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Why Hurry?

by Bill Felker

At this point in the year, everything is out of control. The lessons of February and March are useless: lessons of patience, lessons of waiting and watching. Everything was slow and easy when the weather was cold. It was easy to find only one or two things to add to the week's inventory of changes in the flora and the weather. It was easy to be lazy, to stay indoors, to watch the fire. The signs of spring were almost the same from one day to the next. It would probably be gray and rainy one more day, I often told myself. Why hurry?

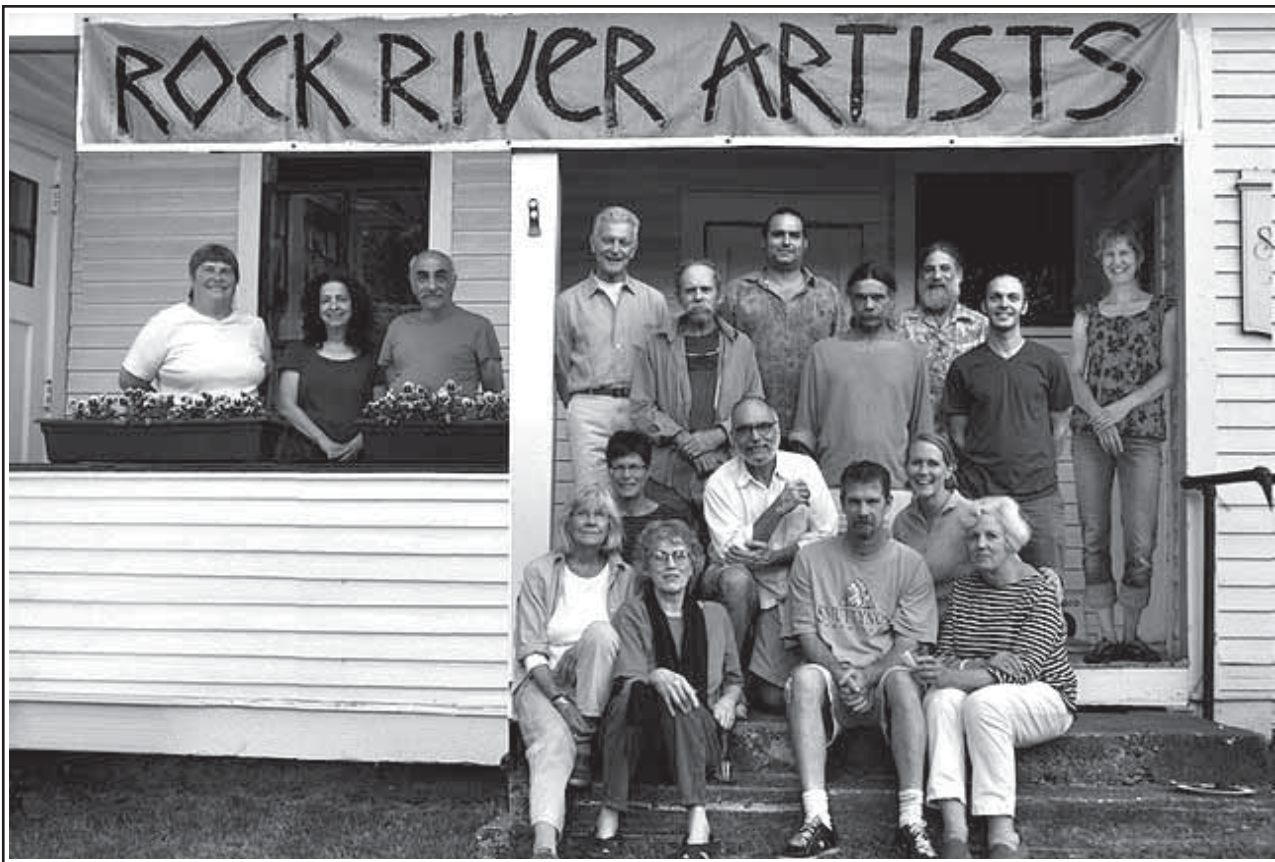
Now, nothing waits for me. My winter skills have backfired. All through February, I kept thinking that I had plenty of time. In March, there was always one more day. The good life and the good times were coming. They were not coming soon enough, but they were not coming too soon, either.

When the leaves fell in November, I conditioned

myself to accept stasis as the norm. I wallowed in looking forward and backward instead of looking at the present. I learned to relish the glow of anticipation. I did the languid work of fantasy and remembering. Against the quiet landscape, I took heart in resignation.

Becoming wonderfully sluggish, I indulged sinfully in plans and lists, fattening them for the distant feast of action. I fell in love with what might have been and still might be. I put off until tomorrow, and I found the truth therein.

And now that everything is blooming, I discover I'm not prepared. Things are moving too quickly. How could I possibly keep up? Betrayed by fulfillment, I lie back in sweet bewilderment. After all, it's much too late. By the time I'm ready, everything will have disappeared, gone in the twinkling of eye. It's much too late. Why should I hurry?



The Rock River artists in South Newfane, VT welcome you to their open studio tour this July 20 & 21.

South Newfane

Rock River Artists' 27th Annual Open Studio Tour Slated for July 20-21

Rock River Artists' (RRA) 27th Annual Open Studio Tour is slated for Saturday and Sunday, July 20 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Rock River Artists are in the Southern Vermont towns of So. Newfane, Williamsville, and Newfane, VT.

A tour that has earned its following well beyond Southern Vermont, the annual two-day offering features 17 accomplished artists in a range of media from functional pottery to thread on fabric; inlay to collage.

Rock River Artists' Open Studio Tour affords visitors an intimate look at the unique locations where each artist

works—in rustic studios down county roads, high up in the hills with stunning views, amidst lush gardens and landscaping, tucked away in the woods, along the river's edge.

Visitors are encouraged to start their Rock River Artists' Open Studio Tour at the Old Schoolhouse in South Newfane village where participating artists present a gallery exhibition.

A classic 19th-century structure which formerly housed the village one-room school, the Schoolhouse itself is well worth the visit.

There one can pick up a map of artists' locations and

begin a self-guided tour of the studios, all within short driving distance. Admission is free all weekend.

Artists on the 2019 tour include Christine Triebert, photography; Ellen Darrow, pottery; Dan Dewalt, custom furniture; Chris Ericsson, furniture and jewelry; Georgie, oil painting; Richard Foye, raku pottery; Steven Meyer, painting; Roger Sandes, painting and prints; Deidre Scherer, thread on fabric; Matthew Tell, pottery; T. Breeze Verdant, marquetry and inlay; Mary Welsh, col-

lage. Back after a hiatus are Rich Gillis, metal smith and John Long, artist in wood.

Creating a robust showing within the three villages are, new to the Rock River Artists' scene, Diane Echlin, potter; Carol Ross, functional modern potter; and Peter Erickson, en passant painter.

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

For more information contact (802) 348-7865, rs@rogersandes.com. rockriverartists.com.

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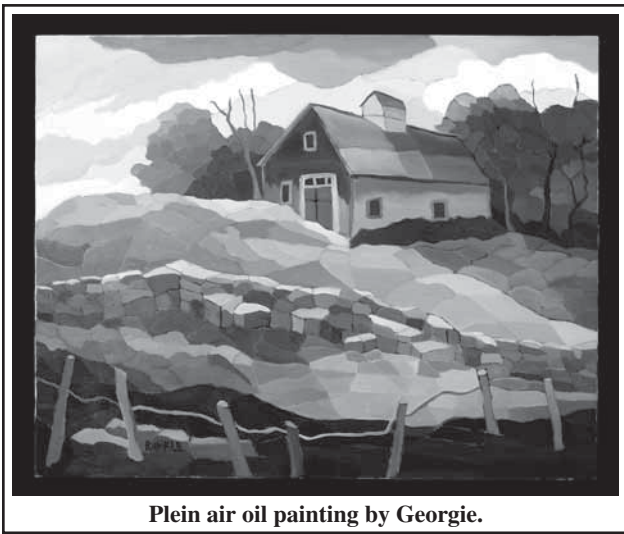
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The friends from my childhood again are before me
Each step wakes a memory as freely I roam.
With soft whispers laden the leaves rustle o'er me
The ash grove, the ash grove alone is my home.

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.



—JOHN OXENFORD
England, 1812-1877

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Visitors enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride around the grounds at Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT.

Billings Farm & Museum photo

Woodstock, VT

Summertime at Billings Farm & Museum

Vermont's rural heritage, is open for its 36th season. Billings Farm is an operating Jersey dairy farm that continues a 147-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 Thursday, 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), fireworks stencils, and compete in sack races, crank fresh strawberry ice cream, and enjoy a wagon ride around the farm.

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 1:00 p.m., there will be a women's debate of the topic: "Are the mental capacities of the sexes equal?" 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 2 through August 20

Time Travel Tuesdays will be offered each Tuesday, July 2 through August 20, 2019, 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.

National Ice Cream Day

Sunday, July 21

Help us celebrate National Ice Cream Day on Sunday, July 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participate in making and sampling hand-cranked four flavors of ice cream several times during the day, while learning the history and science of the "great American dessert." Enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides.

Farm to Ballet

Saturday, July 27

This colorful ballet performance reinterprets classical pieces to tell the story of three seasons on a Vermont farm. Accompanied by a live string sextet playing Vivaldi. Separate fee, reservations recommended. 6:30 p.m.

33rd Annual Quilt Exhibition

Saturday, July 27 through Sunday, September 15

Billings Farm & Museum will host its 33rd Annual Quilt Exhibition 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 Heart of the Land 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, renewed interest

in the tradition dovetails with the museum's mission of celebrating Vermont's rural heritage.

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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Newfoundland Ponies Mandy and Heather on a visit to Old Sturbridge Village.

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Jaffrey, NH

Newfoundland Pony Conservancy Center

Newfoundland Ponies are a native natural breed, born of their natural environment, which makes them truly a gem and more rare than just having low population numbers. The Newfoundland Pony Conservancy Center mission is to bring awareness to the community and beyond about how special and important these rare ponies are.

Thousands of Newfoundland ponies once roamed Newfoundland. In the 1960s they were replaced by mechanical equipment—tractors, snowmobiles, ATV's. Fencing laws were enacted and breeding was discouraged. Ponies were sent to slaughter and taken off the island in tractor-trailer loads.

Only about 500 survive today with about 250 left of breeding age. Since 2013, the Newfoundland Pony Conservancy Center in Jaffrey, NH has been involved with ensuring the welfare and rehoming of almost 23 ponies. The center cares for 11 ponies under our conservation program.

Groups such as the Newfoundland Pony Society, the Newfoundland Pony Conservancy Center, and Equus Survival Trust are hard at work saving the breed.

Visitors are welcome to the Newfoundland Conservancy Center in Jaffrey, NH.

- General Tour—an educational tour of the center. Learn about the breed and hear each pony's life story. One hour long.

- Pony BFF Tour—have direct contact with a pony or two. Interact with them, pet them, groom and feed them. Or you may simply just hang out with your new pony friend. One hour long. Cost: \$5 per person. Children eight and under are free.

- Pony Picnic Tour – includes all of the above but bring your lunch and hang out a bit longer. Two hours. Cost: \$10 per person. Children eight and under are free.

Our ponies love to visit Long Term Care facilities, Schools, Camps, you name it. Ponies bring smiles to everyone's face, making and rekindling fond memories.

For more information contact Emily Aho, Newfoundland Pony Conservancy Center, 488 Dublin Rd., Jaffrey, NH 03452. (603) 532-8809. www.newfoundlandponies.org.



photo by Emily Aho

Newfoundland pony Heather participates in a permaculture preservation event at Darwin's View Farm.



photo by Emily Aho

Newfoundland pony Erik at one of our Equine Assisted Learning programs for camps.



photo by Emma Simila

Newfoundland pony Heather harrows a field at Old Sturbridge Village never having done that before!



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The Newfoundland Pony Conservancy Center center pony Echo of Genesis "George" is now at another farm helping children in a therapy program.



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Summertime Berry Recipes, circa 1902

Blueberry Cake

Make a sponge of one-half cupful of milk, one-half cupful of brown sugar, one tablespoonful of butter, two cupfuls of unsifted flour and a heaping teaspoonful of baking-powder; this quantity makes three cakes by dividing it into three parts. Lay each part upon a pie plate and flatten it well with the palm of the hand. You can't roll this, as it is too soft. Of course, the blueberries have been picked nice and clean, so put on a deep layer of them first. Put sugar over the berries and pour a custard over them. This custard is made of one-half pint of milk, two eggs, one tablespoonful of sugar and a little vanilla to flavor it. Some use too much vanilla, which destroys the delicate taste that a flavoring extract should give.

—Annie R. White

Raspberry, Blueberry, Or Gooseberry Turnovers

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

—Mrs. C. I. Burt

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 with them.

—Mrs. Lottie Meisman

Raspberry Ice Cream

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

—C. Casper

Newfane, VT

West River Railroad and County Museums Open for the Season

The County Museum and the West River Railroad Museum in Newfane, are open for the season, Memorial Day Weekend through Columbus Day weekend in October.

The Newfane Railroad Station has recently been restored as the West River Railroad Museum. It comprises the old Depot and Water Tank House both of which were built in 1880. The Museum houses a large collection of artifacts, documents and photographs documenting the Railroad's impact over its 50 years of operation in the West River Valley. The Railroad Museum (on Cemetery Hill Road) is a short walk from the Historical Society's County Museum on Main Street (Route 30).

The County Museum was built in 1936 as a showcase for the Historical Society's extensive collection. Two floors of exhibition space display impressive examples of early Vermont furniture, folk art, Civil War artifacts, clothing, toys, and tools all tell stories of Windham County's

history. The Historical Society of Windham County was founded in 1927 to preserve the history of Windham County. Its archives include early documents, records and photographs spanning three centuries of Windham County history.

County Museum hours: Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays from Noon – 5:00 PM. (Also by appointment). West River Railroad Museum hours: Saturdays and Sundays from Noon – 5:00 PM. (Also by appointment).

Both Museums are located in the Village of Newfane which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Anyone with an interest in the history of Vermont and of Windham County in particular will enjoy a visit to the Museums. Admission is always free and school group visits are encouraged.

See the website for the latest news and schedule of events: historicalsocietyofwindhamcounty.org.



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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 Currant Pie

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

—M. E. J.

Blackberry Roll

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

Berry Sauce

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

—Aunt Carrie

Sun-Preserved Gooseberries

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

—Miss C. Long

These recipes were contributed by "one thousand homemakers" to *Woman's Favorite Cookbook* by Annie R. Gregory, circa 1902.



Remember

Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.
Remember me when no more day by day
You tell me of our future that you planned;
Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.

Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:
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Great River Theater Festival

Main Street Arts is pulling out all the stops for its third annual Great River Theater Festival, with a mix of the traditional, edgy, comic, dance, social satire and puppets, plus an opening Great Tent Event with a Bake Your Art Out dessert contest thrown into the mix.

The festival opens Friday, July 5 for a two-weekend run with performances of the landmark musical *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* and Loom Dance Ensemble's *What the Jellyfish Knows*, both at 7:30 p.m., and continues Saturday, July 6 with the Great Tent Event at 11 a.m., featuring the dessert contest, a Sandglass Theater rod puppet workshop, music by Christy Wendlandt and Brendon Thomas, a community jam session and food for sale by Jamaican Jewelz.

Saturday evening, a production of Gilbert & Sullivan's *H.M.S. Pinafore* opens at 7:30 p.m. at the Horowitz Performance Center at Vermont Academy. It continues Sunday, July 7 at 2 p.m. and Thursday, Friday and

Saturday, July 11, 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. *Hedwig* has additional performances Saturdays, July 6 and 13 at 7 and 9 p.m., and Sunday, July 7 at 7 p.m. and Friday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m. The viciously funny landmark musical tells the story of a searching transgender punk-rock singer whose sex change operation went wrong. Viewer discretion is advised.

Jellyfish, a tale of the natural world and the urgency of protecting the oceans, will also be performed Saturday, July 6 at 1:30 p.m. Loom's production of *Prime* will be showcased the second week, with performances Saturday, July 13 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, July 14 at 2 p.m. After performing in Dubai and other parts of the world, the Loom Ensemble has recently decided to make Vermont its home base.

An adaptation of Moliere, the satirically funny *L'Odeur De Moliere—The Doctor and the Dowry* will be performed by the homegrown Vermont Suitcase Company Sunday, July 14 at 2 and 7 p.m. at

Main Street Arts, while over at Horowitz at 7:30 p.m., Happenstance Theater will be creating a comedic uproar with *BrouHaHa*, a devised clown-esque escapade.

Saturday, July 6 at 4 p.m. Sandglass is hosting a "Tape Guy" rod puppet workshop under the tent at MSA for a \$5 fee. Other events under the tent Saturday, July 13 are free and include a Fairy Tales and Fairy Houses workshop with Tracy Girdich from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and a Teen Storytelling session from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Ticket prices vary for the performances, with a festival pass at \$50 (\$40 seniors) and youth prices for all shows except *Hedwig*, to which those under 16 are not admitted. A full schedule of Festival events and ticket prices can be found at www.greatriverfestival.org.

Main Street Arts is located at 35 Main St. in Saxtons River, VT. For additional information contact Main Street Arts at (802) 869-2960 or info@mainstreetarts.org. Visit mainstreetarts.org.

Horowitz Performance Center is located at 23 Leavitt Ln. in Saxtons River, VT.



Happenstance Theater will perform the comedy *BrouHaHa* at Main Street Arts' Great River Theater Festival. photo by Paul Gillis.

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The Athens Brick Meetinghouse Committee in conjunction with the Athens Historic Preservation Society will be hosting a series of events this summer at the 1817 Brick Meetinghouse.

Plans are being confirmed for two Saturday evening concerts in the building, one on Saturday, July 13 and the second on Saturday, August 10, both starting at 6:30 p.m. Stay tuned for details as they are confirmed, regarding musicians and the availability of food for purchase and picnicking on the lawn prior to the concerts.

And Saturday, September 21, the Meetinghouse Common will be the site of our 3rd Annual Harvest Fest BBQ with fun activities for kids of all ages, and lots of raffle prizes starting at 2

p.m. The famous BBQ will be served up at 3 p.m., with dessert to follow.

Winners will be drawn for the many great raffle prizes during dessert. This is a great day to catch up with neighbors or make new acquaintances.

The Athens Brick Meetinghouse is historically significant to the Windham County region, and particularly the twelve surrounding towns which comprised the "Old Athens Circuit" - Grafton, Rockingham, Townshend, Londonderry, Weston, Chester, Acton, Springfield, Landgrove, Windham, Putney and Mt. Holly. Circuit preachers from Athens, traveled out to these twelve towns to perform religious services.

Quarterly camp meetings

with the Methodist congregants from these towns often lasted two days at the Athens Meetinghouse also known as the "Mother Church."

This national historic landmark will be open for tours during these events. All proceeds go to support ongoing

efforts to preserve this historic gem.

For more information contact Sherry Maher at (802) 869-2141 or email at athensmeetinghouse1817@gmail.com, or follow Athens Meetinghouse on Facebook.



The Athens Brick Meetinghouse. photo by Bill Sumner



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A Vermont Almanack for Middle Summer

by Bill Felker

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—Jorge Guillen/bf

The Sun's Progress

At 3 p.m. on July 3, the Earth reaches aphelion, the point at which it is about 153 million kilometers (its greatest distance) from the Sun. Aphelion occurs almost exactly six months from perihelion, Earth's position closest to the Sun (about 148 million kilometers). On July 23, the Sun enters the late summer sign of Leo.

Phases of the Finches in the Thistledown Moon And the Black Walnut Leafdrop Moon

Consorting with the Cancer-Leo Sun, the Finches in the Thistle Down Moon turns all the nodding Canadian and bull thistles to down, and golden finches haunt the fields to feed. Tree frogs cling to windows, singing through the night.

Early morning birdsong weakens under the Finches in the Thistledown Moon, and the robin predawn chorus comes to a close, the silence pushing the narrative of Deep Summer toward cicadas in the days, crickets and katydids after dark. Woolly bear caterpillars, outriders of October, appear on the warm country roads. Blackberries redden.

Black walnuts are autumn size. Acorns are as big as marbles. Sumac staghorns are velvety red. Catalpa beans grow long and firm. Black raspberries disappear, while the second crop of red raspberries ripens. Osage fruits are bigger than apples.

July 2: The Finches in the Thistle Down Moon is new at 2:16 p.m.

Expect the Corn Tassel Rains to increase as New Moon and lunar perigee cluster during the first four days of the month and stir up turbulence in advance of the July 6 cool front.

July 4: The Moon reaches perigee, its position closest to Earth. As the Moon moves toward its second quarter, its effect on Earth lessens.

July 9: The Moon enters its second quarter at 5:55 a.m.

July 15: The Moon is full at 4:21 p.m.

This Full Moon strengthens the mid-July high-pressure system, but after that system passes through, lunar position favors stability until the Moon turns new.

July 21: The Moon reaches apogee, its position farthest from Earth.



A Vermont Black Bear enjoys the summer woodland.

photo by Tom Rogers

July 24: The Moon enters its final quarter at 8:18 p.m.

July 31: The Black Walnut Leafdrop Moon is new at 11:12 p.m.

The Planets

Moving retrograde into Gemini, Venus is barely visible in the far northwest at sundown early in the month. Late in the month, she appears as the Morning Star in the east just before dawn.

Now in Cancer, Mars continues to hug the western horizon just after dark.

Jupiter in Ophiuchus traverses the southern sky throughout the night, disappearing into the west before sunrise.

Visible in the eastern sky at dusk, Saturn moves with Sagittarius and follows Jupiter along the horizon.

The Stars

In the late evenings of Deep Summer, the teapot-like star formation of Libra lies in the south, followed by Scorpius and its red center, Antares. Sagittarius, the Archer, follows the Scorpion in the southeast. Above the Archer, the Milky Way sweeps up toward Cassiopeia in the north.

In the eastern sky, the stars of the Summer Triangle are moving into position for August. The easiest of these three stars to find is Deneb, which is the large "tail" star of Cygnus the swan (shaped like a large bird in flight, its long neck pointing to the south). To the right of Deneb lies Vega, the brightest star overhead these nights. The third corner of the triangle is Altair, below and about halfway between the other two corners.

Poor Will's Guide to Farming & Gardening Daybook for July

by Bill Felker

July 1 – Under the dark moon of July's first week, set out the autumn garden: carrots, turnips, beets, kale and broccoli.

July 2 – Today's New Moon (followed by perigee on July 4), increases the chance of tornadoes in the South and Midwest and an early hurricane in the Gulf.

July 3 – Heat is the enemy of fertility in your livestock. Add a special feed mix for your males, which could improve their fertility in late summer and early fall.

July 4 – United States (also Puerto Rican) Independence Day.

July 5 – Consider marketing your kids and lambs to the four major ethnic holidays that occur this August.

July 6 – Eat and sell late black raspberries, mulberries, early elderberries, the first wave of summer apples, peaches, blackberries and wild grapes.

July 7 – Make sure all your animals have clean, cool water to drink. Don't skimp on your own water.

July 8 – Fertilize and water your pansies and mums for late August and September farmers' markets. Keep your earthworm farm moist and cool.

July 9 – Don't cut the lawn too short (or graze the pasture too short) while the summer is at its peak; let it rest a little longer than you would in May or June.

July 10 – Potato leafhoppers reach economic levels in alfalfa. Root diseases attack the soybeans. Wheat suffers from rust, powdery mildew, head scab and glume blotch.

July 11 – Hose down the pigs; let them wallow in the mud; share your fan with them!

July 12 – Consider adding a cricket farm to your earthworm bait-growing business. And think about adding cut flowers to your roadside stand next year.

July 13 – The upcoming Full Moon plus Dog Day heat produce stress and bring out the worst in most people and livestock. Heat and stress can also reduce milk output.

July 14 – Moon-related thunderstorms could lodge the wheat still standing in the fields, and hail shred the corn.

July 15 – Today's Full Moon strengthens the mid-July high-pressure system, increases tornadoes and hurricanes.

July 16 – Livestock (like people) may be more susceptible to disease after a traumatic trip than during day-to-day life.

July 17 – Update your woodpile, sorting wood by age, size and type. A separate section for kindling makes life easier.

July 18 – Fine tune the amount of grain in the rations of animals you plan to show in August and September.

July 19 – Clean the hay feeders. If your animals have put their feet in the feeders, the likelihood of worms is increased.

July 20 – Calculate estimated losses in productivity due to late planting, drought, insect infestations, and hail.

July 21 – Rent out your sheep to control the noxious spotted knapweed, fringed sagewort, kudzu, oxeye daisy and tall larkspur (a leading source of cattle deaths).

July 22 – Control koi pond algae before it becomes too thick. You can't sell your new koi fingerlings if you can't see them. Watch for algae in troughs, too!

July 23 – Continue to monitor your bee hives for mite infestations.

July 24 – As grasses age in July and August, variety in browse offers better nutrition to your animals.

July 25 – Plan to seed pastures with legumes and small grains in order to extend the quality of your grazing season.

July 26 – Feed thyme, mint, and clover to prepare your does and ewes for late summer and fall breeding. Let the animals trim back your wild black raspberries, too.

July 27 – Light frost is only four weeks away along the Canadian border.

July 28 – Late July is the typical time for does and ewes to show first signs of estrus cycling in much of the country.

July 29 – Think about a fan, shade and ice for your poultry in the heat. It could be a matter of life and death.

July 30 – A few black walnut leaves are falling, forecasting the great leaf-drop to come. Decide when to harvest honey.

July 31 – Today's dark New Moon is favorable for vaccinations, surgery, and general livestock maintenance.

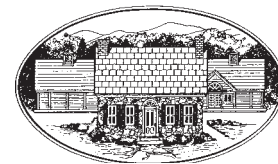
Meteorology

The cool fronts of Deep Summer normally reach the East around July 6, 14, 21 and 28. Tornadoes, hurricanes, floods or prolonged periods of soggy pasture are most likely to occur within the weather windows of July 3 through 7, July 18 through 23.

New Moon on July 2 (followed by perigee on July 4), New Moon on July 31 and Full Moon on July 15 may increase the chance of turbulent weather near those dates.

The Shooting Stars

The nights of July 28-29 bring the Delta Aquarids after 12:00 a.m. in Aquarius. This shower can bring up to 20 meteors in an hour. The waning crescent Moon should not interfere with your meteor vigil.



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shuddered the air with a crack and roar
and they shied away from the certain crash
of elm or sycamore.

No startle of drops had changed their lope
to a gallop that snatched the reins from us—
but a thunder-drum on the pasture slope,
intruded upon the luminous
silence all around

We found them huddled skittishly
deep in the cavern of the barn
when, still unwet, but breathless, we
ran in—and just in time to turn
and watch a solid wall of rain
sweep down the hill, across the field,
obliterating house and lane
and our small world; and we, concealed
from all the world, from fellow men,
lost in a sudden summer storm,
turned to our frightened beasts again
and felt their nuzzling breath come warm
upon us; and a closer tie
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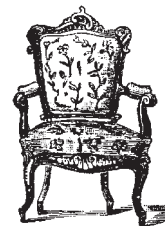


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Summer Event Schedule

To learn more about the details of an event that interests you, please call the Visitor Center at (802) 394-7836. For outdoor events, please dress for the weather: sturdy shoes/boots, layered clothing, snow/rain gear, flashlight/headlamp, snacks and water. Outdoor events are held weather-permitting.

Outdoor Skills Workshop: Map & Compass Reading. July 6, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., \$5 per person. Add to your outdoor skills and learn how to stay safe with our Map & Compass Reading Workshop.

Farm Chores for Children. July 11, 18 & 25, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., \$5 per person. Join the farm staff at for daily chores. Youngsters may feed the horses, pick berries, collect eggs and perform other tasks. These farm-centered “workshops” are designed to introduce children to simple farm routines and products, and to meet our animals under expert supervision. These hands-on/hands-dirty activities are suitable for children ages 3 and up. Children under ten must be accompanied by an adult companion. Please pre-register early, because participation is limited.

Second Saturday Hike with Tree ID. July 13, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., \$5 per person. In this staff-guided hike of moderate difficulty, participants will learn what trees are growing at Merck Forest and how to identify them using a dichotomous key. The hike will take place even if it’s raining, so participants must be dressed appropriately for the weather with sturdy footwear, water and snacks.

How Does Your Garden Grow? July 20, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., \$5 per person. Come spend some time at the Children’s Garden up on the farm. We’ll do some planting, make some crafty additions for the garden, and taste some of the seasonal harvest together. Children under ten must be accompanied by an adult companion.

Summer Forest Day Camp. July 22 to July 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., \$250 per child. Adventures in the forest are in store for rising first-, second- and third-grade campers. We’ll tramp through the woods to find who lives and grows here, learn some wilderness survival skills, and discover what makes the forest a special place. We’ll play games, tell stories, hone our powers of observation to learn what the forest has to offer. Our woodland classroom — the new yurt — will be our forest base camp, and a Vermont-certified educator will be on the ground with the children. Bring a bag lunch and dress for outdoor play. Space is limited. Call (802) 394-7836 or email christine@merckforest.org to register.

Bats! Bats! Bats! July 26, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., \$5 per person. Learn about bats with a 45 minute presentation by Alyssa Bennett, Vermont’s Fish and Wildlife state bat biologist, then walk up to farm to observe these spectacular animals perform their nightly acrobatics on the farm.

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Friendly campers learn about chickens at Merck Forest and Farmland Center, Rupert, VT. photo by Merck Forest and Farmland Center

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"Anglers in Vermont are fortunate to have world-class bass fishing for both species right in their backyard," said Bernie Pientka, fisheries biologist with Vermont Fish & Wildlife. "From big-water angling on lakes like Champlain, Bomoseen and Memphremagog and the Connecticut River, to hundreds of smaller, untapped ponds and reservoirs, Vermont is loaded with great bass fishing for anglers of all ages."

Vermont's general bass season opens each year on the second Saturday in June and extends through the last day of November. Outside of those dates, anglers can fish for bass on open water on a catch-and-release basis with artificial lures and flies only on waters that are not seasonally closed.

"One unique thing about bass fishing in Vermont, compared to many other states, is the sheer amount of quality, unpressured fish," said Pientka. "You may find some larger fish in the southern and western parts of the country where growing seasons are longer, but for numbers of solid, two to four-pound bass that haven't seen much fishing pressure, a lot of Vermont waterbodies are tough to beat."

Vermont's bass fishing has received national attention in a variety of fishing publications in recent years, and bass-rich Lake Champlain has become a favorite of touring bass professionals.

The World Fishing Network recently named Lake Champlain one of the seven best smallmouth bass lakes in North America. The renowned fishing media outlet went on to characterize Lake Champlain as "perhaps the best lake in all of North America for both quality largemouth and smallmouth bass."

"There's no question that Lake Champlain hosts a very special bass fishery, probably one of the best in the world," said Pientka. "However, there are lots of other waterbodies that might not get the attention, but can be just as good, simply because those bass populations don't get much fishing pressure."

Bass fishing in Vermont is a fun outdoor activity that can be enjoyed by adults and kids alike, regardless of skill level, and can also be a great source of food for the table.

"Bass fishing is a great way to get out and enjoy Vermont's great outdoors and nothing can beat a tasty meal of fresh, locally-caught fish," Pientka said.

Pientka noted that smaller, younger bass, which are also much more abundant, are generally better eating compared to bigger, older fish.

Anglers heading out on the water to fish for bass this season should be sure to check fishing regulations, including harvest and length limits applicable to the waters they are fishing.

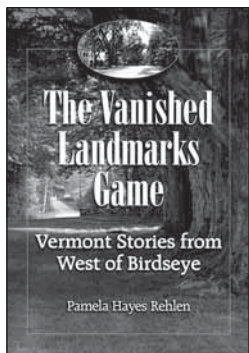
Vermont's fishing regulations can be found in the 2019 Vermont Fishing Guide & Regulations available at district offices and license agents, or online at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. Licenses also are available on the website.



Lindsey Gagne of Swanton, VT with a nice smallmouth bass she caught and released on Lake Champlain earlier this year. Vermont's regular bass season starts June 8 and continues through November 30. VTF&W photo



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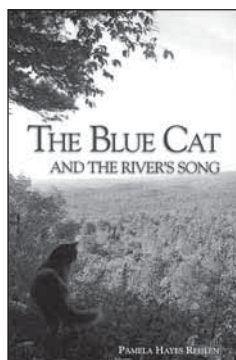


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Escaping the Dull, The Farm, and the Quarries

by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

One Easter Sunday afternoon a number of years ago, I was with my father in our only-used-for-special-occasions front parlor. We'd finished dawn-Easter-baskets, multiple church services, a family and friends dinner, and now the two of us were sitting, talking, and observing a few Main Street passers-by. There was a post-holiday-excess atmosphere, and all of a sudden my father said how dull life had been "around here" when he was growing up.

It shocked me. It wasn't what I ever expected to hear. He added that there were no opportunities and nothing was ever going on.

My father, Ralph 'Rex' Hayes, was born on a West Haven farm that, at the time of his birth, had been in his mother's family for four generations. I have a couple of photographs of him and his two older sisters playing in front of the house in 1915. It looks like a picture of rural, Appalachian-style, poverty.

But I'm guessing that's what most Vermont farmyards, at that time, would have looked like. I once took a course given

by former governor Tom Salmon entitled The Vermont Experience, and a point he made was that Vermont was one of the states least affected by the country's Great Depression. He said that Vermonters had always had so little they didn't realize they were going through a national economic catastrophe.

My father's mother was a sheltered only child who married her much-younger, handsome, restless, hired man. He wasn't interested in keeping her family place. He thought he could do better than that, and eventually he lost his wife's farm for non-payment of taxes, and the family moved to Fair Haven's South Side.

My father had to be happy about leaving West Haven. Once, the two of us were going for breakfast at Benson's Wheel Inn, and he told me that the Wheel was originally a livery stable, and one time he'd been sent there by his father to get a horse shod.

Having to ride the horse to and back had taken a good part of the day. Like the summer haying with which he was

sometimes forced to help, all my father could think was how grindingly-tedious he found farm work.

Also, he didn't have the mechanical skills his Adirondack-born parent had in abundance, and to get along in teens and twenties Vermont it was important to have these kinds of skills.

But my father was good with people, handsome, smart, and athletic. He was the Fair Haven High School quarterback who made a goal that clinched the state championship, and he was lofted up on the shoulders of joyous supporters. He told me that somehow the news of his triumph was carried over the miles that night to his father in Benson.

He dreaded work in a quarry as much as work on a farm. Quarries – the biggest local industry – were to be found all around, down South Street in Castleton, off Fair Haven's Scotch Hill, along West Castleton's lake shore, and nearly everywhere in Poultnery.

My father didn't want that dangerous, hard-scrabble, life. He used to tell me about entrance-level quarry work, the

bottom job being 'making motions.' That was the employment of the man who had to signal from the bowels of the pit when a piece of slate was ready to be hauled up and out.

Once, on the street in Fair Haven, I remember him having an animated conversation with a feisty old guy, and afterward he told me the man was someone who had worked in the quarries making motions all of his life.

Worry about winding up in a rough local industry pushed my father toward the Normal School and teaching. Few Fair Haven people left the area in order to seek their fortunes.

Eddie and Ella McDermott, one of my father's favorite friends and his wife, moved to Florida to open a restaurant. They came back to visit in the summer, and when my parents hosted a party for them, the atmosphere seemed a little elegiac.

A career in education could be a salvation. My father graduated from the Normal in 1933. He student-taught in the Northeast Kingdom, where he saw terrible poverty, and then went on to teach in Brownsville, West Windsor, and

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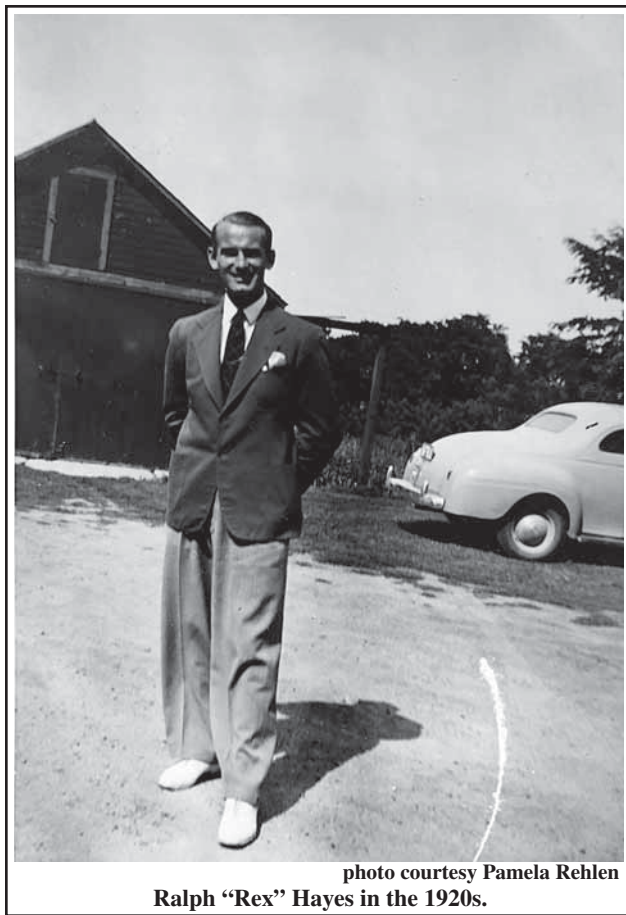


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Ralph "Rex" Hayes in the 1920s.

Forestdale. For money and benefits, he was later a principal in Connecticut.

He lived to be ninety-six, and because of Parkinson's disease spent his last two years in the Old Soldiers' (Veterans') Home in Bennington. My sister and I visited him every Tuesday.

He always asked as soon as we came through the door, what was going on in Fair Haven? He wanted to hear all the news and all my stories.

The area farms were mostly gone. The local quarries were mostly closed, and I realize that at the end of his life my father found the world in which he'd grown up wasn't dull anymore.

He'd escaped everything.

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Poultney, VT

Poultney Public Library Book Sale and Youth Flea Market

The Poultney Public Library's annual book sale will be held on Saturday, July 6th from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The sale will be held rain or shine! The sale will be set up outside the library weather permitting; in case of inclement weather we will move everything into the Rosenthal Room. We have a great selection of high quality and high interest books. Hardcover and trade paperbacks start at 50¢ each and mass market paperbacks start at 25¢ each.

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fee per table. Registration forms may be picked up at the Poultney Public Library. Registration forms are due to at the Poultney Public Library by July 5th. Registrants must bring their own tables. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. This event is sponsored by the Poultney Public Library.

The Poultney Public Library, 205 Main St., Poultney, VT. (802) 287-5556. poultneypubliclibrary.com.

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Vermont Country Calendar

See the end of the daily event calendar for ongoing activities; and museums, exhibits, and galleries.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

ATHENS. Quilt Show & Craft Fair. 10 am - 3 pm. Athens Brick Meetinghouse, Meetinghouse Rd. (802) 869-2141. athensmeetinghouse1817@gmail.com.

CASTLETON. Town Wide Yard Sale. A day of fun and a chance to find bargains, treasures, and one-of-a-kind items to fit everyone's pocket book. 9 am - 2 pm. Castleton Community Center Green and indoors at the Center, 2108 Main St. (802) 468-3093. castletoncsi.org.

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 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, corner of Rts. 7A & 11/30 across from Northshire Bookstore. (802) 362-3473.

NORTH POMFRET. Annual Strawberry Supper. Baked ham and baked beans, potato salad, tossed salad, deviled eggs, rolls, coffee, punch, strawberry shortcake & whipped cream. Ladies Circle Bazaar and quilt raffle tickets. Supper benefits the North Pomfret Congregational Church. Seatings at 5, 6:15 & 7:30 pm. Pomfret Town Hall. \$12 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. (802) 457-3259.

PITTSFORD. Flea Market. 9 am - 3 pm. Pittsford Village Farm, 42 Elm St. pittsfordvillagefarm.org.

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. From farm fresh veggies and fruits to artisan cheeses, handcrafted breads, maple syrup, Vermont crafts, prepared foods, and more. Live music. EBT and debit cards. 9 am - 2 pm, in Depot Park across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. Saturdays through October 26.

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

ST. JOHNSBURY. Dog Mountain Founders Celebration. A dog party to celebrate the life and loves of Dog Mountain founders, Stephen and Gwen Huneck. If you have dogs, bring them. Free, held rain or shine. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to Dog Mountain. 12 noon - 4 pm. Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Road, St. (800) 449-2580. contact@dogmt.com. dogmt.com.

VERGENNES. Abenaki Heritage Weekend. Abenaki visual and performing artist showcase their creative works alongside scholars, culture bearers, and historians. Songs, drumming, dancing, games, food preparation, and other life skills. Illustrated talks and Round Admission (regular Museum admission, good for two consecutive days): adults \$14, seniors \$12, students 6-18 \$8, 5 and under free. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor. (802) 475-2022. lcmm.org. Through June 23.

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum Dairy Celebration Days. June is Dairy Month. Demonstrations and programs on three dairy animals: cows, sheep, and goats. Watch students from all around New England on Saturday as they prepare their cattle for the competition on Sunday. Adults: \$16, over 62 \$14, students 16 & up \$9, children 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm and Museum, Route 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org. Also June 23.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

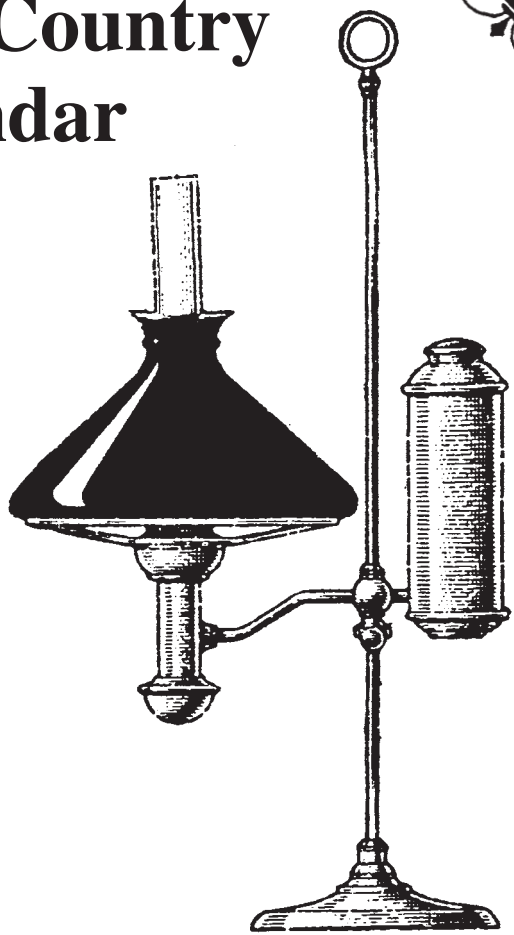
BARTON. Strawberry Social. Community strawberry social serving strawberry shortcakes, live music and more. \$5. Benefit to raise funds for Barton Public Library. 2-4 pm, rain or shine. On the greens at Barton Public Library, 100 Church St. (802) 771-8649. adolanrutherford@gmail.com. Barton-public-library.org.

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS. 45th Annual Strawberry Festival. To benefit the Middletown Springs Historical Society. Historical Society Museum open all afternoon. Admission free. Live music by the Peter Huntoon Band playing tunes from the sixties for your enjoyment. Children's activities. Small flea market, local crafts and artists. Raffle. Quarts of strawberries for sale. Strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits, vanilla ice cream, and whipped cream, coffee, ice tea, and lemonade. Free admission, food items a la carte. 2-4 pm on the Green, Rt. 140. Rain or shine. (802) 235-2376.

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum Dairy Celebration Days. June is Dairy Month. Demonstrations and programs on three dairy animals: cows, sheep, and goats. Included in the weekend celebration is the Youth Invitation Dairy Show. Adults: \$16, over 62 \$14, students 16 & up \$9, children 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm and Museum, Route 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

EAST BARRE. Concert by The Sky Blue Boys. Free. 6:30 pm. Aldrich Library, York Branch, 134 Mill St.



SHOREHAM. Fantastic Strawberry Festival. Feast on strawberry shortcake, strawberries on ice cream, strawberry pie, strawberry sundaes, and more! Prices vary according to items purchased, but beverages are free. Whole strawberry pies will be available for purchase. 5 to 7 pm at the Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School Rd.

TUNBRIDGE. Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival. Four-day event. Over 50 hours of performances across four stages. Line-up includes fan favorites along with some new entertainers appearing at Jenny Brook for the first time. Spend the day or bring a camper or tent and stay the entire time. Tickets \$10-\$150, children free. 8 am - 11:59 pm. Tunbridge World's Fairgrounds, 1 Fairground Ln. (802) 518-2126. candi@jennybrookbluegrass.com. jennybrookbluegrass.com.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

SALISBURY. Concert: Point Counterpoint Faculty Ensemble. This Chamber music concert kicks off the 40th Annual Summer Performance Series in Salisbury. Free-will donation. 7:30 pm. Salisbury Congregational Meeting House, 853 Maple St.

SHOREHAM. Annual Strawberry Festival. Feast on strawberry shortcake, strawberry sundaes, strawberry pie, ice cream with strawberries, just plain strawberries, or the works. Prices vary. Whole strawberry pies for sale. 5-7 pm. Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School Rd. (802) 897-2687.

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WATERBURY. 46th Annual Strawberry Supper. Delicious buffet dinner with homemade potluck creations at historic downtown church followed by strawberry shortcake (made with local strawberries). Full meal includes drink & dessert, or "just desserts." Take-out too. Silent auction. Adults \$12, 12 and under \$8, families \$30. Handicap accessible. First come, first served. 5-7 pm. Waterbury Congregational Church, 8 N. Main St. (802) 244-6606.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

DUMMERSTON CENTER. 50th 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. Evening Star Grange Hall, 1008 East West Rd. (802) 257-0544. (802) 257-1128.

HANOVER, NH. Concert: Singer-songwriter Iris DeMent brings a modern sensibility to the Pentecostal gospel twang of her native Ozarks, 27 years after she pioneered what is now called Americana. Tickets: \$11-\$42. 8 pm. Hopkins Center for the Arts, 4 E. Wheelock St. (603) 646-2422. hop.box@dartmouth.edu. hop.dartmouth.edu.

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. From farm fresh veggies and fruits to artisan cheeses, handcrafted breads, maple syrup, Vermont crafts, prepared foods, and more. Live music. EBT and debit cards. 9 am - 2 pm, in Depot Park across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. Saturdays through October 26.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 30

FAIRLEE. Concert and Ice Cream Social. Traditional concert band music performed by the Lyme Town Band. Ice cream with toppings for purchase. In case of rain, the event will move into the adjacent air-conditioned Town Hall auditorium. Free. 4-6 pm. Fairlee Town Common, 70 Town Common Rd. (802) 331-0997. fairlearts.org.

LYME, NH. Sunday Buffet on the Shore of the Lake. Music by Hibernacula. A variety of entrées, vegetarian dishes, salads and side dishes, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverages. BYOB. Serving 6-7 pm. Adults \$25, children 5-12 \$10, four and under free. Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Rd. (603) 795-2141. www.lochlymelodge.com.

MONKTON. Annual Strawberry Festival. Strawberry shortcake made from strawberries grown and harvested in Monkton. Used book sale. Silent auction featuring products and gift cards from local business. 10 am - 2 pm. Monkton Fire House. (802) 453-4471. russellmemlibrary@gmail.com.

ROCHESTER. Rochester Chamber Music Society Concert: Draw the Circle Wide. Heliand Consort (Katie Oprea, oboe; Rachael Elliott, bassoon; Cynthia Huard, piano) perform music by Nancy Galbraith, The Schumann's, Lily Boulanger, Newsome. Free admission: donations accepted. 4 pm. Federated Church. (802) 767-9234. lrmsvt.org.

TUNBRIDGE. Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival. Over 50 hours of performances across four stages. Line-up includes fan favorites and new entertainers. Tickets \$10-\$150, children free. 8 am - 12:30 pm. Tunbridge World's Fairgrounds, 1 Fairground Ln. (802) 518-2126. candi@jennybrookbluegrass.com. jennybrookbluegrass.com.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

LYME, NH. Wednesday Cookout on the Shore of the Lake. Music by Guinguette Trio with Ed Eastridge. A variety of entrées, vegetarian dishes, salads and side dishes, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverages. BYOB. Serving 5:30-7:30 pm. Adults \$20, children 5-12 \$8, four and under free. Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Rd. (603) 795-2141. www.lochlymelodge.com. *Wednesdays through August 28.*

MIDDLEBURY. Annual Vermont Philharmonic Pops Concert and Fireworks. Raffle for seven one-of-a-kind picnic baskets. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, flashlights, picnic dinners. Tickets: adults \$25 (\$30 after June 25), youth 12-18 \$10, under 12 free. Grounds open at 5:30 pm; concert 7:30 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum, One Park St. (802) 388-2117. henrysheldonmuseum.org. Rain location: Kenyon Arena.

MONTPELIER. Independence Day Celebration. Games in the Family Olympics on the State House lawn. Montpelier Mile Road Race begins at 6 pm and kicks off the July 3rd Parade. More than 40 food and fun vendors on the State House lawn. Music concert and spectacular fireworks show. 3-10 pm. City of Montpelier, downtown. (802) 223-9604

MONTPELIER. Reading Aloud of Frederick Douglass' "The Meaning of the Fourth of July for the Negro" Speech. Take a turn reading this powerful and eloquent speech with other community members. 12-1 pm. On the front steps of the library or in the Hayes Room in case of rain, Kellogg-Hubbard Library, 135 Main St. (802) 223-3338. kellogghubbard.org.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

MILTON. Fourth of July Celebration and Fireworks. Grand parade 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 7:30 pm. Fireworks at dusk. 10 am - 10 pm. 43 Bombardier Recreation Park. (802) 355-4084. miltonvt.org. Rain date for fireworks: July 5.

PLYMOUTH. President Calvin Coolidge Birthday Celebration. 10 am naturalization ceremony for 20 new U.S. citizens. 12 noon march to place a wreath at the president's gravesite. Afternoon activities: Stringfield Springers old-time string band, barbecue, birthday cake, historic craft demonstrations, wagon rides. Adults \$10, children 6-14 \$2, under 6 free, family \$25. 10 am - 5 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773.

RANDOLPH. 21st Annual Fourth of July Youth Musical: *Footloose*, featuring over 70 youth from the region. Tickets: adults \$19.25, children \$12.75. 7 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. chandler-arts.org. *Through July 7.*

SHOREHAM. Bell Ringing Across America at 2 pm. Museum open at 1:30 pm for people to pick out a bell to ring. Shoreham Bell Museum, 127 Smith St. off Rt. 74 west. For information call Judy Blake at (802) 349-9957. vtcatt@shorehambellmuseum.com. shorehambellmuseum.com.

STOWE. An Old-Fashioned Fourth of July. Parades, food, music, fireworks and more. Moscow Parade at 10 am. Firework display at the Mayo Events Field. 10 am - 9 pm. From nearby Moscow Parade to Mayo Events Field in Stowe. (802) 253-7321.

WARREN. Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks. The most energetic and lively parade in the state. Activities, music and fireworks at Lincoln Peak. 10 am - 10 pm. Sugarbush Resort, 1840 Sugarbush Access Rd. (802) 583-6369.

WOODSTOCK. "An Old Vermont 4th." Traditional music, flag-making, hand-cranked ice cream, horse-drawn wagon rides, fireworks, patriotic speeches, historic debate. Admission: adults \$16, 62 & over \$14, children 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, 2 & under free. Admission includes operating dairy farm, farm life exhibits, 1890 Farm Manager's House, daily programs and activities. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, one-half mile north of the Woodstock village green off VT Route 12N. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org.

FRIDAY, JULY 5

EAST BURKE. Independence Day at Burke Mountain. One of the largest fireworks displays in the Northeast Kingdom. Family fun, live music, scenic chairlift rides (\$5), and great food. Bounce house, children's coloring contest, balloon toss. Fireworks go off at dusk. 5-10 pm. Sherburne Base Lodge, Burke Mountain, 223 Sherburne Lodge Rd. (802) 626-7300.

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SAXTONS RIVER. Third Annual Great River Theater Festival. A mix of the traditional, edgy, comic, dance, social satire and puppets. Dessert contest, music, community jam session, food for sale. Festival pass: \$50 (seniors \$40), youth prices for all shows except Hedwig. Main Street Arts, 35 Main St. (802) 869-2960. info@mainstreetarts.org. www.greatriverfestival.org. *Through July 14.*

STOWE. Performance: Peking Acrobats. Daring maneuvers atop a precarious pagoda of chairs, trick-cycling, precision tumbling, juggling, somersaulting, and gymnastics, accompanied by musicians on traditional Chinese instruments. Tickets: adults \$45, kids (18 and under) \$23. 3-4:30 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. jnickerson@sprucepeakarts.org. sprucepeakarts.org/events/peking-acrobats.

STOWE. Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival. Children's corner, live band, great food and drink, balloon launches, and tethers. Tethered rides: \$10, under 12 free; fee for some children's activities. Balloon launch times: Friday 6:30 pm, Saturday 6:30 am and 6:30 pm, Sunday 6:30 am. Stoweflake Resort, 1746 Mountain Rd. (802) 253-7355. srballoonfest.flights@gmail.com. stoweflake.com/balloon. *Through July 7.*

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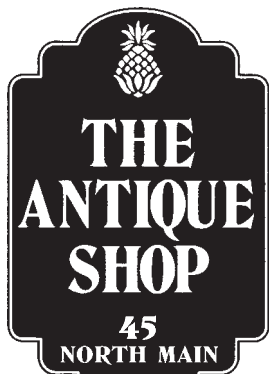
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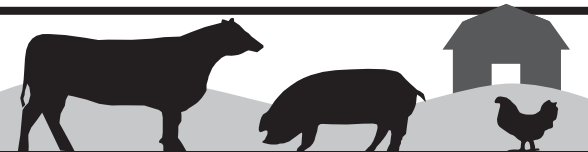


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STRAFFORD. Book Sale. Art books, books on birding, cookbooks, German books. Collections of fiction, history, biography/memoir, children's books and many other genres. Hardcover \$2 each, 3 for \$5. Trade paperbacks \$1. Vintage and valuable books. Friday 4-7 pm, rain or shine. Morrill Memorial & Harris Library, 220 Justin Morrill Hwy. (802) 765-4076. *Also July 6.*

STRATTON MOUNTAIN. Mountain Friends and Freedom. Celebrate the Fourth of July with family activities, scenic gondola rides, craft brews and barbecues, and fireworks on July 5. Live music from Little River Band on July 6. 7 am - 8 pm. Stratton Mountain Resort, 5 Village Lodge Rd. (800) 787-2886. stratton.com. *Through July 7.*

WEST DOVER. Fireworks For Freedom. Huge fireworks display and BBQ. Party starts on Main Street. Fireworks begin at "dark" (about 9:15 pm). Bring your lawn chairs. No outside food or alcohol, no dogs. 5-9:30 pm. Mount Snow Resort, 39 Mount Snow Rd. (802) 464-1100. mountsnow.com.

WOODSTOCK. Outdoor Concert: South Royalton Town Band. The town band celebrates its 150th year. Free. 7 pm. Woodstock History Center, 26 Elm St. (802) 291-0956. srtownband@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

BARNARD. Flea Market and Chicken Barbecue. A benefit for Barnard Volunteer Fire and Rescue. 9 am; barbecue starts at 11:30 am. Barnard Town Hall, 115 North Rd. (802) 234-9073.

BRANDON. Independence Day Celebration. Friday: 5 pm opening of silent auction, burgers & dogs, cotton candy, popcorn & more. Street dance 6-10 pm with DJ. Saturday: Family games, Karaoke for all ages, Magic show, two 50/50 raffles. Parade at 1 pm. Keating Five Concert. BBQ, picnic 5-7 pm. DJ 6-9 pm. Fireworks at Dusk. Free. Park Village, on Rte. 7 north of town. (802) 247-6401. brandon.org. *Through July 6.*

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ISLAND POND. Independence Day Parade, Downtown, 11 am - 12:30 pm. Chicken Barbecue lunch at the American Legion Brighton Post #80, 60 Railroad St., 12-3 pm. Duck Race, 1-2 pm. Get your duck before race time. Island Pond Welcome Center, 11 Birch St. (802) 723-0470. visitislandpond.com.

LONDONDERRY. Independence Day Celebration. Parade downtown at 11 am before the big event. Fireworks display. Cook-out. Live band featuring Road Trash 7-11 pm on the deck, indoor/outdoor bar. 6-11 pm. Magic Mountain Ski Area, 495 Magic Mountain Access Rd. (802) 824-5645. magicmtn.com.

LYNDONVILLE. Arts and Crafts Fair. 59 juried artists and crafts people, huge raffle table, homemade strawberry shortcake, lunch, children's activities, live entertainment. 10 am - 4 pm, rain or shine. Bandstand Park, Main St. (802) 626-9631.

MIDDLEBURY. St. Stephens Peasant Market. Clean used items including clothing, linens, books, furniture, and odds and ends. To benefit our local social service agencies. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, On the Green. (802) 388-7200. ststephensmiddlebury@gmail.com.

PITTSFORD. Arts & Crafts Fair. 9 am - 3 pm. Maclure Library, 840 Arch St. (802) 483-2972. maclurelibrary.org.

PITTSFORD. Raptor Show. Mike Clough from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum will bring you face to face with Vermont's Raptors. 11 am. Maclure Library, 840 Arch St. (802) 483-2972. maclurelibrary.org.

POULTNEY. Annual Youth Flea Market, open to kids and teens up to age 18. Popular ideas include selling unwanted toys and handmade jewelry, bake sales, lemonade stands, art sales, and youth organization fundraisers. Registration fee: \$5 per table. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 10 am - 2 pm on Main Street, rain or shine. (802) 287-5556.

POULTNEY. Annual Book Sale. High quality and high interest books. Hardcover and trade paperbacks start at 50¢, mass market paperbacks start at 25¢. DVDs for \$1. New, old, and collectible books individually priced. Puzzles and games for sale. 8 am - 4 pm, rain or shine. Poultnery Public Library. (802) 287-5556.

RIPTON. Concert: Moira Smiley. 7:30 pm open mic followed by featured performer. General admission \$10, generous admission \$15, kids under 12 \$3. Open mic sign up: (802) 388-9782. Doors open at 7 pm. Ripton Community Coffee House, 1305 Rte. 125, (802) 349-3364. rcchfolks@gmail.com. rcch.org.

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. From farm fresh veggies and fruits to artisan cheeses. Live music. 9 am - 2 pm, in Depot Park across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through October 26.*

SAXTONS RIVER. Third Annual Great River Theater Festival. Musicals: *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* and Loom Dance Ensemble's "What the Jellyfish Knows." Great Tent Event at 11 am: dessert contest, music, community jam session, food for sale. 4 pm Sandglass Theater's "Tape Guy" rod puppet workshop at MSA. 7:30 pm Gilbert & Sullivan's H.M.S. Pinafore opens at Vermont Academy. Festival pass: \$50 (seniors \$40), youth prices for all shows except Hedwig. Main Street Arts, 35 Main St. (802) 869-2960. info@mainstreetarts.org. greatriverfestival.org. *Through July 14.*

STOCKBRIDGE. Art In Action and Craft Fair. Local artists and craftsmen display their wares and demonstrate their techniques. Featured Artist M. Julian Isaacson will demonstrate marble sculpting techniques. Drop-in vendors, art of 18 craftsmen on display in the gallery. 10 am - 5 pm. Stone Revival Gallery & Gifts, 354 Rte. 100. (802) 746-8110. stonerevival.com.

STRAFFORD. Book Sale. Hardcover \$2 each, 3 for \$5. Trade paperbacks \$1. Vintage and valuable books. 10 am - 2 pm, rain or shine. Morrill Memorial & Harris Library, 220 Justin Morrill Hwy. (802) 765-4076. costumerachel@gmail.com.

VERSHIRE. Vershire Day. Parade, bake sale, live music, live and silent auctions, barbecue and fireworks at dusk. Free. 10 am. Vershire Town Center, 27 Vershire Center Rd. (802) 685-9982. VerShare.org.

WILMINGTON. Independence Day Fireworks. Family fun, food, music, and bouncy houses. Fireworks at dusk. Buses available at 5 pm. 5-9:30 pm. Hayford Field, 21 W Main St. (802) 464-8092. Rain date: Saturday July 13.

WOODSTOCK. Horse-drawn wagon rides. Admission: adults \$16, seniors 62 and over \$14, students 16 & up \$9, children 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4. Wednesdays 11 am - 3 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Route 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. billingsfarm.org. *July 6 through September 28.*

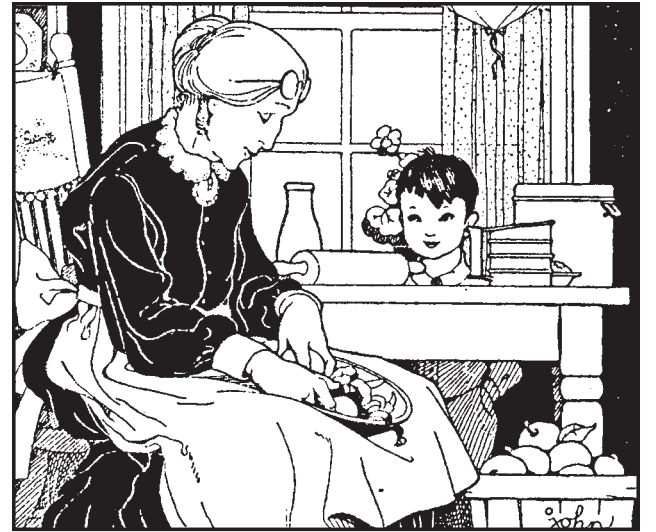
SUNDAY, JULY 7

BROWNINGTON. Back Roads Readings 2019 Summer Poetry Series: Reuben Jackson and Garret Keizer. Readings begin at 3 pm, followed by book signing and reception. Free, donations appreciated. Everyone welcome. Brownington Congregational Church. (802) 633-4956. lisavonkann@gmail.com. backroadsreadings.com.

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LYME, NH. Sunday Buffet on the Shore of the Lake. Music by Never Too Late. A variety of entrées, vegetarian dishes, salads and side dishes, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverages. BYOB. Serving 6-7 pm. Adults \$25, children 5-12 \$10, four and under free. Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Rd. (603) 795-2141. www.lochlymelodge.com.

MANCHESTER. Sunday Farm Concert. The Mammals perform fiddle/folk rock. Certified organic vegetables, wood-fired bakery, vegetarian farm-to-table event catering, farm store & world music venue. 5 pm. Earth Sky Time Community Farm, 1547 Main St. just south of town off Rt. 7A. (802) 384-1400. www.earthskytime.com. *Also July 21, August 4 & 11, September 1, October 13.*



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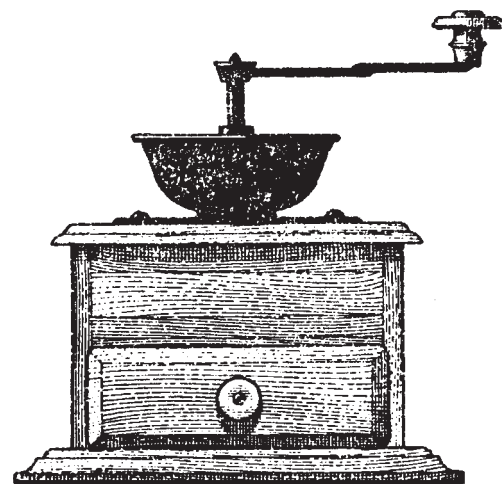
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(Sunday, July 7, continued)

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ROCHESTER. Rochester Chamber Music Society Marguerite Schenkman Memorial Concert: Mary Rowell, violin; Paul Reynolds, viola; Emily Taubl, cello; Cynthia Huard, piano, perform music of Schumann, Carolyn Shaw, Beethoven, and Nico Muhly. Free admission; donations accepted. 4 pm. Federated Church. (802) 767-9234. lesley@rcmsvt.org. rcmsvt.org.

WINDSOR. Constitution Day Celebration. Reenactors, traditional artisans, and costumed guides salute the 242nd anniversary of Vermont's first constitution. Culminates with "Vermont's Revolutionary Trek," symbolic relay from Hubbardton Battlefield to Windsor's constitutional convention. Adults \$3, children 15 and under free. 10 am - 5 pm. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 North Main St. (802) 672-3773. historicssites.vermont.gov.

MONDAY, JULY 8

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STOWE. 35th Annual Book Sale. Sponsored by the Friends of Stowe Free Library. There are over 25 categories of books available, restocked daily, including: large print books; music CDs, audio books, and DVDs. The gazebo will have children's books, audio books, music CD's, and DVD's available. Held daily, dawn to dusk. Stowe Free Library, 90 Pond St. (802) 253-6145. www.stowelibrary.org/friends. *Through July 28.*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

LYME, NH. Wednesday Cookout on the Shore of the Lake. Music by Dick McCormack. A variety of entrées, vegetarian dishes, salads and side dishes, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverages. BYOB. Serving 5:30-7:30 pm. Adults \$20, children 5-12 \$8, four and under free. Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Rd. (603) 795-2141. www.lochlymelodge.com. *Wednesdays through August 28.*

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WALLINGFORD. Concert: The Moonlighters. Big band group, Glenn Miller, Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, Duke Ellington. Donation, 7 pm. Town Hall, 75 School St. (802) 446-2872. townadmin@wallingfordvt.com.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

BARNARD. Music on the Farm Thursday Night Music Series: Bow Thayer, folk/rock. Suggested donation: \$5-\$10. 5:30-8 pm, doors open 5 pm. Feast and Field Market, 1544 Royalton Tpk. clovermont@gmail.com. barnarts.org.

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FRIDAY, JULY 12

CORNISH, NH. Opera North presents "Singers and Swingers, Volume 2.0." Professional circus artists team up with Opera North to celebrate American dreams with the music of Copland, Gershwin, Rodgers and Hammerstein, and more. Tickets: \$25/\$50. Friday 7 pm, Saturday and Sunday 2 pm and 7 pm. Blow-Me-Down Farm, 364 NH Route 12A. (603) 448-0400. operanorth.org.

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SATURDAY, JULY 13

BRADFORD. Takeout Chicken Dinner. Half a grilled chicken, potato salad, baked beans, homemade barbecue sauce, cookies and utensils. Takeout only. While supplies last. Price: \$12. 11:30 am - 2 pm. Grace United Methodist Church, 186 N. Main St. (802) 222-9062.

CRAFTSBURY COMMON. 49th Annual Antiques and Uniques Festival. Over 100 vendors. Specialty foods. Live music and barbeque tent. Antique cars. 10 am - 4 pm on Craftsbury Common.

FLORENCE. Touch-A-Truck Event. Family fun, food, music and a chance to explore vehicles/machinery. Displays and demonstrations include construction equipment, trucks, machinery, emergency responders. Suggested donation: \$5 per family. 9 am - 3 pm. Pittsford Village Farm, 42 Elm St. (802) 483-6335. info@pittsfordvillagefarm.org. pittsfordvillagefarm.org.

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

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THURSDAY, JULY 18

BRADFORD. Connecticut Valley Fair. Motorsports, tractor and pony pulling, farming, rides, family fun, concerts, concessions, midway, fair food. 66 Carson Ln. (802) 222-4053. thebradfordfair@gmail.com. bradfordfair.org. Thru July 21.

CHARLOTTE. Vermont Mozart Festival Concert. The Danish String Quartet Wood Works performs Terry Riley's G-Song and Mozart's Nonetto, (arr. Jean Francaix). Free. 7-9 pm. Charlotte Town Beach, 1371 Lake Rd. (802) 598-9520. vermontmozartfestival.org.

FRIDAY, JULY 19

BRADFORD. Connecticut Valley Fair. Motorsports, tractor and pony pulling, farming, rides, family fun, concerts, concessions. 66 Carson Ln. (802) 222-4053. thebradfordfair@gmail.com. bradfordfair.org. Thru July 21.

BURLINGTON. 27th Annual Vermont Brewers Festival. On the waterfront of Lake Champlain. 50 brewers and over 250 beers, many brewed exclusively for the festival. Live music, local food trucks, food and beer pairings. Tickets: \$43. 20 Lake St. (802) 448-3045. admin@vermontbrewers.com. www.vermontbrewers.com. Also July 20.

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PITTSFORD. Live Bird Presentation (raptors and owls!) by Mike Clough of the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. Rain or shine. Free. 1 am. Pittsford Recreation Area, 223 Recreation Area Rd. rutlandcountyaudubon.org.

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. 9 am - 2 pm, in Depot Park across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. Saturdays through October 26.

RUTLAND. 40th Annual Rutland Car Show And Flea Market. Vendors, food purveyors, and lots of flea market vendors. Trophies awarded each day, with the big ceremony on Sunday. Featuring vehicles made in 1979. Admission: \$5, kids under 12 free. 9 am. Vermont State Fairgrounds. ravecclub.com/2019-rutland-car-show. Also July 14.

SAXTONS RIVER. Third Annual Great River Theater Festival. Musicals: *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* and Loom Dance Ensemble's "What the Jellyfish Knows." Free events under the tent: 10 am - 12:30 pm Fairy Tales and Fairy Houses workshop, 12:30-1:30 pm Teen Storytelling session. Food for sale. 7:30 p.m. Loom Dance Ensemble's "Prime." Festival pass: \$50 (seniors \$40), youth prices for all shows except *Hedwig*. Main Street Arts, 35 Main St. (802) 869-2960. info@mainstreetarts.org. greatriverfestival.org. Through July 14.

SO. BURLINGTON. Annual Benefit Plant Sale. Wide variety of ornamental trees, shrubs, and perennials generously donated by gardens and local nurseries. 10 am - 1 pm. UVM Horticulture Center, 65 Green Mountain Dr. info@friendsofthehortfarm.org. fhfv.org.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

LYME, NH. Sunday Buffet on the Shore of the Lake. Music by Danny and the Dinosaurs. A variety of entrées, vegetarian dishes, salads and side dishes, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverages. BYOB. Serving 6-7 pm. Adults \$25, children 5-12 \$10, four and under free. Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Rd. (603) 795-2141. www.lochlymelodge.com.

PUTNEY. 17th Annual Twilight on the Tavern Lawn Series: Cantrip. High energy Scottish music bagpipes/fiddle/guitar trio. Free, donations accepted. Food available. 6 pm on the Putney Tavern lawn (bring a lawn chair or blanket) or at Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill in case of rain. (802) 387-5772. twilightmusic.org.

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WOLCOTT. Farm to Ballet. Full-length performance reinterprets classical ballet pieces to tell the story of a Vermont farm from Spring to Fall. Farm stand with build-your-own salad bar and other dinner foods, baked and CBD goods, NOFA pizza oven and bar. Tickets: adults \$20, kids free. 5-8:45 pm. Sandiwood Farm, 1665 Town Hill Rd. (802) 888-2881. sandiwoodfarm.com.

MONDAY, JULY 15

RUTLAND. Friends of the Rutland Free Library Summer Book Sale. Thousands of organized, gently-used books, CDs, DVDs and puzzles for all ages. Rare and antique books at discounted prices. Most items \$.25 - \$ 3. Always a broad selection of discounted rare, and antique books. Summer highlights and specials will change every Monday. 4-8 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. www.rutlandfree.org. Also July 22 & 29 and August 5 & 12.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

BRADFORD. Concert: "Across the Zoo-iverse." David Rosane & the Zookeepers, with special guest musicians and speakers. All donations go to the library. Bradford Library. davidandthezoo@gmail.com. www.davidandthezoo.com.

LYME, NH. Wednesday Cookout on the Shore of the Lake. Music by Phyllis and the Bookends. A variety of entrées, vegetarian dishes, salads and side dishes, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverages. BYOB. Serving 5:30-7:30 pm. Adults \$20, children 5-12 \$8, four and under free. Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Rd. (603) 795-2141. www.lochlymelodge.com. Wednesdays through August 28.

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(Friday, July 19, continued)

HANOVER, NH. Circus Smirkus' 2019 show: Carnival. Jugglers, acrobats, and wirewalkers. Dazzling circus skills on full display under the big top. Tickets: adults \$22, youth (7-12) \$18, child (2-6) \$16. 1 pm and 6 pm. Fullington Farm Field, NH-10. (877) 764-7587. *Through July 20.*

KILLINGTON. Killington Wine Festival. Three days of wining and dining. Live music, special deals, and the signature event of the summer. Killington Peak, 2319 US Rt. 4. killingtonwinefestival.com. *Through July 21.*

MONTPELIER. Second Annual Maple Madness. Sugar on Snow, maple maze, Maple Mile running race, tree taping, maple story time, maple baked beans and hot dogs, and so much more. 10 am - 8 pm. Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks, 1168 Country Rd. (802) 233-2740. morsefarm.com/events.

ROCHESTER. Rochester Chamber Music Society Concert: Peter Stumpf, cello, and Cynthia Huard, piano, perform music of Beethoven, Schumann, Dvorak, Fauré. Free admission: donations gratefully accepted. 7 pm. Federated Church. (802) 767-9234. lesley@rcmsvt.org. rcmsvt.org.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

BRADFORD. Connecticut Valley Fair. Motorsports, tractor and pony pulling, farming, rides, family fun, concerts, concessions. 66 Carson Ln. (802) 222-4053. thebradfordfair@gmail.com. bradfordfair.org. *Also July 21.*

GOSHEN. Goshen Gallop. 10km trail run (5km option too) on the Blueberry Hill trails in the Green Mountain National Forest. Followed by a fabulous feast and live music. Picnic in orchard starting at 5 pm. Adults \$65, kids 12 and under \$45. Dinner: adults \$20, kids 12 and under \$15. 4-7 pm. Blueberry Hill, Goshen Ripton Rd. (802) 247-6735. goshengallop.com.

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HUBBARDTON. Hubbardton Town Family Fun Day. The Town of Hubbardton sponsors a family fun afternoon and evening, with music, food, and activities for all ages, with fireworks at dusk. 4-9:30 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov/directory/Hubbardton. Rain date: July 21.

HUBBARDTON. 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11 Lunar Landing Astronomy Night. Weather permitting, members of the Green Mountain Astronomers share their knowledge and telescopes. 7-11 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov/directory/Hubbardton.

LYNDONVILLE. Stars and Stripes Festival and Parade. Huge parade with floats, music, horses, clowns and Bread and Puppet Theater's giant puppets and stilt walkers. 50+ vendors, handmade crafts, entertainment, live music and delicious food. 9 am - 4 pm. Bandstand Park. (802) 626-9696.

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. From farm fresh veggies and fruits to artisan cheeses, handcrafted breads, maple syrup, Vermont crafts, prepared foods, and more. Live music. EBT and debit cards. 9 am - 2 pm, in Depot Park across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through October 26.*

SHELBURNE. Vermont Mozart Festival Concert. Gifted young professional musicians led by Michael Dabroski perform Mozart's Symphony No.35, Violin Concerto No.3, and Symphony No. 39. Tickets: \$30. 7-9 pm. Shelburne Farms Coach Barn, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 598-9520. vermontmozartfestival.org.

SO. BURLINGTON. Rhododendron Workday. Join curator Beth Gutwin to learn about maintenance, pruning, and general care of rhododendrons and azaleas. Bring gloves and tools. Free. 9 am - 12 noon. UVM Horticulture Center, 65 Green Mountain Dr. fhfv.org.

SO. NEWFANE. Rock River Artists' 27th Annual Open Studio Tour. 17 accomplished artists in a range of media from functional pottery to thread on fabric, inlay to collage, in South Newfane, Williamsville, and Newfane. Start at the old Schoolhouse in South Newfane village. Free. 10 am - 6 pm. (802) 348-7865. rs@rogersandes.com. rockriverartists.com. *Also July 21.*

STOWE. Concert: Judy Collins. Sublime vocals, boldly vulnerable songwriting, personal life triumphs, and a firm commitment to social activism. Tickets: \$35-\$55. 7-9 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. sprucepeakarts.org.

ST. ALBANS. Third Annual Non-Fiction Comics Mini-Fest. Day-long event presenting an exciting mix of Vermont and regional cartoonists engaged in non-fiction work. Presentations by Glynnis Fawkes, Kurt Shaffert and Sarah Yahm, and Marek Bennett. Free. 10 am - 4 pm. Saint Albans Museum, 9 Church St. (802) 388-4964. vermontfolklifecenter.org.

ST. JOHNSBURY. Astronomy Extravaganza. Astronomy block party to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing. Special shows throughout the day. Telescope instruction, astronomy-themed crafts and STEM activities. Food trucks on hand. Watch the 1969 broadcast of the lunar landing. 9 am - 9 pm. Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium, 1302 Main St. (802) 748-2372. fairbanksmuseum.org.

WARDSBORO. Concert: Stockwell Brothers, progressive and classic bluegrass. Cost: \$10, includes concert & refreshments. BYOB. Doors open 6:30 pm. Wardsboro Town Hall Café, 71 Main St.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

ADDISON. Blast from the Past: How to Weed Your Attic. Archivists Elizabeth H. Dow and Lucinda P. Cockrell, experts in residence on the Chimney Point porch, advise you how to weed your attic. 2-4 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Route 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicites.vermont.gov/directory/chimney_point.

BRADFORD. Connecticut Valley Fair. Motorsports, tractor and pony pulling, farming, rides, family fun, concerts. 66 Carson Ln. (802) 222-4053. bradfordfair.org.

BROWNINGTON. Back Roads Readings 2019 Summer Poetry Series: Deborah Warren and Rachel Hadas. Readings begin at 3 pm, followed by book signing and reception. Free, donations appreciated. Everyone welcome. Brownington Congregational Church. (802) 633-4956. lisavonkann@gmail.com. backroadsreadings.com.

LYME, NH. Sunday Buffet on the Shore of the Lake. Music by Boys Night Out. A variety of entrées, vegetarian dishes, salads and side dishes, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverages. BYOB. Serving 6-7 pm. Adults \$25, children 5-12 \$10, four and under free. Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Rd. (603) 795-2141. www.lochlymelodge.com.

MANCHESTER. Solarfest! 10 am to 10 pm featuring music by Chicago Afrobeat & Gaslight Tinkers. Certified organic vegetables, wood-fired bakery, vegetarian farm-to-table event catering, farm store & world music venue. Earth Sky Time Community Farm, 1547 Main St. (802) 384-1400. www.earthskytime.com. *Also Aug 4 & 11, Sept 1, Oct 13.*

PLYMOUTH. Grace Coolidge Musicales #2. Ellen Nordstrom and Abigail Charbeneau present *Flighty Females and Other Femmes Fatales from the Golden Age of Broadway*. Songs by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Kurt Weil, Lerner and Loewe, and Frank Loesser. Donation suggested. 4-5:30 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Route 100A. (802) 672-3773. william.jenny@vermont.gov.

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Now heading towards its thirteenth year, the Festival is a four-day celebration of Lake Champlain, showcasing exhibits throughout sites on the Burlington Waterfront (Burlington Boathouse, Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center, Ferry Dock Marina, Burlington Harbor Marina, Burlington's Waterfront Park and more).

Festival activities have included: Lake Champlain Antique & Classic Boat Show on Saturday; Stand Up Paddleboard; Free Concert Series; evening ticketed concerts, presented by Higher Ground; international food court and craft vendors; beer tent; maritime exhibits and more! The Lake Champlain Maritime Daily admission is free to most events with select events requiring admission.

Concerts and Events

Main Stage Concert Presented by High Ground: Lake Street Dive & The Wood Brothers. Thursday, July 25, gates: 6 p.m. Tickets: \$44 advance, \$48 day of show. All ages, children 12 and under are free! Glass, pets, outside alcohol, blankets, and coolers are all prohibited. All events are rain or shine. Tickets for all three concerts available online at www.highergroundmusic.com, or by phone at (802) 652-0777.

Main Stage Concert Presented by High Ground: Twiddle's Tumble Down and More. Friday and Saturday, July 26 & 27, gates: 3 p.m. Tickets: \$65 two-day regular pass, plus \$5 day of show. Vermont's own "house band," returns home on July 26th for some "Syncopated Healing" for "Every Soul." Then, Twiddle returns for day two of Tumble Down on July 27th.

Main Stage Concert Presented by High Ground: Joe Russo's Almost Dead. Sunday, July 28, gates: 6 p.m. Tickets: \$49 advance, \$53 day of show. Joe Russo's Almost Dead is Scott Metzger, Tommy Hamilton, Dave Dreiwitz, Marco Benevento & Joe Russo. A Grateful Dead cover band.

Thursday, July 25

Arts & Crafts Vendors. Food & Beverage Court.



Boating in the evening at Burlington waterfront on Lake Champlain at sunset. Kids watch, so do the ducks. photo by Nancy Cassidy

Friday, July 26

Lake Champlain Ferry Marina: Arts & Crafts Vendors. Food & Beverage Court.

Saturday, July 27

Lake Champlain Ferry Marina: Lake Champlain Transportation "Adirondack" Ferry Boat. Lake Champlain Transportation "Champlain" Ferry Boat. Lake Champlain Transportation "Miss Piggy" Tug Boat.

Lake Champlain Burlington Boathouse: Lake Champlain ACBS Vintage Boat Show & Static Displays. Lake Champlain ACBS Vintage Boat Show Parade 4 p.m. Classic Sailing Vessel Charter "Friendship". Cruise Ship "Ethan Allen."

Lake Champlain Echo Center: UVM "Melosira" Research Vessel. U.S. Navy Memorial.

Lake Champlain Great Lawn: Pirate Park Kid's Event 9-1 p.m. Kid's Playhouse. Bouncy Houses. Circus Smirkus. DJ Super Sounds. U.S. Coast Guard Exhibit.

Lake Champlain Waterfront Park: Water Works Information. Healing Winds Exhibit. Wounded Warriors Exhibit.

Arts and Crafts Vendors. Food & Beverage Court.

Lake Champlain Waterfront North: Outdoor Gear Exchange Paddleboard. Community Sailing Center New Facility. Dragonheart Vermont Demonstration. Vermont State Police. Skateboard Park.

Sunday, July 28

Lake Champlain Great Lawn: Mr. Chris. Circus Smirkus. Big Tiny Love. One Percent for the Planet.

Lake Champlain Waterfront Park: Arts & Crafts Vendor. Food & Beverage Court. One Percent for the Planet.

Lake Champlain Waterfront North: Outdoor Gear Exchange Paddleboard: Dragonheart Vermont Demonstration.

The Lake Champlain Maritime Festival's mission is to celebrate the past, present and future of Lake Champlain and the Burlington Waterfront.

Visit the Lake Champlain Maritime Festival online at www.lcmfestival.com for 2019 Festival updates.

Vermont Country Calendar

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MONDAY, JULY 22

MONTPELIER. Summer Basement Book Sale. Open during regular library hours. Bag Sale. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, 135 Main St. (802) 223-3338. kellogghubbard.org. *Through July 22-27.*

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WOODSTOCK. National Ice Cream Day at Billings Farm & Museum. Celebrate the great American dessert. Help make and sample four flavors of ice cream. Other activities include wagon rides and playing historic baseball. Admission: \$4-\$16. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 69 Old River Rd. (802) 457-2355.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

LYME, NH. Wednesday Cookout on the Shore of the Lake. Music by Revels North Singers. A variety of entrées, vegetarian dishes, salads and side dishes, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverages. BYOB. Serving 5:30-7:30 pm. Adults \$20, children 5-12 \$8, four and under free. Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Rd. (603) 795-2141. www.lochlymelodge.com. *Wednesdays through August 28.*

NO. HAVERHILL, NH. 75th Annual North Haverhill Fair. Admission: \$3-\$12, under 5 free. 4-10 pm. Fred C. Lee Memorial Field, 1299 Dartmouth College Hwy. (603) 989-3305. nohaverhillfair.com. *Through July 28.*

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. 3-6 pm in Depot Park across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. *Wednesdays through October 23.*

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NO. HAVERHILL, NH. 75th Annual North Haverhill Fair. Live entertainment, amusement rides, 4H and youth events, animal pulling competitions, art exhibits, food and more. Admission: \$3-\$12, under 5 free. 10 am – 10 pm. Fred C. Lee Memorial Field, 1299 Dartmouth College Hwy. (603) 989-3305. nohaverhillfair.com. *Thru July 28.*

FRIDAY, JULY 26

BARNARD. Music on the Farm Music Series: The Villalobos Brothers from Vera Cruz, Mexico. Tickets: \$25. 5:30-8 pm, doors open 5 pm. Feast and Field Market, 1544 Royalton Tpk. barnarts.org.

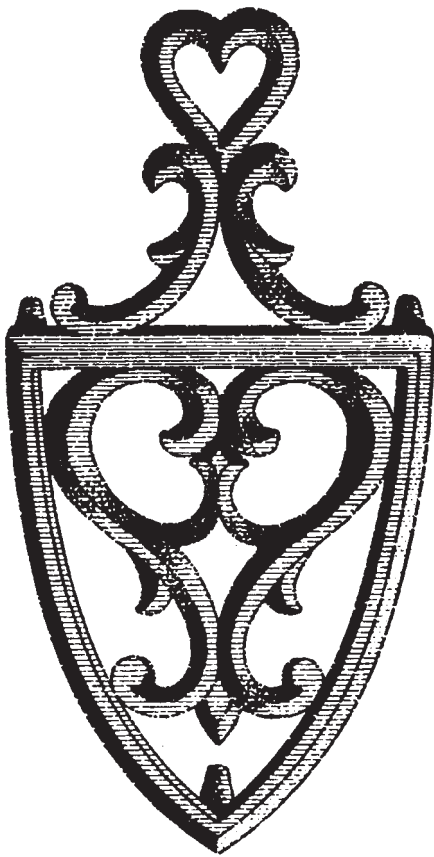
BURLINGTON. Fourth Annual Twiddle's Tumble Down. Part of Lake Champlain Maritime Festival. Glass, pets, outside alcohol, blankets, and coolers are all prohibited. Tickets at ticketfly.com. Children 12, and under are free. 3:30-11:30 pm. Waterfront Park, 1 College St. *Through July 27.*

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JOHNSON. 58th Annual Lamoille County Field Days. Traditional agricultural fair. Family fun and education, promoting and maintaining traditional agricultural heritage and values. Reasonable prices, safe, clean environment. 203 Wilson Rd. (802) 635-7113. lamoillefielddays.com. *Through July 28.*

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WOODSTOCK. 11th Annual Bookstock. The Green Mountain Festival of Words. Readings by over 40 authors and poets. Huge used book sale. Unbound, book-themed art exhibit. Vendor tents, food, music. Demonstration of virtual reality. Tribute to Mary Oliver. Sunday showing of Charlotte's Web. All events are free. Friday 12 noon – 4 pm, Saturday 11:30 am – 6 pm, Sunday 10 am – 2 pm. (802) 989-4338. bookstockvt.org. *Through July 28.*

SATURDAY, JULY 27

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ESSEX JUNCTION. 40th Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. Minerals, fossils, gems and jewelry. Exhibits, lectures, raffle, silent auction and door prizes. Fish pond for kids. Refreshments. Free parking. Admission: adults \$4, seniors 60+ \$3, under 16 free. 10 am – 5 pm. Champlain Valley Exposition, 105 Pearl St. (802) 985-1039. burlingtongemandmineralclub.org. *Also July 28.*

JOHNSON. 58th Annual Lamoille County Field Days. Traditional agricultural fair. Family fun and education, promoting and maintaining traditional agricultural heritage and values. Reasonable prices, safe, clean environment. 203 Wilson Rd. (802) 635-7113. lamoillefielddays.com. *Through July 28.*

MANCHESTER CENTER. Manchester Music Festival Community Recital. Special guest musicians followed by a Q&A hosted by artistic director Adam Neiman. Beethoven's Sonata No. 9 in A Major for Violin & Piano, Hye-Jin Kim violin, Adam Neiman piano. Free. 4:30-5:30 pm. Manchester Community Library, 138 Cemetery Ave. (802) 362-1956. mmfvt.org.

NO. HAVERHILL, NH. 75th Annual North Haverhill Fair. Live entertainment, amusement rides, 4H and youth events, animal pulling competitions, art exhibits, food and more. Performance by Bon Jovi tribute band "Wanted: DOA" at 8 pm. Admission: \$3-\$12, under 5 free. 10 am – 10 pm. Fred C. Lee Memorial Field, 1299 Dartmouth College Hwy. (603) 989-3305. nohaverhillfair.com. *Also July 28.*

PAWLET. 52nd Annual Pawlet Public Library Book Sale. Over 20,000 books for sale. All-volunteer-run event draws book lovers from all over Vermont and nearby states. Mettawee Community School. (802) 325-3123. pawletpub@gmail.com. pawletpubliclibrary.wordpress.com. *Also July 28.*

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WEST DOVER. Fourth Annual Blueberry Bash. Blueberry Parade. Backyard games, live music, BBQ, beer, and more. Small and fun obstacle course for the kids. Free. 12-5 pm. Mount Snow Resort, 39 Mount Snow Rd. (802) 464-1100. mountsnow.com.

WEST HARTFORD. Family Campout. Games, entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, campfire. Dinner and breakfast included. Bring camping equipment. No campers or RVs. No pets. Pre-reg required. Price: \$30 per family (up to 4 people). Check-in Saturday 2 pm, activities start at 3:30 pm; checkout Sunday by 10 am. Erwin Clifford Park, 100 Recreation Dr. (802) 295-5036. hartfordrec.com.

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(Saturday, July 27, continued)

WOODSTOCK. 11th Annual Bookstock. The Green Mountain Festival of Words. Readings by over 40 authors and poets. Huge used book sale. Unbound, book-themed art exhibit. Vendor tents, food, music. Demonstration of virtual reality. Tribute to Mary Oliver. Sunday showing of Charlotte's Web. All events are free. Saturday 11:30 am - 6 pm. (802) 989-4338. bookstockvt.org. *Also July 28.*

WOODSTOCK. Farm to Ballet. Colorful ballet performance reinterprets classical pieces to tell the story of three seasons on a Vermont farm. Accompanied by a live string sextet playing Vivaldi. Reservations recommended. Tickets: adults \$25, children 12 and under \$10. 6:30 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 5302 River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

BURLINGTON. 13th Annual Lake Champlain Maritime Festival. Stroll along the shores, view the classic boats, long boats, canoe, kayak and Dragon Boat demonstrations. Local fare, music and bring children for hands-on exhibits along the spectacular shores of the Waterfront. Most events free. lcmfestival.com.

ESSEX JUNCTION. 40th Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. Minerals, fossils, gems and jewelry. Exhibits, lectures, raffle, silent auction and door prizes. Fish pond for kids. Refreshments. Free parking. Admission: adults \$4, seniors 60+ \$3, under 16 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Champlain Valley Exposition, 105 Pearl St. (802) 985-1039. burlingtongemandmineralclub.org.

JOHNSON. 58th Annual Lamoille County Field Days. Traditional agricultural fair. Family fun and education, promoting and maintaining traditional agricultural heritage. 203 Wilson Rd. (802) 635-7113. lamoillefielddays.com.

LYME, NH. Sunday Buffet on the Shore of the Lake. Music by Susan Brison & Billy Rosen. A variety of entrées, vegetarian dishes, salads and side dishes, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverages. BYOB. Serving 6-7 pm. Adults \$25, children 5-12 \$10, four and under free. Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Rd. (603) 795-2141. www.lochlymelodge.com. *Sundays through September 1.*

NO. HAVERHILL, NH. 75th Annual North Haverhill Fair. Live entertainment, amusement rides, 4H and youth events, animal pulling, art exhibits, food. Admission: \$3-\$12, under 5 free. 10 am - 6 pm. Fred C. Lee Memorial Field, 1299 Dartmouth College Hwy. (603) 989-3305. nohaverhillfair.com.

PAWLET. 52nd Annual Pawlet Public Library Book Sale. Over 20,000 books for sale. All-volunteer-run event draws book lovers from all over Vermont and nearby states. Mettawee Community School. (802) 325-3123. pawletpub@gmail.com. pawletpubliclibrary.wordpress.com.

PUTNEY. 17th Annual Twilight on the Tavern Lawn Series: Julian Gerstein Sextet. Sounds of the Caribbean and Eastern Europe through original, lyrical jazz compositions. Free, donations accepted. Food available. 6 pm on the Putney Tavern lawn (bring a lawn chair or blanket) or at Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill in case of rain. (802) 387-5772. twilightmusic.org.

STRAFFORD. Historic Garden Tour. Margie Carpenter will lead a tour of Justin Morrill's ferme ornée, discussing Victorian landscapes, and Morrill's experimentation with plants from Europe, Asia, and South America. Adults \$6, children under 15 free. 2-5 pm. Senator Justin Morrill State Historic Site, 214 Justin Morrill Hwy. (802) 828-3051.

WOODSTOCK. 11th Annual Bookstock. The Green Mountain Festival of Words. Readings by over 40 authors and poets. Huge used book sale. Unbound, book-themed art exhibit. Vendor tents, food, music. Demonstration of virtual reality. Tribute to Mary Oliver. Sunday showing of Charlotte's Web. All events are free. 10 am - 2 pm. (802) 989-4338. bookstockvt.org.

MONDAY, JULY 29

HUBBARDTON. Last Sunday: Learning History through Living History. Michael Blakeslee, site interpreter and long-time reenactor, relates his experiences as a reenactor exploring and learning about the times from the French and Indian War period through the American Revolution. 1-2:30 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov/directory/Hubbardton.

RUTLAND. Friends of the Rutland Free Library Summer Book Sale. Thousands of organized, gently-used books, CDs, DVDs and puzzles for all ages. Rare and antique books at discounted prices. Most items \$.25 - \$3. Always a broad selection of discounted rare, and antique books. Summer highlights and specials change every Monday. 4-8 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. www.rutlandfree.org. *Also August 5 & 12.*

ST. ALBANS. Vermont in the Civil War Heritage Trail Second Anniversary Party. Open house with tours of the exhibits, cake, light refreshments, cash bar. Brief program on Vermont's role in the Civil War at 6 pm. Free. 5:30-7 pm. Saint Albans Museum, 9 Church St. (802) 537-7933. stamuseum.org. vtcivilwarheritage.net.

WEYBRIDGE. Foal Days. Photo ops with the 2019 mares and foals. Learn about the Morgan's first year on the farm. Adults \$5, 5-15 \$3, four and under free, Addison County residents, and UVM ID holders \$4. 10 am - 2 pm. UVM Morgan Horse Farm, 74 Battell Dr. (802) 388-2011. uvm.edu/morgan. Rain location: Remount Barn.

TUESDAY, JULY 30

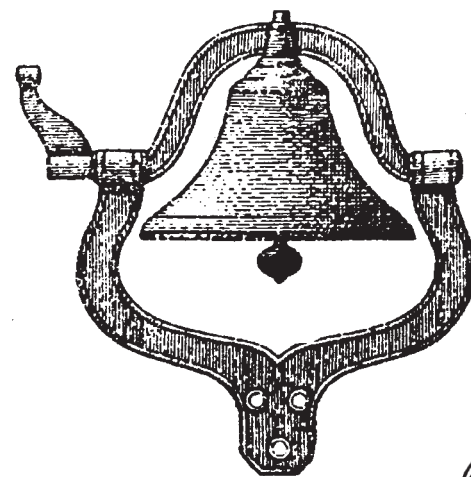
FAIRLEE. Concert on the Common: Constitution Quintet. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnics or carry-out from Fairlee's famous eateries. Free. 6:30-8 pm. Fairlee Town Common, 70 Town Common Rd. (802) 331-0997. fairleearts.org. Rain venue: Town Hall auditorium.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

BURLINGTON. Leddy Park Beach Bites. Food trucks, kids activities, entertainment, beer garden, and more. Leave pets at home. Free valet bike and stroller parking. 5:30-8:30 pm. 216 Leddy Park Rd. (802) 864-0123. enjoyburlington.com/event.

LYME, NH. Wednesday Cookout on the Shore of the Lake. Music by JukeJoynT. A variety of entrées, vegetarian dishes, salads and side dishes, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverages. BYOB. Serving 5:30-7:30 pm. Adults \$20, children 5-12 \$8, four and under free. Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Rd. (603) 795-2141. www.lochlymelodge.com. *Wednesdays through August 28.*

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. 3-6 pm in Depot Park across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. *Wednesdays through October 23.*



VT Fish & Wildlife Dept

Vermont Fish and Wildlife Releases Free Natural Resources Guide to Towns

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department has released its book *Mapping Vermont's Natural Heritage*. The book and attached DVD are free and are aimed at conservation commissions and planning commissions to help them learn what mapped data is available on natural resources in their town and how it can be appropriately interpreted.

The book helps communities find conservation solutions and is of interest also to individuals.

"The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department has a long history of working closely with Vermont communities because we consider their role in conservation as instrumental to our long-term success of keeping our forests, waters, and wildlife healthy for future generations," said Jens Hilke. Hilke coordinates Vermont Fish & Wildlife's Community Wildlife Program, which works with all planning and conservation commissions to provide technical assistance

on issues related to conservation planning. "This resource will help towns understand and celebrate the natural resources that contribute to each Vermont town's sense of place."

The guide works with the BioFinder website, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources' online center for information on biological diversity and natural resources. It relies on the science of Vermont Conservation Design, a tool that identifies the features necessary for maintaining an 'ecologically functional landscape' - a landscape that maintains current biological diversity and allows species to move and shift in response to climate and land-use changes.

The guide allows communities to better understand mapped ecological components, helping them interpret what each resource is, and how to include the resource in planning and conservation efforts. It allows them to prioritize the places that are most important through

a seven-step process for integrating natural resource needs with other community values. It provides options for how to protect these resources, including non-regulatory and regulatory options, in addition to examples of planning and conservation strategies employed by other Vermont communities.

"The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is committed to providing Vermont communities with the best, most up-to-date information available on forests, habitat, and wildlife so they can make informed, thoughtful decisions for the conservation of our cherished Vermont landscape," said Vermont Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter. "We consider maintaining a healthy ecosystem fundamental to a healthy economy and a healthy community."

Learn more by contacting Jens Hilke at Jens.hilke@vermont.gov. www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

41st Annual Middlebury Festival on-the-Green July 7-13 2019

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

Sunday, July 7

7:00 Sam Reider and the Human Hands

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Monday, July 8

12:00 Rik Palieri

7:00 Windborne

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8:30 Bon Débarras

Trio bringing a fusion of Québécois music, step-dancing, and global influences

Tuesday, July 9

12:00 Jon Gallmor

7:00 The Small Glories

Roots powerhouse duo from the Canadian Prairies

8:30 Heather Pierson Acoustic Trio

Sounds of the streets of New Orleans and the valleys of Appalachia

Wednesday, July 10

12:00 No Strings Marionette Co

7:00 Joe Davidian Trio

featuring Amber DeLaurentis

Exquisitely swinging world-class jazz

8:30 Matt Flinner Trio

Bluegrass, jazz, and old-time music trio with a dose of classical chamber music

Saturday, July 13

7:00 Vermont Jazz Ensemble Street Dance: Come early for swing-dance lessons with Jim Condon

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Vermont Country Calendar

ONGOING ACTIVITIES 2019

ADDISON. Chimney Point State Historic Site. Exhibit: Salmon and People in a Changing World. Hallway exhibit: A Brush with Nature: the Art of Lillian Kennedy. Hands-on: Learn how to use the atlatl (ancient spear thrower). Children's French Colonial dress-up basket. Lake Champlain Bridge Heritage Area Quest. Chimney Point history trail. Access for boating and fishing. Admission: adults \$5, under 15 free. Open Wednesday-Sunday and Monday holidays, 10 am - 5 pm. 8149 VT Route 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicsites.vermont.gov/directory/chimney_point. *Through October 13.*

ADDISON. Dead Creek Visitor Center Open for the Season. Displays highlighting history and conservation, fish and wildlife management, conservation partnerships, habitat features, and the many species that live in the region. Self-guided tours to learn about local fish and wildlife, history, habitat and land management, and the impacts of climate change. Open on weekends, 9 am - 4 pm. Dead Creek Visitor Center, off Route 17. vtfishandwildlife.com/watch-wildlife/dead-creek-visitor-center. *Through the end of August.*

BRATTLEBORO. Daily Brown Bag Lunch Series. Bring your lunch and hear free presentations on a wide variety of subjects. Monday-Friday, 12 noon - 1 pm. The River Garden, 157 Main St. (802) 257-2699. strollingoftheheifers.com.

BRATTLEBORO. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. Regular admission: adults \$8, seniors \$6, students \$4, 18 and under free. Free admission for all on Thursdays, 2-5 p.m. Open 11 am - 5 pm every day except Tuesday. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. brattleboromuseum.org.

BURLINGTON. Lakefront Food Truck Socials. Enjoy the sunset and the beach with dinner, drinks, live entertainment and kids' activities. Local food, beer, cider and wine available. Free parking, or ride your bike and park it with the free Local Motion bike valet. 5:30-8:30 pm. 216 Leddy Park Rd. *Every Wednesday through August 7.*

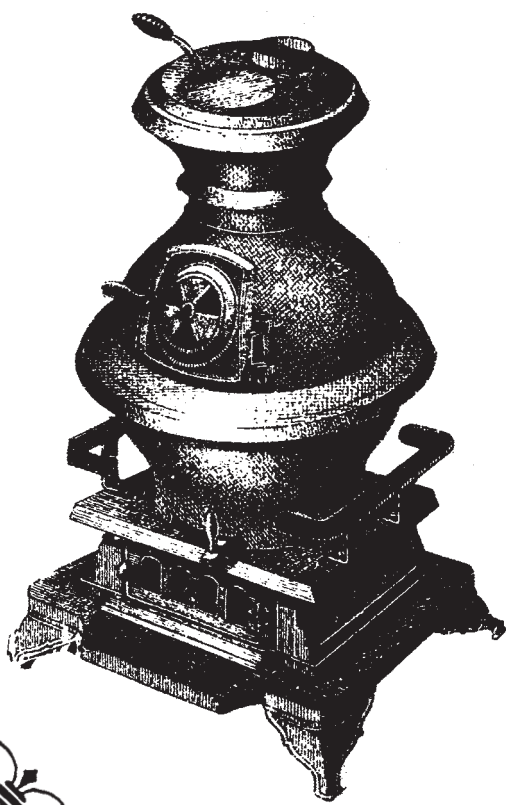
CASTLETON. Coffee Hour. Enjoy homemade goodies, hot brew and good company. Free. 9-11 am. Castleton Community Center, 2108 Main St. (802) 468-3093. *Continues on Fridays.*

CHARLOTTE. Community Dancing and Drumming Journey to West Africa. Four different community-building engagements with our collaborating artists Ismael Bangoura and Sidiki Sylla. Learn, celebrate and commune around West African art and culture. 1:30-2:30 pm. Clemmons Family Farm, 2190 Greenbush Rd. (765) 560-5445. clemmonsfamilyfarm.org. *June 22 through July 14.*

FAIRFIELD. President Chester Arthur Historic Site. Admission: donation appreciated. Open Saturday and Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm. Chester Arthur Historic Site, 4588 Chester Arthur Rd. (802) 933-8362 during open hours; all other times (802) 828-3051. *July 6 through October 13.*

GLOVER. Diagonal Life Circus and Pageant at Bread and Puppet Theater. Tour of museum at 2 pm, little street shows and happenings starting at 3 pm, followed by the circus and then the pageant. Puppets (of all kinds and sizes), masks, costumes, paintings, buildings, and landscapes. \$10 suggested donation. Bread and Puppet Theater, 753 Heights Rd. (802) 525-3031. breadpup@together.net. breadandpuppet.org. *Every Sunday.*

HUBBARDTON. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site. Exhibits and programs. Admission: adults \$3, children under 15 free. Wednesday through Sunday 10 am - 5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/directory/Hubbardton. *Open May 25 to October 13.*



MARLBORO. Marlboro Music Festival. Master artists and exceptional young professional musicians share the inspired results of their intensive chamber-music collaborations in open rehearsals and weekend concerts. Persons Auditorium, Marlboro College, 2472 South Rd. (802) 254-2394. marlboromusic.org. *July 13 thru Aug. 11.*

MIDDLEBURY. "Spinning Plates" Food Truck Event. Every Friday (and other dates) through the summer local food trucks will be parked outside Town Hall Theater. From French to Ethiopian to Dominican and more, rain or shine. Lunch noon to 4 pm. Dinner starts at 5 pm. Cash or cards accepted. Free admission and outdoor entertainment. (802) 388-1436.

ORWELL. Mount Independence State Historic Site. Exhibits and activities. Children's discovery corner. Six miles of walking and hiking trails. Admission: adults \$5, under 15 free. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. historicsites.vermont.gov/directory/Mount_Independence. *Through October 13.*

PLYMOUTH. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. Admission: adults \$10, children 6-14 \$2, under 6 free, family (up to 8 people) \$25. Open daily, 10 am - 5 pm. Aldrich House open Monday through Friday year-round. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Route 100A. (802) 672-3773. william.jenny@vermont.gov. *Through October 20.*

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

POULTNEY. Check Out a Bike at the Poultney Public Library. Five bicycles available to be checked out for two days, with a helmet and a lock. A current Poultney Public Library patron over the age of 18 will need to sign a borrower agreement form. Poultney Public Library, 205 Main St. (802) 287-5556. poultneypubliclibrary.com.

POULTNEY. Stone Valley Arts. A non-profit community arts center. visual art shows, literary events, music concerts, dance performances, guest speakers, and classes in dance, drawing, music, scriptwriting, yoga and meditation. Stone Valley Arts, 145 E. Main St. (802) 884-8052. stonevalleyartscenter@gmail.com. www.stonevalleyarts.org.

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. Open daily. 10 am - 5 pm. Vermont Institute of Natural Science, 6565 Woodstock Rd. (802) 359-5000. www.vinsweb.org.

RANDOLPH CENTER. Silloway Maple Sugarhouse Tour. Open year 'round. Tour our solar powered, wood-fired maple sugarhouse. Hear how syrup used to be made, compared with today's modern ways. See the reverse osmosis machine, where part of the water is removed before boiling. Sample maple candy, shop for syrup, cream, and sugar - ship or bring home. Take your children and dogs on a self-guided hike to see the tubing system in the woods. 7 am - 8 pm. Silloway Maple, 1303 Boudro Rd. Call ahead and we'll meet you at the sugarhouse! (802) 272-6249 or (802) 249-0504.

RUPERT. Merck Forest and Farmland. Camping, cabins, 30 miles of trails, farm, workshops and seasonal events. Visitor's Center and store with certified organic maple syrup, our own 100% wool blankets, and more. Free. Open year round, dawn to dusk. 3270 Rt. 315, west of Manchester. (802) 394-7836. merckforest.org.

RUTLAND. Men's Yoga with Brian Sylvester every Tuesday. Focus on flexibility, strength and stress reside. \$5 for first class; \$10 per class/\$8 members. 6:30-7:30. Studio Serpentine at Cobra, 56 Howe St. (802) 772-7011. cobravt.com.

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

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

STATEWIDE. Salvation Farms. Volunteer opportunities to glean and process Vermont raised, surplus fruits and vegetables for use by vulnerable populations. For more information contact (802) 522-3148. info@ourfarmsourfood.org. salvationfarms.wordpress.com.

ST. ALBANS. Book Cellar—Library Used Book Sale. \$3 per bag of books! Sponsored by Friends of the St. Albans Free Library. Tuesdays from 10 am - 8 pm. Held in the library basement. St. Albans Free Library, 11 Maiden Lane. (802) 524-1507. stalbansfreelibrary.org.



Old Constitution House, Windsor, VT

Constitution Day Celebration takes place this year on Saturday, July 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Windsor's Old Constitution House. Join reenactors, traditional artisans, and costumed guides in this salute to the 242nd anniversary of Vermont's first constitution, held where it all began - Windsor's Old Constitution House. See "Vermont's Revolutionary Trek" - a symbolic relay from Hubbardton Battlefield to Windsor's constitutional

convention when word is delivered of the British invasion of Vermont in 1777.

Old Constitution House State Historic Site is located at 16 North Main St., in Windsor, VT.

It is open Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from May 25, 2019 to October 13, 2019. Admission: adults \$3, children 15 and under free.

For info call (802) 672-3773. Email: william.jenny@vermont.gov. Visit historicsites.vermont.gov.

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WINDSOR. Old Constitution House State Historic Site. Admission: adults \$3, children 15 and under free. Open Saturday and Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 North Main St. (802) 672-3773. historicites.vermont.gov. *Through October 13.*

WOODSTOCK. Foodways Fridays. See how seasonal vegetables and herbs from the heirloom garden at Billings Farm & Museum are used in historic recipes. Different take-home recipes each Friday. Price: \$4-\$16. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 69 Old River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. billingsfarm.org. *Every Friday through October.*

WOODSTOCK. Horse-drawn Wagon Rides. Adults \$16, seniors 62 and over \$14, students 16 & up \$9, children 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4. Wednesdays 11 am - 3 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Route 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org. *July 6 through September 28.*

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum. Visit the Jersey herd, draft horses, oxen, chickens, pigs, and sheep and tour the restored and furnished 1890 Farm House and farm life exhibits. *A Place in the Land*, Academy Award nominee film shown every hour in the theater. Adults 16-61 \$16, seniors 62 and over \$14, student 16 and up \$9, children 5-15 \$8, children 3-4 \$4. 10 am - 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org.

WOODSTOCK. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park. 20 miles of trails and carriage roads are open year-round. Gardens and mansion. Vermont's only national park. Guided tours \$4/\$8, under 15 free. Walk the grounds free. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park, 54 Elm St. (802) 457-3368 x 22. nps.gov/mabi.

MUSEUMS, EXHIBITS & GALLERIES

ARLINGTON. Visit the Canfield Gallery and the Russell Collection. Library hours: Tues & Thurs 9 am - 8 pm, Wed 9 am - 5 pm, Fri 2-6 pm, Sat 10 am - 3 pm. The Russell Collection is open Tues 9 am - 5 pm. Martha Canfield Memorial Library, 528 East Arlington Rd. (802) 375-6153. marthacanfieldlibrary.org.

BARRE. Vermont History Center and Leahy Library. Thousands of books, manuscripts, photographs, maps, audio, video and film recordings, and many other items which shed light on the lives and times of past Vermonters. Admission: Adult \$7, seniors \$5, students free, families \$20. Admission includes both the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier and the Vermont History Center in Barre. Open Monday-Friday, 9 am - 4 pm. Vermont History Center, 60 Washington St. (802) 479-8500. info@vermonthhistory.org. vermonthhistory.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 this historic riverside village. Open year round Wednesday thru Monday 10 am - 4 pm (closed Tuesday). River Artisans Cooperative, 28 the Square. (802) 460-0059.

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

BENNINGTON. Laumeister Art Center. Permanent collections, theater productions, workshops. Open Wed-Mon, 10 am - 5 pm. 44 Gypsy Lane. (802) 442-7158. www.artcenter.svc.edu.

BENNINGTON. Bennington Museum. Founding documents, fine art, Bennington Pottery, the 1924 Wasp Touring Car, Vermont furniture, and the Bennington Flag—one of America's oldest flags. Lectures, workshops, concerts, films, and the George Aiken Wildflower Trail. Admission: adults \$10, seniors and students over 18 \$9. Admission is never charged for younger students, museum members, or to visit the museum shop. Open 10 am - 5 pm every day except Wednesdays. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. www.benningtonmuseum.org.

BRANDON. Compass Music and Arts Center. Arts businesses and studios, workshops & classes, exhibits, concerts, and community events. A gift shop features art and music related books, collectibles, and the music of the classical recording company, Divine Art Records. Artisan food and crafts, Treasure Chest, and more. Open Monday-Saturday 10 am - 5 pm. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Drive, Park Village, 1.5 miles north of downtown off Rt. 7. (802) 247-4295. www.cmacvt.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. Exhibits, programs. Open every day except Tuesday, 11 am - 5 pm. Admission: adults \$8, seniors \$6, students \$4, 18 and under free. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. brattleboromuseum.org.

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.

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

HARTFORD. Hartford Historical Society Museum. Tours and exhibits cover the history of Hartford, including the Abenaki tribes. Free. Monday-Friday 9 am - 1 pm. Garipay House, 1461 Maple St. (802) 296-3132.

LEBANON, NH. AVA Gallery and Art Center. 11 am - 5 pm. 11 Bank St. (603) 448-3117. avagallery.org.

Woodstock, VT

Bookstock, the Green Mountain Festival of Words

Bookstock returns to Woodstock, VT for its 11th year on July 26, 27 and 28. The event includes readings by over 40 authors and poets; a huge used book sale; Unbound, the book themed nationally juried art exhibit; vendor tents; food and music.

The readings are in venues within walking distance of each other with the Village Green at their center. Restaurants and village shops are a stone's throw away. All Bookstock events are free and handicapped accessible.

On the Green enjoy three vendor tents full of publishers, self-published authors

and book-themed crafts. Vendor tent authors and poets will have an opportunity to read their work on a small stage on the Green.

This year's keynote address will be given by Marcelo Gleiser, the 2019 Templeton Prize Laureate, Appleton Professor of Natural Philosophy, professor of physics and astronomy at Dartmouth College, and author of *The Simple Beauty of the Unexpected*. He is a "proponent of the view that science, philosophy, and spirituality are complementary expressions of humanity's need to embrace mystery and the

unknown." (Templeton Prize Committee).

Featured this year is former Vermont governor Madeleine Kunin, the author of *Coming of Age* who writes of her post-political career, "I feel liberated in my old age and this book is the result. I opened up a new door and discovered I could be personal."

Also featured is Ed Koren, renowned cartoonist for the New Yorker magazine and the author of *Koren, in the Wild*. He will talk about the inspiration for his work.

As in past years, Friday and Saturday at the North Chapel Unitarian Universalist Church are dedicated

solely to poetry. The weekend kicks off on Friday at noon with a reading by Chard deNiord, the eighth Poet Laureate of Vermont who will read poems about his experience interviewing fifteen of America's most eminent contemporary poets.

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

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Sunday, July 7. Marguerite Schenkman Memorial Concert. Mary Rowell, violin; Paul Reynolds, viola; Emily Taubl, cello; Cynthia Huard, piano. Schumann, Carolyn Shaw, Beethoven, Nico Muhly.

Saturday, July 13. Twenty-first Annual Bach Bash. Professional and amateur musicians celebrate the music of Bach and others. At the Granville Town Hall, Granville, VT. Concert at 7 p.m.

Friday, July 19. Cello Chestnuts. Peter Stumpf, cello; Cynthia Huard, piano. Beethoven, Schumann, Dvorak, Fauré. 7 p.m.

Friday, August 2. Omer String Quartet. Brahms, Webern, Schumann, Kurtag, Schubert. Concert at 7 p.m.

Sunday, August 11. History in Sound: Bach and more played on historical instruments. Na'ma Lion, traverso; Julia McKenzie, violin; Gigi Turgeon, violin; Anna Griffis, viola; Rebecca Shaw, cello; Andrew Arceci, bass. Concert at 4 p.m.

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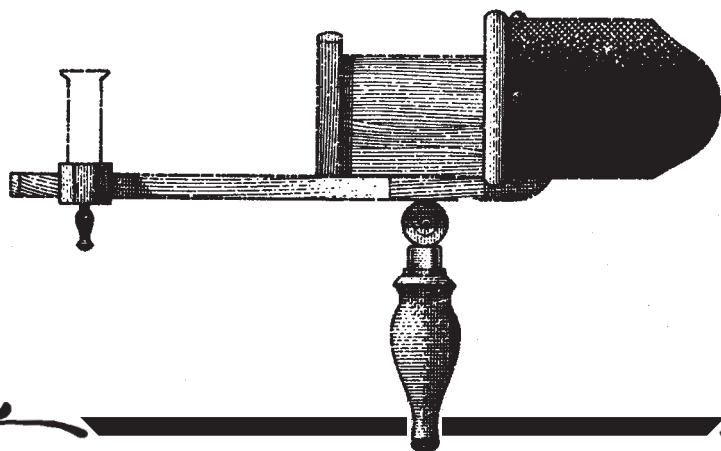
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Festival on-the-Green Celebrates 41st Season

by Pat Boera

Over four-plus decades, the Middlebury Summer Festival on-the-Green—a free, family-friendly music series supported by community donations and volunteers—has been a staple on the Addison County arts calendar.

A full week of performances

On Sunday, July 7th, the Festival's 41st season kicks off with a performance by Sam Reider and the Human Hands, a "staggeringly virtuosic band" (RnR Magazine) of bluegrass and jazz musicians based in Brooklyn. That's just one of the offerings for what promises to be a great week of performances—17 fabulous acts over seven days during the week of July 7th through 13th under a big white tent on the Village Green in Addison County's Shire Town of Middlebury.

Brown bag program and an evening street dance

For our youngest audience members, noontime "Brown Bag" programs feature storyteller Rik Palieri, Vermont troubadour Jon Gailmor, No Strings Marionette Company, mime Chris Yerlig, and magician Tom Verner.

Evening performances shine the spotlight on diverse music genres and culminate with a Street Dance to the "Big Band" sound of the Vermont Jazz Ensemble on Saturday, July 13th.

The 2019 Festival T-shirt, themed "Keep the Music Flowing," was designed by Nekaiya Shine, a student in the Design & Illustration class at Hannaford Career Center. This is the seventh year that the Festival has partnered with the class to develop a design. Shirts will be on sale during Festival week.

Fabulous raffle

We also have an impressive list of raffle items and proceeds from raffle ticket sales help fund programming. This year's prizes include a two-night stay for two people at WhistlePig Farm in Shoreham; "Odyssey," an original watercolor and marker by beloved Middlebury artist Prindle Wissler; Vermont Gift Basket of Plenty; six days of skiing from Pico Mountain, Mad River Glen and the Middlebury College Snow Bowl; two-night stay at Robert Frost Mountain Cabins; a Pooch Package; and a picnic blanket with matching napkins crafted by Festival volunteer Pat Zelif. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. The drawing will be held at the Street Dance. Winners do not need to be present.



Rik Palieri entertains at the 41st Annual Middlebury Festival on-the-Green starting July 7th.

Top Ten Chamber Event!

The Festival is a 2019 Vermont Chamber of Commerce Top 10 Summer Event. As you think about making your way to the Middlebury for our 41st season, consider introducing a family member, neighbor, co-worker or friend to the Festival...someone who has never before experienced this special community event. 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. We'll be looking for you!

The Village Green is right in the middle of Middlebury, VT. For more information visit www.festivalonthegreen.org or call (802) 462-3555.



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Sunday, July 7 – 7 p.m. Sam Reider and the Human Hands: An irresistible mixture of bluegrass, gypsy jazz, and mysterious sounds from around the world.

Monday, July 8 – Noon Brown Bag: Singer/storyteller Rik Palieri. 7 p.m. – Windborne: Virtuoso vocal harmony deeply rooted in American folk-singing traditions. 8:30 p.m. – Bon Débarras: Trio bringing together a fusion of Québécois music, step-dancing and global influences.

Tuesday, July 9 – Noon Brown Bag: Vermont troubadour Jon Gailmor. 7 p.m. – The Small Glories: A roots powerhouse musical tour-de-force from the Canadian Prairies. 8:30 p.m. – Heather Pierson Acoustic Trio: Sounds of the streets of New Orleans and the valleys of Appalachia.

Wednesday, July 10 – Noon Brown Bag: No Strings Marionette Company. 7 p.m. Joe Davidian Trio featuring Amber DeLaurentis: exquisitely swinging/elegantly expressive world-class jazz. 8:30 p.m. – Matt Flinner Trio: Bluegrass, jazz and old-time music trio with a dose of classical chamber music.

Thursday, July 11 – Noon Brown Bag: Mime Chris Yerlig. 7 p.m. – OKAN: A fusion of Afro-Cuban, jazz, folk, classical and world influences. 8:30 p.m. – Lowdown Brass Band: Gritty sounds of Chicago with a powerful brass frontline.

Friday, July 12 – 11:30 a.m. MCMC House of Rock Campers. Noon Brown Bag: Magician Tom Verner. 7 p.m. – Soule Monde: Hammond B3 organ and drum-driven danceable soul/jazz in its purest form. 8:30 p.m. – Big Night: Champlain Valley's own Cajun and Western swing band.

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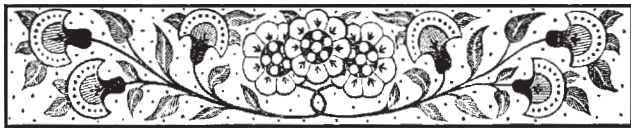


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Marshfield, VT

Third Annual Old Time on the Onion Fiddlers Reunion

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Come for three days of workshops, jam sessions and tuneful or aquatic recreation with easy access to the Winooski (aka Onion) River.

All acoustic instruments and all traditions are welcome, and all activities are open to players at any skill level. Though old-time music predominates, Irish and Scandinavian players are invited to jam in their special repertoires. No concert programming is provided; this festival is created entirely and spontaneously by its participants. Dances, per-

formances and unscheduled workshops can be organized on the spot.

Campers bring their own victuals and beverages, open fires are permitted, but the Saturday evening potluck under the campground's Big Top is an opportunity to share and socialize.

The campground can accommodate up to 100 tents, and 26 RV hookups are available at no additional cost.

Admission is \$30/person for the weekend, \$20 for Saturday and \$15 for Friday or Sunday, and the gate opens at 2:00 PM on Friday, July 19.

There's no advance ticketing, but RV reservations are advised by email to: rdeno@fairpoint.net.

For more information on the Fiddlers Reunion including workshop schedules, find us on Facebook or at www.summit-school.org.

East Montpelier, VT

Summit School Trad Camp

The Summit School of Traditional Music and Culture presents Trad Camp 2019 July 15-19! This week-long music immersion camp is perfect for kids 8-16 years old.

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The Trad Camp day begins at 9 a.m. with a group song or short performance, then students disperse into their

classes. Mid-day lunch break includes time outside on the beautiful Orchard Valley Waldorf School campus in East Montpelier. Afternoon classes include an ensemble option, where students can experience playing in a group and arranging music together. For campers who want to spend time practicing or trying their hand at an art activity, there will be time reserved at the end of the day. Pick-up is at 3 p.m., with an option for Stay and Play to accommodate longer work days.

For more information contact Summit School at (802) 613-3922. katietautzmusic@gmail.com. Visit summitschool.wixsite.com/summitschool/trad-camp.



Moose in the bracken in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom.

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Evening at the Farm

Over the hill the farm boy goes,
His shadow lengthens along the land,
A giant staff in a giant hand.
In the poplar tree, about the spring,
The katydid begins to sing:

The early dews are falling;
Into the stone heap darts the ink;
The swallows skim the river's brink;
And home to the woodland fly the crows,
When over the hill the farm boy goes,
Cheerily calling,
"Co', boss! co', boss! co'! co'!"
Farther, farther, over the hill,
Faintly calling, calling still,
"Co', boss! co', boss! co'! co'!"

Into the yard the farmer goes,
With grateful heart, at the close of day;
Harness and chain are hung away;
In the wagon-shed stand yoke and plough,
The straw's in the stack, the hay in the mow,
The cooling dews are falling;—
The friendly sheep their welcome bleat,
The pigs come grunting to his feet,
And the whinnying mare her master knows,
When into the yard the farmer goes,
His cattle calling,—
"Co', boss! co', boss! co'! co'!"
While still the cow-boy, far away,
Goes seeking those that have gone astray,—
"Co', boss! co', boss! co'! co'!"

Now to her task the milkmaid goes,
The cattle come crowding through the gate,
Lowing, pushing, little and great;
About the trough, by the farmyard pump,
The frolicsome yearlings frisk and jump,
While the pleasant dews are falling:
The new-milch heifer is quick and shy,
But the old cow waits with tranquil eye,
And the white stream into the bright pail flows,
When to her task the milkmaid goes,
Soothingly calling,
"So, boss! so, boss! so! so! so!"
The cheerful milkmaid takes her stool,
And sits and milks in the twilight cool,
Saying, "So! so, boss! so! so!"

To supper at last the farmer goes.
The apples are pared, the paper read,
The stories are told, then all to bed.
Without, the crickets' ceaseless song
Makes shrill the silence all night long;
The heavy dews are falling.
The household sinks to deep repose,
But still in sleep the farm-boy goes
Singing, calling,—
"Co', boss! co', boss! co'! co'! co'!"
And oft the milkmaid, in her dreams,
Drums in the pail with the flashing streams,
Murmuring "So, boss! so!"

— JOHN TOWNSEND TROWBRIDGE
1827-1916, Arlington, MA



Holsteins walking back to the barn at milking time in Central Vermont. photo by Nancy Cassidy

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Vermont State Parks: vtstateparks.com
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A View from an Old Goat!

by Burr Morse

Yesterday started in the usual way for me, savoring a cup of steaming coffee lying on my bed which overlooks the valley below. In my opinion, that vantage point offers the best scene in Vermont (of course I've had 71 years now to form such bias!). As I lay there enjoying the day's beginning, every once in a while my eyes would focus on tiny vehicles passing across the distant ribbon of Center Road looking just like little yellow ducks in a carnival game.

The stage curtain on this "Act I", however, closed suddenly when a fast moving mist barreled in from the south. Just like that, my view went away. Now coffee-enhanced, I rose from bed, donned my apparel, and headed out for "Act II" which led me to our largest sugarwoods. The mission there was to pull taps out of all 2100 trees. That job entails walking miles of tubing.

While doing that, my hope was to have a close encounter with a moose or a bear... you know, something with real substance for a story. As the day went on, though, no such "story" jumped out. Realizing my primary job was as a maple sugarmaker

and not a writer, I just kept walking and pulling. The day was warm and sunny, and the freshness of the air made that pre-bug spring day just about perfect. Early foliage blushed with a pea green hew and wildflowers danced in random clumps. I pictured a marquee which boasted, "Now playing: *Adler's Tongue, Yellow Violets and Red Trilliums...Coming soon: Solomon's Seal, Dogwood and Columbine*".

At the end of the day, I gathered my tools and headed home, dragging from my walk in the woods but satisfied for another day in the work life of this old sugarmaker. Yes, my day lacked a moose or bear encounter and thus there was no story... or was there?

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sponsoring the effort. "We hope that number will grow to 251 before snow flies next fall."

Those submitting are asked to include the town, date, venue, fiddlers' names, tune titles and any other details they can supply.

Folks can submit their photos by e-mail to fiddler@fiddlersonthegreenvt.com or by mail to Fiddlers on the Green, P.O. Box 644, Townshend, VT 05353.

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North Country Book News

Children's Book Reviews by Charles Sutton

Horses, Ponies, and Donkeys—Time for Dreaming

Any horse lover, young or old, dreams of the thrill of warm weather as much as our horses and ponies dream of kicking up their heels in newly green pastures. And if you don't have a horse of your very own? Well, you can spend the summer curled up with your favorite books about them interspersed with maybe a visit to a friend's horse or a pony ride at the fair or maybe just a glimpse of a field of horses, even if the longing does make you cry. In the meantime, here are some stories of kids who love horses and horses who love kids, to whet your equine dreams, whatever your age.

As far as one can tell most animals accept who and what they are and how they look. No vanity there. However, in *Donkey-Donkey* by Roger Duvoisin (*New York Review of Books*, \$16.95, www.nyrb.com), a lesson is learned that it is best to be oneself. Meet the very likable donkey with a redundant name who goes to the stream one day with horse friend named Pat. In the reflection in the water he thinks Pat is beautiful with such small ears while he is ridiculous with his long ones. The sad donkey asks other barnyard animals what can be done about his ears. So he tries having his ears go up, hang down, or be on the side like seen on humans, sheep, goats and cows. He even tries putting his ears over his eyes. He remains despondent until one day a little girl admires his 'beautiful' long ears. He is himself again with ears rising high. Seeing Donkey-Donkey being treated by a doctor is especially hilarious.

The colorful, amusing drawings will draw you right into the story. This charming picture book was first published in 1933 with black-and-white illustrations and then in 1940 with beautiful full color pen-and-ink and watercolor illustrations. Roger Duvoisin wrote and illustrated 40 books and illustrated over 100 for other authors. He received a Caldecott Medal and a Caldecott Honor and was considered one of the most distinguished illustrators of the 20th century. The *New York Review of Books* edition was published in 2016.

During life's darkest moments children often are the ones whose dreams, hopes and prayers that things will get better do come true. Such is the message of the tender and inspiring story of *Yokki and the Parno Gry* by Richard O'Neill and Katherine Quarmby and illustrated by Marieke Nelissen (\$16.99, *Child's Play*, www.childisplayusa.com) about a family of Romani Travelers who have a run of bad luck. Yokki is a Traveler boy who helps the family earn money by carving wooden spoons; his sister Serafina makes and sells beautiful paper flowers; grandfather Elijah buys and sells horses; while Grandma, whose name is Phuri Dai, is skilled at selling and is respected for her wisdom. On the road Yokki's Daddo would mend pots and pans and sharpens tools and knives and mother helps pick fruits and vegetables. In the evening around a fire Yokki is the best story teller. So when the family can't get jobs or even earn enough for food, Yokki starts telling the story of Parno Gry, a powerful white horse

that would fly into camp and carry them all away to a land of plenty. Be prepared to join in their joy as the mythical white horse comes and rescues and carries all 10 members of the family on its back to a better land and life. Author O'Neill, a storyteller in his Romani family in Northern England, is joined by Katherine Quarmby, author of *No Place to Call Home—Inside the Real Lives of Gypsies & Travellers*. The joys and sorrows of Yokki and his family are beautifully portrayed by artist Nelissen in her unusual drawings done on paper in crayon, pencil, gouache and watercolor.

The Scottish illustrator Catherine Rayner started loving horses as a little girl even though they were very big and she was very small and that was a bit scary. She eventually did have her own horse named Shannon for over 20 years who was "loyal, ticklish and sometimes pretended to be grumpy," but she was always kind to children. You will meet this horse in *Hello, Horse* by Vivian French and illustrated by Catherine Rayner (\$15.99, *Candlewick Press*, Candlewick.com).

In this gentle and beautifully illustrated book a little boy is introduced to Shannon and he goes for his first horseback ride even though he's "sitting on Shannon's back and it is very high up." A bonus to the book are useful tidbits of information about horses for the novice rider such as how their height is measured in hands; grooming tools; and how to feed a horse a carrot on a flat outstretched hand.

Spending the day alone in a paddock may seem like an ideal place for most horses, but not for *A Horse Named Jack* by Linda Vander Heyden and illustrated by Petra Brown (\$16.99, *Sleeping Bear Press*, sleepingbearpress.com). Jack is used to a bunch of children coming and making

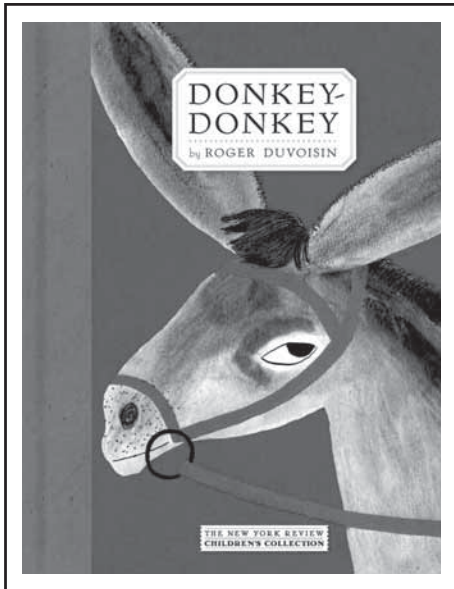
a fuss over him, but one day when no kids visit he gets pretty bored—enough so that he topples open the latch with one soft lick...and is off and running for fun of it. This rhyming story counts up to ten on Jack's way across a field and counts back down as he races home after being pursued by a neighbor who caught him feasting on her garden of carrots. Among the numbers are the neighbor throwing 10 tomatoes and nine cherries at the fleeing Jack. On his run he also scatters five squawking chickens, eight small piglets, and rips open four grain sacks. Amusing drawings capture the drama of Jack on the loose. Finally home, the children reappear and give him a much added wash down with a garden hose, but he's relieved of any sort of scolding for his clever mischief.

Those of us, young or old, who look after horses can only imagine our own being a champion in the making. So it was for mute Moroccan slave boy Agba, who knew in his heart and soul that 'Sham,' the horse he was caring for as a stable boy, would be a winner.

Agba's dramatic life of adventures with the beautiful golden bay stallion have been brought to life as a fictionalized account of a true story in *King of the Wind—The Story of the Godolphin Arabian* by Marguerite Henry and illustrated by Wesley Dennis (\$19.99, *Simon Schuster*, www.kids.simonandschuster.com). First published in 1948, this is a special edition.

Agba journeys with Sham from Morocco, first to France and finally to England. The stallion plus stable boy are shabbily treated as owners come and go. One time a groom sends the boy and horse through dangerous terrain to a new home and predicted the horse would end up as cat food. This was especially mean since Agba has a pet cat named Grimalkin, who journeys with them.

But the magnificent horse triumphed in the end as Sham became one of the founding stallions of Thoroughbred racing. The name of the Godolphin Arabian is found in the pedigree of almost every superior Thoroughbred. Even now, 200 years later, Man o' War, greatest racer of his time, owed his vitality to the fiery little horse from Morocco.



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Back Roads Readings will once again host three poetry readings at the Brownington Congregational Church in Brownington Historic Village. Readings are free, handicapped accessible and everyone is welcome. Donations are appreciated.

Sunday, July 7 – Reuben Jackson and Garret Keizer

Sunday, July 21 – Deborah Warren and Rachel Hadas

Sunday, August 4 – Robert Pinsky

All readings begin at 3 o'clock and are followed by a book signing and reception.

Reuben 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* and *Jazz Times* as well as on NPR's *All Things Considered*. Reuben Jackson's poetry has appeared in over thirty anthologies. His book of poems entitled *Scattered Clouds* will be published in October 2019 by Alan Squire Press. He currently works as archivist with the Felix E. Grant Jazz Archives at the University of the District of Columbia and lives in Washington, DC.

Garret Keizer is the author of eight books of prose, including *Privacy* and *The Unwanted Sound of Everything We Want*. A 2009 Guggenheim Fellow, he is a contributing editor to *Harpers Magazine* and *Virginia Quarterly Review*. His first poetry collection, *The World Pushes Back*, won the 2018 X. J. Kennedy Poetry Prize. Keizer has lived and worked in Vermont since 1975.

Deborah Warren's poems have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Paris Review*, *Poetry*, and *The Yale Review*. Her books include: *The Size of Happiness*; *Zero Meridian*, which received

the New Criterion Poetry Prize; *Dream With Flowers* and *Bowl of Fruit*, which received the Richard Wilbur Award, and a translation, *Ausonius: The Moselle and Other Poems*. She won the Robert Penn Warren Prize, the Howard Nemerov Sonnet Award, and the Robert Frost Award. Warren lives near Boston, MA.

Rachel Hadas is the author of numerous books of poetry, essays, and translations. Her two most recent books, both out in 2018, are verse translations of Euripides' two plays about Iphigenia, and a new collection, *Poems for Camilla*. She has taught at Rutgers University-Newark, where she is Board of Governors Professor of English, and has also taught courses in literature and writing at Columbia and Princeton, as well as serving on the poetry faculty of the Sewanee Writers' Conference and the West Chester Poetry Conference. Hadas lives in New York City and is a longtime summer resident of Danville, VT.

Robert Pinsky is a poet, essayist, literary critic, and translator. From 1997 to 2000, he served as Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress where he founded the Favorite Poem Project. Pinsky is the author of nineteen books, most of which are collections of his poetry. His most recent book, *At the Foundling Hospital*, was nominated for the 2017 National Book Critics Award. His published work also includes critically acclaimed translations, including *The Inferno of Dante Alighieri* and *The Separate Notebooks* by Czesław Miłosz. He teaches at Boston University and lives in Cambridge, MA.

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The Surprising, Secret Life of Beavers And Why They Matter

by Ben Goldfarb

(\$24.95. Chelsea Green Publishing. www.chelseagreen.com)

On a drive through the countryside one often comes upon a pond supporting a telltale mound of logs—a sure home for beavers. Chances are you won't see one—they prefer to work at night gnawing down trees to engineer dams and build other water works.

What do we know about this amphibian who has been given such complimentary phrases as Busy as a Beaver, Eager Beaver, and Work Like a Beaver?

This book describes how beavers nearly became extinct—their valuable pelts costing them their lives; about today's restoration efforts (including flow devices to prevent the plugging of culverts and washing out roads); the beavers' role in ecosystems; and why they are so hunted down by landowners, ranchers, farmers, and road crews. We also read about members of the beaver-friendly Beaver Believers, naturalists and ecologists.

Book Review
by Charles Sutton

The beaver (genus *Castor*) is a large (about 20 lbs.) primarily nocturnal rodent known for its deepwater habitat to support its lodges for a home and for protection against predators, and to store food for the winter. They do not hibernate.

Unfortunately their warm, furry coats cost them their lives. The fur or pelt is waterproof, serving at once as armor, life preserver and dry suit." Also, the "barbed hairs of the beaver's underfur, which interlock like Velcro, make the most durable head-toppers," the author notes. The beaver is known for its broad scaly flat tail and its continually growing chisel-like incisor teeth get worn down by chewing wood. Beavers also eat wood, favorites being aspen, cottonwood and willow, grasses and other greens.

When ranchers, trappers and explorers starting eliminating beavers from North America centuries ago, they killed off the very beaver-engineers whose good works were then washed away and never replaced. Once sediment-rich soil that bordered waterways was replaced by rock-bottom river beds.

Beavers' days are numbered if they plug culverts causing roads and farmers' fields to flood. The book describes how Beaver Believers address such water management issues through inexpensive culvert-protecting flow and water lowering devices.

We learn the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife has installed 240 of these flow devices and baffles since 2000 at a success rate that is close to 90 percent.

One flow device—the Beaver Deceiver, was invented by Skip Lisle of Grafton, VT, who went into business under that name for himself, contracting with public agencies, private land owners and non-profit groups like trails associations.

With a master's degree in wildlife management from the University of Maine he

began work for the Penobscot Nation, a native tribe that owned 150,000 acres in wet, woody, beaver-filled central Maine. There he installed dozens of Beaver Deceivers in the late 1990s "sometimes attracting curious stares from tribal members, who," as Lisle put it, "seemed to be betting on the beavers." But six years later the Penobscot Nation was the first large landowner anywhere in the world to completely beaver-proof their land non-lethally."

Lisle's first Beaver Deceiver was a few lengths from his dad's garden fence bent into a crude cage. Water could enter the culvert but not the beavers. (Visit www.beaverdeceivers.com or call (802) 843-1017).

Readers will visit 10 beaver restoration projects of which there are amazing successes, some failures, and some still slow-going. One of the most ambitious and earliest (1948) was the Idaho

Fish and Game Dept.'s experiments with beaver paratroopers. Beavers were packed into suitcase-like crates that were strapped to parachutes which would open upon impact. Seventy-six beavers were air-dropped into a back-county area with only one fatality. The beavers went on to build dams, lodges, and produced colonies. Another program in the mid-1990s in Wyoming that relocated 234 beavers was initially successful, but many beavers fell prey to black bears, coyotes, cougars and other predators.

For beavers to restore a blighted area into a functioning ecosystem takes time. Beavers are thorough and hard-working, but for quicker results some ecologists are now using a Beaver Dam Analogue (BDA—an artificial beaver dam of peeled logs threaded together with willow branches. These were tried in the devastated Brige Creek in Oregon. Where 121 were installed between 2009 and 2013. Beavers added 113 dams on their own and continued work on the man-made ones! As a bonus at the improved the steelhead fishery the fish navigated more than 200 dams on their way to spawning grounds. The book also describes one of several beaver projects that aided the salmon fishery.

The author best sums up the purpose and hope for his book, if we let the beaver do its work:

"If trapping our beavers ranked among humanity's earliest crimes against nature, bringing them back is a way to pay reparations. The beaver, the animal that doubles as an ecosystem, are ecologically and hydrological Swiss Army knives capable in the right circumstances of tackling just about any landscape-scale problem you might confront. Trying to mitigate floods or improve water

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THE SURPRISING, SECRET LIFE OF
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FOREWORD BY DAN FLORES

quality? There's a beaver for that. Hoping to capture more water for agriculture in the age of climate change? Add a beaver. Concerned about sedimentation, salmon populations, wildfire—take two families of beaver and check back in a year."

Ben Goldfarb, an award-winning environmental journalist, has had his work featured in *Science*, *Mother Jones*, *The Guardian*, *Aububon Magazine*, *World Wildlife Magazine*, *Scientific American* and other such publications. He earned a master of environmental management degree from Yale University's School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.



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North Country Reflections

Garden Jewels of Mount Desert Island

by Judith Irven
Photographs by Dick Conrad

Every summer crowds of visitors flock to Maine's Mount Desert Island to hike the beautiful windswept hills of Acadia National Park and enjoy the bustling seaside town of Bar Harbor.

But few are aware that, just ten miles along the coast from Bar Harbor in the little village of Northeast Harbor, a trio of exquisite hidden gardens, now owned and maintained by the Land and Garden Preserve, await your discovery.

Two of these gardens, Asticou and Thuya, just two miles apart, were created in a one frenetic year by Charles Savage, a native of Northeast Harbor using the plants from the nearby property of the famous landscape architect, Beatrix Farrand. But they could not be more different.

I have yet to visit the third garden, the Abbey Aldrich Rockefeller Garden. Originally designed by Beatrix Farrand, in 2017 the Rockefeller family bequeathed it to the Land and Garden Preserve. It is now open to the public three days a week although advance reservations are required.

Asticou Azalea Garden: Meticulous and serene

In creating Asticou, Savage was inspired by the rugged Maine coast he loved which he interpreted through Japanese design ideals.

The formal gateway marks the transition from the bustle of the outside world to the quiet serenity within, with a meticulously raked gravel pathway edged with magnificent carpets of pincushion moss. We watched, almost in disbelief, as an attendant gently brushed the soft green carpets to remove any stray pine needles that might have dropped the previous night!

Throughout the garden meticulously raked sand paths, running along a meandering brook strewn with weathered Maine boulders, took us past beautiful azaleas and rhododendrons.

Eventually we reached the Great Pond surrounded with mature azaleas and evergreens all reflecting in the water.

Finally, on our return, we discovered a traditional Japanese sand garden with carefully positioned rocks set in raked sand, symbolizing the Acadia islands set in a shimmering sea.

Thuya Garden

Thuya Garden is set high on an enclosed hilltop, surrounding Thuya Lodge which was the longtime home of Joseph Curtis, a Victorian landscape architect.

Visitors approach on foot, climbing the spectacular rocky staircase known as the Asticou Terraces.

At the top a pair of grand carved gates that announce your arrival at Thuya Garden. (For people unable to make the climb, there is handicap parking available at the Lodge).

At the north end, formal beds filled with colorful perennials are reminiscent of the preeminent English designer, Gertrude Jekyll.

As you stroll south raised beds edged in massive blocks of local pink granite, are home to more flowers, while a small pond evokes the wilder landscape of Acadia.

Then, at the southern tip of the garden, look for the hidden gate in the wall. This leads to rustic mountain path that takes you to Eliot Mountain with a spectacular view across the sea and nearby islands. I wonder—was this the view that



One of the meticulously raked paths at Asticou Azalea Gardens in Northeast Harbor, Maine. photo by Dick Conrad

inspired Charles Savage as he created the Japanese Sand Garden at Asticou?

Drawing back the curtain of time

Sometimes the story surrounding the creation of a garden adds immeasurably to our enjoyment of the garden itself. This is certainly the case with the gardens of Mount Desert Island. It is the story of Charles Savage and his three special friends, and the incredible events that surrounded them.

Charles Savage

Charles Savage was a life-long native of Northeast Harbor and innkeeper of the family-owned Asticou Inn. By all accounts he was a dapper man who mingled comfortably with the well-heeled visitors to Northeast Harbor—people who resided in Boston for most of the year but, during summer's heat, retreated to Mount Desert Island.

Charles Savage was also a self-taught but very skilled landscape designer. And among his very special summer friends he counted two well-known and respected landscape architects, Joseph Curtis and Beatrix Farrand.

Joseph Curtis

Back in 1880 Joseph Curtis purchased the steep rocky hillside across from Northeast Harbor known as the Asticou Terraces and created the Asticou Terrace Trail, a beautiful stone staircase interspersed with scenic pavilions, running from sea level to the upper reaches of his property where he built a rustic retreat called Thuya Lodge (for Thuya occidentalis, his beloved native white cedars).

Then, as a gift for future generations, in 1905 he bequeathed his entire property to become 'a public preserve for the quiet recreation of the people of Northeast Harbor and their summer guests'.

Finally, to ensure his wishes would be honored, he created an endowment trust and named his great friend, Charles Savage, as sole trustee.

Beatrix Farrand

Beatrix Farrand was a pioneering woman landscape architect who, during her long career, designed an array of noteworthy properties, including the famous Dumbarton Oaks in Washington D.C..

Her parents owned a large estate on Mount Desert Island known as Reef Point, and it was here she would design her own extensive gardens, including many very special trees and shrubs given to her by Charles Sargent, her former teacher and mentor and director and plant breeder at Boston's famous Arnold Arboretum.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

John D. Rockefeller Jr., the only son of Standard Oil founder J.D. Rockefeller Sr. had a successful business career. At heart, however he was a philanthropist who supported a vast array of social, scientific and artistic causes. JDR Jr. and his wife Abby were also true garden lovers, and in 1926 commissioned their neighbor Beatrix Farrand to design a beautiful garden for their Mount Desert Island property.

Also it would not be long before Charles Savage also counted JDR Jr. as one of his special summer friends.

And, because of this relationship, as we shall see, he also financed the creation of both Asticou and Thuya Gardens.

Two gardens are born

Suddenly, in 1955, out of the blue, everything changed. A disastrous wildfire on the island resulted in a sudden increase in taxes. Beatrix, realizing she no longer had the means to properly maintain her home, decided to sell Reef Point.

She also knew she could not bear to witness her beloved gardens descend into decline. So, in a single determined move, she resolved to destroy everything, including all the rare plants that had been given to her by Charles Sargent.

After hearing about Beatrix's precipitous decision to destroy all her beautiful plants, Charles Savage was utterly devastated.

Then his thinking side took over. He approached his good friend, JDR Jr, suggesting that he should purchase the entire Reef Point plant collection. Furthermore, Charles proposed transforming some swampy land he owned at the head of the Northeast Harbor inlet into a brand new garden as a home to these special plants.

Amazingly JDR Jr. agreed to finance everything!

For almost a year Charles worked obsessively on the mammoth undertaking that resulted in Asticou Azalea Garden. First he oversaw the extensive site preparation—draining the swampy land, creating rocky waterways and finally excavating what would become the Great Pond. Then he supervised as hundreds of full size trees and shrubs—evergreens, azaleas and more—were dug at the Farrand property and replanted at Asticou.

As the year wore on Charles realized that, with Farrand's extensive perennial collection, he needed additional land. So he turned to the Curtis estate (where fortuitously he was the trustee), developed the new design and oversaw the remaining planting of what was to become the new Thuya Garden.

Thus the strange turn of events in 1955 resulted in the creation of two beautiful new gardens as a home for Beatrix Farrand's plant collection. And today, along with the personal garden she designed for John and Abby Rockefeller, all three gardens are now lovingly maintained by the Garden and Land Preserve,

So, whenever you have occasion to visit the beautiful Maine coast, plan an extra day to visit the very special gardens of Mount Desert Island. You will not be disappointed!!



Some of the lovely flowers beside an iconic ceramic pot at Thuya Garden in Northeast Harbor, Maine. photo by Dick Conrad

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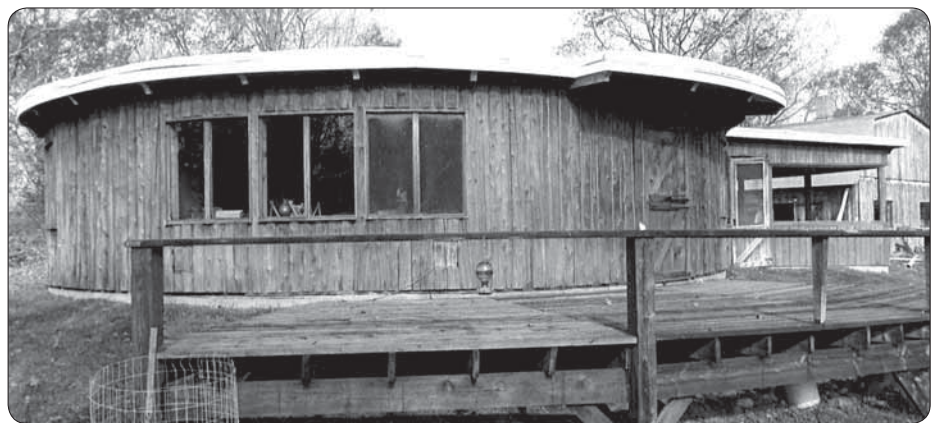
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