St. (802) 388-7951.

**ORWELL.** Annual J. Robert Maguire lecture: "Of Arms and Artists." Paul Staiti, author of *Of Arms and Artists*, examines five artists of the American Revolutionary era, including Mount Independence's own John Trumbull. Books for purchase and signing by the author. Adults \$5, children under 15 free. 2-3 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. historicssites.vermont.gov.

**RIPTON.** Concert: Dana and Susan Robinson. Preceded by an open mic. Homemade desserts, good coffee & tea. \$10 regular admission, \$15 generous admission. Open mic starts at 7:30; featured artist set begins between 8:30 and 9 pm. The Ripton Community Coffee House, 1305 Rt 125. (802) 388-9782. rcch.org.

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**SPRINGFIELD.** Fireworks, Music and Dinner. Gates open at 5 pm for fireworks. Bring a picnic dinner or grab food from one of our vendors. Face painters and clowns. No outside alcohol. Free parking at Wellwood Orchard with 2 buses running to the property. Limited onsite parking for \$5 per vehicle. Two four-course dinner seatings: 5:30 pm for \$40; 8 pm for \$50 with premium seating and access. Reservations recommended. Crown Point Country Club, 2 Weathersfield Rd. (802) 885-1010. www.crownpointcountryclub.com.

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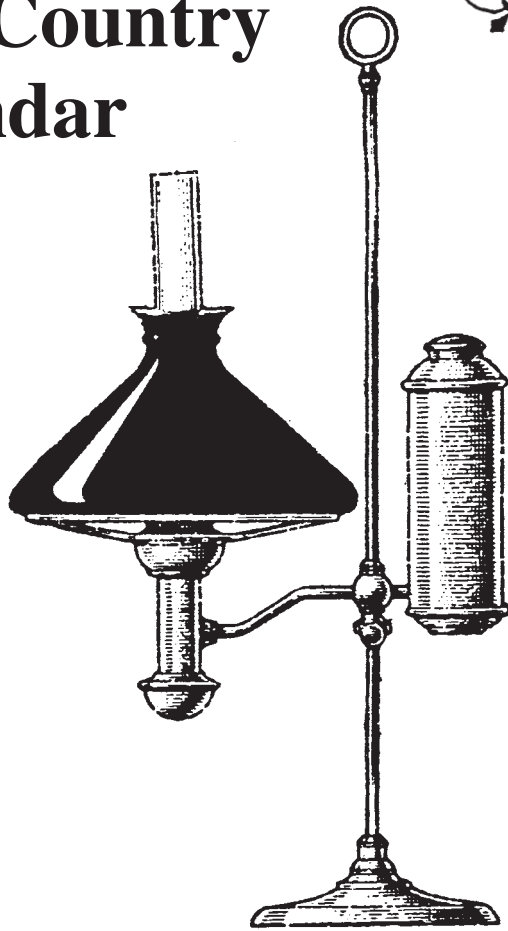
## SUNDAY, JULY 2

**BONDVILLE.** Fireworks Celebration. Activities through the day. Fireworks in the Main Base Lodge area at dark. Main Base Lodge Area, Stratton Mountain Resort, Village Lodge Rd. off Rt. 30. (802) 787-2886. www.stratton.com.

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## TUESDAY, JULY 4

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# Vermont Country Calendar

(July 4, continued)

**MANCHESTER.** Independence Day Celebration. 11 am to 6 pm, free swim at the pool. 11 am to 7 pm, concession stand open. Live music 5:15 pm to 8:45 pm. 9:30 pm (or dusk) fireworks. Free. Dana Thompson Recreation Park, Rt. 30. (802) 362-1439. [www.manchester-vt.gov](http://www.manchester-vt.gov).

**PEACHAM.** Independence Day Gala. Activities all day from 7 am to 4 pm. Horseshoe tournament, library book sale, parade at 11:30 am, BBQ lunch, Bayley-Hazen Boys Band, waterslide for kids, Ghost Walk, Declaration of Independence. Pig roast and strawberry supper from 5-7 pm. at the Congregational Church. [peacham.net](http://peacham.net).

**PLAINFIELD, NH.** The Attic Shop. Open on the Fourth of July from 9 am – 3 pm. Refreshments with special homemade Texas style smoked brisket. Come see our town's great 4th of July parade! New and used items include antiques, books, gift items, collectables, jewelry, furniture, glassware, artwork, and gently used clothes. Free coffee. Free admission. 9 am – 3 pm. Blow-Me-Down Grange, 1107 Rt. 12A. (603) 448-0773. *Every Saturday.*

**PLYMOUTH.** President Calvin Coolidge Birthday Celebration. 10 am Naturalization Ceremony for 20 new U.S. citizens. At noon the Vermont National Guard leads a march to the cemetery to place a wreath at the president's gravesite. Springfield Springers old-time string band, barbecue, birthday cake, historic craft demonstrations, wagon rides, and "marathon reading" of Coolidge's autobiography. 10 am – 5 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. [william.jenney@vermont.gov](mailto:william.jenney@vermont.gov). [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). *Open through October 22.*

**SALISBURY.** 43rd Annual Ice Cream Social. Ice cream by the cone or the dish with the usual wide range of toppings and accompanying choices of home-baked pie or cake. The quantities are large, the prices are reasonable. Rain or shine. 1:30-4:30 pm. Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St. (802) 352-6671.

**STOWE.** Independence Day. Starting with the Moscow parade in Moscow, VT and ending with Stowe's annual fireworks display. See Stowe's Old-Fashioned Village Parade at 1 pm at the Stowe Events Field off Weeks Hill Rd. Village festival with street performers, musicians, and more. Fireworks at Mayo Field with food and games from 6 pm till dark. (802) 253-7321. [gostowe.com](http://gostowe.com).

**STRATTON MOUNTAIN.** Annual Mountain Friends and Freedom Festival. Stratton Mountain Resort, 5 Village Lodge Rd. off Rt. 30. (800) 787-2886. [stratton.com](http://stratton.com).

**WARDSBORO.** 4th of July Parade and Street Fair. Southern Vermont's Oldest Independence Day Celebration. Festivities begin at 9 a.m. rain or shine. Street fair with over 50 vendors. Parade starts at 10 am. Book sale at the Library at 170 Main St. Kids games, duck race, quilt show, fishing derby, dunk tank, skate jam, basketball shooting contest, history exhibit, bean bag toss. Music all day. Coffee & donut cart, strawberry shortcake, bake sale, homemade pies, BBQ chicken, burgers, hot dogs, fries. All along Main St.

**WARREN.** 69th Annual Independence Day Parade. Parade starts at 10 am. Continues at Lincoln Peak with live music, and a fireworks display at Sugarbush Resort at dark. Supervised kids' activities. Street dance. Free Shuttle Buses 8 am – 4 pm via Sugarbush Access Rd. Free. Throughout Mad River Valley. (802) 498-8545. [www.madrivervalley.com](http://www.madrivervalley.com). [www.warren4thofjuly.com](http://www.warren4thofjuly.com).

**WOODSTOCK.** Old Vermont 4th. A patriotic family celebration featuring the reading of the Declaration of Independence, a historic debate, horse-drawn wagon rides, making 1890 flags, spelling bees, sack races, playing historic base ball. Adults: \$15, 62 and over \$14, children 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).

## THURSDAY, JULY 6

**BRANDON.** 23rd Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival. 10 Bluegrass bands! Day tickets \$25, weekend \$60 at the gate. Early camping Sunday thru Wednesday \$10. 1 Basin Rd. (802) 247-3275. [basinbluegrass@yahoo.com](mailto:basinbluegrass@yahoo.com). [www.basinbluegrassfestival.com](http://www.basinbluegrassfestival.com). *Through July 9.*

**ORWELL.** Withdrawing from the Mount. Reenactors begin their 26-mile withdrawal march to the Hubbardton Battlefield, arriving on July 7 for the Battle of Hubbardton weekend (July 8 and 9). Commemorates the 240th anniversary of the American withdrawal. Call to confirm. Admission: adults \$5, children under 15 free. 9 am. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov).

**STOWE.** 33rd Annual Book Sale. Open daily, dawn to dusk, on the porch and grounds of the Stowe Free Library. 7 am – 8 pm. Stowe Free Library, 90 Pond St. (802) 253-6145. [www.stowelibrary.org](http://www.stowelibrary.org). *Through July 23.*

## FRIDAY, JULY 7

**BRANDON.** 23rd Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival. 10 Bluegrass bands! Day tickets \$25, weekend \$60 at the gate. Early camping Sunday thru Wednesday \$10. 1 Basin Rd. (802) 247-3275. [basinbluegrass@yahoo.com](mailto:basinbluegrass@yahoo.com). [www.basinbluegrassfestival.com](http://www.basinbluegrassfestival.com). *Through July 9.*

**HUBBARDTON.** Troops Arrive from the Mount. A group of reenactors will arrive in the afternoon at the end of their 26-mile march from Mount Independence—in time for the Battle of Hubbardton weekend. Honoring the 240th anniversary of the American withdrawal from the Mount. Adults \$3, children under 15 free. 2-5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov/directory/hubbardton](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/directory/hubbardton).

**NORWICH.** Five Church Rummage Sale. Proceeds benefit five Norwich churches. 11 am – 9 pm. Tracy Hall, Main St. (603) 208-7847 or (802) 649-3814. *Through July 9.*

**READING.** First Friday. View our exhibitions without a guide and at your own pace. Wood-fired pizza prepared in a vintage truck with an Italian-made wood-burning oven, using local, seasonal and artisanal ingredients. 5-8 pm. Hall Art Foundation, 544 VT Rt. 106. (802) 952-1056. [www.hallartfoundation.org](http://www.hallartfoundation.org).

**STOWE.** 31st Annual Stoweflake Hot Air Balloon Festival. Admission \$10 (ages 12 and up). 4 pm – 12 midnight. 1746 Mountain Rd. (802) 253-7355. [stoweflake.com](http://stoweflake.com). *Thru July 9.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Old-time Band Concert & Ice Cream Social. Old-time tunes played by the South Royalton Town Band. Bring a blanket or chair. Cancelled in the event of rain. Free, with donations appreciated. 7-8 pm. Woodstock History Center, 26 Elm St. (802) 457-1822.

## SATURDAY, JULY 8

**BENNINGTON.** Community Day at Bennington Museum. Free admission for everyone. Ken Gottry presents "Grandma Moses: Painter and Grandma" with guest Harry Moses. Book and product signing with Will Moses. Milk Benita, the Museum cow and churn butter. Enjoy a treat from the Moses muffin station. Moses-inspired art activity in the Schoolhouse plus community story-telling. The Jerome Hill film, *Grandma Moses*. 10 am – 5 pm. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. [www.benningtonmuseum.org](http://www.benningtonmuseum.org).

**BRANDON.** 23rd Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival. 10 Bluegrass bands! Day tickets \$25, weekend \$60 at the gate. Early camping Sunday thru Wednesday \$10. 1 Basin Rd. (802) 247-3275. [basinbluegrass@yahoo.com](mailto:basinbluegrass@yahoo.com). [www.basinbluegrassfestival.com](http://www.basinbluegrassfestival.com). *Through July 9.*

**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 the junction of Rts. 110 & 113. (802) 685-2204.

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The first cantaloupes, watermelon and eggplant are late July favorites, but the real story is CORN. I don't know about you, but it doesn't really feel like summer until the first locally grown early corn comes to market and quickly reaches its peak in August, when it will literally overflow bins

and backs of trucks! What would a summer backyard barbecue or picnic in the park be without corn?

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to keep you refreshed while shopping on a hot summer day. This is what we wait all year for!

*Vermont Farmers Market is located for the summer at Depot Park in downtown Rutland, VT across from Walmart. Open Saturdays through October 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesdays through October 25th from 3-6 p.m.*

*The Fair Haven Market at the park in downtown Fair Haven, VT is open Thursdays June 8th through October 25th from 3-6 p.m. Call (802) 948-2211. E-mail: [fairhavenmarketmanager@vtfarmersmarket.org](mailto:fairhavenmarketmanager@vtfarmersmarket.org)*

*For more information call (802) 342-4727. E-mail: [summermarketmanager@vtfarmersmarket.org](mailto:summermarketmanager@vtfarmersmarket.org). Visit [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org).*

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**CRAFTSBURY COMMON.** 47th Antiques and Uniques Festival. More than 100 antiques dealers and Vermont crafters, all-local foods barbecue, children's games, live folk and fiddle music with the Vermont Fiddle Orchestra, specialty foods vendors, farmers' market, massive book sale, yard sales throughout the town, and a vintage fashion show. [www.facebook.com/antiquesanduniquesvt](http://www.facebook.com/antiquesanduniquesvt).

**GRAFTON.** Fifth Annual Grafton Food Festival. Tastings of local products with over 25 food/spirit vendors, cooking demonstrations, and children's activities. Tickets: adults \$10, 12 and under free. 10 am – 5 pm. The Grafton Inn, 92 Main St. (802) 843-2248.

**HUBBARDTON.** Battle of Hubbardton Revolutionary War Encampment. The 240th anniversary of the battle. Tactical military demonstrations, guided camp and battlefield tours, camp life activities, history scavenger hunt, children's activities, music, sutler's row shopping, book authors, and illustrated talks. Military road sign unveiling on Saturday. Food stand. Admission: \$6. 9:30 am – 5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov/directory/hubbardton](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/directory/hubbardton).

**KILLINGTON.** 35th Annual Killington Music Festival—Music in the Mountains, Classical Concert Series. Tickets \$25. 7 pm. Ramshead Lodge, Killington Rd. (802) 773-4003. [kmfest@sover.net](mailto:kmfest@sover.net). [killingtonmusicfestival.org](http://killingtonmusicfestival.org). Saturdays through July 29.

**NORWICH.** Five Church Rummage Sale. Proceeds benefit five Norwich churches. 9 am – 2 pm, half-price sale 2-5 pm. Tracy Hall, Main St. (603) 208-7847 or (802) 649-3814. Also July 9.

**RUPERT.** Course: Game of Logging Level 1. Learn how to handle a chainsaw with expert instruction from Northeast Woodland Training forestry pros. Bring a sound hard hat, lunch & water, long pants, gloves, sturdy work/hiking boots and weather/work-appropriate outerwear. Class size limited, pre-register early. Fee: \$180. 8 am – 4 pm. Merck Forest & Farmland Center, 3270 VT Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. [info@merckforest.org](mailto:info@merckforest.org). [www.merckforest.org](http://www.merckforest.org).

**RUTLAND.** Vermont Farmers' Market. Farm fresh veggies and fruits, artisan cheeses, handcrafted breads, maple syrup, Vermont crafts, prepared foods, and more. Live music. EBT and debit cards. 9 am – 2 pm, in Depot Park downtown across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. [vtfarmersmarket.org](http://vtfarmersmarket.org). Saturdays through October 28.

**RUTLAND.** 38th Annual Rave Car Show and Flea Market. Handcrafters, vendors, food, games, door prizes and more. 7 am – 3 pm. Vermont State Fairgrounds, S. Main St. (802) 265-8026. Also July 9.

**STOWE.** 31st Annual Stoweflake Hot Air Balloon Festival. More than 25 hot-air balloons. Admission \$10 (ages 12 and up). Bring blankets to lay on! 6:30 am – midnight. 1746 Mountain Rd. (802) 253-7355. [www.stoweflake.com](http://www.stoweflake.com). Through July 9.

**STRATTON MOUNTAIN.** 12th Annual Tour de Grace Bicycle Rally. 19-mile back roads course, mostly downhill, from Stratton Mountain Resort to Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend. 8-10 am flexible start time. Rain or shine. (802) 365-9109. [www.stratton.com](http://www.stratton.com).

**WEYBRIDGE.** 18th Annual Weybridge Town Picnic. The Town will provide meat and dessert; bring a side dish/salad to share. Live music from Snake Mountain Bluegrass. Traditional picnic games and a showcase tent for residents to show off their skills, services, and hobbies. Rain or shine. 11:30 am – 1 pm. Weybridge Elementary School, Quaker Village Rd. (802) 349-7167. [kirstenhendy@gmail.com](mailto:kirstenhendy@gmail.com).

**WINDSOR.** 1777 Constitution Day Celebration. Reenactors, traditional artisans, costumed guides salute the 240th anniversary of Vermont's first constitution, held where it all began. The event culminates with "Vermont's Revolutionary Trek" – a symbolic relay from Hubbardton Battlefield to Windsor's Constitutional Convention. 11 am – 5 pm. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 North Main St. (802) 672-3773. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

## SUNDAY, JULY 9

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**BROWNINGTON.** Summer Poetry Series. Back Roads Readings presents a celebration of Leland Kinsey and his poems: readings of Kinsey's work by noted poets and writers. Reception and book signing. Readings are free, handicapped accessible and everyone welcome. Donations appreciated. 3 p.m. Brownington Congregational Church, Hinman Settler Rd. (802) 633-4956. [www.backroadsreadings.com](http://www.backroadsreadings.com).

**FERRISBURGH.** Exhibit Opening: Yours in the Cause—Faces of American Abolition. Daguerreotypes, tintypes, and cartes de visite. The earliest forms of photography help us to see the origins and structure of the American protest movement. Gallery talk with curator Jane Williamson at 3 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. [rokeby.org](http://rokeby.org).

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**LYME, NH.** Summer Buffet Music Series on Post Pond. Rockit Science will be performing. Buffet dinner at 6 pm. Adults \$25, kids 5-12 \$10, 4 and under free. Reservations required. Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Rd. (Rt. 10 just north of town). (603) 795-2141. [lochlymelodge.com](http://lochlymelodge.com).

**MIDDLEBURY.** 39th Annual Festival-on-the-Green. 17 acts over seven days under a tent in the unique natural amphitheater of Middlebury's Village Green. Music, magic, marionettes, and a street dance with the Vermont Jazz Ensemble. Free. Rt. 7. (802) 462-3555. [www.festivalonthegreen.org](http://www.festivalonthegreen.org). Through July 15.

**NORWICH.** Five Church Rummage Sale. Proceeds benefit five Norwich churches. Bag sale 10 am – 1 pm. Tracy Hall, Main St. (603) 208-7847 or (802) 649-3814.

**ROCHESTER.** Summer Chamber Concert. Marguerite Schenkman Memorial Concert sponsored by the Rochester Chamber Music Society. 'Seeing Double' violinists Julia Salerno and Sarah Whitney with Cynthia Huard, piano. Bach Double Concerto in D minor, Moszkowski Suite for Two Violins and Piano, Op. 71, Sarasate's Navarra Op. 33. 4 pm. Rochester Federated Church, 15 N. Main St. Free admission. Donations appreciated. (802) 767-9234. [www.rcmsvt.org](http://www.rcmsvt.org).

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**VERGENNES.** Lake Champlain Challenge Race. For all ages of boaters. Bring your own non-motorized boat, kayak, or canoe to row or paddle in this three-mile race across the lake. LCMM gigs are available for teams of 4 or 6, first come, first served. Free buffet lunch for all rowing participants. Fee: \$25, includes museum admission and two tickets for guest spectators. (802) 475-2022 x 113 or [nickp@lcmm.org](mailto:nickp@lcmm.org). Registration at 9:30 am; Race Starts at 11 am. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Dr. (802) 475-2022. [www.lcmm.org](http://www.lcmm.org).

## TUESDAY, JULY 11

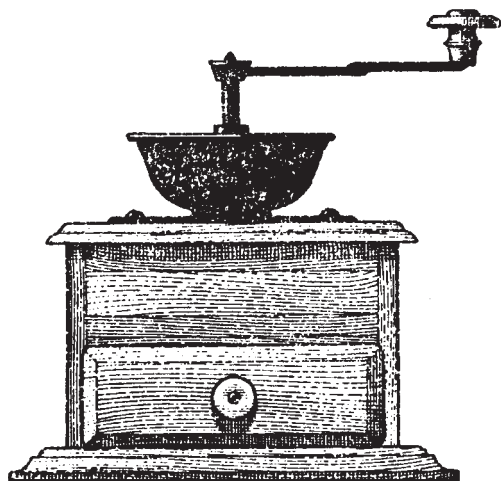
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## WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

**LYME, NH.** Summer Buffet Music Series on Post Pond. Revels North will be performing. BBQ 5:30-7:30 pm. Adults \$20, kids 5-12 \$8, 4 and under free. Reservations required. Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Rd. (Rt. 10 just north of town). (603) 795-2141. [www.lochlymelodge.com](http://www.lochlymelodge.com).

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**RUPERT.** Thoreau Cabin Dedication. A facsimile of Thoreau's tiny house has been erected, not on the banks of Walden Pond, but alongside Rasey Pond here in Vermont. After the ceremonies, hike to the cabin, wear sturdy shoes. Free. 9 am. Merck Forest & Farmland Center, 3270 VT Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. [info@merckforest.org](mailto:info@merckforest.org). [www.merckforest.org](http://www.merckforest.org).



## A Familiar Spirit

There is a ghost of a dog that comes  
As soon as I touch the knob of the door.  
I can hear his quick nails scratch on the floor,  
And suddenly all my fingers are thumbs—

I scarcely can get the key in the lock,  
But I do, and I feel his paws on my knee;  
Then off he goes in an ecstasy,  
Barking like mad. I stand like a stock.



I can hear his last-year's collar-tag clink  
On the edge of the bowl—he has gone to drink.  
But he seems to get lost somehow in the bowl,  
For he doesn't come back, and I think and think:  
Who says a little dog hasn't a soul?

—WENDELL PHILLIPS STAFFORD  
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(July 12, continued)

**RUTLAND.** Vermont Farmers' Market. EBT and debit cards. 3-6 pm downtown in Depot Park across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. [vtfarmersmarket.org](http://vtfarmersmarket.org). *Wednesdays through October 25.*

## THURSDAY, JULY 13

**BRADFORD.** Bradford Fair. Midway Rides. 34" & 38" Mini Horse Pull. Demo Derby V-8. Bradford Parade, 7-10 pm. Main St. Concert: The Mill Band. 4-10 pm. 66 Carson Lane. (802) 222-4053. [bradfordfair.org](http://bradfordfair.org). *Through July 16.*

**BRATTLEBORO.** Southern Vermont Dance Festival. 106 classes, 2 Gala's, outdoor Promenade performance showing the work of 10 artists, 2 concerts, walking tour, and dozens of free community events. For a full schedule visit [southernvermontdancefestival.com](http://southernvermontdancefestival.com). *Through July 16.*

**DUMMERSTON.** Midsummer Gala. The Southern Vermont Dance Festival hosts a picnic with an outdoor promenade performance through the grounds of Scott Farm and The Stone Trust to see works from 10 choreographers. The evening promenade involves walking, so bring your walking shoes. The picnic and promenade start at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$45. Promenade performances at 8:30 pm, 9 pm, 9:30 pm and 10 pm. Tickets for promenade alone are \$25. Purchase from [southernvermontdancefestival.com](http://southernvermontdancefestival.com). No parking at the farm but a shuttle will be available. Scott Farm, 707 Kipling Rd. [southernvermontdancefestival.com](http://southernvermontdancefestival.com).

**MIDDLEBURY.** 39th Annual Festival-on-the-Green. 17 acts over seven days under a tent. Free. Rt. 7. (802) 462-3555. [festivalonthegreen.org](http://festivalonthegreen.org). *Through July 15.*

**ST. ALBANS.** Special presentation by Prof. Willard Sterne Randall. "Hamilton: The Man and the Musical." 7 pm. Saint Albans Museum, 9 Church St. (802) 527-7933. [alex@stamuseum.org](http://alex@stamuseum.org). [www.stamuseum.org](http://www.stamuseum.org). [facebook.com/stamuseum](http://facebook.com/stamuseum). *Exhibit runs through July 28.*

**TUNBRIDGE.** Vermont Scenic Circuit: Four Days of "Good Old Fashioned Dog Shows." Sponsored by the Green Mountain Dog Club and the Woodstock Dog Club. Ice cream social. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 479-9843. [www.greenmountaindogclub.org](http://www.greenmountaindogclub.org). *Through July 16.*

**WINDSOR.** Hosta Days and Sale. 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](http://www.ciderhillgardens.com). [www.garymilek.com](http://www.garymilek.com). *Through July 16.*

## FRIDAY, JULY 14

**BRADFORD.** Bradford Fair. Midway Rides. 2000lb Ox Pull, Tractor Pull, 2400lb Class Oxen, 2800 lb Class Oxen, Dairy Fitting & Showmanship, 3200lb Class Oxen, Frying Pan Throwing Contest, Free For All Oxen, ATV/Motorcycle Racing. Concert: Matt Mason. Jaws of Life Demo. 8 am - 10 pm. 66 Carson Lane. (802) 222-4053. [bradfordfair.org](http://bradfordfair.org). *Through July 16.*

**BRATTLEBORO.** Southern Vermont Dance Festival. 106 classes, 2 Gala's, outdoor Promenade performance showing the work of 10 artists, 2 concerts, walking tour, and dozens of free community events. For a full schedule visit [southernvermontdancefestival.com](http://southernvermontdancefestival.com). *Through July 16.*

**JAY.** Fourth Annual Jeezum Crow Festival. A two-day music festival, taking place in the 3,000 person amphitheater at Jay Peak Resort. This family-friendly event also allows children (ages 6 and under) free admission. Tickets \$35. Statewide Amphitheater at Jay Peak Resort, 830 Jay Peak Rd. (802) 988-2611. *Also July 15*

**MANCHESTER.** Ecology of the Dene Walk & Talk: Forests, Wetlands, Meadows. The importance of messy forests and the issue of invasive plants. Wetland activity to gain an understanding of its ecosystem and ecological importance. Visit the bird sanctuary to learn about meadow ecology. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a water bottle. Fee: \$10; limited to 20 participants. 2-4:30 pm. Hildene, off Rt. 7A, just south of the village. To register, contact Stephanie at (802) 367-7960 or [stephanie@hildene.org](mailto:stephanie@hildene.org). [www.hildene.org](http://www.hildene.org). *Rain date: Friday, July 21.*

**MIDDLEBURY.** 39th Annual Festival-on-the-Green. Music, magic, marionettes, and a street dance with the Vermont Jazz Ensemble. Free. Village Green on Rt. 7. (802) 462-3555. [www.festivalonthegreen.org](http://www.festivalonthegreen.org). *Also July 15.*

**PLAINFIELD.** Old Time on the Onion Fiddler's Gathering. Potluck Saturday. Workshops in the Big Top Tent. River access: great fishing, wading, tubing, swimming. Trails, meadows, waterfall access, bathhouse, free hot showers. Picnic tables, horseshoes, badminton, swingset. Tickets at [summit-school.org](http://summit-school.org): Fri \$15, Sat \$20, Sun \$15. Hookups: \$30 weekend. Families welcome, kids 18 and under are free. Gates open at 12 noon on Friday and the festival concludes Sunday evening. Onion River Campground. Presented by The Summit School of Traditional Music and Culture. Contact Dana at (802) 793-3016. *Through July 16.*

**STOWE.** Concert: Dar Williams, "one of America's very best singer-songwriters." Tickets: \$20/\$35/\$45. 8 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. [sprucepeakarts.org](http://sprucepeakarts.org).

**TUNBRIDGE.** Vermont Scenic Circuit: Four Days of "Good Old Fashioned Dog Shows." Sponsored by the Green Mountain Dog Club and the Woodstock Dog Club. Ice cream social. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 479-9843. [www.greenmountaindogclub.org](http://www.greenmountaindogclub.org). *Through July 16.*

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## SATURDAY, JULY 15

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**GRANVILLE.** Summer Chamber Concert. Twentieth annual Bach bash with professional and amateur musicians playing the music of Bach and others. Sponsored by the Rochester Chamber Music Society. 7 pm. Granville Town Hall, 4801 Rt. 100. Free admission. Donations appreciated. (802) 767-9234. [www.rcmsvt.org](http://www.rcmsvt.org).

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**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.

**MANCHESTER.** Bird Walk. The Vermont Bird and Sky Watch and local birders meet to conduct a survey of the wild birds present on the grounds of Hildene. Free. Meet in the Welcome Center parking lot, at 7 am. Hildene, off Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 362-2270. [www.hildene.org](http://www.hildene.org).

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**SOUTH BURLINGTON.** 23rd 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 – 1 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; visit studios with lush gardens; and studios tucked away in the woods, and see how and where art is made in Vermont. Free. 10 am – 6 pm. Start at The Schoolhouse in South Newfane village. (802) 348-7865. rockriverartists.com. *Also July 16.*

**STOWE.** Family Faerie House Building. Family-friendly morning of play and exploration. We'll be constructing faerie homes out of found forest materials and allowing our imaginations to roam. 10 am – 12 noon. Mill Trail Cabin, Notchbrook Rd. (802) 253-7221.

**TUNBRIDGE.** Vermont Scenic Circuit: "Good Old Fashioned Dog Shows." Sponsored by the Green Mountain Dog Club and the Woodstock Dog Club. BBQ, beer tent & live music. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 479-9843. www.greenmountaindogclub.org. *Through July 16.*

**WATERBURY.** Waterbury Arts Fest. Outdoor art gallery and street fair, with artwork from over 80 artist exhibitors, fantastic gourmet fare and live music. Free. 5:30–9:30 pm. Downtown Waterbury. (802) 496-6466. therealmegsevents@gmail.com. waterburyartsfest.com.

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**WOODSTOCK.** Lobster on the Green. Sponsored by the Woodstock Rotary Club and the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce. Tickets \$35. 5-8 pm. (802) 457-3555. woodstockvt.com.

## SUNDAY, JULY 16

**BRADFORD.** Bradford Fair. Midway Rides. Horse Show. Snowmobile Grass Drags. 4-H Oxen Show. 2-Horse Hitch 3100lb Class. Pig Scramble. 2 Horse Hitch 3300lb Class. Demo Derby 4&6 Cylinders. 7 am – 7 pm. 66 Carson Lane. (802) 222-4053. bradfordfair.org.

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**HUBBARDTON.** Battlefield Third Sunday Program: Revolutionary War Artillery. Historians and reenactors show you an artillery piece and musket, and will tell you about the Mount Independence-Hubbardton Military Road. Adults \$3, children under 15 free. 1–2:30 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov/directory/hubbardton.

**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, 46 Park St. (802) 754-6583.

**LYME, NH.** Summer Buffet Music Series on Post Pond. Danny & the Dinosaurs will be performing. Buffet dinner at 6 pm. Adults \$25, kids 5-12 \$10, 4 and under free. Reservations required. Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Rd. (Rt. 10 just north of town). (603) 795-2141. www.lochlymelodge.com.

**MARLBORO.** Marlboro Music Festival. Artistic Director Mitsuko Uchida will be joined by an international group of master artists including composer-in-residence Sofia Gubaidulina and exceptional young professional musicians. Tickets \$5 to \$37.50, call (215) 569-4690. Performance at 2:30 pm in Persons Auditorium on the Marlboro College campus, 2472 South Rd. (802) 254-2394. marlboromusic.org. *Through August 14.*

**PLYMOUTH.** Grace Coolidge Musicale #2. Mezzo-soprano Ellen Nordstrom and pianist Abigail Charbeneau perform music from World Wars I and II and the years in between, with a tribute to Bessie Smith and Ella Fitzgerald. Donation suggested. 4–5:30 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. william.jenney@vermont.gov. historicites.vermont.gov. *Open through October 22.*

**SOUTH NEWFANE.** Annual Rock River Artists Tour. Free. 10 am – 6 pm. Start at The Schoolhouse in South Newfane village. (802) 348-7865. rockriverartists.com.

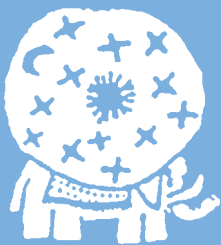
**STOWE.** Concert: Natalie MacMaster & Donnell Leahy—"Visions from Cape Breton & Beyond". 7 pm. Tickets \$12-\$30. Trapp Family Lodge Concert Meadow, 700 Trapp Hill Rd. (802) 253-7792. www.stoweperformingarts.com.

**TUNBRIDGE.** Vermont Scenic Circuit: "Good Old Fashioned Dog Show." Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 479-9843. www.greenmountaindogclub.org.

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## MONDAY, JULY 17

**BURLINGTON.** Summer on the Lake Educational Boat Cruise: "Stories of Lake Champlain." Chief Don Stevens of the Nulhegan Abenaki tribe will share the history of native tribes. Optional hands-on sediment assessment to look for signs of historical land uses. Minimum age eight. \$25. Register at www.uvm.edu/seagrant/events. 9:30–11:30 am. Rubenstein Lab/Echo Building, 3 College St. *Also August 17 and August 23.*



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

**EAST DORSET.** Vermont Summer Festival Horse Show: Manchester Classic Festival. Admission: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, adults \$6, children \$3; Grand Prix Saturday and Sunday, adults \$9, children \$5. Tuesday through Sunday, 8:30 am – 4 pm. Beebe Farm, 2971 Route 7. (802) 489-4945. [www.vt-summerfestival.com](http://www.vt-summerfestival.com). *Through July 23.*

**LYME, NH.** Summer Buffet Music Series on Post Pond. James Graham will be performing. BBQ 5:30-7:30 pm. Adults \$20, kids 5-12 \$8, 4 and under free. Reservations required. Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Rd. (Rt. 10 just north of town). (603) 795-2141. [lochlymelodge.com](http://lochlymelodge.com).

**RUTLAND.** Vermont Farmers' Market. Farm fresh veggies and fruits, artisan cheeses, handcrafted breads, maple syrup, Vermont crafts, prepared foods, and more. EBT and debit cards. 3-6 pm in Depot Park. (802) 342-4727. [vtfarmersmarket.org](http://vtfarmersmarket.org). *Wednesdays through October 25.*

**ST. ALBANS.** Kids' Night at the Museum. In connection with the exhibit: "Hamilton: The Man Who Invented Modern America," which examines Hamilton's important role in the Revolutionary War and Founding period. 5-8 pm. Saint Albans Museum, 9 Church St. (802) 527-7933. [alex@stamuseum.org](mailto:alex@stamuseum.org). [www.stamuseum.org](http://www.stamuseum.org). [facebook.com/stamuseum](https://www.facebook.com/stamuseum). *Exhibit runs through July 28.*

**TOWNSHEND.** Friesian Horse Performance. Tour and Exhibition at the largest Friesian horse breeder in the U.S. Admission: \$25. Reservations required. 2 pm. Friesians of Majesty, 185 Maggie Ladd Rd. (802) 365-7526. [www.friesiansofmajesty.com](http://www.friesiansofmajesty.com). *Through October 18.*

**WAITSFIELD.** Workshop: HorsePowering Success for Leaders. Work with horses in a unique and transformational workshop that will act as a catalyst for change in your career. Fee: \$159. 9:30 am – 4 pm. EQnimity, 178 Sherman Rd. (802) 496-2730. [www.EQnimity.com](http://www.EQnimity.com).

THURSDAY, JULY 20

**DANBY.** Annual Olde Country & Bluegrass Festival. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Climber's snowmobile club. (802) 293-5515. [danbyoldecountrybluegrassfestival.wordpress.com](http://danbyoldecountrybluegrassfestival.wordpress.com). *Through July 22.*

**HYDE PARK.** Lamoille County Players present the Musical, Brigadoon. Tickets \$10-\$18. Thurs-Sat 7 pm, Sun 2 pm. Hyde Park Opera House, 85 Main St. (802) 888-4507. [info@lplayers.com](mailto:info@lplayers.com). [www.lplayers.com](http://www.lplayers.com). *Through July 23 and July 27-30.*

FRIDAY, JULY 21

**BONDVILLE.** Vermont Antiques Dealer's Association Annual Antique Show. Find your next antique treasure while enjoying summer in the scenic Green Mountains. Admission: \$10. 12 noon – 8 pm. Stratton Mountain Resort. (800) 787-2886. [www.stratton.com](http://www.stratton.com). *Through July 22.*

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**MIDDLEBURY.** 32nd Annual Summer Carillon Series: Elena Sadina, performing from the soaring tower of Mead Chapel. Free. 5 pm. Inside Mead Chapel or on the surrounding lawns, Middlebury College, 72 Porter Field Rd. (802) 443-3168. [www.middlebury.edu/arts/news/carillon](http://www.middlebury.edu/arts/news/carillon).

**RANDOLPH.** Seventh Annual Summer Pride Festival. 7 pm at Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org). *Through July 30.*

**SHELburne.** Vermont Mozart Festival. Adults \$15, children free. Gates open 5:30 pm, concert at 7 pm. Tickets and information available at [www.vermontmozartfestival.org](http://www.vermontmozartfestival.org). Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. [shelburnefarms.org](http://shelburnefarms.org). *Also July 22.*

**STOCKBRIDGE.** 2nd Annual NoTown Festival. Two days and two nights of music and camping on the Tweed River! Bow Thayer, Rick Redington & The Luv, and 16 more bands! Day pass \$35, weekend pass \$90. Kids under 18 free with parents. At Tweed River Tubing, Rt. 100. [notownfestival.com](http://notownfestival.com). *Through July 23.*

**WARREN.** Vermont Mountain Bike Festival. Live music, breakfast, lunch and dinner available on site bonfire, games and full bar. Mountain Bike Olympics. Full weekend registration: \$99, include Saturday Night BBQ, guided rides, over 60 vendors. Free onsite camping. Sugarbush Mt. Ellen. (802) 540-2447. [vmba.org](http://vmba.org). *Through July 23.*

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**HUBBARDTON.** Hubbardton Town Family Fun Day. The Town of Hubbardton sponsors a family fun afternoon and evening, with music, food, and activities for all ages, ending with fireworks at dusk. 4-9:30 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov/directory/hubbardton](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/directory/hubbardton). *Rain date: July 23.*

**JAMAICA.** Old Home Day. Artists, crafters, gardeners, homesteaders, self-sustaining entrepreneurs and vendors. (802) 874-4151. [dkmeden@svcable.net](mailto:dkmeden@svcable.net).

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**POULTNEY.** Visit with *Vermont Wild, Adventures of Fish & Game Wardens* best selling author Megan Price. Get the inside scoop on wacky warden stories she is working on for her new book, to be released in time for Christmas. All five books in the best-selling series, including *Maine Wild*, will be for sale and Megan can autograph them for you. Stop by! Free and fun! 11:30 am – 2 pm. Otto's Cones Point General Store at Lake St. Catherine, 16 Rt. 30 South. (802) 287-9925. [www.pinemartenpress.com](http://www.pinemartenpress.com).

**ROCHESTER.** Summer Chamber Concert. Sponsored by the Rochester Chamber Music Society. Peter Stumpf, cello, Cynthia Huard, piano performing Bach Suite No. 1 in G major, Hindemith Cello Sonata No. 3, Schumann Five Pieces in Folk Style, Schubert Arpeggione Sonata in A minor, and Vaughan-Williams Six Studies in English Folk Song. 7 pm. Rochester Federated Church, 15 N. Main St. Free admission. Donations appreciated. (802) 767-9234. [www.rcmsvt.org](http://www.rcmsvt.org).

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### Way Back Then

## A Summer Job on Nason's Farm

by Charles Sutton

For many summers when I was in high school and college I worked on an estate that included a small dairy farm not far from home in Fairfield, CT.

The owner, James Nason, was 'a gentleman farmer.' During the week he commuted to New York City where he had a top position with an advertising firm. He had three daughters—Jane, Carol and Sarah—whom my parents had hoped either my brother Fred or I would someday marry one of them. Never happened even though I did time on the dance floor with Carol when consistently urged by my parents.

Jim, as he liked to be called by us farm hands—two to four teenagers plus farm manager Dick Dunton—enjoyed being with us boys working the farm as often as he could, riding the Farmall tractor or a small bulldozer. The farm included a dozen or so Guernsey cows and a large flock of chickens. Sometimes there would be a horse or two which his daughters looked after.

The Nasons had many friends including my parents who bought their milk and cream (in glass bottles), butter, chickens and eggs which were delivered by Dick to our homes.

We farm hands helped with the milking, pasteurizing, and bottling the milk and cream, looked after the chickens from chicks to egg making or meat and did the haying. This being an estate, we cut the grass and attended the gardens, and cleaned an in-ground swimming pool. I also learned how to process chickens: killing, defeathering them with a chicken plucker machine and eviscerating or dressing them out. I'll never forget my first week there—a time when the rookie had to be broken in. One of my very first jobs was to scrape the cows' bottoms which were always caked dirty especially when the cows started eating spring green grasses. I passed that test and went on to the next.

I was excited about learning to drive the tractor and using its fork lift. One day my

fellow workers asked if I would like to hook up the manure spreader and do its job on a field. The spreader was filled with moist cow plops from the barn and chicken manure which we collected daily from drop trays beneath their roosts.

My first run down the field went fine, but on the return trip this 'rookie' was taught a lesson. I didn't realize it was so windy. Soon I also was spread, too, with bits and chunks of manure riding out the wind. The other farm hands thought this was pretty funny.

But the experience had a happy ending. We who looked after a large in-ground pool were allowed to have a quick dip there in the late afternoon provided we showered first and got out before the boss Jim got home.

The estate's in-ground pool wasn't fenced or blocked off as is required all 50 states today.

One day when I was cutting the lawn near the pool with a heavy-duty Troy-Bilt mower I noticed a little, lone boy, maybe two or three years old, heading in a rush toward the pool. I was maybe 25 yards away. It was only seconds before I was jumping into the pool and had the boy in hand almost as soon as he fell in. Both of us were dripping wet, with him in my arms. He was too scared to cry or speak. A worried young mother met us before we could get to the house. She grabbed the boy and looked angrily at me with words to the effect of, "How could you let him fall into the pool?"

I went home and changed my clothes and went back to work. What was surprising, or maybe not so surprising considering the circumstances, was that nothing was said about the rescue, or who the mother was who let her unattended child wander off on a farm that is dangerous enough with its animals and equipment.

The boss Jim on payday did make some remarks about how I was in the right place at the right time. The pool never was fenced off the summers I worked there.



# Vermont Country Calendar

**SO. BURLINGTON.** Rhododendron Workshop. Curator Beth Gutwin will discuss maintenance, pruning, pest and disease management. Free. 9 am – 12 noon. UVM Horticulture Farm, 65 Green Mountain Dr. (802) 864-3073. [friendsofthehortfarm.org](http://friendsofthehortfarm.org).

**SOUTH ROYALTON.** Concert: The South Royalton Town Band. Marches, show tunes, popular compositions, Dixieland, jazz. Enjoy a piece of birthday cake as the Band celebrates the Royalton Memorial Library's 100th birthday. (Rain location: South Royalton School small gymnasium). 7 pm. At the Richard W. Ellis Bandstand on the Green.

**STOCKBRIDGE.** 2nd Annual NoTown Festival. Two days and two nights of music and camping on the Tweed River! Bow Thayer, Rick Redington & The Luv, and 16 more bands! Day pass \$35, weekend pass \$90. Kids under 18 free with parents. At Tweed River Tubing, Rt. 100. [notownfestival.com](http://notownfestival.com). Also July 23.

**WARREN.** Vermont Mountain Bike Festival. Live music, breakfast, lunch and dinner available on site bonfire, games and full bar. Mountain Bike Olympics. Full weekend registration: \$99, include Saturday Night BBQ, guided rides, over 60 vendors. Free onsite camping. Sugarbush Mt. Ellen. (802) 540-2447. [vmba.org](http://vmba.org). Also July 23.

**WESTMINSTER.** 16th Annual Garden Tour. Held from 10 am – 3 pm. Admission \$13; two days \$25. Purchase at The Westminster Institute, 3338 Rt. 5 in Westminster, VT or The Hayward Garden, 508 McKinon Rd., Putney, VT. (802) 289-4349. [wecares@sover.net](mailto:wecares@sover.net). Also July 23.

## SUNDAY, JULY 23

**BROWNINGTON.** Summer Poetry Series. Back Roads Readings presents a celebration of Ellen Bryant Voigt. Each reading followed by a reception and book signing. Readings are free, handicapped accessible and everyone welcome. Donations appreciated. 3 p.m. Brownington Congregational Church, Hinman Settler Rd. (802) 633-4956. [www.backroadsreadings.com](http://www.backroadsreadings.com).

**LYME, NH.** Summer Buffet Music Series on Post Pond. Juke Joynt will be performing. Buffet dinner at 6 pm. Adults \$25, kids 5-12 \$10, 4 and under free. Reservations required. Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Rd. (Rt. 10 just north of town). (603) 795-2141. [lochlymelodge.com](http://lochlymelodge.com).

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**ORWELL.** Stories of the Mount: Recent Research. A panel of historians share their latest interesting research on Mount Independence and the American Revolution. Questions and discussion welcomed. Admission: adults \$5, children under 15 free. 2-3 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov).

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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. Family activities, horse-drawn wagon rides, farm programs. Adults \$15, age 62 & up \$14, 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. [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).

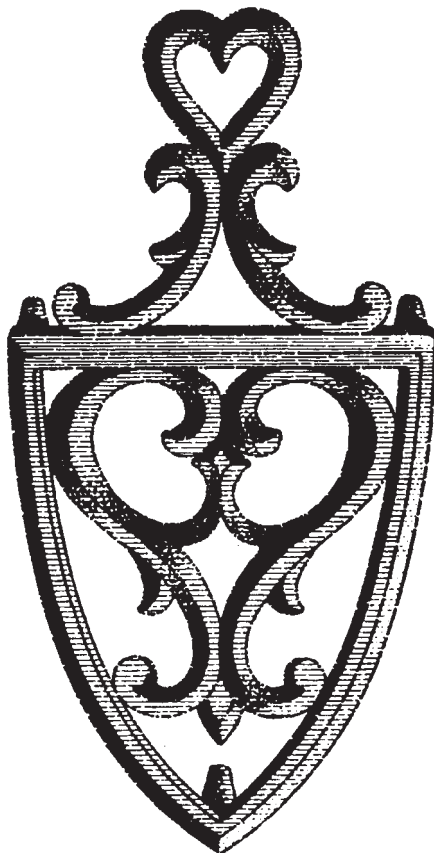
## MONDAY, JULY 24

**BRATTLEBORO.** Brown Bag Lunch Concert: Ray Mason, classic rock and roll plus original songs. Ray is a one-man band playing his 1965 Silvertone guitar. Free. 12 noon – 1 pm. The River Garden, 157 Main St. (802) 246-0982. [www.strollingoftheheifers.com](http://www.strollingoftheheifers.com).

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

**HANOVER, NH.** Concert: Septeto Santiaguero. Direct from Cuba, soaring vocals, a horn line and intoxicating percussion. Free. 5:30 pm. Dartmouth Green. (603) 646-2422. [hop.dartmouth.edu](http://hop.dartmouth.edu).

**HAVERHILL, NH.** 73rd Annual North Haverhill Fair. Admission: \$12/day, 5-Day Pass \$48, Veterans \$5, 12 & under free. Overnight Camping \$25, w/ AC Hookup \$30. 4-9 pm. 1299 Dartmouth College Hwy. (603) 989-3305. [garyscruton@yahoo.com](mailto:garyscruton@yahoo.com). [nohaverhillfair.com](http://nohaverhillfair.com). Through July 30.



**JAMAICA.** 6th 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. [pikesfallschambermusicfestival.com](http://pikesfallschambermusicfestival.com). Through August 6.

**LYME, NH.** Summer Buffet Music Series on Post Pond. Paul Barker and Ford Dailey & Friends will be performing. BBQ 5:30-7:30 pm. Adults \$20, kids 5-12 \$8, 4 and under free. Reservations required. Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Rd. (Rt. 10 just north of town). (603) 795-2141. [www.lochlymelodge.com](http://www.lochlymelodge.com).

**RUTLAND.** Vermont Farmers' Market. EBT and debit cards. 3-6 pm in Depot Park downtown across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. [vtfarmersmarket.org](http://vtfarmersmarket.org). Wednesdays through October 25.

## THURSDAY, JULY 27

**BARRE.** Barre Heritage Festival. Celebration of community, food, music, ethnic pride, history, and the arts. On North Main St. (802) 477-2967. [www.barreheritagefestival.org](http://www.barreheritagefestival.org). Through July 30.

**BURLINGTON.** Lake Champlain Maritime Festival. Commemorating the past, present and future of beautiful Lake Champlain! Maritime exhibits; vintage boat show; U.S. Coast Guard exhibit; live musical performances; kids' entertainment; food; and crafts. On the Burlington Waterfront, from Perkins Pier to the Community Sailing Center. [lcmfestival.com](http://lcmfestival.com). Through July 30.

**HANOVER, NH.** Concert: John Prine. Timeless songs reaching straight to the listener's heart. Tickets \$35-\$85. 8 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, The Hopkins Center, 2 East Wheelock St. (603) 646-2422. [hop.dartmouth.edu](http://hop.dartmouth.edu).

**HAVERHILL, NH.** 73rd Annual North Haverhill Fair. Admission: \$12/day, five-day pass \$48, seniors \$5, 12 & under free. Overnight camping \$25, w/ac hookup \$30. 9:30 am – 10 pm. 1299 Dartmouth College Hwy. (603) 989-3305. [nohaverhillfair.com](http://nohaverhillfair.com). Through July 30.

## FRIDAY, JULY 28

**BARRE.** Barre Heritage Festival. Celebration of community, food, music, ethnic pride, history, and the arts. On North Main St. (802) 477-2967. [www.barreheritagefestival.org](http://www.barreheritagefestival.org). Through July 30.

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**JOHNSON.** Lamoille County Field Days. Midway rides, music, entertainment, children's shows, food, animals. Farm equipment; horse, pony, ox pulls; lumberjack roundup. Horse shows, gymkhanas, pedal pull, and more! Admission: \$12. Free parking. 9 am to midnight. 203 Wilson Rd. (802) 635-7113. [lamoillefelddays.com](http://lamoillefelddays.com). Through July 30.

**MANCHESTER.** Green Mountain Fair. Local entertainment, rides, crafts, & food. Free admission. Free parking. Dorr Field, Rt. 30. (609) 259-2500. [www.facebook.com/greenmountainfair](http://www.facebook.com/greenmountainfair). Through July 30.



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**WILMINGTON.** Opening Ceremonies of the 10th Annual Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival. 5-8 pm. Twin Valley Elementary School, 360 Rt. 100 N. (802) 464-8092. www.vermontblueberry.com. Through August 7.

**WOODSTOCK.** Ninth Annual Bookstock Literary Festival. Over 30 notable authors. Gigantic book sale, iFood, activities for children. Venues on and near the Village Green. www.bookstockvt.org. Through July 30.

## SATURDAY, JULY 29

**BARRE.** Barre Heritage Festival. A celebration of community, food, music, ethnic pride, history, and the arts. On North Main St. (802) 477-2967. www.barreheritagefestival.org. Also July 30.

**BURLINGTON.** Lake Champlain Maritime Festival. Commemorating the past, present and future of beautiful Lake Champlain! Maritime exhibits; vintage boat show; U.S. Coast Guard exhibit; kids' activities; food; and crafts. On the Burlington Waterfront, from Perkins Pier to the Community Sailing Center. lcmfestival.com. Also July 30.

**DOVER.** 9th Annual Blueberry Festival Parade. Local floats and marching bands. Parade starts at 11 am and goes north on Rt. 100 to Country Club Rd. After parade BBQ and crafts at Dover Forge at noon. After parade festivities, contest for blue-inspired spectators, music, vintage cars. (802) 464-8092. www.vermontblueberry.com.

**HAVERHILL, NH.** 73rd Annual North Haverhill Fair. Fireworks display. Admission: \$12/day, five-day pass \$48, 12 & under free. 9 am – 11 pm. 1299 Dartmouth College Hwy. (603) 989-3305. nohaverhillfair.com. Through July 30.

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**KILLINGTON.** 35th Annual Killington Music Festival—Music in the Mountains, Classical Concert Series. Tickets \$25. 7 pm. Ramshead Lodge, Killington Rd. (802) 773-4003. kmfest@sover.net. killingtonmusicfestival.org. Saturdays through July 29.

**MANCHESTER.** Green Mountain Fair. Local entertainment, rides, crafts, & food. Free admission. Free parking. Dorr Field, 815 Bonnet St. (609) 259-2500. www.facebook.com/greenmountainfair. Through July 30.

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**POWNAL.** Pownal Valley Fair. Kids' fun fair. Exhibit hall featuring produce, arts & crafts, quilts, flowers, honey, maple syrup and herbs. Antique tractor pull, bingo, petting farm animals, fireworks, food booths and music. Sponsored by the Pownal Fire Department. 10 am – 10 pm. Behind the Post Office and Firehouse.

**RUTLAND.** Vermont Farmers' Market. EBT and debit cards. 9 am – 2 pm, in Depot Park. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. Saturdays through October 28.

**WOODSTOCK.** Ninth Annual Bookstock Literary Festival. Over 30 notable authors. Virtual reality demonstration. One act plays by high school students. Bob Dylan Tribute Band. Gigantic book sale, literary market place for authors and publishers. Food, activities for children. "Anything Goes" poetry slams. Performance by singer/songwriter Chris Pierce. Venues on and near the Village Green. info@bookstockvt.org. www.bookstockvt.org. Also July 30.

**WOODSTOCK.** 31st Annual Quilt Exhibition. This juried exhibition of colorful quilts made exclusively in Windsor County celebrates 31 years of quilting excellence at Billings Farm. Quilting demonstrations, programs and activities for children and adults. Adults \$15, age 62 & up \$14, 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. www.billingsfarm.org. Exhibit through September 17.

## SUNDAY, JULY 30

**ADDISON.** Blast from the Past: Historic Clock and Watches Afternoon. Green Mountain Timekeepers Society members talk about the history of your clocks and watches and how they can be repaired. Bring your clocks and watches or photographs. Admission \$5, children 14 and under free. 12 noon – 4 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicites.vermont.gov/directory/chimney\_point.

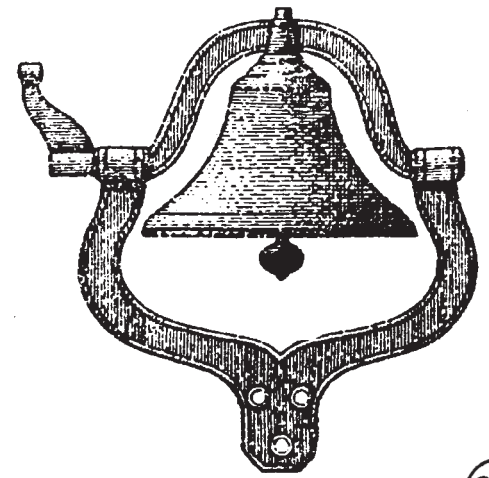
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**BURLINGTON.** Annual Summer Greek Food Festival. Greek food, music and culture will be celebrated. Free admission. Rain or shine. 12 noon – 5 pm. The Dormition of the Mother of God Greek Orthodox Church, 30 Lodge Rd. off S. Willard St. (802) 862-2155. www.govct.org.

**CROWN POINT, NY.** Points of Interest: Lake Champlain Bridge Guided Walk, led by Crown Point site manager Michael Roets and Chimney Point administrator Elsa Gilbertson. Meet at the Crown Point, NY, State Historic Site museum. Rain or shine, dress for the weather. \$6, includes admission to both museums. 1-3 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicites.vermont.gov/directory/chimney\_point.

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## Reading, VT

# Summer Events at the Hall Art Foundation

In the fall of 2012, the Hall Art Foundation in Reading, Vermont opened its doors to the public—welcoming visitors to view its program of rotating, temporary exhibitions of contemporary art. Exhibitions are held seasonally, from May through November, and are open to the public by appointment, free-of-charge.

Converted from a former dairy farm, the property consists of a stone farmhouse, cow barn, horse barn and tractor barn, grouped together at the southern extremity of the village of Felchville (also known as Reading). The farmhouse and barns are situated next to a waterfall

on a tributary of the Black River, and are surrounded by pastures, hayfields and extensive woodland.

## Summer Events

**First Fridays: July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3, 2017.** Tour is free. Once a month we welcome visitors to view our exhibitions without a guide and at their own pace from 5-8 p.m.

Wood-fired pizza available from La Pizza Lupo! Prepared in a vintage truck with an Italian-made wood-burning oven, La Pizza Lupo uses local, seasonal and artisanal ingredients to prepare you a delicious slice.

**Sunday, July 23, 2017, 12-1:30 p.m.** Curator's Tour of *Hope and Hazard: A Comedy of Eros* with Eric Fischl. Admission is free. Space is limited and registration is required. Join us for a curator-led walkthrough with Eric Fischl. Approximately sixty-five artists are represented in *Hope and Hazard: A Comedy of Eros*, which includes over eighty paintings, photographs, works on paper and sculptures selected by Fischl from the Hall and Hall Art Foundation collections. In this fresh and provocative show, Fischl illustrates the absurd extremes associated with romantic and

sexual love. Desire, passion, vulnerability, disappointment, pleasure and torment are expressed as a Greek or Shakespearean comedy – epic and tragic, hopeful and hazardous.

Born in New York City in 1948, Eric Fischl is one of the most influential American figurative painters and sculptors working today. Fischl is most well known for provocative, large-scale paintings of middle-class suburban America that are imbued with psychological and often uncomfortable sexual undertones. He lives and works in Sag Harbor, NY with his wife, the painter April Gornik.

**Monday, July 17, 2017, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and or 12:30-3 p.m.** Figure Drawing Workshop with Live Model. Instruction by Ian Campbell Swordy. Admission is free. Space is limited and registration is required.

Join us for a tour of our exhibitions, *Hope and Hazard: A Comedy of Eros* and *Ready, Fire! Aim.*, in conjunction with a figure drawing class with instructor, Ian Campbell Swordy in the presence of a live model.

Ian Campbell Swordy received his BFA from Hunter College (New York, NY), and his MFA from Yale University (New Haven, CT). He is currently a lecturer in the department of Studio Art at Dartmouth College.

Participants are encour-

aged to bring a brown bag lunch or order a boxed lunch in advance. Adults only. Participants bring their own materials: newsprint or drawing paper; charcoal; drawing board. No wet materials please.

**Saturday, August 12, 2017, 2:30-5:30 p.m.** Ekphrastic Poetry Workshop with Peter Money. Admission is free. Space is limited and registration is required. Join us for a tour of our exhibitions, *Hope and Hazard: A Comedy of Eros* and *Ready, Fire! Aim.*, followed by an ekphrastic poetry workshop led by Peter Money.

From the Greek word meaning "description", an ekphrastic poem is a vivid description meant to amplify and expand the meaning of a work of art. Participants will compose and share a poem inspired by one of the artworks on view.

Peter Money is a poet, editor, and teacher. He is also co-founder and director of Harbor Mountain Press. His books include *These Are My Shoes*, *A Big Yellow*, *Finding It: Selected Poems*, *Che: A Novella In Three Parts*, and *American Drone: New & Select Poems*. In 2012, Graywolf Press published his co-translations (with Sinan Antoon) of Saadi Youssef's poems, *Nostalgia, My Enemy*. Participants bring their own notebooks. Pencils will be provided. Smartphones recommended if possible.

We are now pleased to offer boxed lunches to enjoy before or after your visit to the Hall Art Foundation. \$25 per boxed lunch. At your request, all items are available gluten-free. One box includes an organic pear or apple, a gluten-free fudge brownie, a bottle of Pure Vermont water, and one of the following sandwiches:

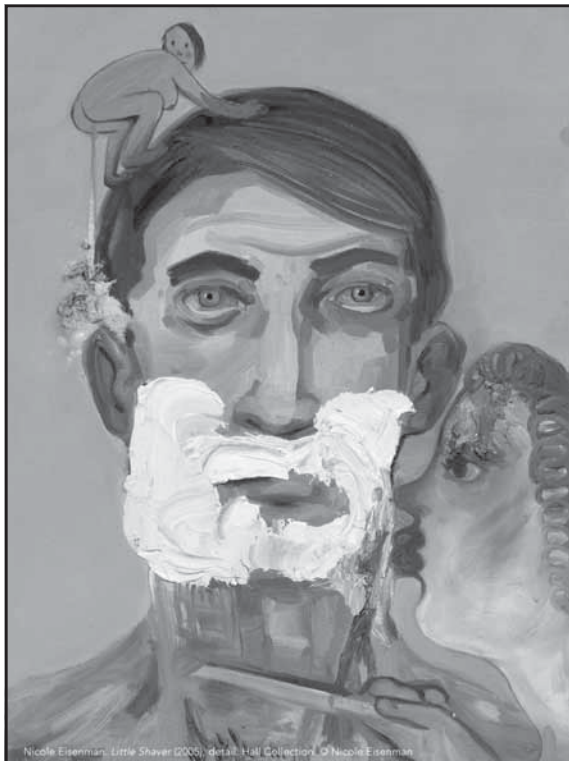
- Organic Chicken Breast with Provençal Herbs on a Kaiser Roll, Bib Lettuce, Tomato and Vermont Goat Cheese
- Rice Wrap with Grilled Vegetables, Pea-Shoots and Tahini Vinaigrette
- Steak Sandwich with Cheddar Cheese, Oven Roasted Plum Tomato and Baby Spinach on a French Baguette

Orders or cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance. Lunch is delivered by 11 a.m. so you are welcome to enjoy our outdoor and indoor lunch spaces before or after your tour.

Hall Art Foundation, 544 VT Rt. 106, Reading, VT. (802) 952-1060. [vermont@hallartfoundation.org](mailto:vermont@hallartfoundation.org). [www.hallartfoundation.org](http://www.hallartfoundation.org).

Open May through November, on weekends and Wednesdays by appointment for tours at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Admission is free.

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**WILMINGTON.** Annual Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival. "Blueberry Splash" at Lake Whitingham. Listen to floating musical groups. At 2:30 pm watch the parade of boats! Decorate your boat blue, and at 2 pm meet at High County Marina for the parade of boats line-up! Help from High Country Marina & prizes from the Hermitage Club. Music at Wards Cove and at the end of Fairview Ave. boat landing on Lake Whitingham. 1-5 pm. (802) 464-8092. www.vermontblueberry.com.

**WOODSTOCK.** Ninth Annual Bookstock Literary Festival. Vermont filmmaker Jay Craven will screen his film, *Where the Rivers Flow North*. Venues on and near the Village Green. www.bookstockvt.org.

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES 2017

**ADDISON.** Chimney Point State Historic Site. Newly updated and expanded permanent exhibit on the Native American, French Colonial, and early American history of the Chimney Point area incorporates archaeological findings from the Lake Champlain Bridge project. 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 - 5 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicssites.vermont.gov. *Through October 15.*

**BENNINGTON.** The Bennington Battle Monument. An elevator takes visitors to the observation floor for a spectacular view of three states. \$5 adult admission, 6-14 \$1, under 6 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. www.historicssites.vermont.gov. *Open through October 31st.*

**EAST DORSET.** Vermont Summer Festival Horse Show. Admission: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, adults \$6, children \$3; Grand Prix Saturday and Sunday, adults \$9, children \$5. Tuesday through Sunday, 8:30 am - 4 pm. Beebee Farm, 2971 Route 7. (802) 489-4945. www.vt-summerfestival.com. *July 4 through August 13.*

**FAIRFIELD.** President Chester Arthur State Historic Site. In 1881, Vermonter Chester Alan Arthur was sworn in as the nation's 21st President. The son of an impoverished Baptist minister, Arthur was born in a small temporary parsonage. He became a lawyer who advocated for civil rights and as President, a champion of civil service reform. Donations appreciated. Chester Arthur Historic Site, 4588 Chester Arthur Rd. (802) 933-8362. historicssites.vermont.gov. *July 1 through October 15.*

**HARDWICK.** Tea Garden. Teas are served in the flower garden, under a covered porch or, when the weather is inclement, in a little plant-filled conservatory. 12-4 pm. By reservation only. Perennial Pleasures Nursery, 63 Brockhouse Rd. (802) 472-5104. perennialpleasures.net. *Through Labor Day.*

**HARTLAND.** Upper Valley Seed Savers meet on the second Thursday of the month. 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 for meeting time and place please contact Sylvia Davatz at sdav@valley.net or call (802) 436-3262.

**HUBBARDTON.** Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site. Exhibit: Hubbardton Battle—American Rebels Stem the Tide, July 7, 1777. Period artifacts, battle diorama, and a large fiber optic map. Children's colonial dress-up basket. Interpretive Trail. Admission: adults \$3, children under 15 free. Open 9:30 am - 5 pm, Thurs - Sun and Monday holidays. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicssites.vermont.gov. *May 27 to October 15.*

**MARLBORO.** Marlboro Music Festival. Tickets \$5 to \$37.50, call (215) 569-4690. Performances on Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 2:30 pm, with two special Friday concerts on August 5th and 12th at 8 pm. All concerts in Persons Auditorium on the Marlboro College campus, 2472 South Rd. (802) 254-2394. marlbormusic.org. *July 15 through August 14.*

**ORWELL.** Mount Independence State Historic Site. Celebrating 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: "Strong Ground," Artwork of Gary Zaboly. Children's Discovery Corner. Trails. Admission: adults \$5, children under 15 free. Open daily 9:30 - 5:30. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. www.historicssites.vermont.gov. *May 27 - October 15.*

**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.** President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. Plymouth Notch, Vermont is the birthplace and boyhood home of Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President of the United States. The Village is virtually unchanged since the early 20th century. The homes of Calvin Coolidge's family and neighbors, the community church, cheese factory, one room schoolhouse, and general store have been carefully preserved, and many of the buildings have their original furnishings. Admission: adults \$9, children 6-14 years \$2, children under 6 years free, family pass (up to 8 people) \$25. Open daily 9:30 am - 5 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Route 100A. (802) 672-3773. William.jenney@vermont.gov. historicssites.vermont.gov. *May 27 through October 22.*

**POULTNEY.** Weekly Game Night. Games for young children as well as adults. Bring your own or play ours. Experienced game players help new players get started. 7-10 pm. Poultney Public Library, 205 Main St. (518) 282-9089 or (802) 287 5556. poultneypubliclibrary.com. *Ongoing every Thursday.*

**QUECHEE.** Vermont Institute of Natural Science. Wildlife exhibits, workshops, and special events. Wildlife rehabilitation. Adults: \$14.50, seniors (62 plus) \$13.50, youth (4-17): \$12.50, children 3 and under free. Open April 9-October 31: 10 am - 5 pm. Vermont Institute of Natural Science, 6565 Woodstock Rd. (802) 359-5000. 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, west of Manchester. (802) 394-7836. merckforest.org.

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

**SPRINGFIELD.** Stellafane. A place and an organization devoted to amateur astronomy, founded by Russell W. Porter in 1923, and considered by many to be the "Birthplace of Amateur Telescope Making." Home to The Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc., an active amateur astronomy and telescope-making club that sponsors many events, classes, and a convention held July 20-23, 2017. Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc., PO Box 601, Springfield, VT 05156. webmaster@stellafane.com. www.stellafane.com.

**SPRINGFIELD.** Eureka Schoolhouse State Historic Site. The oldest one-room schoolhouse in Vermont and one of the few surviving eighteenth century public buildings in the State. Donation appreciated. Open weekends 10 am - 5 pm. Eureka Schoolhouse State Historic Site, 470 Charlestown Rd. (802) 828-3051. historicssites.vermont.gov. *Through October 15.*

## The Mirror of My Realm

In the corner back beyond,  
Where the brook enters the spruces,  
I have a little pond;  
Its banks are smoothly lawned  
And it has several uses.

The cattle come to drink,  
A frog lives in the brink,  
It is my swimming pool;  
I take there what I think  
Is the only sport that's cool.

On the cool grass I sit  
At dusk and look at it,  
Composing clouds and the elm  
That rises opposite—  
The mirror of my realm.

It takes far things and tall  
And lays them at my feet  
While sleepy thrushes call.  
I haven't to leave my seat  
To have my world complete.

—JAMES HAYFORD  
Orleans, VT, 1953

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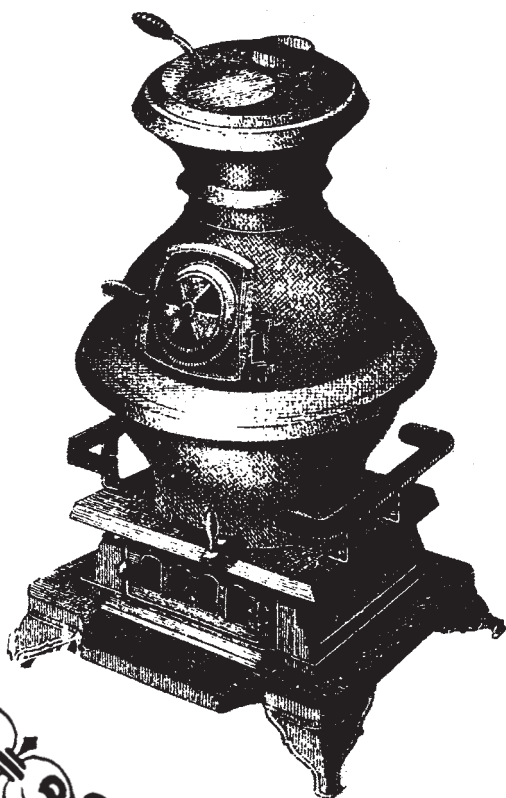


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**STRAFFORD.** Senator Justin Morrill Homestead State Historic Site. Adults \$6, children 14 and under free. Open Wed-Sun 11 am – 5 pm. Justin Morrill Homestead, 214 Justin Morrill Highway. (802) 765-4484. Historicites.vermont.gov.

**TOWNSHEND.** Friesians of Majesty. See beautiful Friesian horses bred and trained right here in Vermont. Carriage and sleigh rides, wedding carriage, horse camp, tours, performances. Tour and Exhibition at 2 pm. Friesians of Majesty, 185 Maggie Ladd Rd. (802) 365-7526. www.friesiansofmajesty.com. *Through October 18.*

**VERGENNES.** Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Shipwreck tours, courses and workshops, exhibits, collections, special events. Fleet of full-size replica vessels which visitors may board. Small craft of display. Maritime Research Institute. Museum store. Special deal—museum, lunch and cruise, only \$46. Adult \$12, seniors \$11, youth 6-17 \$8, children 5 and under free. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Dr. (802) 475-2022. www.lcmm.org. *Through October 15.*

**WEST RUTLAND.** Vermont Herbal General Store. Owned and operated by a registered pharmacist. Tai' Chi Gung classes, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm at the store. Free intro classes. Meditations at the store Wednesdays at 5 pm. 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 11 am – 4:30 pm, Saturday 1-6 pm, Sunday 1-4 pm, closed Friday and Monday. Vermont Herbal General Store, 578 Main St. (802) 438-2766. info@vermontherbal.com. On Facebook and Twitter. www.vermontherbal.com.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Newberry Market. A year-round, public indoor market with vendors offering local products, cheeses, clothing, gifts, pottery, and specialty foods. Free admission. Open every Thursday year round 11 am – 6 pm. Newberry Market, 19 South Main St. For information contact: Betsy Briggs Wheeler at (802) 299-0212. newberrymarketwrj@gmail.com. newberrymarketwrj.com.

**WINDSOR.** Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery. Come and explore our gardens. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. 1747 Hunt Rd. (802) 674-6825. www.garymilek.com. www.ciderhillgardens.com.

**WOODSTOCK.** Billings Farm & Museum. Visit our award-winning Jersey herd, draft horses, and sheep and tour the restored 1890 Farm House. Adults \$15, 62 & up \$14, 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.

**WOODSTOCK.** Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park. 20 miles of trails and carriage roads are open year-round. Gardens and mansion. Vermont's only national park. Guided tours \$4/\$8, under 15 free. Walk the grounds free. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park, 54 Elm St. (802) 457-3368. nps.gov/mabi.

## MUSEUMS, EXHIBITS & GALLERIES

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

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington Center for the Arts. Small Works Show, May 13 – December 23. 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. Founding documents, fine art, Bennington Pottery, the 1924 Wasp Touring Car, Vermont furniture, and the Bennington Flag—one of America's oldest flags. Lectures, workshops, concerts, films, and the George Aiken Wildflower Trail. Admission: adults \$10, seniors and students over 18 \$9. Admission is never charged for younger students, museum members, 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.

**BRANDON.** Compass Music and Arts Center. Arts businesses and studios, workshops & classes, exhibits, concerts, and community events. A gift shop features art and music related books, collectibles, and the music of the classical recording company, Divine Art Records. Onsite café. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Drive, Park Village, 1.5 miles north of downtown. (802) 247-4295. www.cmacvt.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.** ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center. Exhibits, workshops, café, gift shop, story hour. \$9.50 adults, \$7 3-17, \$8 seniors and students, under 3 free. Monday-Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm. ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center at Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, One College St. (877) 324-6385. www.echovermont.org.

**BURLINGTON.** Fleming Museum of Art. 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 July Sale! Starting July 1st many items in the store are 20-40% off, plus our overstock or end of season items are 40-50% off Jewelry, garden art, Holiday, candles and more. Owned by artists Elise & Payne Junker, exclusive showroom of Junker Studio metalwork. Open Thursday through Sunday 10 am – 5 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday by chance. Located at 7 Pineview Dr. and Rt. 103, south of town—look for the life-size moose! (802) 875-7400. www.103artisansmarketplace.com.

**GLOVER.** Bread & Puppet Museum. One of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world housed in a 100-foot-long converted dairy barn built in 1863. Events, exhibits and performances. Free admission. Open 10 am – 6 pm daily summertime. Bread and Puppet Farm, 753 Heights Rd. (802) 525-3031. breadandpuppet.org. *Open June 4 through November 1.*

**GRAFTON.** The Vermont Museum of Mining and Minerals. Features displays and specimens from all over the Green Mountain State and around the world. Open Saturdays, Sundays and major holidays, 10 am – 12 pm & 1-4 pm, or by appointment. 55 Pleasant St. (802) 875-3562. *Memorial Day through mid-October.*

**GRAFTON.** The Nature Museum at Grafton. Programs for all ages. Hands-on exhibits, dioramas, mounted specimen, wildlife garden. Hiking trails in the Village Park behind the Museum. Admission by donation. Open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 10 am – 4 pm. The Nature Museum at Grafton, 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. www.nature-museum.org. *Through Columbus Day weekend.*

## Summer Dreams

Drowsy old summer, with nothing to do,  
I'd like to be drowsin' an' dreamin' with you;  
I'd like to stretch out in the shade of a tree,  
An' fancy the white clouds were ships out at sea,  
Or castles with turrets and treasures and things,  
And peopled with princesses, fairies and kings,  
An' just drench my soul with the glorious joy  
Which was mine to possess as a barefooted boy.

Drowsy old summer, your skies are as blue  
As the skies which a dreamy-eyed youngster once knew,  
An' I fancy to-day all the pictures are there—  
The ships an' the pirates an' princesses fair,  
The red scenes of battle, the gay, cheering throngs  
Which greeted the hero who righted all wrongs;  
But somehow or other, these old eyes of mine  
Can't see what they did as a youngster of nine.

Drowsy old summer, I'd like to forget  
Some things which I've learned an' some hurts I have met;  
I'd like the old visions of splendor an' joy  
Which were mine to possess as a barefooted boy  
When I dreamed of the glorious deeds I would do  
As soon as I'd galloped my brief boyhood through;  
I'd like to come back an' look into your skies  
With that wondrous belief an' those far-seeing eyes.

Drowsy old summer, my dream days have gone:  
Only things which are real I must now look upon;  
No longer I see in the skies overhead  
The pictures that were, for the last one has fled.  
I have learned that not all of our dreams can come true;  
The the toilers are many and heroes are few;  
But I'd like once again to look up there an' see  
The man that I fancied some day I might be.

—EDGAR A. GUEST, 1923

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**HUNTINGTON.** Birds of Vermont Museum. Features over 500 carved wooden birds, representing 259 species. Museum, special events and bird walks, exhibits, children's programs, gift shop, video, restrooms and trails with maps available. Program: Nestling Find Nature, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays May through October, 10:30-11:30 am, for pre-schoolers. Program: Who Walks These Woods, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays, 1-3 pm, through October, with expert tracker Mike Kessler. Admission: adult \$7, senior \$6, child 3-17 \$3.50. Open daily 10 am - 4 pm. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. birdsvermont.org. *Through October 31.*

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

**MANCHESTER.** Visit Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home. Summer home of presidential son, Robert Lincoln. House, gardens, Pullman car, working farm and cheese-making facility, floating boardwalk, walking trails, museum store and welcome center. Admission: \$20 adults; \$5 children 6-14; under 6 free. Open daily 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Hildene, off Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 362-1788. www.hildene.org.

**MARLBORO.** Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. See mounted specimens of over 600 native New England birds and mammals, a Raptor Center with live hawks and owls, amphibian and reptile exhibit, and fall wildflower exhibit. Adults \$5, seniors \$3, children 5-12 \$2, kids 4 and under free. 10 am - 4 pm weekdays, 10 am - 5 pm weekends. Rt. 9, Hogback Mountain. (802) 464-0048. www.vermontmuseum.org.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont. The oldest chartered community history museum in the United States, welcoming visitors since 1882. Exhibits, research center, and museum shop. Admission: adults \$5, youth 6-18 \$3, senior \$4.50, family \$12, under 6 free. Open Tues-Sat 10 am - 5 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History, One Park St. (803) 388-2117. www.henrysheldonmuseum.org.

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

**MONTPELIER.** Vermont History Museum & Bookstore. Admission: adults: \$7; families: \$20; students, children, seniors: \$5; members and children under 6: free. Open 9 am - 4 pm. Tuesday through Saturday. Pavilion Building, 109 State St. (802) 828-2291. info@vermonthistory.org. www.vermonthistory.org.

**NORWICH.** Montshire Museum of Science. Trails, programs, and museum store. Open 10 am - 5 pm daily. Admission \$14 adults, \$11 children 2-17, under 2 free. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. One Montshire Rd. (802) 649-2200. www.montshire.org.

**PLYMOUTH.** President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. New exhibit: "Homespun". Features the practical, often highly artistic textiles and fiber items created by the Coolidge family and their neighbors during the 19th and 20th centuries. Permanent exhibit: "More Than Two Words—The Life and Legacy of Calvin Coolidge". Admission: adults \$9, children 6-14 years \$2, children under 6 years free, family pass (up to 8 people) \$25. Open daily 9:30 am - 5 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Route 100A. (802) 672-3773. william.jenney@vermont.gov. historicssites.vermont.gov/coolidge. *Through October 22.*

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**READING.** Exhibits: *Hope and Hazard: A Comedy of Eros* curated by Eric Fischl of over sixty-five artists from the Hall and Hall Art Foundation collections. *Ready, Fire! Aim.* curated by DJ Hellerman, exhibited in Reading, and also at BCA Center in Burlington. And a Solo exhibition by British artist David Shrigley in the newly opened visitor center. Outdoor sculptures by Richard Deacon, Olafur Eliasson, and Marc Quinn. Admission is free. Open weekends and Wednesdays by appointment at 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm, and unguided tours first Fridays from 5-8 pm. Box lunches for purchase 24 hours before your visit. Hall Art Foundation, 544 Rt. 106. (802) 952-1060. www.hallartfoundation.org. *May 6 through November 26.*

**ROCHESTER.** BigTown Gallery. Exhibits "An Art That Nature Makes." Photographs by Rosamond Purcell through July 29. "Sculpture, Relief & Prints" Works by Hugh Townley, through September 10. Exhibits, readings, events. Gallery hours: Wed-Fri 10-5, Sat 12-5, Sun-Tues by appointment. 99 N. Main St. (802) 767-9670. info@bigtowngallery.com. www.bigtowngallery.com.

**SHELBURNE.** Shelburne Museum. Renowned for its collection of American folk art and quilts. Home to holdings of decorative arts, design, decoys, and carriages. The paintings collection includes French Impressionists as well as over 400 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century American works. Exhibit: "Wild Spaces, Open Seasons: Hunting and Fishing in American Art" June 3 through August 27. Over 20 gardens. Historic houses and community buildings. Admission: adult \$24, ages 5-17 \$5, under 5 free. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. Shelburne Museum, 6000 Shelburne Rd. (802) 985-3346.shelburnemuseum.org.

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

**SPRINGFIELD.** Gallery at the VAULT. A Vermont State Craft Center featuring fine art and hand-crafted gifts from over 125 local and regional artists and craftsmen. Exhibit: "Country Rhythms" through July 27. Classes, workshops. Tuesday - Saturday 11 am - 5 pm. Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. galleryvault.org.

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium. Exhibits, programs, special events, wildflower table, collections. Admission: adults \$8, seniors and children under 17 \$6, under 5 free. Open every day 9 am - 5 pm. Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium, 1302 Main St. (802) 748-2372. www.fairbanksmuseum.org.

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain and Dog Chapel. Free. Summer hours: Gallery open seven days a week. Dog Chapel open seven days a week from dawn to dusk. Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. off Spaulding Rd. (800) 449-2580. contact@dogmt.com. www.dogmt.com.

**WESTMINSTER.** Historical Exhibit: The William Czar Bradley Law Office. A delightful, tiny, two-room law office with contents just as he left it in 1858, where he practiced law and taught students. See his wonderful multi-drawer filing cabinet and surveying instruments he used to survey the US/Canadian border. Open Sunday 2 to 4 pm or by appointment. Free admission. Located in the Town Hall at 3613 US Rt. 5. (802) 722-4203 or (802) 387-5778. *July 2 through September 3.*

**WESTMINSTER.** The Westminster Historical Museum. In the town where the first shots of the American Revolution and massacre happened. See a scale model of the courthouse where the massacre occurred, one of the largest painted stage curtains in Vermont, plus many items pertaining to life in the earliest settlement in the state. Open Sundays 2-4 pm or by appointment. Free admission. Located in the Town Hall, 3651 US Rt. 5. (802) 722-4203 or (802) 387-5778. *July 2 to September 3.*

**WEST RUTLAND.** Carving Studio and Sculpture Center Gallery. Annual Members' Exhibition, June 10 through July 9. Hours are Monday-Friday, 10 am-1 pm, or by appointment. 636 Marble St. (802) 438-2097. info@carvingstudio.org. carvingstudio.org.

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## Tunbridge, VT

### Four Days of Dog Shows at Tunbridge Fairgrounds

The Woodstock Dog Club and The Green Mountain Dog Club will be sponsoring The Vermont Scenic Circuit, an Official American Kennel Club event on Thursday, July 13th through Sunday, July 16th at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds in Tunbridge, VT. Puppy and Best Veteran; and Canine Good Citizen Testing. Dog show tours and a variety of vendors from the serious to the frivolous. Ice Cream Social on Thursday & Friday; BBQ, beer tent & live music on Saturday. Fun for all ages.

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## Burlington, VT

# Educational Boat Trips Teach Public About Lake Champlain

The University of Vermont (UVM) Extension, Lake Champlain Sea Grant and ECHO Leahy Center for Lake Champlain will host three "Summer on the Lake" educational boat cruises in July and August.

The public is invited aboard the UVM research and education vessel, the R/V Melosira, to learn about the geologic, cultural and historical aspects of Lake Champlain and its watershed.

Trips will focus on one of two themes, "Stories of Lake Champlain" (July 17, 9:30-11:30 a.m.) or "Life Underwater" (August 17, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and August 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m.).

Both trips will begin with an interactive introduction to the geology of Lake Champlain and its watershed. From there, the themes diverge.

Stories of Lake Champlain will provide a cultural and historical view of Vermont's largest lake. Chief Don Stevens of the Nulhegan Abenaki tribe will share the history of native tribes in the area and their relationship with water. Later in the trip, participants will learn about the lake's naval history following European settlement.

Stops and sights will include Red Rocks Park, Lone

Rock Point, Rock Dunder (of historic significance to the Abenakis) and the Horse Ferry shipwreck. The trip will conclude with an optional hands-on sediment assessment session to look for signs of historical land uses and practices on the lake.

Participants on the Life Underwater trips will try their hand at being limnologists, scientists who study lakes. They will collect biological, chemical and physical measurements to assess the lake's health and current conditions by towing for and identifying plankton, sampling sediment and monitoring water clarity, among other activities.

To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in any of these programs, please contact Kris Stepenuck at (802) 656-8504 or kris.stepenuck@uvm.edu no later than three weeks prior to the trip.

*All trips depart from the south side of the Rubenstein Lab/Echo Building at 3 College St. in Burlington, VT. The cost is \$25 per person. The minimum age to participate is eight-years-old.*

*For more information and to register, visit [www.uvm.edu/seagrant/events](http://www.uvm.edu/seagrant/events).*



Burton Island State Park on Lake Champlain in St. Albans, VT.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

## St. Albans, VT

# Saint Albans Museum to Host Hamilton Exhibition & Events

The Saint Albans Museum is pleased to announce the exclusive Vermont appearance of the traveling exhibition "Hamilton: The Man Who Invented Modern America" during the month of July. The exhibit, from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in New York City, will be on display at the Saint Albans Museum from July 5-28, 2017.

Alexander Hamilton, one of America's most visionary founding fathers, is with us every day, not only in our wallets (on the \$10 bill) and on Broadway, but also in the republic's most vital institutions.

"Vermont holds a unique place in the story of the Founding Generation," said Alex Lehning, Executive Director of the Saint Albans Museum. "The Hamilton phenomenon is generating such profound and timely discussions around the country right now about our history and heritage. We are pleased to bring that conversation to St. Albans."

The exhibition, based upon the New York Historical Society exhibition of the same name, examines Hamilton's important role in the Revolutionary War and Founding period.

More than any other founder, Hamilton foresaw the way we live now. In his 'Federalist Papers' he advocated ratification of the Constitution; as Treasury Secretary, he oversaw the adoption of a national currency; and as an economist, he recognized the importance of trade and commerce in building a strong nation. Never one to shrink from a fight, political or otherwise, Hamilton was killed at the age of 47 in a duel with Vice President Aaron Burr.

The Museum will also host a special presentation by Prof. Willard Sterne Randall: "Hamilton: The Man and the Music" on July 13 at 7 p.m. Drawing on Professor Randall's 2003 biography, *Alexander Hamilton, A Life* and using excerpts of songs from the hit Broadway play, *Hamilton*, Randall will tell the story of Hamilton's life and the impact of the play on Hamilton's reputation and the modern teaching of American history.

"Americans of the 21st century may admire Hamilton more than any generation since the founders themselves," said James G. Basker, President of the Gilder Lehrman Institute. "So much about him is attractive to us. He was an immigrant from the Caribbean, a disadvantaged orphan who became a war hero, a self-made man who rose to become a framer of the Constitution and architect of the American financial system."

The Saint Albans Museum is open Wednesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Museum will open for extended evening hours on Wednesday, July 5, 12 and 26 from 5-8 p.m. and will host a special "Kid's Night at the Museum" on Wednesday, July 19 from 5-8 p.m.

The Saint Albans Museum was founded in 1966 (as the Saint Albans Historical Society), and is dedicated to preserving and sharing the history and heritage of northwest Vermont through programs, exhibitions, performances, and special events.

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History was founded in 1994, and promotes the study and love of American History among students, scholars, and the general public.

*The St. Albans Museum is located at 9 Church St. in St. Albans, VT. For more information on the traveling exhibition "Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America" or the presentation "Hamilton: The Man and the Music," please contact the Saint Albans Museum by phone at (802) 527-7933 or visit online at [www.stamuseum.org](http://www.stamuseum.org). [www.facebook.com/stamuseum](https://www.facebook.com/stamuseum).*

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# Hopkins Center Hosts Free Summer Concerts and Films

The Hopkins Center for the Arts in Hanover, NH presents a series of free, all-ages music performances and family-friendly films this summer for its third year of Free For All.

This year, Free For All events will take place on Wednesday evenings in July and August. Three Wednesday evenings will feature concerts on the Dartmouth Green (the rain location is Spaulding Auditorium); and two Wednesdays will feature family-friendly films on the big screen in Spaulding Auditorium at the Hopkins Center. The concerts are by renowned zydeco, Cuban son and guaracha, and reggae bands, and the films are family classics.

Free For All runs concurrent with the popular Hanover Area Farmer's Market which takes place Wednesdays 3-6 p.m. on the Dartmouth Green.

**July 5, 2017, 5:30 pm.** Fresh from the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, Grammy-nominated Corey Ledet & His Zydeco Band's covers and originals promise a rockin' zydeco set. From the Texas/Louisiana zydeco heartland, his infusion of Creole roots, pop, funk and jazz makes dancing a must.

**July 19, 2017, 6:30 pm.** *Back to the Future* (film): Strap into the DeLorean with Doc Brown (Christopher Lloyd) and Marty McFly (Michael J. Fox) for Robert Zemeckis's unrivaled time-traveling adventure, with 1.21 gigawatts worth of special effects and a rocking soundtrack.

**July 26, 2017, 5:30 pm.** Direct from Cuba, Latin Grammy-winning Septeto Santiaguero revives that nation's lithe, rhapsodic '40s and '50s dance music. Soaring vocals, a horn line and intoxicating percussion make the band's son and guaracha music happy, hot and irresistible.

**August 9, 2017, 5:30 pm.** Ghana-born musician and activist Rocky Dawuni's upbeat reggae anthems move feet and unite generations and cultures. From the FIFA World Cup to SXSW, his humanitarian advocacy is matched only by his electrifying performances.

**August 16, 6:30 pm.** *Bedknobs and Broomsticks* (film): In this beloved classic musical, an apprentice witch (Angela Lansbury), three kids and a cynical conman (David Tomlinson) search for a magic spell, critical to defending Britain from the Nazis.

## About the Artists

### Corey Ledet

Corey Ledet keeps one foot firmly in the tradition while exploring surrounding influences in order to create the best of multiple worlds. Born and raised in Houston, Texas, Corey Ledet spent his summers with family in the small town of Parks, LA. At age 10, Ledet began playing drums for Houston-based band Wilbert Thibodeaux and the Zydeco Rascals and began learning the accordion, becoming fluent of numerous types of accordions, including single-note, triple-note and piano key accordions.

Ledet counts among his influences not only the zydeco greats but also artists in jazz (Hugh Masekela, George Benson), rock (Aerosmith, Guns & Roses, Red Hot Chili Peppers), funk (James Brown, Maceo Parker, Prince), blues (Stevie Ray Vaughn, Howlin' Wolf, B.B.King, John Lee Hooker), country (Brooks & Dunn, Jason Aldean), reggae (Bob Marley, J Boog) and pop (Michael Jackson, Sam Smith, Bruno Mars, Justin Timberlake). He founded his own band in 2003 and in 2004 produced his first record, 3 Years 2 Late. Since 2005, he has toured France, Russia, Alaska, Germany, Holland and Hawaii. His sixth record, Nothin' But The Best, was nominated for a 2013 Grammy Award.



Cuban band Septeto Santiaguero performs in Hanover, NH on July 26.

### Septeto Santiaguero

Direct from the famous Casa de la Trova club in their hometown Santiago de Cuba, the cradle of son and bolero, Septeto Santiaguero is the foremost son music ensemble on the current Cuban scene. Founded in 1995 by tres guitar virtuoso Fernado Dewar, Septeto has taken its contemporary perspective to the septeto format and has recorded eight records in their two decade history. The group's most recent release, *Tributu a Los Compadres*, is a collaboration with Jose "El Canario" Alberto and earned a 2016 Grammy nomination in the Tropical Latin category and a 2015 Latin Grammy win.

For two decades, the group has toured in Europe and Latin America, performing in Spain, Colombia, Germany, France, Mexico and Brazil. In 2016 Septeto performed for the first time in the United States at New York's Lincoln Center. The group has a new CD ready for release in 2017 and extensive North American touring planned throughout 2017-18.

### Rocky Dawuni

International music star, humanitarian activist and Grammy nominee Rocky Dawuni straddles the boundaries between Africa, the Caribbean and the US to create an appealing sound that unites generations and cultures. With an easy-going charisma and reputation as a dedicated champion of social causes, Dawuni's infectious grooves and dance-inducing anthems consistently excite fans across the globe. A galvanizing performer, Dawuni has shared the stage with Stevie Wonder, Peter Gabriel, Bono, Jason Mraz, Janelle Monae and John Legend, among many others. Named one of Africa's Top 10 global stars by CNN, he has showcased his

talent at prestigious venues such as The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and The Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles.

Since 2015, Free For All has been part of the Hop's Community Venture Initiative (CVI) to increase the Upper Valley community's engagement and access to Hop programming. In two years, approximately 7,700 community members have participated in concerts, films, dance classes and workshops through this initiative.

*Spaulding Auditorium is located in the Hopkins Center for the Arts, 4 E. Wheelock St., at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. Dartmouth Green is just across from the Hopkins Center, in the middle of town. For more information call (603) 646-2422. Visit hop.dartmouth.edu.*

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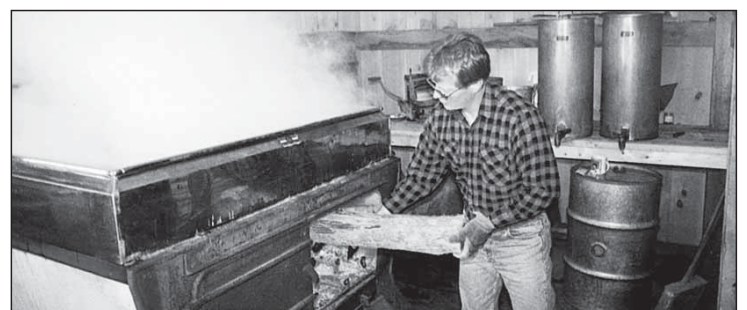
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**Calais, VT**

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Located in East Montpelier and Calais just 15 minutes from Vermont's state capitol of Montpelier, this wide-open peatland, circled by dark tamarack, spruce and fir forest, feels as if it is a world away.

Chickering Bog began to form when glaciers receded from Vermont over 10,000 years ago and left behind a bedrock basin that filled with water. Chickering Bog is actually misnamed; this so-called bog is really a fen. Water enters bogs solely through rainwater, while fens like Chickering Bog are also fed by calcium-rich groundwater and springs.

A one-mile trail, an easy walk, leads to a boardwalk named after our former director, Bob Klein. It allows visitors to get close to the myriad of fen plants including grass pink, sundew, cotton grass, blue flag iris, sweet gale, pitcher plant, showy lady's slipper and livid sedge. Bullfrogs, pickerel frogs, northern leopard frogs and wood frogs all strike up their choruses in season. Wood ducks, barred owls, swamp sparrows, nuthatches, pileated woodpeckers have been spotted here.

The tracks of fur-bearing mammals ranging from bears to fishers to white-tailed deer

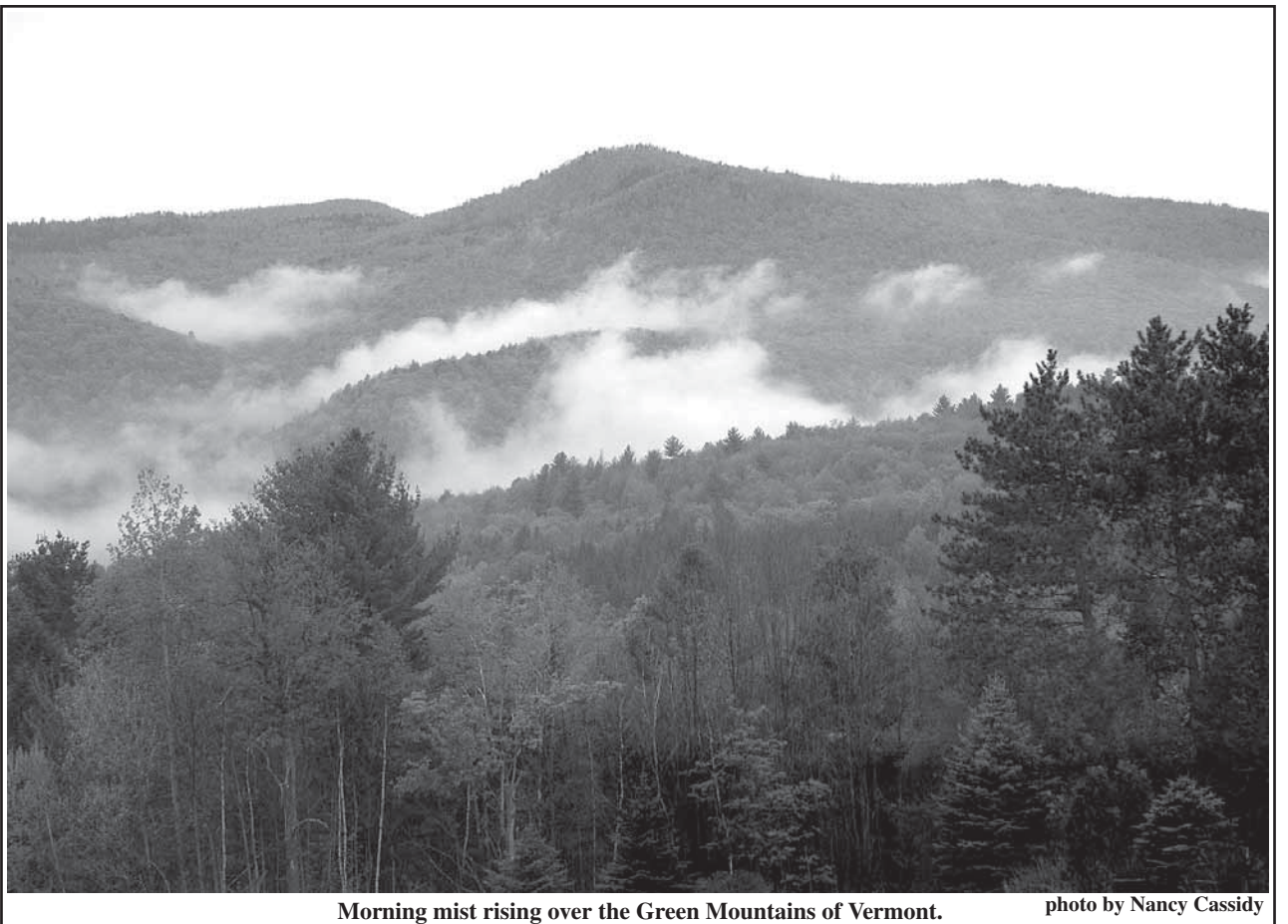
and snowshoe hares criss-cross the fen.

The new boardwalk was replaced in 2006 with the help of a Vermont Youth Conservation Corps team so that visitors could continue to walk out over the bog without disturbing it. A brochure is available at the preserve. Please read our Preserve Visitation Guidelines available at [www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org).

This special natural area of 129 acres is now being recognized with a Class I Wetland Designation. We invite you to come visit what is considered the largest and best example of a rich fen in Vermont.

*Directions:* Chickering Bog Natural area is located in East Montpelier and Calais. To get there from Montpelier, take Rt. 2 east 6.5 miles to East Montpelier. Then take Rt. 14 north about 3.2 miles to North Montpelier where you will see Riverbend Store and North Montpelier Pond on your right. Continue on Rt. 14 for 1.1 miles until you see Lightening Ridge Rd. on the left, which is marked by a sign for the Calais Elementary School. Turn left and go 1.5 miles until George Rd. on your right. Take a right onto George Rd. Immediately after turning, you will see a parking area on your left labeled "Chickering Bog Parking Area." 911 Address: 2410 George Rd., Calais, VT.

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Morning mist rising over the Green Mountains of Vermont.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

**Plainfield, VT**

**The Summit School of Traditional Music and Culture Presents an "Old Time on the Onion" Fiddlers Gathering**

Grab your fiddle, grab your banjo, grab your bass, or whatever you've got—and come to the First Annual "Old Time On The Onion" Fiddler's Gathering on July 14-16 at the Onion River Campground in Plainfield, VT.

It'll be a weekend of camping out and playing music along the beautiful Winooski River. All acoustic instruments and styles are welcome. Bring your family and friends! There'll be all varieties of merrymaking and music all the livelong day! The Summit School of Traditional Music and Culture in Montpelier, VT is hosting this inaugural event.

This three-day gathering is modeled on the fiddlers conventions of the Appalachian southeast where people gather for camping, jam sessions, cooking out, and socializing.

Workshops take place in the Big Top Tent. There will be a potluck on Saturday and a Summit School Benefit Breakfast on Sunday morning.

Enjoy the river access—great fishing, wading, tubing and swimming. Hike and bike the trails and meadows with access to the waterfall. There is a bathroom with free hot showers. Plenty of picnic tables, horseshoes, badminton, and a swingset for the kids. Conveniences and restaurants are in nearby Plainfield (2 miles).

This is an outdoor event, so please be prepared. Gates open at 12 noon on Friday and the festival concludes Sunday

evening with camping till noon Monday. There are plentiful hookups for campers and riverfront camping sites. We recommend RV sites to be registered in advance.

Weekend tickets are \$40; weekend camper hookups are \$30; Friday \$15, Saturday \$20, Sunday \$15. Families are welcome, kids 18 and under are free. Weekend and day tickets include camping. Single-day tickets expire at noon the following day. All camping arrangements and ticket sales are made through Summit School's website: [summitschool.wixsite.com/summitschool/old-time-on-the-onion-1](http://summitschool.wixsite.com/summitschool/old-time-on-the-onion-1) or at the gate.

Onion River Campground is located at 61 Onion River Rd. in Plainfield, VT, a 15-minute drive from Montpelier on Rt. 2. [www.onionrivercampground.com](http://www.onionrivercampground.com).

For more information contact Dana Robinson at (802) 793-3016. E-mail: [director@summit-school.org](mailto:director@summit-school.org). [www.summit-school.org](http://www.summit-school.org). Mailing address: The Summit School of Traditional Music and Culture, 46 Barre Street #5, Montpelier, VT 05602.



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# Kinship Down East

by Burr Morse

One of the things I find most interesting about working here at Morse Farm is feeling an immediate kinship with certain visitors. And, just like the mysteries of maple sugar making, those peak experiences may come out of nowhere without any warning. The other day I was down back moving barrels of syrup with our tractor. A young family walked past on their way to see our two goats but when the father saw me, he gravitated toward the Kubota. He stood a distance away, arms folded, just looking at this old man doing his job. Suddenly my "inner dog" came out (dogs are smarter than us, you know—they know everything about other dogs even from a distance) even though that young man had no markings on his tee shirt or cap that I could read, somehow I knew that he was a fellow maple sugarmaker and he was from Maine. I shut the tractor off and turned toward him.

"How many trees you tappin'?" I asked. "Few hunnah... down ta Maine," he replied nonchalantly like he'd known me his whole life. That's the way it is between Vermonters and Mainers...there's an unwritten kinship about us that, like dogs, makes tails wag. We talked a while about each other's maple operation before I asked him what part of Maine he came from. "Mid-Coast...Bristol," he said in a drawl as thick as Booth Bay fog. "You ever hear of Gwen and Herb

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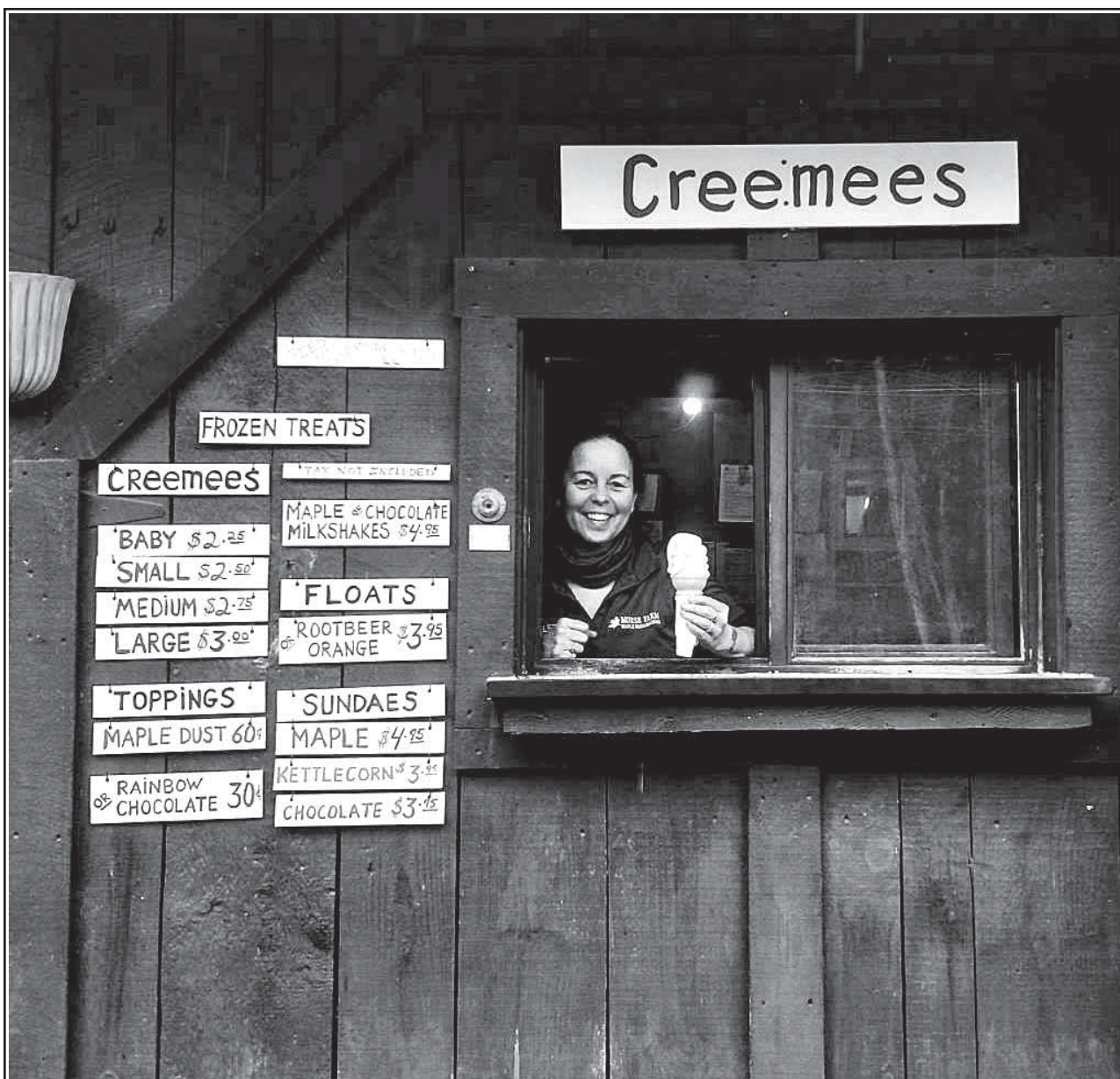
Thompson from South Bristol?" I asked, sensing a small world moment coming on. "Ayah...live just up the road from their place," he said.

Herb Thompson was the last person to supply real pond ice to all the lobster men of Central Maine. I had the great fortune to know the Thompsons. "My family went to Gwen and Herb's one mid-summer day when I was six," I said to the young man. I went on to describe Gwen, ruler of the Thompson roost, sending Herb on a mission. "Hubbut...go get a mess a lawpstahs and some sweet caahn. We'll cook em up for these VERmontahs." Herb did as he was told and soon we were all gorging ourselves on fresh Maine lobsters and sweet corn, all we could eat. I'll never forget it! Gwen and Herb have both passed on and the young man said their ice business has been turned into a museum. In neighborly fashion though, before he left he invited me "down t' Maine" with the following assurance: "Ayup, we'll have lawpstahs."

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Another friend, Vermonter Bobby Brown now from Bel Air, Maryland, grew up just up the road from our place. Bobby's memory bank is sharp as a tack and he occasionally sends me notes about our days growing up together. Since my memory is not so sharp, I've lost his last letter but do remember he wrote about how we used to ride our bikes two miles up the road to buy five cent jelly donuts from a road construction snack truck. His point was simple: abundance in the present always lacks the vigor of a good, simple memory from the past. I'll go along with that Bobby, well, except for maybe an "all you can eat lobster feed." I think I'll be paying that Maine guy a visit.

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# North Country Book News

Children's Book Reviews by Charles Sutton

## Tales of Frogs, Bugs, and Summer Camping!

Learn about the lifetime adventure of one frog in *The Frog in The Well* by Alvin Tresselt and illustrated by Roger Duvoisin (\$16.95. *The New York Review Children's Collection*. [www.nyrb.com](http://www.nyrb.com)). This guy was happy living alone in the bottom of a well, which was his whole world, in a pool of clear cool water, a bed of moss for sleeping, and plenty of food from bugs curious and foolish enough to venture down the well. One day the food runs out when the well runs dry, and our frog is forced to climb out and venture forth to see what lies at the end of the world. What he finds astounds him. The full color illustrations will surprise and delight you, as our frog meets a cow, dozens of chattering and squeaking blackbirds and several animals of the forest. Soon drawn to the noise of garumphing, croaking and singing, our frog makes the decision of his life—the longest leap he has ever made, landing right in the middle of a million frogs. "A foolish frog can be happy all alone at the bottom of a well, but a clever frog can be much happier out here."

Author Alvan Tresselt (1916–2000) and illustrator Roger Duvoisin (1900–1980) were both Caldecott Medal and Honor award winners.

Enjoy an unusual story challenges the reader to learn and translate a foreign bug language. The title alone *Du Iz Tak?* by Carson Ellis (\$16.99. *Candlewick Press*. [www.candlewick.com](http://www.candlewick.com)) is an easy one—translated—What is that? The story begins with a tiny shoot coming out of the ground which two damselflies peer at in wonder, what is this? When the plant grows taller some beetles arrive and ponder whether they can build a tree house in it. There's a old log nearby where an elderly beetle lives. The other beetles including a ladybug ask him if he has a ladder they can borrow—Icky, ru budda unk rubble—(do you have a ladder). There are marvelous scenes of them building a treehouse (*ink fury*). The plant with its goings-on attracts a giant spider who builds a web and a large bird who roosts there. The plant produces a beautiful flower they call an 'Unk Gladdenboo!' Then one fall day the plant topples over and dies; the bugs disappear; winter comes. But just wait till spring to see what happens.

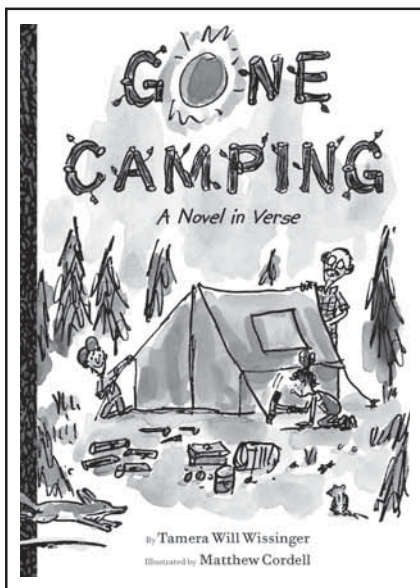
Carson Ellis's amazing intricate illustrations show us a civilized backyard world where the bugs have human faces, wear clothes, and play violins. *Du Iz Tak?* is a 2017 Caldecott Honor winner.

When Mama Gnu goes off for the day with baby Gnu that's just fine as Nelly Gnu knows she will have the whole

day alone with Daddy Gnu. Follow this happy twosome in *Nelly Gnu and Daddy Too* by Anna Dewdney (\$9.99. *Board Book*. *Penguin Young Readers Group*. [www.penguin.com/youngreaders](http://www.penguin.com/youngreaders)).

First they build a house out of a large cardboard box. "First they measure. Then they draw. Nelly tapes and Daddy saws." The day with Daddy also means an adventure to the hardware store for paint where Nelly chooses a perfect blue. Back home they team up painting the house with brick designs, big bright flowers and climbing vines. A happy Nelly gets to spent the night inside, too. As in all of Dewdney's books, the family Gnus' expressions are heart-felt and endearing.

We were saddened to learn of Anna Dewdney's death in September, 2016. Her many read-aloud picture books—especially the *Llama Llama* series—have amused and comforted countless preschool children for many years. This sensitive artist will be missed but her story book legacy will carry on.



It may be hard for us to imagine but there are city kids who have never been into the county, let alone seen forests and lakes. Join one such kid in *At the Cabin—In the Woods By the Lake Up North* by Cheryl Wilke and illustrated by Rebecca Stouffer (\$17.95. *Raven Publications*. [www.ravenwords.com](http://www.ravenwords.com)) as he goes on his trip with his parents to a rustic cabin in the woods. He really doesn't want to go—his parents rustic cabin has none of the stuff he has at home—"my phone, my movies, my computer games." The cabin has no kitchen, just a wood stove, no bathroom, no bedroom. Our young camper does like the fact he doesn't have to take a bath and he doesn't have to make his bed because they sleep on the floor in sleeping bags. But he soon catches on that this a marvelous place and he is out chasing butterflies, following tracks, climbing rocks, collecting leaves. Sensitive drawings capture the boy's transformation as he discovers the secrets of the wild, and when the time comes, you know he doesn't want to go home.

For a different take on camping join grandpa as he brings his grandchildren Lucy and Sam on an unforgettable adventure in *Gone Camping—A Novel in Verse* by Tamera Will Wissinger and illustrated by Matthew Cordell (\$15.99. *Houghton Mifflin Harcourt*. [www.hmhc.com](http://www.hmhc.com)). The story is enlivened by black-and-white line drawings as if drawn by the very children in the book and is told in poetic forms—from aubade to haiku along with writing tips. There's camping advice, too, with chapters on how to build a bonfire, pitch a tent, follow a trail, and even rules for eating s' mores. Among the verses are narrative poems, chants, limericks, wish poems, concrete poems, free verse poems, octave, quatrain, serenade and much more. Lots to learn and some fun summer reading!

For a close-up look at the many creatures, large and small, that frequent a garden from dawn to dusk visit *My Busy Green Garden* by Terry Pierce and illustrated by Carol Schwartz (\$16.95. *Tilbury House Publishers*, [www.tilburyhouse.com](http://www.tilburyhouse.com).) Each insect or animal is introduced as a surprise, but the reader must wait for the ultimate "surprise in clever disguise that hangs in my busy green garden." Up until then we meet a dawdling ladybug, a buzzing honeybee, a fluttering hummingbird, a creeping inchworm, a giant green mantis, a dashing dragon fly, ants on the march, a leaping grasshopper, and a hungry chickadee. You will be amazed when you discover the ultimate surprise was hidden in the garden all along! Enjoy each of the beautiful double page color drawings of this garden—they are stunning.



Brownington, VT

## Back Roads Readings Presents The 2017 Summer Poetry Series

Back Roads Readings will once again host three poetry readings at the Brownington Congregational Church in the historic village of Brownington, VT.

Each reading is followed by a reception and book signing. Readings are free, handicapped accessible and everyone is welcome. Donations are appreciated.

**Sunday, July 9, 3 p.m.**

"A Celebration of Leland Kinsey and His Poems: Readings of Kinsey's Work by Noted Poets and Writers." Leland Kinsey was born and raised on a farm in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, where his ancestors settled in the early 1800s. He conducted writing workshops for the Vermont Arts Council and the Children's Literacy Foundation at over 100 schools in New Hampshire and Vermont.

**Sunday, July 23, 3 p.m.**

Ellen Bryant Voigt will read her from her works. Ellen grew up on a farm in Virginia, and has lived for many years in Vermont, where she founded Goddard College's MFA program.

She has published eight volumes of poetry, most recently, *Headwaters* (W.W. Norton, 2013.) Appointed Vermont State Poet from 1999-2003, Voigt is also a former Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets.

She is the recipient of many awards and fellowships including those from the Guggenheim Foundation, and the MacArthur Foundation, where she received their "genius" award.

**Sunday, August 6, 3 p.m.**


Charles Simic reads from his works. Poet, essayist, and translator, Simic was born in Yugoslavia in 1938 and immigrated to the United States in 1954. Since 1967, he has published twenty books of poetry, a memoir, the essay collection *The Life of Images*, and numerous books of translations.

He has received many literary awards, including the Pulitzer Prize, the Griffin Prize, the MacArthur Fellowship, and the Wallace Stevens Award.

Simic is a frequent contributor to *The New York Review of Books* and in 2007 was chosen as Poet Laureate of the United States. He is Emeritus Professor at the University of New Hampshire, where he has taught since 1973, and is distinguished visiting writer at New York University.

His most recent book, *Scribbled in the Dark: Poems* (Harper Collins) came out in June.

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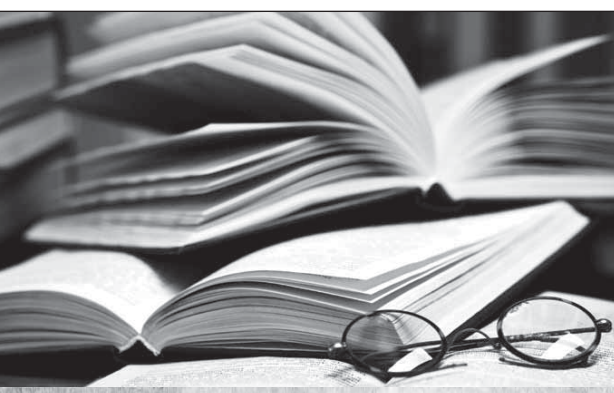
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# Gods, Wasps and Stranglers

## The Secret History and Redemptive Future of Fig Trees

by Mike Shanahan

(\$22.50, Chelsea Green Publishing, [chelseagreen.com](http://chelseagreen.com))

Imagine a rainforest adventure and having to maneuver a walkway made of planks suspended 100 feet above ground by a mesh of plastic coated tables anchored around big trees?

Our author did just this on a quest to study fig trees in Borneo 20 years ago. He wasn't disappointed. In the tree tops he discovered his first strangler fig tree whose branches bore thousands of orange figs. He was now a member of this select group of fig botanists. He would spend 18 months over a three year period there in the Lambir Hills National Park in North Borneo.

It soon grew clear to him that figs were an ecological linchpin. "In time I would record 49 of the park's bird species and 20 mammals eating figs." He liked the strangler figs best—"they're the pop-up restaurants of the rain forest" with red, orange and purple figs. "This *Ficus* species operated on a boom-and-bust basis. They ripened as many as a million figs in just a few days and triggered a feeding frenzy that fell quite as quickly as it began."

### Searching for a fig

The most intriguing quality he discovered first-hand about the fig tree was how it reproduces itself with its partner being a wasp "less than 1/4 inch long and her wings thinner than human hair" which burrows into the fig through a tiny hole in the fruit's bottom.

Once inside it deposits pollen and lays its own eggs, up to 200 of them in the fig's egg-bearing ovules. The ovules are inside the flowers. But unlike other flowering plants these flowers themselves are inside the unripe fruit. It's a bouquet of thousands of tiny flowers packed in a tiny orb. When the wasp eggs hatch, the males merge first and mate with their sisters, then dig holes for them to escape with new pollen and fertilized eggs. Their mission being over, the mother wasps stay there and die. The newly hatched females fly off to hunt new figs to lay their eggs in. And the author continues:

Her wings "act like huge sails...with them, she rides the wild winds in search of a fig...The fig trees are her allies and they put out a welcoming chemical perfume which tells her where to go. It is there she finds her way inside the fig through a tiny hole in its bottom, and the life cycle begins again." This a perfect pairing as the wasps help the fig trees to make more figs, and in turn provide a place for the wasps to lay her eggs and reproduce wasps.

Fig flowers weren't discovered until the mid-16th century with the invention of the magnifying glass. More than 200 years later botanists still believed figs to be flowerless plants that reproduced with spores as mosses and mushrooms do. Today research has shown that the 750 plus species of *Ficus* depend on wasps to pollinate its flowers. The wasps give the fig tree an extra advantage in that they can pollinate up to 100 miles away, 10 times further than other insect pollinators. Fig-eating birds and mammals also spread the seed well beyond the tree through their feces.

The author tells amazing stories about other fig biologists. One conclusion: once you're hooked on figs, you're really 'hooked!'

Read about Tim Laman who did research on strangler fig trees by rigging up a system of ropes where he could pull himself to the tops of the 90 feet or more high trees where he planted nearly 7,000 *Ficus stupenda* seeds on their branches, crotches, knot-holes and trunks. These strangler figs germinate in such places that retain water. Being high up in the tress, the light also helps them grow faster.

### Hornbills love those figs

Aside from planting seed, Laman was rewarded for climbing the trees more than 500 times by seeing close hand the rare and beautiful rhinoceros hornbill birds who feed on figs: "The powerful wing beats announce the arrival of the sky king. The male rhinoceros hornbill in flight is a vision of sharp angle and exquisite curves. His long wing feathers splay like gloved fingers. His neck stretches out to support that huge beak and its fiery casque." The male makes 40 return trips to bring figs back to feed its mate who may be many as 10 miles away. Laman calculates that half of all the *Ficus stupenda* seeds that fall beneath the parent tree where the hornbills nested will germinate and start new trees.

The author tells us about a book that was written about

another dedicated botanist, an Englishman named E.J.H. Corner. It was by his son, entitled *My father in his Suitcase: In Search of E.J. H. Corner, the Relentless Botanist*. Corner made his debut with fig trees in the 1930s in Malaysia and he wrote: "To be in the jungle is a biological consummation, to stumble among the riot of enormous trees and to cut a path through the tangle of creepers which knit the life of the rainforest into one giant web like a dream."

But what intrigued him the most was the *Ficus*. "He encountered giant strangler figs whose sinuous aerial roots resembled masses of snakes. He found trees that dangled ropes of figs from their trunks. He found climbing species of *Ficus* that hauled themselves up big forest trees and epiphytic *Ficus* species that lived high in the canopy."

Corner also found a great variety of figs: some as small as peas, other as big as tennis balls. They were red, orange, purple, brown or black. Some were smooth, some were hairy. He discovered and named dozens of new species of *Ficus*, but he had one major problem: the trees, like those encountered later by Laman, soared hundreds of feet in the air so as to be unreachable to study their leaves and flowers, fruits and seeds.

### Monkeys became botanists

"He had seen trained monkey called pig-tailed macaques climbing to harvest coconuts. So he did just that and trained four "botanical monkeys."

We learn that Corner joked that they were the first primates to become civil servants, as the then Straits Government in Malaysia paid an annual allowance to provide each with a collar and lead and a supply of rice, bananas and raw eggs. One of his monkeys called Puteh learned 24 Malay words. In all they bombarded Corner with unripe figs and plucked samples from more than 350 plant species in six months.

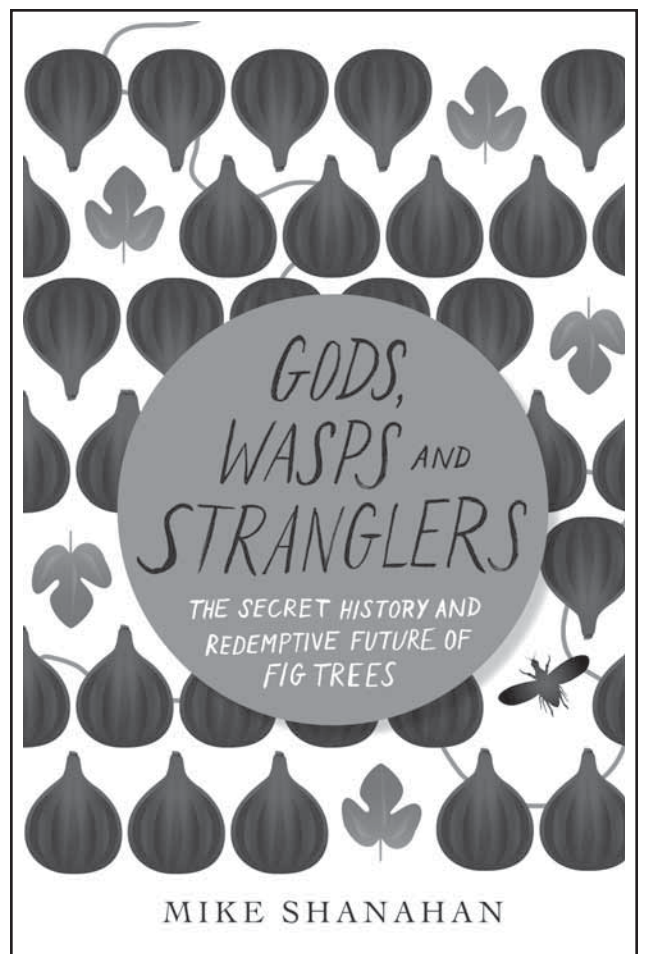
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### One banyan tree makes a forest

The most fascinating fig tree is the single *Ficus benhalensis* which, author Shanahan notes, resembles a small forest and is called the banyan. "It sends out roots that dangle like unkempt hair. When they reach the ground, these roots grow thick and woody and merge to form what looks like new tree trunks. The massive branches reach ever outwards, sending down yet more and more prop roots. These false trunks form increasingly wide circles around the banyan's core, enclosing it in nested cloisters." The biggest one on record began life in 1434. The tree, now in the State of Andhra Pradesh in India, covers five acres and thousands of people could shelter under its crown.

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with images of *Ficus religiosa*. His narrative includes the role of figs in many classical cultures up to modern times.

Among many examples of the role of figs with a spiritual message are Adam and Eve covering themselves with fig leaves and the Buddha obtaining his enlightenment under the bodhi or fig tree.

The author discuss the plight of rainforests today being cut or being burned down for lumber and cattle farms. In a chapter entitled "Once Destroyed, Forever Lost?" He says, no, giving an example of how a deforested landscape in Thailand was brought back to life by planting fig trees. Their success has inspired other such projects in Africa and Asia. The hope is that fig trees which have survived volcanoes, forest fires, and droughts, are extra tough, being able to "break open rocks, create drainage channels and allow oxygen to enter the substrata. As soil begins to form, the conditions will enable other less hardy tree species to colonize the site. Local wildlife would disperse seeds from these other species when they come to eat figs." This has been going on successfully for millions of years, why not now?

Author Mike Shanahan, who lives in Folkestone, England, and who has a doctorate in rainforest ecology, has lived in Borneo and other countries with rainforests, bred endangered penguins, investigated illegal bear farms, and was a contributor at the annual United Nations climate change negotiations.

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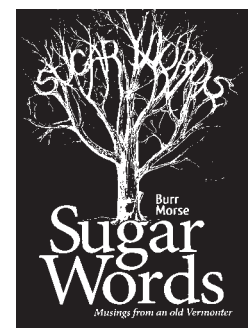
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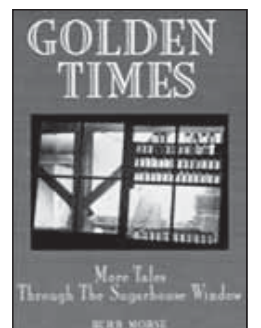
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*North Country Reflections*

## A Vermont Garden Gem

by Judith Irven

It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon in early June when Dick and I set off to visit some of our favorite haunts. After crossing the Green Mountains at the Brandon Gap we began our afternoon in fine style, enjoying a delightful lunch at Sandy's Cafe and Books in Rochester.

Then we took Route 100 north through the beautiful Gulf of Granville, past Waterbury and into Stowe, where we followed the Stagecoach Road to its end and, after two successive quick left turns, reached our final destination.

Cady's Falls Nursery and Garden, and the home of Don and Lela Avery, is hidden at the end of Duhamel Road which runs alongside the meandering Lamoille River.

Almost forty years has past since Lela and Don discovered the old dairy farm that was for sale. They immediately saw the unique potential of the site, with its old farm buildings and the rich bottomland of the Lamoille River, and decided to make Vermont their home.

And since then they have devoted their lives to creating a remarkable nursery in this beautiful setting, and also to raising all kinds of rare and interesting garden plants from around the world.

Gradually word got out about Don and Lela's amazing plant collection, and before long people from all over New England were making the trip to Morrisville to seek out the special nursery at Cady's Falls. Indeed I have visited Cady's Falls on numerous occasions and today my own garden is enriched by many of their beautiful plants.

### Changing times for the nursery

But, as everyone knows, all good things eventually come to an end. This past spring plant aficionados were especially saddened to receive Don and Lela's email saying that 2017 would be their last season for selling plants. Indeed it was their aim to have everything sold by July 1.

So for this reason I felt a real urgency to head back up there one more time. And sure enough, when I left Cady's Falls that day, our tiny car was crammed to the roof with many beautiful plants.

### But the garden lives on—

The nursery is only part of the Avery's story. Over the years Don and Lela have also developed a most amazing garden, where nursery visitors have the opportunity to see many of those special plants, growing in perfect harmony with one another.

And now, although Don and Lela have decided the time has finally come to close the nursery, every weekend they will continue to welcome visitors to their garden. All they ask is that you contribute a goodwill donation to help with the cost of upkeep.

Thus the 'Garden at Cady's Falls' will continue to be a special destination for all—gardeners and photographers as well as non-gardeners—and is surely worth a trip from every corner of Vermont.

### Gardens within a garden

The Garden at Cady's Falls actually comprises several distinct garden areas that merge seamlessly together to create



Following a meandering path at the Garden at Cady's Falls. The path separates plants on the slope that enjoy dry conditions, and the lush water garden on the right. photo by Dick Conrad

a continuous whole. And since each of these 'gardens within a garden' offers an individual growing environment—such as sunny, shady, wet or dry—each also supports a unique palette of plants adapted to the particular environment.

Of course these environmental differences are of immense interest to plant lovers. But these inherent contrasts also create a sense of mystery for all visitors as they stroll from one part of the larger garden to another.

Many people start their garden wanderings by dipping under the arbor draped with a weeping larch, entering a wide sweeping lawn that is surrounded by deep planting beds filled with all kinds of unusual shrubs and colorful perennials. Although lovely in every season, this garden comes to a natural climax in July and August.

From the lawn area it is but a short step before we find ourselves in a shady woodland glen criss-crossed by meandering paths. These narrow paths, all meticulously covered with pea gravel or soft pine needles, provide a beautiful way for visitors to enjoy the individual plants up close.

Like its wild counterparts, in springtime the woodland garden is a spectacular tapestry of colorful flowers—from the rhododendrons and azaleas, to diminutive primroses and trillium. But by early-summer, after the spring flowers at ground level have begun to fade, it is the numerous varieties of ferns and hostas that combine to create a quieter textural composition which lasts for the remainder of the season.

Continuing along the narrow gravel paths we soon encounter the spectacular water garden which supports numerous plants that are adapted to growing in wet or even standing water. You will easily spot the open broad-leaved Umbrella Plant (*Darmera pelata*), contrasting with clumps of slender linear variegated iris. But look closer—and you may see the carnivorous pitcher plants with their clever traps to waylay a curious insect.

In complete contrast to the bog-loving plants at the water's edge, the steep slopes rising up on either side of the water garden become the perfect environment for a collection of Alpine plants that thrive in dry conditions.

### A plant-lovers delight

In addition to wandering through the beautiful garden spaces and absorbing the ambience of each, part of the pleasure of visiting the Garden at Cady's Falls is the chance to enjoy the enormous variety of individual plants up close. And, should you want to know the identity of a particular plant, look down for the helpful label with large clear lettering.

Since Don and Lela have always loved the challenge of growing unusual or fastidious plants, today the garden offers an abundance of special plants to enjoy. For instance, about a decade ago, they perfected the technique of propagating the

various species of our native Lady's Slippers—orchids that grow wild in just a few locations across Vermont.

As Don points out, while Lady's Slippers (all species of the genus *Cypripedium*) are extremely hard to propagate in a nursery setting, they are actually not hard to grow in the garden. So unsurprisingly, in early summer you will find many Lady's Slippers in flower in his garden.

In addition Don grows a profusion of both rhododendrons (evergreen) and azaleas (deciduous). Indeed the azalea season starts in April and continues through August. So whenever you visit, you are likely to find some in bloom.

Don is also a renowned expert on dwarf and slow-growing conifers. These are genetic mutations of forest-sized conifers, and most bear little resemblance to the parent trees. So it comes as no surprise that Don has a multitude of these interesting plants growing in the garden and he is always delighted to share his knowledge of the growth habits of different ones with interested visitors.

### More pictures to enjoy

You can see more pictures of this lovely garden on my website: [www.northcountryreflections.com/roving-gardener/road-less-travelled/](http://www.northcountryreflections.com/roving-gardener/road-less-travelled/) and many more on the Cady's Falls website: [www.cadysfallsnursery.com](http://www.cadysfallsnursery.com).

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### The Fruit Garden Path

The path runs straight between the flowering rows, A moonlit path, hemmed in by beds of bloom, Where phlox and marigolds dispute for room With tall, red dahlias and the briar rose. 'T is reckless prodigality which throws Into the night these wafts of rich perfume Which sweep across the garden like a plume. Over the trees a single bright star glows. Dear garden of my childhood, here my years Have run away like little grains of sand; The moments of my life, its hopes and fears Have all found utterance here, where now I stand; My eyes ache with the weight of unshed tears, You are my home, do you not understand?

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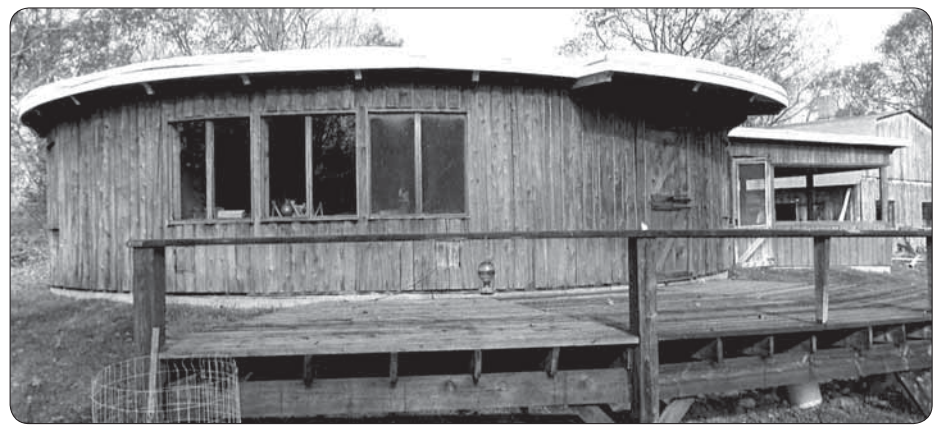
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