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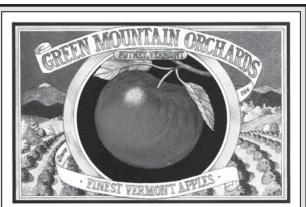
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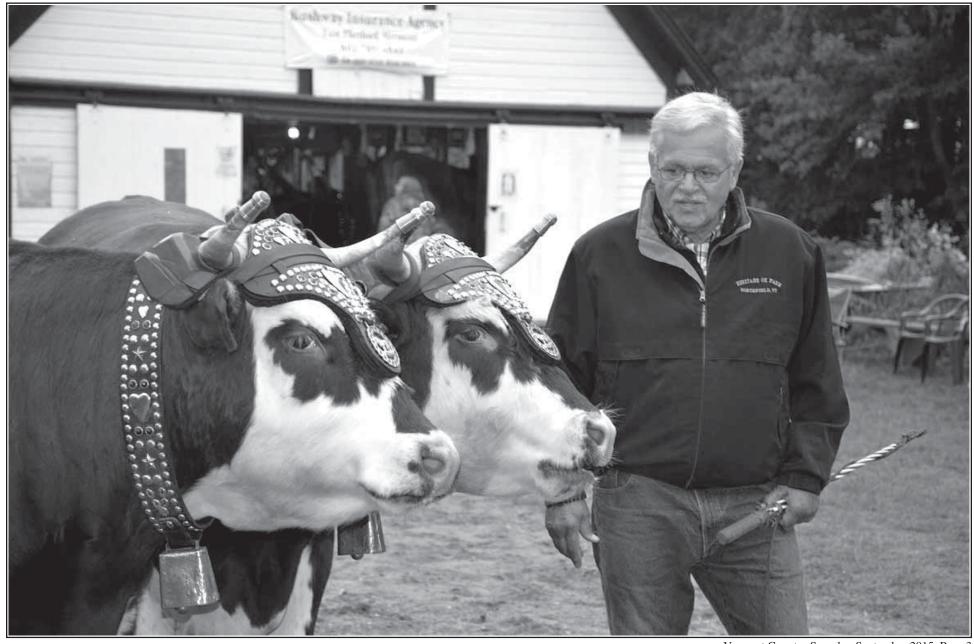












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Springfield, VT

First Annual Springfield Steampunk Festival

field Steampunk Festival, presented by the Steampunk Society of Vermont and the Hartness House Inn, is slated for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 11, 12 and 13 in Springfield, VT. Proceeds benefit the Springfield Community Center.

Steampunk has been described as an imaginative mix of artisanship, Victorian-era fantasy and reality, the science fiction of H.G. Wells and Jules Verne. Science fiction writer George Mann describes Steampunk as "a joyous fantasy of the past, allowing us to revel in a nostalgia for what never was. It is a literary playground for adventure and spectacle!"

Sabrina Smith, festival coordinator and founder of the Steampunk Society of Vermont says, "This festival embraces what Springfield is all about - a vigorous bustling Yankee industrial mill town—a town seeking a new identity, with a rich history of industry and innovation. punkfest.com.

The First Annual Spring- Springfield and the Precision Valley are "famous" for their gear shaper, tool, spindle and grinder factories. The turret telescope was invented here as well as the clothespin, jointed dolls, toy carts, and guitar and violin cases, among many inventions. That's why we are turning Springfield into the Steampunk Capital of Vermont."

The three-day festival promises fantasy, reinvention, and a chance to dress up, wear funny hats and goggles and play with gears. It features a Stargazer's Ball, top bands, workshops, tea dueling, a tweed ride and a real time machine.

Vendors from all over the country will be selling everything steampunk and more. There will be children's activities and games, a telescope observatory tour and a closing event picnic.

Ticket information and additional details can be found at www.springfieldvtsteam



Celebrate Vermont River Cleanup Month This September!

Get your feet wet this September. The Vermont legislature has declared September the official month for river cleanups

Many watershed groups on the eastern side of the state already participate in Source to Sea Cleanups along the Connecticut River. This year groups across Vermont will offer even more opportunities for you to wade and paddle, haul trash, raise community awareness, and keep our rivers healthy for all to enjoy.

The month-long event is coordinated by Watersheds United Vermont, founded in late 2013 to support the state's local watershed groups through information sharing, mentoring, collaboration and capacity building. A website at www. watershedsunitedvt.org/vtrivercleanup allows you to report a river stretch in need of cleanup, register a new event, or volunteer for an existing event.

September Clean Up Opportunities

• September 10, Williston, VT. Winooski River clean up. Meet at the Fontaine Canoe Access Point off N. Williston Rd. at 10 am. Hosted by Friends of the Winooski. (802) 882-8276. info@winooskiriver.org. www.winooskiriver.org.

• September 12, Albany, VT. Memphramagog Watershed Association and Craftsbury Conservation Commission are co-sponsoring a river cleanup as part of Vermont River Cleanup month on the banks of the Black River south of the Albany town line. For details e-mail memphrmagogwatershed@gmail.com.

• September 12, Montpelier, VT. Winooski River clean up. Meet in front of the Montpelier City Hall at 39 Main St. for bagels and coffee from 8:30-9 a.m. then head out to clean up sites from there at 9 am. Hosted by Friends of the Winooski. (802) 882-8276. info@winooskiriver.org. www. winooskiriver.org.

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• September 12, South Royalton, VT. Help clean up the White River. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Vermont Law School parking lot downstream of the South Royalton Bridge. Hosted by the White River Partnership, Vermont Law School, and Redstart Forestry. Contact Mary Russ at (802) 763-7733. mary@whiteriverpartnership.org.

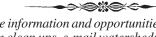
• September 12, Springfield, VT. Help clean up the Black River. Meet at Springfield Shopping Plaza, Chester Rd. at 8 a.m. Hosted by Black River Action Team. Contact Kelly Stettner, blackrivercleanup@yahoo.com. (802) 738-0456.

• September 17, Burlington, VT. Winooski River clean up. 10 am. Hosted by Friends of the Winooski. (802) 882-8276. info@winooskiriver.org. www.winooskiriver.org.

• September 19, Ludlow, VT. Help clean up the Black River. Meet at the Gazebo on the town green by Fletcher Memorial Library at 8 a.m. Sign in, pick a site to clean, grab the provided work-gloves and trash bags, and head out. Bring your treasures back to the "HQ" table to be tallied and photographed. Wash up and enjoy a free lunch, courtesy of local businesses, and collect your complimentary BRAT tee shirt. Hosted by Black River Action Team. Contact Kelly Stettner, (802) 738-0456. blackrivercleanup@yahoo.com.

• September 19, Rutland, VT. Clean up Moon & Mussey Brooks. Meet at 170 S. Main St. at 9 a.m. Hosted by the Rutland Stream Team. Contact Nanci McGuire, nanci.mc guire@vt.nacdnet.net

• September 19, Morristown, VT. Help clean up the Lamoille River. Meet at 459 Durarmel Rd. at 9 a.m. Hosted by the Vermont River Conservancy, Lamoille River Anglers Association, and Lamoille County Conservation District. Contact Kim Komer, (802) 888-9218 x 113. kimberly. komer@vt.nacdnet.net.



For more information and opportunities to help in the river and stream clean ups, e-mail watershedsunited@gmail.com or go to www.watershedsunitedvt.org.

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New England artists will offer handmade arts and crafts including glass, pottery, fiber art, woodcarvings, wooden bowls, watercolor and landscape paintings, paper art, hand crafted soaps, jewelry, and photography.

Six Loose Ladies will be giving spinning demonstrations. And there will be all sorts of fiber offerings—scarves, hats, fleece, mittens and warmers, just in time for the winter and that special Christmas present.

Shop for the unusual. Mark Catman is bringing his birchcraft—birch bark baskets, fishing creels, handbags & vases. Albert & Gigi Pelletier offer handmade dog accessories. And Lea Boldt displays her Scherenschnitte—fine papercutting with frames.

Stroll through the quaint stone village, and sample a wide variety of food. The First Universalist Parish of Chester offers apple baked goods, games, and cider pressing as a fundraiser. Michelle Olanyk of Mo's Fudge Factor is bringing her divine fudge. Cynthia Prarie and Shawn Cunningham of Pardonfield Farms will be squeezing the best Chester Fall Festival on Facebook.

The 41st Annual Fall Festival Craft Show lemonade in the world! Squeels on Wheels will be barbecuing. Ashley & Kada Sigl of the Lazy Cow are offering locally made ice cream, shakes, and cones. There will be soups, hot dogs, burgers, and more. Enjoy the Beer Garden behind the Fullerton Inn.

> Many vendors offer harvest time jams & jellies, dried herbs, honey, maple syrup, and baked goods. Penni Thomas from Hawks Meadow Farm will bring her naturally grown jams, jellies, and pickles. And Joanne Lester from Sunshine Cottage offers teas and tea

> The Chester Conservation Committee is sponsoring local outdoor recreation and conservation activities.

> On Saturday, music will be provided by Ernie Belmond from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On Sunday Root 7 from Burlington performs from 12-1 p.m. and Chris Kleeman will entertain from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

> Follow signs for general parking off Cobleigh St. behind Newsbank. There is a handicap drop off on School St. at the east end of the green. Sponsored by Chester Rotary Club.

> For more information call (802) 875-2444. Visit www.chesterfallfestival.org or check out

Grafton, VT

The 7th Annual Fairy House Festival Hosted By The Nature Museum on September 26 & 27

of September, The Nature Museum will present its 7th Annual Fairy House Festival. This enchanting family experience is held in the forests of Grafton, VT on Saturday, September 26, and Sunday, September 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Knotholes become front doors, sea shells transform into bathtubs, and twigs are woven into ladders. The acorn cap dinnerware and shelf fungi table will remind visitors to walk spritely on the earth. The Fairy House Festival is an imaginative opportunity for people of all ages to express their creativity.

Visitors will follow a nature path sprinkled with charming fairy houses, then return to The Nature Museum to create their own fairy dwellings in the gardens. and under are free and can Hands-on crafts, face paint-

During the last weekend ing and bubbles round out Nature Museum. They are this interactive and magical experience for all. Light refreshments will be available is The Nature Museum's for purchase and picnicking primary fundraiser for their is encouraged.

> The success of our Fairy efforts of our volunteers. Last year over 40 individuals, families, and organizations joined together to construct the fairy village. All registered fairy architects who submit a structure for the tour will receive two free tickets to this event. If you or your organization would like to build a fairy house for this year's festival, please contact Executive Director Carrie King at carrie@naturemuseum.org, or call the Museum by September 12.

Tickets are: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$5 children, 2 be purchased through The also available at the gate.

The Fairy House Festival environmental education programs in public schools House Festival is dependent and libraries. This puckish upon the loyal and supportive annual tradition inspires people of all ages. Join us for The Fairy House Festival, where curiosity, imagination, and learning unite in a shared celebration of nature.

> The Nature Museum is located at 186 Townshend Rd. in Grafton, VT. (802) 843-2111. nature-museum.org.



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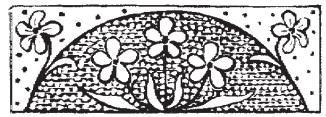
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Vermont Almanack For Early Fall

by Bill Felker

For you the light dispels the darkness; for you the sun, moon, and stars shed their light; for you the earth bears flowers and trees and fruits; for you the air and earth and waters are all filled with marvelous life-all so that earthly life may not be sad and make you blind to the joy of eternity.

—Peter Chrysologus

The Windfall Apple Moon and the **Orbweaver Moon**

As late summer recedes and autumn spreads down from the North, spiders weave more webs to trap the final insects of the year. Among the most spectacular arachnids are the giant orbeavers that often spin their webs across the open doorways of outbuildings.

September 5: The Windflall Apple moon enters its final quarter at 4:54 a.m. September 13: The Orbweaver Moon is new at 1:41 a.m. September 14: Lunar Apogee. September 21: The moon enters its second quarter at 3:59 a.m. September 27: The moon is full at 9:50 p.m. September 27: Lunar Perigee 9 p.m. September 28: A total eclipse of the full moon (at its position closest to Earth) is visible in most parts of North America from about 8:15 p.m. until 1:15 a.m. Check local media for exact times

The Sun

From a declination of 8 degrees and 14 minutes on the first of the month, the sun continues to move toward fall at a little more than one degree every three days until it reaches equinox at 3:20 a.m. on September 23. The sun enters Libra at the same moment. Within several days of equinox, the night is 12 hours long in the Northeast, the Northwest, the Midwest, the Great Plains, the Middle Atlantic States, and the South. Sunrise takes place between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m. almost everywhere, sunset between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

The Stars

Throughout the evening, the setting of the Corona Borealis and Hercules mark the closing of tomato season along the Canadian border. The Summer Triangle, almost overhead, complements the harvest, and it also turns leaves throughout Vermont. Far on the eastern horizon, the Pleiades are rising, promising full leaf-turn, then leaf-fall, then winter.

The Planets

Venus moves forward into Cancer this month and continues as the morning star, low in the east well before dawn. Jupiter, now accompanied by red Mars, rises in Leo behind Venus before sunrise. Saturn remains in Libra still hugging the western horizon at dusk.

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Children gather to listen to the Forest Ranger at the Forest Festival in Woodstock.

Vermont Fine Woodworking & Forest Festival

will be held on September 26 & 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Billings Farm & Museum and Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park in Woodstock, VT.

Enjoy and shop for fine Vermont wood products at the Billings Farm & Museum exhibit hall and grounds then cross the road to the national park for more fun! There will be fine furniture, artisans, wood products, live music and local food.

Explore the park in its fall glory while exploring forest history, ecology and art. Enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides, woodworking and portable sawmill demonstrations, hikes with foresters, wood crafts for kids, and more! Park admission and activities are free. Admission is charged to Billings Farm & Museum.

Schedule of Activities

Woodcraft Demonstration. Carriage Barn Visitor Center. Join a variety of Vermont woodworkers as they create unique wooden products and discuss the art and value of their sustainable craft. Bowls, baskets, furniture, and other woodenware will be made for all to see.

Portable Sawmill Demonstration. Pony Shed Pasture. Come see logs transformed into lumber before your eyes. Portable sawmills are able to travel to a location with relatively few logs to make lumber that can be used on-site. Sawyers can saw to custom dimensions and generally produce more boards per log than with a conventional sawmill.

Junior Ranger Program. Carriage Barn Visitor Center. Join a Park Ranger for 1-1/2 hours full of activities and games to learn about our very special woodlands and wildlife while earning a Junior Ranger badge.

Self-Guided Forest Quest. Carriage Barn Visitor Center. Seek out treasures hidden in the Mount Tom Forest. Activities

12th Annual Vermont Fine Woodworking & Forest Festival and riddles will reveal clues to help you unravel the forest's mysteries. This program is appropriate for all ages.

Woodworking is for the Birds. Pony Pasture Area. Assemble and take home a birdhouse using lumber harvested and cut here in the park.

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides. Carriage Barn Visitor Center. Ride in a horse-drawn wagon to explore areas of the forest. The wagon will leave from the Carriage Barn Visitor Center. Return trips will also be available.

Hands on Wood Crafting. Pony Pasture Area. Children will be able to make their own walking stick, decorate wood medallions, and learn a wooden dice game.

Horse-Powered Logging. Mountain Road. Meet Ros and Jo, a pair of draft horses, as they provide a small-scale alternative to using big forestry equipment. Horse logger Ben Canonica of Chelsea, Vermont will be on had to discuss low impact forestry, directional felling techniques, and answer questions about forestry and draft horses.

Lost Big Trees. Carriage Barn Visitor Center. Americans are fascinated by the big trees of the west. But here in the east we have our own big trees: white pine, elm, hemlock, and American chestnut. This 1-1/2 hour program explores the history, ecology, and future of the big eastern trees.

Birds and Future of the Forest. Carriage Barn Visitor Center. Join a biologist and a forester for a one-hour hike to explore why our forest provides such excellent bird habitat, and how we can protect and enhance it.

Billings Farm & Museum and Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park with the Carriage Barn Visitor Center and the Pony Shed Pasture are on Rt. 12 in Woodstock, VT. For more information call (802) 457-3368 x 22 or visit www.vermontwoodfestival.org

-When-Then Phenology for Early Fall -

When asters bloom in the waysides and bur marigolds flower, then farmers start cutting corn for silage.

When zigzag goldenrod blossoms in the woods, then the rose of Sharon shrubs drops most of its flowers and the great decline of summer wildflowers begins in the fields.

When fallen leaves start to accumulate in the backwaters and farm ponds, then the grapes should be getting ripe, and over half of the tomatoes and potatoes should be harvested.

When bright patches of scarlet sumac and Virginia creeper mark the fencerows, then kingbirds, finches, ruddy ducks, cedar waxwings, herring gulls and yellow-bellied sapsuckers move south. Bobolinks and woodcocks follow. The last young grackles and humminghirds leave their nests

When katydids refuse to chant and crickets songs are slow, then frost could threaten near dawn.

When squirrels scatter buckeye hulls along the trails and locust pods fall beside them, then the first soybeans will be ready to harvest.



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When doves stop calling in the mornings, then Fletcher scale attacks the arborvitae. Locust borers assault the locusts. Pine root collar weevils move to the pine trees.

When cobwebs are all over in the woods and butterflies multiply in the garden, that's the time to plant the last lettuce and radishes of the year, complete the harvest of summer apples and start to pick the fall apples.

When red berries appear on the silver olives, orange berries on the American mountain ash, and purple berries on the pokeweed, then violet autumn crocuses blossom in town

When the huge pink mallows of the wetlands have died back, then the juniper tip midge appears on junipers, and gall adelgids attack the spruce trees.

When milkweed pods open in the fields, then Snow-onthe-mountain has recovered from its mid-summer slump.

When wood nettle seeds are black and brittle, then gardeners begin autumn bulb planting and the transplanting of perennials in the garden.

When goldenrod flowers are tufted and gray, then daddy longlegs disappear from the undergrowth and bird migrations reach their peak.

—Bill Felker



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The Villalobos Brothers on Tour in Vermont For Migrant Justice and Milk with Dignity

The Villalobos Brothers will come to Vermont for a minitour from September 10-12 to celebrate Migrant Justice, and the recently launched Milk with Dignity Campaign.

Originally from Veracruz, Mexico, The Villalobos Brothers have performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and the Apollo, and were voted Best Band in New York City in NPR's Battle of the Burroughs in 2012. The band is currently serving a residency at the Frida Kahlo show at the Bronx Botanical Gardens this summer and fall.

Brothers Ernesto, Alberto, and Luis Villalobos bring their classical violin training and Mexican folk roots together to create "contemporary high-octane Mexican fiddle music," along with guitarist Humberto Flores, drummer Rosa Avila, and bassist Leo Sherman. Their music carries a strong message of love and brotherhood, as well as a commitment to social justice.

Migrant Justice and Milk with Dignity

Migrant Justice is a farmworker-led organization based in Burlington, VT, working for economic justice and human rights on Vermont dairy farms.

Last year, Migrant Justice established the Milk with Dignity campaign, which calls on major food corporations to address farmworker rights abuses in their supply chains. In June, Migrant Justice secured a historical commitment from Ben & Jerry's to implement the Milk with Dignity Program! Ben & Jerry's is important to farmworkers because it purchases 100% of its cream from St. Albans Cooperative farms.

The public is invited to celebrate this landmark occasion.

• The Villalobos Brothers Band is scheduled to do an educational concert for school groups on Thursday, September 10th at 10:30 a.m. at the Woodstock Town Hall Theatre, sponsored by Pentangle Arts Council. Tickets will be open to the public after school groups are booked. For more information call (802) 457-3981, e-mail info@pentanglearts. org or go to www.pentanglearts.org.

• On Friday, September 11th, a fundraiser concert will be hosted by Migrant Justice at the Old Labor Hall, 46 Granite St., Barre, VT. Doors at 7 p.m., concert at 8 p.m. There will be food, dancing, and drinks, so bring your friends! Admission from \$15 to \$100. Buy tickets at migrantjustice.net.

• Saturday September 12th a benefit concert will be hosted at Feast and Field Market, 1544 Royalton Turnpike Rd., Barnard, VT. Doors open at 4 p.m., concert begins at 5:30 p.m. Tacos, ice cream, cider, and kombucha will be available from local farmers. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$10 students. Purchase from barnarts.tixato.com. www.feastandfield.com.

Addison County Farmworker Coalition

Who's milking now? Nearly 1500 undocumented workers keep many of Vermont's dairy farms afloat. Join us at justice.net. villalobosbrothers.com.



Rokeby Museum in Ferrisburgh, VT on Sunday, September 13 at 3 p.m. to learn more from Cheryl Mitchell of the Addison County Farmworker Coalition, which, with sister organization Migrant Justice, works to assist and secure rights for Vermont's undocumented farm workers. Many of

these farmworkers are milking at farms in Addison County. Rokeby Museum Rokeby Museum is a National Historic Landmark and 90-acre historic site. It is located at 4334 Rt. 7 in Ferrisburgh, VT. For more information call (802) 877-3406 or visit www.rokeby.org. Contact Cheryl Mitchell at addison.coalition@gmail.com.

For more information about Vermont's Milk with Dignity, and the Villalobos Brothers concerts, contact Migrant Justice, 294 N. Winooski Ave, Ste. 130, Burlington, VT, 05401. 802-658-6770. info@migrantjustice.net. www.migrant

Vermont Migrant Farmworkers

There are about 1500 mi- minimum wage; 40% don't grant workers that sustain Vermont's iconic working landscapes and turn profits for Ben & Jerry's, Cabot Cheese and other famous Vermont brands. Workers typically work 60-80 hours per week and endure extreme isolation, often without a clear sense of where they are and are systemically excluded from many worker and housing rights protections.

Vermont's migrant dairy farmworkers are subjected to highly restrictive living and labor environments, and are overly dependent on employers to meet their fundamental human needs. Many farmworkers work near the highly militarized northern border and live in fear of racial profiling practices of police, border patrol, and some community members, which converts many into virtual prisoners on the farm.

In the summer of 2014 Migrant Justice conducted a survey reaching over 176 farmworkers (over 10% of population). Some of their findings included:

40% receive less than VT

have a day off (ever); 30% have had a work related injury or illness; 26% don't receive a pay stub; 29% regularly work seven (or more) hours without a break to eat; 20% have their first paycheck(s) illegally withheld; 20% don't have access to a bathroom or clean water in their workplace; 19% have worked for more than two years at their farm without a pay raise; 16% have to sleep on the living room sofa due to overcrowded housing; 15% have insufficient heat; 16% have less than eight hours (in a row) to sleep due to work schedules.

Dairy is a notoriously difficult industry where the profits from milk products are not redistributed fairly to farmers. These industry conditions affect farmworkers' wages and many experience human rights abuses.

Migrant Justice is working to end these abuses and bring some humanity to the lives of our migrant farmworkers in Vermont who help us supply dairy products to much of the Northeast.

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God pity us all as we jostle each other; God pardon us all for the triumph we feel When a fellow goes down 'neath his load on the heather, Pierced to the heart: Words are keener than steel, And mightier far for woe than for weal.

Were it not well, in this brief little journey On over the isthmus, down into the tide, We give him a fish instead of a serpent, Ere folding the hands to be and abide Forever and aye in dust at his side?

Look at the roses saluting each other; Look at the herds all at peace on the plain; Man, and man only, makes war on his brother, And laughs in his heart at his peril and pain-Shamed by the beasts that go down on the plain.

Is it worth while that we battle to humble Some poor fellow down into the dust? God pity us all! Time too soon will tumble All of us together, like leaves in a gust, Humbled, indeed, down into the dust.

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Proctor, VT

Preservation Trust of Vermont Acquires the Historic Vermont Marble Museum

The Vermont Marble Museum in Proctor has proved to be just as durable and deserving a visit as the product it extols and represents. Since reopening this past May the museum has already had 6,000 visitors through July 31.

This is thanks to the Preservation Trust of Vermont, which was able to acquire the museum after a two-and-a-half year process with a major touch-and-go \$400,000 fundraising effort. By the end of last year, the Trust purchased the museum property, its collection and displays of marble-making history, including more than 3,000 rare glass plate negatives, and the gift shop. Unfortunately, its archives and stone library had already been sold to the University of Pennsylvania.

A new non-profit, Vermont Marble Museum, Inc. was established to own and operate the facility.

The museum remains the largest in the world dedicated to the production of marble. Its initial owner, the former Vermont Marble Co., during its heyday between 1880 and the 1930's employed over 5,000 people throughout the country including its work force in Proctor.

In 1950 the company manufactured the marble for the United Nations headquarters in New York City, one of the largest commissions in its history. Many of the prominent buildings and monuments in the nation's Capitol are made from Vermont marble including the Thomas Jefferson

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Among the museum's 100 displays and exhibits today are the Hall of Presidents – relief sculptures of U.S. presidents up to George H.W. Bush, Sr.; large panels of different kinds of marble; marble samples from around the world; sculptures including those by resident sculptor Allen V. Dwight. There is a movie theater and a small chapel available for weddings.

Its gift shop offers many items made out of marble including the popular cheese boards, salt and pepper shakers, and jewelry, fossils and minerals, as well as Vermont products.

In addition to the museum, visitors can enjoy other Proctor attractions: the 150-foot deep Sunderland Falls Quarry, with its 100-foot tall falls; Beaver Pond; and the 114-long Gorham Covered Bridge. Take a walking tour around the town. See the marble bridge, marble churches and buildings, the quarry, have a picnic in the park.

Admission to the Museum: adults \$7, seniors \$5, children and teens free, and Poctor residents free.

Special Events

The Vermont Marble Museum will celebrate nationwide Smithsonian Museum Alive Day on September 26th from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with free admission. Take a roundtrip to Proctor on Vermont Railways antique 150-passenger train leaving Rutland (Amtrak Station) at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 3:30 p.m. Fares are \$10 adults, \$3 children and ticket sales start at the Depot at 8 a.m. that day. The last train back to Rutland departs Proctor at 5:30 p.m. See our 2nd Annual Display of 150 Carved Crafted Pumpkins throughout the museum. Food including pizza, chicken wings, hot dogs and ice cream will be available from vendors in the Museum garden.

From now until judging on October 4th at 1 p.m., there is a pumpkin decorating contest for children of all ages. For a free pumpkin, come to the Museum, pickup a coupon, and take it to Garden Time in Rutland to receive a pumpkin to decorate. For information, call the Museum.

The Vermont Marble Museum is at 52 Main St., in Proctor, VT. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. mid-May through October 14. (800) 427-1396. www.vermontmarblemuseum.org.



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—Bertha Doren, 1898

Aunt Kate's Apple Sauce Cake

Cream one cup sugar and ½ cup butter or lard. Beat in one egg (optional). Mix two cups flour, one teaspoon cloves and ginger (optional), one teaspoon cinnamon, two teaspoons baking soda, and ½ tsp. Fold the wet and dry ingredients together. When mixed, add 1½ c. unseasoned applesauce, and one cup raisins or other fruit and nuts. Bake slowly, 40–45 minutes. A chimney tin is best.

-Aunt Kate Gilmour, 1904

Indian Pudding with Apples

Scald two quarts of sweet milk. Stir in a cup of corn-meal. Stir until the mixture thickens. Remove from the fire. Add one and one-sixth cups of molasses, one teaspoon of salt, one-half teaspoon each of nutmeg and cinnamon, and two cups of sweet apples pared, cored, and quartered. Pour into a deep pudding dish and bake for four hours. When the pudding has baked for one and one-half hours, add without stirring one pint of cold milk. Serve with cream and sugar or maple syrup.

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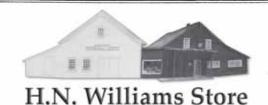
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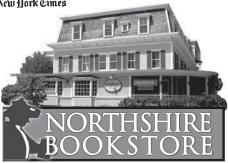


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The new 37-mile route will feature eight farm stops and 18 participating farms and restaurants sampling everything from apple cider to pesto, from pulled pork to watermelon.

The terrain is hilly with a mix of paved and dirt roads so a mountain bike or road bike with wide tires is recommended. A route map, a list of participating farms, and other information is available at acornvt.org/portfolio/tour-

The Tour de Farms is one of Vermont's oldest cycling farm tours. Over 3,000 people have ridden the Tour over the last seven years in Shoreham and Orwell.

The Addison County Relocalization Network (ACORN), based in Middlebury, VT, organizes this cycling and local food sampling event. The Tour is the for non-profit ACORN's work promoting local food

The 8th Annual Tour de ern Champlain Valley. Onequarter of the proceeds from advanced registration will go to participating farms on the Tour.

"The Tour is a one-of-a-School in Bristol the Tour kind experience," notes Jonathan Corcoran, ACORN's Executive Director. "People keep coming back to share a relaxing day with family and friends to experience the flavors of the fall harvest, the beauty of the land and its fall colors and the great people who make our local food community special."

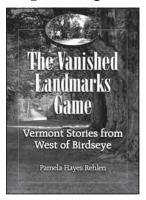
Volunteers are needed at the Tour to assist with parking and registration, prep, set-up, serving and takedown at our farm-stops, and with photography. Volunteers will be entered into a raffle. People interested in volunteering can e-mail maria@ acornvt.org.

The Tour de Farms is a rain or shine event. Advance registration is open at acornvt. org/portfolio/tour-de-farms and will close on September 18 at 5 p.m. Advance registration fee is \$35 for adults and \$20 for kids 14 - 18 years of age. The on-site registration fee is \$55 for adults and \$30 for kids.

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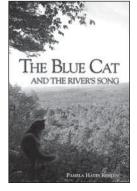
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Labor & Leisure Day

Billings Farm & Museum will host Labor & Leisure Day on Sunday, September 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lend a hand building a rail fence, working in the heirloom garden, playing historic baseball, and enjoy 19th century games. Experience the latest in 19th century laundry techniques. There's even ice cream making with samples for all—after the cranking is done. Horse-drawn wagon rides will be offered from 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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The 28th Annual Quilt Exhibition at Billings Farm & Museum is running from August 1 – September 21, 10 a.m.



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to 5 p.m. The exhibit features quilts made by quilters residing in Windsor County, Vermont and will include quilting activities and demonstrations for every age and skill level, with quilters on hand to discuss their work.

Challenge quilts made by The Delectable Mountain Quilters will also be exhibited. This year's theme is "Memories of Edith" a tribute to guild member Edith Artz from Rochester, VT. A quilt challenge requires specific design and construction rules agreed upon by guild members, with the goal of improving their quilting skills. The challenge quilts will be on display with the juried exhibition.

10th Annual Traditional Craft Saturdays

Traditional Craft Saturdays will take place at Billings Farm & Museum on Saturdays in September, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A different craft will be featured each week

Saturday, September 5—Toothbrush Rugs with Karen Bushey from Bristol, VT. Karen will demonstrate making toothbrush rugs, which are made using long strips of scrap fabric. They are called toothbrush rugs because a modified toothbrush is used as a big needle. Visitors are encouraged to try their hand; completed rugs will be on display.

Saturday, September 12—Basket- and Chair-Seat Making with Jane Darling, Canaan, NH. Jane will demonstrate the steps and techniques used in making reed baskets and chair seats - how the skill was used on late 19th century farms and is used today.

Saturday, September 19—Leather Tanning with Mark Humpal, Cornish, NH. Mark will demonstrate the steps and techniques involved in making and repairing leather harnesses, including a Billings Farm harness.

Saturday, September 26—Woodworking with Ross Morgan, Craftsbury, VT. Ross will demonstrate the process of making ax handles, split shingles, and a snath (the handle of a scythe).

The Farm & Museum will be hosting The VT Woodworkers Association Forestry Weekend on September 27 & 28.

The Billings Farm & Museum is owned and operated by The Woodstock Foundation Inc., a charitable non-profit institution, founded by Mary French and Laurance Spelman Rockefeller.

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Castleton Quarry Holes

by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

Castleton is situated in the heart of slate country, and there are abandoned quarry holes all around here. Quarryingstrip mining really—is one of Vermont's old-time, heavy industries. Like all rock extraction, and like lumbering, it can brutalize the land, but it has employed generations of Vermonters, made fortunes for some of them, and produced countless tons of useful product.

To find new beds of good rock, a slate company, or a lone wild-cater, goes out and dynamites what seem to be promising ridges or hollows. Not all test blasts lead to a quarry that can be worked, or worked very long, and when that's determined to be the case, the blasted-out holes in the earth are left behind to slowly fill with rain water and plant debris.

Now, after more than a hundred and fifty years, with so much once-cleared land having returned to woods, numerous quarry holes lay hidden and forgotten. They are places of great power.

All quarry holes have features in common, but, for me, the basic one is that they are scary places. It's hard not to speculate on what could live in the depths of a typical, middle-of-the woods, stagnant-water, drowned, rotting logs, quarry hole. Nothing that anyone would care to encounter when, for example, swimming in them.

That's what I wanted quarry holes to be when I was growing up, nature's swimming pools. As a young teen-ager, I thought it would be wonderful to be able to go into the woods and come to a hidden glade and find my own private place to swim. But quarry holes aren't like that.

There was a quarry hole in the thick dark woods behind the Pencil Mill school house where my family lived in the summertime, and nurturing my private swimming hole fantasy, I kept visiting it. But when I reached the place I was filled with such unease I felt breathless, and the atmosphere was so ominous I never could make myself enter that water.

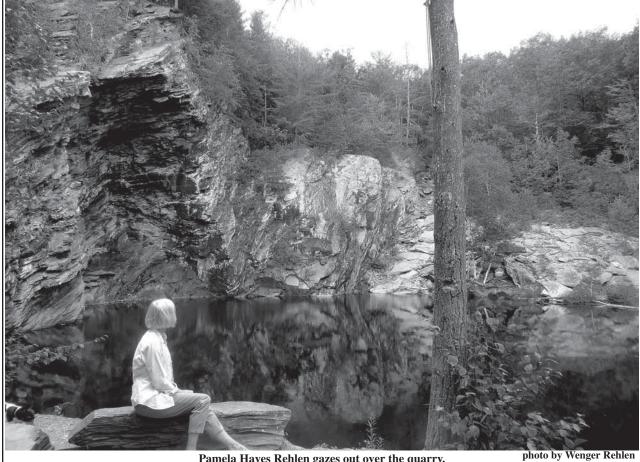
Quarry holes deep in the woods seem to gather silence around them. They are hushed and still and green, places

of gently decaying plant life. Big trees die and fall into their black depths. It's always black depths with quarry holes. It's never possible to see very far down. Because

the water is stagnant, it's full of pin points of bright green was sunny and surrounded by pulverized slate and great algae, and the drowned tree trunks glimpsed far below are ghostly behemoth shapes. It's like looking into an underwater

On a September day, my son took me to a quarry hole he'd just found. We drove to Green Dump, the boat access on the west side of Lake Bomoseen. It was mid-week, and schools were back in session so the parking lot held only a Dodge Ram and a Chevy, both hooked up to boat trailers. It was a day for old men to be by themselves fishing and dreaming.

A single outboard buzzed full throttle down the middle



Pamela Hayes Rehlen gazes out over the quarry.

of the quiet lake. My son and I climbed to the top of Green Dump's hillside parking area, entered a tattered woods, followed a twisting, slatey path, saw up ahead a cliff face, and at its foot a quarry hole.

Except for an occasional crow caw, it was as silent here as these places always are. The water in the near part of the excavation shone black, and there were birches growing out of the slate outcroppings all around its edge. Farther back, piled-up slate slag had grown over with white pine, hemlock, and beech. Mustard yellow leaves were bright above the

quarry hole's dark surface.

Half of the excavation was deeply shadowed, an autumnal tarn. Little fish flicked in its green-algae-depths. The other half of the quarry hole

slate slabs, blasted out probably a hundred years earlier, and left behind.

The rock face rose on the west, topped by stunted woods. Feeling more peaceful than I had in a long time, I sat in the sun, next to a weathered rope hanging down from a pine and seemingly once used, probably by intrepid boys, to swing out over the water. Far, far overhead a jet left a plumy white trail across the pale sky.

Like every quarry hole, it was a site of failed expectation and abandonment, a wounded spot, but so sunny-still that afternoon, and filled with mystery, that for me, for once, it wasn't scary, it seemed a holy place.

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─Philosophy ←

I'd like to eat my cake and have it too, Only I've never found the proper way! I'd like to slake my thirst and save the brew And quaff the selfsame cup some other day.

But years have taught me that plain bread you share Tastes better than a feast on golden platter In lonely splendor. Now is this my prayer: Keep all the cake—it really doesn't matter.

–Thelma Spear

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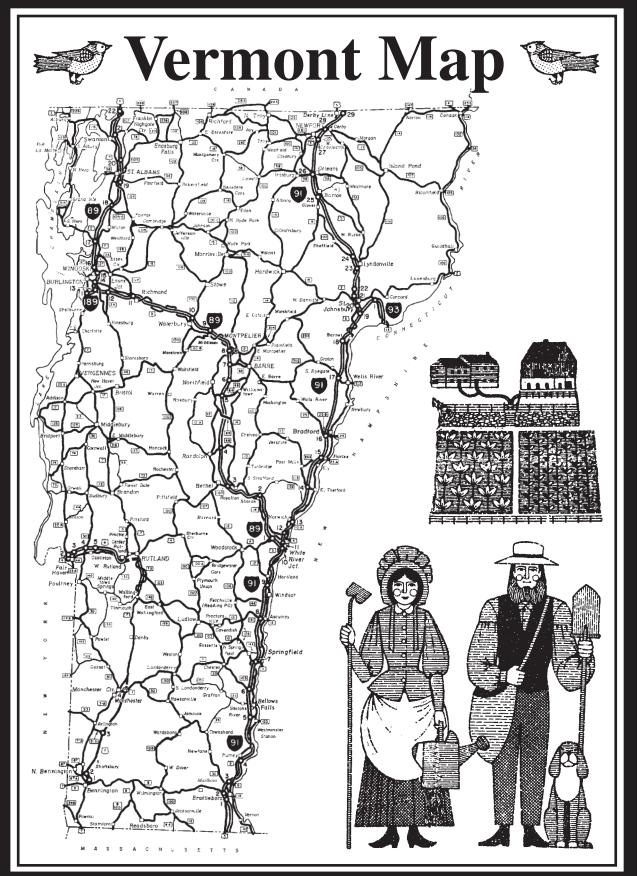
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DAILY EVENTS SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

BONDVILLE. Bondville Fair. Since 1797! Agricultural displays and contests. Quilt show and exhibit, crafts, rides & games. Live entertainment, bingo. Every kind of pull. Clog dancing, school house and sugarhouse museums. Fairgrounds on Rt. 30. (802) 297-9810. bondvillefair.org. *Also August 30*.

CANAAN. 24th Annual North Country Moose Festival. Moose Watcher's Breakfast 7-10 am at the Canaan School. Country Fair 9:30 am – 3 pm. Auto show, magic show, horse & wagon historical tours, 13th annual dog show, jazz band, moose stew cook-off, photography show, kidz korner, watershed on wheels. 23rd Annual Moose Calling Contest 2:20 pm. Food & craft vendors. Admission: adults (age 16 and up) \$5, couple \$8, seniors \$4, family of four \$12 (additional child \$2). 9:30 am – 3 pm. Community Park. (603) 237-8939. chamberofthenorthcountry.com.

ESSEX JUNCTION. Champlain Valley Fair. Vermont's largest fair offers livestock, farm and home exhibits. Fairgrounds on Rt. 15. (802) 878-5545. *Thru September 6.*

KILLINGTON. Killington Classic Motorcycle Rally. Vermont's premier motorcycle event. The Foundry Restaurant at Summit Pond, Killington Rd. (518) 798-7888. killingtonclassic.com. Also August 30.

MIDDLEBURY. Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival. The work of first and second time filmmakers. Three venues: Town Hall Theater, Marquis Theater, Dana Auditorium at Middlebury College. (802) 247-4650. middfilmfest.org. Also August 30.

LUDLOW. Antique & Classic Car/Motorcycle Show. Food, vendors, fun, 200 goody bags, dash plates. Saturday car parade from Ludlow-Chester-Ludlow. 10 am Saturday to 3 pm Sunday. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, 611 Route 103 South. (802) 228-5830. www.yourplaceinvermont.com. *Also August 30*.

LYNDONVILLE. Caledonia County Fair. Celebrating 167 years of tradition. Fairgrounds at Mountain View Park. (802) 626-5917. www.vtfair.com. *Also August 30*.

ROCHESTER. The New England Wild Flower Society hosts a walk to Abbey Pond. The high peaks of Green Mountain National Forest may be out of reach for some, but Abbey Pond is just a stone's throw from town. The walking trail winds through untouched forest, includes three stream crossings and ends at Abbey Pond. Fee: \$55. 10 am – 3 pm. Green Mountain National Forest, 99 Ranger Rd. (508) 877-7630. newenglandwildflower.org.

VERGENNES. 34th Annual Vergennes Day. Crafter/vendor booths, food, fun, entertainment and other activities around town. 10 am - 4 pm. Main Street. (802) 388-7951.

WEST BRATTLEBORO. Tasha Tudor Day 2015: The Centenary Celebration. Tickets: \$125. 10 am - 3 pm. All Souls Church, 29 South St. (802) 258-6564. info@tashatudormuseum.org. www.tashatudormuseum.org.

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COLCHESTER. Lake Champlain Chamber Music Festival Closing Concert. Mozart and Ligeti. \$30. 7:30 pm. Elley-Long Music Center at St. Michael's College, 223 Ethan Allen Ave. For tickets call (802) 846-2175. info@lccmf.org. www.lccnf.org.

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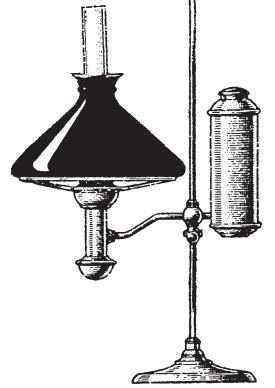
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SO. HERO. 2nd Annual Lake Champlain Islands Farm and Food Festival. Health Hero Island Farm, an organic beef and vegetable farm, is hosting this diversified agriculture festival celebrating the local agriculture with food, children's activities, interactive booths and music by the Mississquoi River Band. NOFA-VT pizza oven will be fired up and making great pizzas, too! By donation. 350 West Shore Rd. For more info, contact Hannah Noel at (802) 378-5194.

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WOODSTOCK. 18th Annual Mozart Festival. Directed by violist Scott Woolweaver. Three pieces by Mozart: String Quartet No. 15 in D minor, Serenade in G major, and Flute Quartet No. 2 in G major. Closing with Ave Verum Corpus, written in 1791, the last year of Mozart's life. The audience is invited to sing along. Admission free, suggested \$10 donation. 4 pm at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, 7 South St. (802) 457-3981.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

ESSEX JUNCTION. Champlain Valley Fair. Vermont's largest fair offers livestock, farm and home exhibits. Art show, crafts, vegetable, fruit and flower competitions. 40-ride midway, 80 food booths, 250 commercial exhibitors, demo derby & major concerts. Fairgrounds on Rt. 15. (802) 878-5545. www. champlainvalleyfair.org. *Through September 6*.

ROCHESTER. Food, Wine Tasting, Reading & Book Signing. With Dierdre Heekin & Caleb Barber for Ms. Heekin's book, An Unlikely Vineyard. \$35 per person RSVP. 5:30 pm. BigTown Gallery, 99 N. Main St. (802) 767-9670. www.bigtowngallery.com.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

BURLINGTON. On-Farm Workshop: Vegetable Tunnel Production with Andy Jones. Topics include new house selection, small house and big house tomato production, pepper production, soil fertility and greenhouse insect management. Cost: \$30. 5-7 pm. Intervale Community Farm, 128 Intervale Rd. (802) 434-4122. Rachel@nofavt.org. nofavt.org/ows.

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POULTNEY. Vermont/New York Slate Valley Artisans & Authors Market. Held during the "Welcome-Back-to-the-Slate-Valley" Day in which Côr y Penrhyn, the Penrhyn Welsh Male Voice Choir, from Bethesda, Wales will be with us. Rain or shine. 10 am – 4 pm along historic Main Street. For info contact Poultney Area St. David's Society, (802) 287-5744. rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vtpasds.

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Wednesdays. Horse-drawn wagon rides from 11 am – 3 pm. Admission includes all programs and activities: adults \$14, age 62 and up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, ages 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, one-half mile north of the Woodstock village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. *Wednesdays through September 30*.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

BARNARD. Feast and Field Farmers' Market. 4:30-7:30 pm, jazz harmonica and guitar music at 5:30 pm by Auracle. 1544 Royalton Turnpike. (802) 999-3391. feastandfield.com. *Every Thursday thru October* 22.

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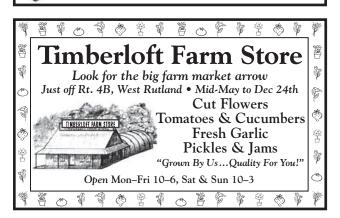
SOUTH HERO. Summer Concert with Jenni Johnson and the Junketeers. Family friendly. Food, beer & wine available for purchase including Rookies Root Beer and Homemade Island Ice Cream. Bring your own chairs and blankets. Weather dependent, call to check. Picnicking begins at 5 pm, music from 6:30-8:30 pm. Snow Farm Vineyard, 190 West Shore Rd. (802) 372-9463. snowfarm.com.





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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

BONDVILLE. Stratton's First Village Summer Fest: Music, Fun and Food for All. Fun for the whole family, including the annual tent sale, live music and entertainment for kids. Annual Labor Day Tent Sale. Free Summer Concert Series with Kat Wright and the Indomitable Soul Band from 6-9 pm. BBQ, lawn games and craft brews. Joey Leone and Saints and Liars Saturday and Sunday from 3-6 pm. Portraits drawn and face painting. Learn about exotic creatures including reptiles, birds of prey & more. Gondola rides to the top of Stratton Mountain. For tickets and information go to stratton.com. Through September 7.

BRATTLEBORO. Progressive Performance Festival. Three works that touch on themes of social justice and cultural memory, and shift the way we relate to our handheld devices: The Round by Martin Chaput and Martial Chazallon; Schwanze-Beast by Carmelita Tropicana and Ela Troyano; and 2125 Stanley Street by Dahlia Nayar. Downtown Brattleboro. Tickets available at Vermont Performance Lab's offices, 139 Main St. www.vermontperformancelab.org. Through September 6.

BRATTLEBORO. Circus at the Museum. Students and faculty from the New England Center for Circus Arts will perform in the galleries and outside the museum. Free. Performances begin at 6 pm and 6:45 pm. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. www.brattleboromuseum.org.

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LUDLOW. Ludlow Farmers' Market. Locally grown produce, prepared foods, crafts, and live entertainment. -7 pm. Front lawn of Okemo Mountain School, 53 Main St., Jerry Milligan. (802) 734-3829. lfmkt@tds.net. ludlowfarmersmarket.org. Fridays through October 9.

RANDOLPH. Concert: Jo Dee Messina. Country music. Tickets \$35-\$75. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-9878. www.chandler-arts.org.

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\$10, children 6 and under free. 5-10 pm. Rutland Fairgrounds, 175 S. Main St. (802) 775-5200. Through September 12.

STOCKBRIDGE. Annual Vermont Gas & Steam Engine Show & Swap Meet. Working displays of antique engines, etc. which demonstrate the advances made in farming and business at the outset of the Industrial Revolution and up thru the 1940's. Admission & parking are free! Friday noon -4 pm, Saturday 9 am - 4 pm. Intersection of Rts. 100 and 107. (802) 234-9177. www.vermontgasandsteam.com. Through September 5.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

BELMONT. Baked Ham Supper. All-you-can-eat, served home style. Adults \$12, children 11 and under \$6. Settings start 5 pm at The Odd Fellows Hall. Hosted by The Odd Fellows. Take-outs available. (802) 259-2460.

BENNINGTON. 20th Annual Southern Vermont Garlic and Herb Festival. Vendors offer garlic ice cream, garlic jelly, pickled garlic, roasted garlic, garlic braids and, of course, plain garlic bulbs of every variety for sampling or purchase. Demonstrations include planting, growing, braiding, and cooking different garlic varieties. Restaurant tents and food trucks, kids activities, and entertainment. Relax on the shaded great lawn of Camelot Village—bring your lawn chairs and friends. Please leave pets at home. Free on-site parking, and wagon shuttle service to the gate. Oneday pass \$6 adults, \$2 children 12 and under. Two-day pass \$10. 10 am – 5 pm. At Camelot Village west of town on Rt. 9. (802) 447-3311. www.lovegarlic.com. Also September 6.

BONDVILLE. Stratton's First Village Summer Fest: Music, Fun and Food for All. For tickets and information go to stratton.com. Through September 7.

BONDVILLE. The Full Palette farm-to-table weekend. Local farmers, brewers, artisans and craftspeople in the Pavilion, cooking demonstrations, hands-on culinary workshop. Vermont Craft Beer dinner and a Junior Iron Chef competition for teens. Stratton Resort. (800) 787-2886. www.stratton.com. Through September 6.

BRANDON. Concert: Rhythm Future Quartet. Gypsy jazz standards and originals. Tickets \$20. Pre-concert dinner \$20. Reservations recommended for the show and required for dinner. Venue is BYOB. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 247-4295. brandon-music.net.

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ESSEX JUNCTION. The Happy Together Tour Coming to the Coca-Cola Grandstand at the Champlain Valley Fair. Lineup includes The Turtles featuring Flo & Eddie, The Association, Mark Lindsay formerly of Paul Revere and the Raiders, The Grass Roots, The Buckinghams and The Cowsills. Tickets available through the Flynn ticket box office at (802) 863-5966. www.flyntix.org Champlain Valley Fair, 105 Pearl St. (802) 878-5545. www.champlainvalleyfair.org.

GUILFORD. The Guilford Fair. Talent showcase of musicians and singers, 1-3 pm. Fairgrounds, 163 Fairground Rd. off Weatherhead Hollow. (802) 257-1187. www.guilfordfairvt.com. Also September 6 & 7.

NORTHFIELD. Breakfast Buffet. French toast, pancakes, sausage, bacon, chipped beef on toast, fried potatoes, scrambled eggs, omelets made-to-order, juice, coffee, tea, etc. \$8 adults, \$4 children. All proceeds benefit the community. 7-11 am at the Northfield American Legion (Post #63), 48 Depot Square. (802) 485-6713. Also Sept. 6.

NORTHFIELD. Northfield Savings Bank 37th Annual Flying Pig Footrace. 5K and 1-mile races. For kids and adults. Walkers welcome. Free T-shirt with registration. 9:30 am. Northfield Savings Bank, 33 South Main St. Ellen.

NORTHFIELD. Labor Day Weekend Festivities. Stroll down both sides of the common for food, craft, and game booths. Main Stage entertainment from 12:30 to 6:45: Green Mountain DoJo at noon, Ed Larkin Contra Dancers at 2 pm, Wildlife Encounters at 3:30 pm, Step in Time Line Dancers at 5 pm, Minute to Win It Game at 6 pm. Mirage, a rock band, at 7 pm. Book sale at the Brown Public Library, gold panning demo, VT National Guard Climbing Wall, face painting, kids' treasure hunt, No String Marionette puppet show, and "Gus" the mechanical bull rides. 10 am – 10 pm. (802) 595-2217.

ORWELL. Soldiers Atop the Mount. Step back to 1776 and 1777 as reenactors take over the Mount, demonstrating Revolutionary War camp life, military tactics, colonial crafts, firing artillery, cooking, and making clothing. Interactive "Baldwin Trail walkabout" on Saturday. Children's activities. Annual reading of the Declaration of Independence and music by the Seth Warner Mount Independence Fife & Drum Corps. Saturday 9:30 am -5:30 pm, Sunday 9:30 am – 2 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. Also September 6.

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open from Shrewsbury to at a curve in the road (there Plymouth after repairs for is no sign, only a small pull damage from Tropical Storm Irene. It is closed in winter.

The CCC Road, which includes Coolidge State Forest, Tinker Brook Natural Area, Shrewsbury Peak and Plymsbury Wildlife Management Area, can provide a full day of great birding. The road, running between Plymouth and Rutland in Windsor and Rutland counties, respectively, offers chances to see some higher elevation species.

Although you can stop anywhere along the road and pull off, there are several places where you can get out to walk and explore.

off for parking). A short walk in takes you to the hiking shelter and the fifteen acres that make up the spruce-fir/ hardwoods area along a steep ravine. This is a reliable spot for Blackpoll Warbler. Blackburnian, Canada, and Blackthroated Green warblers as well as Blue-headed Vireo.

At 2.0 miles (one mile east of Tinker Brook) is the east access to Shrewsbury Peak. Blackpoll Warbler is easily observed along the trail up and Swainson's Thrush can also be seen and heard.

of the east Shrewsbury Peak are abundant. Taking the road from Rt. access) is a gated access on 100 in Plymouth the first the north side of the road. stop, at one mile, is Tinker This leads to the remains of a road. Clearcut in the 1990s, Society's website at www. Brook State Natural Area. stone house, which served as the now brushy area hosts rutlandcountyaudubon.org.

The CCC Road is now Access is on the south side the CCC-era ranger's cabin when the area was Coolidge State Park. Blue-headed Vireo, Winter Wren, and Magnolia Warbler are frequently heard here. Numerous small trails lead off from this area. Swainson's Thrush is a confirmed nester in this area as is Golden-crowned Kinglet.

> On the south side of the road is a small pull-off and access into the Plymouth Wildlife Management Area. Numerous warblers are present as well as raptors such as Sharps-shinned, Broadwinged and Red-tailed hawks along with Northern Goshawk and Barred Owls. Wild At 2.9 miles (1.9 miles east Turkey and Ruffed Grouse road conditions.

> > At 3.9 miles is a brushy area on the south side of the Rutland County Audubon

Chestnut-sided, Mourning and Common Yellowthroat warblers as well as Indigo Bunting.

Birding is best May through early July, although it is worth visiting anytime it is open. The area is used during the hunting season and most of the CCC Road is closed in winter. Its reopening in the spring is subject to

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PLYMOUTH. 11th Annual Plymouth Folk & Blues Festival. Jay Ottaway (2-3 pm), Mare Wakefield (3-4 pm), Hilton Park (4-5 pm). Face painting, children's arts and crafts, wagon rides, barbecues at the Coolidge Site restaurant, The Wilder House. Noon performance of Shakespeare Alive! at the Union Christian Church. Night Stage Jam Session/Open Mic with Jay Ottaway (8-11 pm) at Ramunto's Pizza, Bridgewater. Free; donation suggested. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. (802) 672-3773. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. plymouthfolk.com.

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SHELBURNE. Vermont Heritage Brew Festival. Live music performances: Pete Sutherland and Tristan Henderson (fiddle and guitar), Brass Balagan (radical marching band), Erica and Eric Andrus, Scheitholt and his Zithers, and Fiddleheads. Local food vendors available onsite. Tickets: \$55. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Shelburne Museum, 6000 Shelburne Rd. (802) 985-3346.

SPRINGFIELD. Market Madness Street Fair. BBQ, a local brew tent, music all around, and 40-50 vendors with farmer's market staples, arts & crafts, jewelry, knitted and hand-sewn items. Sand art for the kids (young and old), a photo booth, nostalgic signs and t-shirts. Street food, ice cream, cotton candy, fried dough and more. Antique tractors and classic cars. Kid's corner with a magician, games, bouncy house, face painting, youth vendors, and an obstacle course. Performances by Troy Wunderle of Circus Smirkus fame. 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is free, parking is free. (802) 885-1527. som@vermontel.net. springfieldonthemove.net.

STOWE. Concert: Concert-Dave Keller Band: Soul & Blues from Montpelier to Memphis. Tickets: \$20, \$25, \$35. 8 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. sprucepeakarts.org.

TINMOUTH. Concert: The Sky Blue Boys, Banjo Dan and Willy Lindner, Vermont Bluegrass at its finest. Donations \$10, homemade refreshments available. Doors open at 7 pm, concert at 7:30 pm. Old Firehouse Stage, Rt. 140 and Mountain View Rd. (802) 446-3953. wilburs@greenmtn.edu. tinmouthvt.org.

WOODSTOCK. 9th Annual Traditional Craft Saturdays featuring Toothbrush Rugs with Karen Bushey from Bristol, VT. Karen will demonstrate making toothbrush rugs. Admission includes all programs and activities: adults \$14, age 62 and up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, ages 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. *Saturdays through September 26.*

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GUILFORD. The Guilford Fair. Horse and cattle show, horse pulling, working horses contest. Crafts, music, chain saw contests. Horseshow pitching. Children's events. Food, vendors, carnival. Admission adults \$8, seniors \$5, children 6-12 \$2, 5 and under free. Gates open at 8 am. Fairgrounds, 163 Fairground Rd. off Weatherhead Hollow. (802) 257-1187. *Also September 7*.

NEWBURY. Uncommon Jam Music Festival. With Bow Thayer Band, Van Burens, and Crunchy Western Boys. Between sets fiddlers from across the region will take the stage. Locally produced fare, a craft beer garden and fun for the entire family. Tickets: \$202-7 pm. Newbury Village Common. (802) 748-2600. www.catamountarts.org.

NORTHFIELD. Labor Day Weekend Festivities. Main Stage entertainment: Wunderle's Big Top Adventure at 12 pm, Green Mountain Gymnastics, Car Show with Parade of Cars at 2:50 pm, Rick and the Ramblers at 3 pm, Minute to Win It at 6 pm, "Rave the Common" DJ Street Dance at 7 pm. Book sale at Brown Public Library, gold panning demo, Boy Scouts Soap Box Derby at 10 am, face painting. 6th Annual Labor Day Car Show in Kenyon's parking lot at 12:30 pm. "Gus" the mechanical bull rides 3-7 pm. Stroll down both sides of the common for food, craft, and game booths. 10 am – 10 pm. (802) 595-2217.

ORWELL. Soldiers Atop the Mount. Step back to 1776 and 1777 as reenactors take over the Mount, demonstrating Revolutionary War camp life, military tactics, colonial crafts, firing artillery, cooking, and making clothing. Children's activities. Annual reading of the Declaration of Independence and music by the Seth Warner Mount Independence Fife & Drum Corps. Co-sponsored by Living History Association. Saturday 9:30 am - 5:30 pm, Sunday 9:30 am - 2 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. *Also September 6*.

PLYMOUTH. 11th Annual Plymouth Folk & Blues Festival. Jim Gilmour (2-3 pm), The Arrow & the Bow (3-4 pm), Hayley Jane and The Primates (4-5 pm). Face painting, children's arts and crafts, barbecues at the Coolidge Site restaurant, The Wilder House. Free, donation suggested. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. (802) 672-3773. www.HistoricSites. Vermont.gov. plymouthfolk.com.

RANDOLPH. 23rd Annual New World Festival. Celebrate Vermont's Celtic and French Canadian heritage with music and dance. More than 70 exceptional musicians are drawn from New England, Canada and the British Isles. Concerts, workshops, children's activities, open dancing, food & drink. Tickets \$39, after 6 pm \$25, students 13-18 \$12, children 12 and under free. 12 noon – 11pm. In all-weather tents both sides of Main St. which is closed to traffic, Bethany Church, and Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. For tickets call (802) 728-6464. Info call (802) 728-9878. www.chandler-arts.org. www.newworldfestival.com.

RUTLAND. 170th Annual Vermont State Fair. Agricultural events; horse & cattle shows and exhibits; farm museums; crafts; 4-H; horse, pony & ox pulling; maple sugar house; country and western concerts; demolition derbies; and a carnival midway by Castlerock Shows, \$20 wristbands for unlimited rides. Admission \$12, children 6 and under free. 10 am – 10 pm. Rutland Fairgrounds, 175 S. Main St. (802) 775-5200. www.vermontstatefair.org. *Through September 12*.

WELLS. Pancake Breakfast. Sponsored by the Wells Volunteer Fire Department. 7-11:30 am. At the WellsFire Department, 114 Rt. 30. (802) 645-0375. www.wellsvtfd.com. *Also October 4*.

WOODSTOCK. Annual Labor & Leisure Day at Billings Farm & Museum. Lend a hand building a rail fence and working in the heirloom garden. Play historic baseball and enjoy 19th century games. Experience the latest in 19th century laundry techniques. Make ice cream with samples for all after the cranking is done. Horse-drawn wagon rides from 10:30 am - 4 pm. Admission: adults \$14, age 62 and up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, ages 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org.

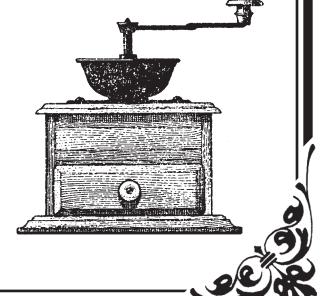
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

BONDVILLE. Stratton's First Village Summer Fest: Music, Fun and Food for All. Fun for the whole family, including the annual tent sale, live music and entertainment for kids. BBQ, lawn games and craft brews. Gondola rides to the top of Stratton Mountain. For tickets and information go to stratton.com.

GUILFORD. The Guilford Fair. Horse and cattle show, horse pulling, working horses contest. Crafts, music, chain saw contests. Horseshow pitching. Children's events. Food, vendors, carnival. Admission adults \$8, seniors \$5, children 6-12 \$2, 5 and under free. Gates open at 8 am. Fairgrounds, 163 Fairground Rd. off Weatherhead Hollow. (802) 257-1187. www.guilfordfairyt.com.

NORTHFIELD. Labor Day Weekend Festivities. Parade at 10 am. Main Stage entertainment: Panhandlers Steel Drum Band at 12 pm, Green Mountain Playboys at 1:15 pm, Step in Time Line Dancers at 1:15 pm. Tractor show at 12 noon, face painting, gold panning demo, Brown Public Library book sale 9 am – 3 pm, chicken BBQ at the American Legion at 12 noon, "Gus" the mechanical bull rides 12-3 pm. (802) 371-9819.

NORTHFIELD. Chicken Barbeque. After the Parade. Northfield American Legion (Post #63), 48 Depot Square. (802) 485-6713. Allegion63@yahoo.com.



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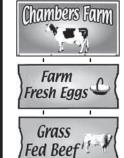


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SHEFFIELD. Labor Day Parade. With Bread and Puppet Theater. 10 am. If you'd like to be in the parade, dress in white and meet 45 minutes before the parade starts. (802) 525-3031. www.breadandpuppet.org.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

HARTFORD. The Old Country Fiddler: Fiddler Adam Boyce portrays Charles Ross Taggart, Vermont's Traveling Entertainer. Free. 7 pm. Hosted by the Hartford Historical Society. Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple St. (802) 295-2123. www.vermonthumanities.org.

NORWICH. Book Discussion: *Klee Wyck* by Emily Carr. Part of the Canadian Cultural Diversity series. Travel through Canada with four critically acclaimed books that make manifest Canada's cultural diversity. Led by Suzanne H Brown. Free. 7 pm. Hosted by the Norwich Public Library, 368 Main St. (802) 296-2191. www.vermonthumanities.org.

RUTLAND. 170th Annual Vermont State Fair. Admission \$10, children 6 and under free, bring a friend and get 2 for \$10! 12-9 pm. Rutland Fairgrounds, 175 S. Main St. (802) 775-5200. vermontstatefair.org. *Through September 12*.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

BARNARD. Feast and Field Farmers' Market. 4:30-7:30 pm, music at 5:30 pm by Doug Perkins and Patrick Ross. 1544 Royalton Turnpike. (802) 999 3391. clovermont@ gmail.com. feastandfield.com. Every Thursday through

BRATTLEBORO. Concert: Dustbowl Revival with 10 String Symphony. Tickets: \$20 advance, \$24 at the door. 7:30 pm. Vermont Jazz Center, 72 Cotton Mill Hill. (802) 387-0102. www.nextstagearts.org.

CHITTENDEN. Hike to Boiling Spring. Find this elusive, fascinating "bubbling" spring. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for Vermont weather. Meet on Thursdays at 9 am at the Godnick Center on Deer Street to car pool. We'll return in early to mid-afternoon. Sponsored by The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department. 9 am – 2 pm. All are welcome. Leader, George Butts (802) 483-2891.

HARTLAND. Upper Valley Seed Savers meet on the second Thursday of the month at 5 pm at member's gardens. Our mission is to further knowledge about seed saving and to work on projects that will help develop a body of locallyadapted open-pollinated vegetable seeds. For information, or if you can't come to meetings but would like to receive a monthly email with our minutes which contain information on our projects, please contact Sylvia Davatz at sdav@valley. net or call (802) 436-3262.

RUTLAND. 170th Annual Vermont State Fair. Admission \$10, children 12 and under free, veterans and seniors \$5. 12-9 pm. Rutland Fairgrounds, 175 S. Main St. (802) 775-5200. www.vermontstatefair.org. Through September 12.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

BARRE. Performance: A Fleeting Animal—An Opera From Judevine. Written by Vermont poet David Budbill and Vermont composer Erik Nielsen, the tragic love story of Tommy, a recently returned veteran, and Grace, a struggling and misunderstood single mother. The supporting characters leap straight from the often muddy and messy roads of rural Vermont life. Tickets \$25. 7:30 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 North Main St. (802) 476-8188. www.barreoperahouse.org. eriknielsenmusic.com.

BRATTLEBORO. Ninth Annual Puppets in the Green Mountains International Festival: Walking to the Borders. La Femme Blanche. 5:30 pm, BMAC. White Like Me: A Honky Dory Puppet Show. \$18. 8 pm. New England Youth Theater, 110 Flat St. (802) 387-4051.

HUBBARDTON. Day of Remembrance. The site is open without charge on Patriot Day for those who wish to contemplate or to honor past heroes. 9:30 am - 5:30 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282.historicsites.vermont.gov.

LUDLOW. Ludlow Farmers' Market. Locally grown produce, prepared foods, crafts, and live entertainment. A very pleasant market. EBT and debit cards. 4-7 pm. Front lawn of Okemo Mountain School, 53 Main St., Jerry Milligan. (802) 734-3829. lfmkt@tds.net. ludlowfarmersmarket.org. Fridays through October 9.

RANDOLPH. Performance: The Capitol Steps. Tickets \$36. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. For tickets call (802) 728-6464. Info call (802) 728-9878. www.chandler-arts.org. www.capsteps.com.

RUTLAND. 170th Annual Vermont State Fair. Admission \$12, children 6 and under free. 12-10 pm. Rutland Fairgrounds, 175 S. Main St. (802) 775-5200. www.vermontstatefair.org. Through September 12.

SPRINGFIELD. The First Annual Springfield Steampunk Festival. Steampunk is an imaginative mix of artisanship, Victorian-era fantasy and reality, the science fiction of H.G. Wells and Jules Verne. Performers, workshops, musicians, tea dueling, Stargazer's Ball, Victorian era bike ride, trader's bazaar, Steampunk fashion show, time machine photo booth, talks, children's activities, telescope observatory tour, picnic, vendors, and more. At the Great Hall, Hartness House and other venues around town. For tickets and schedule go to: springfieldvtsteampunkfest.com. Through September 13.

TINMOUTH. Concert: Swing Noire plays Gypsy jazz, hot swing, jazz manouche. Donations \$10, homemade refreshments available. Doors open at 7 pm, concert at 7:30 pm. Old Firehouse Stage, Rt. 140 and Mountain View Rd. (802) 446-3953. tinmouthvt.org.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

ADDISON. Five Formidable Forts of the Lake Champlain Narrows Bus Tour. Guided bus and walking tour exploring five formidable forts of the Lake Champlain Narrows. Meet at Chimney Point State Historic Site in Addison. Picnic lunch at Crown Point provided. Co-sponsored by Mount Independence Coalition. Call (802) 759-2412 for details, fee, and pre-registration info. historicsites.vermont.gov.

COLCHESTER. Performance: A Fleeting Animal—An Opera From Judevine. Written by Vermont poet David Budbill and Vermont composer Érik Nielsen, the tragic love story of Tommy, a recently returned veteran, and Grace, a struggling and misunderstood single mother. Tickets \$25. 7:30 pm. Elley-Long Music Center, St. Michael's College. (802) 655-5030. eriknielsenmusic.com.

DUMMERSTON. Chicken Pie Supper. With homemade biscuits, mashed potatoes and gravy, fresh winter squash, broccoli/cauliflower au gratin, and apple desserts. \$10 for adults and \$5 six and under. Cost is \$10 adults and \$5 six and under. Serving 5-7 pm. Dummerston Grange, 1008 East-West Rd. (802) 254-2517.

EDEN. Hike on Mt. Norris. Ample parking, big rocks, trees, a water feature, a clearing, a lake view and a trail register. A moderate, 3.6 miles round trip. Free, newcomers and nonmembers welcome. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Leader: Mary Lou Recor, (802) 660-2834. greenmountainclub.org.

GLOVER. Bread & Puppet Museum. A performance of Underneath the Above Shows in the Paper Mache Cathedral. \$10 suggested donation. Museum tour at 6 pm. Show at 7:30 pm. Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. (802) 525-3031. breadandpuppet.org. Also September 19 & 26.









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MANCHESTER. Maple Leaf Half Marathon & Kotler 5K Run and Fun Walk. 5K run/walk for runners, walkers, kids, families or for those not up to the challenge of the half marathon's 13.1 miles. (802) 362-6313.

NORWICH. Contradance with Northern Spy. Guest caller Steve Zakon-Anderson. Admission \$8 (students \$5, seniors by donation, under 16 free). Walk-through and introduction for new dancers at 7:45 pm. Dance at 8 pm. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 785-4607. rbarrows@cs.dartmouth.edu. Second Saturdays through November.

PROCTORSVILLE. Vermont Golden Honey Festival. Artists, crafters, beekeepers, and food purveyors. The festival is free, offers kids crafts and activities, temporary tattoos, honeybee education, a scavenger hunt and much more. 10 am - 4 pm. Golden Stage Inn, Depot Street and Rt. 103. (802) 226-7744. www.cavendishconnects.com.

RUTLAND. 170th Annual Vermont State Fair. New England Championship Demolition Derby at 7 pm, \$10 grandstand. Admission \$12, children 6 and under free. 10 am – 10 pm. Rutland Fairgrounds, 175 S. Main St. (802) 775-5200. www.vermontstatefair.org.

SPRINGFIELD. The First Annual Springfield Steampunk Festival. At the Great Hall, Hartness House and other venues around town. For tickets and schedule go to: www. springfieldvtsteampunkfest.com. Also September 13.

SPRINGFIELD. Help Clean Up the Black River. Meet at Springfield Shopping Plaza, Chester Rd. at 8 a.m. Hosted by Black River Action Team. Contact Kelly Stettner, blackrivercleanup@yahoo.com. (802) 738-0456.

WESTMINSTER. Massacre! A reenactment of the 'Westminster Massacre." Free, donations welcome. Lunch of soups, bread and apples with the colonial dressed re-enactors, at noon at the fire house on Grout Ave., \$5. The museum in the town hall will be open with many artifacts from the massacre. 1:30 pm at the town hall in the center of Westminster. (802) 722-4772.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. 23rd Annual Glory Days Festival. Food, games, carnival rides, vintage cars and tractor show, music, lego show, model railroad show. Green Mountain Train Excursions on the hour from 10:30 am, last train at 2:45 pm, tickets \$10 pp. Main stage music from 10 am – 4 pm. Children's shows at 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, 2:30 pm. Murder Mystery Dinner Train departing at 4:30 pm, tickets \$65 pp. Night train photo shoot at 8 pm. Free admission, a charge for tickets. 10 am – 4 pm, downtown. (802) 295-5036 x 230. recreation@

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

BRATTLEBORO. Ninth Annual Puppets in the Green Mountains International Festival: Walking to the Borders. Made of Paper, three pieces of small theater made of paper, \$10, students/seniors \$8, 11 am and 3 pm, Latchis Ballroom, 50 Main St. La Femme Blanche, 7:30 pm, New England Youth Theater (outdoors). D-Generation: An Exaltation of Larks, \$20, students/seniors \$18, 8 pm, New England Youth Theater, 110 Flat St. (802) 387-4051.

FERRISBURGH. Who's Milking Now? Cheryl Mitchell of the Addison County Farmworker Coalition explains how Vermont's struggling dairy farms are kept afloat today by undocumented Hispanic workers. Learn more about the harsh conditions and isolation these workers face. \$2 program only or free with museum admission: adults \$10, seniors \$9, students \$8, under 5 free. 3 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. rokeby.org.

HARDWICK. A Fleeting Animal: An Opera From Judevine. Written by Vermont poet David Budbill and Vermont composer Erik Nielsen, the tragic love story of Tommy, a recently returned veteran, and Grace, a struggling and misunderstood single mother. Tickets \$25.4 pm. Hardwick Town House, 127 Church St. (802) 472-7163. hardwicktownhouse.org. eriknielsenmusic.com.

SPRINGFIELD. The First Annual Springfield Steampunk Festival. At the Great Hall, Hartness House and other venues around town. For tickets and schedule go to: www.springfieldvtsteampunkfest.com.

WEST PAWLET. Benefit Pancake Breakfast. A fundraiser for the fire department. \$8 for 12 years and up, \$5 for 5-12 years and free to children under 5. 7:30 am -11 am at the West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Dept. firehouse at 2806 Rt. 153, Main St. (802) 345-4312. Breakfasts continue monthly

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. 23rd Annual Glory Days Festival. Green Mountain Train Excursions up the Connecticut River, 10:30 am and 2 pm, tickets \$15. Produced by Hartford Parks and Recreation Department. Amtrack station, downtown. (802) 295-5036 x 230. recreation@ hartford-vt.org. www.hartford-vt.org.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

RUPERT. Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides. Make a morning or afternoon out of your wagon ride, and bring a picnic lunch with you. Before or after your ride, walk or hike to one of several picnic destinations. 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, 12 noon. Cost: \$150/ride for two to six people. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. www. merckforest.org. Saturdays and Tuesdays through October 31.



WOODSTOCK. On-Farm Workshop: Cover Crops for Homesteaders & Gardeners. With Charlie Nardozzi. This workshop will discuss the technique, varieties, considerations, and benefits of cover-cropping. Cost: \$40. 4-6 pm. Kelly Way Gardens at Woodstock Inn & Resort, 100 Kelly Way. (802) 434-4122. Rachel@nofavt.org. nofavt.org/ows.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

BARNARD. Feast and Field Farmers' Market. 4:30-7:30 pm; folk, reggae and original music at 5:30 pm by Harmony Hotel. 1544 Royalton Turnpike. (802) 999 3391. clovermont@gmail.com. feastandfield.com. Every Thursday through October 22.

BURLINGTON. Concert: Dwight Yoakam. Tickets \$25-\$80. 7:30 pm. Flynn Center MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org.

TUNBRIDGE. 148th Annual Tunbridge World's Fair. Dedicated to family farm traditions and current trends all 4 days, with livestock shows, Antique Hill Museum, harness racing, midway and entertainment. Located in the beautiful First Branch of the White River farming valley. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Route 110. (802) 889-5555. www.tunbridgeworldsfair.com. Through September 20.



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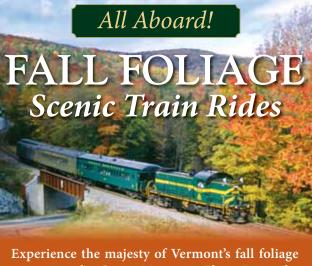


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Vermont Country Calendar

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

ADDISON. Annual Atlatl Workshop. Atlatl experts Bob and Cheryll Berg of Thunderbird Atlatl teach traditional and modern techniques of atlatl and dart construction, flint knapping, hafting stone points, and cordage making. Enjoy atlatl lore and coaching on the use of your new atlatl. \$65 includes instruction and materials. Pre-registration required: elsa.gilbertson@state.vt.us. A Vermont Archaeology Month program. 12-5 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicsites.vermont.gov.

CASTLETON. 11th Annual Golf Outing. To benefit Castleton Community Center. Golf in a scramble format, dinner, awards party, prizes. Men's and woman's awards. Registration begins at 11:45 am and shotgun start at 1 pm. Registration fee: \$90. Lake St. Catherine Country Club, 2395 VT Rt. 30. To register call (802) 468-3093.

PUTNEY. Ninth Annual Puppets in the Green Mountains International Festival: Walking to the Borders. *Bend,* \$20, students/seniors \$18, 8 pm, Sandglass Theater, 17 Kimball Hill. (802) 387-4051. puppetsinthegreenmountains.com.

RUTLAND. Books and More Sale. 4-8 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. rutlandfree.org. Also September 19.

TUNBRIDGE. 148th Annual Tunbridge World's Fair. Dedicated to family farm traditions and current trends all 4 days, with livestock shows, Antique Hill Museum, harness racing, midway and entertainment. Located in the beautiful First Branch of the White River farming valley. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 889-5555. www. tunbridgeworldsfair.com. Through September 20.

WOODSTOCK. Performance: A Fleeting Animal—An Opera from Judevine. Written by Vermont poet David Budbill and Vermont composer Erik Nielsen, the tragic love story of Tommy, a recently returned veteran, and Grace, a struggling and misunderstood single mother. Tickets \$25. 7:30 pm. Woodstock Town Hall Theater, 31 The Green. (802) 457-3981. www.pentanglearts.org. eriknielsenmusic.com.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

ADDISON. 20th Annual Northeast Open Atlatl Championship. Participate in or watch this annual event. The sport of atlatl throwing is based on the ancient hunting technique of using the atlatl or spear thrower. Admission: adults \$3, children under 15 free. 1-3 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint.

CHESTER. The 41st Annual Fall Festival. Arts and crafts, foods, activities, and demonstrations. New England artists feature handmade glass, pottery, fiber art, woodcarvings, wooden bowls, paper art, watercolor and landscape paintings, soaps, jewelry, photography, and spinning and quilting demonstrations. Mid-day music by Vermont entertainers. Stroll through the quaint stone village and sample a variety of food. Beer garden behind the Fullerton Inn. Sponsored by Chester Rotary Club. Parking off Cobleigh St behind Newsbank. 10 am – 4 pm on the Green. (802) 875-2444. chesterfallfestival.org. On Facebook. Also September 20.

LUDLOW. Help Clean Up the Black River. Meet at the Gazebo on the town green by Fletcher Memorial Library at 8 am. Hosted by Black River Action Team. Contact Kelly Stettner, blackrivercleanup@yahoo.com.

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RUTLAND. Books and More Sale. 4-8 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. rutlandfree.org.

RUTLAND. Help Clean Up Moon & Mussey Brooks. Meet at 170 S. Main St. at 9 am. Hosted by the Rutland Stream Team. Contact Nanci McGuire, nanci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net.

ST. JOHNSBURY. Colors of the Kingdom Train Ride. The train follows the tracks of the Connecticut and Passumpsic Railroad, established in 1850, and clings to the banks of the Connecticut and Passumpsic rivers. Tickets: adults \$13, children (12 and under) \$7. 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm. St. Johnsbury Welcome Center, Railroad St. (802) 748-2600. www.catamountarts.org.

SHELBURNE. Shelburne Farms 37th Annual Harvest Festival. \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and children 3-17, free for 2 and under. 10 am - 4 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org

SHOREHAM. Fall Rummage and Food Sale. Great bargains on clothing and other items, as well as fabulous food items. 9 am -2 pm. Special bag sale starts at noon! Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School Rd. (802) 897-8591.

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VERGENNES. Performance: A Fleeting Animal—An Opera from Judevine. Written by Vermont poet David Budbill and Vermont composer Erik Nielsen, the tragic love story of Tommy, a recently returned veteran, and Grace, a struggling and misunderstood single mother. Tickets \$25. 7:30 pm. Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. (802) 877-6737. www.vergennesoperahouse.org. eriknielsenmusic.com.

WEST DOVER. Vermont Festival. Saturday and Sunday, Vermont vintners, small specialty food producers, chefs, painters, publishers, cheesemakers, potters, jewelers, photographers and farmers. Mount Snow Resort. (802) 464-8092. Also September 20.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

CHESTER. The 41st Annual Fall Festival. Arts and crafts, foods, activities, and demonstrations. New England artists feature handmade glass, pottery, fiber art, woodcarvings, wooden bowls, paper art, watercolor and landscape paintings, soaps, jewelry, photography, and spinning and quilting demonstrations. Mid-day music by Vermont entertainers. Stroll through the quaint stone village and sample a variety of food. Beer garden behind the Fullerton Inn. Sponsored by Chester Rotary Club. Parking off Cobleigh St behind Newsbank. 10 am – 4 pm on the Green. (802) 875-2444. chesterfallfestival.org. On Facebook.

HUBBARDTON. Pittsford Ridge Hike. Explore part of the July 7, 1777, American evacuation route up to Pittsford Ridge after the Battle of Hubbardton on a hike led by site interpreter Carl Fuller. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. Vermont Archaeology Month program. Admission: adults \$6, children under 15 are free. Admission: adults \$3, children 14 and under are free. 2-5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov.

RANDOLPH. Performance: A Fleeting Animal—An Opera from Judevine. A collaborative work by two Vermont artists, composer Erik Nielsen and poet David Budbill, the tragic love story of Tommy, a recently returned veteran, and Grace, a struggling and misunderstood single mother. Tickets \$25, students with an adult \$5. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. For tickets call (802) 728-6464. chandler-arts.org. eriknielsenmusic.com.

SHAFTSBURY. Sunday Afternoons with Robert Frost Series welcomes back poet Sydney Lea. His program, "Following in the Footsteps of Robert Frost as Poet Laureate of Vermont," will feature poetry from his new collection. Free. 2 pm. Robert Frost Stone House Museum, 121 Historic Rt. 7A. (802) 447-6200. frostnow@sover.net. frostfriends.org.



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My day had suddenly deflated from the early morning Inn at about 6 p.m., just in time to join my friends Bev and high of a road trip west to Kitchener, Ontario. I sat in a bland waiting area at Canadian Customs in Cornwall, doing my impression of a suspected criminal. A group of young girls

milled nearby while their frustrated summer camp leader dealt with some kind of border issue. I overheard hushed language like "without this document you can't come in" and "take a U-turn and re-enter the US, eh".

The disappointment I saw on those girls' faces matched my own, plus anger, anger mostly at myself for saying a stupid thing. My response to the question, "why are you coming into Canada?", had caused my whole problem. I had used the words "speaking in Kitchener", thereby implying that I was making money there. Oh, how I wished I could have stuffed

those words back into my mouth! Yes, I had been invited as keynote speaker at a convention of the Ontario Maple Syrup Producer's Association but, no, I wasn't charging them. I have many great friends out

there, and to charge for the pleasure of being among them I mentioned my border debacle and joked that, having heard would have been heresy. It was purely a vacation to me but, re-entering the US can be even worse, I would have to stay in unfortunately, my present situation hardly felt like a vacation.

Finally, after an hour and a half of sitting, an agent who had the personality of a plantar wart called me to the counter. At the end of his grilling, my feeling of relief was short lived. "You'll be free to leave if your car passes our inspection," he said. He beckoned me out to my car and ordered me to stand in front of it while he and another agent donned rubber gloves and went at the Toyota like hungry animals, opening, fingering, sniffing—they even leafed through my notebook, reading every page. Finally "plantar wart" motioned me to another area, gruffly pounded my passport with a stamp, and let me go with a curt, "have a nice day." Muttering, "I doubt it after all this," I got back in my car, cranked up a Miles Davis CD to high volume, and once again headed west. The beautiful Canada countryside, however, soon brought complete resiliency and I suddenly knew the rest of my trip would be as excellent as my border experience had been horrendous. Even Toronto traffic, which I had been warned about, was not bad at all. I arrived at the Kitchener Holiday

Disorder at the Border

by Burr Morse

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me to the counter."

NEWS FROM VERMONT

Cathy Campbell for a pleasant country ride to Anna Mae's Mennonite restaurant and a generous helping of the world's best broasted chicken.

My three day tour in the Kitchener area was indeed excellent. Of all the places in this world I've travelled, there's no place that rolls out the red carpet better than Ontario. Although Quebec gets most of Canada's maple attention, Ontario's sugar making area is vast, extending from its eastern border, west to Lake Superior and north, part way to James Bay. My second day there brought a visit to five different "sugar camps" where this Vermont maple guy learned volumes! Most surprising to me was the diversity of terrains and cultures; although flat land by Vermont standards, those

folks, heavy to Mennonites who don't drive cars, employ state-of-the-art vacuum to extract huge amounts of sap from their trees

The banquet was held on my final night there. In my address,

Ontario. I asked if there might be a family willing to adopt me and employ my hard labor in return for "three hots and a cot."

As it turned out, my re-entry to the U.S. at Niagara Falls the next day was easy. The U.S. agent quickly examined my passport and motioned me along as if to say "come on in—you belong here." And I did. I travelled back home to Vermont, still high from a road trip. My thoughts, though, were at odds. I thought of a big world full of political boundaries designed to question, distrust, and tear apart. Then I thought of the friends I had just left, and smiled—there are no ugly borders in the maple world.

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TUNBRIDGE. 148th Annual Tunbridge World's Fair. Dedicated to family farm traditions and current trends all 4 days, with livestock shows, Antique Hill Museum, harness racing, midway and entertainment. Located in the beautiful First Branch of the White River farming valley. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 889-5555. www.tunbridgeworldsfair.com.

WEST WHEELOCK. Preservation Party! Join the Swap Sisters for an afternoon of food preservation, tasting, and swapping. Workshops then sampling for happy hour. Bring something homemade to share—beverages or food. If you have extra cultures such as kefir grains, yogurt culture, sourdough, kombuchas mother, vinegar mother; bring some to share with a label and directions. Childcare provided, but must register in advance, call (802) 533-9929. Sliding scale donation \$5-\$25. 1-5 pm at Wheelock Mountain Farm, halfway between Hardwick and Glover, 2 miles off of Rt. 16. For directions go to wheelockmtnfarm. weebly.com/directions. For more information contact swapsisters@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

MIDDLEBURY. Gallery Talk: Wednesdays with Warren. Vermont artist Warren Kimble will present a gallery talk about the Sheldon Museum's exhibit Warren Kimble All-American Artist: An Eclectic Retrospective. Free with Museum admission. Noon. Sheldon Museum, One Park St. (802) 388-2117. www.HenrySheldonMuseum.org.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

BURLINGTON. 11th Annual Burlington Book Festival. Readings, book signings, panels, workshops, demos, family activities, and special events featuring literary luminaries from around the world and just around the corner. 2015 authors include: Martha Barnette, Vanessa Blakeslee, Harry Bliss, Tim Brookes, David Cavanaugh, Alice Eckles, John Elder, Ann Hood, Major Jackson, Frederick Lane, David Macaulay, Tony Magistrale, Rebecca Makkai, Cleopatra Mathis, Paul Muldoon, David Nicholson, Jay Parini, Richard Polt, Abigail Thomas, Nancy Welch, David Wells, and Susan Wolfson. All events are free and open to the public. For more information contact Rick Kisonak at (802) 658-3328. Or write to: The Burlington Book Festival, PO Box 68, Williston, VT 05495. burlingtonbookfestival.com. *Thru September* 27.

LUDLOW. Ludlow Farmers' Market. Front lawn of Okemo Mountain School, 53 Main St., Jerry Milligan. (802) 734-3829. lfmkt@tds.net. ludlowfarmersmarket.org. *Fridays through October 9*.

TINMOUTH. Concert: Woods Tea Company. Folk/ Americana/Irish group, with some French Canadian music thrown in. Donations \$10, homemade refreshments available. Doors open at 7 pm, concert at 7:30 pm. Old Firehouse Stage, Rt. 140 and Mountain View Rd. (802) 446-3953. wilburs@greenmtn.edu. tinmouthvt.org.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

BELMONT. Roast Pork Supper. All-you-can-eat, served home style. Adults \$12, children 11 and under \$6. Settings start 5 pm at The Odd Fellows Hall. Hosted by The Odd Fellows. Take-outs available. (802) 259-2460.

BRISTOL. Bristol Harvest Festival. 5K Race, 70+ crafters/vendors, children's venue, apple pie contest, farmer's market, bandstand music, and more. Free and family-friendly. 10 am - 4 pm. (802) 388-7951 x 102. www.bristolharvestfest.com.

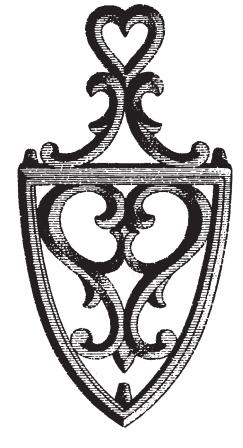
BRISTOL. 8th Annual Tour de Farms. A new 37-mile bicycle route will feature eight farm stops and 18 participating farms and restaurants sampling everything from apple cider to pesto, from pulled pork to watermelon. Runs through Bristol, New Haven, Monkton, Hinesburg and Starksboro and ends up back in Bristol at the Harvest Festival. Rain or shine. Advance registration now open at acornvt.org/portfolio/tour-de-farms closing September 18 at 5 pm. Advanced registration fee \$35 adults, \$20 kids 14-18. On-site registration fee \$55 adults, \$30 kids. Hosted by ACORN (Addison County Relocalization Network). (802) 382-0401. info@acornvt.org.

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CHESTER. Steiff Trunk Show. Refreshments at 11:30 am. Presentation at 1 pm by Rebekah Kaufman and Carolyn Smith. New 2015 Steiff! Available Steiff stock goes back to the 1980's. Free goody bags, refreshments, door prizes. Browse and shop. Free admission. Reservations available at the Inn. Hugging Bear Inn & Shoppe, 244 Main St. (800) 325-0519. www.huggingbear.com.

EAST BURKE. VT Gas and Steam Engine Show. Working displays of antique engines, etc. which demonstrate the advances made in farming and business at the outset of the Industrial Revolution and up thru the 1940s. Donuts and coffee, and a barbeque. Admission & parking are free! 9 am - 4 pm. Off the Belden Hill Road, by "Dishmill Forest Products." (802) 234-9170.

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EAST BURKE. 28th Annual Burke Fall Foliage Festival. 10 am parade. Citizen of the year award. Children's activities. Raffle tables, silent auction, Cow plop bingo! 70 vendors including hand-turned wooden bowls, jewelry, hand-made soaps, fiber arts, pottery, locally made chocolate truffles. BBQ. Music from Chickweed at the gazebo from 12:30 - 2:30 pm, and later on Tritium Well at Mike's Tiki Bar. On the green. (802) 626-4124. burkechamber@burkevermont.com. burkevermont.com.

GRAFTON. 7th Annual Fairy House Festival. Visitors will follow a nature path sprinkled with charming fairy houses, then return to The Nature Museum to create their own fairy dwellings in the gardens. Enjoy hands-on crafts, face painting and bubbles. Light refreshments available for purchase and picnicking encouraged. Tickets are: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$5 children, 2 and under are free. 10 am – 4 pm. The Nature Museum, 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. www.nature-museum.org. *Also September* 27.

NEWBURY. The 35th Annual Fall Festival. Silent auction, plants, fudge, cookies, and crafts. Local musicians Brian Emerson, Trista Burns and friends will on the front steps of the church. Book and white elephant sale at the Mustard Seed Thrift Store and a book sale at Tenney Memorial Library. Hay rides throughout the day. A-la-carte lunch at the "Sugar House" serving hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, baked beans, chili, coleslaw, beverages, and dessert. Women's Fellowship of the church raffles a hand-made quilt. Pick up a copy of the famous Crackerbarrel Cookbook, featuring recipes from some of Newbury's best cooks. 9 am – 3 pm. First Congregational Church of Newbury, 4915 Main St. South. (802) 866-5544.

PITTSFORD. 11th Annual Pittsford Home Grown & Hand Made Harvest Fair. Outdoors, rain or shine, with some indoor spaces. 10 am – 3 pm, rain or shine. On the Pittsford Village Green under the maple trees. (802) 483-9972. pittsfordharvestfair@comcast.net.

PROCTOR. The Vermont Marble Museum celebrates nationwide Smithsonian Museum Alive Day with free admission. Take a roundtrip to Proctor on Vermont Railways antique 150-passenger train leaving Rutland (Amtrak Station) at 8:30 am, 11:30 am, and 3:30 pm. Fares \$10 adults, \$3 children, ticket sales start at the Depot at 8 am that day. The last train back to Rutland departs Proctor at 5:30 pm. See our 2nd Annual Display of 150 Carved Crafted Pumpkins throughout the museum. Food including pizza, chicken wings, hot dogs and ice cream from vendors in the Museum garden. 9 am – 5:30 pm. The Vermont Marble Museum, 52 Main St. (800) 427-1396. www.vermontmarblemuseum.org.

QUECHEE. Vermont Institute of Natural Science en Plein Air Painting Festival. Festivities include an en Plein Air Painting Competition, art exhibit and sale, live music and more for artists and visitors. Over \$3,500 in cash prizes. VINS Nature Center, 6565 Woodstock Rd., Rt. 4, 1/4 mile west of Quechee Gorge. (802) 359-5000. info@vinsweb. org. www.vinsweb.org. *Through October 3*.

RUPERT. Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides. Make a morning or afternoon out of your wagon ride, and bring a picnic lunch with you. Before or after your ride, walk or hike to one of several picnic destinations. 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, 12 noon. Cost: \$150/ride for two to six people. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. www.merckforest.org. *Saturdays and Tuesdays through October 31.*

STOWE. Olate Dogs Rescue Tour 2015. A high-energy, fast-paced canine theatrical act filled with amazing dog tricks, human acrobatics and humor. Tickets: \$20, \$36, \$45. 7 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. www.sprucepeakarts.org.

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(September 26, continued)

WOODSTOCK. 12th Annual Vermont Fine Woodworking & Forest Festival. Fine furniture, artisans, wood products, live music and local food. Demonstrations, junior ranger program, self-guided forest quest, woodworking workshop, horse-drawn wagon rides, hands-on wood crafting, horse-powered logging, lost big trees program, hikes. Park admission free; admission charged to Billings Farm. 10 am - 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum and Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, Rte. 12. (802) 457-3368 ext. 22. www.vermontwoodfestival.org. Also September 27.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

BRISTOL. Better L8 Then Never Car Show. Food available at the field, live DJ, bake sale, raffles. Admission for spectators is free. 9 am - 4 pm. Recreation Field. (802) 388-7951 x 102. www.BetterL8ThanNever.com.

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DERBY LINE. Vermont Symphony Orchestra: Made in Vermont Music Festival. Tickets: \$29/adult, \$25/senior, \$10/under 18, \$6/VT State College Students. 4 pm. Haskell Opera House, 93 Caswell Ave. (802) 334-2216. www.catamountarts.org.

FERRISBURGH. Daisy Turner's Kin. Folklorist Jane Beck began interviewing Daisy Turner, then 100 years old, in 1983. Daisy preserved centuries of her family's heritage - from Africa to Vermont and from slavery to freedom. Beck's new book will be available for sale and signing. \$2 program only or free with museum admission: adults \$10, seniors \$9, students \$8, under 5 free. 3 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. rokeby.org.

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HUBBARDTON. Total Lunar Eclipse Night. Experienced Green Mountain Alliance of Amateur Astronomers moon gazers share their equipment and knowledge, conditions permitting. Bring blankets and flashlights. If inclement weather, inside illustrated program. Call to confirm. Admission: adults \$6, children under 15 are free. Admission: adults \$3, children 14 and under are free. 8-11 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282.

SHOREHAM. Annual Jamaican Hymn Sing. Many of the Jamaicans who come to pick apples in our area gather for a festive evening of worship through song. Refreshments will be served. Free will offering to benefit various mission work in Jamaica. 7:30 pm. Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School Rd. (802) 897-5420.

STRAFFORD. 19th Century Apple & Cheese Harvest Festival. Tours the gardens, exhibits, an icehouse, ice pond and a historic home decorated with gingerbread designs. Make your own cider in an antique press, taste a variety of heirloom apples, fine Vermont cheeses, hand-cranked ice cream and homemade apple pie. Make apple prints, play period games, hike the lookout trail. Admission: adults \$10, children 14 and under \$5, including lunch. 11 am - 3 pm. Justin Morrill State Historic Site, 214 Justin Morrill Hwy. (802) 765-4484. historicsites.vermont.gov.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

BURLINGTON. Book Discussion: Before I Say Goodbye by Ruth Picardie. Part of the Memorable Memoirs: Take Two series. Led by Florence McCloud. Free. 1 pm. Hosted by the Fletcher Free Library. Heineberg Senior Center, 14 Heineberg Rd. (802) 865-7211. www.vermonthumanities.org.

WALDEN. Northeast Kingdom Annual Fall Foliage Festival: Walden's Country Fair. Registration at 9 am at the Walden Church in Noyesville with coffee & donuts. Traditional action exhibits, arts & crafts. Country music and small home businesses. Homemade soup and sandwich lunch. Barbecue Beef Supper with home baked pies, beginning at 5:30 pm, \$12. Supper reservations: (802) 563-2777 (evenings). Day of the event: (802) 563-2265. www.nekchamber.com.

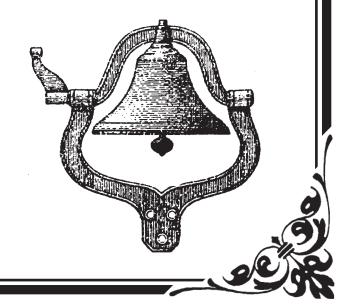
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

CABOT. Northeast Kingdom Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Coffee, donuts and crafts at the Willey Memorial Building, 9 am – 3 pm; sign up for tours and make lunch and supper reservations. Tour old school houses, historical locations, craft shops, hay rides to a sugarhouse, the Cabot Creamery, or the hydroelectric plant. Or hike to Nichols Ledge and take the scenic shutterbug tour. Corn chowder and chili luncheon (adults \$6, children \$2.50) at Cabot Church at 11:30 am, 12:30 and 1:15 pm. Turkey dinner at 5 pm and 6:15 pm (adults \$12, children \$5) at the Cabot School. Ticket reservations: (802) 563-2715. Information: (802) 917-2992. www.nekchamber.com,

RUPERT. Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides. 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, 12 noon. Cost: \$150/ride for two to six people. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. www. merckforest.org. Saturdays and Tuesdays thru October 31.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

PLAINFIELD. Northeast Kingdom Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Coffee hour at 9 am and registration at Grace United Methodist Church. Foliage tours at 10 am and 1 pm. Barre Granite Museum, Marshfield School of Weaving (old time weaving), Blackthorne Forge, Hope Cemetery and Bragg's Sugar House. Self-guided tours of The Quarries, Owl's Head and Plainfield Village. Cafeteriastyle luncheon 11:30 am - 1 pm, \$5. Entertainment in the afternoon. Barbecued Chicken, Mostaccioli and Baked Bean Supper at 5 and 6 pm, \$12. Reservations: (802) 454-7301 or (802) 454-8306. www.nekchamber.com.







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A Fleeting Animal: An Opera from Judevine

A Fleeting Animal: An Opera From Judevine, a contemporary opera, written by Vermont poet David Budbill and Vermont comtragic love story of Tommy, a recently returned veteran (played by Adam Hall), and Grace, a struggling and misunderstood single mother (played by Mary Bonhag). The supporting characters leap straight from the often muddy and messy roads of rural Vermont life.

This newly revised production is led by Anne Decker as Artistic Director conducting her ensemble TURNmusic and Margo Whitcomb as Stage Director.

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ters and libretto and music inspired by French Canadian fiddle tunes, the blues, jazz, and other contemporary poser Erik Nielsen, is the styles, A Fleeting Animal appeals to a broad audience, including those who wouldn't normally attend an opera. The cast includes Sarah Cullins, Allison Mills, Johnny Lee Green, Geoffrey Penar, Thomas Beard and George Cordes, and a chorus filled with some of Vermont's finest singers. TURNmusic includes Mary Rowell, John Dunlop and other top Vermont musicians.

Schedule

• Friday, September 11: arts.org. A Fleeting Animal is time- Barre Opera House, Barre, less in its themes: the harm VT 7:30 p.m. (802) 476-

> • Saturday, September 12: St. Michael's College, Col-

With its earthy charac- chester, VT, 7:30 p.m. (802) 655-5030. • Sunday, September 13: Hardwick Town House, Hardwick, VT, 4 p.m. (802) 472-7163. hardwicktown house.org.

> • Friday, September 18: Woodstock Town Hall Theater, Woodstock, VT, 7:30 p.m. (802) 457-3981. www. pentanglearts.org.

> • Saturday, September 19: Vergennes Opera House, Vergennes, VT, 7:30 p.m. (802) 877-6737. www.vergennes operahouse.org.

> • Sunday, September 20: Chandler Center for the Arts, Randolph, VT, 4 p.m. (802) 728-9878. www.chandler-

Fleeting Moments: Why We Go On

A pair of companion art shows will be on exhibit in September. More than 20 artists and poets are participating with works that speak to the hardships and joys of rural living; love and loss; and the experience of returning veterans, their families and communities.

The first of the two shows is at Chandler Downstairs Gallery in Randolph, VT and runs through September 27. Gallery hours are Friday 3-6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 12-3 p.m.; and all day September 6.

The second show is being held at the Barre Opera House during September. This show features completely different works from those on exhibit at Chandler.

For more information visit eriknielsenmusic.com.

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WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Wednesdays. Horse-drawn wagon rides from 11 am – 3 pm. Admission includes all programs and activities: adults \$14, age 62 and up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, ages 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, one-half mile north of the Woodstock village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. *Wednesdays through September 30*.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES 2015

ADDISON. Chimney Point State Historic Site. Learn how to use the atlatl (ancient spear thrower). Children's French Colonial dress-up basket. Open 9:30 am - 5 pm, Wed. - Sun. and Monday Holidays. 8149 VT Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicsites.vermont.gov. Open *May 23 through October 12*.

BENNINGTON. Bennington Battle Monument. Vermont's tallest structure, is open to the public for educational exploration from 9 am to 5 pm daily through Oct. 31. Admission \$3 adults, \$1 children ages six through 14 years. Children under six years and scheduled school groups are free. (802) 447-0550. historicsites.vermont.gov.

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

FAIRFIELD. President Chester Arthur Historic Site. Admission by donation. Open Saturday and Sunday, and Monday holidays 11 am – 5 pm. 4588 Chester Arthur Rd. (802) 933-8362. historicsites.vermont.gov. *July 4 through October 12*.

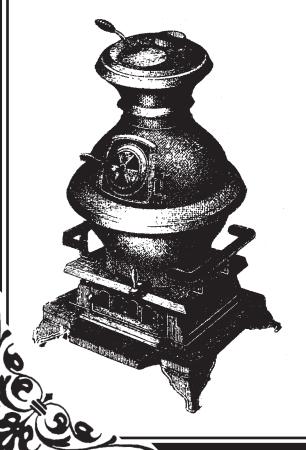
HARTLAND. Upper Valley Seed Savers meet on the second Thursday of the month at 5 pm at various member's gardens, through the summer. Our mission is to further knowledge about seed saving and to work on projects that will help develop a body of locally-adapted openpollinated vegetable seeds. For information, or if you can't come to meetings but would like to receive a monthly email with our minutes which contain information on our projects, please contact Sylvia Davatz at sdav@valley.net or call (802) 436-3262.

HUBBARDTON. Hubbardton Battlefield. Bring your flag to be raised over the Hubbardton Battlefield and receive a certificate. Children's colonial dress-up basket. Admission: adults \$3, children 14 and under free. 9:30 am – 5 pm. Thursday through Sunday and Monday holidays. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. elsa.gilbertson@state. vt.us. www.historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton. *May 23 through October 12*.

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.

ORWELL. Mount Independence State Historic Site. Special exhibit: Mount Independence Depicted. Children's Discovery Corner. Special events. \$5 adults, free for children under 15. Open daily, 9:30 am – 5:30 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. www.historicsites. vermont.gov/MountIndependence. *May* 23 – *October* 12.

PLYMOUTH NOTCH. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. Adults \$8, children 6 to 14 \$2, under 6 free. Family pass \$25. 9:30 am - 5 pm daily. 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicsites.vermont.gov. *May 23 through October 18*.



PROCTOR. The Vermont Marble Museum Pumpkin Decorating Contest. From now until judging on October 4th at 1 p.m., there is a pumpkin decorating contest for children of all ages. For a free pumpkin, come to the Museum, pickup a coupon, and take it to Garden Time in Rutland to receive a pumpkin to decorate. Open daily 10 am to 5 pm. The Vermont Marble Museum, 52 Main St. (800) 427-1396. www.vermontmarblemuseum.org.

PROCTOR. Wilson Castle Guided Historic Tours. Daily 9 am - 5 pm. Adults \$10; children ages 6-12, \$6; ages 6 and under free. Murder Mystery tours. Haunted Castle tours in October. Wilson Castle, 2708 West St. (802) 773-3284. www.wilsoncastle.com. *Through mid-October*.

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

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

STRAFFORD. Justin Morrill Homestead. Admission: adults \$6, children 14 and under free. Open Wednesday through Sunday and Monday holidays, 11 am – 5 pm. 214 Justin Morrill Highway. (802) 765-4484. historicsites. vermont.gov.

WEST RUTLAND. Vermont Herbal General Store. Owned and operated by a registered pharmacist. Tai' Chi Gung classes, Tuesdays at 5 pm at the store. Free intro classes. Usul & Karuna Reiki Healings & Classes. Handmade Herbal Medicines, Oils, Essences, Crystals, Gemstones & Books. Teas, Lotions, and Capsules. All are welcome. Open Tuesday & Wednesday 1-6, Thursday-Saturday 12-6, Sunday 1-4, closed Friday. Vermont Herbal General Store, 578 Main St. (802) 438-2766. info@vermontherbal.com. On Facebook and Twitter. www.vermontherbal.com.

WINDSOR. Cider Hill Gardens & Art Gallery. Open through October Thursday-Sunday 10 am – 5 pm daily. At 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. ciderhillgardens.com. garymilek.com.

WINDSOR. Old Constitution House. Admission: adults \$3, 14 and under free. Open weekends and Monday holidays, 11 am - 5 pm. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 Main St. (802) 672-3773. www.historicsites.vermont. gov/constitution. *May 23 through October 12*.

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. Visit the Carriage Barn Visitor Center open daily 10 am – 5 pm through October 31. 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. One admission fee for both the Vermont Heritage Galleries in Barre and the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier. Adults \$5; families \$12; students, children, seniors \$3; children under 6 free. Mon thru Fri, 9 am – 4 pm. Vermont Historical Society, 60 Washington St. (802) 479-8500.

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. Bennington Center for the Arts. Small Works Show May 23-December 20. Permanent collections, theater productions, workshops. Admission: adults \$9, seniors & students \$8, families \$20, under 12 are free. Open Wed-Mon, 10 am – 5 pm. Bennington Center for the Arts, 44 Gypsy Lane. (802) 442-7158. shirley@thebennington. org. www.thebennington.org.

BENNINGTON. Bennington Museum. Exhibit: People/ Place— American Social Landscape Photography, 1950-1980; photographs from the portfolios of Jonathan Brand, John Hubbard, Neil Rappaport, Garry Winogrand, and Lee Friedlander, through Nov. 8. Founding documents, fine art, and more. See Bennington Pottery, the 1924 Wasp Touring Car, Vermont furniture, and the Bennington Flag—one of America's oldest flags. Lectures, workshops, concerts, films, and the George Aiken Wildflower Trail. Admission: adults \$10, seniors and students over 18 \$9, children under 18 free. Free admission to the Gift Shop. Open 10 am - 5 pm every day except Wednesdays. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. www.benningtonmuseum.org.

BRANDON. Compass Music and Arts Center. Arts businesses and studios, classes & workshops, exhibits, concerts, and community events. A gift shop features art and music related books, collectibles, and the music of the classical recording company, Divine Art Records. Onsite café. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Drive, Park Village, 1.5 miles north of downtown. (802) 247-4295. www.cmacvt.org.





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BRATTLEBORO. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. New exhibits: "Gathering Threads—Contemporary Fiber Art"; "Dialogue—Lindenfeld + Lindenfeld"; "Children of the Oasis"; "Love, Labor, Worship—The People of Basin Farm"; and "Donald Saaf—Contemporary Folk Tales" Open daily 11-5, closed Tues. Admission \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$4 students, free for youth 18 and under. 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. www.brattleboromuseum.org.

BURLINGTON. Maritime Burlington Exhibit at Perkins Pier on the Burlington Waterfront. Highlights from Lake Champlain Maritime Museum's nautical archaeology fieldwork and historical research. Special demonstrations on weekends! 10 am – 5 pm. (802) 475-2022. www.lcmm.org. Wednesday-Sunday August 26 through October 12.

CHESTER. 103 Artisans Marketplace. Hand crafted gifts, decorative accessories, small batch Chocolates and Vermont Maple products. Owned by artists Elise & Payne Junker, exclusive showroom of Junker Studio metalwork. Open every day 10 am - 5 pm, closed Tuesday. Located on Rt. 103, south of town—look for the life-size moose! (802) 875-7400. Gallery103.com.

FERRISBURGH. Rokeby Museum. From 1793 to 1961, Rokeby was home to four generations of Robinsons remarkable family of Quakers, farmers, abolitionists, artists, and authors. Exhibits, buildings to tour, grounds to explore. Admission \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 students, children under 5 free. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. rokeby.org. Open through October 25.

GLOVER. Bread & Puppet Museum, One of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world housed in a 100-foot-long converted dairy barn built in 1863. Events and exhibits. Free admission, donations welcome. Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. (802) 525-3031. www.breadandpuppet.org. Open daily June through October.

GRAFTON. The Nature Museum at Grafton. Fairy House Festival September 26-27. Hands-on natural history exhibits, mounted specimens and wildlife garden, nature programs for adults and children, plus tours for schools and community groups. Admission to the Museum is free. Visit www.nature-museum.org for upcoming programs. Open Thursdays and Saturdays 10 am - 4 pm. 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-

2111. www.nature-museum.org. Memorial Day through Columbus Day.

HUNTINGTON. Birds of Vermont Museum. Features over 500 carved wooden birds, representing 259 species. "Birds of a Fiber"—Community Art Show through October 1 Museum, special events and bird walks, exhibits, children's programs, gift shop, video, restrooms and trails with maps available. Admission: adult \$7, senior \$6, child 3-17 \$3.50. Open daily 10 am – 4 pm. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. birdsofvermont. org. May 1 through October 31.

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

MANCHESTER. Visit Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home. Summer home of presidential son, Robert Lincoln. House, gardens, Pullman car, working farm and cheese-making facility, floating boardwalk, walking trails, museum store and welcome center. Admission: \$18 adults, \$5 children 6-14 under 6 free. Open daily 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Hildene, off Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 362-1788. hildene.org

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

MIDDLEBURY. Middlebury College Museum of Art. Free. Tues–Fri 10 am–5 pm, Sat & Sun 12–5 pm. 72 Porter Field Rd. (802) 443-3168. museum.middlebury.edu.

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

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

MONTPELIER. Vermont History Museum & Bookstore One admission fee gives access to both the Vermont History Museum and the Vermont Heritage Galleries. Adults: \$5; families: \$12; students, children, seniors: \$3; members and children under 6: free. Open 9 am – 4 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. Pavilion Building, 109 State St. (802) 828-2291. vhs-info@state.vt.us. www.vermonthistory.org.

NORWICH. Montshire Museum of Science. Exhibit: Prehistoric Menagerie—a group of life-size sculptures by New Hampshire artist Bob Shannahan on view June 1 through September 7. Exhibits, trails, programs, and museum store. Open 10 am – 5 pm daily. Admission \$14 adults, \$11 children 2-17, under 2 free. Open daily 10 am -5 pm. One Montshire Rd. (802) 649-2200. montshire.org.

PROCTOR. Vermont Marble Museum. Many exhibits. Marble and Gift Shop. Admission: adults \$7, seniors \$5, kids & teens and Proctor residents free. Museum hours, 10 am – 5 pm, seven days a week. Marble Museum, 52 Main St. (802) 459-2750. www.vermontmarblegifts.com. *May 24* through October 14.

READING. Art Exhibits. Outdoor sculpture by Richard Deacon, Olafur Eliasson, and Marc Quinn. Indoor exhibits: Keith Sonnier: Early Neon—sculpture incorporating unconventional and industrial materials; and paintings by Peter Saul. Admission is free. Open weekends and Wednesdays by appointment. Hall Art Foundation, 551 VT Rt. 106. (802) 952-1056. www.hallartfoundation.org. *May* 9 through November 29.

ROCHESTER. BigTown Gallery. Exhibits, readings, events. Gallery hours: Wed-Fri 10-5, Sat 12-5, Sun-Tues by appointment. 99 N. Main St. (802) 767-9670. info@ bigtowngallery.com. bigtowngallery.com.

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

SAXTONS RIVER. River Artisans Cooperative. Cindy Moses is the featured artist of the month for September. Cindy has been making beaded jewelry for the last 20 years. Over 50 craftspeople keep the shelves stocked with a wide variety of handcrafted items. Year round, weekdays from 12-5 pm and weekends from 10 am 3 pm. 26B Main St. (802) 869-2099. www.riverartisans.com.

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SHAFTSBURY. Robert Frost Museum. Admission: adults \$6, seniors (60 plus) \$5, under 18 years old \$3, under 10 years old free. Open 10 am – 5 pm, Wednesday through Sunday, closed Monday and Tuesday. Robert Frost Stone House Museum, 121 Historic Rt. 7A. (802) 447-6200. frostnow@sover.net. frostfriends.org. May 1 through

SHELBURNE. Shelburne Museum. Home to the finest museum collections of 19th-century American folk art, quilts, 19th- and 20th-century decoys, and carriages Admission: adults \$24, Vermont residents \$14, children \$7 (5-12), under 5 free. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Shelburne Museum, 6000 Shelburne Rd. (802) 985-3346. shelburnemuseum.org. Summer hours May 1 through

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

SO. STRAFFORD. Mixed Media Works by Late Artist Harlow Lent. On exhibit in Cafe 232. The paintings, completed from 1990-1992 incorporate oil and acrylic on foil and can be viewed during café hours. Free wifi. Open Wed-Fri 6 am – 2 pm, Sat 7 am – 2 pm, Sun 8 am – 1 pm, dinners Thurs & Fri 5-8:30 pm. Cafe 232, 232 Rt. 132, (802) 765-9232. www.nlwatercolor.com. cafe232.com.

SPRINGFIELD. Gallery at the VAULT. A Vermont State Craft Center featuring fine art and hand-crafted gifts from over 125 local and regional artists and craftsmen. Exhibits, classes, workshops. 6th Tuesday - Saturday 11 am - 5 pm. 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. galleryvault.org.

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

ST. JOHNSBURY. The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain and Dog Chapel. Free. Summer hours: Monday – Saturday 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday 11 am – 4 pm. Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. off Spaulding Rd. (800) 449-2580. contact@dogmt.com. www.dogmt.com. May 1 through October 31.

VERGENNES. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Admission: adult \$12, seniors \$11, youth 6-7 \$8, children 5 and under free. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. (802) 475-2022. www.lcmm.org. May 23 through October 11.

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

WINDSOR. American Precision Museum. Housed in the original Robbins & Lawrence Armory, the museum now holds the largest collection of historically significant machine tools in the nation. Exhibits, collections, events, museum shop. Admission: adults \$8, students \$5, children under 6 free, families \$20. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. American Precision Museum, 196 Main St. (802) 674-5781. www.americanprecision.org. Through October 31.

WINDSOR. Cider Hill Gardens & Art Gallery. Display gardens, plant collections, art gallery, special events. Open May-Aug, Wed-Sun, 10 am – 5 pm; Sept-Nov, Fri-Sun, 10 am – 5 pm. At 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. ciderhillgardens. com. garymilek.com. Summer season May through

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum. Open for the season starting May 1. Visit the Jersey herd, draft horses, oxen, and sheep and tour the restored and furnished 1890 Farm House. Admission: adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@ billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

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LANDGROVE. Karl Pfister Horse-Drawn Wagon and Carriage Rides. Prices: \$20 adult, \$10 children under 12, under 2 free. Private rides are \$120 for 1-4 people, \$180 for 5-12 people. Rides leave on the hour from Landgrove Inn, Landgrove Rd. off Rt. 11. Call for reservations. (802) 824-4663. www.karlpfistersleigh.com.

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RUPERT. Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides. Make a morning or afternoon out of your wagon ride, and bring a picnic lunch with you. Before or after your ride, walk or hike to one of several picnic destinations. 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, 12 noon. Cost: \$150/ride for two to six people. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. www. merckforest.org. Saturdays and Tuesdays thru October 31.

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

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

QUECHEE. Vermont Institute of Natural Science Nature Center. Exhibits, programs, nature trail, live bird programs and animal feeding time, nature store. Admission: adults \$13, seniors \$12, youth (4-17) \$11. 10 am – 5 pm. VINS Nature Center, 6565 Woodstock Rd., Rt. 4, 1/4 mile west of Quechee Gorge. (802) 359-5000. info@vinsweb.org.

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Sculpture and Handcrafts at Stone-Revival Gallery and Gifts

by Charles Sutton

Among the many works of art at Stone Revival Gallery and Gifts in Stockbridge, VT visitors will see an old Underwood typewriter holding a sheet of paper with a quote from Mark Twain: "The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why."

So it has been for owner and resident sculptor M. Julian Isaacson who was born 60 years ago at Gifford Hospital in Randolph, VT and grew up in Hancock, VT, in a family of artists and musicians where a future life as an artist-sculptor revealed itself. At age 13 he started painting, but had to give that up because he was colorblind.

Sculpting at an early age

He turned to sculpturing at age 15 and has been diligently at it ever since. His only tools are mallets, chisels and rasps, working in stone, marble, and various hardwoods. Many of his creations are in bas relief where he carves away a flat piece of stone creating a picture or image raised above the background flat surface. Bas relief comes form the Italian 'basso rilievo' translated: raised contrasts. Many of these works depicting the natural word, farming and Native American scenes are displayed in the gallery in Stockbridge.

His initial inspiration came from his artistic parents—father Sidney who was born in Russia and mother Eileen, a Native American of the Osage tribe in Kansas. The parents met as students at the Art Students League in New York City before moving to Hancock, VT where they purchased an old farmhouse. "I just grew up in an artist's studio," Julian recalls of his childhood.

Current sculpture

On Julian's birthday he was outside his gallery greeting family members and other guests under a large tree where he has been working on a 2,200-pound white marble sculpture of the 'tree of life.' The slab is 10-1/2 feet long, 4 feet wide and 4 feet thick.

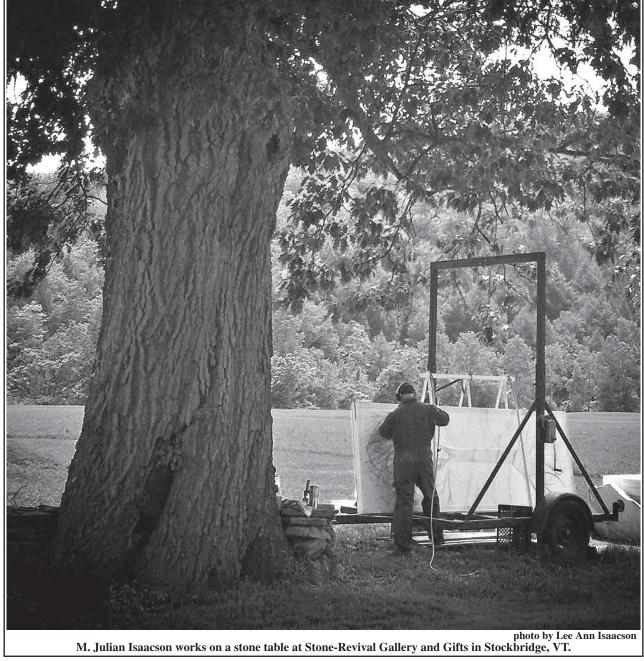
This commissioned tabletop is headed for a home at Montack, Long Island, New York. When completed, the purchaser will arrange to have it picked up it. Julian won't have to worry about that.

Julian said this work-in-progress evolved first with some ideas as one would do if they were a painter. These translated into sketches and then a final drawing which sculptors call a 'cartoon.' He said the tree from top to roots was originally contained within the tabletop, but now the drawing leads the viewer outside as if one would see a tree through window panes.

Much of Julian's work is suitable to being made into tiles with the sculpture cast from the original in a variety of colors for both interior and exterior use.







A family affair

Julian's wife and partner Lee Ann Isaacson was born in San Francisco, and the couple now have four children and four grandchildren.

Parallel to their lives as artists the couple worked together as managers and owners of a number of restaurants for 27 years in southern Oregon before returning to Vermont. Lee Ann was also a real estate broker & licensing instructor for 10 years while they were in Oregon. During that lifetime Julian always had a studio, and recalled being able to even "work in ice" making ice sculptures used in his restaurants.

Currently an executive chef at Gifford Hospital's assisted living center, Julian specializes in French and Italian cooking. We enjoyed one of his meals many years ago when the

Lee Ann and M. Julian Isaacson at Stockbridge, VT's Stone-Revival Gallery and Gifts.



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couple was at the Huntington House in Rochester, VT (the mussel chowder was sublime).

Julian's work also includes memorials, wainscoting, custom nameplates and designs and Imperial tiles for fireplaces and other uses.

Lee Ann manages the Stone-Revival Gallery and Gifts. In addition to husband Julian's carvings in wood and stone, the gallery features an interesting and eclectic mix with something for every taste and gift list.

On display are Lee Ann's photography, handmade dolls, collectibles, and re-purposed jewelry. Their daughter Jennifer Moreland, JenniferAnnArt, offers crafts, ceramics, and handmade semi-precious jewelry; their daughter-inlaw Jessica Moreland, Milly Bean Finds and Furnishings, has created re-purposed furniture, hand-painted ceramics, glassware, and coasters; daughter-in-law Elena Isaacson has her handmade purses under the name of Malex Design on display; and granddaughter Eldredge Lydia, The Green Bean, creates handmade bead earrings.

Other Vermont artists and crafters at the gallery include: Ken Goss, photography; Susan Wacker, prints & cards; Emory Morse and Sandy Connolly, Creative Woodworking, handmade cutting boards, trays and cribbage boards; Dale Hile, Woodrings by Hile, hand carved & woodburning turtles and frogs; and Erica Sears, hand painted rocks and pen & ink drawings.

Stone-Revival Gallery & Gifts is located at 1354 VT Rt. 100, Stockbridge, VT 05772. It is open Tuesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (802) 746-8110. www.stonerevival. com. Find us on FB, Etsy, Instagram, and Twitter.



Mop head dolly, one of several at Stone-Revival Gallery and Gifts

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Chandler's 23rd Annual **New World Festival**

The 23rd Annual New World Festival in Randolph, VT takes place on Sunday September 6 from 12-11 p.m. The family-friendly traditional music and dance event on Main Street is a perfect way to spend the day with concerts, workshops, children's activities, open dancing, and food & drink.

The festival takes place in all-weather tents on both sides of Main St., which is closed to traffic, and at Bethany Church and Chandler Center for the Arts. It celebrates the Celtic and French Canadian musical traditions brought to northern New England by English, Scottish, Irish, and French-Canadian immigrants. More than 70 of the best musicians from New England, Canada and the British Isles will perform.

A stellar line-up

- Ten Strings and a Goat Skin, the dynamic trio from Prince Edward Island celebrates the music of the Irish and Francophone cultures.
- Canadian Maritime music is further represented by fiddlers Andrea Beaton and Troy MacGillivray. Beaton is an award-winning fiddler, composer, and recording and touring artist. MacGillivray has performed at Scotland's Celtic Connections Festival, appeared at the Canadian Grand Masters Fiddler Championships and toured in Canada and the U.S.
- The Fretless is gaining acclaim as it transforms fiddle tunes and folk melodies into intricate, beautiful, high-energy arrangements. In 2014 they were named the Ensemble of the Year at the Canadian Folk Music Awards in Ottawa.
- The Press Gang performs the instrumental dance music of Ireland on fiddle, accordion and guitar. They appear this year with Hanz Araki, an Irish music phenomenon in west coast America, and Jackie O'Riley, one of the foremost traditional Irish dancers in New England.
- · Mélisande draws from a rich heritage of traditional French-language songs. The band adapts traditional music to a feminist perspective and a distinctly modern sound.
- · Lisa Ornstein, Normand Miron, and André Marchand comprise Le Bruit Court Dans La Ville. These legends in Quebec's traditional music scene have been on the roster of virtually every groundbreaking band over the past 30 years.
- Boston-based Burning Bridget Cleary has been performing and recording Celtic traditional music since 2006. The band is noted for its combination of charisma, crackerjack fiddle work, and tightly woven harmonies.
- Liz Simmons, Flynn Cohen, and Lissa Schneckenburger appear this year as Low Lily. The trio are masterful players of traditional music styles from bluegrass, to Irish, Scottish, New England, and Old Time Appalachian sounds. They'll be joined by Hannah Sanders, a traditional English folk singer who hails from Norwich, England.
- Pete Sutherland, Oliver Scanlon and Tristan Henderson case, a dance called by Nils Fredland, and performances the comprise Pete's Posse, featuring twin fiddles in tight wild harmony over hi-powered guitar and pounding footwork with mandolin, clawhammer banjo, jawharp, rocking keyboards and vocals. Nils Fredland will call traditional dances.
- Scottish music will be well represented with performance by Will Woodson, Eric McDonald and Dan Houghton, three of the finest young proponents of traditional Scottish music.

Street performers

Pub sings of traditional Irish, Americana, English and old-time music will take place in Chandler's upper gallery. Roving performers add to the festive atmosphere. This year Mummers will join Midnight Caper and Cross the Border Morris dancers in spirited street performances.

Mayfly, a Vermont based Americana duo that performs old-time, New England and Appalachian music, will play for an old-time square dance. And there will be open dancing on five continuous stages.

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North Country Reflections

Gardening On the Wild Side

by Judith Irven

I love our pond bed. Filled with robust perennials and grasses, many of prairie origin, it is more reminiscent of a meadow than a garden bed. And, situated at the far end of our back garden, it creates the perfect transition to the true meadow, full of the wild dusky-pink Joe Pye Weed, on the other side of the pond.

While the pond bed looks like it has been there for ever, in reality it only came into being about twelve years ago, when its creation involved rerouting a moose, overcoming pernicious weeds, building the soil and choosing appropriate plants that would thrive even with neglect.

Inauspicious beginnings

Early on in my Vermont gardening life, I gave no thought to doing anything that would obscure the view of our little spring-fed pond at the far end of the back lawn.

We had gotten used to the fact that, towards the end of summer, its water level might drop by a foot or so (because of a corresponding drop in the water-table that feeds the numerous ground springs). Each October the trees would absorb less water as their leaves dropped and, in the space of a single week, the pond would miraculously return to its

But one summer the pond went completely dry in early August, and for two months we stared at a big hole in the ground! So I began to contemplate the idea of adding 'something' to hide this situation in case it should recur.

Then, the following spring, a mother moose with two calves began visiting our now-overflowing pond on a regular basis. She would spend half an hour cooling off in the water and then lead her offspring right up the middle of the lawn, past the house and down the driveway, along the road, and over the field to a beaver swamp at the bottom of the hill.

At that time we also ran a busy B&B, and while some of our guests were enthralled to watch the huge animal, others were horrified when she nonchalantly strolled past their cars.

That did it! I decided to install a forty-foot span of split-rail fencing across the southern edge of the pond. This had the desired effect: for several years mama moose returned with new offspring, but now she avoided our garden and house, preferring to take the direct route out the western side of

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As fall approaches the Black Eyed Susans provide plenty of color in Judith's 'pond bed'. In between, the seed-heads of several Tussock Grass plants create a delicate lacy film.

the pond and across the road to her beaver swamp. So, with the fence in place, the next logical step was to develop an eight-foot deep bed in front of it to hide the problem of the 'hole in the ground' during future dry summers.

Creating a new bed

I knew from the outset that I would be fighting the pernicious Horsetail weed as well as the sturdy running grasses that live around the edge of the pond. Horsetail is an ancient weed that thrives in poorly drained soil with low oxygen levels. It can be deterred (but not eliminated) by improving the drainage and fertility of the soil, and aerating it to increase the oxygen content.

So to create a moist—but not water-logged—growing space, I began by building up the level of the soil to well above the high-water level of the pond. And, to hold everything in place I had a rough two-foot high retaining wall built behind the fence along the edge of the pond, as well as an attractive lower wall around the front side of the bed.

After this I went to work with my garden fork, chasing down as many weed roots as I could find. Finally, to lighten the soil, I dug in copious amounts of compost.

Survival of the fittest

I selected tried-and-true perennials and grasses with robust personalities that would be able to look after themselves. Most have flourished under my regimen of benign neglect, although a few have succumbed to the competition from their stronger companions. As in any wild community, only the fittest survive and thrive.

Here, in order of flowering, is a partial list of these tough survivors: Siberian Iris (Iris sibirica); Japanese Iris (Iris ensata); Rodger's Flower (Rodgersia aesculifolia); Daylilies (Hemerocallis) in various shades of yellow and red; Shasta Daisies, (Leucanthemum 'Becky'); Kansas Gayfeather (Liatris spicata); Meadowsweet, both the towering 'Queen of the Prairie' (Filipendula rubra) as well the lovely Dwarf Meadowsweet (Filipendula 'Kahome') for the front of the bed; Black Eyed Susans (Rudbeckia 'Goldstrum'); the very tall Autumn Sun (Rudbeckia 'Herbstonne') for the back of the bed; plus several Swamp Rose Mallow, (Hibiscus moscheutos).

Then, to integrate and soften the whole picture, I incorporated some clumping grasses with airy flower heads, including Tussock Grass (Deschampsia cespitosa) and Switchgrass

(Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah' and 'P. 'Dallas Blues'). And finally, for some back of the border heft, I used two kinds of Maiden Grass (Miscanthus sinensis)—the tall M.

'Malepartus' with plumy colored flowers in September and October, and the slightly shorter M. 'Purpurascens' with leaves that turn a lovely yellow-bronze in the fall.

My planting strategy was to populate the entire bed right away, using a closer then normal spacing. And, to my delight, within a couple of years, as the plants began to shade the soil, they were more than holding their own against the ubiquitous Horsetail and the running pond grasses. Horsetail in particular thrives in heavy acidic soil and decent light conditions. Deprive it of these things and, given time, it will essentially disappear!

The only real maintenance required is to cut everything back each November, so that we can enjoy the sight of the pond throughout the winter. And I have discovered that my latest tool, a battery powered hedge trimmer that Dick gave me, is perfect for these fall clean-up chores.

Tweaking the design

After enjoying the 'pond bed' for a whole decade I have decided a few changes are in order. That of course is the nature of gardening!

Firstly, while from July until October the bed is a tapestry of color, in May and June it is predominantly green. Also in late August and September I feel a need to counterbalance the brashness of the Black-eyed Susans.

So this fall I plan on dividing a few plants growing elsewhere in the garden and relocating some to my pond bed. These include the tall Siberian Catmint (Nepeta sibirica) with lavender-colored flowers that last from June through August, a few deep pink Garden Phlox (Phlox paniculata), as well as some fall flowering Aromatic Asters (Symphyotrichum oblongifolium 'October Skies').

And finally, to complete the picture, I plan on squeezing in a couple of the sturdy long-flowering Geranium 'Rozanne' towards the front of the bed.

While these changes may seem small, I think they will give my wild garden a whole new look.

Judith Irven and her husband Dick Conrad live in Goshen, VT where together they nurture a large garden. You can subscribe to Judith's blog about her Vermont gardening life at www.northcountryreflections.com.

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







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On Micrathenas and **Orbweavers**

by Bill Felker

toward spiders. My mother, a stay-at-home mom who spent a lot of time in the basement washing clothes (refusing to use an automatic washer), always talked fondly of them. They were her friends, she sometimes told me. Why that was so, she didn't say.

As a child, I just accepted the idea that spiders were good. I dismissed the idea of them biting and poisoning a person as pretty unlikely, considering those creatures were my mother's allies.

So I have lived my life in harmony with spiders, protecting them when I can, only intervening in their activities occasionally to save a moth or butterfly. And I usually encounter my favorite spiders, the Micrathenas and the summer and the beginning of autumn.

bodied arachnids that build still to come.

I have always been partial their webs across your hiking paths, especially in the woods. Although they start their activities in middle summer, it is toward the end of August that they are most common.

> Two kinds of orbweavers work in my yard, a longbodied variety that places its web above my small pond starting in July, and a larger, round-bodied variety that always seems to create its traps across the door to my tool shed in September and October.

Like wooly-bear caterpillars, these spiders are prophets of cold to come. As well, they are models of industry and foresight, and they do not hide their activities in basements.

Most important to me, Orbweavers, at the end of late though, is that they spin a connection between my mother and me in this thin The micrathenas are the time of autumn, reminding small, odd-shaped, dark- me of friendships past and



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Children's Book Reviews by Charles Sutton

Back to School and the Last Joys of a Waning Summer!

can't come. Anyone who has ever had a pet goose (or duck or chicken) understands how endearing they are. Goose must feel the same way about Sophie, as we learn in *Goose Goes* to School written and illustrated by Laura Wall (HarperColer Collins Publishers, \$16.99, www.harpercollins.com) this

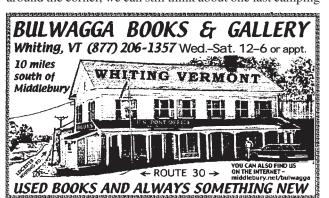
Goose follows Sophie to school where she hides her flappy friend under the table evading the teacher, and has a great time playing games with all the new students. And what does Goose think of all this? Sophie asks Goose if she will be back tomorrow. "Honk," says Goose.

*. ** * **\$** Sometimes a sibling, or in this case, a duckling, is reluctant to go to that first day of school. All the others may be excited, but we don't all feel the same, do we. In Five Little Ducklings Go to **School** by Carol Roth and illustrated by Sean Julian (NorthSouth Books, Inc.,

\$17.95, www.northsouth.com) Mama Duck is kind to her child, saying, "Even though we'll be apart, we'll still be in each other's heart." Off they go, and the day turns out so full of fun and adventure that all five become happy and excited new little ducky schoolkids.

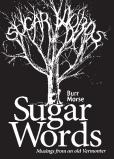
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It may be time for back-to-school but with Indian Summer around the corner, we can still think about one last camping

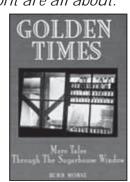




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Sophie is going to school. But her best friend, Goose, trip, or perhaps a backyard sleep-outside adventure. You are never too young to go camping, especially with your pet dog and in your own backyard. In Biscuit Goes Camping by Alyssa Satin Capucilli, pictures by Pat Schories (Harplins Publishers, \$12.95, www.harpercollinschildrens.com). turns out to be quite an adventure as the little girl and her

dog Biscuit adjust to nightlife, its sounds and sights. A thunder and lighting storm comes but the campers don't have far to go to get safely back inside their home.

The book is the first level in the "I Can Read" series, perfect for children new to school. The illustrations, familiar to fans of the other Biscuit books, capture the joys of the moment.

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as the last of the butterflies enjoy our gardens as much as we do. In Butterfly Counting by Jerry Pallotta and illustrated by Shennen Bersani (Charlesbridge

Publishing, \$17.95, www.charlesbridge.com), you will be introduced to 24 species of the most exotic and interesting butterflies starting with one—the all-red Zarinda, then two Holly Blues and Three green Cloudless Sulphur butterflies. Skip ahead to 10 all purple Orions; 15 orange-colored Queen of Spain Frittaries; 19 Striped Blue Crows and finally 24 multi-colored Peacock butterflies.

The author teaches us a lot about butterflies that many of us might not know. Examples: that 'powder' that butterflies leave on your hands is actually their scales, and that butterflies breath through an opening their abdomens. The names of butterflies are given in 24 languages. Some that seem to fit these friendly species: papillon in French. rama-rama in Malaysian, vipepeo in Swahili, farasha in Arabic, petalouda in Greek, and sommerfugl in Danish.

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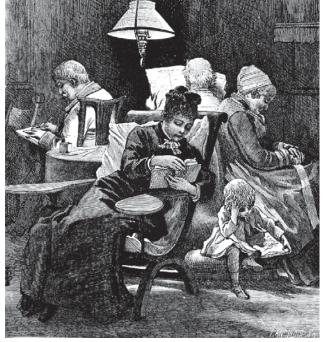
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With summer leaving us, we watch New Forest Guidebook Focuses on **Preparing for Climate Disruptions**

Vermont leads the nation in promoting climate-smart natural resource management strategies. This first ever state-developed guidebook presents land managers with a menu of strategies to adjust to climate change, and according to Michael Snyder, Commissioner of Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, is a proactive service to Vermonters.

"Having our staff create strategies that prepare our forests, managers and landowners for the types of disruptions projected from climate change reflects a level of commitment and professionalism I'm proud of," Commissioner Snyder offers of his work group responsible for the book.

Existing forest management challenges such as invasive plants, non-native insect invaders, and protection of connected forest tracts are incorporated into these climate-smart strategies to achieve successful outcomes for future forests. Not every strategy will apply to every acre of forest land, but manstrategies to match various forest situations.

In addition, the book describes trends in Vermont's

climate over the past 50 years and ways that forests are responding. Managers will be interested in the strategies that maximize storage of carbon in forests, ways to limit impacts of increased water-flow, and requirements for successful forest regeneration.

Although much of the guidebook speaks to on-theground management, it also offers advice for connecting forest tracts in ways that strengthen plant and animal migration and conservation of critical habitats. Of particular interest are the specific evaluations of tree species vulnerability, adaptability, and silvicultural recommendations to buffer against climate disruptions.

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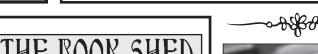


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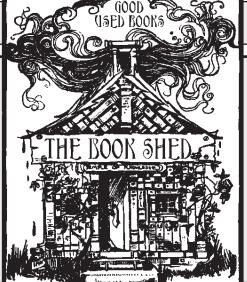
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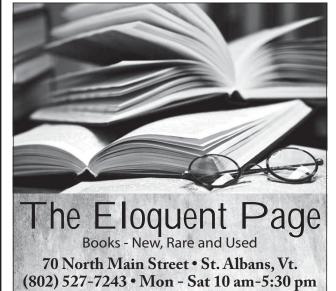


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cooler weather, beautiful colors, and abundant harvest of apples and other fruits and gardens overflowing with vegetables ranging from tasty, red tomatoes to giant winter squashes.

Making the best use of this harvest from farm to table with timely, tasty and new suggestions are cookbooks that takes the cook beyond usual and traditional recipes. These latest books also introduce the reader-cook to unique places where the foods are grown or prepared in a special pleasing way at a restaurant or inn. Included many be the history of a particular food, anecdotes, how people in foreign lands prepare a dish, and the best hand-me-down family recipes.

We are in luck with these three cookbooks that take us beyond the usual written by New Englanders familiar with the territory, its people, and available seasonal foods. Although the authors are all food writers, they are also master cooks themselves whose inviting recipes will surely prompt one to say: "I've got to try that."

Food writers may at home in the kitchen, but they are also adventurers & travelers seeking out off-the-beaten-track eateries, unusual foods, ethnic dishes, and recipes from the best home cooks or star-worthy chefs.

To go on such a journey throughout New England while being tempted by 300 recipes, stay right in your kitchen with New England Open-House Cookbook by Sarah Leah Chase (Workman Publishing, \$24.95, www. workman.com).

Enjoy her other cookbooks, too: Nantucket Open-House Cookbook; Cold Weather **Cooking**, and one written with brother Jonathan entitled Saltwater Seasonings—Good Food from Coastal Maine. While running a gourmet food shop called Que Sera Sarah on Nantucket, she first made a name for herself working with Julie Rosso and Sheila Lukins on the influential Silver Palate Good Times Cookbook.

"Growing up in New England has made me realize that many of its inhabitants take to a certain place or region with a passion that never diminishes," she writes, and "this in turn inspired me to select a favorite in each of the six states to anchor my recipe research."

Her cookbook may have a strong 'ocean' flavor since she has lived on Cape Cod for the past 15 years, but while skiing or biking in the 'inland' states she found plenty to write and cook about. While in Vermont she surprised herself by developing a "particular penchant" for towns beginning with a Wthe 'fabulous' Hen of the Wood Restaurant in Waterbury; the rustic American Flatbead barn in Waitsfield; the 'sublime' Pitcher Inn in the tiny town of Warren; and a provisioning stop at the Woodstock Farmers' Market where she discovered and shares with us its special carrot dip.

The author found in Vermont many of the special foods and products used in her cooking: The Vermont Creamery, Westerville (triple-Brie-style, goat and mascarpone cheeses); Rock Art Brewery, Morrisville, (barley wine beer for her Vermonter Chili); Cabot Creamery and Jasper Hill Farm, Greenville, (buttery rich and nutty clothbound cheddar); and Misty Knoll Farms, New Haven, (range-freed turkeys).

Aware that fall is a pleasant season for being outdoors, Sarah entitles a chapter "Picnic Pastimes & Tailgating Traditions". She admits that attending a football game is never really her source of motivation—she is much happier preparing food for the tailgate party. She doesn't fuss over portable grills, or smokers that could be shut down in inclement weather, but rather gives us tasty foods that can still be enjoyed indoors, too. Try her

Fall is a wonderful time of year for its smoked salmon mousse, pickled shrimp, gazpacho with croutons, cranberry chicken salad and a fully-loaded potato salad using sharp Vermont cheddar cheese. And much more.

> While we're thinking 'fall' some gardeners may be wondering how they can get their families to eat all those Brussels spouts which will still be growing after the snow falls. Sarah offers a recipe for Brussels sprout Caesar salad made at The Pitchers Inn in Warren, VT, and her own favorite fall Brussels sprouts recipe using a variety of nuts and cheeses served especially at Thanksgiving.

> In you are a seafood fan, this cookbook won't disappoint. She has 12 recipes just for lobster!

A good journalist will make sure the story covers the 4 W's-who, what, where and why—and this is exactly what *The Apple* Lover's Cookbook by Amy Traverse with photographs by Squire Fox (W.W. Norton & Company, \$29.95, www.wwnorton.com) does in the most informative and fascinating way. If you are curious about different varieties of apples appearing this time of year and the best way to cook with them then this is the book for you. It's a "keeper."

The reader is brought up to date with what's going on with apples world-wide. We learn China overtook the U.S. in apple production in the 1990s, now growing 35 percent of the world's crop (around 30 million metric tons), about seven times the U.S. production. Oddly enough, China still imports about 1-2 million pounds of U.S. apples (for their better quality) and exports inexpensive apple juice to us.

Apples have had a long history, starting before recorded human time, originating with 'Malus domestica' deep in the southeast corner of Kazakhstan along the Tien Shan mountain range. Today the groves are filled with wild apples and other fruit trees. The author adds: "They grow as high as fifty feet, with fruit ranging in size from tiny walnutshaped fruitlets to enormous globes and in every color from yellow to deep violet."

Today's ancestors from those apples also come in a great variety of shapes, colors, and flavors. We are introduced to 59 of today's great apple varieties, blemish-free,

in stunning full color photographs. You will recognize a number of the more common ones

found in the market like Baldwin, Cortland, Gala, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, McIntosh and Northern Spy. We will also be introduced to older, heirloom, and new hybrid varieties.

The author's favorite apples are Calville Blanc d'Hiver and Pink Pearl. The latter is a favored cooking apple in France, brightly acidic, spicy, and a bit citrusy with a honey finish. She gets hers from Poverty Lane Orchards in Lebanon, NH and has a recipe for using that apple for making 'tarte tatins'. Her favorite Pink Pearl may be 'very homely' on the outside but tastes like "lemon custard topped with raspberries."

All 59 varieties of apples are described in the book, including their best use, origin, availability, season, appearance, taste and texture. They are listed as best for richer or lighter baked desserts, and best 'tender-tart' or 'tender sweet' for out-of-hand eating.

Her hundreds of apple recipes reflect the spirit and flavor of New England, but she also takes us around the country to meet apple growers, cider makers and apple enthusiasts. On one of these intriguing visits you meet

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John Bunker 'the fruit detective' of Palermo, ME, who has spent a lifetime finding and saving the state's heirloom apples. View a full-page photo of his unique black Oxford apples, one of many Maine heirloom varieties he has rescued.

Read about Stephen Wood of Poverty Lane Orchards who replaced his acres of Macs and Cortlands with heirlooms with such names as Chisel Jersey, Ashton Bitter, Somerset Redstreak Foxwhelp and Kingston Black.

There are profiles of Cornell University's apple breeding program where from 5,000 to 10,000 apple seedlings are planted each year:

Book Reviews

by Charles Sutton

the Red Apple Farm in Phillipston, MA where 108 varieties are grafted onto one tree; an unex-

pected apple farm in New Mexico where the Fred Dixon family have 50 acres of apples growing in the desert with their own signature apples called Champagne and Sparkling Burgundy; and Wenatchee, Washington, which promotes itself as the 'Apple Capital of the World.' More than half of the apples produced in the U.S. come from Washington State, four times that of the number two producer, New York.

Author Amy Traverse, who lives Brookline, MA, is senior food and home editor of Yankee Magazine. Among her many tempting recipes: apple pumpkin walnut muffins; apple-pear cobbler with lemon cornmeal biscuits; crepes filled with caramelized apples and served with maple crème fraîche; bacon apple pie, she has six recipes using a mix of firm-sweet and firm-tart apples. You'll also learn to make the perfect crust—no easy task.

think the perfect meal would include a big Dishing Up Maine.

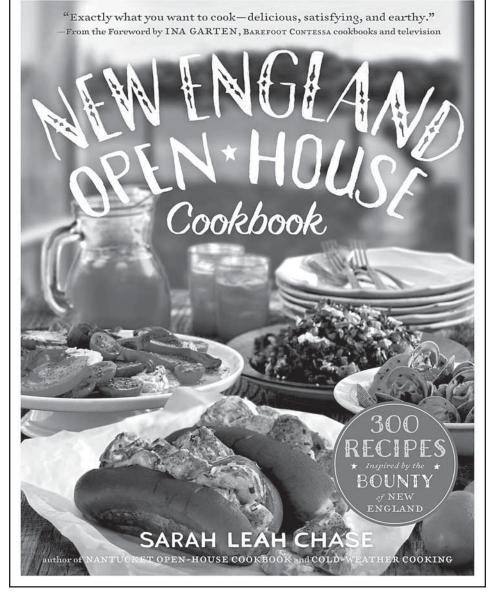
bowl of clam or fish chowder. For many suggestions for preparing this Northeastern delight, Chowderland—Hearty Soups & Stews with Sides & Salads to Match by Brooke Dojny with photographs by Keller+Keller (Story Publishing, \$14.95, www.story.com), will make your chowder a success.

We learn that chowder's original ingredients included bass, salt pork, crackers and a "side dish of potatoes". Potatoes later became a major ingredient replacing the crackers. The author tells us that early chowders were thickened with a very hard cracker called ship's biscuit or hardtack until the 1800s. After that, crackers were served on the side. As a substitute for crackers she has recipes for salt and pepper biscuits or crusty skillet cornbread.

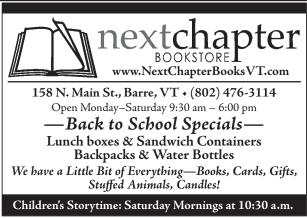
Although chowders may have the same basic ingredients the book offers recipes for Boston-style creamy clam chowder, Connecticut shoreline semi-clear clam chowder, milky Maine steamer chowder, Manhattan-style clam chowder, Rocky Point red chowder (made famous at a now-closed amusement park), classic Rhode Island clear clam chowder and Spring's first chowder made with fresh herbs and peas.

Readers are introduced to chowders made from seafood including cod, haddock, sea bass, shrimp, salmon, mussels, and lobster. She offers an American version of the French bouillabaisse and Portuguese seafood stew with chouriço, a pepper smoked Portuguese sausage. An interesting number of side dishes wrapped dates with curried apple hash; and are provided to go with the chowder. Some apple cider-brined turkey with applejack- examples: beet salad on arugula with ricotta sage gravy. If you are in mood to bake an salata; Narragansett clam fritters; and winter greens with apple, walnuts, and blue cheese.

Brooke Doiny lives in Blue Hill Peninsula, Maine. She is the author of other cookbooks: Lobster! The New England Cookbook, The With cooler fall days one can't help but New England Clam Shack Cookbook and









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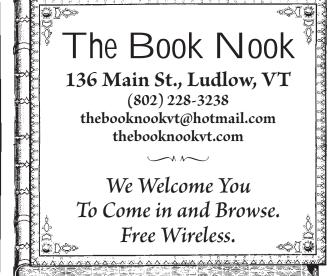
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Green Mountain Center a Vision for Vermont's Future

by Charles Sutton

"Properties have a kind of calling for us to be sensitive, not let them be over-developed but preserved."

That's how Sam Sammis described his feelings about his many projects in restoration, preservation, and even development of properties over the last four decades. He is concerned that development protects and preserves the natural enviroment. This is important wherever you are but especially poignant in Vermont where the vistas are spectacular.

The Green Mountain Center

Sam's respect for rural Vermont has been a guiding factor in developing the Green Mountain Center, a proposed mixuse project near the Interstate 89 interchange in Randolph, VT. The project may be a step closer to reality with open space and farmland left in its natural state. The "team" of Peter Van Oot, Esq., Michael Zauner, Bob White, Bob Haynes, Graham Goldsmith, and Sam Sammis have been working on the Master Plan with District 3 Environmental Commission whereby more than 60% of the 172-acre entire property will be left in open space with no buildings, roads or sidewalks, and 60 percent of the prime agricultural land will be preserved as is.

The Green Mountain Center, when completed, would house a state Visitor Center and Vermont Products Showcase, residential units with a fitness and recreation center, accessory retail stores, office space, light manufacturing facilities, and a 180-room hotel and conference center.

Sam Sammis said the Visitor Center represents a unique public-private partnership with the State of Vermont under which the I-89 southbound Randolph rest area will be closed and relocated to the new site. (The northbound rest area was closed several years ago).

The Visitor Center would emphasize Vermont-made products and promote tourism in the region and throughout Vermont with emphasis on regionally and locally produced products, including local "value added" agricultural products. Travelers would be directed to downtown Randolph, Vermont Technical College, and local attractions.

The project's design includes measures to reduce energy consumption through site and building design, materials selection, and Efficiency Vermont recommendations for use of energy-efficient lighting, heating, venting, and air conditioning systems.

"Our goal is to have the Green Mountain Center be the best example in Vermont of good land planning and excellent design," Sammis said.

The Sammises have also met with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture and the Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission where a consensus was reached over soil classifications and areas to be protected.

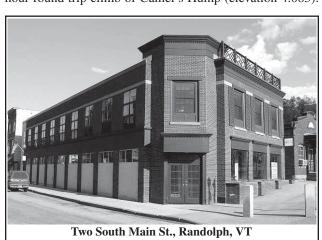
Conservation-minded for 40 years

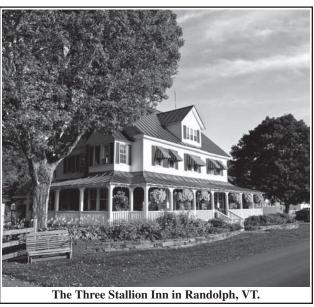
Sam and his wife Jinny have been conservation-minded with all their projects for some 40 years. They have also been outdoors enthusiasts all their lives and have great enthusiasm for the natural world and what it offers.

In addition to explaining what the proposed Green Mountain Center would entail, the couple recalled their endeavors in restoration and preservation.

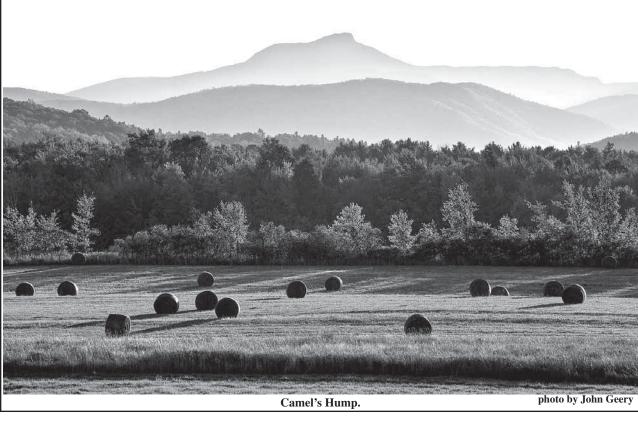
Camel's Hump

Guests at the Sammis's Three Stallion Inn who enquire about a good day's hike are often encouraged to do the 3-5 hour round trip climb of Camel's Hump (elevation 4.083).





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The summit area provides a panoramic view of the Green, White and Adirondack Mountains with views south to Mt. Mansfield and Mt. Ascutney.

Sam was overseeing Vermont interests for Laird Properties, when in the fall of 1970, the company conveyed holdings in that area to the State of Vermont along with those of The Nature Conservancy so that a combined 6,400-acre tract above 2,700-feet has forever been saved from development.

The 1,885 acres in Stowe adjacent to Mount Mansfield State Forest is surrounded by Bolton, Mayo, Clark, Dewey and Mansfield Mountains while the second 4,500 acres is adjacent to and divided by Camel's Hump and Monroe State Park. The lands are now in protection following the spirit of the state's landmark "higher elevation" legislation.

Green Mountain Stock Farm

In December of 1971, when Sam and Jinny purchased the 1,300 acre, historic Morgan Horse farm known as the Green Mountain Stock Farm, existing zoning permitted half acre building sites where 2,600 homes could have been built!

Instead the couple limited this to 100 building sites of 10 to 60 acres each of which 45 have been sold. An important attribute to their master plan is the 25-mile trail system that runs throughout the property enabling lot owners to not only own their own sites, but have access to the Third Branch of the White River and the entire 1300 acres.

The Three Stallion Inn

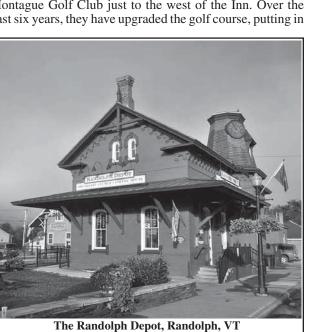
The purchase of the Stock Farm included the Three Stallion Inn, a building complex which was in disrepair with warped floor boards, dangling light fixtures and deteriorating plaster walls. Sam recalls chickens and pigs were roaming freely in what is now the pub area of the restaurant.

During the late 1970s, the Inn was fixed up as a crosscountry ski center run by former Olympic skiers, Bob Gray and Kim Mumford, who now own Four Corners Farm in South Newbury, VT. The skiers created trails through the woods which have been enjoyed ever since by cross-country skiers, snowshoers, hikers, and horseback riders.

The couple maintained the historical Victorian atmosphere of the inn while incorporating modern amenities. The Sammises have made the property one of the most attractive country inns in Vermont, focusing on the sporting life in the great outdoors as well as being the 'go to' wedding site in central Vermont. Guests also can relax in the swimming pool, surrounded by magnificent gardens. What you won't find are traffic lights or road noise.

Montague Golf Club

In 2009, Sam and Jinny purchased the 18-hole, 160-acre Montague Golf Club just to the west of the Inn. Over the past six years, they have upgraded the golf course, putting in



new putting greens, a new irrigation and pump system, and clubhouse renovations which have made this second oldest operating golf course in Vermont one of the best in the State.

The Randolph Depot

Sam and Jinny's preservation works also have had a positive affect on downtown Randolph projects. With the aim of maintaining the character and vitality of downtown Randolph, they purchased the empty and former Central Vermont Railroad Station, and undertook its historic renovation into what is now called the Randolph Depot restaurant. The Sammises retained the services of J. Graham Goldsmith Architects who specialize in historic preservation. The renovation uncovered historic beams and old brick work inside which have been preserved.

The RR station had been closed for three years, its windows boarded up—an eyesore in the middle of town. Sam recalls the renovation was made more difficult because the building was flooded in two feet of water from a broken water main. Water was also leaking in from the roof. Today the popular restaurant is managed by chef Fred Edwards and his wife Hilary, who previously worked at The Three Stallion Inn.

Two Park Street

In the early 2000's, the Sammises purchased and undertook the renovations of the former Victoria's Restaurant at 2 Park Street, that singer-songwriter Bobby Gosh of Brookfield operated from 1976-1987, its Victorian theme enhanced by period antiques and funky art work. The empty building has been converted into retail and office space, currently housing their New England Land Company, Ltd real estate offices. It was initially a gas station.

Six Park Street

Another Sammis renovation included the interestingly designed building at 6 Park Street which has been converted into six apartments. This is located behind their office building at 2 Park Street,

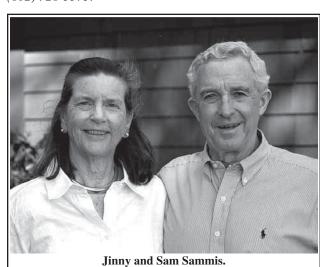
Two South Main Street

In early 2000s, the Sammises purchased this Main Street office building, putting on a new façade and beautiful rooftop railing on the Main Street side of the building, maintaining the aesthetics of the historic buildings along Main Street.

Clearly, preservation and conservation are integral to Sam's and Jinnny's way of life.

For more information visit www.GreenMountainStock Farm.com. To contact Sam Sammis call (802) 522-8500.

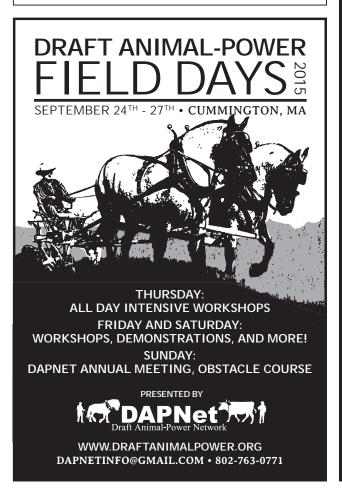
The Three Stallion Inn is located at 665 Stock Farm Rd. in Randolph, VT. The Inn has its own swimming pool, tennis courts, sauna, hot tub and fitness center. For information and reservations visit www.ThreeStallionInn.com or call (802) 728-5575.



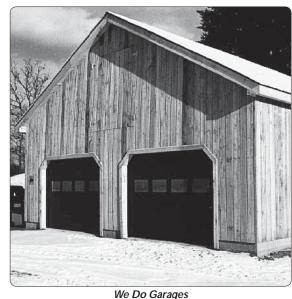


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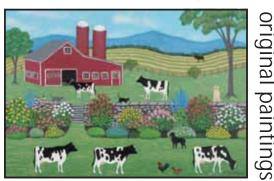
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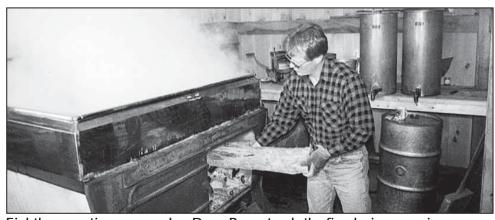


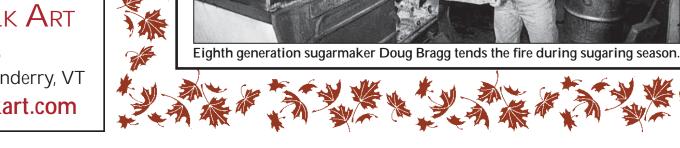
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