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July Journal

Early Summer Mornings

by Bill Felker

When I get up before five these mornings, I sit on the back porch, and I feel the fall moving down onto town.

Outside, there is no wind; the yard is quiet. The early summer chorus of birds has almost ended. Only a cardinal and a green frog and doves sing off and on. Sometimes the blue jays are nervous and whine in the trees. Sometimes I hear crows across town.

It's too early in the day for cicadas and bees. The katydids stopped calling in the middle of the night. The August crickets are still growing up; they won't chant for a few days more.

I have often tried to list the births and deaths of plants, insects and animals that define the shift to late summer and autumn.

But I have never looked quite closely enough, have not watched and listened and thought carefully enough, and so the emotions of the shortening days of July come on quickly and hard, and I sit outside in the morning and I listen in the stillness, trying to understand what has happened, wishing I had seen things more closely, thinking maybe if I really understood the process better, then I wouldn't feel so lost at the end.



The Rock River artists in South Newfane, VT welcome you to their open studio tour this July 21 & 22.

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South Newfane

Rock River Artists' 26th Annual Open Studio Tour Slated for July 21 & 22

Their works have been featured in exhibits in countless prestigious venues and represented in fine galleries and public and private collections all over the world, but the artists of Vermont's Rock River Valley can only be seen together in their natural habitats one weekend a year. Rock River Artists' 26th Annual Open Studio Tour is slated for Saturday, July 21st from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, July 22nd from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A tour that has earned a following well beyond Southern Vermont, the annual two-day offering features 12 accomplished artists in a range of media including functional ceramics, thread on fabric, collage, inlay, fine woodworking, and painting in oils, acrylics and India ink. Rock River Artists' Open

Studio Tour allows visitors to get a behind-the-scenes look at the unique locations where each artist works—in rustic studios down county lanes, high up in the hills with spectacular views, amidst lush gardens and landscaping, tucked away in the woods, and along the river's edge.

As the Rock River Artists' Open Studio Tour enters its second quarter century, founding organizer Roger Sandes says he and fellow artists welcome "friendly, curious people who turn out to see our spruced-up studios and new work. They bring new perspectives, and delightful conversations..."

Co-organizer and founding artist Dan Dewalt adds, "I do my art because I see things and am compelled to work with them until they morph from a thing into a work of art." Sharing what evolves

with the tour visitors is a highlight in his year.

Artists on the 2018 tour include Ellen Darrow, pottery; Dan Dewalt, custom furniture; Chris Ericsson, furniture and jewelry; Georgie, oil painting; Richard Foye, raku pottery; Caryn King, painting; Steven Meyer, painting; Roger Sandes, painting and prints; Deidre Scherer, thread on fabric; Matthew Tell, pottery; Mary Welsh, collage. A Rock River Open Studio Tour artist from earlier years, T. Breeze Verdant will be back on the tour with his work in marquetry and inlay.

All the studios are within a short drive of South Newfane, and visitors are invited to stop at the 19th


Century Old Schoolhouse in South Newfane for its annual exhibit of the Rock River Artists Tour. A classic 19th-century structure which formerly housed the village's one-room school, the Schoolhouse itself is worth a visit. One can pick up a map of studio locations and begin a self-guided tour of the studios, all within short driving distance from the Schoolhouse.

The Old Schoolhouse is located on Dover Rd. in South Newfane, VT.

For more information, call Roger Sandes at (802) 348-7865 or e-mail rs@rogersandes.com. Visit rockriverartists.com.

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Visitors enjoy a wagon ride past the farm fields at Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT.

photo by Billings Farm & Museum

Woodstock, VT

Summertime at Billings Farm & Museum

Vermont's rural heritage, is open for its 35th season. Billings Farm is an operating Jersey dairy farm that continues a 146-year tradition of agricultural excellence and offers farm programs and historical exhibits that explore Vermont's rural heritage and values.

This is a great place to visit with your family. There are horse-drawn wagon rides, and farm programs, in addition to the operating dairy farm, the 1890 restored farmhouse and farm life exhibits! Visit the Museum Shop with items for all ages including Vermont cheeses and preserves.

For a quick snack while you're visiting, stop by the Dairy Bar, located on the ground floor of the 1890 Farm House. You will find Vermont-made Wilcox ice cream, milk, healthy snacks, seasonal hot and cold drinks, and a Farm Picnic featuring Billings Farm Cheddar, crackers, and fruit. Here are some special summer events for you.

"An Old Vermont 4th"

Wednesday, July 4th

Celebrate the Billings Farm & Museum's "Old Vermont 4th" on Wednesday, July 4, from 10 a.m. till 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, fireworks stencils, and compete in sack races, crank fresh strawberry ice cream, and enjoy a wagon ride.

Debates and speeches have played a key role in the Independence Day observance, as was the reading of the Declaration of Independence, which will occur at noon. At 1 p.m., there will be a men's debate of the topic: "What is more beneficial to society, journalism or the law?" Adults and older students can test their 19th century vocabulary skills in a spirited spelling bee. And at 2 p.m. an "historic base ball" game in the Billings' fields. Join in or cheer on the teams!

Time Travel Tuesdays

Tuesdays from July 10 through August 21

Time Travel Tuesdays will be offered each Tuesday, July 10 through August 21, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

and will feature a hands-on experience of common chores and pastimes in 1890. Help prepare seasonal meals in the kitchen, copy into ledger books in the farm office, churn butter in the creamery, and help with laundry. Relax in the sitting room with popular pastimes of the era—dominoes, tiddley winks, and the stereoscope, plus needlework, photo albums, and games.

Farm Programs for Pre-schoolers

Wednesdays in July

Billings Farm & Museum announces its popular farm programs for children ages 3 and up on Wednesday mornings in July, from 9-10:30 a.m. Enjoy a story, special visit to the farm, hands-on activity, and a snack. The cost is \$5 per person and includes admission to the Farm & Museum. Each program has limited enrollment, and advance registration is required. To register please call (802) 457-2355, weekdays, between 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

National Ice Cream Day

Sunday, July 15

Help us celebrate National Ice Cream Day on Sunday, July 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participate in making and sampling hand-cranked ice cream several times during the day, while learning the history and science of the "great American dessert." At 2 p.m. visitors are welcome to join in an "historic" base ball game played in the Billings' fields or enjoy the games as spectators.

32nd Annual Quilt Exhibition

Saturday, July 28 through Sunday, September 16

Billings Farm & Museum will host its 32nd Annual Quilt Exhibition from July 28 through September 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., featuring quilts made by Windsor County, Vermont 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 Delectable Mountain Quilt Guild will also be exhibited. A

quilt challenge requires specific design and construction rules agreed upon by guild members, with the goal of improving their quilting skills.

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, there is renewed interest in the tradition. Since 1985, over 280 quilters have submitted more than 1,000 quilts for exhibit at the Farm & Museum.

Billings Farm & Museum is one-half mile north of the Woodstock village green on Rt. 12. Open through October 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; weekends November through February; and Christmas & February vacation weeks. Admission includes all special events and programs: adults \$16; 62 & over \$14; children 5-15 \$8; 3-4 \$4; 2 & under are free. Admission includes all programs and activities.

A combination ticket for both Billings Farm & Museum and Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park mansion tour is available from Memorial Day Weekend through October 31. Ticket price is \$21 for adults ages 16-61, \$16 for seniors age 62 and over, valid for two days.

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Saxtons River, VT

2nd Annual Great River Theater Festival Coming June 28 – July 15

Main Street Arts is presenting the 2nd Annual Great River Theater Festival in Saxtons River, VT from June 28 through July 15.

This year's festival features four productions, all within easy walking distance of one another, as well as workshops, cookouts, live music, and after-show cocktails with cast and crew. Shows include:

- A cutting-edge production of Peter Shaffer's masterpiece, "Equus", directed by David Stern, July 28-30 and July 5, 6, 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Main Street Arts.

- Heather Geoffrey's "Borderlands" Exhibit opening reception is on July 6 at 5:30 p.m. at Main Street Arts.

- "Puppet Crimes" presented by Sandglass Theater associate artists Jana Zeller and Kalob Martinez, July 7 & 8 at 4 p.m. at Main Street Arts.
- "Scenes From American Life" by A.R. Gurney, directed by John Hadden, founding member of Shakespeare and Company on July 6 & 7 at 7:30 p.m., July 8 at 2 p.m., and July 13-15 at 7:30 p.m. at Horowitz Performing Arts Hall.

- Punschi: Kasper's Adventures: Jana Zeller of Sandglass Theater presents

a collection of delightful and compelling short puppet works for children. July 7 & 8 at 10:30 a.m. at Main Street Arts.

These offerings will be spread out over three weekends, beginning June 28th with the opening of Equus, and running through July 15th. All productions will be performed July 5-8.

There will be a cookout at Main Street Arts on Saturday, July 7 at 6 p.m. and July 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Get together to meet the cast will be held at the Saxtons River Inn in Saxtons River on June 30 at 9 p.m. and July 6 & 7 at 9 p.m.

Don't miss this exceptional opportunity to see outstanding theater and share the experience with our wonderful community!

Main Street Arts is located at 35 Main St., Saxtons River, VT. Horowitz Performing Arts Center is located at Vermont Academy, 10 Long Walk, Saxtons River, VT. Events to meet the cast are held at Saxtons River Inn, 27 Main St. Saxtons River, VT.

You can see a schedule and buy tickets at www.greatrivertheaterfestival.org. For information call (802) 869-2960.



A summertime Farm to Ballet performance, here on the grounds of Shelburne Farms in Shelburne, VT.

Statewide

Vermont's Summertime Farm to Ballet

Farmers, food, community, live classical musicians, and the graceful art of ballet. This is what makes Vermont's Farm to Ballet so unique. Now in its fourth year, agriculture and art will provide audiences with a delightful summer evening of entertainment with eight performances on farms throughout Vermont. Produced by Ballet Vermont, this summer's shows, running throughout July and August, will include a live string sextet during the entire production.

Full-length performances that reinterpret classical ballet pieces tell the story of a Vermont farm from Spring to Fall and take place without the traditional staging, lights, or backdrop of a theater-based performance. Audiences enjoy the pastoral setting of the farm, animals, equipment, classical music, and learn more about what is involved in operating a sustainable farming operation.

The performances serve as fundraisers to support and honor the work of local farmers and conservation organizations. Over the last three summer seasons, the project has raised over \$55,000.

The ballet has gained local and national attention. In the past few years, Farm to Ballet has inspired articles and stories in the Boston Globe, on National Public Radio, and on the USDA blog. Last year, Vermont PBS and Velocity Media produced a documentary about the making of the project.

Vermont native and homesteader Avi Waring will once again dance the lead role of the farmer. An accomplished dancer and dance educator, she co-founded Ballet Wolcott and the Montpelier Movement Collective. She lives on seventeen acres in Wolcott where she raises goats, chickens, and has a garden.

Farm to Ballet is the brainchild of former professional

dancer and Vermont native Chatch Pregger who dreamed up the project after teaching adult ballet classes in an outdoor setting.

Tickets and more information are available now at www.farmtoballet.org. Advance tickets are \$20 for adult and kids 12 and under are free. Day of tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under, at all venues.

Farm to Ballet Schedule

July 14, Shelburne, VT. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. Bring blankets or chairs and a picnic or purchase farm fresh food. Cash bar serving locally produced beer, wine, ciders, and ice cream. Doors at 5:30 pm, show at 6:30 pm.

July 15, Washington, VT. Vermont Grand View Farm, 1638 Scales Hill Rd. Bring blankets or chairs and a picnic or purchase farm fresh food. Please bring cash for all your purchases.

July 21, Shaftsbury, VT. Studio Hill, 957 Trumbell Hill Rd. Bring blankets or chairs and a picnic or purchase farm fresh food. Doors at 4:30 pm, show at 6 pm.

July 22, New Haven, VT. Golden Well Sanctuary, 1085 River Rd. Farmstand and our U-Pick areas will be open. Bring blankets or chairs and a picnic or purchase farm fresh food. Doors at 5 pm, show at 6 pm.

August 4, Woodstock, VT. Billings Farm and Museum, 69 Old River Rd. (802) 457-2355. Tour our 1890 Farm House, see the chickens and pigs, sheep, draft horses, and beautiful Jerseys. Bring blankets or chairs and a picnic or purchase farm fresh food. Doors at 5:30 pm, show at 6:30 pm.

August 5, Brattleboro, VT. The Retreat Farm, 45 Farmhouse Square. Children's Farm & Forest program, indoor and outdoor play spaces. Bring blankets or chairs and a picnic or purchase farm fresh food. Doors at 3:30 pm, show at 5 pm.

August 11, Wolcott, VT. Sandiwood Farm, 1665 Town Hill Rd. Farm stand, farm to school activity table, fire pit, self guided garden and sugarhouse tours. Bring blankets or chairs and a picnic or purchase farm fresh food. Bar with beer, wine and local spirits. No BYOB. Please bring cash. Doors at 5 pm, show at 6:30 pm.

August 12, Essex, VT. Moonrise Farms, 15 Gray Way. Farm tours. Butterfly garden and pollinator habitat. Bring blankets or chairs and a picnic or purchase farm fresh food. Doors at 5 pm, show at 6 pm.

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A leading literary event in New England for a decade, Bookstock has attracted over 1,000 interested visitors yearly to the historic Woodstock Village Green and nearby venues for presentations in virtually every literary genre.

Headliners include Richard Russo, a nationally known best-selling novelist; Robert Pinsky, a popular poet and three term U.S. poet laureate; Alexander Chee, a prominent novelist, essayist and critic; and Ezzedine Choukri Fishere, an internationally recognized diplomat, academic and novelist.

Besides its 30-plus presenters, Bookstock includes a variety of engaging offerings. There will be a huge used book sale on the Village Green, and a vintage book sale at the historic Norman Williams Public Library. Publishers and authors gather in a spacious tent to display their publications and talk to participants about their work. And there will be plenty of food, live music and children's activities.

The ArtisTree gallery in nearby South Pomfret stages "Unbound", an exhibit of artist creations inspired by books. At different venues, workshops are led by authors dealing with writing and poetry. Also on the program are a poetry slam and a literary brunch at a local restaurant.

On the Village Green, students from the computer science program at Woodstock Union High School & Middle School will demonstrate virtual reality and High School students will perform original one-act plays in a competition.

Richard Russo

Featured writer Richard Russo, the author of eight novels, won the 2002 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction for his novel, *Empire Falls*. He has written screen plays and television adaptations of several of his novels. In the nine essays of *The Destiny*

Thief, Russo provides insights into his life as a writer, teacher, friend and reader. The essays traverse his writing life, expanding our knowledge of who he is, giving insight into his creative process.

Robert Pinsky

Robert Pinsky has been called the last of the civic or public poets for his work in relating poetry to life and experience. During his unprecedented three terms as U.S. poet laureate, Pinsky directed the "Favorite Poem Project" in which members of the public chose poems, some of which were read for an audio archive at the Library of Congress. Besides his own acclaimed books of poetry, and his translation of Dante's *Inferno*, Pinsky created Poem Jazz, with pianist Laurence Hopgood, a conversation between poetry and music which will be presented during Bookstock.

Alexander Chee

Alexander Chee is an associate professor of creative writing at Dartmouth College, a critic for the Los Angeles Times, a contributing editor for the New Republic, and bestselling author of the novels, *Edinburgh* and *The Queen of the Night*. His first collection of essays is entitled *How to Write an Autobiographical Novel*. The 16 essays "form something of a memoir in which Chee probes the emotional and psychological events that led him to his novel," according to a New Yorker appraisal. He also provides some practical advice, including tips about keeping rent low and employment flexible.

Ezzedine Choukri Fishere

Ezzedine Choukri Fishere has been a diplomat, a United Nations emissary in political hot spots like Sudan and Lebanon, an outspoken advocate of democracy in his native Egypt

and the author of seven novels. In 2011, Fishere joined the revolutionary wave inspired by the Tahir Square demonstrations, and wrote extensively in support of democratic movements and leaders. He supported the removal of the Muslim Brotherhood for its authoritarianism and withdrew from public life since the election of General Abdul Fattah Al-Sisi. His popular novel, *Embrace on Brooklyn Bridge*, now available in English, tells the story of eight Egyptians living in the U.S. and their struggles as immigrants.

All events at Bookstock are free and open to all (with the one exception of paid admission for the Saturday night performance of Poem Jazz at Town Hall. For more information contact info@bookstockvt.org or visit www.bookstockvt.org.



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Book lovers examine the wares under the tent at Bookstock.



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

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Poor Will's Guide To Farming and Gardening

by Bill Felker

July 1: The thistledown unravels, and Asiatic lilies enter full bloom. The rose of Sharon and the garden phlox are getting ready to open. Maroon seedpods have formed on the locusts.

July 2: May's goslings and ducklings are almost full grown. The behavior of raccoons, opossums and ground-hogs becomes erratic in the heat. Young robins, blackbirds and blue jays are in the honeysuckle bushes eating red and orange berries.

July 3: The first buckeye, apple and cherry leaves become yellow and drift to the ground. Cicadas have emerged, and soon the rough-winged swallows will lead the fall migrations south.

July 4: Today is United States Independence Day and Puerto Rican Independence Day: Consider marketing lambs and kids for cookouts, especially if your county fair is over.

July 5: The darkening moon favors weeding, insect control and the harvest of grains. Dig garlic now before the cloves loosen. If some of the heads break apart when dug, use those first that come apart first.

July 6: Potato leafhoppers reach economic levels in some alfalfa. The oats crop is ripening throughout the southern and central parts of the country

July 7: Morning birdsong continues to diminish, making way for the increase of insect volume. Milkweed pods emerge almost everywhere. Sycamore trees shed their bark, marking the center of summer.

July 8: Red cones of the staghorn sumac become prominent, and early woolly-bear caterpillars are wandering the byways. Squash beetles bore into the squash vines.

July 9: Field corn is silking, and detasseling operations have begun on many farms.

July 10: Leaf-turn is beginning now in the undergrowth. Depending on the year, buckeyes can be badly rusted, and leaf miners can be turning the locust leaves brown.

July 11: Long, fresh, red seedpods hang from locust branches. Throughout the whole country, more wildflowers blossom now than at any other time of year.

July 12: New moon today and full moon on July 27 may increase the chance of tornadoes. New moon and full moon also mean slightly higher tides and more problems with livestock and family.

July 13: The moon reaches perigee, enhancing the power



Holstein cow rests in the shade of an old maple in Danby, VT.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

of the new moon and strengthening the mid-July weather system due around July 14.

July 14: Tufts of thistle down hang in the grass. And cucumber-pickle picking peaks.

July 15: Does and ewes to show first signs of estrus cycling in much of the country. Humans may feel hormonal changes at this time, as well.

July 16: Pokeweed gets green berries as Japanese beetles reach major levels in the soybeans. Out in the fields at night, fireflies put on some of the best displays of the summer.

July 17: Woolly bear caterpillars prophesy winter when they cross the backroads this week. In town, gardens show their Asiatic lilies, tea roses, bergamot, coneflowers of all kinds, midseason hosta, gay feather, yarrow, helianthus, guara and all the annuals.

July 18: Prepare for August seedings of alfalfa, smooth brome grass, orchard grass, tall fescue, red clover and timothy.

July 19: More than half the corn could be silking in the heat of the Dog Days, and up to half of the soybeans will be in bloom. Summer apples will be getting sweet. Blueberries and elderberries will be ripening. A few precocious peaches may be ready.

July 20: When morning birdsong diminishes and insect volume increases, then collard, kale and cabbage sets are often planted for fall. Japanese beetles reach major levels in the soybeans, and aphid infestations increase dramatically as July's heat builds up.

July 21: The July 21 cool front crosses the country, weakening Middle Summer with thunder and lightning.

July 22: Across the land, wingstem, burdock, ironweed,

tall and showy coneflowers, pigweed, thin-leaved mountain mint, blue vervain, tick trefoil, downy false foxglove, monkey flower, and Joe Pye weed are blooming.

July 23: Cattails are heavy with fresh, loose pollen. White sweet clover, so prominent a few weeks ago, is fading along the highways. Swamp milkweed is just opening in the wetlands.

July 24: The waxing moon, just three days from full, is likely to strengthen the July 24 high-pressure system and bring slightly cooler nights.

July 25: The percentage of possible sunshine per day increases to the highest of the year throughout the country.

July 26: In the woods, June's clustered snakeroot is overgrown by August's nettle and white snakeroot. The first blue tall bell flower is blooming, the first few touch-me-not pods are ready to burst.

July 27: In July forage pastures, clip alfalfa plants when blooms have just started; its energy will be directed back to making foliage instead of producing seeds.

July 28: This is the last week of Middle Summer, and you should begin your vigil for the katydids - listening after dark for their first rasping call. A new generation of crickets has been born, too, and you will hear them soon even if you live deep in the suburbs.

July 29: Even though the Dog Days are still with us, and normal averages are still within a degree or two of their middle July peak, they now start dropping at the rate of approximately half a degree every four days.

July 30: Wild grapes ripen; the dry onion harvest starts. Geese become restless as a Judas maple here and there turns red.

July 31: Ragweed pollen, riding the southwestern winds fills the afternoons.

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A Vermont Almanack for Middle Summer

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Summer's robe grows
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—John Donne

The Sun's Progress

At 10:36 a.m. on July 6, 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 Turtle Hatching Moon And the Black-Eyed Susan Moon

After all the turtles have emerged from their eggs and Middle Summer's wildflowers start to pale, then blackberries turn sweet and black, perfect for cobblers and jam. Blackberries ripen when peaches are in their prime, when katydids chant through the nights and when ragweed pollen joins the thistledown drifting through the hottest days of the year.

July 6: The Turtle Hatching Moon enters its final quarter at 2:50 a.m.

July 12: The Black-Eyed Susan Moon is new at 9:48 p.m.

July 13: The moon reaches perigee at 3:28 a.m.

July 18: The moon enters its second phase at 2:52 p.m.

July 27: The moon is full at 3:20 p.m. and reaches apogee at 2:44 a.m.

The Planets

Venus in Leo is the huge evening star in the far west after sundown. Jupiter follows well behind Venus in Libra along the southern horizon. Saturn trails Jupiter in Sagittarius, and Mars lags behind them all in Capricorn.

The Stars

In the evening, the boxy teapot-like star formation of Libra is prominent in the southwest, followed by Scorpius and its red center, Antares. Sagittarius, the Archer, follows the Scorpion in the southeast. Above the Archer, the Milky Way sweeps up toward Cassiopeia in the north.

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 arrive near the following dates: July 6, 14, 21, and 28 and August 4, 10, 17, 21, and 29.

Tornadoes, hurricanes, floods or prolonged periods of soggy pasture are most likely to occur within the following windows: July 3 – 8 and July 21 – 23.

New moon on July 12 (followed by perigee on July 13) and full moon on July 27 increase the likelihood of turbulent weather near those dates.

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 light of the gibbous moon, just past full, is likely to interfere with viewing of these meteors.

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—UNKNOWN



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The view from the Peacham cemetery looking east toward Harvey Mountain in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom.

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The Vermont Center for Ecostudies has just published the "Distinguished Dozen"—conservation-worthy species that include some of the most prized dragonflies on the continent and a few believed to breed in Vermont but yet to be discovered.

"Dragonflies are some of the most ancient and audacious animals on earth," said Bryan Pfeiffer, co-coordinator of the Vermont Dragonfly and Damselfly Atlas—VDDS (val.vtecostudies.org/projects/vermont-damselfly-and-dragonfly-atlas) and anyone who watches them go

about their business, which is basically killing other insects and mating, may end up rethinking the tranquility at the local pond or favorite fishing spot."

The Distinguished Dozen includes species for which Vermont and the Northeast represent a significant portion of their range—and therefore could figure in the insects' long-term fate. Find the complete list, along with a pocket-sized checklist of the state's 145 dragonfly and damselfly species, at VDDS's Most Wanted page.

Most anyone who visits water in summer has noticed dragonflies and damselflies, many of which can be identified from a photograph.

VDDS encourages Vermonters out birdwatching,

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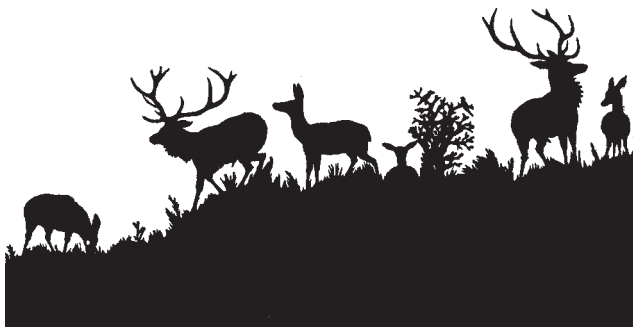
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Recipes from a Century Past

Summertime Berry Recipes circa 1902

Strawberry Blanc Mange

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

—Mrs. R. M. Nesbitt

Raspberry and Current Pie

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

—Mary Ellen Jones

Sun-Preserved Gooseberries

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

—Miss Christine Betts

Fresh Raspberry Compote

Bruise a quart of sound raspberries thoroughly, put them into a glass dish, and sprinkle a pound of powdered sugar over them. Let them lie in a cool place for a couple of hours, then pour over them a quart of thin claret and a quart of cold water. Send sponge cake or any light cake to table to serve with the compote poured over.

—Mrs. Lottie Meisman

Blueberry Roll

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

Fruit Sauce

Cream together one-half cupful of sugar and one tablespoonful of butter; one cupful of mashed berries, of whatever kind you are using, and one cupful of boiling milk. Wet one teaspoonful of corn-starch in enough milk to dissolve it and stir in slowly. Let boil three minutes and serve warm with the berry roll.

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Summer Event Schedule

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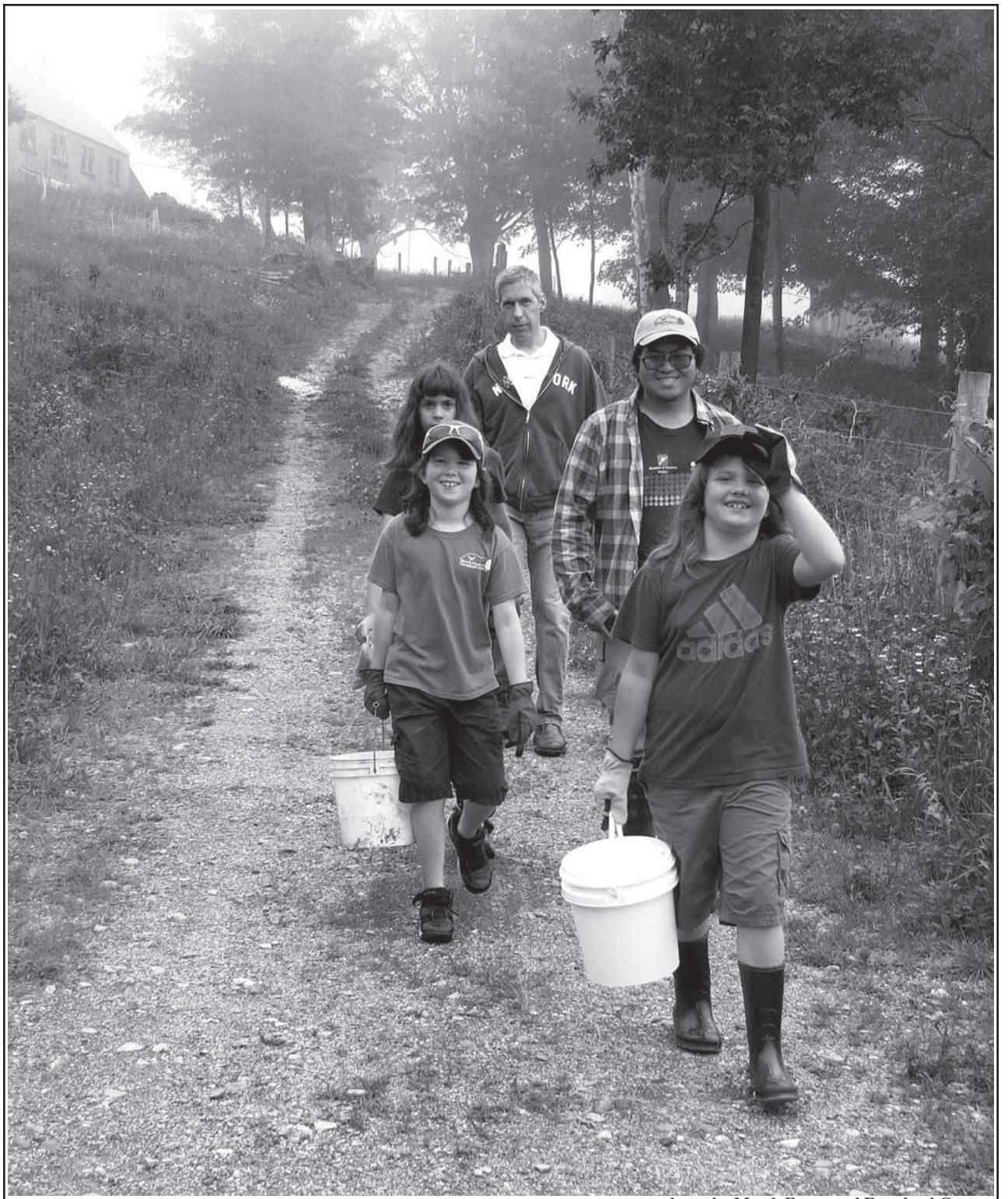
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Scores of reenactors from around the northeast will be encamped to present to you this colorful, full-scale history pageant. It is the largest Revolutionary War living history weekend in northern New England. They honor the war's only battle fought solely in what would become Vermont.

The weekend offers activities for all ages and interests. Visitors can walk through the camps, talk with reenactors, observe tactical and artillery demonstrations and camp life activities, learn how to drill, and take in guided battlefield tours. There will be special children's activities. Sutlers row provides a colonial shopping experience. Historians and reenactors will give talks.

Reenactors are planning on several new presentations, showcasing their skills at recreating the past. The museum is open both days, with a shop that has an excellent selection of books and other items relating to the American Revolution. Local

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Admission daily is \$6.00 for adults and free for children under 15. There is nearby parking and a "people mover" from the parking area to the visitor center. The event is offered by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, reenactor groups, the Hubbardton Historical Society, and local organizations and businesses.

The Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site is located on Monument Hill Road, six miles off VT Rt. 30 in Hubbardton, or seven miles off exit 5 on US Rt. 4 in Castleton. The site is regularly open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesdays to Sundays and Monday holidays through October 14.

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photo by Nancy Cassidy

Reenactment Weekend for the Battle of Hubbardton takes place this year on July 7-8 at Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site in Hubbardton, VT.

Poultney, VT

Historic Building Donated to Stone Valley Arts at Fox Hill

Preservation Trust of Vermont has transferred ownership of the historic 1822 stone building across from Poultney High School to Stone Valley Arts at Fox Hill. It became the first Methodist Church in the state of Vermont and later a Masonic Lodge (Morning Star #37).

In 2007, two sisters, Rita Fuchsberg and Irene Minkoff, and Irene's husband Michael Castagnaro, purchased the building, and in the hope of establishing a community arts center, created Fox Hill Center for the Arts, Inc.

Plans were made and events were held, but sadly, Michael Castagnaro died shortly thereafter and it was too much for Irene Minkoff, his wife, to continue with alone. In 2015 she and her sister donated the building to the Preservation Trust of Vermont in 2015 who would oversee the newly formed Stone Valley Arts as they transitioned to ownership of the building. This has now been achieved and is a joyous occasion for arts in the Poultney area.

Stone Valley Arts, whose mission is to inspire interest and participation in the arts in Poultney and surrounding communities, began in Poultney's Journal Press Building in 2012. They moved to the Fox Hill building in 2016 and since then, with support of the Preservation Trust of Vermont, have presented offerings for all ages, including programs and events in visual arts, dance, literary arts, music, and yoga. And now ownership has been transferred to Stone Valley Arts.

To celebrate this important milestone, Stone Valley Arts at Fox Hill is holding a free party at the white columned two-story stone building on East Main Street on Sunday, July 1, from 2-5 p.m. Festivities include bluegrass, folk, and jazz; a dance presentation; and children's activities. At 4 p.m. there will be a tribute to Rita Fuchsberg and Irene Minkoff for their generous gift, as well as to Paul Bruhn and the Preservation Trust of Vermont for their efforts on behalf of the community.

Stone Valley Arts at Fox Hill is a non-profit community arts organization whose purpose is to provide classes, workshops, presentations, and events in the visual, performing and literary arts in the lakes region for all ages and levels of experience. The Summer 2018 schedule includes arts classes for children and adults, dance, music lessons, figure drawing, poetry, storytelling, yoga, and meditation. Come by, sign up, and share in our offerings!

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The Old Ash

by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

An old ash tree grows close up to the back of the Manse, the house where I live. It has to be at least a hundred years old because we've been in the Manse more than forty years, and the tree was a vigorous middle-aged presence when we moved in.

It isn't vigorous now. It's old and weak and skeletal. Over the years, it's steadily lost limbs. It's shocking to see how much of it has died off or been shorn away in rough weather.

After a storm, there are pale, pulpy, green-fungus-spotted, parts lying spattered across our driveway and a back-yard-wide scattering of bent gray twigs and shiny new leaves.

In mid-April this year, a windstorm was predicted with gusts up to 40 miles an hour. In the morning, I felt a change in the weather, but it hadn't started to blow yet.

I kept going to the sliding glass doors in our kitchen and looking out at the tree, still bare, gray, skeletal, and—this is what's most alarming when strong winds are predicted—with a weakened central trunk rising eighty feet above our thirty-five-foot house.

It's an inescapable fact that the tree poses a big risk. It seems certain that its towering central part is going to come down one of these days, and when it does it's also certain that it will do a lot of damage.

But I love this tree. I've lived close to it for a large part of my life, and for years I never noticed its slow deterioration.

"I know this is nuts—but just as strongly I know the feeling of comfort that comes when I hug this old tree."

I realize that once there was a stout lower branch, and my children—who are long grown up—had a swing that hung from it.

I can't remember when that branch disappeared. Now there are only a few limb-stumps and the great central trunk—like a Jack and the Beanstalk ladder—climbing into the sky.

Looking out through my second floor bathroom window, I've watched seasonal tree-changes. In the spring, for years, when a big, window-close, branch leafed out, I saw the new leaves, birds flitting, and squirrels flashing along this high-tree aerial highway, but at some point during a winter's storm the branch must have been sheared away. Now my view is of a pale jagged stump steadily visited by voracious woodpeckers.

That worrisome day this last April when high-winds were being warned about on the radio, I went out and put my arms around the ash as far as I could reach (which was a lot less than half way.)

I've hugged the ash many times over the years. Back when I thought it wasn't much of a big-deal-request, I would hug the ash and ask that it not fall on our house. But now, I realize that the ash may not much longer be able to not fall on us, so I just hug it and don't ask for anything.

I know this is nuts—but just as strongly I know the feeling of comfort that comes when I hug this old tree. It seems as if it's breathing—not very strongly—just a soft, gentle breath.

If we called a tree service, they'd want to take the ash down,



The old ash behind Pam and John Rehlen's home, The Manse, in Castleton, VT.

photo courtesy of Pam Rehlen

and they'd be right. I've thought about getting them in to ask if they could just remove that soaring top, but they'd arrive, and they'd say it's foolish not to take down the whole thing, and my husband would agree.

I feel sure that other people feel sentimental about very old trees that they've known most of their lives. I don't think it's just me.

When we bought the Manse in the early 1970s, that first spring the healthy, in-its-prime, ash leafed out, a great head of foliage, and it shaded the whole south side of the house.

We face north, and I wanted sun—which the vigorous leafy ash was keeping from us. I thought if we took this giant tree down, I'd have my sun, and then one day my husband ran into

an itinerant Northeast Kingdom tree and odd jobs man—a figure right out of a Howard Frank Mosher story—who was passing through Castleton.

My husband brought him home to see the tree, and this man, probably in his sixties, looked it over and said that yes, he'd be able to take it down, but he was busy for awhile and he'd come back.

It must have been months later, and by then I'd lived with the leafy, shady tree, and I'd changed my mind.

When this man arrived at the back door to ask what we'd decided, my husband told him, a little sheepishly, "We're going to keep the tree. We don't want to cut it down."

The old guy beamed at him. "You won't be sorry," he said. He called my young husband Sonny.

"You'll never regret this, Sonny. That's a fine tree. You'll be glad you left it alone."

I think of that so often these days.

*Pamela Hayes Rehlen has written and lived most of her life in Castleton, Vermont. She is the author of stories, articles, essays, magazine features and of two books: **The Blue Cat and the River's Song** (\$17 plus shipping and handling) and **The Vanished Landmarks Game—Castleton Stories from West of Birdseye** (\$20 plus shipping and handling) available at the Castleton Village Store, P. O. Box 275, Castleton, Vermont 05735, and at a number of Vermont book sellers. To reach the store, call (802) 468-2213.*

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The Ash Grove (Llwyn Onn)

The ash grove how graceful, how plainly 'tis speaking
The harp through its playing has language for me.
Whenever the light through its branches is breaking,
A host of kind faces is gazing on me.
The friends from my childhood again are before me
Each step wakes a memory as freely I roam.
With soft whispers laden the leaves rustle o'er me
The ash grove, the ash grove alone is my home.

Down yonder green valley where streamlets meander
When twilight is fading I pensively rove
Or at the bright noon tide in solitude wander
Amid the dark shades of the lonely ash grove.
'Twas there while the black bird was cheerfully singing
I first met that dear one the joy of my heart

Around us for gladness the blue bells were ringing
But then little thought I how soon we should part.

My lips smile no more, my heart loses its lightness;
No dream of the future my spirit can cheer.
I only can brood on the past and its brightness
The dear ones I long for again gather here.
From ev'ry dark nook they press forward to meet me;
I lift up my eyes to the broad leafy dome,
And others are there, looking downward to greet me
The ash grove, the ash grove, again is my home.

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BELLOWS FALLS. World of Owls—What's All the Hoot About? For children ages 4 and up. Sponsored by The Nature Museum at Grafton. Free. 10-11 am. Bellows Falls Visitor Center and Fish Ladder, 17 Bridge St. (802) 843-2111. nature-museum.org. Also June 23.

GLOVER. Show: Out-of-Joint Hamlet. Free admission, donations welcome. 7:30 pm. Papier Mache Cathedral, Bread and Puppet Farm, 753 Heights Rd. (802) 525-3031. www.breadandpuppet.org. Fridays through July 6.

ROCHESTER. Rochester Chamber Music Society Concert: Choong-Jin Chang, viola, Cynthia Huard, piano. Music of Schumann, Hindemith, Brahms, Mozart, Bartók, and Beethoven. 7 pm. Rochester Federated Church, 15 N. Main St. (802) 767-9234. www.rcmsvt.org.

TUNBRIDGE. 18th Annual Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival. Bluegrass Green Mountain style. Tickets \$5-\$130. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, 1 Fairground Rd. off Rt. 110. (802) 518-2126. candacesawyer@comcast.net. jennybrookbluegrass.com. Also June 23 & 24.

WARDSBORO. Potluck Dinner & Dance Party featuring Wyld Nightz Band. Cost: \$15. Doors open 6 pm for supper. Wardsboro Town Hall Café, 71 Main St. www.wardsborocourtaincall.net.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

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CASTLETON. 11th Annual Town Wide Yard Sale. 9 am – 2 pm, rain or shine. Castleton Community Center, 2108 Main St. (802) 468-3093.

ESSEX JUNCTION. 42nd Annual Vermont Quilt Festival. Admission. 9 am – 5 pm. Champlain Valley Exposition, 105 Pearl St. (802) 872-0034. vqf.org. Also June 24.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Annual Ham and Strawberry Supper. Baked pit hams with delicious special sauce and homemade baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, broccoli salad, homemade rolls, and beverages. Freshly-picked strawberries on homemade biscuits with real whipped cream. Served family-style. Handicap accessible. Take-out available. Adults \$12, children 8 and under \$5. One seating at 6 pm at the First Baptist Church, corner of Rts. 7A & 11/30 across from Northshire Bookstore. Call Martha Thompson for reservations at (802) 362-3473.

NO. POMFRET. Annual Strawberry Supper. Baked ham and baked beans, potato salad, tossed salad, deviled eggs, rolls, coffee, punch, strawberry shortcake & whipped cream. Supper benefits the North Pomfret Congregational Church. Seatings at 5, 6:15 & 7:30 pm at the Pomfret Town Hall. \$12 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. Call for reservations! (802) 457-3259.

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. EBT and debit cards. 9 am – 2 pm, in Depot Park. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. Saturdays through October 27.

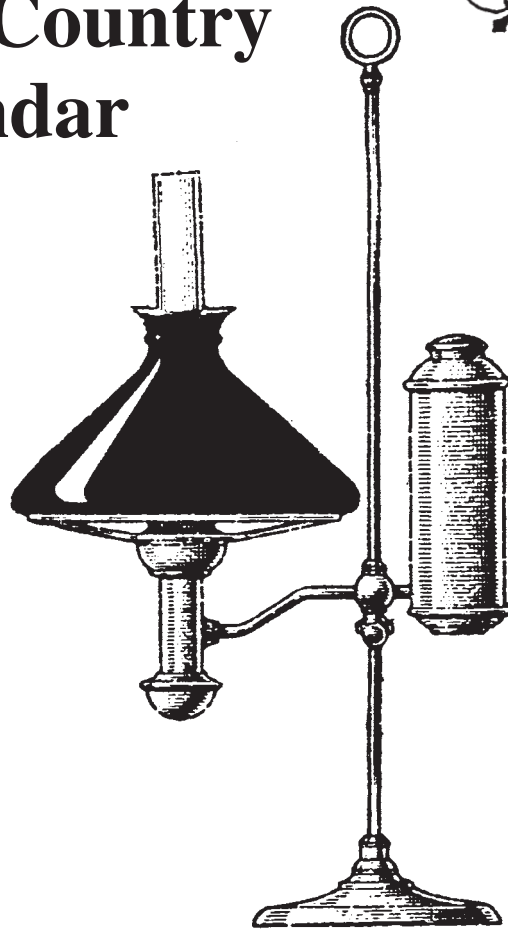
ST. JOHNSBURY. Dog Mountain Founders Celebration. If you have dogs, bring them. Hot dogs, chips and lemonade, and any treats or desserts visitors bring. Activities for all ages, door prizes, dog contests, caricatures by artist Kaio Scott, a storytime walk with Sally the lab, and live music by Abby Jenne and Bart Feller. Rain or shine. Free. 12 noon – 4 pm. The Stephen Huneck Gallery on Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. (802) 748-3075. info@dogmt.com. www.dogmt.com.

SPRINGFIELD. Third Annual Strawberry Festival. Strawberry shortcake. 50+ vendors with food, crafts and wares. Face painting, petting zoo, picnic area, pick-your-own and already-picked strawberries for sale. Live music. Farm store. Free admission. 10 am – 3 pm. Wellwood Orchards, 529 Wellwood Orchard Rd. (802) 263-5200.

STOWE. Third Annual Vermont Renaissance Faire. Adults \$18, kids 6-12 \$7.50, under 6 free. 10 am – 6 pm. Mayo Events Field, 80 Weeks Hill Rd. (802) 778-9178. vtgatherings.com. Also June 24.

TUNBRIDGE. 18th Annual Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival. Bluegrass Green Mountain style. Over 21 groups performing on four stages including the Gibson Brothers, Seldom Scene, the U.S. Navy band—Current Country, Seth Sawyer Band, and many more. Barn dance, potluck, kids activities, Bluegrass University. Tickets \$5-\$130. Camping available. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, 1 Fairground Road off Rt. 110. (802) 518-2126. jennybrookbluegrass.com. Also June 24.

VERGENNES. Abenaki Heritage Weekend. Dancing, drumming, storytelling, craft and cooking demonstrations, presented by members of Vermont's Abenaki Tribes. Native Arts Marketplace and exhibit opening celebration for Alnobak: Wearing Our Heritage. Admission. 10 am – 5 pm. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Road. www.lcmm.org. Through June 24.



WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum Dairy Days. June is Dairy Month. Demonstrations and programs on one of three dairy animals: cows, sheep, and goats. Adults: \$16, over 62 \$14, children 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$3. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm and Museum, Route 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. billingsfarm.org.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

ESSEX JUNCTION. 42nd Annual Vermont Quilt Festival. Over 230 contest quilts, as well as exhibits of antique and modern quilts. Contests, classes, presentations, shopping, and exhibits for all to enjoy and experience. Admission. 9 am – 5 pm. Champlain Valley Exposition, 105 Pearl St. (802) 872-0034. vqf.org.

GLOVER. Show: Grasshopper Rebellion. Free admission, donations welcome. 3 pm. Papier Mache Cathedral, Bread and Puppet Farm, 753 Heights Rd. (802) 525-3031. breadandpuppet.org. Through July 1.

HUBBARDTON. Last Sunday: Military Road Hike. Walk in the footsteps of history along a section of the 1776-77 military road that ran from Rutland through Hubbardton on the way to Mount Independence. Guide: Bob Franzoni. Rugged in places. Dress for the weather and wear boots. 1:30-4:30 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282.

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS. 43rd Annual Strawberry Festival. To benefit the Middletown Springs Historical Society. Museum exhibits and live music by Paul Morgan and friends. Small flea market, local crafts and artists. Raffle. Quarts of strawberries for sale. Strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits, ice cream, and whipped cream, coffee, ice tea, and lemonade. 2-4 pm on the Green, Rt. 140. Rain or shine. (802) 235-2376.

NORWICH. Summer Revels Solstice Festival. Summer Revels Community Chorus. Food trucks, children's activities, entertainment, roving performances. Bonfire, songs. Free; donations gratefully accepted. 5:30-9 pm. Norwich Green. (866) 556-3083. revelsnorth.org.

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WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm 35th Anniversary Celebration. Parade of farm animals, live music, guest speakers, many special hands-on opportunities, and a rousing game of old-fashioned 1860s base ball. Admission is free. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

LYME, NH. Wednesday Cookout Music Series on Post Pond. Guinguette Trio with Ed Eastridge will be performing. Serving 5:30-7:30 pm. Adults \$20, kids 5-12 \$8, 4 and under free. Reservations required. Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Road. (Rt. 10 just north of town). (603) 795-2141. www.lochlyme.lodge.com. Also July 4, 11, 18, 25, and August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.

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The sandy cat by the Farmer's chair
Mews at his knee for dainty fare;
Old Rover in his moss-greened house
Mumbles a bone, and barks at a mouse.
In the dewy fields the cattle lie
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THURSDAY, JUNE 28

HANOVER, NH. Performance. Mark Morris Dance Group: *Pepperland*. Live musicians perform Ethan Iverson's arrangements of selected Sgt. Pepper songs plus Iverson originals inspired by the album. Tickets: \$22.50-\$60. 8 pm. Hopkins Center, 4 East Wheelock St. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu. *Through June 30.*

RUPERT. Farm Chores for Children. Join the farm staff at Merck Forest & Farmland Center for afternoon chores. Youngsters may feed the horses, pick berries, collect eggs and perform other tasks. 2-4 pm. Merck Forest & Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. Located between Rupert and Dorset, at the top of the very large hill. (802) 394-7836. merckforest.org. *Thursdays through August 16.*

SAXTONS RIVER. Great River Theater Festival. Presented by Main Street Arts. Three weeks of comedy, drama, Sandglass Puppetry. Workshops, live music, barbecue, cocktails, and more! For info and schedule call (802) 869-2960. greatriverfestival.org. *Through July 15.*

SHOREHAM. Annual Strawberry Festival. Feast on strawberry shortcake, strawberry sundaes, strawberry pie, ice cream with strawberries, just plain strawberries, or the works! Make strawberries your dessert or your entire meal that night! 5-7 pm. Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School Rd. (802) 897-2687.

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NEWPORT. Newport City Centennial Celebration. 18th-century reenactors at Prouty Beach. Live music & dance. Passenger rail rides on Sunday. Quilt show, mini train display, NEK amateur ham radio club, bounce'n slides. Cars of yesteryear, air show, vendors, farmers market, fireman's breakfast and church suppers. The biggest Parade in years. 10 am - 10 pm. Newport City Centennial Celebration, 122 Main St. (802) 334-5136. *Through July 4.*

SHELBURNE. Burger Night with Cajun band Chaque Fois. Family style from-the-land meal; live music, interactive tours and eco art projects. Admission: adults \$25, kids age 1-14 \$10. 4:30-6:30 pm. Bread and Butter Farm, 200 Leduc Farm Rd. (802) 485-9242. yazbozz@gmail.com.

WATERBURY. 45th Annual Strawberry Supper. Delicious buffet dinner at historic downtown church followed by strawberry shortcake (made with local strawberries). Full meal includes drink & dessert, or you can get "just desserts." Take-out too! \$12 adults, 12 and under \$8, families \$30, dessert only \$4. Handicap accessible. First come, first served. 5-7 pm. Waterbury Congregational Church, 8 N. Main St. (802) 244-6606.

WINDSOR. TGIF at Old Constitution House. Join site administrator Bill Jenney for a special behind-the-scenes tour of one of Vermont's most important early buildings. Call for reservations. Adults \$3, children under 15 free. 2-3:30 pm. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 North Main Street. (802) 672-3773. william.jenney@vermont.gov. historicsites.vermont.gov. *Also July 27, August 31 & September 28.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

DUMMERSTON CENTER. Annual Old-Fashioned Strawberry Supper. Ham and baked beans, potato salad, tuna-macaroni salad, coleslaw, homemade sweetbreads, beverages, and "all you can eat" old-fashioned whole strawberry shortcakes with real whipped cream and locally grown berries! Adults \$12, children \$6, under 5 free. Sponsored by the Dummerston Congregational Church. 5-7 pm. Held at Evening Star Grange Hall, 1008 East West Rd. (802) 257-0544 or (802) 257-1128.

HANOVER, NH. Performance. Mark Morris Dance Group: *Pepperland*. Live musicians perform Ethan Iverson's arrangements of selected Sgt. Pepper songs plus Iverson originals inspired by the album. Tickets: \$22.50-\$60. 8 pm. Hopkins Center For The Arts, 4 East Wheelock St. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

KILLINGTON. Killington Music Festival Music In the Mountains Concert: Grand Piano Season Opener. Guest artist Simon Ghraichy. Tickets: \$25. 7 pm. Ramshead Lodge, Killington Rd. (802) 422-1330. Information: (802) 773-4003. killingtonmusicfestival.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Vermont Gran Fondo. Four-gap ride to conquer Lincoln Gap, Appalachian Gap, Middlebury Gap and Brandon Gap. 100+ miles climbing 10,000+ ft over predominately paved roads, and some dirt roads. 8 am - 7 pm. Woodchuck Hard Cider, 1321 Exchange St. (802) 377-7871.

NEWPORT. Newport City Centennial Celebration. 18th-century reenactors at Prouty Beach. Live music & dance. The biggest Parade in years. 10 am - 10 pm. Newport City Centennial Celebration, 122 Main St. (802) 334-5136. *Through July 4.*

POULTNEY. Pop Poem: A Found Poetry Workshop. Bianca Amira Zanella will share the joys of finding poetry in existing texts and/or images and refashioning them as new poems. All-ages event. Suggested donation: \$5. 2-4 pm. Stone Valley Arts at Fox Hill, 145 East Main St. (across from Poultnery High School). (603) 732-8606. zanellab@greenmtn.edu. stonevalleyarts.org.

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. EBT and debit cards. 9 am - 2 pm, in Depot Park across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through October 27.*

SO. BURLINGTON. Rhododendron Walk and Tea. Beth Gutwin, Curator of the Rhododendron Collection, will give a slide talk and lead a walking tour of the collection of rhododendrons and native azaleas. Tea and refreshments. Fee: \$10. 2-4 pm. UVM Horticulture Center, 65 Green Mountain Dr. friendsofthehortfarm.org.

STRATTON. Stratton Mountain Music Summer Concert: The Marshall Tucker Band. Rock, rhythm & blues, jazz, country and gospel. 6-9 pm. Stratton Mountain Resort, 5 Village Lodge Rd. (800) 787-2886.

WESTMINSTER. 17th Annual Westminster Garden Tour. Gardens of internationally known garden designers. Special activities throughout the weekend. Raffle for fabulous prizes including a beautiful handmade quilt. Lunch and refreshments available at the Westminster Institute or at the Hayward Garden. 10 am - 3 pm. Westminster Institute, Route 5. (802) 722-3607. wecares@sover.net. westminstercares.org. *Also July 1.*

SUNDAY, JULY 1

FERRISBURGH. Frederick Douglass's Most Famous Speech: "What to the Negro is the 4th of July?" Join us to read Frederick Douglass's most famous speech, originally delivered on July 5, 1852. Declining to speak on the 4th of July, Douglass instead castigated the United States for decades of slavery and injustice. Free. 3-4 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. rokeby.org.

GLOVER. Show: Grasshopper Rebellion. Free admission, donations welcome. 3 pm. Papier Mache Cathedral, Bread and Puppet Farm, 753 Heights Road. (802) 525-3031. www.breadandpuppet.org.

Killington Section

Summer Outings with the Green Mountain Club

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for weather changes.

Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Main Street Park, off the east end of the fire station south of Center St. in Rutland City. Call hike leader if you have any questions. Hike leader has discretion to refuse anyone who is not adequately prepared. For more info visit www.gmckillington.org.

Saturday, June 30. Bear Mountain, Wallingford, VT. Trek north on the Long Trail/Adirondack Trail over Bear Mountain to Spring Lake. Moderate, four miles. Meet at 9 a.m. in Rutland or 9:30 a.m. at Cuttingsville Post Office off Route 103. Leaders: Gerry and Chryl Martin, (802) 492-2244.

Sunday, July 8. Spier Falls, Gansvoort, NY. Hike to a rocky overlook for views of the Hudson River. Moderate, five miles. 9 a.m. Leader: Allison Henry (802) 779-4404.

Saturday, July 21. Hapgood Pond, Peru, VT. This will be our annual "hot dog" roast for 2018. Hapgood Pond and campground is a Green Mountain National Forest recreation area, which is located east of Manchester. The swimming area is nice and there is a pleasant loop trail around the Pond for hiking. Bring your own eating utensils, beverage and what you would like to roast. Leaders will provide chips, cookies and condiments. 9 a.m. Leaders: Larry Walter and Vivian Bebee, (802) 775-3855.

Sunday, July 29. Paddle the Poultnery River. A relaxing paddle on the Poultnery River along the scenic Vermont/New York border. Suitable for canoes, kayaks or paddle boards. Meet at the former Sears parking lot, Diamond Run Mall, Rutland, VT. 9 a.m. Leaders: Barb and Barry Griffith (802) 492-3573.

Saturday, August 4. Rutland Airport Lookout/Clarendon Gorge. A short, sweet hike up the Long Trail to Airport Lookout for a valley view, followed by a dip in one of the best swimming holes in Southern Vermont. Moderate, two miles. Meet at 9:30 a.m. in Rutland or 10 a.m. East Clarendon AT/LT parking lot off Route 103. Leader: Sandy Bragg (802) 492-2143.

Saturday, August 11. Long Trail Day Hike. Location to be determined. 10 a.m. Call leader for details: Herb Ogden, (802) 293-2510.

Saturday, August 18. Grafton Pond, Grafton, NH. Clear, deep water and scenic hillsides make this gorgeous pond one of the premier paddling destinations in New Hampshire. There are several rocky islands and marshy inlets to explore. As wildlife abounds there, it is possible to see loon, osprey, great blue heron, beaver, otter, mink and moose. Gasoline motors are prohibited, which makes for a very pleasant paddle. Meet at 8 a.m., in the parking lot by the Mendon Town Clerk's Office on Route 4. Leaders: Larry Walter and Vivian Bebee (802) 775-3855.



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LYME, NH. Summer Buffet Music Series on Post Pond. Never Too Late 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. Also July 8, 15, 22 & 29.

POULTNEY. Free Community Celebration. For the final acquisition of the building at Stone Valley Arts at Fox Hill from Rita Fuchsberg and Irene Minkoff through the Preservation Trust of Vermont. Festivities include bluegrass, folk, and jazz; a dance presentation; and children's activities. 2-5 pm. Stone Valley Arts at Fox Hill, 145 E. Main St. (802) 884-8052. stonevalleyartscenter@gmail.com. www.stonevalleyarts.org. On Facebook.

SO. POMFRET. Vermont Symphony Orchestra: Summer Festival Tour. Pyrotechnics during the concert finale. 7:30-9:30 pm. Suicide Six, 247 Stage Rd. (802) 457-3981.

STOWE. Independence Day Celebration. Fireworks, music, food, craft beer, family fun. Live music by Justin & Rose, Bailey-Hazen Boys, Colin McCaffrey, Patrick Ross, and Bow Thayer. 4-10 pm. On the Green, Spruce Peak Village Center. sprucepeak.com.

MONDAY, JULY 2

MANCHESTER. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Tour: Gifts of Nature. Bring a picnic blanket, folding chairs, and flashlights. Tickets: adults \$35, ages 5-17 \$5, 4 and under free. Gates at 5:30 pm, concert at 7:30 pm. Hunter Park, Rt. 7. (802) 362-0150. vso.org.

MIDDLEBURY. 26th Annual Vermont Philharmonic Fireworks and Pops Concert. Display of vintage cars, raffle of picnic baskets painted by local artists. Bring chairs, blankets, and flashlights. Tickets: adult \$25, youth \$10; under 12 free. Grounds open at 5:30 pm for picnics; Concert at 7:30. Middlebury College, in the field behind the Mahaney Center for the Arts (rain site: Kenyon Arena). (802) 388-2117. henrysheldonmuseum.org.

TUESDAY, JULY 3

GRAFTON. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Tour: Gifts of Nature. Bring a picnic blanket, folding chairs, and flashlights. Tickets: adults \$35, ages 5-17 \$5, 4 and under free. Rain site: Green Mountain Union HS, Chester, VT. Gates open at 5:30 pm for picnicking, concert begins at 7:30 pm. Grafton Ponds. (802) 843-2400. (802) 864-5741 x 10. vso.org.

WEST DOVER. Fireworks for Freedom. Party starts on Main St; best viewing area in front of the Grand Summit Resort Hotel. BBQ, beer, ice cream, lawn games, firepit and free s'mores. Live music. Fireworks at about 9:15pm. Bring lawn chairs, but please NO outside food or alcohol and NO dogs. 6-9:30 pm. Mount Snow Resort, 39 Mount Snow Rd. (802) 464-4203.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

BARTON. Independence Day Celebration. Antique/farm stock tractor pull, ATV/garden tractor pull, horse & pony pull, horseshoe competition, professional lumberjack competition. Bounce house, BBQ, food & more. 2 pm parade. 5 pm truck pull. 9:40 pm fireworks provided by Town of Barton. Orleans County Fairgrounds, 278 Roaring Brook Rd. (802) 525-3555. www.orleanscountyfair.net.

BENNINGTON. Reading and Celebration of the Declaration of Independence. A local actor will read the Declaration of Independence in this annual tradition on the grounds of the Monument. A replica declaration is available for all to sign. Historic games and colonial fun. 10 am - 2 pm. Bennington Battle Monument State Historic Site, 15 Monument Circle. (802) 447-0550.

JEFFERSONVILLE and SMUGGLERS NOTCH. Independence Day Celebration! Jeffersonville parade at 10 am, country fair at 11 am, carnival with games and vendors, kids' games, live entertainment from 66 City Band playing classic rock tunes, and food. World famous frog jumping contest! Firemen's Barbecue on the Green at Smugglers' Notch at 5 pm. Music on the village green from 6-8 pm. Vermont National Guard 40th Army Band plays a mix of classic favorites and patriotic tunes at 8 pm. Spectacular fireworks at dusk. Smugglers' Notch Resort, 4323 Rt. 108 South. (802) 332-6854. smuggs.com.

HARTLAND. Hartland Old Home Day, Parade at 11 am followed by Antique Tractor Pull, food, booths, games, Community Band Concert, Musical Trivia, River Road Blues Band. 7 pm "The Moonlighters" Big Band free concert. Fireworks at dusk. Please bring lawnchairs. Rt. 12 Recreation Center. (802) 436-2069. www.moonlightersbigband.com.

LYME, NH. Wednesday Cookout Music Series on Post Pond. Joseph Stallsmith and Friends performing. Serving 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. Also July 11, 18, 25, and August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.

MANCHESTER. Independence Day Celebration. 11 am to 6 pm, free swim at the pool. 11 am to 10 pm, Chiefs Concession Stand Open. 9:30 pm (or dusk) fireworks. Rain date July 8 (Fireworks only). Free. Dana Thompson Recreation Park, 340 Recreation Park Rd. off Rt. 30. (802) 362-1439. www.manchester-vt.gov.

MILTON. Fourth of July Celebration and Fireworks. Grand parade at 11 am from Herrick Ave to Bombardier Park West. DJ music at the Fire Station at 5:30 pm; Chicken BBQ at 6 pm. Milton Community Band at Bombardier Park West at 7:30 pm. Spectacular Fireworks at 9:15 pm. Rain date for Fireworks: July 5. 43 Bombardier Recreation Park. (802) 355-4084. miltonvt.org.

PLAINFIELD, NH. The Attic Shop. Huge 4th of July Tag Sale! 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 Birthday Celebration. 10 am Naturalization Ceremony - the induction of 20 new U.S. citizens. 12 noon, the Vermont National Guard leads a march to the cemetery where a wreath from the White House is placed at the president's gravesite. Afternoon activities include Springfield Springers old-time string band, barbecue, birthday cake, historic craft demonstrations, and wagon rides. 10 am - 5 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Route 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicites.vermont.gov.

POULTNEY. Fourth of July Celebration. Line up starts in East Poultney at 9 am; parade begins down Main Street at 10 am. Prizes awarded to the best floats. Annual 5K Martin Devlin Fun Run. Fireworks at dusk at the Poultney Elementary School. 10 am - 10 pm. (802) 287-2010. poultneyvt.com.

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. EBT and debit cards. 3-6 pm in Depot Park across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. Wednesdays through October 24.

RUTLAND. Summer Smash Demo Derby & Rutland Chamber of Commerce Fireworks. Demolition Derby starts at 6:30 pm. Fireworks Extravaganza at 9:45 pm. Free parking. 2-9:30 pm. Vermont State Fairgrounds, 175 South Main St. (802) 775-5200. vermontstatefair.org.

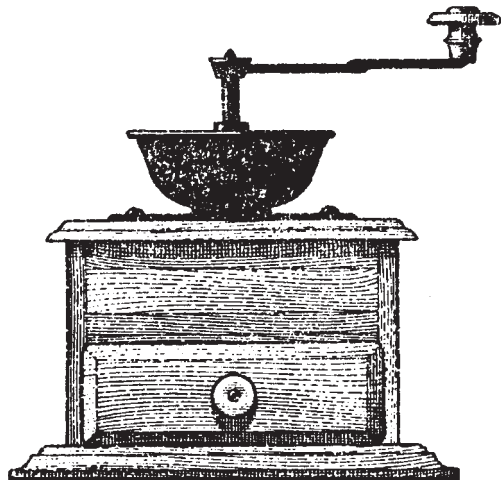
STOWE. An Old-Fashioned Fourth of July. Moscow Parade at 10 am. Street performers, local artisans, face painting, live music, climbing wall, festive foods. Music from The Groovy Trio and Frank Springer Band. Dunk tank. Pie eating contest. Noon: "World's Shortest Marathon." 1 pm: Fifth annual village parade. 6 pm - dark: Festival and fireworks. All day: Seven Miles of Sales. Free shuttle from Mayo Events Field to Stowe Village. (802) 253-7321. gostowe.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 with a street fair with over 50 vendors. Parade starts at 10 a.m. proceeding south on Rt. 100. Book sale all day 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, hamburgers, hot dogs, fries. All along Main St.

WARREN. 70th Annual Independence Day Parade. Starts at 10 am. Continues at Lincoln Peak with dining specials, 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. www.warren4thofjuly.com.

WILDER. 4th of July Celebration. Live entertainment. Kilowatt South, 61 Passumpsic Ave. (802) 295-5036. www.hartfordrec.com.

WOODSTOCK. An Old Vermont 4th. Traditional music, flag-making, hand cranked ice cream, horse-drawn wagon rides, patriotic speeches, and an historic debate. Reading of the Declaration of Independence at noon. Spelling bee and men's debate. Make your own 43-star flags (the flag of 1890), Uncle Sam bookmarks, fireworks stencils, and compete in sack races, crank fresh strawberry ice cream, and enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride. Adults \$16, 62 & up \$14, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org.



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Vermont Country Calendar

THURSDAY, JULY 5

BELLOWS FALLS. Workshop: Winged Predators—Eagles, Hawks, Falcons, and more. For children ages 4 and up. Sponsored by the Nature Museum at Grafton. Free. 10-11 am. Bellows Falls Visitor Center and Fish Ladder, 17 Bridge St. (802) 843-2111. nature-museum.org. *Also July 7.*

CHITTENDEN. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Tour: Gifts of Nature. Bring a picnic blanket, folding chairs, and flashlights. Tickets: adults \$35, ages 5-17 \$5, 4 and under free. Gates 5:30 pm, concert at 7:30 pm. Mountain Top Inn and Resort. (802) 483-2311. vso.org.

RUTLAND. Killington Music Festival Concert, featuring guest artist Simon Ghraichy. Free. 7 pm. Grace Congregational Church. (802) 422-1330. (802) 773-4003. killingtonmusicfestival.org. *Also July 13, 20, 25, 26.*

FRIDAY, JULY 6

BRANDON. 42nd Annual Independence Day Celebration. Friday in Seminary Park: Street dance 6-10 pm with music, entertainment & food vendors. Saturday in Park Village Complex: silent auction, family games, vendors and food. Parade at 1 pm. Live music by Moose Crossing. Community Supper 5-7 pm. DJ Jam Man. Fireworks display at dusk. Free shuttles from downtown. (802) 247-3635. bmoore@townofbrandon.com. brandon.org. *Through July 7.*

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Mark Mikolas presents his book, *A Beginner's Guide to Recognizing Trees of the Northeast*. Free. 6 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. northshire.com.

STOWE. Stoweflake Hot Air Balloon Festival. Over 25 hot air balloons. View launches, enjoy live entertainment, beer and wine garden. Balloon rides and tethered rides, children's area. 7 am - 8 pm. 1746 Mountain Rd. (802) 253-7355. www.stoweflake.com. *Through July 8.*

WOODSTOCK. Old Fashioned Band Concert and Ice Cream Social. Bring a blanket or chair. Event postponed in the event of rain. Free, donations accepted. 7-8 pm. Back lawn of the Woodstock History Center, 26 Elm St. (802) 457-1822. woodstockhistorycenter.org.

SATURDAY, JULY 7

BELLOWS FALLS. Workshop: Winged Predators—Eagles, Hawks, Falcons, and more. For children ages 4 and up. Sponsored by the Nature Museum at Grafton. Free. 10-11 am. Bellows Falls Visitor Center and Fish Ladder, 17 Bridge St. (802) 843-2111. nature-museum.org. *Also July 7.*

EAST BURKE. Burke Mountain Independence Day Celebration. Food, live music. Fireworks. 5-9 pm. Sherburne Base Lodge, 223 Sherburne Lodge Rd. (802) 626-7400. skiburke.com.

HUBBARDTON. Battle of Hubbardton Revolutionary War Encampment. Living history weekend encampment honors the 241st anniversary of the July 7, 1777, Revolutionary War battle fought here. Reenactors portray the American, British, and German soldiers. Demonstrations, guided camp and battlefield tours, camp life activities, children's activities, sutler's row shopping, and illustrated talks. Food stand. Admission: \$6. Saturday 9:30 am - 5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov. *Also July 8.*

KILLINGTON. Killington Music Festival Music In the Mountains Concert: Dvorak Thank You. Tickets: \$25. 7 pm. Ramshead Lodge, Killington Rd. (802) 422-1330. (802) 773-4003. killington.com. killingtonmusicfestival.org.

LONDONDERRY. Annual Independence Day Celebration Party. 5 pm food and DJ music on the Black Line Tavern deck. GoofyFoot playing the Grateful Dead and other great music from 7-11 pm. Beer and wine, soft drinks for the kids. Fireworks at 9:15 pm. Magic Mountain Ski Area, 495 Magic Mountain Access Road. (802) 824-5645. info@magicmtn.com. magicmtn.com.

LUDLOW. 35th Annual Summer Arts & Crafts Festival. 10 am - 4 pm rain or shine. Free. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts, Rt. 103 S. www.fletcherfarm.org.

LYNDONVILLE. Horse and Pony Pull. 2000 lb. ponies and free-for-all ponies at 9 am. 3400 lb. horses follow. Minis after that. Gymkhana at 9 am. Chicken BBQ, strawberry shortcake, and kid's activities. Admission \$7. 9 am. Caledonia County Fairgrounds, 1 Fairground Rd., Mountain View Park. For info call Hayden Tanner at (802) 535-7987.

RANDOLPH. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Tour. Bring a picnic blanket, folding chairs, and flashlights. Adults \$30, ages 6-17 \$5, 5 and under free. Gates 5:30 pm for picnicking, concert begins at 7:30 pm. Brunswick School, Stock Farm Rd. (802) 728-4881. vso.org.

RUPERT. Workshop: Birch Bark Baskets. Led by Bliss McIntosh. Bring your lunch, a pair of (non-serrated) scissors, pencil. Call to reserve your spot. Fee: \$75. 9 am - 3 pm. Merck Forest & Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. merckforest.org.

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. EBT and debit cards. 9 am - 2 pm, in Depot Park. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through October 27.*

STOWE. Stoweflake Hot Air Balloon Festival. Over 25 hot air balloons. Live entertainment, beer and wine garden. Balloon rides and tethered rides. 7 am - 8 pm. 1746 Mountain Rd. (802) 253-7355. stoweflake.com. *Also July 8.*

SUNDAY, JULY 8

BROWNINGTON. Summer Poetry Series. Back Roads Readings presents Jody Gladding and Sharon Olds. Readings are free, handicapped accessible and everyone welcome. Donations appreciated. 3 pm, followed by a book signing and reception. Brownington Congregational Church, Hinman Settler Rd. (802) 633-4956. www.backroadsreadings.com. *Also July 22 and August 5.*

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LYME, NH. Summer Buffet Music Series on Post Pond. Thistle-down 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. (603) 795-2141. www.lochlymelodge.com. *Also July 15, 22 & 29.*

MIDDLEBURY. 40th Annual Festival On-The-Green. Mokoomba performs Sunday at 7 pm. See 17 acts over seven days under a tent on the Village Green. Free. Rt. 7. (802) 462-3555. festivalonthegreen.org. *Through July 14.*

ROCHESTER. Rochester Chamber Music Society Concert. Julia Salerno, violin; Benjamin Gish, cello; Cynthia Huard, piano. Music of Beethoven, Handel, Halvorsen, and Debussy. Freewill donations. 4 pm. Rochester Federated Church, 15 N. Main St. (802) 767-9234. www.rcmsvt.org.

STOWE. Stoweflake Hot Air Balloon Festival. Over 25 hot air balloons. View launches, enjoy live entertainment, beer and wine garden. 7 am - 8 pm. 1746 Mountain Rd. (802) 253-7355. www.stoweflake.com.

WINDSOR. 1777 Constitution Day. Reenactors, traditional artisans, and costumed guides salute the 241th anniversary of Vermont's first constitution. "Vermont's Revolutionary Trek" - a symbolic relay from Hubbardton Battlefield to Windsor's constitutional convention. Adults \$3, under 15 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 North Main St. (802) 672-3773. historicites.vermont.gov.

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40th Annual Middlebury Festival on-the-Green

July 8-14
2018

Free, family-friendly music series
on the Village Green in Middlebury, VT

Sunday, July 8

7:00 Makoomba

Monday, July 9

Noon Rik Palieri

7:00 James Hill & Anne Janelle

8:30 The Bengsons

Tuesday, July 10

Noon Jon Gailmor

7:00 Night Tree

8:30 Genticorum

Wednesday, July 11

Noon No Strings Marionette Company

7:00 Máire Ní Chathasaigh & Chris Newman

8:30 The Barbra Lica Quintet

Thursday, July 12

Noon Robert & Gigi

7:00 The Ballroom Thieves

8:30 The Mammals

Friday, July 13

Noon Magician Tom Verner

7:00 The Welterweights

8:30 Stone Cold Roosters

Saturday, July 14

7:00 Vermont Jazz Ensemble
Big Band Street Dance

Come early for swing-dance lessons with Jim Condon.



The Festival is supported by community donations and volunteers. Join us!
Support this year's Festival by mailing your donation to:
Festival on-the-Green, PO Box 451, Middlebury, VT 05753

Info: 802-462-3555 | festivalonthegreen.org

Vermont Country Calendar

MONDAY, JULY 9

GRAFTON. Brave Bears Weeklong Summer Camps. For ages 6-9. Games, crafts, confidence-building, wilderness skills. Cultivate a deeper relationship with the natural world. Cost: \$200, 10% discount for second child. Session 1: July 9-13. Session 2: July 23-27. 9:30 am - 3 pm. The Nature Museum, 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. info@nature-museum.org. nature-museum.org.

MIDDLEBURY. 40th Annual Festival On-The-Green. See 17 acts over seven days under a tent on the village Green. Rik Palieri performs at the Noon Brown Bag Show. James Hill and Anne Janelle perform at 7 pm. The Bengstons perform at 8:30 pm. Free. Rt. 7. (802) 462-3555. www.festivalonthegreen.org. Through July 14.

RUPERT. Summer Camp for Young Children. Campers explore the farm and forest. For rising first, second, and third graders. For information and to register, email Christine Hubbard at christine@merckforest.org, or call (802) 394-7836. 9 am - 3 pm. Merck Forest & Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. merckforest.org. Through July 13. Also August 6-10.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

LYME, NH. Wednesday Cookout Music Series on Post Pond. Revels North will be performing. Serving 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. Also July 18, 25, and August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.

MIDDLEBURY. 40th Annual Festival On-The-Green. See 17 acts over seven days under a tent in the unique natural amphitheater of Middlebury's Village Green. No Strings Marionette Company performs at Noon Brown Bag Show. Maire Ni Chathasaigh & Chris Newman perform at 7 pm. The Barbra Kica Quintet perform at 8:30 pm. Free. Rt. 7. (802) 462-3555. www.festivalonthegreen.org. Through July 14.

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. Local produce, meats, crafts, prepared foods, live music. EBT and debit cards. 3-6 pm in Depot Park. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. Wednesdays through October 24.

THURSDAY, JULY 12

BRADFORD. The Bradford Fair. Midway rides 4-10 pm. Mini horse pull, 6 pm. Bradford parade, 6-7 pm. Main St. Admission Thursday only, \$10. Gates 4 am - 10 pm. 66 Carson Lane off Rt. 5. (802) 222-4053. thebradfordfair@gmail.com. www.bradsfordfair.org. Through July 15.

BRANDON. 24th Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival. 12 bands! Spaghetti supper and classic country concert \$10. Admission: \$25, after 5 pm \$12. Weekend tickets \$60. Off Rt. 73. Call (802) 247-3275. basinbluegrass@yahoo.com. basinbluegrassfestival.com. Through July 15.

CANAAN, NH. Canaan Meetinghouse Readings. Peter Manseau's *The Apparitionists: A Tale of Phantoms, Fraud, Photography and the Man Who Captured Lincoln's Ghost*. Ivy Pochoda's novel, *Wonder Valley*, a portrait of Los Angeles. Free. 7:30 pm at the 1793 Old Meetinghouse, Canaan St. (603) 523-9650. meetinghousereadings.wordpress.com. Also July 19, 26 & August 2.

MANCHESTER. Circus Smirkus 30th Anniversary Big Top Tour. Tickets \$16-\$23, under 2 free. 1 & 6 pm at Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park, Recreation Park Rd. off Rt. 30. For tickets call (877) 764-7587. smirkus.org. Also July 13.

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FRIDAY, JULY 13

BRADFORD. The Bradford Fair. Midway rides 11 am - 10 pm. Ox and tractor pulls. Dairy fitting & showmanship Tim Brick in concert 7-9 pm, included with admission. Admission \$14 per person. Gates 8 am - 10 pm. 66 Carson Lane off Rt. 5. (802) 222-4053. www.bradsfordfair.org. Through July 15.

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RUTLAND. Friday Night Live Concert: 8084. Family friendly activities, good food, smoke free signage and plenty of fun! Energetic, charismatic and dedicated, 8084 have been exciting audiences for over a decade. Free. 5-10 pm. Center St. (802) 773-9380. rutlandvermont.com.



SATURDAY, JULY 14

BRADFORD. The Bradford Fair. Midway rides Ox pull and tractor pull. Dairy fitting & showmanship. Tim Brick in concert 7-9 pm, included with admission. Admission \$14 per person. Gates 7 am - 10 pm. 66 Carson Lane off Rt. 5. (802) 222-4053. www.bradsfordfair.org. Also July 15.

BRANDON. 24th Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival. 12 bands! Field picking, workshops, vendors, food. Admission: \$25, after 5 pm \$12. Weekend tickets \$60. Early camping Sunday through Wednesday \$10. Off Rt. 73, 2 miles east of town. Call (802) 247-3275. basinbluegrass@yahoo.com. www.basinbluegrassfestival.com. Also July 15.

CRAFTSBURY COMMON. 48th Antiques and Uniques Festival. More than 100 antiques dealers and Vermont crafters, barbecue, children's games, live folk and fiddle music, foods vendors, massive book sale, yard sales, and a vintage fashion show. Outdoor tented event on the Common. 10 am - 4 pm. facebook.com/antiquesanduniquesvt.

GRANVILLE. Rochester Chamber Music Society Concert: Twenty-first Annual Bach Bash. Professional and amateur musicians celebrate the music of Bach and others. Freewill donations gratefully accepted. 7 pm. Granville Town Hall. (802) 767-9234. www.rcmsvt.org.

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(Saturday, July 14, continued)

HUBBARDTON. Mars Astronomy Night. Mars will be at its best for viewing. See a sliver of the moon set before 10 pm. The Green Mountain Astronomers share their telescopes and knowledge. Bring a flashlight and blanket. Call to confirm. Admission by donation. 7-11 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/directory/Hubbardton.

KILLINGTON. Killington Music Festival Music In the Mountains Concert: Cello Galore. Tickets: \$25. 7 pm. Ramshead Lodge, Killington Rd. (802) 422-1330. (802) 773-4003. killington.com. killingtonmusicfestival.org.

MIDDLEBURY. 40th Annual Festival On-The-Green. Vermont Jazz Ensemble Street Dance. With musicians hailing from all corners of the Green Mountain State, the 17-member Vermont Jazz Ensemble performs music in the jazz and "big band" styles, and also plays selections in rock, fusion, Latin and popular music styles. 7 pm. Free. Rt. 7. (802) 462-3555. www.festivalonthegreen.org.

RUTLAND. 39th Annual Rutland Car Show and Auto Flea Market. Vendors, food purveyors, and lots of flea market vendors. \$5 spectator admission, kids under 12 free. 9 am - 3:30 pm. Vermont State Fairgrounds, Rt. 7 south. (802) 265-8026. ravecarclub.com. *Through July 15.*

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. EBT and debit cards. 9 am - 2 pm, in Depot Park. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through October 27.*

SHELburne. Farm to Ballet. Full-length performance that reinterprets classical ballet pieces to tell the story of a Vermont farm from Spring to Fall, performed live by a string sextet. Bring blankets or chairs. Bring a picnic or purchase farm fresh food. Cash bar serving locally produced beer, wine, ciders, and ice cream. Tickets: \$25, 12 and under \$10. Doors 5:30 pm, show 6:30 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. farmtoballet.org.

SO. BURLINGTON. 24th Annual Plant Sale. Ornamental trees, shrubs, perennials and other plants donated by gardens and nurseries throughout Vermont. 10 am - 1 pm. UVM Horticulture Center, 65 Green Mountain Dr. friendsofthehortfarm.org.

WELLS RIVER. Fundraising Concert for Vermont's Rural Libraries. With Green Mountain folk-rock-protest band David Rosane & The Zookeepers. Admission by donation. 7 pm. Wells River Congregational Church, 76 Main St. N. On Facebook.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

BRADFORD. The Bradford Fair. Midway rides 11 am - 5 pm. Horse show, oxen show. Horse pulls. Admission \$14 per person. Gates 7 am - 7 pm. 66 Carson Lane off Rt. 5. (802) 222-4053. www.bradfordfair.org.

BRANDON. 24th Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival. 12 bands! Field picking, workshops, vendors, food. Sunday potluck under the food tent at 6 pm. Admission: \$25. Off Rt. 73. (802) 247-3275. basinbluegrass@yahoo.com. basinbluegrassfestival.com

FERRISBURGH. Exhibit Opening. The Fabric of Emancipation: The African Diasporic Lens of American History through Contemporary Fiber Arts. The work of eight of the country's preeminent fiber, textile and needle artists expressing what it means to be of African descent in the Americas. Free. 3 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. rokeby.org. *Exhibit open thru October 28.*

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. *Also July 22 & 29.*

ROCHESTER. Rochester Chamber Music Society Concert: Vanessa Holroyd, flute; Cynthia Huard, piano. Music of J.S. Bach, Francois Borne, and Prokofiev. Free will donations. 4 pm. Rochester Federated Church, 15 N. Main St. (802) 767-9234. www.rcmsvt.org.

WASHINGTON. Farm to Ballet. Full-length performance that reinterprets classical ballet pieces to tell the story of a Vermont farm from Spring to Fall, with a live string sextet. Bring blankets or chairs. Bring a picnic or purchase farm fresh food. Please bring cash for all your purchases. Tickets: \$25, 12 and under \$10. Doors at 4:30 pm, show at 6 pm. Vermont Grand View Farm, 1638 Scales Hill Rd. farmtoballet@gmail.com. farmtoballet.org.

WOODSTOCK. Concert: 8 Cuerdas. American soprano Sarah Cullins and Colombian guitarist Daniel Gaviria. 4 pm. North Universalist Chapel Society, 7 Church St. (802) 457-3981. pentanglearts.org.

WOODSTOCK. National Ice Cream Day at Billings Farm. Participate in making and sampling hand-cranked ice cream several times during the day, while learning the history and science of the "great American dessert." At 2 pm join in an "historic" base ball game. Adults \$16, 62 & up \$14, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

GOSHEN. Tour of Blueberry Management Area - Fire and Wildlife. Sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service, Green Mountain & Finger Lakes National Forests. 3-5 pm. Goshen Blueberry Management Area, parking area on Forest Road 224. (802) 747-6760. eready@fs.fed.us. www.fs.fed.us.

LYME, NH. Wednesday Cookout Music Series on Post Pond. James Graham will be performing. Serving 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. *Also July 25, and August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.*

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. EBT and debit cards. 3-6 pm in Depot Park across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. *Wednesdays through October 24.*

THURSDAY, JULY 19

BRADFORD. Fundraising Concert for Vermont's Rural Libraries. With Green Mountain folk-rock-protest band David Rosane & The Zookeepers. Admission by donation. 7 pm. Bradford Public Library, 21 S. Main St. On Facebook.

CANAAN, NH. Canaan Meetinghouse Readings. Christopher Wren's *Those Turbulent Sons of Freedom: Ethan Allen's Green Mountain Boys and the American Revolution*. Lauren Groff's *Florida*, a collection of 11 short stories. Books offered for sale by Norwich Bookstore at the event. Free. 7:30 pm at the 1793 Old Meetinghouse, Canaan St. opposite the beach on Canaan Street Lake. (603) 523-9650. meetinghouse readings.wordpress.com. *Also July 26 & August 2.*

FRIDAY, JULY 20

BELLOWS FALLS. Abenaki and Nature. Learn about Abenaki life pre-contact with the Europeans. For children ages 4 and up. Sponsored by the Nature Museum at Grafton. Free. 10-11 am. Bellows Falls Visitor Center and Fish Ladder, 17 Bridge St. (802) 843-2111. *Also July 21.*

BRATTLEBORO. 6th Annual Southern Vermont Dance Festival. Dance classes, lectures, performances, visual art. To register, buy tickets or for a full schedule visit www.southernvermontdancefestival.com. *Through July 22.*

HANOVER, NH. Concert: An Evening with Gillian Welch. Singer-songwriter and her musical partner David Rawlings conjure the sound and imagery of a timeless, hardscrabble America. Tickets: \$12.50-\$35. 5:30 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

Middlebury, VT

40th Annual Middlebury Summer Festival-on-the-Green

by Pat Boera

Cheers to 40 Years! The 40th Annual Middlebury Summer Festival on-the-Green gets underway with 17 fabulous acts and free family-friendly music over seven days during the week of July 8th through 14th.

The first performance on Sunday evening July 8th at 7 p.m. features Mokoomba, one of Africa's most exciting young bands, dazzling audiences worldwide with their knockout live shows and potent blend of traditional Tonga, Luvale and Nyanja sounds laced with international styles from soukous to soul.

To see the full schedule, visit the Festival website at www.festivalonthegreen.org. Pack a picnic, patronize one of Middlebury's wonderful restaurants to arrange a take-out meal, or grab a snack from the Middlebury Emergency Medical Services concessions tent, and find your spot on the Village Green.

Be sure to visit the Festival merchandise table where you'll find 2018 Festival T-shirts, designed by Anna Browdy, a student in the Design & Illustration class at Hannaford Career Center. Shirts will be on sale during Festival week.

We also have an impressive list of raffle items this year:

- Two-night Stay for Two People at WhistlePig Farm in Shoreham, VT, including room, board, tour of WhistlePig Distillery, whiskey tasting, and seasonal activities (Value: \$1,200).
- Signed Prindle Wissler painting, acrylic on wood (Value: \$450).

- A magic show by Tom Verner, founder of Magicians Without Borders (Value: \$400).

- "242 Years as a Nation, 40 Years as a Festival" Queen-size Bed Quilt hand-crafted and donated by Pat Zelif (Value: \$400).

- Vermont Basket of Plenty which includes a hand-crafted basket by Krissy Andrews, Naturally Inspired Baskets; painted gourd by Julia Emilo; maple syrup from Ken Hastings; apple and cider products from Champlain Orchards; honey from Champlain Valley Apiaries; gift certificate from Greenhaven Gardens & Nursery; signed cookbook by Andrea Chesman; carving by Norton's Gallery; assorted soaps from Vermont Soap; sweet treats from Middlebury Sweets; and hand-knit hat from Yarn & Yoga (value: \$300).

— Festival Schedule —

Sunday, July 8, 2018

7 p.m. - Mokoomba: Exuberant Afrobeat tunes and tantalizing traditional Tonga, Luvale, and Nyanja rhythms from Zimbabwe.

Monday, July 9, 2018

Noon. - Brown Bag: Rik Palieri.
7 p.m. - James Hill & Anne Janelle: Inventive and enchanting ukulele/cello folk duo; winners of a Canadian Folk Music Award.

8:30 p.m. - The Bengsons: Critically-acclaimed indie-folk pair with a raw, foot-stomping, feel-good vibe.

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Noon - Brown Bag: Jon Gailmor.
7 p.m. - Night Tree: Celtic-tinged fusion with unusual instrumentation from a roots-based sextet.
8:30 p.m. - Genticorum: Energetic and jubilant musical feast from this trad Québécois "power trio".

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Noon - Brown Bag: No Strings Marionette Company.
7 p.m. - Máire Ní Chathasaigh & Chris Newman: Pioneering Irish harp/guitar duo.
8:30 p.m. - The Barbra Lica Quintet: Classic jazz with heartfelt, knock-out vocals.

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Noon - Brown Bag: Robert & Gigi.
7 p.m. - The Ballroom Thieves: Rock/folk trio with handsome harmonies.
8:30 p.m. - The Mammals: Indie-roots trailblazers, high-octane Americana quintet.

Friday, July 13, 2018

Noon - Brown Bag: Magician Tom Verner.
7 p.m. - The Welterweights: Gritty Vermont rocking country band led by Kelly Ravin & Lowell Thompson.
8:30 p.m. - Stone Cold Roosters: From swamp-rock to hillbilly funk, this septet swings with style.

Saturday, July 14, 2018

7 p.m. - Vermont Jazz Ensemble Big Band Street Dance: Come early for swing-dance lessons with Jim Condon.

Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. They are available for purchase now through Festival volunteers and will also be sold throughout Festival week with the drawing to be held at the Street Dance. Winners do not need to be present.

The Festival, a 2018 Vermont Chamber of Commerce Top 10 Summer Event and proud participant in Vermont Arts 2018, has been a much-anticipated highlight on the Addison County arts calendar for four decades.

As you make your way to Middlebury for our 40th season, consider introducing a family member, neighbor, or friend to the Festival ... someone who has never before experienced this special community event. We'll be looking for you!

For more information call (802) 462-3555. www.festivalonthegreen.org.

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Vermont Country Calendar

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Ben Goldfarb presents his book, *Eager: The Surprising, Secret Life of Beavers and Why They Matter*. Free. 6 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. www.northshire.com.

MARSHFIELD. 2nd Annual Old Time on the Onion Fiddler's Reunion. All acoustic, all traditions. Presented by The Summit School of Traditional Music and Culture. Onion River Campground, 61 Onion River Rd. (802) 793-3016. summitschool.wixsite.com/summitschool. *Through July 22.*

RUTLAND. Friday Night Live Concert: Kat Wright Family friendly activities, good food, smoke free, and plenty of fun! Free. 5-10 pm. Center St. (802) 773-9380. rutlandvermont.com.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

ARLINGTON. 65th Annual Arlington Fire Company Carnival. Chili cook off followed by evening fireworks at the Carnival. 1-6 pm. Arlington Recreation Park, 4268 VT Rt. 7A. hemillvt.com/4freedomfestival.

BELMONT. 12th Annual Mount Holly Garden Tour. Tour the high altitude gardens of people with dirt under their nails. Adults \$12, 12 and under free. 9:30 am - 4 pm. Odd Fellows Hall, Star Lake St.

BRATTLEBORO. 6th Annual Southern Vermont Dance Festival. Dance classes, lectures, performances, visual art. To register, buy tickets or for a full schedule visit southernvermontdancefestival.com. *Also July 22.*

HUBBARDTON. Summer of '77 Battlefields Tour. One-day carpool caravan tour of the Revolutionary War battlefields and other sites of the summer of 1777, starting at the Hubbardton Battlefield and traveling to the Bennington Battlefield in New York. Experts talk with you at each stop. You pay admission fees. Bring your lunch and snacks. 9 am - 6 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 388-2967. historicsites.vermont.gov.

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. Rain date is July 22. 4-9:30 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282.

KILLINGTON. Killington Music Festival Music In the Mountains Concert: Dancing into the Quiet Night. Tickets: \$25. 7 pm. Ramshead Lodge, Killington Rd. (802) 422-1330. (802) 773-4003. killingtonmusicfestival.org.

LYNDONVILLE. 38th Annual Stars and Stripes Festival and Parade. 10 am. Following the parade, there are nearly 50 vendors in Bandstand Park, live music by the Kingdom All Stars, a BBQ, a clown show and more! Visit lyndonvermont.com.

MARSHFIELD. 2nd Annual Old Time on the Onion Fiddler's Reunion. All acoustic, all traditions. Tickets at summit-school.org: \$30 per person/weekend, \$20 Saturday, \$15 other days. Families welcome, 18 and under free. Presented by The Summit School of Traditional Music and Culture. Onion River Campground, 61 Onion River Rd. (802) 793-3016. summitschool.wixsite.com/summitschool. *Through July 22.*

MONTPELIER. BioBlitz Outdoor Festival. Live music, dancing, camping, games, bike races, trail runs, kids makerspaces, zip-lining, slip-n-slides, live animals, nature walks, presentations by Vermont conservation experts, and more. Free. 2-11 pm. Citywide, Hubbard Park and North Branch Nature Center. bioblitzmontpelier.org. *Also July 22.*

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. FEBT and debit cards. 9 am - 2 pm, in Depot Park. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through October 27.*

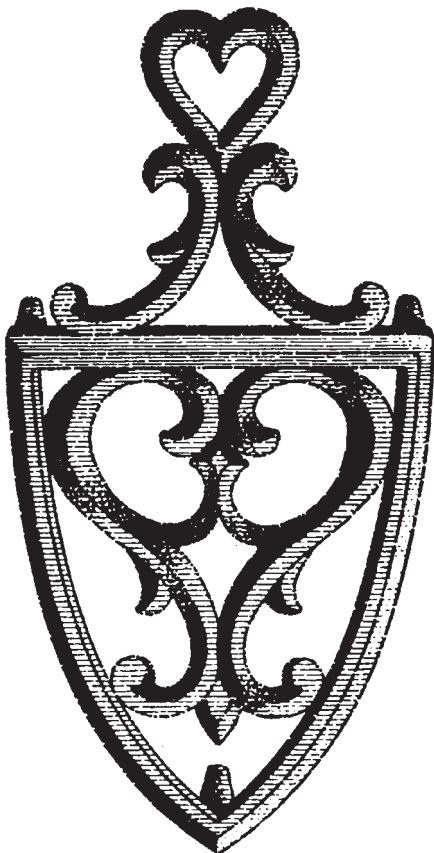
SHAFTSBURY. Farm to Ballet. Full-length performance that reinterprets classical ballet pieces to tell the story of a Vermont farm from Spring to Fall, performed live by a string sextet. Farm tours before the ballet. Bring blankets or chairs, a picnic, or purchase farm fresh food. Day of tickets: \$25, 12 and under \$10. Doors 4:30 pm, show 6 pm. Studio Hill, 957 Trumbell Hill Rd. farmtoballet.org.

SO. NEWFANE. Rock River Artists' 26th Annual Open Studio Tour. Features 12 accomplished artists in a range of media. 10 am - 6 pm. For a map of studio locations stop at The Old Schoolhouse on Dover Rd. (802) 348-7865. *Also July 22.*

SUNDAY, JULY 22

ADDISON. Points of Interest: Lake Champlain Bridge Guided Walk, led by Thomas Hughes and Elsa Gilbertson. Learn about the history of what you see walking across the Lake Champlain Bridge. Meet at the Crown Point, NY, State Historic Site museum. Rain or shine, dress for the weather. Cost: \$6, includes admission to both museums. 1-3 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Route 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicsites.vermont.gov.

BRATTLEBORO. 6th Annual Southern Vermont Dance Festival. Dance classes, lectures, visual art performances. Closing concert at 6 pm at the Stone Church. To register, buy tickets or for more information and a full schedule visit www.southernvermontdancefestival.com.



BROWNINGTON. Back Roads Readings Presents Geof Hewitt and Reuben Jackson. Readings are free, handicapped accessible and everyone welcome. Donations appreciated. 3 pm, followed by a book signing and reception. Brownington Congregational Church, Hinman Settler Rd. (802) 633-4956. www.backroadsreadings.com. *Also August 5.*

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. www.lochlymelodge.com. *Also July 29.*

MARSHFIELD. 2nd Annual Old Time on the Onion Fiddler's Reunion. All acoustic, all traditions. Tickets at summit-school.org: \$15 one day. Families welcome, 18 and under free. Festival concludes Sunday evening. Presented by The Summit School of Traditional Music and Culture. Onion River Campground, 61 Onion River Rd. (802) 793-3016. summitschool.wixsite.com/summitschool.

MONTPELIER. BioBlitz Outdoor Festival. Live music, dancing, camping, games, bike races, trail runs, kids makerspaces, zip-lining, slip-n-slides, live animals, nature walks, presentations by Vermont conservation experts, and more. Free. 6 am - 2 pm. Citywide, and at Hubbard Park and North Branch Nature Center. bioblitzmontpelier.org.

NEW HAVEN. Farm to Ballet. Full-length performance that reinterprets classical ballet pieces to tell the story of a Vermont farm from Spring to Fall, performed live by a string sextet. Farm tours before the ballet. Farmstand and our U-Pick areas. Bring blankets or chairs and a picnic, or purchase farm fresh food. Tickets: \$25, 12 and under \$10. Doors at 5 pm, show at 6 pm. Golden Well Sanctuary, 1085 River Rd. farmtoballet@gmail.com. farmtoballet.org.

SO. NEWFANE. Rock River Artists' 26th Annual Open Studio Tour. Features 12 accomplished artists in a range of media. 10 am - 5 pm. For a map of studio locations stop at The Old Schoolhouse on Dover Rd. (802) 348-7865. rs@rogersandes.com.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

BARRE. Barre Heritage Festival. Multi-day community celebration. Diverse mix of music on multiple stages in City Hall Park and the historic Barre Opera House. Food vendors and crafters line Main Street. Parade and fireworks right in the heart of the Granite City. 10 am - 8 pm. (802) 477-2967. barreheritagefestival.org. *Through July 28.*

LYME, NH. Wednesday Cookout Music Series on Post Pond. Pawley Daley will be performing. Serving 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. *Also August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.*

NO. HAVERHILL. 74th Annual North Haverhill Fair. Youth steer pulling 5 pm, classic car show 6 pm. The Road Trash Band at 7 pm, demo derby 7:30 pm. 4-H & Grange exhibits, art, photography, arts & crafts, and flower shows. Midway. Free entertainment with general admission. Admission: \$12, five-day \$48, kids 12 and under free, veterans w/I.D. on Wednesday \$5, seniors 65+ on Thursday \$5, parking free. Overnight camping \$25. 4-9:30 pm. 1299 Dartmouth College Highway, Rt. 10. (603) 989-3305. garyscruton@yahoo.com. www.nohaverhillfair.com. *Through July 29.*

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. EBT and debit cards. 3-6 pm in Depot Park. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. *Wednesdays through October 24.*



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THURSDAY, JULY 26

BURLINGTON. 12th Annual Lake Champlain Maritime Festival. Concerts. International food court, craft vendors, beer tent, maritime exhibits. Burlington Boathouse, Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center, Waterfront Park and more. (802) 482-3313. lcmfestival.com. *Thru July 29.*

CANAAN, NH. Canaan Meetinghouse Readings. Robin MacArthur explores relationships and community in her debut novel, *Cold Spring Mountain*. Howard Mansfield's *Summer Over Autumn: A Small Book of Small-Town Life*, explores life in New England. Books offered for sale by Norwich Bookstore at the event. Free. 7:30 pm at the 1793 Old Meetinghouse, Canaan St. opposite the beach on Canaan Street Lake. (603) 523-9650. meetinghouse readings.wordpress.com. *Also August 2.*

NO. HAVERHILL. 74th Annual North Haverhill Fair. 4-H steer fitting and showing 9 am. Ox pulling 2000 lb. 10 am, 2400 lb. 12 pm, 2800 lb. 2 pm, 3200 lb. 4 pm, free-for-all 6 pm. No. Haverhill's Got Talent 6 pm. Log loader competition 7 pm. 4-H & Grange exhibits, art, photography, arts & crafts, and flower shows. Midway. Free entertainment with general admission. Admission: \$12, five-day \$48, kids 12 and under free. 4-9:30 pm. 1299 Dartmouth College Highway, Rt. 10. (603) 989-3305. www.nohaverhillfair.com. *Through July 29.*

STOCKBRIDGE. NoTown Music Festival. Four days and three nights of music, community and camping. Food vendors. Cost: day pass \$40, weekend pass \$96, under 17 free with parents. Free field parking. Thursday opens at 3 pm, VIP pass required; Friday & Saturday 12:30-11:30 pm; Sunday 1-9 pm. 2056 Rte. 100. (603) 442-9509. notownfunsitval@gmail.com. notownfestival.com. *Through July 29.*

WAITFIELD. Fundraising Concert for Vermont's Rural Libraries. With Green Mountain folk-rock-protest band David Rosane & The Zookeepers. Admission by donation. 7 pm. Joslin Memorial Library, 4391 Main St. For info e-mail davidrosane@gmail.com. Visit www.facebook.com/davidrosaneandthezookeepers.

FRIDAY, JULY 27

DEERFIELD VALLEY. Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival. Over 70 events. 300 gallons of Jell-O to play in. Blueberry parade & craft fair. Blueberry Splash with bands on pontoon boats on Lake Whitingham. Block party and pie eating contest. Readsboro, Whitingham, Jacksonville, Wilmington, and Dover. (802) 464-8092. vermontblueberry.com. *Through August 5.*

JOHNSON. Oxen Pulling. 2400, 2800, 3200 lb. classes and free-for-all. 10 am. Lamoille County Field Days Fair Grounds, 203 Wilson Rd. (802) 635-7113. lcfielddays@gmail.com. www.lamoillefielddays.com. *Through July 29.*

JOHNSON. Lamoille County Field Days. Midway rides, music, entertainment, children's shows, commercial vendors, food, animals. Farm equipment; horse, pony, ox pulls; lawn mower pulls, truck pulls, skillet toss, lumberjack roundup. Talent show, children's station, arm wrestling, dairy show, 4-H barn, maple center. Horse shows, gymkhanas, pedal pull, and more! Admission: \$12. Free parking. 9 am to midnight. 203 Wilson Rd. (802) 635-7113. www.lamoillefielddays.com. *Through July 29.*

NO. HAVERHILL. 74th Annual North Haverhill Fair. Working steer stoneboat/cart, pony pulling, demo derby. Concert with Runaway June 8:30 pm. 4-H & Grange exhibits. Midway. Free entertainment with general admission. Admission: \$12, five-day \$48, kids 12 and under free. 8 am - 10 pm. 1299 Dartmouth College Highway, Rt. 10. (603) 989-3305. www.nohaverhillfair.com. *Through July 29.*

RUTLAND. Friday Night Live: John Waite. British born rock star, successfully writing, recording and performing popular music for more than 35 years. Family friendly activities, lots of good food and plenty of fun! Free. 5-10 pm. Center St. (802) 773-9380. rutlandvermont.com.

SO. WOODSTOCK. Dressage Days. Ballet on horseback. Spectators welcome at no charge. Dogs must be on a leash. 8 am - 5 pm. Green Mountain Horse Association, 5491 South Rd. (802) 457-1509. gmhainc.org. *Through July 29.*

STOCKBRIDGE. NoTown Music Festival. Four days and three nights of music, community and camping. Food vendors. Cost: day pass \$40, weekend pass \$96, under 17 free with parents. Free field parking. 12:30-11:30 pm. 2056 Rt. 100. (603) 442-9509. notownfestival.com. *Thru July 29.*

WARDSBORO. Concert: Bruce Mandel, Contemporary Folk & Americana. Cost: \$10, includes concert & refreshments and benefits Wardsboro Fire and Rescue. Doors open 6:30 pm. Wardsboro Town Hall Café, 71 Main St. www.wardsborocurtaincall.net.

WOODSTOCK. 10th Annual Bookstock. A literary festival with a over 40 authors, artists, and performers. Headliners include Robert Pinsky, Richard Russo, Alexander Chee, and Ezzedine Choukri Fishere. Huge used books sale on the Green and vintage book sale at Norman Williams Public Library. Music, food, workshops, exhibits. Free admission. On the village Green. info@bookstockvt.org or visit www.bookstockvt.org. *Through July 29.*

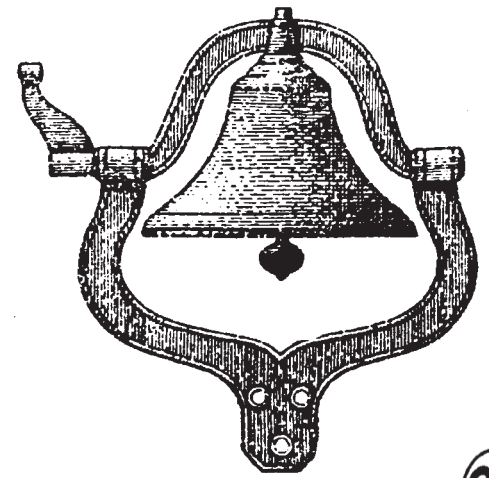
SATURDAY, JULY 28

JOHNSON. Horse Pulling. 3150 & 3350 lb. classes and free-for-all. 10 am. Lamoille County Field Days Fair Grounds, 203 Wilson Rd. (802) 635-7113. lcfielddays@gmail.com. www.lamoillefielddays.com. *Also July 29.*

JOHNSON. Lamoille County Field Days. Midway rides, music, entertainment, food, animals. Farm equipment; horse, pony, ox pulls; lawn mower pulls, truck pulls, skillet toss, lumberjack roundup. Talent show, children's station, arm wrestling, dairy show, 4-H barn, maple center. Horse shows, gymkhanas, pedal pull, and more! Admission: \$12. Free parking. Open at 9 am. 203 Wilson Rd. (802) 635-7113. lamoillefielddays.com. *Also July 29.*

MARLBORO. Marlboro Music Festival. Tickets \$5 to \$40, call (215) 569-4690. Public concerts at 8:30 pm. Persons Auditorium on the Marlboro College campus, 2472 South Rd. (215) 569-4690. info@marlboromusic.org. marlboromusic.org. *Through August 12.*

NO. HAVERHILL. 74th Annual North Haverhill Fair. 4-H dairy conformation 9 am, 4-H goat fitting and showing 9 am. Horse pulling 3100 lb. 10 am, 3300 lb. 3 pm, three-horse hitch pull 7 pm. Concert with Tusk 8 pm. 4-H & Grange exhibits, art, photography, arts & crafts, and flower shows. Midway. Free entertainment with general admission. Admission: \$12, five-day \$48, kids 12 and under free, veterans w/L.D. on Wednesday \$5, seniors 65+ on Thursday \$5, parking free. Overnight camping \$25. 9 am - 10 pm. 1299 Dartmouth College Highway, Rt. 10. (603) 989-3305. garyscruton@yahoo.com. www.nohaverhillfair.com. *Through July 29.*



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Way Back Then

The Joys of a Childhood Summer

by Charles Sutton

Do you ever notice these days how there seem to be only a very few children playing outside? In this e-age one can imagine children inside watching television, on the internet or texting on their cell phones. Why go outside when it could be hot and buggy? Why look up when you can look down.

This is a far different "ecosystem" than the one my brother Fred and I grew up in some 80 years ago in a rural area of Southern Connecticut which then had many farms. Today most of them have been replaced with two-acre subdivisions sporting McMansions and four-car garages.

Back then, before and during World War II, staying inside meant mother would find chores for us like taking out the garbage and doing dishes. We did those things anyway in addition to keeping a large lawn cut with a hand lawnmower (no mean task).

But outside there were softball games, badminton, riding our bikes, and even

croquet waiting for us. And on rainy days we could play basketball or ping-pong in the barn.

The seasons really changed the day when Mr. Hidu, an immigrant farmer from Hungary, would bring his draft horse and turn over a large plot of land that would become our victory garden. We grew all the regular vegetables, but each of us could also grow something as an experiment. Fred chose Chinese vegetables including beans used for growing bean sprouts in a dark place under the kitchen sink, and which he later successfully cooked with. I tried peanuts which grew bushy plants but produced no peanuts. Our parents chose grown-up stuff like okra and parsnips.

There were family events like cookouts, going for picnics at a Long Island Sound beach, and community concerts even as far as Tanglewood in the Berkshires. Sometimes we joined our parents when friends invited them to enjoy their in ground pool. These swims weren't

much fun due to too many rules—like no running or rough housing or splashing adults. Can you imagine—one host wanted you to take a shower before using the pool!

Of course, we enjoyed the Dogwood bazaar with its delicious baked goods and the annual Grange Fair with its many prize-winning games of skill, some of which paid off with five-pound bags of sugar. We took those home to a grateful mother as sugar was scarce and rationed during the war years.

My brother, being the family naturalist, found a plethora of wild life outside. Our two-plus acres supported rabbits, bats, owls, many kinds of birds, toads, squirrels and chipmunks, and black and garter snakes.

One day Fred found some baby garter snakes and proudly showed them to my horrified mother who, forced into being a good sport, let him put one into her outstretched hand.

At night there was a symphony of sounds from crickets, katydids, cicadas and other insects, and in late summer the thud of lone apples falling the ground, presaging the end of summer and the coming autumn.

These were difficult times with the war raging in Europe but I shall be forever grateful for the joy of playing and working outdoors in a world of seemingly endless safety and freedom.

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PAWLET. Pawlet Public Library 51st Annual Book Sale. 9 am – 4 pm. Mettawee Community School auditorium. (802) 325-3123. pawletpubliclibrary.wordpress.com. *Also July 29.*

RUPERT. Full Buck Moon Walk. Staff-guided hike, moderate difficulty, will take place even if it's raining. Dress appropriately for the weather with sturdy footwear, headlamps, water and snacks. Reservations requested. Fee: \$5 per person. 6-8. Merck Forest & Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. Located between Rupert and Dorset, at the top of the very large hill. (802) 394-7836. merckforest.org.

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. EBT and debit cards. 9 am – 2 pm, in Depot Park across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through October 27.*

STOCKBRIDGE. NoTown Music Festival. Four days and three nights of music, community and camping. Food vendors. Cost: day pass \$40, weekend pass \$96, under 17 free with parents. Free field parking. 12:30–11:30 pm. 2056 Rt. 100. (603) 442-9509. notownfestival.com. *Thru July 29.*

WEST DOVER. Blueberry Bash. Blueberry Parade, BBQ, beer. Live music. Backyard games & activities. Free admission. 12 noon – 5 pm. Mount Snow Resort, 39 Mount Snow Rd. (802) 464-8092. vermontblueberry.com.

WOODSTOCK. 10th Annual Bookstock. A literary festival with over 40 prominent authors, artists, and performers. Headliners include Robert Pinsky, Richard Russo, Alexander Chee, and Ezzedine Choukri Fishere. Huge used books sale on the Green and vintage book sale at Norman Williams Public Library. Music, food, workshops, exhibits and children's activities. Robert Pinsky's Poem Jazz at the Town Hall Theater. Free admission. On the village Green. info@bookstockvt.org or visit www.bookstockvt.org. *Also July 29.*

WOODSTOCK. 32nd Annual Quilt Exhibition. Featuring quilts made by Windsor County, Vermont quilters. Adults \$16, 62 & up \$14, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org. *Through September 16.*

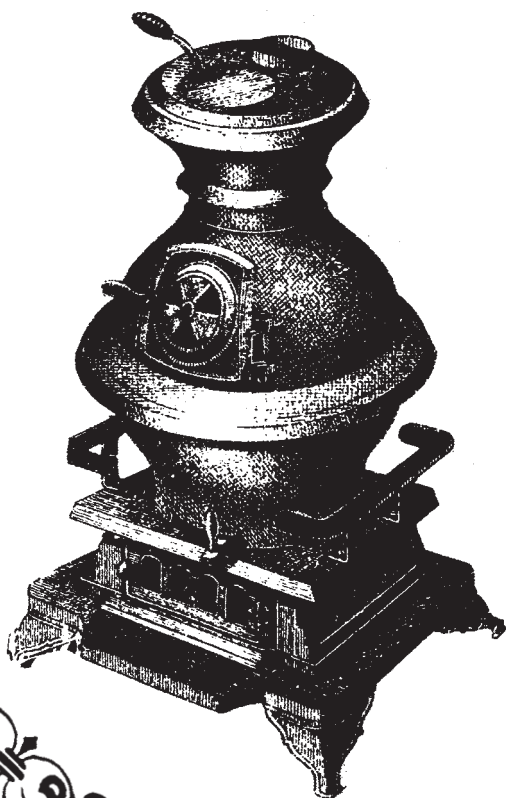
SUNDAY, JULY 29

ADDISON. Blast from the Past: Historic Clock and Watches Afternoon. Green Mountain Timekeepers Society members on the Chimney Point porch to talk with you about the history of your clocks and watches and how they can be repaired. Bring your clocks and watches or photographs. 12 noon – 4 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Route 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicites.vermont.gov/directory/chimney_point.

EAST HARDWICK. 16th Annual Phlox Festival. Two acres of gardens and over 130 varieties of phlox in full bloom. Hedged herb garden and other specialty gardens. Daily garden walks at 1 pm, led by owner and collector Rachel Kane, plus a cut-flower display of phlox flowers. Door prizes. Free. 10 am - 5 pm. Perennial Pleasures Nursery & Tea Room, 63 Brick House Rd. (802) 472-5104. perennialpleasures.net. *Through August 12.*

JOHNSON. Pony Pulling. 1850 & 2250 lb. classes and free-for-all. 10 am. Lamoille County Field Days Fair Grounds, 203 Wilson Rd. (802) 635-7113. lcfielddays@gmail.com. www.lamoillefielddays.com.

JOHNSON. Lamoille County Field Days. Midway rides, vendors, food, animals. Farm equipment; pony pulls, lumberjack roundup. Talent show, children's station, dairy show, 4-H barn, maple center. Horse show, gymkhana, and more! Admission: \$12. Free parking. Open at 9 am. Fairgrounds at 203 Wilson Rd. (802) 635-7113. www.lamoillefielddays.com.



LYME, NH. Summer Buffet Music Series on Post Pond. Susan Brison 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. *Also August 5, 12, 19, 26 and September 2.*

NO. HAVERHILL. 74th Annual North Haverhill Fair. Open horse show, working steer demo, horse pulling. Michael Vincent Band. Concert with Wendigo. Admission: \$12, kids 12 and under free. 8 am – 6 pm. Rt. 10. (603) 989-3305. nohaverhillfair.com.

PLYMOUTH. Grace Coolidge Muscalle #2. Mezzo-soprano Ellen Nordstrom and pianist Abigail Charbeneau perform "The Best of Berlin," celebrating Irving Berlin's 100th birthday. Donation suggested. 4-5:30 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicites.vermont.gov.

STOCKBRIDGE. NoTown Music Festival. Four days and three nights of music, community and camping. Food vendors. Cost: day pass \$40, weekend pass \$96, under 17 free with parents. Free field parking. 1-9 pm. 2056 Rte. 100. (603) 442-9509. notownfestival.com. *Thru July 29.*

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ONGOING ACTIVITIES 2018

ADDISON. Chimney Point State Historic Site. Exhibits and hands-on activities. Chimney Point History Trail, with interpretive signs and pier from the 1929 Lake Champlain Bridge. Access for boating and fishing. Admission: adults \$5, children under 15 free. Open Wednesday–Sunday and Monday holidays, 10 am – 5 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Route 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicites.vermont.gov. *Through October 14.*

ALBURGH. Soldiers & Citizens Civil War Museum. Explore free exhibits on soldier life, home front, Civil War medicine, Underground Railroad and more. Visit Room of Curiosities for fossil, mineral and local history displays. Located in the Via Vermont building, 28 Milk Road, across from the post office. Open seasonally 10 am – 5 pm, Wed. and Sun. by chance. (802) 796-3665. Check Facebook for updates. www.newenglandviavermont.com.

BENNINGTON. The Bennington Battle Monument. An elevator takes visitors to the observation floor of the 306-ft. monument for a spectacular view of three states. \$5 adult admission, 6-14 \$1, children 5 and under are free. Open seven days a week from 9 am – 5 pm. Bennington Battle Monument, 15 Monument Circle, just off Rt. 9. (802) 447-0550. historicites.vermont.gov. *Through October 31.*

FAIRFIELD. President Chester Arthur State Historic Site. Donations appreciated. Chester Arthur Historic Site, 4588 Chester Arthur Rd. (802) 933-8362. historicites.vermont.gov. *July 1 through October 15.*

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. Bring your flag to be raised over the Hubbardton Battlefield and receive a certificate. Adults \$3, children under 15 free. Open 10 am – 5 pm, Wednesday–Sunday and Monday holidays. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov/directory/Hubbardton. *May 26 through October 14.*

ORWELL. Mount Independence State Historic Site. Celebrating the 241st anniversary of the start of American construction of the Revolutionary War's Mount Independence and the military road to Hubbardton and Rutland, the 51st anniversary of the trail system, and the 26th anniversary of the Mount Independence Coalition. Children's Discovery Corner. Six miles of walking and hiking trails. Admission: adults \$5, children under 15 free. Open daily 10 – 5:30. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. historicites.vermont.gov. *Through October 14.*

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 Opens for the Season. 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. New exhibit: "Presidential Holiday: The Coolidge Summer Retreats, 1924-1928." Experience the excitement of the Killington Stage Race as hundreds of cyclists speed through the village! Admission: adults \$10, children 6-14 years \$2, children under 6 years free. Registered groups of 10 or more: \$7/person. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Route 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicites.vermont.gov. william.jenney@vermont.gov. *Through October 28.*



New Internet Resource Focuses on Vermont Forests

University of Vermont (UVM) Extension and the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation have partnered to develop a comprehensive online resource for information about forests and related topics to landowners, educators, town officials and forestry professionals.

The new website, www.ourVTwoods.org, is organized by audience and by topic, making it easy for visitors to find resources tailored to their interests. Topics include water quality, conservation, wildlife, recreation, maple sugaring, timber harvesting and forest-based products and industry, among others. Users also can learn about local, regional and statewide events, such as forestry workshops and field walks, and stay updated on useful resources for healthy forests.

"www.ourVTwoods.org serves as a portal for partner coordination and as a hub for information on forest health, stewardship and the Vermont forest economy," said Kate Forrer, UVM Extension community forestry specialist.

For landowners, the site provides information on a

number of topics from tree identification and invasive pests to developing a woodland management plan, hiring a forestry consultant and understanding Vermont's Use Value Appraisal Program. Teachers can explore resources to plan classroom activities and field trips as well as improve environmental literacy and prepare students for careers in forestry.

The website also connects town officials with organizations that can provide technical, financial and educational assistance to help them care for local natural resources.

Industry professionals will find updates on industry issues, pest and disease observations, wood markets and forest statistics, and licensing information.

Other features include a directory of organizations dedicated to caring for Vermont's woods, a resource hub and an automated e-newsletter, targeted by county, with upcoming events and forestry updates.

For more information contact Kate Forrer at (802) 476-2003 x 210. katherine.forrer@uvm.edu. ourVTwoods.org.

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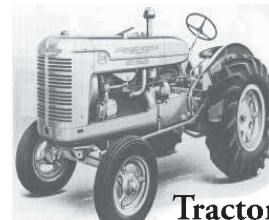
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(Ongoing activities 2018, continued)

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. Poultnery Public Library, 205 Main St. (518) 282-9089 or (802) 287-5556. *Ongoing every Thursday.*

QUECHEE. Vermont Institute of Natural Science. Wildlife exhibits, workshops, and special events. Wildlife rehabilitation. Adults: \$15.50, seniors (62 plus) \$14.50, youth (4-17): \$13.50, children 3 and under free. 7 days a week 10 am - 5 pm. Vermont Institute of Natural Science, 6565 Woodstock Rd. (802) 359-5000. www.vinsweb.org.

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

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

SHELburne. Shelburne Farms. Property Tours, Farmyard and Trails, Welcome Center & Farm Store. Admission: \$8 adult; \$7 senior; \$5 child 3-17; property tours additional. Open daily 9 am - 5:30 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. shelburnefarms.org. *Through mid-October.*

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. historicsites.vermont.gov. *Through October 14.*

STATEWIDE. Vermont State Parks. Vermont has 55 developed and staffed state parks and other undeveloped state park lands. Day use fees: adults (14+) \$4, children 4-13 \$2, 3 and under free. Additional fees for cabins, shelters, pavilions, and boat rentals. For reservations, information and customer service call (888) 409-7579 (Mon-Fri, 9 am - 4 pm) or e-mail parks@vermont.gov. For a listing of parks visit vtstateparks.com.

STRAFFORD. Justin Morrill State Historic Site. Formal Victorian gardens, interpretive exhibits, fairy village and walking trails. Admission: \$6, 14 and under free. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm. Justin Morrill State Historic Site, 214 Morrill Memorial Hwy. (802) 765-4484. historicsites.vermont.gov. *Through October 14.*

VERGENNES. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Shipwreck tours, workshops, exhibits, special events, collections. Museum store. Adults \$14, seniors \$12, youth 6-18 \$8, children 5 and under free. Open 7 days a week, 10 am - 5 pm. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Dr. (802) 475-2022. lcmmm.org. *Through October 14.*

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. From July 1: open Sun 12-5, closed Mon, Tues-Wed 1-6, Thurs-Sat 10-6. Closed July 13-15 for Reiki drumming class. Vermont Herbal General Store, 578 Main St. (802) 438-2766. info@vermontherbal.com. On Facebook and Twitter. www.vermontherbal.com.

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

WINDSOR. Old Constitution House. The Vermont Constitution guided the Republic of Vermont for 14 years until 1791, when Vermont was admitted to the Union as the 14th state. See exhibits and the house where the constitution was signed. Adults \$3, children under 15 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 North Main St. (802) 672-3773. william.jenney@vermont.gov. historicsites.vermont.gov. *Through October 21.*

WOODSTOCK. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park. Tours of historical buildings and grounds hourly from 10 am to 4 pm. Park in the Billings Farm & Museum parking lot. Begin your visit across the street at the Billings Farm & Museum Visitor Center, where park rangers are also stationed. Adults 16-61 \$8, seniors 62 and over \$4, children 15 and under free. Combination ticket with Billings Farm & Museum: adults 16-61 \$20, seniors 62 and over \$16. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, 54 Elm St. (802) 457-3368 x 222. www.nps.gov/mabi.

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum. Visit our award-winning Jersey herd, draft horses, and sheep and tour the restored 1890 Farm House. *A Place in the Land* our Academy Award®-nominee film will be shown every hour in the theater. Daily programs and activities. Admission: adults \$16, 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. www.billingsfarm.org. *Through October 31.*

MUSEUMS, EXHIBITS & GALLERIES

BARRE. Vermont History Center and Leahy Library. Adults: \$5; families: \$12; students, children, seniors: \$3; members and children under 6: free. Monday through Friday, 9 am - 4 pm. Vermont Historical Society, 60 Washington St. (802) 479-8500. vermonthistory.org.

BELLOWS FALLS. River Artisans Cooperative. Really Handmade...Really Vermont. River Artisans is the longest continually operating craft cooperative in the state of Vermont. The works of 30+ of New England's finest craftspeople await you in our shop located in this historic riverside village. The shop is open year round Wednesday through Monday 10 am - 4 pm (closed Tuesday). River Artisans Cooperative, 28 the Square. (802) 460-0059. riverartisans.com.

BENNINGTON. The Dollhouse and Toy Museum of Vermont. Museum shop. Admission is \$2 for children three and older, \$4 for adults and \$10 for families. Open Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 pm. 212 Union St. at the corner of Valentine St. (802) 681-3767.

BENNINGTON. Bennington Museum. Founding documents, fine art, Bennington Pottery, the 1924 Wasp Touring Car, and the Bennington Flag - one of America's oldest flags. Lectures, workshops, concerts, and the George Aiken Wildflower Trail. Adults \$10, seniors and students over 18 \$9. Open 10 am - 5 pm every day but 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 Monday-Saturday 10 am - 5 pm. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Drive, Park Village, (802) 247-4295. cmavt.org.

Statewide

Zookeepers!—Band Tours to Benefit Rural Libraries

Green Mountain folk-rock-protest band David Rosane & The Zookeepers embarks on a two month Rural Library Event Tour at 13 libraries across the state of Vermont.

The event will help to raise funds and advocate for literacy, community, and freedom of speech, and will accompany the release of the band's new album *Book of Zoo*. All donations from the concerts go to support literacy programs, science events for kids, building repair, and eco-friendly materials for the hosting libraries.

"2018 is the year that Vermont libraries literally rock," said Rosane. "We look forward to performing to help our communities. Our

book-loving band members are teachers and community activists by day and musicians by night. We write meaningful songs about the major issues of our times."

The tour, featuring David Rosane on vocals, Don Sinclair on bass and guitar, and Jennifer Grossi on vocals, synthesizer and percussion, begins with a kickoff party hosted by co-sponsor, the Montgomery Center for the Arts, 2 Mountain Road, in Montgomery Center, VT, at 7 p.m. on June 30th. This fundraiser will help cover the band's expenses "gas, coffee and the odd sandwich" as they take their music on the road to 13 of the state's 183 libraries.

Admission will be by donation. The schedule is as follows:

- Enosburg Public Library, 241 Main St., Enosburg Falls at 7 p.m. on July 5th.
- Peacham Congregational Church, 56 Church St., Peacham, VT at 7 p.m. on July 6th (suggested donation \$15 with an ice cream social following the concert).
- Wells River Congregational Church, 76 Main St. N., Wells River, VT at 7 p.m. on July 14th.
- Bradford Public Library, 21 S. Main St., Bradford, VT at 7 p.m. on July 19th.
- Arvin A. Brown Public Library, 88 Main St., Richford, VT at 7 p.m. on July 20th.
- Joslin Memorial Library, 4391 Main St., Waitsfield, VT at 7 p.m. on July 26th.
- H.F. Brigham Free Library, 104 N. Main St., Bakersfield, VT at 7 p.m. on July 28th.
- Bellows Free Academy, Fairfax Lawn (rain location in school's gym), 75 Hunt St., Fairfax, VT at 7 p.m. on August 3rd.
- Groton Free Public Li-

brary, 1304 Scott Hwy., Groton, VT at 7 p.m. on Aug. 4th.

• Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St., Vergennes, VT at 8 p.m. on August 9th.

• Lanpher Memorial Library, 141 Main St., Hyde Park, VT at 7 p.m. on August 10th.

• Pratt Hall, 2044 N. Main St., Montgomery, VT at 7 p.m. on August 18th.

• Chelsea Town Hall, 296 Rt. 110, Chelsea, VT at 7 p.m. on August 25th.

"When we started planning this project, it was pretty cool to learn that Vermont has the highest number of libraries per capita in the entire country," added Don Sinclair, the band's guitarist. "Guess we'll have to be doing this again every summer for a very long time!"

For info: David Rosane at davidrosane@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/davidrosaneandthezookeepers.



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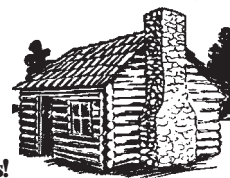
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BRATTLEBORO. Five Exhibits: "Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?", original illustrations from The New Yorker by cartoonist Roz Chast. "Handle With Care," Robert DuGrenier's sculptures crafted from blown glass and remnants of tools. "And I Hear Your Words That I Made Up," mixed media works by David Rios Ferreira. "Painting Time," an installation by Debra Ramsay. "Terrestrial Vale," silverpoint drawings by Shona MacDonald. Adults \$8, seniors \$6, students \$4, 18 and under are free. Open every day except Tuesday, 11 am - 5 pm. Brattleboro Museum and Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. brattleboromuseum.org. *Thru Sept. 24.*

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

CENTER RUTLAND. The Rutland Railroad Museum. Housed in the Rutland Depot, built in 1917. See railroad artifacts and historical exhibits including HO & N scale model railroad layouts and a children's layout. The museum is also available to educational groups and schools for tours by appointment. Open Saturdays from 11 am - 1 pm. Rutland Railway Association, 79 Depot Lane. For information call John Schaub at (802) 768-8427. info@rutlandrailroadmuseum.org. rutlandrailroadmuseum.org.

CHESTER. 103 Artisans Marketplace. 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. 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 and exhibits. Free admission, donations welcome. Open 10 am - 6 pm daily summertime. By appointment off-season. Bread and Puppet Farm, 753 Heights Rd. (802) 525-3031. www.breadandpuppet.org. *Open June 4 through November 1.*

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. Admission: adult \$7, senior \$6, child 3-17 \$3.50. Daily 10 am - 4 pm. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. birdsofvermont.org. *Through October 31.*

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

MANCHESTER. Hildene House Tours of Robert and Mary Lincoln's home. Tours daily at 2 pm with a prior reservation, not recommended for children under 10. Admission \$20 adults; children 6 to 14, \$5; under 6, free. A fee of \$7.50 for the tour is added to the general admission. No admission charged for Welcome Center and Museum Store. Open daily year round 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home, Rt. 7A, south of the village. (802) 362-1788. info@hildene.org. 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 are free. Open 10 am - 4 pm weekdays, 10 am - 5 pm weekends. Rt. 9, Hogback Mountain. (802) 464-0048. vermontmuseum.org.

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

MIDDLEBURY. Vermont Folklife Center. 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. Adults: \$7; families: \$20; students, children, seniors: \$5; children under 6: free. Open 9 am - 4 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. Pavilion Building, 109 State St. (802) 828-2291.

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

ORWELL. Exhibits: "Building Independence on Lake Champlain", illustrates the role Mount Independence played in the American Revolution. "The Faces of Mount Independence", a look at the people who served during the Revolutionary War. Adults \$5, children under 15 free. Open daily, 10 am - 5 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. historicissites.vermont.gov. *Through October 14.*

PLYMOUTH. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site Programs. "Tuesday Tales of The Notch"—join site administrator Bill Jenney for a guided tour of Calvin Coolidge's Plymouth Notch, reservations suggested, 2-3:30 pm. "Wednesday Afternoons with Farmer Fred"—Fred DePaul demonstrates a variety of historic farming activities, 1-5 pm. "Afternoons at the Old Notch School"—activities for all ages at our 1890 one-room school house, 1-3 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. william.jenney@vermont.gov. historicissites.vermont.gov. *Open through October 20.*

PROCTOR. Vermont Marble Museum. The world's largest marble exhibits. On-site sculptor and gallery. Gift shop. Admission: adults \$9, seniors \$7, children \$4, under 6 free. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. 52 Main St. (800) 427-1396. www.vermontmarblemuseum.org.

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

SAXTONS RIVER. Main Street Arts. Exhibits, concerts, lectures, workshops, and classes for adults, teens and children. Main Street Arts, 35 Main St. (802) 869-2960. www.mainstreetarts.org.

SHELBURNE. Shelburne Museum. American folk art and quilts. Over 20 gardens. Historic houses and community buildings. Adults \$25, seniors \$23, ages 13-17 \$14, children 5-12 \$12, under 5 free. 10 am - 5 pm daily. Shelburne Museum, 6000 Shelburne Rd. (802) 985-3346. shelburnemuseum.org. *Through October 31.*

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

SPRINGFIELD. Gallery at the VAULT. A Vermont State Craft Center. Tuesday - Saturday 11 am - 5 pm. Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. galleryvault.org.

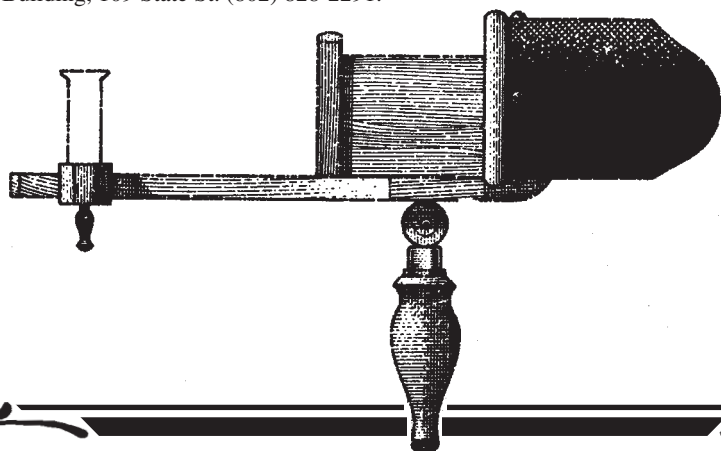
ST. JOHNSBURY. Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium. Exhibits, programs, special events, wildflower table, collections. Adults \$8, seniors and children under 17 \$6, under 5 free. Open daily 9 am - 5 pm. Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium, 1302 Main St. (802) 748-2372. www.fairbanksmuseum.org.

ST. JOHNSBURY. The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain and Dog Chapel. Free. Gallery open 7 days a week in the summer. Dog Chapel open seven days a week from dawn to dusk. Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. off Spaulding Rd. (800) 449-2580. dogmt.com.

NEWFANE. West River Railroad Museum. Old Depot and Water Tank House, built in 1880. Large collection of artifacts, documents and photographs documenting the Railroad's impact over its 50 years of operation in the West River Valley. Free admission. Sat and Sun, 12-5 pm, and by appt. The Railroad Museum, Cemetery Hill Rd. historicalsocietyofwindhamcounty.org. *Thru Oct. 8.*

WESTMINSTER. The William Czar Bradley Law office. This tiny, two-room law office remains the way William Czar Bradley left it in 1858, where he had practiced law and taught students. It is difficult to describe its contents and charm. People must see it for themselves. Admission is free. 2-4 pm. Located at 3613 US Rt. 5 in Westminster Village. *Open Sundays July 8 to September 2.*

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum. Visit the Jersey herd, draft horses, oxen, and sheep and tour the restored and furnished 1890 Farm House. 32nd Annual Quilt Exhibition, through September 16. Adults \$15, 62 & up \$14, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org. *Through October 31.*



English Nursery Rhyme

~ circa 1764 ~

They hang the man and flog the woman
That steal the goose from off the common
But let the greater villain loose
That steal the common from the goose
The law demands that we atone
When we take things we do not own
But leaves the lords and ladies fine
Who take things that are yours and mine



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Americana Duo Gillian Welch and David Rawlings Make Their Hopkins Center Debut in a July 20 Concert

Gillian Welch, a pillar of the modern acoustic music world, makes her Hopkins Center for the Arts debut on Friday, July 20, 8 pm, in Spaulding Auditorium in Hanover, NH. Welch performs with singer-guitarist David Rawlings, her partner in music and life.

Welch first appeared on the folk scene two decades ago as a young singer-songwriter with a knack for conjuring the sound and imagery of a timeless, hardscrabble America. She and Rawlings helped revive interest in southern Appalachian music and have inspired legions of fellow musicians with a sparse, haunting musical style “at once innovative and obliquely reminiscent of past rural forms” (*The New Yorker*).

In five acclaimed albums under her own name, as well as numerous others under Rawlings’s name, Welch and Rawlings have continued to hone their “sibling” harmonies and new-but-old-sounding songwriting style. They made contributions to the Grammy-winning soundtrack of *O Brother Where Art Thou?* and the upcoming Ken Burns series on Country Music. Welch’s music has been covered by artists including Emmylou Harris, Ann Wilson, Patty Griffin, Linda Ronstadt, Joan Baez, Bright Eyes, Ani DiFranco and The De-

cepcionistas. Her Grammy-nominated 2011 album, *The Harrow & The Harvest*, was recently released on vinyl via Welch’s own Acony Records, and 2003’s *Soul Journey* follows suit this summer.

Born in Manhattan and raised in Los Angeles, she heard and sang folk music as a child, but in college—after playing in a goth band and surf band—clicked with bluegrass and what now is called “Americana” brother, in particular the well-tooled songs and close harmonies of the Stanley Brothers, the Delmore Brothers, and the Carter Family.

After two years at Berklee College of Music in Boston, where she met Rawlings, Welch moved to Nashville, where she and Rawlings formed a duo.

Her debut album *Revival*, produced by T Bone Burnett, included songs that “sounded as if they might have been written a hundred years earlier,” wrote *The New Yorker* in a 2016 retrospective. In the years since, she and Rawlings have maintained their spare sound.

Spaulding Auditorium in Hopkins Center for the Arts is located at 4 E. Wheelock St., Hanover, NH.

Tickets are \$35/\$25, 18 & under \$20. For more information and tickets go to hop.dartmouth.edu or call (603) 646-2422.



David Rawlings and Gillian Welch will be performing at the Hopkins Center in Hanover, NH on July 20.

Signs of a Prosperous Farmer

The Farm and Household Cyclopaedia, 1885

When lights are seen burning in his house before the break of day, in winter especially, it shows that the day will never break on the breaking in of the winter of adversity.

When you see him drive his work instead of his work driving him, it shows that he will never be driven from good resolutions, and that he will certainly work his way to prosperity.

When he has a house separate from the main building purposely for ashes, and an iron or tin vessel to transport them, it shows that he never built his dwelling for a funeral pyre for his family, and perhaps himself.

When his hog-pen is boarded outside and in, it shows that he is “going the whole hog or none,” in keeping plenty inside his house and poverty out.

When his sled is safely housed in summer, and his farming implements covered both winter and summer, it plainly

shows that he will have a good house over his head in the summer of early life and the winter of old age.

When his cattle are properly shielded and fed in winter it evinces that he is acting according to Scripture, which says that “a merciful man is merciful to his beast.”

When he is seen subscribing for a newspaper and paying for it in advance, it shows that he is speaking like a book respecting the latest movements in agriculture, and that he will never get his walking papers to the land of poverty.

The Best Beloved

My first-born child has tidy thoughts
That wind like snow-white skeins,
My second child is a stalwart boy
And the honest sun is in his veins,
My third was born a child of light
She prays to the good saints half the night—
But what shall I say of my youngest child,
Feckless and wanton and strangely wild?

When passionate wind steals past the door
I fear not for my three,
They hover close to the flaming log
And I hear them speak contentedly,
But somewhere far from peacefulness
Down twisting paths I cannot guess
I know there runs my youngest child,
Feckless and wanton and strangely wild.

My first-born child will tend me
When my years are halt with cares,
My honest son will clothe me
And my third will pray her prayers—
But she who is feckless and wild and young
Will be singing songs I have never sung
And giving her body to the wind...
And sinning as I have never sinned.

—LOIS SEYSTER MONTROSS
1927, Woodstock, VT



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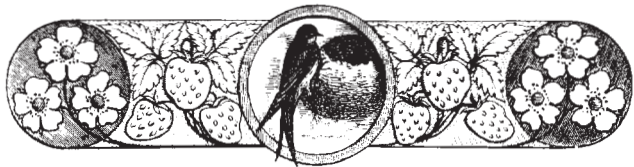
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Strawberry Fields Forever

by Elisabeth Doren O’Kane

The last time I drove by that old farm in Northern New York where I grew up, I noted many changes—a swimming pool in the front yard, a new very fancy porch, and a wide driveway with several power-driven vehicles in it, leading out to the barn three times the size it used to be.

But my mind’s eyes are blind to the things as they are today, and still see the old porch with its wildflower garden. Yes, and even the orchard reaching far up to the old family cemetery where our great grandparents were buried, their son who died at nineteen, and another son who died at the age of ten, the one my father spoke of fondly as Johnnie. That little cemetery looms large in my mind’s eye, but something else seems larger—that chord struck down through the ages in my own family’s philosophy.

When I was a child life was simpler. If you needed money, you earned it. No allowance, no handouts, but plenty of jobs. Some were routine, like doing dishes, making your bed, cleaning your room, feeding the chickens, gathering the eggs, pulling weeds in the garden, and a dozen others that

“Imagine! A team of ponies drives up to your door with a load of fresh strawberries.”

you were given by virtue of being a member of the family.

But in addition to these routine chores there were special nuggets of opportunity, where you worked for real money, and seemingly the sky was the limit of what you might make.

Back in those days a junk man came around every few months and paid real money for rusty nails and scrap metal of all sorts. Getting rid of rusty nails was a worthy end on a farm powered by horses. I watched the procedure of taking care of a horse’s foot injured by stepping on a nail, in the days before penicillin. My father made a solution of disinfectants and treated the foot twice a day for weeks, or so it seemed to me. He picked up the horse’s foot, turned it bottom side up, cleaned it and bathed it with the pink strong-smelling disinfectant.

It worked, and the horse was soon back in harness, and we were paid a penny a pound by the junk man for all the rusty nails we collected around the farm. Some years later we heard that the junk man’s son had gone to law school. Our rusty nails traveled far!

Other jobs worth real money included pulling daisies—lovely to look at, but a bane to the farmer intent on raising hay. These we collected in a gunny sack and sold to our father for a penny a pound. Shame on the greedy child who neglected to shake out the heavy clods of earth that clung to the roots!



Summer fun! The Doren girls, from left: Harriet, Jean, Elisabeth, Catherine, and Lois with two of their beloved Shetland ponies on a teeter-totter circa 1914.

Onetime I planted sweet corn, several long rows of it. I weeded and hoed it until finally the harvest was ready. It was no chore to pick the plump full ears, and no problem to sell them to a hotel in town. I happily drove a horse and buggy the ten miles to market. At ten cents a dozen I made a real killing on that venture, and my father never charged me anything for the use of the land, or the manure I carefully shoveled out to fertilize it. If you think ten cents a dozen low for sweet corn, consider the difference in the price of maple syrup. High class first run was two dollars a gallon back then. Now you can find it for as much as \$65 a gallon, and it seems thinner than it used to be.

But the real killing we made in the market was when our folks “went into strawberries,” acres of them, it seemed to me. Picking strawberries falls into the category of “stoop labor,” but small children don’t have to stoop far to gather in the luscious fruit, and if now and then one pops into a hungry mouth the labor doesn’t seem so bad. It should be easy to pick a crateful or two in the early hours before the sun becomes too hot.

Around this time our enterprising mother had persuaded

our equally enterprising father to let her acquire a little herd of Shetland ponies. She had located them in Canada. There was a stallion and two mares and three colts, the prettiest little ponies you ever saw. The stallion and two mares had originally come from the Shetland Islands and they whinnied with a real burr. Along with the ponies was a neat little carriage and two full sets of harness. This was just the outfit for peddling berries.

Imagine! A team of ponies drives up to your door with a load of fresh picked strawberries. It didn’t take long for us to unload the day’s picking at ten cents a quart!

Strawberry season was a busy time for us—picking, peddling, canning, shortcake making. In fact the whole farm kept us all deeply occupied in those early growing-up years, now so long ago and far away.

Elisabeth Doren O’Kane (1904–1998) wrote when she was in her eighties about her north country childhood of over 100 years ago.



Bertha Holmes Doren circa 1912 with Billy, the family’s pony stallion who came via Canada from the Shetland Islands.

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Montpelier, VT

It's Worth the Ride To the Wayside

by Charles Sutton

In 1918, the Allies declared victory in World War I, Babe Ruth pitched 29 1/3 scoreless innings for the Red Sox in the World Series, Woodrow Wilson was President, color movies were invented, and Effie Ballou opened the Wayside on the Barre-Montpelier Road.

Originally just a roadside eatery, the Wayside Restaurant on the Barre-Montpelier Rd. in Montpelier, VT has withstood the test of time and is ready to celebrate its 100th Anniversary this year! In an industry where 70 percent of all restaurants fail after 10 years, the Wayside has defied the odds.

To commemorate this remarkable achievement, the Wayside has produced a book, *It's Worth the Ride to the Wayside—Celebrating 100 Years with Anniversary Ale, Yankee Cooking, and Ice Cream* (\$14.95. www.swpublishinggroup.com) about its history, with many anecdotes, old photographs, in-house recipes and testimonials from many customers.

Throughout this anniversary year the Wayside Restaurant will offer meal and dessert specials, and on July 29—the actual month the Wayside opened 100 years ago—there will be a customer appreciation party from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. As part of the party the Wayside Creamery will host a free ice cream social and at sundown all guests will be treated to a special fireworks display.

Going all the way back to 1918

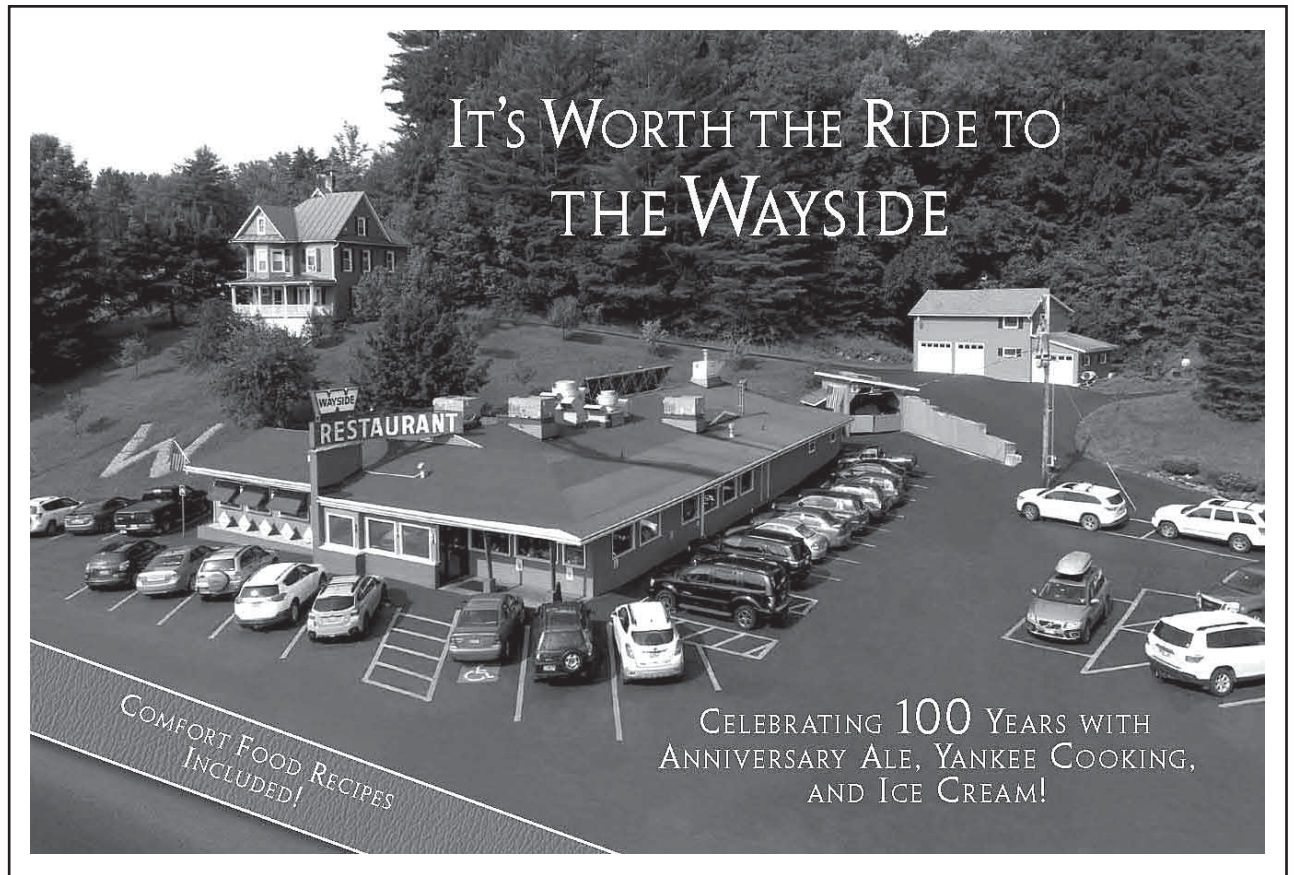
We learn the original Wayside started on the site where the present restaurant is today as a small lunchtime establishment looking like a tiny diner. The entrepreneur was Ellie Ballou (pictured in the book with her family) who lived uphill where she also took in lodgers for extra income.

An early restaurant menu is reproduced dated June, 1939, where this Sunday dinner could be had for only 75 cents!: Grapefruit Cocktail or Chicken soup, Roast Native Chicken with Dressing, Fresh Vegetable Salad, String Beans, and Mashed Potatoes. And for dessert: Apple Pie, Strawberry Pie, Butterscotch Pie, Strawberry Shortcake, Jello, Ice Cream, and Tea, Coffee, or Milk. During the 1940s fried clams were also offered for only \$1 and fried oysters for an amazing low price of \$1.25, and oyster stew for \$75.

The next owners were Joseph and Amy Fish who took over in 1945 and ran the restaurant for the next nine years, then selling the business to their son George, who with his wife, Vivian, ran the Wayside until 1966.

A family operation

The third and current family to operate the Wayside united two generations of the Galfetti family. Collectively, Eugene and Harrie Galfetti and Brian and Karen Galfetti Zecchinelli. The senior Galfettis had been part owners of the popular Twin's A&W snack bar about a mile up the road to Montpelier. Over the course of about 30 years Eugene completed seven additions and countless renovations to the Wayside without ever closing down. We learn he didn't want loyal



customers getting used to drinking their coffee elsewhere. Eugene and Harriet's daughter Karen and son-in-law Brian run the business today.

What's the secret?

There are over one million restaurants in the United States today, but less than one percent have reached the 100-year mark. How did the Wayside do it?

Anyone who has eaten there frequently will put at the top of the list its friendly atmosphere, good home-cooking, and reasonable prices. The restaurant, long before the farm-to-table movement, also features local produce and products. Among seasonal favorites are its deep-fried perch brought in by a half a dozen local ice fishermen every winter; fiddleheads in 100-pound batches each spring by a local forager; farm fresh summer corn (three dozen a day) from Ellie's in Northfield; and lots of winter squash in the fall (4,000 to 5,000 pounds which are harvested locally).

As a continuing effort to promote Vermont, owner-manager Brian said the restaurant, except for Scotch whiskey, now has all of its liquors and other spirits Vermont-made.

The Wayside has, over the years, continually strived to improve its food and service. An in-house bakery was installed where customers enjoy everything baked from scratch except for hot dog buns, English muffins, bagels, and gluten-free bread. The bakery has been famous for years for its Parker House rolls. The Wayside also set up its own Creamery where home-made ice cream of many flavors are produced.

To many 'regulars' at the Wayside the main reason for its longevity are its popular fairly-priced daily specials: Monday—Roast Beef; Tuesday—Baked Ham; Wednesday—Chicken Pie; Thursday—Roast Pork; Friday—Baked Haddock; Saturday—Pot Roast; and Sunday—Roast Turkey. The dinner specials include potato, vegetable, and rolls with butter.

1918 price for the Red Sox win!

Among historical anecdotes about the restaurant we learn that the Wayside for years displayed a 9 by 9 foot banner at the local Mountaineers baseball field that read: "The Wayside Restaurant & Bakery established 1918, The Last Year The Red Sox Won The World Series!" Wayside let it be known that if the Red Sox ever won the series again the restaurant would roll back prices to year 1918 to honor such a win. The Red Sox continued to lose the series in 1946, 1967, 1975 and 1986, but finally won in 2004! Some 3,000 customers turned up for the 1918 prices celebration at the Wayside. Among

the prices rolled back on a dine-in menu items were Cup of Fresh Brewed Coffee, 5 Cents; Homemade Breakfast Donut 5 Cents; Cup of Homemade Soup 10 Cents; Grilled Hot Dog on a Bun 10 Cents; Vanilla Ice Cream Cone 10 Cents; and A Small Fountain Beverage 5 Cents. Brian said the most anyone spent came to 35 cents!

The Wayside shares its recipes

Those who wish they could home-cook some of the delicious dishes they were served at the Wayside are treated to 18 tempting recipes in this commemorative 100th Anniversary book. Dishes particularly unique to the Wayside include Charlotte's Chicken (breasts baked with sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing and slices of Swiss cheese); Squash Bisque (mashed winter squash seasoned with brown sugar, butter, salt and pepper); Cranberry Ham Loaf (made with chopped ham, mild pork sausage, diced onions and green ball peppers, milk, eggs, and bread crumbs, and covered with a cranberry glaze).

Other favorites include Ginger "No-Snap" Holiday Cookies; Microbrew Cheddar Soup; Moxie Chili; and Super Bowl Bratwurst.

The Wayside has been recognized by the State of Vermont as Montpelier's first Green restaurant for being a leader in the areas of waste reduction, energy and water conservation, pollution prevention and transportation efficiencies. The restaurant, as an example, diverts 130,000 pounds of food scrap-waste annually into a local landfill where it is converted into compost.

This interesting book about the restaurant's first 100 years is available at the Wayside for a special discounted price (while they last) for \$10.00. Something to read while enjoying a hearty meal!

The Wayside Restaurant, Bakery, and Creamery is located at 1873 U.S. Rt. 302, Montpelier, VT. (802) 223-6611. www.waysiderestaurant.com.


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Always Up For a Challenge

by Burr Morse

Lately we've been getting a few of those "glad to be alive" days here at Morse Farm. Being farmers, we have a special edge on the "glad" part, especially this time of year. Whether a walk in the woods for a close up view or a sit-down on the porch for the panorama, the verdant splendor of our Vermont world is astounding this time of year.

Yesterday Betsy and I went over to the East Montpelier Town Office to pay our property taxes, dues for the view so to speak—not cheap but there again, quality always does have a price. When we left, we turned right for the scenic route home through East Montpelier farm country. We traveled at a very slow pace on the gravel roads still bumpy from mud season. When we finally broke from a wooded glen into rolling green farm land, a story of two farmers from that area's past came to mind.

The very farm we were passing by was the Ella McKnight place when I was young. Her place was largely worked by her hired man John Farmer. Just up the hill from that farm stands the Lyle Young place. Lyle Young's panoramic view

"The Lyle Young Farm, now Fairmont Farm, has become one of the largest dairies in Vermont."

of mountains to the east opened with a "spotlight" view of the McKnight farm in the valley below.

Back in the day, Lyle Young and John Farmer had a competition goin' on livelier'n a bull in a heifer field. It seems neither one could stand getting up in the morning and seeing the other one's barn lit up. The one who lost the "earliest in the barn" contest would simply rise earlier the following morning, and so on. As they approached the ends of their lives, according to Lyle Young's nephew Austin Cleaves, it got rather interesting—both farmers walked around red-eyed from a serious lack of sleep!

Austin also said the competition went beyond morning chore time to other things; numbers of loads of hay coming in, numbers of loads of manure going out, whose barn had the

On Leaving an Old House

I leave this house today. But where's the place
Will greet me with a kindlier embrace?
For I have come to love it, like the looks
Of plain, dear folk. The shelves of well-known books,
The work-worn desk that always seemed to call;
The dimming family portraits on the wall,
The windows looking out on lawn and trees,
On summer skies and winter's treacheries.

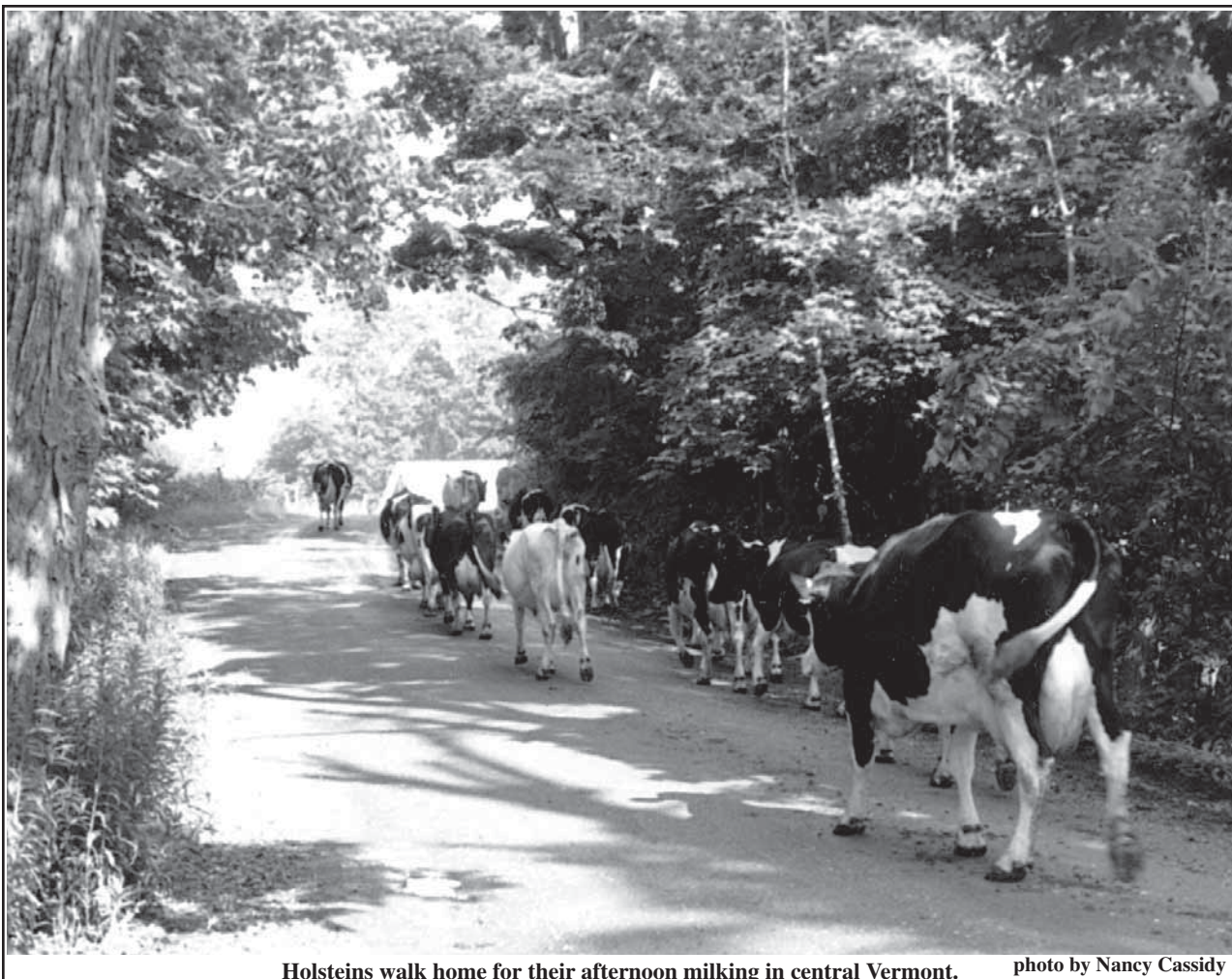
This hearth where many blissful hours were spent
In talk and laughter, with the log-fire blent.
Oh happy place, serene and hallowed home,
Worth more to me than Greece or Caesar's Rome.

Here have I strived and labored year on year,
Have prayed and given up to many a tear.
These rooms have secrets only God shall know,
Though none were black, and some were white as snow,
The time has come to say goodbye and go.

Loved ones are dead or scattered, far away;
Alone, I leave, with memories sad and gay,
Knowing that I shall never find a spot
That knows me as I am and as I'm not.

This home is just as much a part of me
As salt and waves and foam are of the sea.
Living or dying, my thoughts will still revolve
Around these rooms, till life itself dissolve.

—LEONORA CLAWSON STRYKER
St. Cloud, MN, 1935



Holsteins walk home for their afternoon milking in central Vermont. photo by Nancy Cassidy

freshest coat of paint! Mrs. McKnight even got into the act with her clothesline: nobody was to have a fresher, crisper, better smelling clothesline full o' cloths than Ella McKnight!

Both farms, by the way, are still being actively farmed which, in these hard times for dairy farmers is a refreshing anomaly. In order to survive, they have had to change and adapt: the Lyle Young Farm, now Fairmont Farm, has become one of the largest dairies in Vermont with huge equipment to work huge acreage. Seth Gardiner who now owns the McKnight place, has survived by becoming organic and diversified. And, I might add, both farms are a boon to us all by the service and beauty they provide.

Yup, I wouldn't trade living on a Vermont farm for any other place in the world especially this time of year. Our world is waking up with a crispness all its own and green rules the day. Although dairy farmers are having particularly "hard sleddin'" right now, they're a hardy bunch; they'll sort it out and compete again. I just went out on that same porch with a panoramic view to sniff the crisp air, enjoy our vista, and best of all, feel glad to be alive.

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North Country Book News

Children's Book Reviews by Charles Sutton

Summertime Tales About the World of Bugs

Just recently we read in the NY Times about a study of the intelligence of bees and their understanding of the idea of zero, an idea understood by non-humans, only in primates and one bird, the famed African grey parrot Alex.

While insects are with us year round, they proliferate in the summertime, and not all are mosquitos and ticks, the ones we hear the most about. Insects are our constant companions, and good that they are, for we would not have life as we know it without them.

You can have a lot of fun learning about insects and the good that many of them do. In *We're Going on a Bear Hunt—Let's Discover Bugs* (\$9.99. Candlewick Entertainment. www.candlewick.com) many bugs are investigated living in different habitats. Starting at home where we can find ants, spiders and houseflies while in the fields outside we can search for caterpillars, butterflies, moths and grasshoppers. Venturing next into the woods we'll find creepy-crawlies like beetles, slugs, snails, stick insects, worms and crickets. Then onto riverbanks for mayflies, water penny beetles and water striders. The round-up also includes 'flying high' insects like bumblebees and dragonflies. The anatomy of each bug is illustrated along with interesting facts like how crickets chirp by rubbing their wings together and dragonflies are among the fastest flying insects in the world.

When you get hungry from all this bug study, learn to make a tasty treat called "ants on a log" out of a stalk of celery filled with nut or seed butter and dotted with raisins. Another activity is making a windowsill herb garden to attract ladybugs known for eating pests that harm plants. Just for fun, the book has a two-page bonus of colored bug stickers.

The book is based on animations from Bear Hunt Films and produced in consultation with author Michael Rosen and illustrator Helen Oxenbury from the original award-winning book, *Going on a Bear Hunt*.

Quite unexpectedly outdoors one day you might see what looks like a stick on the move. How's that? You can find out in *Good Trick Walking Stick* by Sheri Mabry Bestor and illustrated by Jonny Lambert (\$16.99. *Sleeping Bear Press*. www.sleepingbear.com). This is a fascinating story about what walking sticks are all about. Having the title 'trick' fits them perfectly as they can change color with light or temperature or to match bark, can fall to the ground and play dead, or can squirt out a bad-smelling juice to discourage predators. And they can grow back a lost appendage or leg.

We learn that baby walking sticks called nymphs immediately start eating leaves for food. One species of walking stick can stretch out to 21 inches, making it the longest insect in the world. You will enjoy the many illustrations of 'sticks' walking through the pages of this book showing us their tricks.

If you have ever been fascinated by what spiders collect in their webs, you will enjoy the tale of *The Weaver* by Qian Shi (\$17.99. *Anderson Press USA*. www.andersonpress.com). Chinese artist Shi tells and illustrates the story of a black spider she calls Stanley who is a weaver and also a collector of seeds, twigs, leaves and all kinds of precious things that

he cannot name. There is a beautiful drawing of his collection—none of the objects seem worried about being in a web. Then one day the rain and winds come and the nest and its collection are destroyed. Stanley may have lost everything but he weaves a new web overnight which the wind happily and gently carries, with Stanley hanging on, to a new home. We can be sure his collecting will begin again.

The young who thrive on picture books and savvy older children will all be enchanted by the comic series known as 'Giggle and Learn.' Be amused with *Snails—Are Just My Speed!* by Kevin McCloskey (\$12.95. *Toon Books*. www.toonbooks.com). Even the children pictured in the book are

freaked out by the amount of mucus snails produce which they use to move along on, repair their broken shells with, and help them to climb. We learn that salamanders, hedgehogs, toads, frogs, big blue herons (and even people) eat snails, so they must hide in their shells as best they can. The author knows his snails, but he has never eaten one, the French delicacy called escargot.

Of all the insects we experience, ants seem to be everywhere despite our best efforts to encourage them to look for food elsewhere than our kitchens. For an informative look at the lives ants live and why they

are so tenacious (with lots of amusing drawings) enjoy *Just Like Us Ants* by Bridget Heos and illustrated by David Clark (\$14.99. *Houghton Mifflin Harcourt*. www.hmhc.com). Readers are introduced to weaver ants, leafeater ants, army ants, fire ants, and bigheaded ants, as well as hazmat worker ants who carry out hazardous wastes. Weaver ants have their jobs as dairy farmers who raise and 'milk' mealy bugs for baby food. They also sew leaves together to make leaf houses and build bridges of chains held together by each other! You will gain new respect for ants and how they all work together...without being told!

Children's Book Review by Charles Sutton

With Gratitude to The Joys of Childhood

Give a brother and sister a gift of five cherries each from father's cherry tree and see what kind of fun and games (or mischief) they can devise, how their needs and differences play out. After their adventures are over you may wonder what you would have done, too.

In this magical book about childhood entitled *5 Cherries* by Vittoria Facchini and translated from the Italian by Anna Celada (\$18.95. *Enchanted Lion Books*. www.enchantedlionbooks.com) the two children—boy and girl—look so much alike they wear a blue headband and red bow and his and her shoes to help tell them apart. Both fill up large pages of the book in spectacular color illustrations where each is shown coolly trying to outdo the other playing with the tempting five red cherries. We see the early stages of manhood—his cherries become

instruments of war, have a monetary value or are never enough. Her cherries are made into pies and food and soups for hungry creatures or used to plant a garden.

But still there is a gentleness that flows through the narrative with both children being thoughtful, sharing and kind. It may be the boy or girl (we can't tell) but the cherryholder says "I'm going to throw mine way up high, so Dad can see them and touch them and eat them, too." The other replies: "But that's too high. You can't do it." and the other child replies "Yes. I can, just watch me."

The author and illustrator is from the south of Italy. She has created many books but this is her first to be published in the United States. She dedicates her book "To my dad who has been up in the sky for a long, long time. To all the dads in the sky, seas, and cherry trees."



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Writers at Back Roads Readings

Jody Gladding—Gladding's *Translations from Bark Beetle* was published by Milkweed Editions in 2014, and *the spiders...my arms* (Ahsahta Press) came out this April. She has translated 30 books from the French. Among her awards are MacDowell and Stegner Fellowships. She directs the Writing Program at the Vermont Studio Center and lives in East Calais, VT.

Sharon Olds—Olds is the author of ten collections of poetry, most recently *Odes* (Knopf, 2016). Her 2012 collection, *Stag's Leap*, won the Pulitzer Prize and England's T.S. Eliot Prize, and her 1983 work, *The Dead and the Living*, won the National Book Critics Circle Award. She served as the New York State Poet from 1998 to 2000. Olds teaches in the graduate program at NYU. She lives in New York City.

Geof Hewitt—Hewitt has published three books for teachers and four poetry collections. Retired from the Vermont Agency of Education where he served as Writing Consultant, he often visits schools to conduct writing and public speaking workshops. Hewitt lives in Calais, VT.

Reuben Jackson—Jackson was the host of VPR's Friday Night Jazz from 2012 to 2018, and for twenty years before, he was curator of the Duke Ellington Collection at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. His music reviews have appeared in *The Washington Post*, *Jazz Times*, and *NPR's All Things Considered*. Jackson's poetry has appeared in over 30 anthologies. He recently returned to his home in Washington, DC.

Wyn Cooper—Cooper's fifth book of poetry, *Mars Poetica* (White Pine Press) was published in May. His poems, stories, essays and reviews have appeared in more than 100 magazines and 25 anthologies. In 1993, "Fun," a poem from his first book, was turned into Sheryl Crow's Grammy-winning song "All I Wanna Do." Cooper has taught at the University of Utah, Bennington College, Marlboro College, the University of Massachusetts/Amherst, and at the Frost Place. He lives in Massachusetts and Brattleboro, VT.

Michael Collier—The author of seven collections of poetry, Collier's works have been finalists for the Poet's Prize, the National Book Critics Circle Award, and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize. His latest collection, *My Bishop and Other Poems* (University of Chicago Press) will be published this August. Collier served as the State Poet of Maryland from 2001-2004. He is the Director of the Creative Writing Program at the University of Maryland and was the director of the Middlebury College Bread Loaf Writers Conference until 2017. Collier lives in Maryland and Middlebury, VT.

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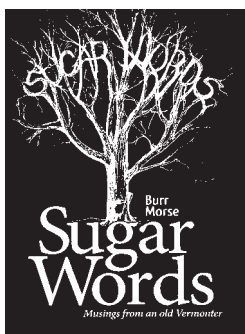
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The Fruit Forager's Companion

Ferments, Desserts, Main Dishes and More from Your Neighborhood and Beyond

by Sara Bir

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Anyone spending time outdoors is bound to find tempting edibles growing here, there, and even in odd places. Long-time forager Sara Bir, who is also a chef and food writer, has put together this fascinating book about foraging for over 40 fruits and berries and preparing them (what's not eaten on the spot) with some 100 recipes.

What makes this book especially readable is Sara's writing—often witty, humorous, and always informative. Consider: "Foraging is, to me, a daily, small act of civil disobedience. Simply looking for wild stuff to eat is a way of flipping the bird to our industrialized food system. It is a way of asserting our intellectual curiosity and reclaiming our natural role as humans on this planet, something we have allowed our modern lifestyle to strip us from. Foraging restores the balance a bit. Even if it's just a handful of blackberries or a few fallen apples from a neighbor's tree—these things still count."

Sara tells us her foraging was sporadic when she lived in California and Oregon, but it became the full-time passion it is today when she returned to her hometown of Marietta, Ohio. There she ventures out everyday and heads into nearby trails. "Every year I see or hear about new things, and my repertoire expands: crab apples, mulberries, sumac, autumn olives, spicebush. Off the trails I see what's growing on trees in yards and gather stray apples and persimmons off the sidewalks. I learn about fruits that don't grow here, and I try to look for them if I happen to be elsewhere."

Among much advice about foraging (equipment like containers, protective clothing, etc.) she says don't be too shy. "In all my years of knocking on doors to ask if it's okay to gather fruit, no one has ever said no," she recalls.

Foraging discoveries

Sara discovered her foraged fruit of choice one day when she was walking on a trail in the woods and came upon a paw-paw laying "splayed open smack in the middle of the path in front of me, displaying its saffron-colored guts." She went back and looked for more and she writes, "they smelled and tasted like nothing I'd ever encountered in Ohio, though they had been growing there for millennia. I fell for their amazingly tropic flavor and intensely perfumed flesh. I started hauling them home and have been at it ever since."

It's not surprising then that Sara writes at length about paw-paws (also called Hoosier or Indiana banana, false banana and hillbilly banana) which she learned is the largest fruit native to North America. And she gives advice on their foraging, harvesting, storage and culinary possibilities which include Paw-Paw Ha-Ha Habanero Hot Sauce.

She writes about other exotic fruits including pomegranates, persimmons, passion fruit, loquats (a Japanese and Chinese plum), prickly pear (both a cacti fruit and vegetable), and papayas. More common fruits of southern and tropical climates: lemons, limes, oranges are also discussed. She comments, "foraged lemons are fantastic, because (assuming they are free of pesticides), you can use the peels and zest without fear."

With each fruit Sara rewards us with interesting historical background and anecdotes. In her chapter about lemons we learn about the extra tasty but expensive Meyer lemons. (You've likely seen bags of them in supermarkets). They were discovered and imported from Asia in the early 1900s by Frank Meyer, a U.S. Dept. of Agriculture employee, an

emigre from the Netherlands, nee Frans Nicholas Meijer, who introduced more than 2,500 plants to the United States in addition to the Meyer lemon.

New England foraging treasures

Of particular interest to us in New England are the fruits and berries worth foraging and that are within our reach in the countryside, wayside, woodland, and abandoned orchards.

Wild berries we should be on the lookout for are blackberries, blueberries, elderberries, raspberries and strawberries.

Any of us who have lucked out finding wild strawberries will agree with Sara that although much smaller in size, "anyone who has come across wild strawberries instantly falls into a carefree reverie, very much as a teenager making out in a car." For a recipe she offers Light and Fluffy Old Fashioned Berry Shortcakes.

And for wild blueberries she writes: "Oh, to have access to fields of wild blueberries! They are a godsend when you encounter them on a mountain hike. No take-along snacks could ever compare. They transform the pace of the proceedings from purposeful trekking to free-form grazing." For recipes she gives us Roast Maple Blueberries and Pickled Blueberries. (Check out the Green Mountain National Forest Blueberry Management Area).

The less common edibles

On your outings through the woods (or elsewhere, too) there's a good chance of coming upon a variety of berries on bushes or trees. Are these edible? Sara introduces the reader to many of these less familiar berries: chokeberries, hackberries, mulberries, serviceberries, thimbleberries, and more.

Here's her introduction to hackberries: "Various species of hackberry trees grow all over the place in diverse contexts: wild backcountry, manicured city parks, the narrow strip of soil between sidewalks and buildings. They're easy to identify, plentiful, and often easy to access. But don't pop their pea-sized fruits into your mouth too casually, or you'll crack a molar. Hackberries are almost all seed, and those buggers are very hard." Her recipes for them is a tasty Hackberry Milk.

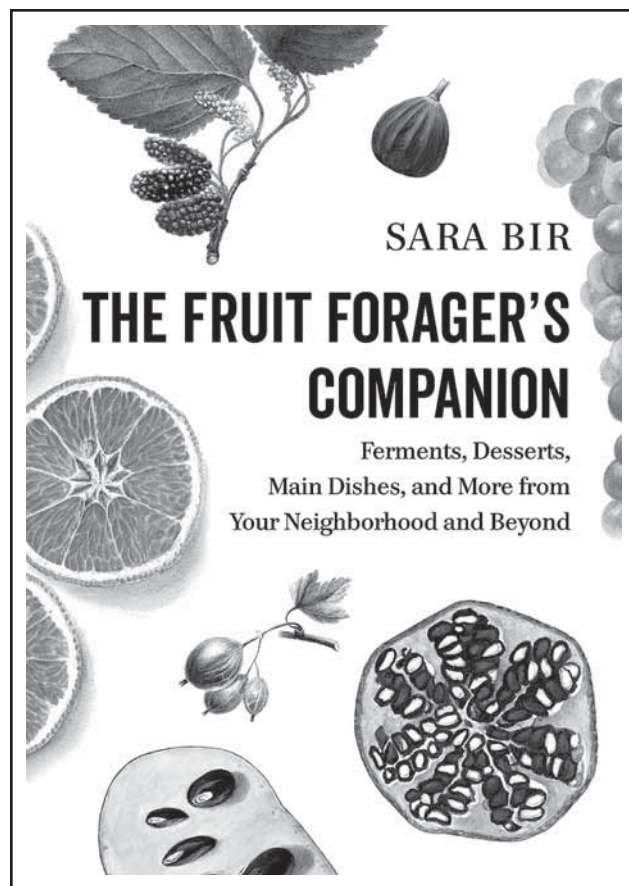
Among fruits that we in the north country can surely forage for are apples, crab apples, pears and cherries, plums, and grapes. She has some intriguing recipes for you who forage grapes: Chicken Braised with Wild Grapes, Mustard and Garlic; Concord Grape Pie and Scuppernong Sorbet (made from scuppernong or muscadine grapes).

Look but don't necessarily eat

This book has many extras for the reader. For example, Sara has included a number of essays, several on plants that you "can look, but don't eat." These include Virginia Creeper, Poison Ivy, Poison Oak, Poison Sumac. There are Sumacs, however, that are edible and used with Middle Eastern foods and she gives us a recipe for Zaatar which is a blend of scarlet sumac, sesame seeds and other spices, which she says she uses a lot, sprinkled on fried eggs, or on yogurt, and on hummus. Another ethnic recipe using lots of foraged berries is Kompot, an Eastern European fruit punch called the Kool-Aid of Russia. It is made with a boiled combination of gooseberries, strawberries, raspberries, currants, pears and apples in water and sugar.

Readers will appreciate Sara's sense of humor in her essay

Book Review by Charles Sutton



on "The Best Places for Fruit Can Be the Worst Places for You". She describes a time she and her family were managing a McDonald's meal outside on a picnic table when suddenly she sees, growing nearby, "red raspberries and multiflora rose, staghorn sumac and black walnuts." What better reminder of why one's a forager!

A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, Sara Bir's writings have been featured in *Saveur*, *Edible Ohio Valley*, *Best Food Writing 2014*, and in *Full Grown People* anthologies. She has appeared on the websites *Serious Eats*, *Lucky Peach*, and *Paste*.



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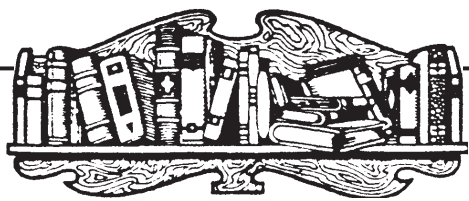
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North Country Reflections

Two Gardens A Century Apart

by Judith Irven

Strolling around a lovely garden is the perfect way to spend a leisurely afternoon in high summer. And here in Vermont, with numerous marvelous gardens open to the public, we have plenty of choices. For instance Manchester alone is home to TWO great gardens situated just four miles apart.

And furthermore, since these two gardens were created exactly one hundred years apart, we can experience first-hand how garden fashions have evolved over the past century.

The first, created in 1907, graces the splendid manor house of Hildene, which was the private summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln (son of President Lincoln) and his wife Mary.

Now Hildene is visited by thousands of people every year, many coming specifically to enjoy the huge formal garden, laid out with geometric precision that emulates the grand gardens of old Europe.

Then, for a complete contrast, look for the lovely contemporary garden that is tucked away behind the expansive Northshire bookstore. This quintessential 21st century garden, complete with flowing lines, artistic stonework and an eclectic mix of flowers and shrubs, was created by local landscape designer Carrie Chalmers and her stonemason brother Cameron.

It is close to the new roundabout that replaced the infamous 'malfunction junction'. But, despite its central location, this lovely garden is sometimes overlooked by Manchester's visitors.

So, next time you are in Manchester, after browsing Northshire's extensive book stacks and perhaps finding that perfect book, be sure to leave through the rear door and pay a visit to their delightful 'back garden'.

The gardens of Hildene

Visiting Hildene is to take a trip back in time. After entering the main gates and strolling up the carriage road flanked by tall trees you come to the large circular driveway and the imposing mansion set on a high promontory—you have clearly 'arrived'.

Continue on around behind the mansion to the long rear terrace, and you will be facing Hoyt garden, an amazing creation that is the ultimate in formality.



The gardens abound at Hildene, the Lincoln family summer home in Manchester, VT. photo by Dick Conrad

The Lincoln's daughter, Jesse, designed this garden as a birthday gift for her mother, Mary. Using the entire sweeping flat space behind the house, she styled the garden after a French parterre to resemble a stained-glass cathedral window. As she looked down from her bedroom in the center of the house, Mary could absorb the total panorama in a single glance.

And, even when viewed from the ground-level terrace, you will be immediately aware of the pivotal central axis, running southwest and flanked by four symmetrical quadrants each containing a small central lawn. Within each quadrant the individual beds have complex outlines, all delineated by low clipped privet hedges.

The long axis terminates in a semi-circular rose garden backed by an imposing pergola and a grand view back to the house.

The Hoyt garden is justly famous for its peony collection, where recently over 1000 different types of peonies have been carefully documented and catalogued against century-old records.

But summer does not end when the peonies stop blooming. The beds also contain plenty of later blooming perennials, including lilies, daylilies, salvia, Culver's root, cimicifuga,

and Shasta daisies, with a different color theme assigned to each of the four quadrants.

The large estate offers plenty of other attractions for the garden-minded visitor, starting with the 'not to be missed' containers of tender plants set in the shady porches around the house. Their big leaves and exotic color schemes certainly made this gardener envious.

The vegetable garden, situated in an out-of-the-way corner down the hill, looked extremely productive. But the practical side of me noted its long distance from the main house, clearly not very convenient for popping out to get for a lettuce for lunch. In fact, everything about Hildene reminds us that the entire estate required a commensurately large staff just to support the daily life of the family.

The Garden at Northshire

After visiting Hildene, the Northshire garden behind the bookstore, installed a little over ten years ago, will come as a complete contrast.

Although it is sandwiched next to a busy parking lot, this is a surprisingly intimate garden, where people can stroll around, perhaps stopping awhile to read or chat. And of course the upkeep, though not zero, is orders of magnitude less than that needed at Hildene.

The space incorporates two levels—a narrow upper level and a more expansive lower level—separated by a meandering stone retaining wall and connecting steps. Be sure to cast your eyes upwards to admire the interesting mix of overhanging shrubs along the upper level, creating a tableau of texture and color all season long.

In this garden, the first thing you notice is the absence of lawn. Instead the walking spaces (or negative space) throughout the lower level are created with finely crushed bluestone.

The second thing you notice is the garden's complex spatial layout, delineated by stunning stonework. And you can't miss the beautiful blue metal butterfly and some island stones set among the crushed bluestone.

On the lower level the flowerbeds are all slightly elevated, a nice touch that brings everything closer to people. They are edged with substantial stonewalls with flat capstones that create extended seating areas. And, since all the plants in these beds were thriving in mid-summer, presumably good-quality topsoil and compost was brought in at the outset.

The flowerbeds are all filled with easy-care perennials of contrasting shapes, such as the tall white spikes of Culver's root and shorter blue spikes of salvia and catmint, versus the daisy-like flowers of white Shasta daisies and yellow tickseed. And the magenta poppy mallow makes a brilliant splash of color as it weaves around between its taller companions.

And finally, clumps of tall grasses create a strong visual barrier from the parking lot—a far more practical solution than a row shrubs which would interfere with winter snow removal.

Vive la différence

While everyone loves to visit the grand estates of yesteryear, people today want something entirely different when it comes to their own gardens. And these two gardens—created just a century apart—tell us a lot about how our ideals have evolved over the last hundred years.

Here are a few of my conclusions about gardens and gardeners for the 21st century:

- We are not particularly interested in formality, either in our lives or in our gardens;
- We enjoy a feeling of spontaneity, including a relaxed spatial design and an eclectic mix of shrubs and perennials;
- Gardens do not require lawns to be complete;
- We like to enjoy our plants up close;
- All gardens are much more than the sum of their plants;
- And, last but by no means least, everyone wants a garden that will be easy to maintain!

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The "butterfly" rests in the pretty little garden at Northshire Bookstore in Manchester, VT. photo by Dick Conrad



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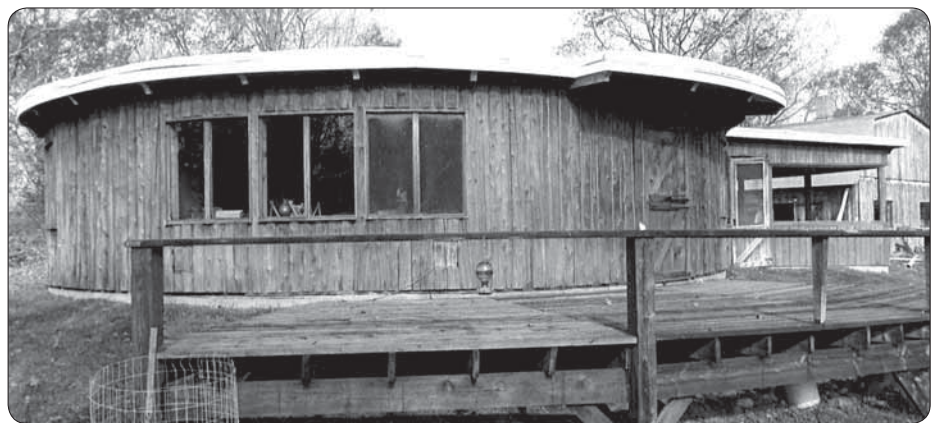
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