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Idyll

by Bill Felker

"There's night and day, brother, both sweet things," writes George Borrow in a passage from his novel, Lavengro. "There's sun, moon, and stars, brother, all sweet things...Life is very sweet, brother; who would wish to die?"

In my notes for Deep Summer, I find myself in the middle of butterflies, days of color and nectar, drifting and soaring. These days, I can see, were the sweetest.

I remember one year I saw four yellow and black tiger swallowtails together on a deep purple butterfly bush, and then a zebra swallowtail, white and black, joined them. Then landing on my sleeve a red admiral butterfly with black wings with red-orange bands and white polka dots. It rested and its wing opened and closed like breathing, and I felt rich and honored.

Cabbage white butterflies were always playing in the

flowers. So many mornings, tiny golden fold-wing skip-pers raced erratically back and forth near the trees at the west end of our property. Sometimes even monarchs graced the dahlias.

It was the time that wild black raspberries were the sweetest, and when I counted dozens of orange and violet and mauve and red lilies open each morning.

But especially, it was a time of seeing butterflies every day, days I sat for hours with my wife as she rested after chemotherapy, and we basked in butterfly colors and their dances and their sweet liberty.

At dusk, we listened to robin singsong vespers. After sundown, fireflies were still moving through the dark, even though the summer was on the wane. The field crickets chirped and katydids rasped and sawed before midnight.



Visitors attend the Windham County History Fair on Newfane Common on August 10th.

Come One, Come All! To the Windham County History Fair!

Step back in time at the Seventh Biennial Windham County History Fair on Saturday, August 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Held on Historic Newfane Common (Route 30, Newfane, VT), the Fair is a festival of vintage exhibits, demonstrations and historic tours featuring Windham County's rich

heritage. Special exhibits by the Vermont Archaeology Society, the Vermont Historical Society, the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum along with exhibits by many of Windham County's Historical Societies.

Learn how to research your family's roots at the Genealogy presentation.

Bookbinding and Restoration presentations invite you to bring your old books for a free professional evaluation. Telegraph operating presentations will be at the West River Railroad Museum. A presentation and exhibit of Old Maps of Vermont will offer copies available for purchase. Flintknapping, fire making, carding, spinning, and quilting demonstrations will take place throughout the day. The Honorable Justice Carroll will present a tour of the Windham County Courthouse. Tours of the County Jail, the historic Village of Newfane, as well as

a tour of the old Newfane Cemetery on Cemetery Hill are also scheduled. The day will also feature Antique Cars including the Vermont State Police cruiser "Old Monty," Antique Tractors, Fire Engines, Farm Animals, as well as Crafters, Bargain table, and Raffles. Food by NewBrook Auxiliary.

Admission is free. Questions: info@historicalsocietyofwindhamcounty.org. For an updated schedule of events, see the Historical Society's website at www.historicalocietyofwindhamcounty.org.



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10:30: Telegraph demonstrations at the Railroad Museum w/ Jim Murphy
11:00: Bookbinding & Restoration Presentation & Evaluations w/ The Chester Bookworm
11:30 Tour: Historic Newfane Village w/ Dan Brooks & Gary Katz
12:00: So. VT Natural History Museum presentation w/ Michael Clough
1:00 Tour: Windham County Courthouse w/ The Honorable Justice Carroll
1:30: Genealogy: Research Your Family Roots w/ Jerry Carbone
2:00 Tour: Windham County Jail w/ Larry Robinson
2:30 Tour: Old Newfane Cemetery w/ Charles Marchant, VT Old Cemetery Assoc.

Exhibits by the Vermont Historical Society, Vermont Archaeology Society, Vermont Old Cemeteries Association & Historical Societies from throughout Windham County, VT State Police, Flintknapping, Fire making, Native American Pottery, Carding & Spinning, Quilting, Bargain Table, Antique Cars, Antique Tractors, Antique Fire Engines, Farm Animals, Crafters, Raffles and Much More! Food by NewBrook Auxiliary Grill. Free Admission!
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Six-horse hitch at the Champlain Valley Fair in Essex Junction, VT.

photo by Nancy Cassidy



A team of beautiful dapple grey Percheron draft horses competes at the Addison County Fair & Field Days.



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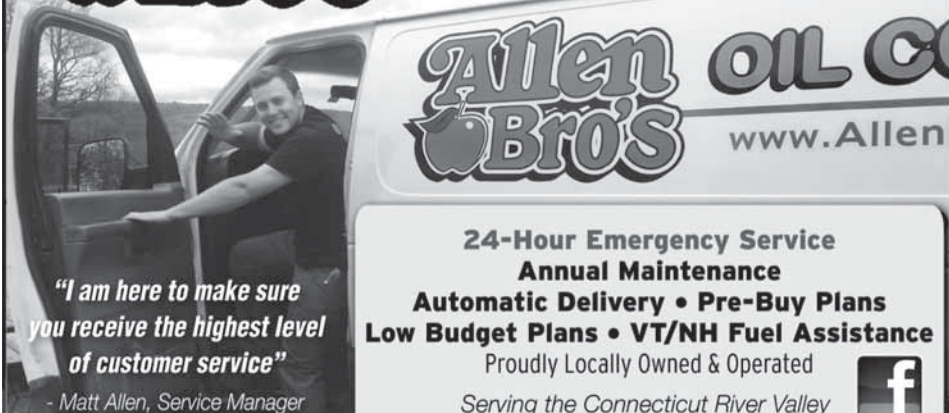
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A hunting camp in the Green Mountains near Little Rock Pond, Mt. Tabor, VT, late 1800s.

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By grassy slope and rocky steep,
And through the dim cathedral wood,
Ever its upward course I keep
Seeking that holy solitude.
Each turn reveals a fresh delight
Luring the sould that would be free.
I falter not but mount each height
Led by the white blaze on the tree.

To keep my feet from wandering
Each step is marked with perfect care.
For here a sign points to a spring
Another to a vista fair.
An arrow painted on the ledge
Leads up the pathless mountain-cone
And on the treacherous, storm-swept ridge

A quartz rock caps each cairn of stone.
But always there and always white,
Symbol of faith and surety,
I press on boldly, ever right
Trusting the white blaze on the tree.

And when at last the sun goes down,
Long shadows warn of coming night,
With confidence I'll hasten on
Safe-guided by these emblems white.
They'll lead me to a ferny nook
High on the western mountain-side
A lean-to by a purling brook,
And there safe-sheltered I'll abide.
With supper o'er, the fire burnt out
On balsam boughs I'll sleep in peace,
Grateful to him who built the hut
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Old-Time End-of-Summer Recipes

by Ella Shannon Bowles and Dorothy S. Towle

CENTURY-OLD PLYMOUTH SUCCOTASH

One quart of large white beans, not the pea beans; six quarts of hulled corn; six to eight pounds of corned beef from the second cut of the rattle rand, which should be corned for only three or four days; one pound of salt pork, fat and lean; chicken weighing four to six pounds; one large white turnip; eight or ten medium-sized potatoes.

Wash the beans and soak them overnight in cold water. When boiling, change the water and simmer until soft enough to mash the beans to a pulp and the water is nearly absorbed.

Wash the salt pork and the corned beef. About eight o'clock, put them in cold water in a very large kettle, and skim the water as they begin to boil.

Clean and truss the chicken as for boiling, and put it with the meat about an hour and a quarter before dinnertime. Allow a longer time if a fowl is used, and keep plenty of water in the kettle.

Two hours before dinnertime, put the beans, mashed to a pulp, and the hulled corn into another kettle with some of the fat from the meat in the bottom to keep them from sticking. Take out enough liquor from the meat to cover the corn and beans, and let them simmer where they will not burn. Stir often, and add more liquor if needed. The mixture should be like a thick soup, and the beans should absorb all the liquor, yet they must not be too dry.

Pare and cut the turnip into one-inch slices; add it about eleven o'clock, and the pared potatoes half an hour later.

Take up the chicken as soon as tender, so that it may be served whole. Serve the beef and pork together; the chicken, turnip, and potatoes each on separate dishes; and the beans and corn in a tureen. The meat usually salts the mixture sufficiently, and no other seasoning is necessary. Save the water left from the meat to warm the corn and beans the next day, and serve the meat cold. This will keep several days in cold weather, and like many other dishes, it is better when warmed over, so there is no objection to making a large quantity. Serves ten to twelve.

CORN ROASTED IN ASHES

Pull back the husks from ears of freshly gathered corn, remove the silk, and replace the husks. Tie the tips of the husks together. Bury the ears in hot ashes and let them stay for twelve to fifteen minutes. Brush away the ashes and turn back the husks. Rub butter over the corn and eat the ears from the husks.

Another method is to pull back the corn husks and wrap a piece of bacon around each ear. Replace the husks and roast the ears in the usual way.

FRIED CORN

Cut the corn from the cob, using a sharp knife, and cutting only about half the depth of the kernels. Then with the back of the knife scrape off the rest of the pulp. Put bacon fat and a little butter in an iron skillet. Use one-third cup of fat to five cups of corn. When the fat is hot, add corn and enough water to make a gravy-like mixture. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Cook five minutes, stirring constantly. Reduce the heat and cover the skillet. Let the corn simmer for about twenty minutes longer, stirring occasionally. It should be quite thick when ready to serve. Serves eight to ten.

ASHCAKES

2 cups corn meal 1 tablespoon maple sugar
1 teaspoon salt Boiling water

Mix the corn meal, salt, and maple sugar with enough boiling water to make a dough you can handle. Let it stand for an hour. Then mold the dough into cakes about one inch thick. Wipe a clean place on the warm hearth and place the cakes on it. Cover with hot ashes and bake about forty-five minutes. Shake off the ashes and very quickly dip the cakes in a dish of hot water. Wipe with a cloth and serve immediately with butter. Makes about twenty-four cakes.

MRS. LESLIE'S CORN SOUP, 1846

Cut whole grains from twelve ears of corn. Add one cup rich milk and cook until the corn is soft. Add two more cups milk, two tablespoons butter cut in pieces and dredged with flour, and salt to taste. Just before serving, add two well-beaten egg yolks. Serve with sugar and nutmeg or cayenne pepper.

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NANTUCKET CORN PUDDING

6 ears corn ¼ pound sugar
1 pint milk Nutmeg and mace
¼ pound butter 4 eggs

Boil the corn and scrape the kernels from the cobs. Turn the milk over the corn. Cream the butter, sugar, and spices. Beat the eggs and fold into the butter mixture. Combine with the milk and corn and turn into a buttered baking dish. Bake in a moderate oven, 350°F, until set like custard, about thirty to forty minutes. Serve with butter and sugar or with sugar and cream. Not good cold. Serves six.

BLUEBERRY JOHNNY CAKE

½ cup shortening ¼ teaspoon salt
½ cup sugar ½ cup white flour
1 egg, well beaten 1½ cups blueberries or
1 cup milk huckleberries
1½ cups cornmeal Dash of nutmeg
3 teaspoons baking powder

Cream the shortening and sugar, and add the beaten egg and milk. Stir in the corn meal. Sift the baking powder and salt with the white flour, and stir into the corn meal mixture gradually. Lightly flour the blueberries, and mix them into the batter without breaking the berries. Add the nutmeg last. Bake in a hot oven, 425°F, for half an hour. Serve very hot with butter or cream.

APPLEDORE BERRY PUDDING

Butter a pudding dish and line it with strips of stale cake. Fill the dish within three inches of the top with blueberries, blackberries, or currants. Add one-half cup of sugar to each quart of berries, or one cup to each quart of currants. Cover with slices of cake wet with half a tumbler of sherry wine. Bake in a moderate oven, 350°F, for half an hour. Cover with egg-white meringue and set in the oven again until light brown. Serves six to eight.

SHAKER PEACH DUMPLINGS

Peel small peaches and cut in pieces. Put in a kettle with a little water and sugar to sweeten. Cook slowly until a good syrup is formed. Add nutmeg if desired. Make a batter:

1 cup white flour 1 teaspoon sugar
1 cup whole wheat flour ½ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder 1 cup milk

Drop by the teaspoonful on top of the boiling fruit, cover closely, and steam ten to fifteen minutes. Serve with the fruit in the center of the dish and the dumplings around the edge. Serves six to eight.

BLUEBERRY FLUMMERY

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

Cook the blueberries (or blackberries or raspberries) in the water until soft. Strain and mix with the remaining ingredients. Cook until thick. Mold and chill. Serve with heavy cream. Serves four.

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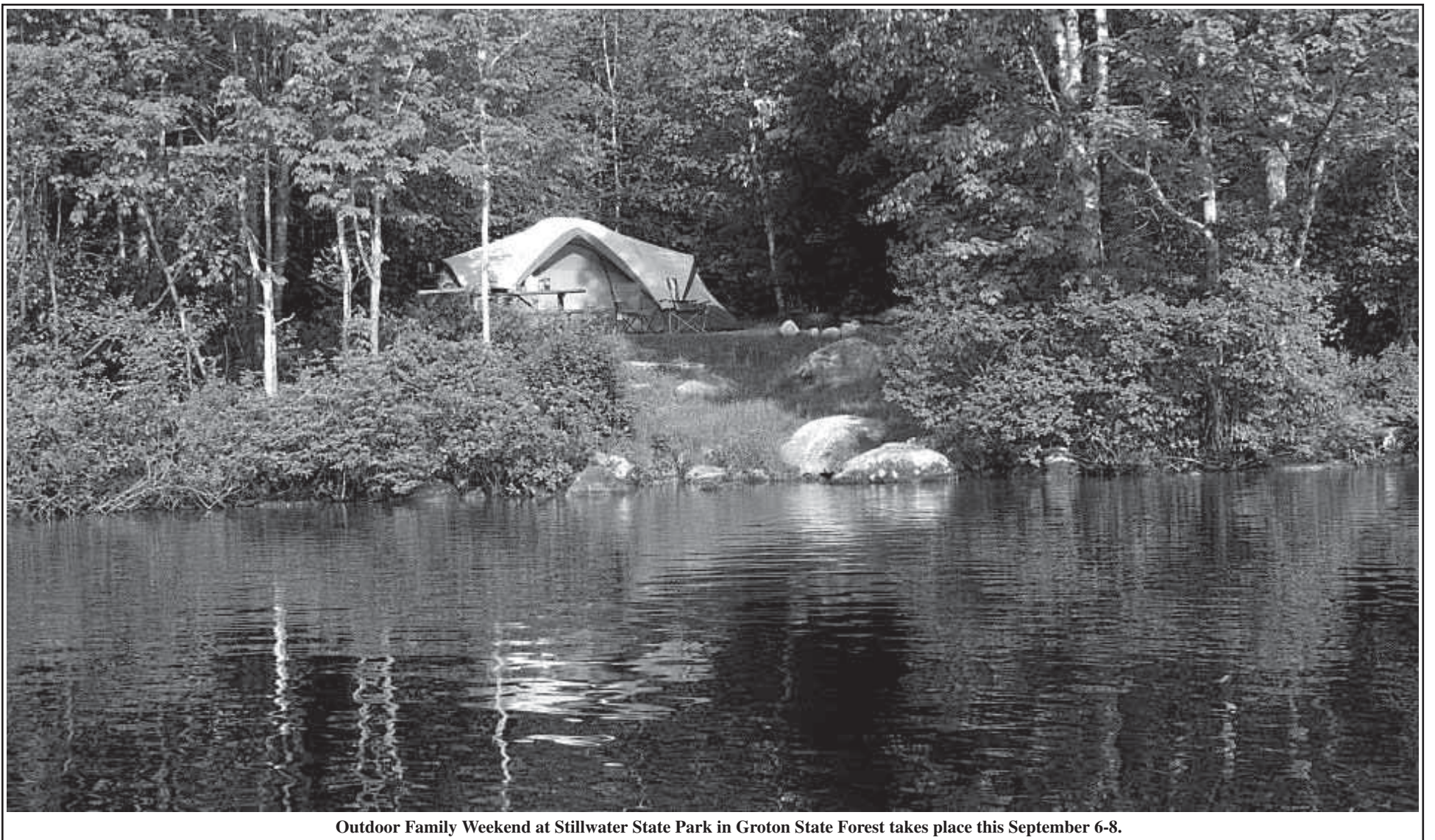
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Whether your family is interested in exploring nature, learning new outdoor skills or pursuing recreational activities, Outdoor Family Weekend in Groton, VT on September 6-8, won't disappoint.

The weekend is planned for Stillwater State Park, located in the 28,000-acre Groton State Forest in Groton. It is sponsored by University of Vermont (UVM) Extension and the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources' Departments of Fish and Wildlife and Forests, Parks and Recreation.

Among the highlights are a diverse range of expert-led workshops and a Saturday night potluck supper. An evening fireside chat will feature stories of folklore and wildlife told by Virginia Holiman, a farm-to-school educator from Highgate, and Kurt Valenta, founder of the Exordium Nature Experience in Enosburgh Falls.

Registration per family (up to eight people) is \$189, which covers the campsite, three workshops per camper, an ice cream social, the potluck supper, raffle and full access to all park facilities including the trails, boat launch and free canoe rentals. Outdoor Gear Exchange in Burlington will offer stand-up paddleboard demonstrations during the day on Saturday.

Registration is open till August 16 or when all spots are filled. Early sign up is advised for the best selection of workshops and campsites, which include tent, lean-to and RV sites that will be assigned on a first-come, first served basis. Families may stay Sunday night for no extra charge although will need to make arrangements at the park office upon arrival.

Several new workshops will be offered this year including basic bicycle maintenance, birding, fish processing and cooking, wetland exploration, foraging, bushwhacking 101, packing for an overnight on the trail and career opportunities in arboriculture and tree care. Participants also may sign up

for outdoor cooking, wilderness first aid or acrylic painting on canvas, among many other options.

Instruction also will be offered in archery, air pistol, mountain biking, fishing, canoeing and canoe rescues. The youngest campers can discover the natural world through a scavenger hunt and workshops to explore the forest floor and meet the animals of the forest.

Returning families who get a new family to register will be entered in the Refer-a-Family prize drawing for a free weekend stay at any Vermont state park, courtesy of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

Outdoor Family Weekend will be sharing Groton State Forest this weekend with the Groton Forest Trail Run (www.facebook.com/grotonforest). For this event, runners can choose either a 26.5-mile or 15.2-mile course, both of which are technical, challenging and scenic. Families of runners are welcome to register to participate in the Outdoor Family Weekend's events and workshops.

To register, go to www.uvm.edu/extension/outdoorfamily. Families of current military personnel should contact Becky Bartlett at (802) 257-7967, x 301 to receive a discount code for registration. To request a disability-related accommodation to participate, contact her by August 16.

Go to www.facebook.com/OutdoorFamilyWeekendVT for updates and information on the family camping weekend.

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Pippin, Pearmain, Baldwin, King and Spy and Sweet, Spitzenbergh and Codlin, Never stop to eat.	Careful with the packing In the barrels neat, Nothing now is lacking, Here's a fruit complete!

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A Vermont Almanack for Late Summer

by Bill Felker

I hear the wild bee wind his horn,
The bird swings on the ripened wheat
The long green lances of the corn
Are tilting in the winds of morn,
The locust shrills his song of heat.

—John Greenleaf Whittier

The Sun's Progress

Below Böotes thou seest the Virgin
An ear of corn held sparkling in her hand

—Aratos

On August 22, Cross-Quarter Day, the Sun reaches the halfway point between summer solstice and autumn equinox. Leaving behind the stability of Leo, the Sun enters the more volatile sign of Virgo, the first of the most violent periods of change in the second half of the year.

Throughout the last weeks of Leo, high Late Summer still holds sway. Cicadas and katydids and Tall blue bellflower and burdock and euonymus keep their blossoms, and fields glow with wingstem, tall coneflowers, early purple ironweed, late bouncing bets and black-eyed Susans.

The Planets

Now in Leo, Venus and Mars accompany bright Arcturus, rising from the east near dawn, moving west throughout the day, lying along the western horizon after sundown. Both planets may be very difficult to see due to their proximity to the Sun.

Still in Ophiuchus, Jupiter is the most reliable evening companion and can be found in the southern sky after dark. Below and a little east of Jupiter, Saturn rides Sagittarius in the center of the southern horizon at dusk and is visible as it moves toward the west throughout the night.

Phases of the Moon

One of the earliest trees to shed its leaves is the black walnut. Leo and Virgo often accelerate the walnut's leaf drop, which forecasts the more dramatic foliage collapse of Libra and Scorpio.

The Black Walnut Leafdrop Moon alerts the monarchs and swallowtails and the fall webworms to prepare for autumn. Sparrows form larger flocks. Robins emerge from their Deep Summer retreats. Great murmurations of starlings become more common. Peaches, plums, grapes, blackberries, second-crop raspberries and elderberries sweeten, then complete their seasons. Yellowjackets come to feed on the fallen fruit.

Catching Late Summer in its great circular web, the giant arabesque orb-weaver spins its first patterns in time with the last generation of wildflowers and the first dusky shadows on the high trees. In the woods, webs of the smaller but more common micrathena spiders often block your walking paths.

August 2: The Moon reaches perigee at 2:08 a.m.

August 7: The Moon enters its second quarter at 12:31 p.m.

August 15: The Moon is full at 7:29 a.m.

August 17: The Moon reaches apogee at 6:23 a.m.

August 23: The Moon enters its last quarter at 9:56 a.m.

August 30: The Autumn Apple Picking Moon is new at 5:37 a.m. and reaches perigee at 10:57 a.m.



Farming with horses—summer semester at Sterling College, Craftsbury, VT. photo by Schirin Oeding

The Stars

August's midnight brings the Summer Triangle close to the center of the sky. Arcturus is setting and Perseus is rising. The Milky Way splits the heavens in two. August at midnight is also the daytime sky of the midwinter thaw. It is a promise of spring written in stars, a prophecy that everything, indeed, is exactly balanced.

The Shooting Stars

The Shooting Stars
In the season of late August star-fall,
When the first crickets crinkled the dark...

—Robert Penn Warren

The Perseid meteors peak August 12-13 in the east an hour or so after midnight below the Milky Way in Perseus. This shower can produce up to 60 meteors in an hour but the fat Moon is likely to outshine many of them.

The Perseids, rising out of winter's Taurus and Orion, cut across Perseus and Andromeda, Cassiopeia and Pegasus, and they pierce an old child-like sense of endless summer when time seemed to last forever, and we were lulled by the lack of experience, or by the lack of familiarity with the seasons and by disbelief that anything so fine as the beauty of August

could really disappear. The Perseid starfall of Late Summer unmasks the fantasy of permanence, and the time watcher might see these meteors as a pivotal sign of autumn's approach. Then it is time to look more closely, become even more aware of the pieces of the world and of the solar events that transform them.

Farming and Gardening By The Moon

Sodding and seeding of the lawn is often done now in preparation for the cool growing time of fall. Test the soil of your fall and winter garden as well as of the fields in which you intend to sow wheat and rye, alfalfa, canola, clover and timothy. Fertilize perennial plants, shrubs and trees to encourage improved flowering next spring and summer. Do all that work as the moon waxes.

Pick plums, elderberries, pears, apples, blackberries and everbearing strawberries when the moon is full. The waning and dark moon generally favors harvest of grain crops.

Meteorology

Fish, game, livestock and people tend to feed more and are more active as the barometer falls one to three days before the weather systems that arrive near the following dates: July 6, 14, 21, and 28 and August 4, 10, 17, 21, and 29.

The Seasons of August

by Bill Felker

Week One

The first week of August brings White Snakeroot, Boneset, Clearweed and Jumpseed Seasons. Ragweed Season drifts across the nation, and the pollen count begins its slow climb from an average of 30 grains per cubic meter at the end of July to about 300 by the end of August. Blackberry Season and Grape Season has moved up from the South as Black Walnut Leafdrop Season gathers momentum all across the East. Stonecrop Season starts in gardens as Meadowlark Migration Season and Ruby-Throated Hummingbird Flooding Season get underway.

Week Two

High Katydid Season

marks the slow decline of Dog Day Season this week of the year. Migration seasons intensify for wood ducks, Baltimore orioles and purple martins. This is the week of Cottonwood Yellowing Season and Joe Pye Seeding Season, the time of Three-Seeded Mercury Season and Great Blue Lobelia Season. It is the week that Spiderweb Weaving Season becomes more noticeable throughout the woods, spiders taking all the prey they can before cold settles in. Firefly Season moves to a close as Late Summer Monarch Butterfly and Swallowtail Butterfly and Imperial Moth Seasons swell. As Apple Windfall Season pulls windfall apples to the earth, Autumn Yellow-jacket Season arrives.

Week Three

The third week of August brings Judas Maple Time to the northern half of the country.

Week Four

The last week of August brings the peak of Purple Pokeweed Berry Season in the alleyways, Beggartick Flowering Season in the garden, and Bur Marigold Season in the wetlands. Burrs of the tick trefoil stick to your pants legs as Tick Trefoil Burr Season begins.

Hickory Nutting Season

spreads across the forest floor. Deep in the woods, the final days of this year's wildflowers coincide with the first days of the Season of Second Spring, a season that lasts well past February. March's henbit comes up in the garden, initiating its eight-month season of growth and flowering. The garlic mustard that will flower two Aprils from now sprouts in the rain. Next May's sweet rockets and sweet Cicely grow back, and next July's avens send up fresh basal leaves.

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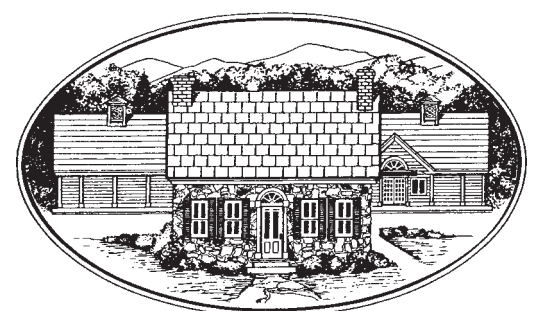
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Canada geese open hunting season

A statewide Vermont open hunting season for resident Canada geese will occur September 1-25. The daily bag limit is five Canada geese in the Connecticut River Zone and eight in the rest of the state during this September season. The purpose of the September season is to help control Vermont's resident Canada goose population prior to the arrival of Canada geese migrating south from Canada.

A second Canada goose hunting season for resident and migrant geese will be held October 10 through November 8 in the Lake Champlain and Interior Zones with a daily bag limit of two Canada geese.

In the Connecticut River Zone, the second Canada goose season will be October 2 through November 3, and November 20 through December 16 with a daily bag limit of two Canada geese.

Duck hunting season

Duck season this fall opens on October 10 in the Lake Champlain and Interior Vermont Zones and on October 2 in the Connecticut River Zone. The Lake Champlain Zone has a split season (October 10 through November 1 and November 23 through December 29). The Interior Vermont Zone has



Vermont 2019 migratory bird hunting information can be downloaded from the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com) under "Hunt" – "Waterfowl." VTF&W photo

a straight season (October 10 through December 8). The Connecticut River Zone has a split season (October 2 through November 3 and November 20 through December 16).

Vermont youth waterfowl hunting weekend

Vermont's youth waterfowl hunting weekend will be September 28 and 29. Resident and nonresident hunters 17 years of age or younger on those dates may hunt ducks and geese within the Lake Champlain and Interior Vermont Zones during this weekend while accompanied by an adult 18 or older. In the Connecticut River Zone, youth must be 15 years of age or younger on those dates. Both adult and youth must have Vermont hunting licenses. The adult may not hunt or carry a firearm. Youth ages 16 and 17 must have a Vermont Migratory Waterfowl tag and federal duck stamp.

Woodcock hunting season

Woodcock hunting season is October 1 through November 14 statewide with a three-bird bag limit. All migratory game bird (woodcock, ducks and geese)

hunters must also be registered with the Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.) in each state they hunt. You can register on Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website or call toll-free 1-877-306-7091. After providing some basic information, you will receive your annual H.I.P. registration number, which you then need to record on your hunting license.

In addition to a hunting license, a waterfowl hunter 16 or older must carry a current federal duck stamp and Vermont Migratory Waterfowl tag in order to hunt waterfowl in Vermont. Federal stamps are sold at post offices, federal refuges, or online at www.fws.gov/birds/get-involved/duck-stamp/buy-duck-stamp.php. State Migratory Waterfowl tags are available on Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com) and from license agents. The hunter must sign the federal duck stamp.

Waterfowl season dates and bag limits are set in three zones: Lake Champlain, Interior Vermont, and Connecticut River. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department sets the season dates and bag limits for the Connecticut River Zone.

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Summer Event Schedule

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Farm Chores for Children. August 1st, 8th, 15th 2 to 4 p.m., \$5 pp. On Thursday afternoons through the summer, children (and their adult companion) may join the farm staff at Merck Forest & Farmland Center 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. Please pre-register early, because participation is limited.

Touch a Tractor. August 3 at 2:00 pm to 4 p.m., \$5 pp. Big noisy machines and wide wide meadows. What small child wouldn't love a photo op on one of our pieces of farm equipment...with proper supervision, of course. Plan to spend the afternoon visiting our farm, then enjoy a bluegrass concert in the evening.

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Mushroom Hunt for Youngsters. August 18 at 10 to 11:30 a.m., \$5 pp. A walk for families with children. Families should bring baskets to gather mushrooms in.

Mushroom I.D. August 18 at 12 to 2 p.m., \$10 pp. An adult workshop focusing on identifying mushrooms: mycologist Sue Hook will have sample mushrooms to view; participants may bring their own mushrooms from home to identify.

Creek Exploration Program. August 24 at 2 to 4 p.m., \$5pp. What's splashing about in backcountry creeks? Find out with Merck staff. We'll meet up at the South Gate to discuss & explore the water cycle and how it relates to the creek. Be prepared to get wet.



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Farm Chores for Children workshop at Merck Forest and Farmland Center, Rupert, VT.

Volunteer Workparty Saturday. August 31 at 10 to 4 p.m., free. On the last Saturday of the month: work with great people in the great big beautiful out-of-doors. Come join the crew!

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The Federated Church on Main Street, described as builder Thomas Royal Duke's architectural masterpiece, is a popular stop on the tour. The pulpit, with its intricate moldings and panels is one of the most extraordinary in the state. Duke is famous for his beautifully scaled spiral staircases which can be seen in some of the homes on the tour.

At the Higley House, home of the Castleton Historical Society, visitors can tour the exhibits, antique tools, carriage collection and period fashion display of 19th century clothing and accessories. On display at the Higley House will be the famous Blue Cat Quilt depicting historic landmarks in town and highlights from the book *The Blue Cat of Castleton*. The quilt was entirely hand sewn and hand quilted with over

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There will be a free Vermont Humanities Council program at the Federated Church on Main Street featuring "Music of the Civil War Period" with Linda Radtke, mezzo-soprano and Arthur Zorn, piano. Colonial games and toys will be available for children to use throughout the day and an Ice Cream Social will be held on the lawn of the Castleton Library.

Castleton University students will perform a skit at the Old Medical Chapel that addresses the true account of "The Hubbardton Raid" when students from the Castleton Medical School stole a body from a freshly dug gravesite in the town of Hubbardton. The skit will be performed at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The 2019 Castleton Colonial Day House Tour will be held rain or shine Saturday, August 17th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tour tickets \$20 (\$18 seniors 62+) can be purchased on Colonial Day at ticket booths on Main Street.

For information call (802) 468-5691 rileyjtvt@comcast.net. castletonhistorichouse.tour.org.

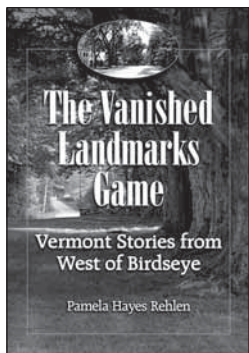


Three hostesses greet visitors outside one of the homes in Castleton's Colonial Day House Tour.



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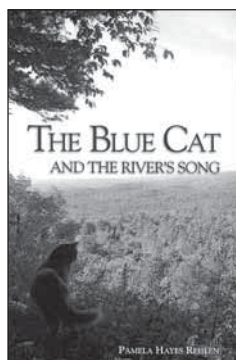


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Losing the Elms

by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

The elms go one by one. They sicken and die and crowds of spindly, inconsequential, new elm trees start up nearby, and it seems like these new ones may make it, until their leaves yellow, begin to fall, and they, in their turn, die off.

In the 1950s, every August my parents, my sister, and I used to drive to visit my grandfather who ran Mae Harwood's gentlewoman's farm in Benson. I always hung out the back, passenger-side, window—exactly like I see eager dogs doing today—in order to put my head into the sun and the rush of air, the layered hot and cool and fragrant wind full of the smell of farms and fields.

The roads we took, Rt. 22, then Rt. 144, then Benson Rd. out of Hortonia, followed long swells and hollows—a great, rich, green, land-sea, and I saw that all the distant swales were dotted with wine glass elms.

In Castleton, elms lined Main Street and surrounded the town green in front of the Federated Church. On years when the Women's Club, sponsor of Colonial Day, was feeling ambitious, a group of teen-aged girls were recruited to dance afternoon minuets on this green.

Decades later, I was for a time in charge of handing out Colonial Day costumes, and when I was sorting and organizing, I would recognize certain gauzy dresses—the end product of Butterick Patterns bought in the Rutland Economy Store fabric department and home-sewn for the long-ago teen-age dancers.

Then in my mind's eye, these dancers came back to me and moved and turned under the great town elms, those behemoths that seemed to be such a fixture it was impossible to imagine the day would come when they would be gone and no longer even much remembered.

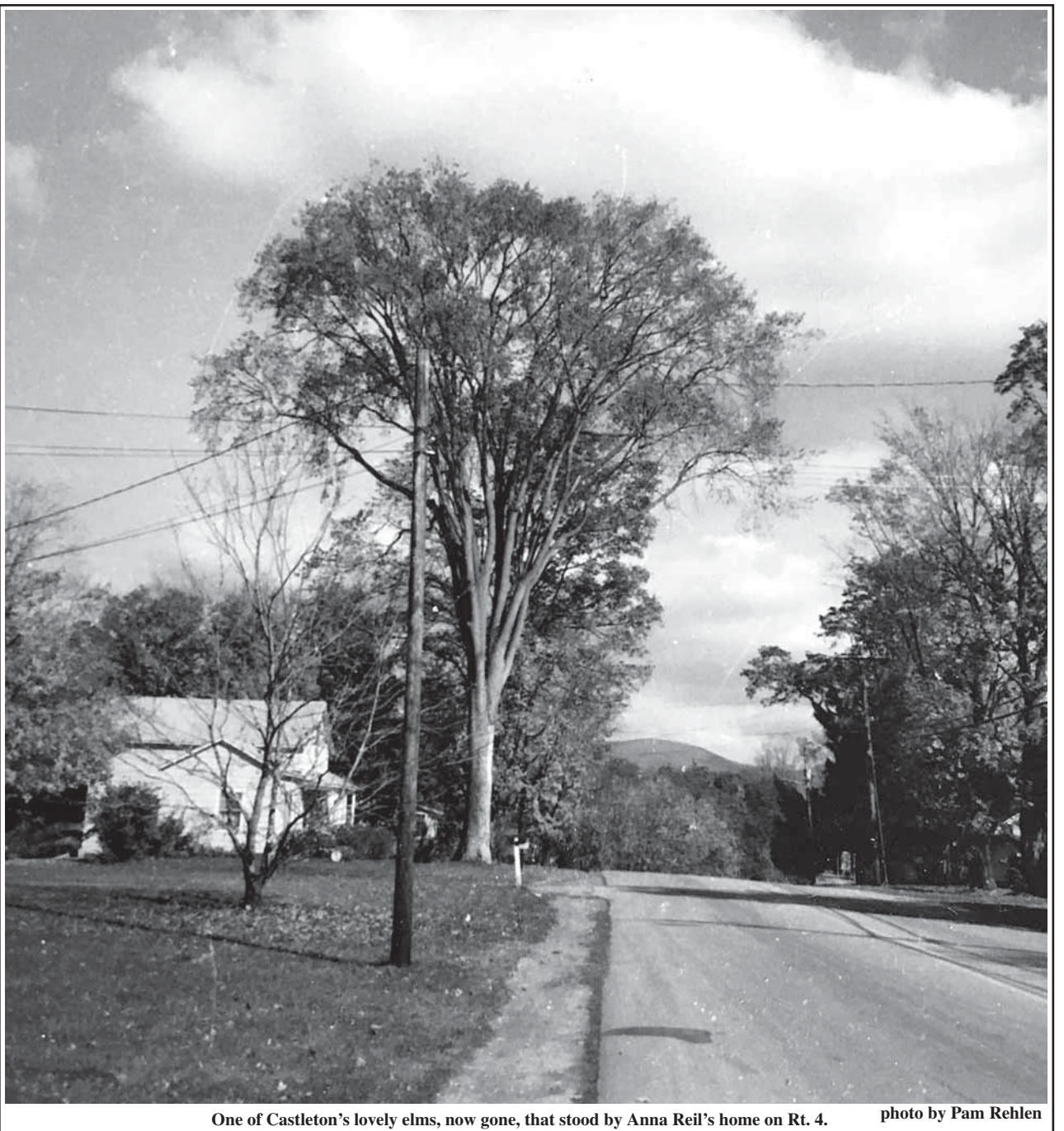
Treeless Elm Street is in the center of Castleton. Along its short length—it runs next to the now repurposed Ellis Orchard barns and packing houses and ends on Main Street between the Texaco station and the brick Masonic building—there's a single remnant elm in front of the house of Sarah Grey.

My family lived on Elm Street one summer in the 1960s when the elms were going, or gone, but I never noticed or thought about it. No other trees were ever planted to take their place, and this part of town, which is now mostly student apartments, has come to have a raw, denuded, feeling.

At some point in my life, I read that elms were doomed, but I thought there must be exceptions, healthy, well-established trees growing at a distance from other elms.

When I walked in the Hillside Cemetery in the 1990s, I always made a point of going past the oldest graves, then past the graves of people I had known, finally past my Gibbs' family graves, and then, as I was leaving the cemetery land to pass into farm land planted in corn every year by Mike Eagan, I would stop to admire a specimen elm—like a great highland stag—that stood apart. In the late spring, a pool of purply-blue flowers grew around its base. I never doubted that this tree was safe.

But then a spring came, and I saw the tree hadn't leafed out. It startled me to realize that over the winter it must have died. Now, when I walk past early in the year there's only the pool of blue flowers.



One of Castleton's lovely elms, now gone, that stood by Anna Reil's home on Rt. 4. photo by Pam Rehlen

The Dutch elm disease is caused by an elm fungus and spread by the elm bark beetle. It was first reported in the United States in 1928 when it arrived in a New York City Harbor shipment of logs destined for use as furniture veneers.

When recognized, it was initially monitored, and suspect wood coming into the country quarantined, but after 1941, war stresses weakened restrictions, and in the next ten years the elm devastation moved steadily north into New England.

A very few elms—because of something called 'field resistance'—escape infection. It's not that they sicken and survive; they never become infected in the first place.

The best examples of this phenomenon are weeping elms, where the leaves hang down, and this is probably why Sarah Grey, on her deforested street, still has one of the only elms left in Castleton.

An old woman, Anna Reil, lived in a little house on the

edge of town, a little fairy-tale-small house snug below a towering elm. I never much thought about her elm because, although she was a near neighbor to my father, I seldom walked past Anna's place. Her's was a fine, fine tree, a noble specimen, and seemingly growing safely far distant from other trees.

And then, one day, I was visiting my father and looking down the road I saw that Anna's elm was dead, the great trunk encircled with a band of florescent plastic tape awaiting the tree cutters.

That glorious monster elm was gone—just like all the others.

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

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Benson, VT

Benson Family Day Coming on August 11

Our theme this year is Super Hero. Show us who your's is. Line up for the parade begins at 10 a.m. with a scheduled start of 11 a.m. Cash prizes will be given to the top three floats, with special prizes for best equine, best pet, best farm animal, and best decorated child's bike.

Benson Burdock Competition! You don't have to be from Benson to enter! All are welcome! Prize money is up for grabs! We are encouraging anyone from anywhere of any age to enter any or all of our three categories! Take a

chance, bring it in! Burdock Entries must be registered at the Town office no later than 10:30 a.m. and will be judged immediately following the parade.

The traditional chicken BBQ is back. BBQ will begin serving immediately following the parade. The cost is \$10 and includes a dessert served to go. The Benson Community hall will be available for seating.

The farmers market will once again be set up on the green in front of the town offices. A variety of items will be offered. For Farmer

Market questions, please contact Sue Brown at (802) 537-4474 or email to redwolf363@aol.com.

The Vermont Tractor Pullers Association will be hosting a Garden Tractor and ATV pull at the West Coast Taco Stand on Route 22-A. The action starts at 1 p.m.

Lots of family activities are being held throughout the day.

The Benson Fire Department will be demonstrating their newly acquired emergency extraction tools at noon. A children's craft table is planned and a Zumba

dance presentation is scheduled.

All are welcome! For information please contact Gina Cull at (802) 537-2063.



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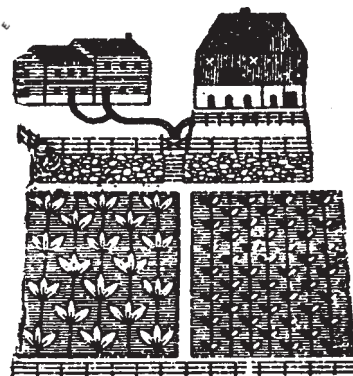
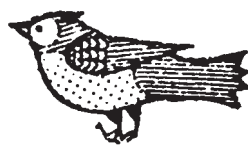
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Vermont Country Calendar

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

HIGHGATE. Franklin County Field Days. Midway rides. Tractor pull. Live entertainment. Exhibits. Mechanical bull. Fee: \$10 all ages. Airport Rd. (802) 782-5443 franklincountyfielddays@gmail.com. franklincountyfielddays.org. *Through August 4.*

MIDDLEBURY. Point Counterpoint Faculty Concert. Free. 8 pm. Mead Chapel, Middlebury College. (802) 247-8467. pointcp.com.

PROCTOR. Rocks, Minerals and Fossils Drop-In Workshop with mineralogist Alice Blount, recommended for children grade 3 and above. Free. 12:30-2:30 p.m. Vermont Marble Museum, 52 Main St. (802) 459-2750 vermontmarblemuseum.org. *Also August 6 and August 8.*

SWANTON. Franklin County Field Days. \$10 a day. 10 am to 10 pm. 300 Airport Rd. (802) 524-9771. franklincountyfielddays.org. *Also August 2, 3 & 4.*

WILMINGTON. Blueberry Festival. 70+ events over 11 days. Blueberry Parade, craft fair, block party, pie eating contest, blueberry-inspired menus at local restaurants, art gallery shows, retail "Blue Dot" specials, library walks at the state parks. 7 am - 11:59 pm. Readsboro, Whitingham, Jacksonville, Wilmington, Dover. (802) 464-8092. vermontblueberry.com. *Through August 4.*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

BENNINGTON. 41st Annual Southern Vermont Art and Craft Festival. 125 exhibitors displaying and selling original Art and contemporary craft. Rain or shine. Food trucks, Vermont craft beers. Live music. Craft Demos. Specialty food tent. Outdoor stage. 10 am - 5 pm. The Shops at Camelot Village, 66 Colgate Heights. (802) 316-5019. craftproducers.com. *Through August 4.*

BURLINGTON. 12th Annual Festival of Fools. Busking, music, and continuous laughs for the entire family. Free. Downtown. (802) 865-7166. vermontfestivaloffools.com. *Through August 4.*

HIGHGATE. Franklin County Field Days. Midway rides. Tractor pull. Live entertainment. Exhibits. Mechanical bull. Fee: \$10 all ages. Airport Rd. (802) 782-5443 franklincountyfielddays@gmail.com. franklincountyfielddays.org. *Through August 4.*

MIDDLEBURY. "Spinning Plates" Food Truck Event. Tourterelle, casual French fare. Live music and mural paintings. Free admission and outdoor entertainment. Lunch 12 noon - 4 pm. Dinner 5-10 pm. In the alleyway next to Town Hall Theater. (802) 388-1436. townhalltheater.org. *Every Friday through October 4.*

MIDDLEBURY. Summer Carillon Concert Series: Elena Sadina, performing melodic sounds of the carillon bells from the soaring tower of Mead Chapel. Free. 6-7:30 pm. Middlebury College, Mead Memorial Chapel, 75 Hepburn Rd. (802) 443-3168. go.middlebury.edu/carillon.

POULTNEY. Live music: an evening with Mister Chris and Mister Ethan, of Vermont PBS Television Show "Mister Chris and Friends." Mister Chris and Friends emphasizes children's experience, expression, and management of emotions and the ability to establish positive and rewarding relationships with others. Free. 6 pm. Poultney Public Library, 205 Main St. Ste 1. (802) 287-5556. ppl5556@yahoo.com. poultneypubliclibrary.com.

ROCHESTER. Concert: Omer String Quartet. Selections from Brahms, Webern, Schumann, Kurtag and Schubert. Preconcert talk with Larry Hamberlin at 7 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m. Admission by donation. Federated Church of Rochester, 15 N. Main St. (802) 767-9234. rcmvst.org.

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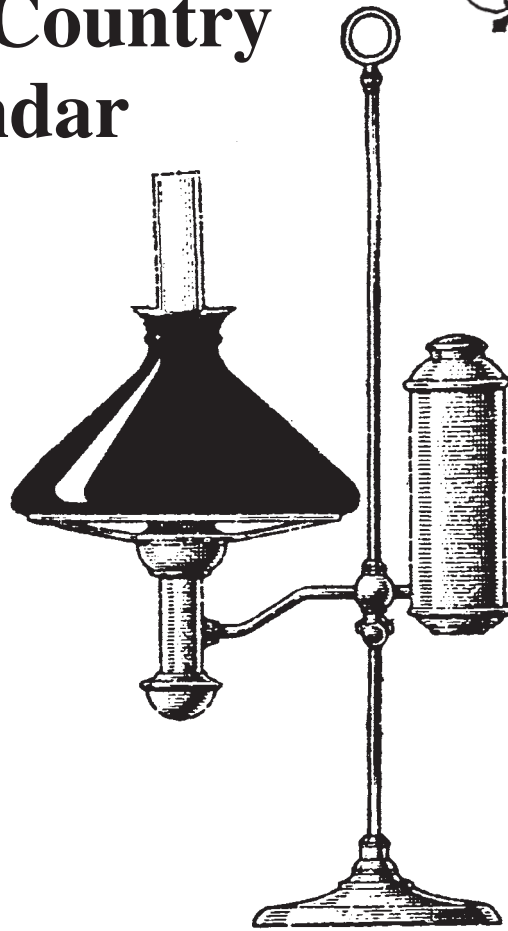
WAITSFIELD. Bear North Festival. Artwork, workshops, beer garden, food trucks, vendors. Live music from bands like Pink Talking Fish, Mad Mountain Scramblers, Soule Monde, Sophistafunk and Seth Yacovone Band. 3-11:59 pm. Sugarbush Resort, 626 Mt. Ellen Rd. (802) 583-6369. *Through August 4.*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

BURLINGTON. Burlington Garden Club Community Garden Volunteer Work Program. Help maintain the four gardens in the Vermont Garden Park: All-American, Cottage, Butterfly, and Grandma and Grandpa Gardens. Bring small garden tools and gloves. 9-11 am. 1100 Dorset St. (615) 390-9965. djvanmullen@gmail.com. *Also September 7.*

BURLINGTON. 12th Annual Festival of Fools. Busking, music, and continuous laughs for the entire family. Free. Downtown. (802) 865-7166. *Through August 4.*

EAST DORSET. 26th Annual Vermont Summer Festival Horse Show: Manchester and the Mountains. Admission. 8:30 am - 4 pm. Beebe Farm, 2971 Rt. 7. (802) 362-6501. vt-summerfestival.com. *Through August 4.*



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MANCHESTER CENTER. Manchester Music Festival Community Recital. Special guest musicians following by a Q&A. Schubert's Sonata in A minor for Cello and Piano "Arpeggione." Bion Tsang, cello Craig Sheppard, piano. 5:30-6:30 pm. Manchester Community Library, 138 Cemetery Ave. (802) 362-1956. mmfv.org.

MIDDLEBURY. "Spinning Plates" Food Truck Event. Evolution Kitchen: menus from Café Mamajuana Dominican, BTV Ethiopian and more. Live music and mural paintings. Free admission. Lunch 11:30 am - 2 pm. Dinner 4-9:30 pm. In the alleyway next to Town Hall Theater. (802) 388-1436. townhalltheater.org. *Every Saturday through September 28.*

MIDDLEBURY. Book Sale. Wonderful coffee table books and books for children and youth. Regular books are 50 cents for paperback and \$1 for hardcover. Children and youth books are half that. Also sets of DVDs. 11 am - 2:30 pm. Isley Public Library, Main St. (802) 388-4095.

PLYMOUTH NOTCH. Plymouth Old Home Day. Reenactment of Calvin Coolidge's "Homestead Inaugural" at 2:47 pm. Wagon rides, chicken barbecue, old-time music, sheep shearing, Living history reenactors, Green Mountain Time Keepers Society, traditional crafts demonstrations, historic children's games. 10 am - 4 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt 100A. (802) 828-3051. historicites.vermont.gov/calvin-coolidge.

PVTNEY. Concert: Sam Reider and The Human Hands plus Aura Shards. Brooklyn-based bluegrass and jazz musicians. \$24. 7:30 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill. (802) 387-0102. nextstagearts.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.*

SALISBURY. Point Counterpoint Camper Concert. Free. 1 pm. Salisbury Congregational Church. (802) 247-8467.

SPRINGFIELD. Baby Goat Yoga. Hour-long classes at 10 am Sunday mornings at Wellwood Orchard. 529 Wellwood Orchard Rd. For info contact Aggie at (603) 847-3330. yogiaggie4u@gmail.com. *Also August 10, 17 & 24.*

ST. JOHNSBURY. Summer Party at Dog Mountain. Four-legged friends and their two legged companions gather for a romping good time. Bounce house for the kids, door prizes, food, dog contests, and live music by folk duo The Endorsements. Hot dogs, chips, lemonade. Open leash policy. Free. 12-4 pm, rain or shine. Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. (802) 748-3075. info@dogmt.com. dogmt.com.

SWANTON. Franklin County Field Days. Midway rides, tractor pulls, 4H dairy show, draft horse show, pony pulls, bands, youth peddle grand prix! \$10 a day. 7 am - 11 pm. 300 Airport Rd. (802) 524-9771. *Also August 4.*

WATERBURY CENTER. Long Trail Day. To benefit the Green Mountain Club and its work. Select a portion of the Long Trail to hike. After your hike, meet other hikers at pubs or breweries near the Long Trail. 7 am - 7 pm. Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury-Stowe Rd. (802) 244-7037. greenmountainclub.org.

WEYBRIDGE. Annual Vermont Day Open House at the historic UVM Morgan Horse Farm. Watch UVM Morgans demonstrate their heritage and versatility. Free admission. 10 am - 3 pm. UVM Morgan Horse Farm, 74 Battell Dr. (802) 388-2011. uvm.edu/cals/morganhorsefarm.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

BROWNINGTON. Back Roads Readings. Former U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky will read from his work. Reception and book signing follows, on the beautiful grounds of the Old Stone House Museum. 3-5 pm. Brownington Congregational Church, Hinman Settler Rd. (802) 633-4956. backroadsreadings.com.

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LYME, NH. Sunday Buffet on the Shore of the Lake. Music by Dixie D and the Diamonds. 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.*

MANCHESTER. Sunday Farm Concert. Lakou Mizik perform music from Haiti. 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. *Additional concerts August 11, September 1, October 13.*

ORWELL. Hike into History. Walk in the footsteps of Revolutionary War soldiers, with Stephen Zeoli as your guide. Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather. 2-4 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. historicssites.vermont.gov/mount-independence.

WOODSTOCK. Antique Tractor Day. Tractors made between the 1920s and 1970s will be displayed from 10 am – 4 pm. Tractor parade at 1 pm. Tractor-drawn wagon rides and tractor activities for everyone. Pedal tractor pulls for kids! 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 5302 River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

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 August 12.*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

FAIRLEE. Concert on the Common: Spurs USA. 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. fairlearts.org.

NEW HAVEN. Addison County Fair & Field Days. Vermont's largest agricultural fair features midway rides and games, live music, an opening night parade and closing night fireworks, racing pigs, Tom Joyce "The Magic Man," demolition derbies, truck, and tractor pulls, horse shows, livestock shows and pulling contests, bike stunt shows, Children's Barnyard activities, Pirate Man Dan shows, Cairo Northern Clowns, a Milking Parlor, Maple Sugar House, woodcarving, community exhibits, 4-H workshops, demonstrations, contests, fair food and more. 1790 Field Days Rd. (802) 545-2557. addisoncountyfielddays.com. *Through August 10.*

PROCTOR. Rocks, Minerals and Fossils Drop-In Workshop with mineralogist Alice Blount, recommended for children grade 3 and above. Free. 12:30-2:30 p.m. Vermont Marble Museum, 52 Main St. (802) 459-2750. vermontmarblemuseum.org. *Also August 8.*

WAITSFIELD. Live Music: The VT Bluegrass Pioneers. 6-9 pm. Rumbles Kitchen, 62 Gate House Lane at Sugarbush Resort. skyblueboys.com.

WOODSTOCK. Time Travel Tuesdays. Join us in the 1890 Farm Manager's House to experience late 19th-century chores and pastimes. Plenty of work and fun for every age. Admission: adults \$16, seniors 62 and over \$14, students 16 & up \$9, Children 5-15 \$8, ages 3-4 \$4. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 5302 River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org. *Tuesdays through August 20.*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

EAST DORSET. 26th Annual Vermont Summer Festival Horse Show: Vermont Summer Celebration Horse Show. Spectator admission. 8:30 am – 4 pm. Beebe Farm, 2971 Rt. 7. (802) 362-6501. www.vt-summerfestival.com. *Through August 11.*

JAMAICA. Pikes Falls Chamber Music Festival. Ten musicians perform works from their CD, as well as other standard classical music selections. Approximately one hour. Free with park entry. 6 pm. Jamaica State Park, 48 Salmon Hole Ln. (802) 874-4600. vtstateparks.com.

LYME, NH. Wednesday Cookout on the Shore of the Lake. Music by Pawley Daley. 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.*

NEW HAVEN. Addison County Fair & Field Days. Vermont's largest agricultural fair. 1790 Field Days Rd. (802) 545-2557. addisoncountyfielddays.com. *Through August 10.*

PROCTORSVILLE. Concert on the Green: Vermont based master blues singer, Chris Kleeman. Bring your blanket or favorite lawn chair; have a picnic or just listen. Free and open to everyone. 6-8 pm. Svec Memorial Green. Main and Depot Streets. (802) 226-7736.

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. From farm fresh veggies and fruits to artisan cheeses, and more. EBT and debit cards. 3-6 pm in Depot Park across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. *Wednesdays through October 23.*

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

EAST DORSET. 26th Annual Vermont Summer Festival Horse Show: Vermont Summer Celebration Horse Show. Spectator admission. 8:30 am – 4 pm. Beebe Farm, 2971 Rt. 7. (802) 362-6501. www.vt-summerfestival.com. *Through August 11.*

MANCHESTER CENTER. Manchester Music Festival Concert. 7:30-9:30 pm. Southern Vermont Arts Center, 930 Southern Vermont Arts Center Dr. (802) 362-1956. mmfvt.org.

NEW HAVEN. Addison County Fair & Field Days. Vermont's largest agricultural fair. 1790 Field Days Rd. (802) 545-2557. addisoncountyfielddays.com. *Through August 10.*

Thoughts of Home

There is a spot where roses blow,
Where dark pines sway and clear brooks flow
Where mint and checkerberry grow,
And evergreens abound.

Of spruce and balsam trees I dream,
And of recall dear Cold Pond stream
I think of water lilies gleam,
And how the shrill frogs sound.

The waves of meadow grass will be
All undulating, like the sea;
And they will shimmer silkily,
In the bright sun of noon.

The days pass by, I know not how—
I know the corn is growing now,
The hay, ere long, be in the mow,
The berries ripen soon.
Tall fireweed flaunts its banner gay,

The cows beneath the maples stray,
While children in the pasture play,
And on the ledges sit.

The calm at eve in each green hill,
When falls soft dusk and all is still,
Save crickets chirp, or whippoorwill,
While fairy lanterns flit.

I know a swamp where red deer hide,
I know a pool where the trout glide;
Come, wife! Let's lay our work aside
And visit each dear haunt.

I know a home where roses cling,
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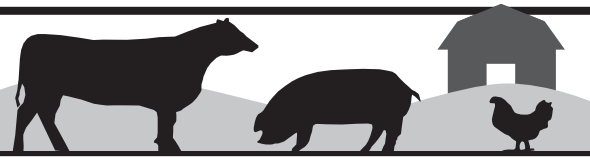


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Vermont Country Calendar

PROCTOR. Rocks, Minerals and Fossils Drop-In Workshop with mineralogist Alice Blount, recommended for children grade 3 and above. Free. 12:30-2:30 p.m. Vermont Marble Museum, 52 Main St. (802) 459-2750 vermontmarblemuseum.org.

RICHMOND. Live Music and Blueberry Picking. Blueberry picking begins at 5 pm, The VT Bluegrass Pioneers begin at 6 pm. Bring a picnic, fill up some buckets with berries and enjoy the music. Owls Head Blueberry Farm, 263 Blueberry Farm Rd. owlsheadfarm.com. skyblueboys.com.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

STATEWIDE. Meet the farmers, plants, and animals that bring your Vermont products to your plate. Dinner on the farm, farm tours, milking cows and goats, harvesting vegetables, collecting eggs, and tasting farm-fresh food. Multiple farms throughout the state. (802) 434-2000. VTopenfarm@vermontfresh.net. diginvt.com/vtopenfarm. *Through August 15.*

CALAIS. Live Music: The Sky Blue Boys & Cookie. 7:30 pm. The Whammy Bar at Maple Corner, 31 W County Rd. skyblueboys.com.

DANVILLE. 89th Annual Danville Community Fair. Musical entertainment from the Bandstand. Horse and pony pull. Food provided by local non-profit organizations. Rides, games, raffle and more. Entry and shuttle service free; food, rides and raffle tickets have a charge. Friday 4-10 pm, Saturday 10 am - 11 pm. Danville Town Green, Park St. (802) 227-3113. danvillevtchamber.org/danville-fair. *Through August 10.*

EAST DORSET. 26th Annual Vermont Summer Festival Horse Show: Vermont Summer Celebration Horse Show. Spectator admission. 8:30 am - 4 pm. Beebe Farm, 2971 Rt. 7. (802) 362-6501. www.vt-summerfestival.com. *Through August 11.*

EAST FAIRFIELD. Summer Concert: David Mallett. Suggested donation: \$20. 7 pm. 53 School St. (802) 827-6626. meetinghouseonthegreen.org.

MIDDLEBURY. "Spinning Plates" Food Truck Event. Tourterelle, casual French fare. Live music and mural paintings. Free admission and outdoor entertainment. Lunch 12 noon - 4 pm. Dinner 5-10 pm. In the alleyway next to Town Hall Theater. (802) 388-1436. townhalltheater.org. *Every Friday through October 4.*

MIDDLEBURY. Summer Carillon Concert Series: Austin Ferguson, performing the carillon bells from the soaring tower of Mead Chapel. Free. 6-7:30 pm. Middlebury College, Mead Memorial Chapel, 75 Hepburn Rd. (802) 443-3168. go.middlebury.edu/carillon.

NEW HAVEN. Addison County Fair & Field Days. Vermont's largest agricultural fair. 1790 Field Days Rd. (802) 545-2557. addisoncountyfielddays.com. *Through August 10.*

SALISBURY. Point Counterpoint Faculty Concert. Free. 7:30 pm. Salisbury Congregational Church. (802) 247-8467. pointcp.com.

STOWE. Music in the Alley Series: Mimi and the Podds. Innovative music in an unusual setting. Great food by the Blackback Pub. Free. 6-9 pm. Axel's Gallery and Frame Shop, 5 Stowe St. (802) 244-7801.

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. billingsfarm.org. *Every Friday through October.*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

BELMONT. Farmfest. A demonstration of sheep shearing using vintage tools. Other displays and exhibits on the Church Green and in the museum. 11 am - 2 pm. Mount Holly Community Historical Museum, 29 Maple Hill Rd. (802) 259-2460. mounthollyvtmuseum.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Fort Dummer Lore and Song, featuring campground host, Mr. Ken Blair. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Free with day use or camping entry. 7-8 pm. Fort Dummer State Park, 517 Old Guilford Rd. (802) 254-2610. vtstateparks.com.

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HUBBARDTON. Moonlight in Vermont Astronomy Night. Members of the Green Mountain Astronomers will show you the night sky, sharing their telescopes and knowledge. The moon rises about 4:45 p.m. Night sky viewing begins about 8:30 pm, weather permitting. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. To confirm event is on call (802) 273-2282.

MIDDLEBURY. "Spinning Plates" Food Truck Event. Evolution Kitchen: menus from Café Mamajuana Dominican, BTV Ethiopian and more. Live music and mural paintings. Free admission. Lunch 11:30 am - 2 pm. Dinner 4-9:30 pm. In the alleyway next to Town Hall Theater. (802) 388-1436. townhalltheater.org. *Every Saturday through September 28.*

NEWFANE. The Seventh Biennial Windham County History Fair. Vintage exhibits, demonstrations and historic tours and exhibits. Antique and old book appraisals, bookbinding, genealogy, and restoration presentations, woodworking, carding, spinning and quilting demonstrations. Telegraph demonstrations at the West River Railroad Museum, tours of the County Courthouse, County Jail, the historic Village of Newfane and the old Newfane Cemetery. Crafters, raffles and food by NewBrook Auxiliary. Free admission. 9 am - 4 pm, Newfane Common, Route 30. (802) 348-7891. historicalsocietyofwindhamcounty.org.

NEW HAVEN. Addison County Fair & Field Days. Vermont's largest agricultural fair. 1790 Field Days Rd. (802) 545-2557. addisoncountyfielddays.com.

PAWLET. "Vermont Life" Skill Share Series: How to Can Fruit. Pitchfork Preserves founder Melissa Aakjar shares her skill in canning fruit, just in time for the summer harvest. Free. 10 am 12 pm. Pawlet Public Library, 141 School Street. (802) 325-3123. pawletpub@gmail.com. pawletpubliclibrary.wordpress.com.

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.*

RUTLAND. 58th Annual Art in the Park Fine Art & Craft Festival. Music, food, kids activities. Main Street Park, junction of Rts 4 & 7. *Through August 11.*

STOWE. Spruce Peak Folk Festival. Headlined by Milk Carton Kids and Shawn Colvin. Americana, bluegrass, and folk. On the green at Spruce Peak, 7412 Mountain Rd. (888) 478-6938. sprucepeakarts.org. *Through August 11.*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

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

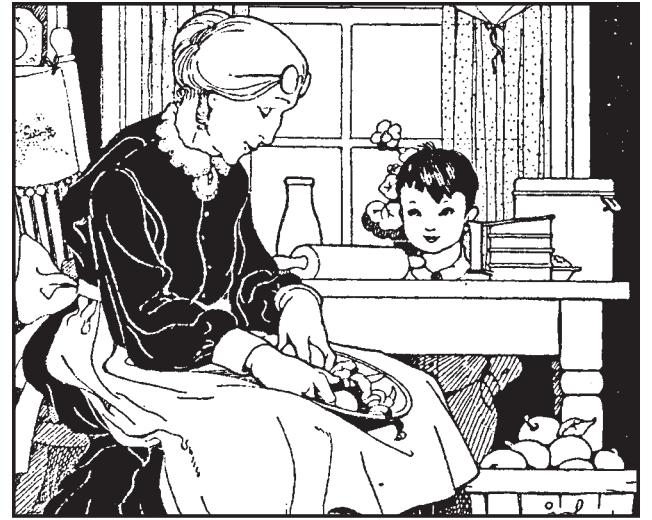
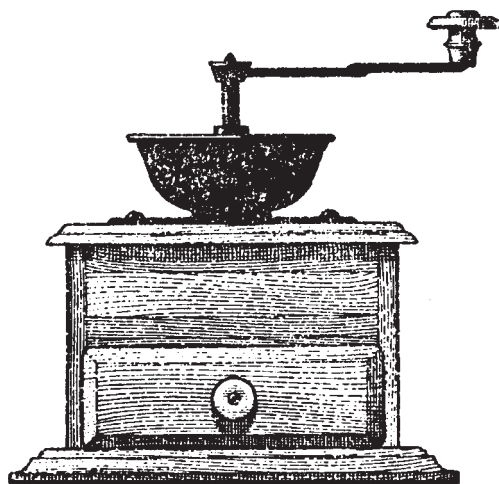
BENSON. Benson Family Day. Theme: Super Hero. Parade at 11 am. Cash prizes. Chicken BBQ (\$10) includes dessert served to go. Farmers' Market on the green. Garden tractor and ATV pull at 1 pm. Children's craft table. Zumba dance presentation. (802) 537-2063.

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GLOVER. Diagonal Life Circus & Pageant. A family friendly show at 3 pm following tour of museum at 2 pm. Music, dance and 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. breadandpuppet.org.

HUBBARDTON. Plant ID Walk with Steve Schluskel. Learn to identify local flora: flowers, edibles, medicinal, and poisonous. No experience necessary, but make sure to bring a camera. 10:30 am - 12 noon. Half Moon Pond State Park, 1621 Black Pond Rd. (802) 273-2848. vtstateparks.com.

LYME, NH. Sunday Buffet on the Shore of the Lake. Music by Rose Hip Jam. 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.*



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(Sunday, August 11, continued)

MANCHESTER. Sunday Farm Concert. Barika perform music from Senegal & Vermont. 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.earthskytimemuseum.com. *September 1, October 13.*

MIDDLEBURY. Mad Hatter Tea Party and Hat Workshop. Celebrate summer with your child and enjoy the garden. Children create up-cycled masterpieces. Tea served in the garden. Ages 5 and up accompanied by an adult. \$10 per child. Reserve in advance. 1:30-3 pm. Sheldon Museum, One Park St. (802) 388-2117. henrysheldonmuseum.org.

MONTPELIER. Live Music: The VT Bluegrass Pioneers. Bluegrass brunch on the patio. 11 am - 2 pm. The Skinny Pancake, 89 Main St. skyblueboys.com.

ROCHESTER. Rochester Chamber Music Society Concert: 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. Free admission: donations gratefully accepted. 4 pm. Federated Church. (802) 767-9234. lesley@rcmsvt.org. rcmsvt.org.

RUTLAND. 58th Annual Art in the Park Fine Art & Craft Festival. Music, food, kids activities. Main Street Park, junction of Rts 4 & 7. (802) 775-0356. info@chaffeeartcenter.org. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

STOWE. Spruce Peak Folk Festival. Headlined by Shawn Colvin. Americana, bluegrass, and folk. On the green at Spruce Peak, 7412 Mountain Rd. (888) 478-6938. sprucepeakarts.org.

WINOOSKI. French Heritage Day. Music, food, community and a celebration of French heritage. 10 am - 2 pm. 20 Winooski Falls Way. (802) 388-7951. downtownwinooski.org.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

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.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

MILTON. Music in the Park: Milton Community Band. Plus Library Summer Reading Festival. Food for sale from B&M's Famous Fry's, lawn games and more. Free. 7-8:30 pm. 31 Park Pl. (802) 893-4922. miltonvt.org.

WOODSTOCK. Time Travel Tuesdays. Join us in the 1890 Farm Manager's House to experience late 19th-century chores and pastimes. Plenty of work and fun for every age. Admission: adults \$16, seniors 62 and over \$14, students 16 & up \$9, Children 5-15 \$8, ages 3-4 \$4. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 5302 River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org. *Also August 20.*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

LYME, NH. Wednesday Cookout on the Shore of the Lake. Music by Derek Burkins. 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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THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

BURLINGTON. Author Appearance and Book Launch. Rebecca Starks, co-founder of Mud Season Review and a former director of the Burlington Writers Workshop, with her new poetry collection, *Time is Always Now*. \$3 (benefits Vermont Foodbank). 7 pm. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

STATEWIDE. Free Admission to All State-Owned Historic Sites. historicsites.vermont.gov.

MARSHFIELD. Concert: "Across the Zoo-niverse." David Rosane & the Zookeepers, with special guest musicians and speakers. All donations go to the hosting library to support their programs and needs. Marshfield Library. davidandthezoo@gmail.com. davidandthezoo.com.

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PEACHAM. Peacham Acoustic Music Festival. Music, folk dancing, crafts and more. Many groups perform, including The Sky Blue Boys & Cookie on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. pamfest.com. skyblueboys.com. *Also August 17.*

WOODSTOCK. Foodways Fridays. See how seasonal vegetables and herbs from the heirloom garden are used. Price: \$4-\$16. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 69 Old River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org. *Every Friday thru Oct.*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

ADAMANT. Concert: The Sky Blue Boys & Cookie. 7:30 pm. \$15, kids free. Community Center, 1161 Martin Rd. skyblueboys.com.

BRANDON. Concert: Brazilian Jazz. Ali Ryerson, regarded as one of the best flutist's in jazz, and Joe Carter, playing guitar, have joined forces to celebrate the music of Brazil. By using their jazz backgrounds to add jazz improvisation into the tunes, the Ryerson and Carter Duo create a sound that blends the best of both worlds. Show \$20. Dinner and show \$45. Reservations are required for dinner and recommended for the show. Venue is BYOB. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. Call (802) 247-4295.

CASTLETON. 81st Annual Colonial Day House Tour. Over a dozen sites throughout the village including outstanding period homes, public buildings and historic sites. "Music of the Civil War Period" with Linda Radtke, mezzo-soprano and Arthur Zorn, piano. Colonial games and toys, ice cream social. "The Hubbardton Raid" skit. Tour tickets \$20. 10 am - 4 pm. (802) 468-5691. rileyjvt@comcast.net. castletonhistorichousetour.org.

HARDWICK. Concert: "Across the Zoo-niverse." David Rosane & the Zookeepers, with special guest musicians and speakers. Hardwick Library. davidandthezoo.com.

HUBBARDTON. Castleton Colonial Days. The Hubbardton Battlefield is a stop on the 80th annual summer Castleton Colonial Days, sponsored by the Castleton Women's Society. 10 am - 4 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton-battlefield.

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WEST RUTLAND. Audubon Marsh Bird Monitoring Walk. 3.7 mile loop, or go halfway. Kids, new birders and non-members always welcome. Free. Meet at the boardwalk on Marble St, 7 am. rutlandcountyaudubon.org.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

ADDISON. Blast from the Past: Working with Fiber. Members of the Twist o' Wool Guild and Strands will demonstrate a variety of fiber skills, including spinning and many weaving techniques, and other crafts and arts important historically and relevant today. Bring your project or ask questions. Light refreshments. 2-4 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Route 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicssites.vermont.gov/chimney-point.

BURLINGTON. Bluegrass brunch with The VT Bluegrass Pioneers. 12-3 pm. The Skinny Pancake, 60 Lake St. skyblueboys.com.

FERRISBURGH. 35th Annual Pie & Ice Cream Festival. Home-baked fruit pies, Vermont ice-cream, lawn games and special activities for the youngest. Live music by the Meat Packers and Young Tradition Vermont. 1-4 pm. Rokeyby Museum, 4334 Rt 7. (802) 877-3406. rokeyby.org.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

FAIRLEE. Concert on the Common: The VT Bluegrass Pioneers. 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. Rain venue: Town Hall auditorium. (802) 331-0997. fairleearts.org. skyblueboys.com.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

ORWELL. Children's Revolutionary Storytime, for ages 6-10. Books, hands-on activities, simple crafts relating to the Revolutionary War time-period and history of Mount Independence, and outdoor time if weather permits. Bring snacks or a picnic. Suggested donation: \$5 per family. 10:30-11:30 am. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. historicssites.vermont.gov/mount-independence.

LYME, NH. Wednesday Cookout on the Shore of the Lake. Music by Pillsbury Slow Boys. 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.*

LYNDONVILLE. Caledonia County Fair. Vermont's oldest fair (since 1855) features exciting midway rides for all ages, live music, pirate-themed aerial-high wire thrill show, demolition derbies, livestock exhibits and shows, pulling contests, fire show, Punch and Judy puppet show, children's tent activities, exhibits, chainsaw carving, bingo, carnival games, favorite fair food and more. Snack stand. 4-11 pm. Highlights today mini-Horse pull (6 pm); power wheels, van and team demo derby (6:30 pm). Admission (includes rides and entertainment) is \$30 per carload on Wednesday, \$17 per person Thursday- Sunday, and \$12 for seniors Friday. 1 Fairground Rd. (866) 666-3247. caledoniacountyfair.com. *Through August 25.*

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

BARNARD. Farm-Grown Fare and Concert: Kalbells. Dream pop. Donation \$5-\$10. Gates at 5 pm, prepared food 5-8 pm, bar 5-9 pm, music beginning 5:30 pm. Campfire jam to follow, bring an instrument. Feast & Field, 1544 Royalton Turnpike Rd. feastandfield.com. *Thursdays thru Sept 26.*

LYNDONVILLE. Caledonia County Fair. Vermont's oldest fair features exciting midway rides for all ages, live music, demolition derbies, livestock exhibits and shows. 7 am – 9 pm. Admission \$17 per person and \$12 for seniors Friday. 1 Fairground Rd. (866) 666-3247. caledoniacountyfair.com. *Through August 25.*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

COLEBROOK, NH. 28th Annual Moose Festival. Artisans, crafters, non-profits and food vendors. 3-8 pm. Main Street in downtown Colebrook. (603) 237-8939. info@chamberofthenorthcountry.com. chamberofthenorthcountry.com.

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Vermont Country Calendar

(Friday, August 23, continued)

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LYNDONVILLE. Caledonia County Fair. Vermont's oldest fair features exciting midway rides for all ages, live music, pirate-themed aerial-high wire thrill show, demolition derbies, livestock exhibits and shows. Highlights today: Country Showdown (3 pm); 4x4 pull (6:30 pm); Kingdom All Star Band (7 pm). 7 am - 11 pm. Admission \$17 per person and \$12 for seniors today. 1 Fairground Rd. (866) 666-3247. caledoniacountyfair.com. *Through August 25.*

MIDDLEBURY. "Spinning Plates" Food Truck Event. Tourterelle, casual French fare. Live music and mural paintings. Free admission and outdoor entertainment. Lunch 12 noon - 4 pm. Dinner 5-10 pm. In the alleyway next to Town Hall Theater. (802) 388-1436. townhalltheater.org. *Every Friday through October 4.*

PLYMOUTH. Concert: Snow Crow. An evening of Americana, roots and folk music surrounded by Vermont's brilliant fall foliage. 6 pm. Bradley Shelter, Coolidge State Park, 855 Coolidge State Park Rd. (802) 672-3612. vtstateparks.com.

SHARON. Horse Speak Clinic with Sharon Wilsie and Heidi Potter. Phase II: Deepen your understanding of equine behavior and the subtleties of their communication system. Develop mindfulness and self-awareness to enhance the relationship you share with horses. Experience the difference becoming more grounded and centered makes to the horse. High Horses Therapeutic Riding Program. (802) 763-3280 program@highhorses.org. highhorses.org. *Through August 25.*

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

BRATTLEBORO. Fort Dummer Lore and Song, featuring campground host, Mr. Ken Blair. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Free with day use or camping entry. 7-8 pm. Fort Dummer State Park, 517 Old Guilford Rd. (802) 254-2610. vtstateparks.com.

CANAAN. 28th Annual Moose Festival. Artisans, crafters, non-profits and food vendors. 10 am - 3:30 pm. Recreational Park. (603) 237-8939. info@chamberofthenorthcountry.com. chamberofthenorthcountry.com.

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HUBBARDTON. Eighth Annual Mount Independence-Hubbardton Military Road Car Tour. Explore the section of the 1776-77 military road from the Hubbardton Battlefield to the Otter Creek in Center Rutland. Meet with your own vehicle at the visitor center for orientation. 10 am - 1 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton-battlefield.

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SALISBURY. Point Counterpoint Camper Concert. Free. 1 pm. Salisbury Congregational Church. (802) 247-8467. pointcp.com.

VERGENNES. 38th Annual Vergennes Day. 60+ vendor booths, live music, pancake breakfast at the fire station, horse and wagon rides, Little City Road Race, Lions Club chicken BBQ, and merchant sales throughout downtown. 10 am - 3 pm. Street dance the night before featuring "The Hitmen" 7-10 pm. City Park plus other venues around the city. vergennesday.com.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

BRATTLEBORO. Brazilian Carnival drumming Workshops. Introduction to the instruments and rhythms. Each session is three hours, hands-on introduction, followed by participation in a rehearsal with Southern Vermont Samba. All instruments provided. BYO lunch. Cost: \$25/session, \$40/both sessions. 10 am - 1:30 pm. Vermont Jazz Center, 72 Cotton Mill Hill, second floor. (802) 254-9088. (802) 254-9088. org.vtjazz.org.

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HUBBARDTON. Last Sunday: Soldiers, Citizens, and Ghosts in the Time of the Battle of Hubbardton. Afternoon of telling the stories of the early civilians who lived here and the soldiers who fought here. Meet at the museum for the start of the program, then to the East Hubbardton Cemetery. 2-4 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton-battlefield.

LYME, NH. Sunday Buffet on the Shore of the Lake. Music by Carlos Ocasio. 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.*

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MONTPELIER. Bluegrass brunch on the patio with The VT Bluegrass Pioneers. 11 am - 2 pm. The Skinny Pancake, 89 Main St. skyblueboys.com.

PLYMOUTH. Grace Coolidge Musicale #3. Abigail Charbeneau and Susan Cobb present a "piano four hands" program featuring music by American composers. Donation suggested. 4-5:30 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Route 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicsites.vermont.gov/calvin-coolidge.



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Join artist Dawn Wagner for a fun-filled afternoon of extraordinary paper hat-making. Children will create up-cycled masterpieces perfect to wear to the Mad Hatter Tea Party that afternoon. Tea will be served in the garden, weather permitting.

Wagner, who currently resides in Vergennes, VT, left Addison County to pursue a career in theatre stagecraft in New York City. She worked on Broadway and NYC for

several years before returning to Addison County.

All necessary materials will be provided. Appropriate for age 5 and up accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$10 per child. Space is limited. Please reserve and pay in advance by calling the Sheldon at (802) 388-2117.

The Henry Sheldon Museum offers a diverse, in-depth look at the history and art of the mid-Lake Champlain region of Vermont.

The Museum is located at One Park Street in downtown Middlebury across from the Ilsley Library.

Museum hours: Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. (July 7-October 13) noon-5



p.m.; Research Center hours: Thurs. and Fri. 1-5 p.m.

Admission to the Museum is \$5 adults; \$3 youth (6-18); \$4.50 seniors; \$12 family; \$5

Research Center. For more information call (802) 388-2117. Visit our website at www.henrysheldonmuseum.org.

Jabberwocky

'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe:
All mimsy were the borogoves,
And the mome raths outrabe.

"Beware the Jabberwock, my son!
The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!
Beware the Jubjub bird, and shun
The frumious Bandersnatch!"

He took his vorpal sword in hand;
Long time the manxome foe he sought—
So rested he by the Tumtum tree
And stood awhile in thought.

And, as in uffish thought he stood,
The Jabberwock, with eyes of flame,
Came whiffing through the tulgey wood,
And burbled as it came!

One, two! One, two! And through and through
The vorpal blade went snicker-snack!
He left it dead, and with its head
He went galumphing back.

"And hast thou slain the Jabberwock?
Come to my arms, my beamish boy!
O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!"
He chortled in his joy.

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—LEWIS CARROLL
United Kingdom 1832-1898

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FAIRLEE. Concert on the Common: Eric Grant Band. 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, AUGUST 28

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

BARNARD. Farm-Grown Fare and Concert: Haywire. Americana. Donation \$5-\$10. Gates at 5 pm, prepared food 5-8 pm, bar 5-9 pm, music beginning 5:30 pm. Campfire jam to follow, bring an instrument. Feast & Field, 1544 Royalton Turnpike Rd. feastandfield@gmail.com. feastandfield.com. *Every Thursday through September 26.*

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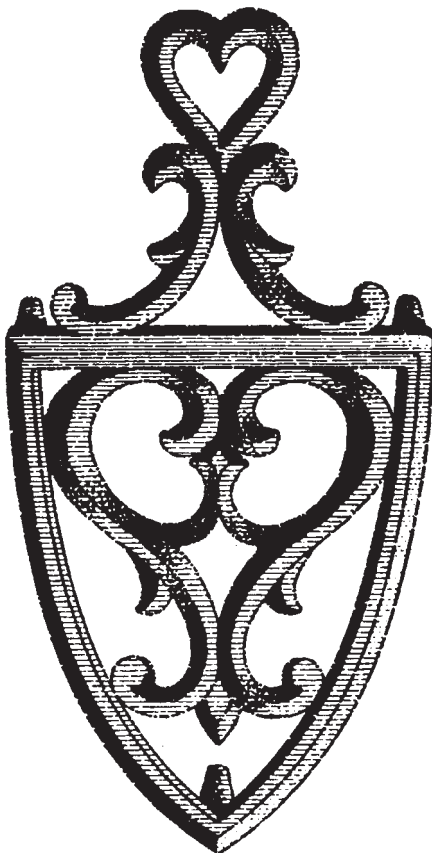
MIDDLEBURY. Point Counterpoint Faculty Concert. Free. 7:30 pm. Middlebury Unitarian Universalist Church. (802) 247-8467. pointcp.com.

SHARON. Masterson Method Clinic. Unique, interactive method of equine massage in which you learn to recognize and use the responses of the horse to your touch to find and release accumulated tension in key junctions of the body that most affect performance. High Horses Therapeutic Riding Program, 138 Horse Farm Rd. (802) 763-3280. program@highhorses.org. highhorses.org. *Through September 1.*

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

BELLOWS FALLS. Concert: "Across the Zoo-niverse." David Rosane & the Zookeepers, with special guest musicians and speakers. All donations go to the hosting library to support their programs and needs. Bellows Falls Library. davidandthezoo.com.



BENNINGTON. 24th Annual Southern Vermont Garlic and Herb Festival. Farmers' market-style festival with 200 plus garlic vendors, kids activities, food trucks, beer & wine garden, and regional live bands. Admission: \$10. 10 am - 5 pm. Camelot Village, Rt. 9. (802) 447-3311. www.lovegarlic.com. *Also September 1.*

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NORTHFIELD. Labor Day Weekend Festival. A three-day family-friendly community festival with entertainment, crafters and Vermont artisan products, game booths, food vendors and live music. Free admission. Northfield Town Green. 10 am - 10 pm. Labor Day Parade on Monday, a Vermont tradition. 2 Main St., Rt 12. northfieldlaborday.org. *Also September 1 & 2.*

ORWELL. Soldiers Atop the Mount. Living history weekend. Annual reading of Declaration of Independence on Sunday. Camp life and skill demonstrations, activities for all ages. Illustrated talks both days. Admission: \$6. Saturday 9:30 am - 5 pm, Sunday 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. historicsites.vermont.gov/mount-independence. *Through September 1.*

PLYMOUTH. 15th Annual Folk & Blues Festival. Vermont and nationally known musicians. Wagon rides on Saturday; children's crafts and face painting both days. Free. 2 pm Saturday - 5 pm Sunday. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Route 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicsites.vermont.gov/calvin-coolidge. plymouthfolk.com. *Through September 1.*

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SPRINGFIELD. Customer Appreciation Day. Magic show, games, food, face painting, balloon animals, live music, petting zoo, wagon rides. 10 am - 3 pm. Wellwood Orchards, 529 Wellwood Orchards Rd. (802) 263-5200. www.wellwoodorchards.net.

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BRATTLEBORO. Dawn Dance. George Marshall with Pete's Posse, Dereck Kalish with The Dawn Shredders, Maia McCormick with The Organic Family Band. Clean sneakers or soft-soled shoes. Admission: \$20-\$30. 8 pm until 7 am, with couples' dancing at 11:30 pm. Gibson-Aiken Center, 2017 Main St., Rt. 5. (802) 451-0822. dawndance.org.



Forest Service Offers Bear Safety Tips

Forest Service officials in Vermont announced that several reports of bear sightings, bears approaching and entering shelters and some reports of bears aggressively getting into backpacks in an attempt to find food. The agency has posted alert notices at trail shelters and at developed campsites to notify recreation users about the recent spike in bear activity on the Manchester Ranger District of the Green Mountain National Forest.

While many visitors and campers never encounter a bear, the Forest is their home and bears can quickly become habituated to human food and waste.

It is vital that people recreating on the Forest keep a clean campsite to ensure that bears and other animals don't forage for your food.

Visitors may believe they have stored their food safely, but in reality have left it within a bear's reach. Bears that get too used to people may eventually have to be killed to ensure your safety. It is illegal in the State of Vermont to feed bears.

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• Don't leave any food (including condiments) out when not in use.

• Store food in bear-resistant units, hard-shelled vehicles or car trunks.

• Keep sleeping areas, tents, and sleeping bags free of food and odor (like toothpaste or deodorant).

• Don't sleep in clothes you cooked or handled fish or game in.

• Never bury or burn food waste.

• If camping in the backcountry, hang your food bag at least 10 feet off the ground and 5 feet out from a tree limb that could support a bear, or better yet pack and use bear resistant containers.

• If possible, in backcountry areas, place sleeping tents at least 100 yards away from food storage and cooking areas.

• If hiking with a dog keep it on a leash or leave it home.

Report bear sightings or damage caused by bears to your nearest Vermont Fish & Wildlife office at (802) 828-1000 or a local Vermont State Game Warden at (802) 442-5421.

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MANCHESTER. Sunday Farm Concert. Billy Wylder's Moonshire performs. 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. *Next concert October 13.*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

EAST HARDWICK. Perennial Pleasures Nursery and Tea Garden. Nursery and gift shop open early May through September 22, 10 am - 5 pm, Tuesday through Sunday, after that by chance or appointment. Tea Garden serving classic English Cream Tea menu open 12-4 pm, Memorial Day weekend to September 2, closed Monday except September 2. Perennial Pleasures Nursery, 63 Brockhouse Rd. (802) 472-5104. perennialpleasures.net. *Through August 12.*

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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

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. Adults \$5, under 15 free. Open Wednesday-Sunday and Monday holidays, 10 am - 5 pm. 8149 VT Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicites.vermont.gov/chimney-point. *Through October 13.*

ADDISON. Dead Creek Visitor Center. 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. 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. The Cotton Mill. Housed in a three-story, 145,000 square foot renovated mill building dating back to 1910, The Cotton Mill is home to over 60 small businesses and artists' studios. 74 Cotton Mill Hill. thecottonmill.org.

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.

BRISTOL. The Bristol Town Band plays free concerts on The Park. Bring a picnic and your brass and woodwind instrument and be part of history. Free. Every Wednesday evening, 7-8:30 pm. The Bristol Village Park, Park St. (802) 281-2315. *Through August 28.*

BURLINGTON. Champlain Valley Dinner Train. Three-hour round-trip dinner train from Burlington to Middlebury. Three-course gourmet dinner created on board, as the beautiful Vermont landscape rolls by your window. 5:30-8:30 pm. Main Street Landing/ Train Station, 1 Main St. (800) 707-3530. *Through October 27.*

BURLINGTON. Free City Hall Park Concerts. Wednesdays and Fridays, 12:30-1 pm. City Hall Park, on lower Church St. akrebbs@burlingtoncityarts.org. burlingtoncityarts.org. *Through August 28.*

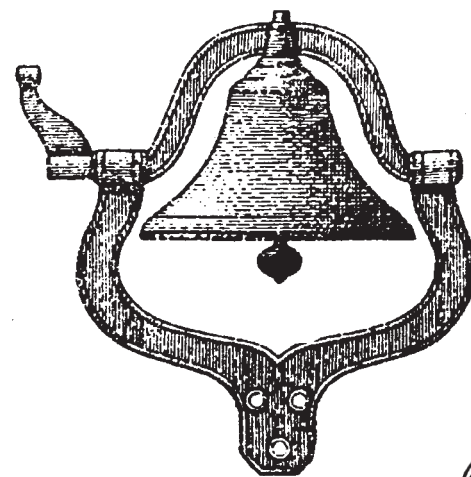
CASTLETON. Coffee Hour. Enjoy homemade goodies, hot brew and good company. Free. 9-11 am. Castleton Community Center, 2108 Main St. (802) 468-3093. *Continues on Fridays.*

CHESTER. Artisans Alley Market. Local crafts, creations and food! The Market is just steps off the Chester Green every Sunday from 9 am to 1 pm. 78-80 The Common. (802) 875-3000. sharons@vermontel.net. *Thru October 13.*

COLCHESTER. Vermont Genealogy Library. For August, open every Tuesday from 3 to 9:30 pm. Also Saturday, August 10 and August 24 from 10 am to 4 pm. Open House scheduled for Sept. 7 from 10 am to 4 pm. This will be followed by a new season of classes starting with Beginning Genealogy on September 14. Vermont Genealogy Library, 377 Hegeman Ave. (across from State Police) Fort Ethan Allen. mail@vtgenlib.org. www.vtgenlib.org.

EAST HARDWICK. 17th Annual Phlox Fest. Two acres of gardens and over 130 varieties of phlox in full bloom. Hedged herb garden and other specialty gardens. Daily garden walks at 1 pm, by owner Rachel Kane or guest speaker. Door prizes. Free. 10 am - 5 pm. Perennial Pleasures Nursery & Tea Garden, 63 Brick House Rd. (802) 472-5104. perennialpleasures.net. *Through August 11.*

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.*



Food Truck Event "Spinning Plates" Rolls in Next to Middlebury's Town Hall Theater

There's a new, hot dining spot in Middlebury this summer! It's called Spinning Plates and it's a hub for local food trucks right outside Middlebury's Town Hall Theater. From French food to Ethiopian to Dominican and more—you can travel the culinary world without leaving downtown. In partnership with Tourterelle and Evolution Kitchen, Spinning Plates offers a rotating set of menus from local restaurateurs and chefs throughout the summer.

Tourterelle's menu includes casual French fare while Evolution Kitchen features menus from Café Mamajuana Dominican, BTV Ethiopian and more!

Rain or shine, the alleyway next to Town Hall Theater will be transformed into an outdoor dining room complete with a beer and wine garden. Grab a bite to eat before a show or make Spinning Plates an event in itself. Live music and mural paintings are on tap throughout the summer. Mark your calendars every Friday starting June 21 at 5 p.m., with other special dates throughout the summer. Trucks will also be stationed for lunch during the Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival in August. Because the schedule is evolving, be sure to check out Town Hall Theater's Facebook page or website (townhalltheater.org) for the full schedule of all Spinning Plates events.

Executive Director Mark Bradley says: "When I moved to Middlebury I heard so many great memories about people coming to eat at the Diner. We wish the place still had a functional kitchen—but partnering with the food trucks means we can host portable kitchens right next door! Having different menus and chefs is an added bonus."

Admission is free and so is the outdoor entertainment.



Spinning Plates Food Truck next to Town Hall Theater in Middlebury, VT.

Cash and cards are accepted. Dinner service starts 5 p.m., and lunch is 12 noon to 4 p.m. Every Friday, and other dates throughout the summer.

Summer Food Truck Schedule

August: Dinner by Tourterelle every Friday, August 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 5-10 p.m. Evolution Kitchen, Saturday, August 3, 10, & 16, times TBD, as well as Thursday, August 24 from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

September: Thursday September 12, TBD, 5-10 pm. Dinner by Tourterelle every Friday September 6, 13, 20, & 27, 5-10 p.m. Evolution Kitchen, Saturday, September 14 brunch from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., September 28 dinner from 4-9:30 p.m.

October: Dinner by Tourterelle, Friday October 4th, 5-10 p.m.

The Spinning Plates Food Truck is located in the alley next to Town Hall Theater and the former Diner on Merchant's Row in Middlebury, VT. For more information, call the Town Hall Theater offices at (802) 388-1436 or visit the website: townhalltheater.org.

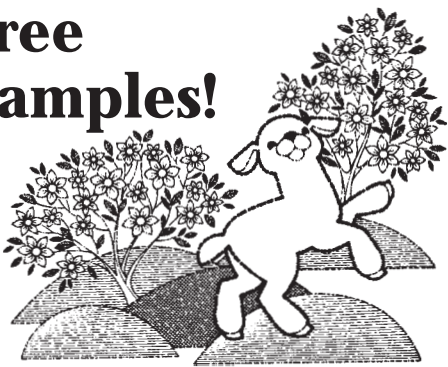


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FERRISBURGH. Three new gallery exhibits. Workshops, lecture programs, and special events. Family-friendly festivals. Guided tours and the museum's multi-media exhibit "Free & Safe: The Underground Railroad in Vermont." Open daily, 10 am – 5 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rte. 7. (802) 877-3406. director@rokeby.org. rokeby.org. *Through October 27.*

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.*

HARTLAND. First Friday Short Story Group. Sign up at the library and pick up a copy of 100 Great Stories. Each month we'll read two stories, then discuss them on the First Friday. 10:30–11:30 am. Hartland Public Library, 153 US-5. (802) 436-2473. director@hartlandlibraryvt.org. hartlandlibraryvt.org. *First Friday of every month.*

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. historicssites.vermont.gov/hubbardton-battlefield. *Open May 25 to October 13.*

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

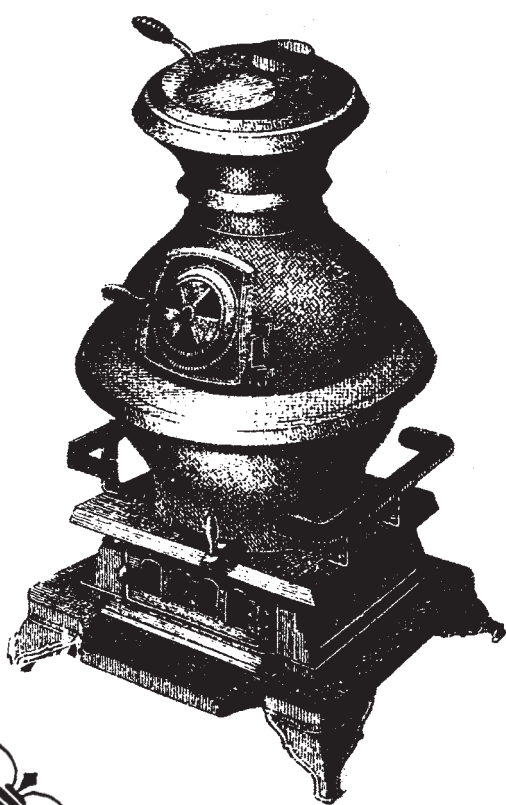
MANCHESTER. Tour: Revolutionary/Civil War. Designed for history buffs; given by local bestseller author. Visit over 35 sites between Manchester and Bennington, involved in the Battle of Bennington & Ethan Allen's capture of Fort Ticonderoga. Also sites associated with the Civil War. Advance reservations necessary. Tickets: \$35. 9:30 am – 12 noon. Tours meet at black sidewalk benches in front of 21 Bonnet St. (802) 362-4997. bckrddisc@aol.com. *Through November 30.*

MADLBORO. Marlboro Music Festival. Experience young musicians and hear insightful interpretations of chamber music masterworks and unfamiliar pieces played with great passion and joy. Tickets: \$15-40. Evenings at 8, August 3, 9 & 10, and at 2:30 pm August 4 & 11. Persons Auditorium, Marlboro College, 2472 South Rd. (802) 254-2394. marlboromusic.org. info@marlboromusic.org.

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, Lunch noon to 4 pm. Dinner starts at 5 pm. Free admission and 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. historicssites.vermont.gov/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. historicssites.vermont.gov/calvin-coolidge. william.jenney@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. Poultny Public Library, 205 Main St. (518) 282-9089 or (802) 287-5556. poultnypubliclibrary.com. *Ongoing every Thursday.*

POULTNEY. Check Out a Bike at the Poultny Public Library. Five bicycles available to be checked out for two days, with a helmet and a lock. A current Poultny Public Library patron over the age of 18 will need to sign a borrower agreement form. Poultny Public Library, 205 Main St. (802) 287-5556. poultnypubliclibrary.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. Admission: adults: \$15.50, seniors (62 plus) \$14.50, youth (4-17): \$13.50, children 3 and under free. Open 7 days a week 10 am – 5 pm. Vermont Institute of Natural Science, 6565 Woodstock Rd. (802) 359-5000. info@vinsweb.org. www.vinsweb.org.

RANDOLPH. Exhibit: "RENDERING: cause to become." Chris Wilson's portrait sculptures, Joan Feierabend's paintings and Stephanie Suter's and Nick DeFriez's drawings. Open Fridays and Saturdays, during performances and by appointment. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71 Main St. (802) 728-9878 ext. 3. chandler-arts.org. *Through September 1.*

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.

STATEWIDE. Vermont Open Farm Week. Meet the farmers, see their products and animals. Dinner on the farm, farm tours, milk cows and goats, harvest vegetables, collect eggs, and taste farm fresh food at multiple farms throughout the state. 8 am – 8 pm at Shelburne Farm, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8686. For a complete list of other farm events visit: diginvt.com/vtopenfarm. (802) 434-2000. *August 9-15.*

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.

WEST RUTLAND. Vermont Herbal General Store. Owned and operated by a registered pharmacist. Tai' Chi Gung classes, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm at the store. Free intro classes. Meditations at the store Wednesdays at 5 pm. Usul & Karuna Reiki Healings & Classes. Handmade Herbal Medicines, Oils, Essences, Crystals, Gemstones & Books. Teas, Lotions, and Capsules. All are welcome. Open Tuesday & Wednesday 1-6, Thursday 11 am – 4:30 pm, Saturday 1-6 pm, Sunday 1-4 pm, closed Friday and Monday. Vermont Herbal General Store, 578 Main St. (802) 438-2766. info@vermontherbal.com. On Facebook and Twitter. www.vermontherbal.com.



Ari Streisfeld will perform for Point Counterpoint.

Point Counterpoint Celebrates 40th Anniversary

The Point CounterPoint faculty musicians presented their 40th evening of chamber music at Middlebury's Town Hall Theater on Friday, July 12, at 7:30 pm.

The professional musicians who teach at Point CounterPoint Chamber Music Camp on Lake Dunmore hail from prestigious music institutions and from many parts of the world. PCP Faculty changes every two weeks with each new session of campers. These faculty concerts give PCP campers a chance to experience the musical excellence and the dedication of their teachers which proves to be an inspiration.

Emory and Diana Fanning's first summer as PCP Owners and Directors was 1979. Right from the beginning, they were able to attract outstanding musicians and performers to teach at the camp. To give these talented musicians some performance opportunities, the Fannings founded the Point CounterPoint Faculty Concert Series which (under the 10-year leadership of the Fannings) performed in numerous venues across Vermont, sharing a tradition of outstanding musical achievement.

Admission to the concert is free, and goodwill donations to support Point CounterPoint are encouraged. The house opens at 7 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. concert. All events are handicap accessible and request a goodwill donation.

Point CounterPoint Faculty Concerts

Thursday, August 1, 8 p.m. – Mead Chapel, Middlebury College sponsored by the French/German/Russian Language Schools

Friday, August 9, 7:30 p.m. – Salisbury Congregational Church

Friday, August 30, 7:30 p.m. – Middlebury Unitarian Universalist Church

Friday, September 6, 7:30 p.m. – Middlebury Unitarian Universalist Church

Point CounterPoint Final Camper Concerts

Saturday, August 3, 1 p.m. – Salisbury Congregational Church (SCC)

Saturday, August 17, 1 p.m. – Salisbury Congregational Church (SCC)

Saturday, August 24, 1 p.m. – Salisbury Congregational Church (SCC)

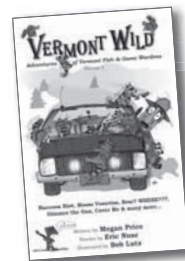
Mead Chapel, 15 Hepburn Rd., Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT.

Middlebury Unitarian Universalist Church, 2 Duane Ct., Middlebury, VT.

Salisbury Congregational Church, Maple Run Rd., Salisbury, VT.

Point CounterPoint Chamber Music Camp, 1361 Hooker Rd., Leicester, VT. Point CounterPoint is on a beautiful lakefront property nine miles north of Brandon and 10 miles south of Middlebury. (802) 247-8467. Visit www.pointcp.com.

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(Ongoing activities 2019, continued)

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

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. william.jenney@vermont.gov. historicsites.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. Time Travel Tuesdays. Join us in the 1890 Farm Manager's House to experience late 19th-century chores and pastimes. Plenty of work and fun for every age. Admission: adults \$16, seniors 62 and over \$14, students 16 & up \$9, Children 5-15 \$8, ages 3-4 \$4. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 5302 River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org. *Tuesdays through August 20.*

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.*

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

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. vermonthistory.org.

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

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. Laumeister Art Center, 44 Gypsy Lane. (802) 442-7158. artcenter@svc.edu. www.artcenter.svc.edu.

BENNINGTON. Bennington Museum. Founding documents, fine art, Bennington Pottery, the 1924 Wasp Touring Car, Grandma Moses, Vermont furniture, and the Bennington Flag—one of America's oldest flags. Lectures, workshops, concerts, films, and the George Aiken Wildflower Trail and Hadwen Woods. 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. 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. (802) 247-4295. cmactv.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. echovermont.org.

BURLINGTON. Fleming Museum of Art. More than 20,000 objects that span the history of civilization. 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. 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. (802) 768-8427. www.rutlandrailroadmuseum.org.

HARTFORD. Hartford Historical Society Museum. History of Hartford, including the Abenaki tribes. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am – 1 pm. Garipay House, 1461 Maple St. (802) 296-3132.

HUNTINGTON. Birds of Vermont Museum. Features over 500 carved wooden birds, representing 259 species. Museum, special events and bird walks, exhibits, children's programs, gift shop, video, restrooms and trails with maps available. Adult \$7, senior \$6, child 3-17 \$3.50. Daily 10 am – 4 pm. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. birdsofvermont.org. *Through October 31.*

Way Back Then

An Unwanted Birthday Guest!

by Charles C. Sutton

When I was growing up in our family's old farmhouse in Fairfield, CT, we became over-run with rats. This was during World War II (1941-45) and my brother Fred and I had a chicken growing business in a back shed which attracted the rats, but unfortunately a few also chose foraging for food in our house for a better meal than chicken mash.

We should have had a cat, or actually several cats, to handle the problem, but Mother had a great fear of cats since childhood and wouldn't have one even for a brief time. Cats, being psychic and mysterious, could sense her revulsion, so quite often when she visited friends, if they had a cat, the cat would jump onto her lap much to her dismay but to the amusement of the cat.

We did our best to control the rats with formidable rat traps—much bigger than today's mouse traps, but still very unnerving when one could hear them slam shut in the middle of the night.

There was one rat 'incident' that I kept to myself and didn't

share with the rest of the family until many years later.

It was my father's birthday on August 17 and we were having a family party for him on the terrace where we often sat and had meals during the summer. We had a cook-out and I had taken some dishes inside with instructions to light the candles on the birthday cake and bring it out.

You can imagine how unnerved I was when I went into the kitchen and saw a full-sized rat up on the large kitchen table sampling the cake. When the rodent saw me, it quickly jumped down and disappeared under the old refrigerator (called an icebox back then), one of several places the rats had for access to the kitchen.

This was no ordinary cake that one might have discarded under such circumstances. It was a 'Yeager' cake—made by a Mrs. Yeager of Southport, CT who produced beautiful gourmet cakes of restaurant quality, to order. She never skimped on using real butter or sugar although these were rationed because of the war. Maybe she got more sugar and butter because she was running a business. Her delicious cakes were also sold at a local tearoom run for the British war relief.

I quickly found a knife and cut out the area of frosting and cake that the rat had eaten and wrapped the evidence in a paper napkin which I carefully put in the bottom of the garbage pail. With the same knife I moved some frosting around for the cover-up, and without any more ado took the brightly-lit birthday cake outside for all to enjoy, including me.

The rodent problem persisted until my parents finally hired an exterminator who 'gassed' the house when we were not home. This was supposed to send the rats outside looking for water. It probably worked, but then for some time there was that undeniable dead-rodent-in-the-wall smell that usually lasts four-to-six weeks. Happy Birthday, Father. He was only 45 then, and lived to 82.



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READING. Exhibit: Made in Vermont. Group exhibition of new and recently completed work by Vermont artists. Paintings, works on paper and sculpture. Appointments available 11 am and 2 pm, Sat-Sun. \$10 pp. First Friday of every month, 5-8 pm, free without a guide. Hall Art Foundation, 544 VT Route 106. (802) 952-1056. *Through December 1.*

RUTLAND. Chaffee Art Center. Exhibits, workshops, classes. Art in the Park August 10 & 11 and October 12 & 13 in Main Street Park. Open Mon-Fri 10 am – 5 pm, Sat 9 am – 3 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S. Main St. (802) 775-0356. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

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

WEST RUTLAND. Carving Studio and Sculpture Center Gallery. Monday-Friday, 10 am - 1 pm, or by appointment. 636 Marble St. (802) 438-2097. carvingstudio.org.

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WOODSTOCK. 33rd Annual Quilt Exhibition. Featuring quilts by Windsor County quilters. Quilting activities and demonstrations for every age and skill level, quilters on hand to discuss their work. 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 on Vermont Route 12N. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org. *Through September 15.*

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VT F&W photo by John Hall
A turkey brood crosses the lawn headed for the woods in central Vermont. Starting August 1st, VT Fish & Wildlife is asking people who see wild turkey broods during the month to provide information about their sightings via a survey on the department's website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

VT Fish & Wildlife Dept Vermont Turkey Brood Survey Starts on August 1st

Wild turkeys are found throughout most of Vermont. Their reproductive success is monitored annually by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department with help from "citizen scientists" who report the number and size of turkey families they see during August.

Fish & Wildlife is again asking the public for help. If you see a group of young turkeys in Vermont during August, the department asks you can record where and when you observed the number of adult and young turkeys, or poults.

"When combined with annual harvest data, information gathered from this survey helps to establish long-term trends in Vermont's wild turkey population," said Vermont Fish & Wildlife's wild turkey biologist Chris

Bernier. "It also helps us assess the impacts of spring and winter weather on the survival of poults and adult turkeys which is an important consideration in the management of turkeys."

"We monitor and manage wild turkey numbers annually in order to maintain a healthy, abundant and sustainable population of these iconic and ecologically significant birds throughout the state," added Bernier. "Beyond providing Vermonters with a local source of protein and an enduring connection to their environment, turkey hunting is the principal mechanism for managing Vermont's turkey population. Please help us scientifically manage the turkey population by reporting your Vermont turkey sightings during August."

For more information visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

Gypsies in the Wood

My mother said that I never should
Play with the gypsies in the wood,
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27th Annual Central Vermont Chamber Music Festival Comes to Chandler Music Hall from August 12–26

The Central Vermont Chamber Music Festival will kick off its 27th season at Chandler Music Hall in Randolph on August 12 and offer world-class performances and events through August 25.

Founder, Music Director, and cellist Peter Sanders has once again packed the two week residency with music—both traditional and intriguing.

Saturday evening concert, August 17

The first Saturday evening concert, on August 17 at 7:30 features two viola quintets - Felix Mendelssohn's penultimate work, the String Quintet #2, Opus 87 in B flat and Johannes Brahms's first string quintet, Opus 88 in F Major. Also on the program will be a motet, Ave Maria, attributed to the Renaissance French composer Josquin des Prez and arranged for string quartet by the musicologist and late father of Sanders, Ernest H. Sanders. The musicians will be violinists Joanna Maurer and Derek Ratzenboeck, violists Katarzyna Bryla-Weiss and Michael Roth, and cellist Peter Sanders.

Saturday evening concert, August 25

The second Saturday evening concert on August 25 at 7:30 will be devoted to works by Beethoven, with the Violin Sonata #5 in F, Opus 24, the "Spring Sonata," the Sonata for Cello and Piano in D, Opus 102, #5, and the "Ghost" piano trio in D, Opus 70, #1. Artists for this second week will include violinist Arturo Delmoni, cellist Peter Sanders, and pianist Adrienne Kim. This concert will be performed as an encore in Woodstock at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Sunday afternoon, August 25 at 4:00. Sunday tickets are available through the presenter, Pentangle Council on the Arts, at their website www.pentanglearts.org or by calling (802) 457-3981.

Breakfast with Bach, Sunday, August 18

The 9th annual popular Breakfast with Bach will be held on Sunday, August 18, with breakfast in the Esther Mesh Room of the Chandler Upper Gallery at 11 a.m., with food provided by Shari Dutton and Friends of the former Three Bean Café. At 12:30 p.m. the Festival artists will be joined at Bethany church across the street by members of the Vermont Youth Orchestra, led by VYO Music Director, Yutaka Kono in a performance of Bach's Concerto for Two Violins, Strings, and Continuo in d minor, BWV 1043 and Sinfonia



photo by CVCMF

Central Vermont Chamber Music Festival piano quartet will be performing at Chandler Music Hall.

in b minor, H. 661, Wq. 182, #5 by Bach's son CPE. Soloists for the Concerto will be VYO students Lucas Parascando and Joe Balkan.

Wednesday evening concert, August 21

A very special event is planned for Wednesday evening, August 21 at 7:00. Sanders has invited the prize winning Klezmer quintet Big Galut(e) to perform on the Chandler main stage for a rollicking evening, with a very eclectic variety of Jewish music styles, spanning five continents and six centuries, including Klezmer originals and takes on traditional classical works. Winner of the Simcha Prize at the 2017 International Jewish Music Festival in Amsterdam, Big Galut(e) has been described as 'soulful and unself-consciously poignant', 'jubilant', 'a real treat for open minds,' and 'a serious band with lousy American humor.'

Friday Night in the Gallery, August 23

The Friday Night in the Gallery this year on August 23 at 7 p.m. will be an opportunity to Meet Your Musicians. All are invited to come and enjoy an informal chance to meet,

ask questions of, play for (bring your instruments!) our resident Artists for the week. All ages are encouraged to be part of this session and light food and drink will be offered, provided again by Shari Dutton. An All About Community event, the evening is free and a festival thank you to its supporters and friends.

Open rehearsals are being held on Thursdays August 15 and 22 beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free and the public is invited to come and go, getting a taste of professional musicians at work.

It is tradition for the Festival musicians to be on the air with Walter Parker, host of VPR Classical, in the new studio in Colchester, VT. The public is invited to enjoy the program which begins at 11 a.m. on August 16, in the studio or on all VPR Classical stations.

For more information and to buy tickets online, visit the Festival website at www.cvcmf.org. Tickets for the Chandler concerts are also available by calling the Chandler box office at (802) 728-6464 weekdays 12 to 5:00 p.m.

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A Swag Story

The Life of a Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival Intern

by Isabel Merrell

A typical day for a Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival Intern. I stare at a poster in our office for *Minding the Gap*, a documentary and special screening event at last year's Festival. In a classic moment of "I wonder what they're up to now?" I search the film online and find out it streams on Hulu—a win in the way of universal access to the arts but a jab to the heart of someone organizing an event rooted in collective, public consumption of film. I snap out of my trance and address the flood of emails from accepted filmmakers: "When will my film screen?"; "How do I make a BluRay?"; "Can I bring my Executive Producer?"; "What special guests are coming? I'd like to publicize to my followers."

This email binge leaves me feeling powerful at the helm of 60+ emerging and talented artists. Our theme of first- and second-time filmmakers draws overwhelmingly appreciative and excited artists to the Festival. This enthusiasm becomes infectious come Fest time.

Speed through an afternoon of drafting our film program and event schedule, organizing filmmaker housing and interviewing alumni for our website and the day has gone. On my walk home, I admire the avid postering we did last week, broadcasting ourselves all over town: August 22–25, 2019. 100+ Films Across Five Screens. 60 Attending Filmmakers!

Cabot cheese arrives!

I embark on my three-flight pilgrimage home. As I approach the door, I make out three massive boxes waiting on my doorstep. A package for me? How touching! I finally land to find that, in a classic Vermont twist, the boxes are from Cabot. 60 pounds of Extra Sharp Cheddar Cheese sitting in a hallway.

Ah, New England in the Summer! This is where I get to the most exciting part of my job...Swag!

Most of us, and I know this certainly applies to me, fantasize one day achieving prominence that deems us worthy of "swag" or a "swag bag." In my dramatic brain, these gifts are flashy, branded, extravagant and mostly provide an opportunity for big corporations to claw their way into events such as Fashion Shows, Benefits and Award Ceremonies.

Connecting filmmakers With the best of Vermont

However, at its core, the idea of "swag" is pure and selfless—it offers a direct reward and reflection of the recipient's value and talent. That is the definition we have come to adopt at the Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival. Not only do we see swag as a way of taking care of our attending filmmakers and special guests, but we also see it as a way of blending our amazing local makers and small businesses with the international artists that come to the Fest. Our dedication feels like a natural extension of our mission of marrying talent from all over the world to the majesty of Vermont.

Though ultimately, we exist to showcase the work of first- and second-time filmmakers from around the globe, we also exist to enhance Vermont and highlight the immense importance of this state. As much as we'd like to, it is impossible to show visiting filmmakers the magic of Vermont in just one weekend. For one, our packed schedule—we screen 15 features and 25 short films each day—keeps audiences in Middlebury. However, we can show visiting directors, producers, writers and actors our thriving local ecosystem through the local treasures we have gathered.



photo by MNFF

Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival tote bag, a popular item to take home.

Swag from 25 local vendors, All made in Vermont

The swag feels like an opportunity to package the Vermont lived experience into a tangible bundle for filmmakers. We feature 25 local vendors and each item has a story.

Visiting a goat farm to pick up goat caramels (*Fat Toad Caramel*), dropping by Montpelier to watch one vendor cook their craft-beer-flavored hot sauce (*Butterfly Bakery*), or stopping at a covered bridge to sample maple products from a local sugar house (*Breadloaf View Farm*)—all the experiences of these products crystallize the care, creativity and local spirit that is so essential to Vermont.

Film festivals survive on audiences' desire for a collective, lived experience—shared reaction, immediacy, the comfort of the social contract implicit in moviegoing. In ways, the signature Vermont local artisanal marketplace relies on the same human impulse to

contribute to the community immediately in front of you and to support original creation. It's a great feeling to watch filmmakers ooh and aah over Vermont Cheddar, local soda, teddy bears and maple cream and realize they get what Vermont is all about.

The Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival is dedicated to supporting emerging filmmakers and highlighting the best of Vermont. Join us for our 5th Annual event this August 22–25 for a world class and local event!

Isabel Merrell interned for The Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival last year and now works as the Fest's associate producer.

The Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival takes place at four venues in Downtown Middlebury. Our signature venues are Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St., Middlebury VT, and The Marquis Theatre and Cafe, 65 Main St., Middlebury VT. im@midfilmfest.org. midfilmfest.org.

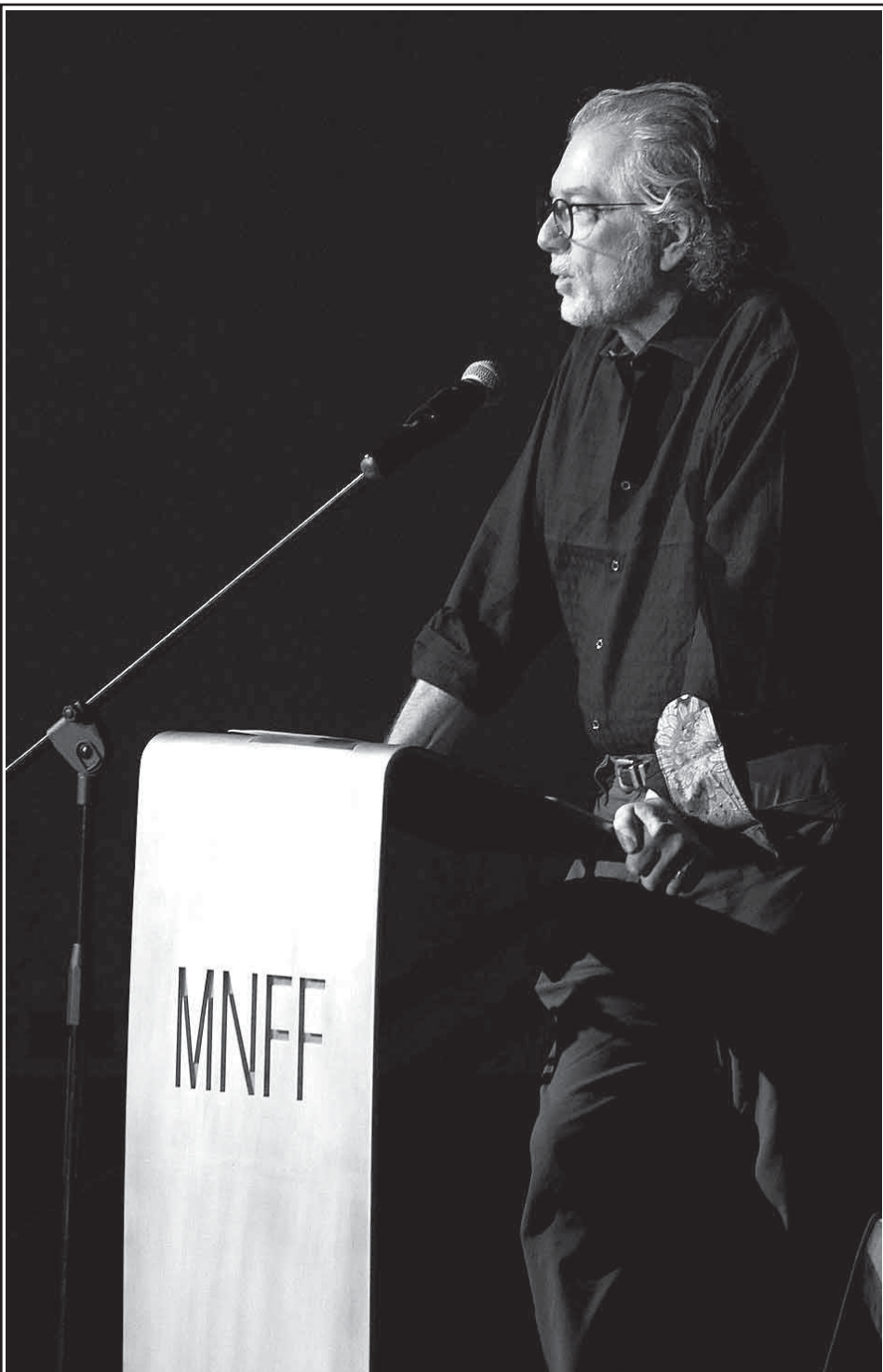


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Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival will be screening over 100 films, a diverse array of features and shorts across all genres, as selected by Artistic Director Jay Craven, a Vermont film director, screenwriter and former professor of film studies at Marlboro College.



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28th Annual Moose Festival Welcomes You!

In late August, the North Country will play host to the 28th Annual Moose Festival. This North Country tradition is expected to draw thousands of people from the North Country as well as from southern New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts and Canada.

Friday's activities return to Main Street in neighboring downtown Colebrook, NH.

The Moose Festival is an open, non-juried event that welcomes artisans, crafters, non-profits and food vendors of all types.

The Festival takes place on Friday, August 23 from 3-8 p.m. on Main Street in downtown Colebrook, NH and on Saturday, August 24 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Canaan, VT at the Recreational Park.

Held annually the weekend before Labor Day, this year's festivities include a moose calling contest, moose chili, live music, artisan & craft vendors, as well as family favorites like horse & wagon rides, a dog show, and maple syrup tasting contest.

Don't miss the classic car show! Join us on Friday evening for a cruise night, shop the many artisan vendors, grab a bite to eat, and enjoy the live music by Parker Hill Road Band! Saturday is the Moose Festival Classic Car Show. Trophies will be awarded at 3 p.m.

North Country Moose Hunt—find all the moose for a chance to win a gift basket valued at over \$150! The hunt starts Thursday, August 22nd at noon and

ends Saturday, August 24th at 8 pm.

Moose Festival Art Contest. Artists exhibit their art at the Connecticut River Artisans Group contest on Saturday in Canaan, VT. People will vote on their favorite work of art in three different categories: photographs, paintings, and 3D Art (sculptures, textiles, jewelry, etc.). Entrants register by calling (802) 266-3687 before Friday, August 16th.

Entry fee will be collected on Saturday, August 24, 2019. Art work must be dropped off at the CRAG tent before 8:45 a.m. Voting will end at 1 p.m. and items may be picked up after 3:30 p.m.

Moose Festival Maple Syrup Contest. Maple producers must provide one quart of syrup per color entry and a sample jug. The contest is judged by a representative from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture. Contact Morgan Wade (802) 266-7066 if you would like to participate.

Visit each business and locate the moose—could be stuffed, life-sized, hidden, or not! Record the name of the moose. Turn in all moose names and your contact information to us. We'll review each entry and put all correct entries into a drawing for the gift basket.

The Moose Festival is a fundraiser for the North Country Chamber of Commerce.

To learn more, please visit www.chamberofthenorthcountry.com.



Horse drawn wagon rides are offered at the Moose Festival by CJ EJ Farm out of Columbia, NH. Chris Brady driving his team of Percherons. photo by Wes Lavin



The Classic Car Show features antique, classic, and special interest cars from all years. RE/MAX offers tethered hot air balloon rides. photo by Wes Lavin



NH Fish and Game Conservation Officer Eric Fluette with Moose Festival attendee. photo by Wes Lavin



An ATV accessible event. photo by Wes Lavin

Chelsea, VT

Arts on the Green Market & Festival on the North Common

Come and see 35 jury-selected artists and craftspeople who will be selling their work from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on August 31st on Chelsea's North Common on Rt. 110. Musical groups take turns entertaining the crowd.

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and other activities with your children in the Family Tent, try tasty treats while enjoying a late summer day in our picturesque Central Vermont village known for its two beautiful town commons. The festival schedule includes music by Araba-lon drumming ensemble; all-fe-

male trio, Hen of the Woods; and "newgrass" acoustic band, Out on a Limb.

The day kicks off at 9 a.m. at the information tent with a Silent Auction of regional works to help raise funding for sustainable and ongoing community arts programming in the First Branch. Vendors' booths including food open at 10 a.m.

Storyteller Jules Skeet will be weaving her magic in the Family Tent at 11 a.m.

Admission is free and families are welcome. Come and enjoy good food, great music, and browse or buy some delightful local crafts.

For more information email questions@northcommonarts.com.

Useful Vermont Websites

- Vermont Tourism Site: vermontvacation.com
- Vermont Chamber of Commerce: visitvt.com
- Vermont State Parks: vtstateparks.com
- Green Mountain National Forest: fs.fed.us/r9/gmfl
- Vermont Outdoor Guide Association: voga.org
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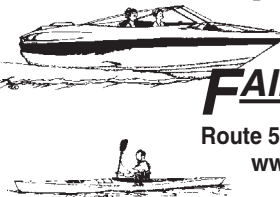
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Talkin' Bout My Generation

by Burr Morse

There was a time when I looked up to my senior generation for wisdom and guidance, a time that was not that long ago. I well remember my Grandpa Morse and his contemporaries telling me tales about horse and buggy days, milkin' cows by hand, and trips to the outhouse. After he passed on, my father and his generation picked up the story and added their own experiences. Then their voices fell silent too. And now, here I am today realizing, yikes!, my own voice is now the next to go.



Warren Lloyd Cole "Shrimp"

Although my generation missed horses and buggies, hand milkin', and outhouses, we were the last bunch to live with big families in small homes with single bathrooms...small houses, big families, single bathrooms?... maybe that's why we have such great patience (and boogie pretty darned well to boot!).

The way I figure, we were the last generation to live

As Betsy tells it, Shrimper, the oldest Cole boy, always slept with his hand braced on the floor. Asked by someone why, Shrimper, in a "that's a stupid question" kind of reply said, "well...it's the only way I could stay in bed"...he and his five younger brothers were all sleeping together!

So Shrimper's version of the American Dream might well have included having a bed of his own and he, as well as all of his eight siblings, all

"We were the last generation to live the 'traditional' American Dream."

the "traditional" American Dream and here's my explanation: for there to be an American Dream, there needs to be something to move up to. It seems to this old guy that more recent generations already have big houses, multiple bathrooms, and a huge array of amenities...how do you "move up" if you already have everything?

My wife has some extended family down in Mt. Holly, Vermont. The Cole family grew up poor in finances but rich in other ways: their farm was busy, their work ethic was strong, and their parents were loving and caring. Impi and Lloyd Cole and their nine kids lived in a modest home on the old Poor Farm on a back road.

ended up with good jobs and bigger houses. We all hope that these such end products of the American Dream remain possible like they did for the Cole family. Shrimper finally passed on a few years ago having lived a good life. Just for added insurance, though, he slept till his dying day with his hand firmly planted on the floor.

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Cole clan and cousins.

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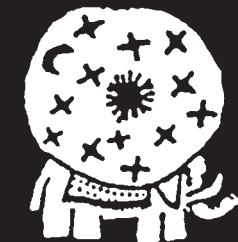
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North Country Book News

Children's Book Reviews by Charles Sutton

August Tales of High Summer

August has come around, the last month before kids go back to school, before Indian Summer, and the anticipation of fall foliage. But August is not a lost cause. We still have the height of summer gardens, heat waves, possible trips to the ocean, or at least a nearby lake; barring that, a backyard hose. Cicadas are singing, roadsides are turning beige, and some migrations have begun. Kids have all month to play outside and there could be family cookouts with lemonade and hot dogs. Enjoy planet Earth while you still can. Here are some August tales of high summer to match what's outside.

Most of us have had wild animals get into the garbage pail at night, making a racket while hunting for food. This may not be too funny to us in the middle of the night but in *Muddy—The Raccoon Who Stole Dishes* by Griffin Ondaatje and illustrated by Linda Wolfgruber (\$17.95. *NorthSouth Books*. www.northsouth.com), you will be entertained and amused by the food gathering antics of a young raccoon named Muddy Whiskers. He was no ordinary child who "weighed fifteen pounds, was ten inches tall, and could open most garbage lids in under a minute. But he couldn't stand ordinary raccoon food. He refused to eat frogs, slugs, acorns, turtle eggs, crayfish, or clams."

"He only wanted to eat garbage—any leftover food he could find—and he liked to eat it on plates." You will enjoy seeing how Muddy Whiskers, having to cross a river, does eat on plates taken from a Le Grand Bistro restaurant. Be amazed at how he gets 14 other raccoons, including his wary parents, to join him on a food-on-plate forage. True to their good, sanitary manners after eating they all wash the plates 17 times in the river! This is a funny, enjoyable book. So are the drawings.

If you are a thoughtful gardener—even a plant whisperer—but learn one of your flowers, a lone daisy, is sad because it wants to live in the sterile but hidden beautiful garden next door, what would you do?

In *The Little Gardener* by Gerda Marie Scheidl and illustrated by Bernadette Watts (\$17.95. *NorthSouth Books*. www.northsouth.com), the gardener George sneaks over the wall at night and transplants the daisy among the lilies,

splendid roses and elegant carnations. But soon to the dismay of George and his companion plants, birds and animals, the owner there scorns the daisy, calls it a weed, and flings it onto a compost pile where it starts to wither and die. Readers are relieved to see the daisy is rescued by a nightingale and restored happily to life under George's loving care. This sensitive story unfolds in magical settings created by an array of beautiful pastel colors. Especially touching are the ones of George's garden, where animals, flowers, even weeds, live in harmony.

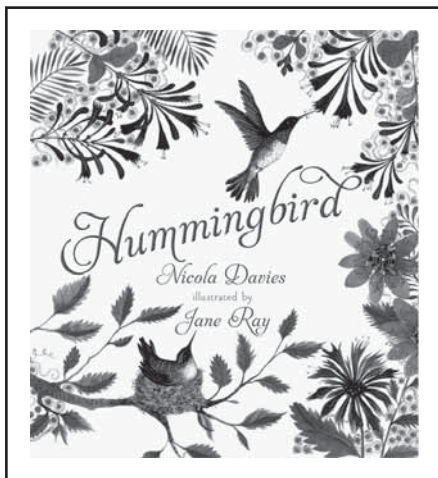
With climate change extremes almost daily upon us, farmers and gardeners are experiencing off-again-on again heat spells and droughts. You will empathize with poor Paul in *The Farmer* by Ximo Abadia (\$17.99. *Holiday House*. www.holidayhouse.com) who "tends the earth and countless seeds" and who over and over, draws heavy buckets of water from his well to water them. But then the well runs dry.

Gifted Spanish author and artist treats us to the most unusual colorful but stark drawings to portray this drama. Each scene is a two-page spread of remarkable simplicity but with powerful messages. Contrast his flowering gardens to plants withering under a giant red sun and under a lifeless full moon. Finally we are relieved to see two pages of large greenish rain drops allowing his garden rows to reappear in healthy growth and bloom. This is a timely book for all of us.

For sheer speed around a flower bed, Hummingbirds would win any race with other birds large or small. They are here and there within a flash of seconds. Learn all about this tiny valiant bird, lighter than a nickel, in *Hummingbird* by Nicola Davies and illustrated by Jane Ray (\$16.99. *Candlewick Press*. www.candlewick.com). Zoologist Davies takes the reader on the birds' annual two-thousand mile round-trip from Mexico and Central America to the United States.

The story begins with a hummingbird-friendly family enjoying their company and feeding them from nectar-filled feeders. But by spring the hummingbirds head north riding "the green wave, zigzagging from one pool of buzz and blossom to the next." This flight is beautifully portrayed in an eye-appealing two-page spread. The hummingbirds know by instinct where they are going to have their babies. "The female makes a nest "with lichen, spider silk, and thistle-down" which are the size of half a walnut. The new-born are taught to fly and find bugs and nectar. Around the time of the first frost they head for home, flying around 500 miles at a stretch.

Ruby-throated hummingbirds are just one of more than 300 kinds of hummingbirds. Artist Rays' careful drawings of many of these kinds of hummingbirds just happen to be "motionless" for your enjoyment.



Bennington, VT

The Wonders of a Book Fair

On August 11th, the Vermont Summer Book and Ephemera Fair takes place at the Grace Christian School in Bennington, VT from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Old and rare books

People think of a book fair as a place where extremely old and rare books are sold—books from the 1600s and 1700s, written in Latin or other exotic tongues. Most books, however, are far more modern and accessible. Children's books are always popular.

Prices vary widely

Prices vary as widely as the books—an old postcard of Burlington may be available for as little as \$2, while a rare Hemingway first edition may sell for \$2,000. Most titles at a book fair sell for under \$50, many under \$20.

Ephemera at the fair

Ephemera can also be seen at the Vermont Book and Ephemera Fair.

Ephemera is anything short-lived or ephemeral, usually paper items which were originally meant to be used and discarded. This includes postcards, posters, business cards, letters, tickets, labels, bookmarks, newspapers, magazines, calendars, timetables and more.

These items provide a glimpse of life in the past—an old postcard may show buildings since destroyed, and an invitation may mention musical evenings once held in your hometown.

Browsing through a book fair can be fun, as well as educational. Few other places in Vermont offer the possibility of seeing a wood-cut from the Nuremberg Chronicle (circa 1493), a first edition of Anne Rice's *Interview with the Vampire*, a cook-

book from 1917 called *A Thousand Ways to Please a Husband with Bettina's Best Recipes*, or a bound copy of the "Gentleman's Magazine" featuring an article on the revolt in the American colonies.

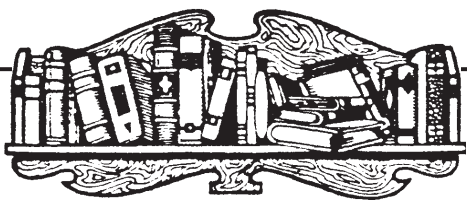
New and unusual At the book fair

These, and many other unusual books, have been offered in previous years at the VABA fairs. Even veteran dealers and collectors find items at a fair that they had never even heard of, much less seen before. Collectors, history buffs, scholars, and book lovers shouldn't miss the opportunity to see what's unusual at a book fair.

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The Girl Who Drew Butterflies

How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science

by Joyce Sidman

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If one considers how until only recently have women been allowed into and encouraged to have careers in science, one can easily imagine what terrible odds were against a young German girl Maria Merian who in the late mid-17th century could become a gifted entomologist whose words and beautiful artwork told fascinating stories about insect metamorphoses and ecosystems. Many have called her the world's first ecologist.

Her inspiring life has been beautifully told and illustrated with many examples of her artwork in *The Girl Who Drew Butterflies—How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science* by Joyce Sidman (\$17.99. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. www.hmhco.com.)

Sidman is an award-winning nature poet, who, while writing this book, raised caterpillars so she could have a feeling for Maria's work, and she writes "I had a much different research experience than Maria. Even so, there were times I felt very close to her, when a pupa wiggled in my hand, startling me as one had startled her."

You, too, will warm to this feisty young woman, who in her long life illustrating research, still performed the much demanding and expected life that women of that era attend only to household duties and the needs of husband and children.

Maria and daughter

Her like-minded daughter Dorothea, when grown-up, joined her in an expedition to study and record the insects and plants of Dutch New Guinea (called Surinam then) in South America. This resulted in self-publishing the book *Metamorphosis insectorum Surinamensium* (1705) which included 60 scientifically-accurate drawings of insects on or hovering about the plants that provided them with food and a home.

She previously had published *Neues Blumenbuc* (1675, Vol. 1), new book of flowers, and Volume I of *Der Raupen wunderbare Verwandlung, und sonderbare Blumen-nahrung*, the wondrous transformation of caterpillars and their particular nourishment from flowers (1679 and Vol. II in 1683).

Be pleased to learn that after Maria died at age 69, Tsar Peter the Great of Russia purchased 300 of her watercolors for his "art cabinet" in St. Petersburg which would become one of the world's first art museums. Daughter Dorothea and her husband helped the tsar set up his museum, and she became a teacher (like her mother) of botanical and insect drawing to artists-naturalists.

Learning at an early age

When Maria's was three years old her widowed mother remarried the still-life painter

Jacob Marrel who over the next decade would teach Maria how to paint, mix paint from powdered minerals and craft delicate brushes from bird feathers and fur.

By the time she was 13 she was raising and studying silkworms that she noted in her journal "they grew amazingly fast—so fast that their skins split open every few days and they wiggled out of it—just as a person pulls off a shirt over her head." Many quotes from Marie enliven her drawings and narrative and give the reader an insight into the young woman's creative joy. An example: "One day I wandered far out into the wilderness...I took this caterpillar home with me and it rapidly changed into a pile of wood-colored chrysalis, like this one lying on the twigs; two weeks later...this most beautiful butterfly emerged, looking like polished silver overlaid with the loveliest ultramarine green and purple, and indescribably beautiful; its beauty cannot possibly be rendered with the paintbrush."

Eight years in isolation

Maria married and had two daughters but later when the marriage failed, she spent eight years at isolated Waltha Castle in the Netherlands, a Labadist religious commune where members had to give up all earthly possessions.

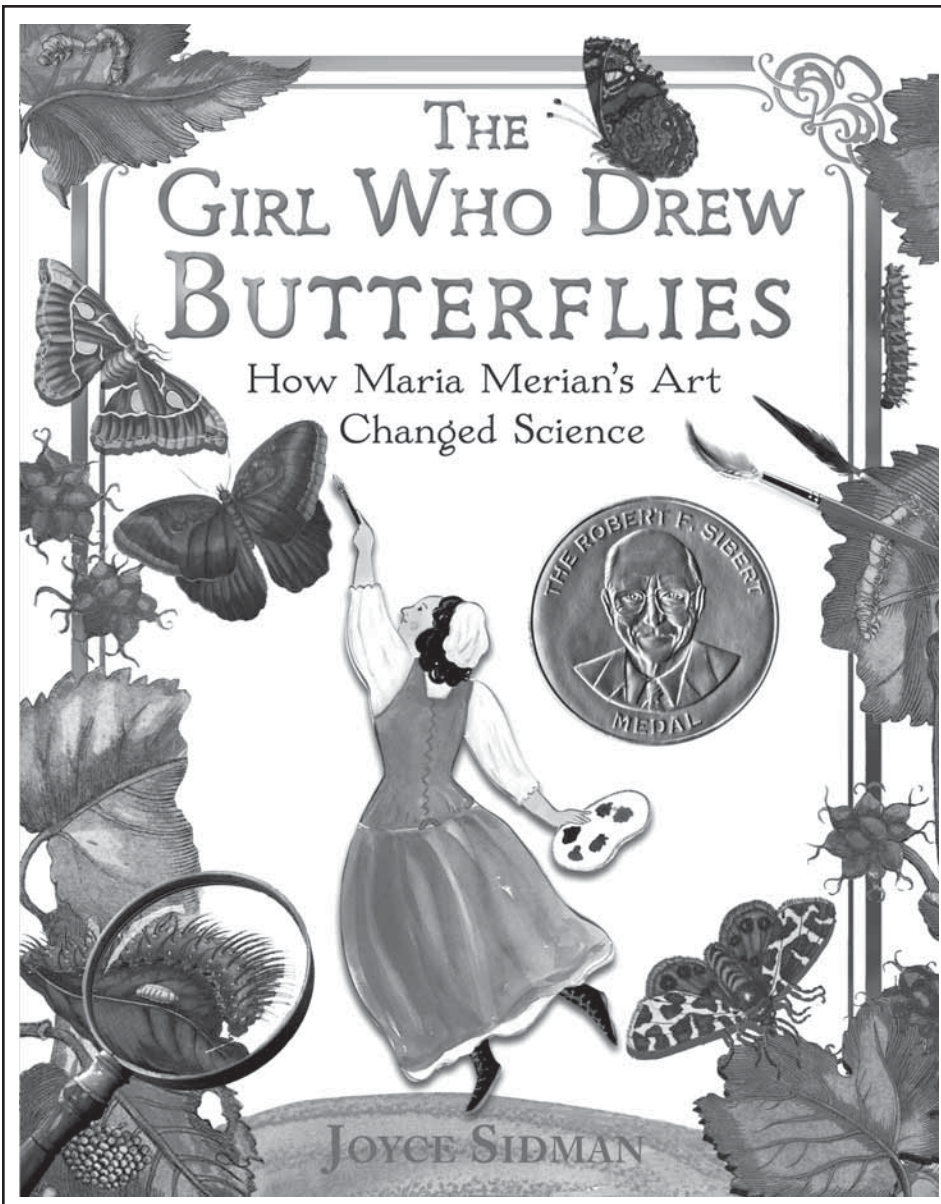
Maria, accompanied by her widowed mother and two daughters, was allowed to keep painting to do work on a book of illustrated herbs.

That stern and austere lifestyle was happily replaced by moving to Amsterdam, a "modern" city where she, as a single mom, was allowed to open her own business, train apprentices, paint whatever she wanted, and where "scholars, physicians and botanists sought her out to share new discoveries."

To the tropics

She made friends with Agneta Block, a skilled breeder of rare and tropical plants who was renowned for being the first in Europe to coax the West Indian pineapple to flower and grow fruit. She hired Maria and her daughter to create a painted collection of her botanical collection. These contacts inspired Maria to visit the tropics in 1699. There "the butterflies, tilting and sailing over glossy fruit trees, were like nothing she had ever seen. Some were bigger than her hand, some faster than birds!"

After 18 months of researching plants, bugs and others wildlife in the boiling heat of Surinam, Maria and daughter came home where she then created her masterpiece



Metamorphosis insectorum Surinamensium. She engraved its full-page watercolors onto copper plates, printed in black and white and bound them into books with her text. Some books were sold with uncolored prints, while others she colored by hand. The book was published in 1705 in Dutch and Latin and later in French.

A legacy

Carl Linnaeus, who developed the Latin system of naming organisms that is still use today, relied heavily on Maria's work for his 1758 book *Systema Naturae*, citing her more than 130 times. Later John James Audubon modeled his beautiful bird illustrations on her unique style. The only verified engraving of Maria herself appeared on the 500 Deutschmark bill (shown in this book).

At least six plants, nine butterflies, a moth (*Erinnyis merianae*), a toad (*Rhinella merianae*), and a large South American lizard

were named after Maria by later scientists.

A final quote from Maria's notebook: "Do not, dear reader, let the pleasure of your eyes be spoiled; judge not too quickly, but read me from beginning to end."

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North Country Reflections

High Summer in The Garden

by Judith Irven

Photographs by Dick Conrad

The 'dog days' of summer are here. And often, by this point in the season, people tell me that their flowers are fading and their gardens have a bit of a tired look.

Yes, it is true that our lilacs, peonies and iris are but a distant memory, and the early salvia and catmint have gone to seed.

But there are many lovely flowers to take their place in July and August, a time when butterflies like Monarchs and Swallowtails are adding that extra touch of magic to the garden.

So let me show you some of my favorite flowers for a sunny border in high summer!

The classics

Picture the classic combination of tall garden phlox (*Phlox paniculata*) surrounded by robust clumps of daylilies.

Garden phlox, which typically bloom in August, come in colors ranging from pure white to magenta. However, since they also have a tendency to get the dreaded 'powdery mildew', be sure to seek out cultivars identified as 'mildew resistant' and grow them where they will get plenty of sun and good air circulation.

The pure white Phlox 'David' and the reddish-purple 'Robert Poore' are among the best, and they also create a great color contrast when planted together. Then, for an easy design that will return year after year, surround the phlox with several clumps of clear yellow daylilies.

Everyone loves daylilies (*Hemerocallis*) with hundreds of cultivars available, offering colors from creamy white, yellows and oranges, pinks and apricots, all the way to tawny reds and dark purples. Some are even fragrant too.

At the Olallie Daylily Farm in Newfane, Vermont you can see firsthand an astounding number of daylily cultivars growing throughout their extensive fields. And, although a few varieties (like Stella d'Oro) bloom in June, the peak bloom-time for most cultivars is July and August—making this the perfect time to pay them a visit.

Roam their fields, decide (if you can manage to narrow down your choices) on the ones that appeal to you most. Also, to extend your season, enquire about others that bloom either especially early or especially late. Then, right on the spot, a staff member will dig your new plants. Plant them as soon as you get home, and you will be rewarded with robust clumps that seemingly live forever.

Indeed, almost all the daylilies that grace my garden today came as a result of a long happy afternoon we spent roaming the fields at Olallie Daylily Farm about 15 years ago.

Daisy-like companions

With their flat flowers and radial petals many members of the daisy family (*Compositae*) make great garden plants. And, as a perfect foil for both phlox and daylilies, nothing beats clumps of daisy-like flowers.

Here are some suggestions for our August gardens:

- Shasta Daisies (*Leucanthemum superbum*) have clear white petals with yellow centers, and they start blooming in earnest in July, perfectly timed to pair up with daylilies and phlox. Furthermore they usually keep flowering well into September. I am very partial to the robust 4' high cultivar called 'Becky'.

As an aside, just as the true Shasta Daisies are starting to bloom, the wild 'Ox-Eye' daisies (which often arrive uninvited in our borders) have run their course and are starting to set seed. So, to prevent these wildlings from self-seeding everywhere, it is a good idea to remove them now. More always seem to reappear next year!!



A beautiful picture: steely blue globe thistles bloom alongside some late flowering fragrant yellow daylilies.

photo by Dick Conrad

- Purple Cone Flowers (*Echinacea purpurea*) are also excellent plants for the August garden. Numerous cultivars exist today offering a range of heights and even colors beyond purple. Look for cultivars like Magnus (30" to 36" high) or Kim's Knee High (12" to 18") which, because of their open centers, are also effective nectar sources for bees.

- Two other great daisy-like perennials for the summer garden—both native—are False Sunflower (*Heliopsis helianthoides*) and Sneezeweed (*Helenium autumnale*). Both have cheery yellow flowers (or sometimes orange depending on the cultivar) which combine well with both daylilies and purple cone flowers.

- Everyone thinks of Black-eyes Susans (*Rudbeckia fulgida*) as the quintessential flower of fall. But most actually start blooming in August and continue till frost. There is even a new cultivar, 'Early Bird Gold', which is said to bloom from June to October.

Bring on the Blues

For a peaceful color contrast try intermingling some blue flowers among the daylilies and daisies.

So which are the best blue flowers of summer? Geranium 'Rozanne' would certainly be my first choice. Rozanne is a 'cranes-bill' type of geranium with lovely lavender-blue flowers that starts blooming in late June and just keeps on going until cut down by the first frost.

Rozanne it is certainly a cornerstone of my garden in both summer and fall. The plants gradually create wide spreading mounds about 18" high, so position them near the front of the border where they can spill out naturally.

There is also the lovely Siberian Catmint which is taller and longer blooming than the more familiar low-growing catmint that flowers in June. And it looks stunning paired up with some yellow False Sunflower.

Also, for many years now, I have grown Monkshood, *Aconitum henryi* 'Spark's Variety'—with tall branching spires of rich blue flowers—amongst some pink garden phlox. Also a great effect!

Monkshood is also an excellent substitute for Delphiniums, which often succumb to high winds. (Remember however that both Monkshood and Delphiniums are poisonous, so avoid both if you have young children around)

And finally, for a complete contrast of both shape and color, consider putting some steel-blue prickly globe thistles (*Echinops ritro*) next to some soft yellow daylilies, as in this picture.

Dancing grasses

Ornamental garden grasses create delightful additions to our gardens. By August they have formed dense leafy clumps, while their tall gauzy seedheads generate a wonderful sense of movement as they catch the wind. These are my favorites:

- Little Bluestem. (*Schizachyrium scoparium*). This prairie native has delicate bluish leaves and I especially like the larger cultivars 'Blue Heaven' and 'Standing Ovation'

- Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*) is another lovely native grass. Growing to about five feet high it belongs near the back of the border.

- Purple Moor Grass (*Molinia arundinacea*) has the tallest seed heads of all, sometimes seven feet high and makes a beautiful addition to the garden in summer and fall.

Panicle Hydrangeas

Panicle hydrangeas (*Hydrangea paniculata*) are robust shrubs with huge creamy white flower clusters that turn dusky pink in late fall, and are a stalwart of many Vermont gardens. You can see them growing in many a cemetery around the state—a sure testament to their longevity!

Recently plant breeders have developed many delightful new varieties for modern gardeners. Some, like Praecox and Quickfire, start booming in June. And by mid-August 'Pink Diamond' on my barn slope and the larger-sized 'Tardiva' in my big perennial bed look lovely behind perennials like Echinacea and Monkshood.

Take it easy

By this time of year my flower beds can mostly look after themselves. All that is really needed to keep everything looking tidy is an occasional walk-around to pull the annual weeds that have popped up unannounced and to deadhead spent daylily flowers.

Now is the time to sit back and enjoy your colorful flowers!

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In My Mother's Garden

There were many flowers in my mother's garden,
Sword-leaved gladiolas, taller far than I,
Sticky-leaved petunias, pink and purple flaring,
Velvet-painted pansies smiling at the sky;

Scentless portulacas crowded down the borders,
White and scarlet-petalled, rose and satin-gold,
Clustered sweet alyssum, lacy-white and scented,
Sprays of gray-green lavender to keep 'til you were old.'

In my mother's garden were green-leaved hiding-places,
Nooks between the lilacs—oh, a pleasant place to play!
Still my heart can hide there, still my eyes can dream it,
Though the long years be between and I am far away;

When the world is hard now, when the city's clanging
Tires my eyes and tires my heart and dust lies everywhere,
I can dream the peace still of the soft wind's blowing,
I can be a child still and hide my heart from care.

Lord, if still that garden blossoms in the sunlight,
Grant that children laugh there now
among its green and gold—
Grant that little hearts still hide its memoried sweetness,
Locking one bright dream away for light when they are old!

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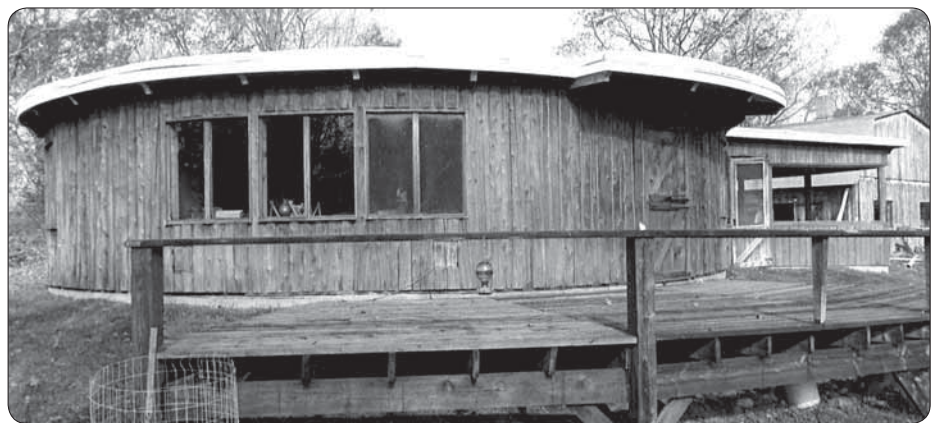
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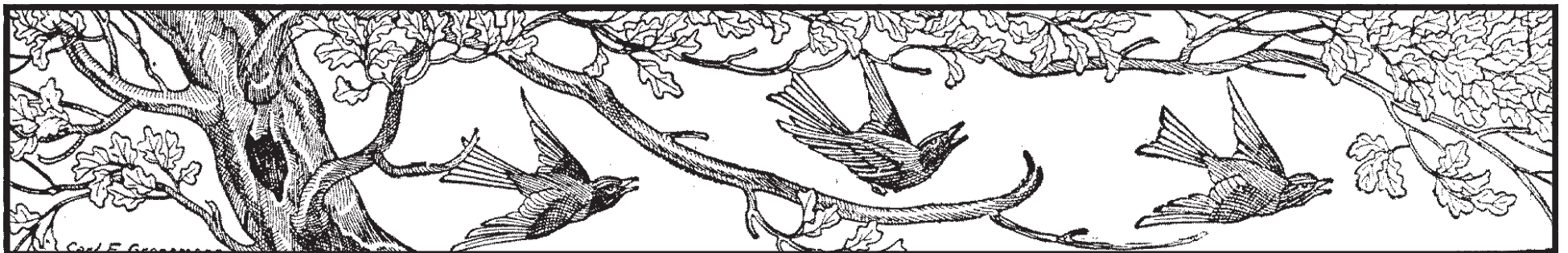
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