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## As Autumn Deepens

by Bill Felker

In his natural history, Idle Weeds, David Rains Wallace writes: "If time is a story, the present is merely a hiatus between the significant events that were and will be."

"If time is an ocean, however, the present is not less important than other moments, which stretch away on all sides, any more than a single water molecule in an ocean is less important than the others." I like to believe this impression of time, especially as autumn deepens. The changes in the leaves and flowers, the increasing insect calls and the weakening of birdsong leave no doubt that winter lies ahead and there is no going back.

Wallace's vision removes the borders and relative im-

portance of events and allows my mind to go beyond what seems closed and terminal. The image of time as an ocean of objects and acts liberates me from a story that has a beginning, a middle and an end. Chapters of such a traditional narrative fall out of sequence, the plot line is cut, and life's linear prose becomes an elusive stream of consciousness.

If the month ahead belongs to a great tide, it erases the contours of youth and age, good and bad, loss and gain. My personae, the people who I think I am, are washed away. My shape is free, and I drift with flocking starlings and fields of tufted goldenrod and rasping katydids into an October Sea.



Slices of pie at the ready at the Dummerston Apple Pie Festival, Dummerston, VT.

### Dummerston, VT

## 50th Annual Apple Pie Festival and Celebration

Dummerston Congregational Church is celebrating their 50th year of making pies as a fundraiser on Columbus Day Weekend Sunday, October 13th, at the church in Dummerston Center. This event started out with a few women making a few pies in the comfort of their homes to sell to make some money to help modernize the downstairs area of the church, and has grown over the years to total nearly 1500 pies made over a period of two weeks prior to the sale. Many bushels of locally grown Cortland apples are used to make these pies, and some nights as many as 30-35 people can be found peeling, coring, slicing apples or rolling pie crust and filling pans with apples, readying

them for the ovens.

Thirty-six pies can be baked at a time, and the goal is to get upwards of 108 pies made each night! A morning crew usually makes 36-48 pies each morning, depending on how many volunteers show up. Pies made the first week are baked in 3 former pizza ovens and are frozen and stored in freezers at the parsonage just up the street. Those pies made the second week are stored at a nearby apple storage facility where the temperature hovers just above the freezing point, and keeps the pies very nicely. This year, after many requests, some pies will remain frozen for those who wish to purchase a pie and bring it home to keep until Thanksgiving or some other special

occasion. Bikers from all over New England and New York State make a special trip to Dummerston each year, just to buy a pie, and for the last few years a "blessing of the bikes" service has been held for those interested.

Across the street, the Grange has a craft sale featuring home made items as well as a hamburger and hot dog lunch, and you can start your day with a pancake breakfast at the fire station next door. A large multi-

family tag sale just up the street is one more way to pass the time and make this truly an all-day event. We invite everyone to come, enjoy the scenic beauty of southern Vermont's fall foliage, and enjoy a great piece of pie on site, or take a whole pie home to enjoy later.

Dummerston Congregational Church is located at 1535 Middle Road, E. Dummerston, VT. (802) 257-0544. [dummerstonchurch.org](http://dummerstonchurch.org).



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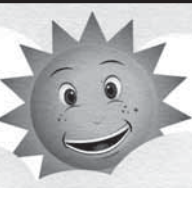
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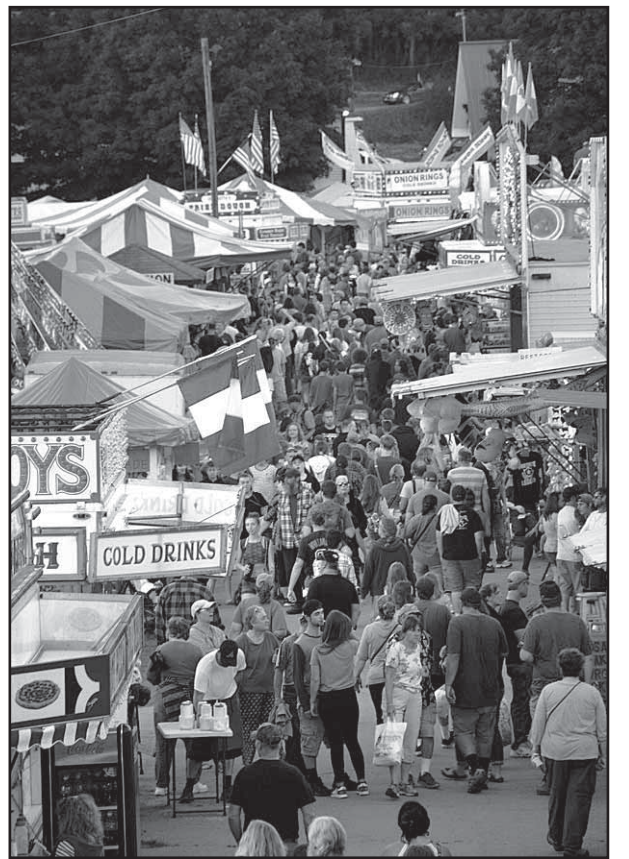
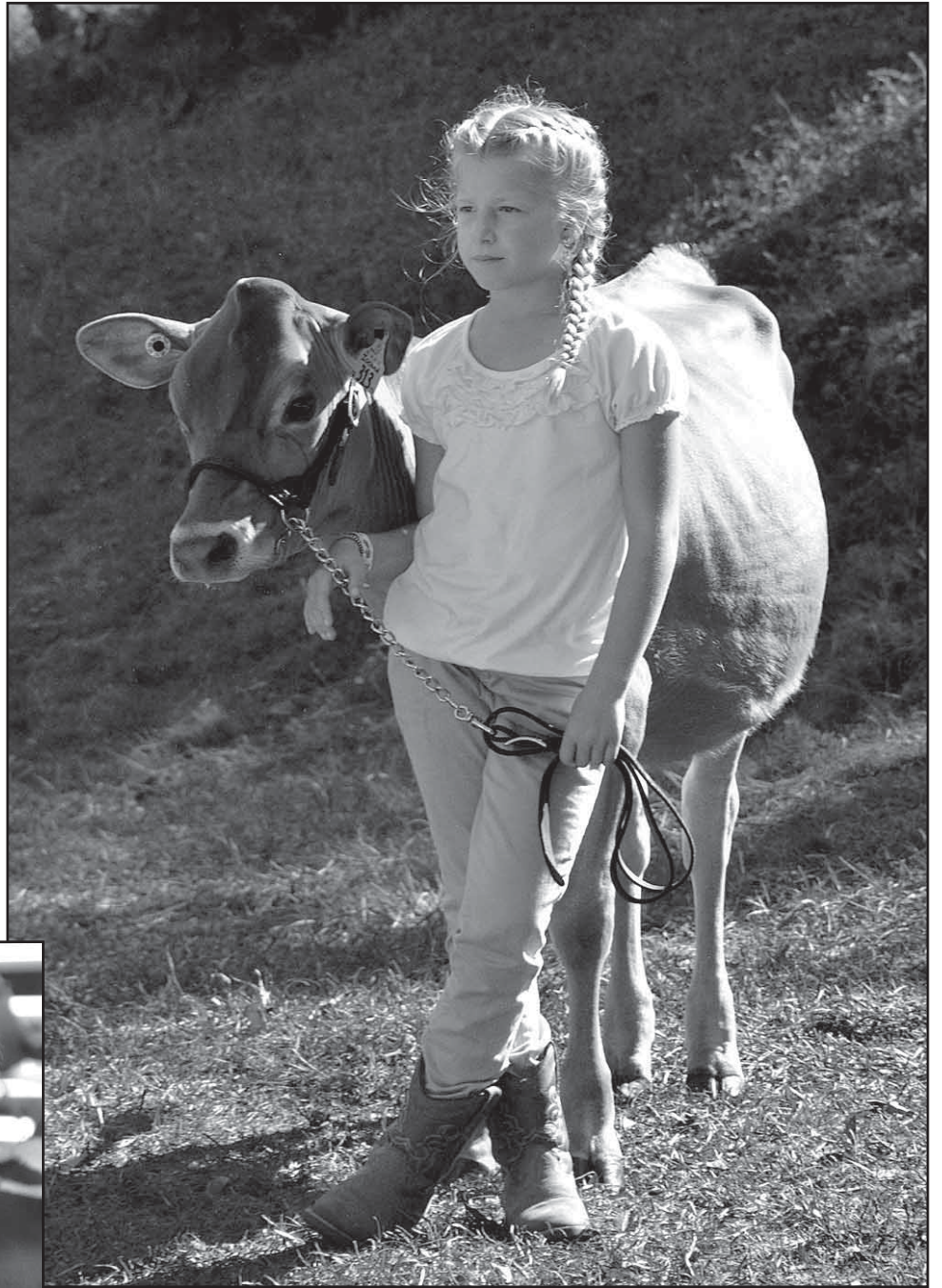
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*Nancy Cassidy photos*





A young visitor gets a close look at a fairy theater-in-the-woods at the Fairy House Festival in Grafton, VT. photo courtesy of The Nature Museum

**Grafton, VT**

# The 11th Annual Fairy House Festival

*An imaginative, nature-based tradition in the forests of Grafton, Vermont.*

Fairy schools, fairy libraries, fairy pirate ships, and fairy hot air balloons...come walk the trail at the Fairy House Festival and discover a magical village. Each year, The Nature Museum welcomes thousands of visitors from across Vermont, New England, and beyond to the Fairy House Festival, a family-friendly celebration of nature, creativity, inspiration, and community. The Fairy House Festival at The Nature Museum in Grafton, VT will welcome the fairies in our forests once more for this Grafton tradition on Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

At this annual event, volunteers create a fairyland of small structures built out of natural materials, opening a portal to the incredible world around us through deep observation of nature's gifts. Guests of all ages walk the forested fairy house trail, make their own fairy houses, enjoy face painting, music, bubbles, crafts, and more: all in celebration of the incredible relationship between nature and creativity.

In the months leading up to the festival, volunteers for The Nature Museum have been pulling on their hiking boots and heading out the door, combing fields, stream banks, forests, and hilltops with a basket in hand. These volunteers have been foraging for moss, bark, pine cones, twigs, pebbles,

acorns, and other natural materials. With these earthy ingredients, they will craft this year's fairy house village. Natural materials will also be available at the festival, where the museum's gardens become a fairy house construction zone, and festival attendees young and old are able to create little homes, and leave them there overnight, for the garden fairies to nest in.

Some structures are light-hearted and cozy, while others are spell-binding and intricate. Each fairy house is a reflection of its creator, celebrating the individuality among the volunteers who make the magic year after year.

Jeanne Waldren, Youth Services Librarian at the Whiting Library in Chester, first built a fairy house for the festival in 2012. An experienced volunteer, she has built dozens of fairy structures with her grandchildren and with the children at the Whiting Library over the years, sharing the creative process with the next generation.

"The imagination can go wild," says Waldren. "Nothing is as exciting as picturing a place for the smallest creatures imaginable to get out of the rain and get a good night's sleep." Ms. Waldren is working again with the kids at the Whiting Library to build a fairy structure for this year's festival. When asked if she had ever seen one of the fairies staying in her houses, she responded: "I haven't seen a fairy because they are so clever; but I have found the fairy dust left after their visit!"

The Nature Museum welcomes volunteers to help with the festival, and donors to support the event, which is the Museum's biggest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds support the year-round programming of The Nature Museum, which includes free programming for kids through the summer, immersive experiences in nature for kids and adults, and resources for teachers and schools to learn about our regional environment.

Registration to become a Builder is open on the website, and every year we have groups of families, friends, and businesses come together for a uniquely collaborative and creative project. There's nothing quite like coming together to build a fairy house to bring a sense of wonder and good cheer, and life-long memories. There's also an opportunity to build fairy houses at the festival in the gardens, and of course, anytime in your own neck of the woods.

Visit [nature-museum.org](http://nature-museum.org) to register as a Builder or event volunteer and to read all about the event. Tickets can be purchased online or at the fairy gate the day of the event. Adults are \$10, seniors 64 and over are \$8, and kids 3-17 are \$4.

*The Nature Museum at Grafton is located at 186 Townshend Rd., Grafton, VT. It is open Thursdays and Fridays 10 am to 4 pm year round, and Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm, June through September. [info@nature-museum.org](mailto:info@nature-museum.org). (802) 843-2111. [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org).*



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Whitewater paddling at Jamaica State Park.

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**Jamaica, VT**

# Great Whitewater Paddling September 21 & 22

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The Fall release date is expected to be September 21 & 22, 2019. Campsites are prioritized for paddlers and a 3 night minimum stay is required, and a maximum of two campsites may be reserved per customer. There is a maximum occupancy of 8 people per campsite, and two vehicles per campsite. Resale of campsites is not allowed. Campsite reservation holders

will need to provide the park management a list of site occupants prior to the fall event. Campsites may be booked by calling the Reservation Call Center directly (no online reservations) 11 months in advance. In the fall, Vendors will be on hand selling food and gear. The truck shuttle will run 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sunday. Shuttle tickets are sold on site; cash only. You must provide proof of paid day or camping entry in order to buy a shuttle pass. Times and length of the releases and shuttle may vary due to water conditions and need.

Day use for the event weekends is paid at the park entrance. Everyone entering the park must have proof of paid admission. Per person day fees are valid at Jamaica or any other park on the day paid. Paid parking passes off site are not valid for park entry.

**Park Interpreter**

This park has a park interpreter offering fun, hands-on activities. Interpreters are park staff solely dedicated to helping you learn more about the natural and cultural history of the park. Some popular activities include night hikes, nature crafts and games, campfire programs and amphibian explorations.

To book your stay, contact Jamaica State Park, (802) 874-4600. 48 Salmon Hole Lane, Jamaica, VT 05343. [vtstateparks.com](http://vtstateparks.com). Be sure to check out the current events section.



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by Bill Felker

**September 1**—Consider a vitamin supplements or apple cider vinegar for your moulting hens to help them replace protein required to grow new feathers.

**September 2**—Hunt the damp woods for puffball mushrooms.

**September 3**—The waxing Moon favors the seeding of winter grains and green manure crops.

**September 4**—Test the soil and make corrective lime and fertilizer applications for autumn plantings.

**September 5**—Gradually reduce feed to the fish in your aquaculture pond to avoid poor water quality.

**September 6**—Fertilize cool season pastures to maximize their growth potential.

**September 7**—The cutting of silage takes over from the second and third cuts of hay; soybeans set pods.

**September 8**—Ragweed season finally comes to a close.

**September 9**—Among the many signs of approaching autumn, the maturing of the jumpseed plant is one of the more dependable. When its flowers have turned to brittle seeds, then those "jumpseeds" pop and fly when touched, a sign that frost season is opening across the northern part of the United States.

**September 10**—Do your Thanksgiving turkey marketing now—Have your turkeys all placed before the leaves turn!

**September 11**—Plan to feed some of your pumpkin crop to your chicken flock. Give them high-protein treats, too, as the weather cools.

**September 12**—Feed sugar or corn syrup to beehives when the nights grow cold and flowers grow scarce..

**September 13**—The Moon is full, bringing the chance of frost to most of the Northern states and hurricane rains to the Southeast and Lower Midwest.

**September 14**—Almost everywhere above the equator, people are digging potatoes, picking commercial and private tomato plants clean.

**September 15**—Move Halloween crops to market.

**September 16**—Now as the Moon wanes, put in spring bulbs, divide perennials, plant shrubs and trees. Remember that flowers make your homestead look and feel more prosperous.

**September 17**—The seasons of plums, pears, water-



Quack, quack. A flock of ducks drifting on their pond toward fall in central Vermont. photo by Nancy Cassidy

melons and peaches move across the North.

**September 18**—Acorns fall, tempting deer and hunters.

**September 19**—Autumn grass may be lower in protein than its spring counterpart. Consider a protein supplement for your livestock as September progresses.

**September 20**—Don't allow your pigs to be chilled as cold winds follow rain or snow.

**September 21**—In the northern half of the United States, the first tier of trees, including the ashes, cottonwoods, box elders, hickories and locusts, turns quickly after equinox.

**September 22**—Poison ivy, sumac and Virginia creeper colors the fencerows red and gold.

**September 23**—Gather black walnuts and hickory nuts.

**September 24**—The tips of many spruce trees put on fresh growth, forecasting spring

**September 25**—Under the dark moon, bulbs intended for winter indoor forcing should be placed in light soil now and stored in a place where temperatures remain cool (but not

freezing). Consider selling their flowers to the Early Spring market in February.

**September 26**—The waning Moon is favorable for pruning shrubs or trees to retard growth and for killing weeds.

**September 27**—Monarch and swallowtail butterflies often become more numerous and visit the last flowers in the afternoon sun.

**September 28**—Aster blossoms start to disappear; marking the end of the insect season, the end of the spider web season and an acceleration in bird migration.

**September 29**—Harvest catfish from your commercial pond.

**September 30**—Check beehives on cooler mornings to reduce stress on your bees and the likelihood that you will be stung.

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# A Vermont Almanack for Early Autumn

by Bill Felker

A vast similitude interlocks all,  
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moons, planets...

—Walt Whitman

## The Phases of the Moon

**September 5:** The Autumn Apple Picking Moon enters its second quarter at 10:10 p.m.

**September 13:** The Moon reaches apogee at 8:32 a.m. and is full at 11:23 p.m.

**September 21:** The Moon enters its final quarter at 9:41 p.m.

**September 27:** The Moon reaches perigee at 9:27 p.m.

**September 28:** The High Leaf Color Moon is new at 1:26 p.m.

## The Sun, Planets And Stars

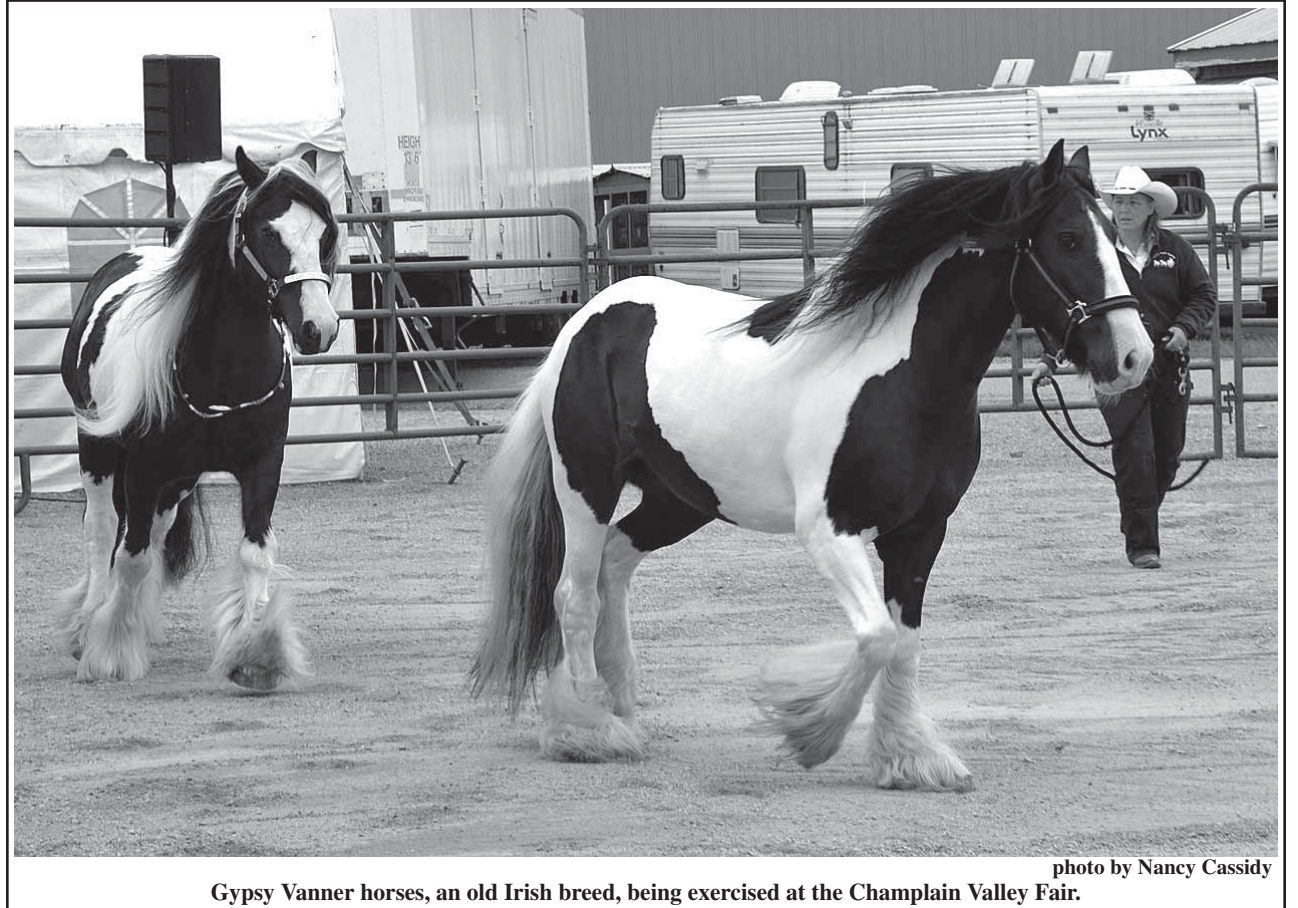
Autumn equinox occurs at 2:50 a.m. on September 23. At bedtime throughout the month, find Perseus coming up out of the northeast, the Great Square filling the eastern sky, Cygnus the Swan overhead, Hercules and the Corona Borealis in the west, and the Big Dipper low in the northwest. Taurus and the Pleiades are up by midnight, and they stay in the dark sky until middle spring when their disappearance coincides with blooming of daffodils. At dawn, Orion is almost due south, the Great Square is setting, and Regulus, the planting star of April is climbing in front of the sun in Leo's sickle.

Mars and Venus are too close to the setting sun for easy viewing. Jupiter, however, is a prominent Evening Star, shining in Ophiuchus in the southwest. Visible at dusk in Sagittarius, Saturn follows Jupiter into the horizon after midnight.

## Weather Patterns

Barometric and temperature records indicate that cold waves will cross the Mississippi around the dates listed below. The fronts reach western states 24 to 48 hours prior to their arrival in the Midwest; they reach Vermont 24 to 48 hours later. Storms can occur prior to the passage of each major front. Tornadoes, floods or prolonged periods of soggy pasture are most likely to occur within the following windows.

**August 29:** When the August 29th high-pressure system arrives, the likelihood for chilly highs only the 60s or 70s reaches early autumn levels. August 30th is typically the coldest day of the month, and it brings a 50 percent chance for a high just in the 70s, the first time chances for that have been so good since the end of June. Nights in the 40s or 50s continue to occur half the time, and the morning of the 29th brings the slight possibility (a ten to fifteen percent chance) of



Gypsy Vanner horses, an old Irish breed, being exercised at the Champlain Valley Fair.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

light frost for first time since the beginning of early summer

**September 2:** This system is mild throughout most of the United States, but it brings light-frost season to Vermont, a season during which the chances for a minor freeze increases slightly with each cool front.

**September 8:** Early fall always arrives with the September 8th front. Now the Dog Days of summer almost always fade, fog forms in the early mornings, and the cycle of flowering plants comes to a close.

**September 12:** The September 12th front often sweeps rain across Vermont and marks a turning point in the year during which the percentage of cloud cover gradually begins to increase and the chances for colder temperatures grow.

**September 15:** This mid-September weather system is accompanied by chances for much cooler afternoon high

temperatures (highs sometimes just in the 50s). Along with the chillier days comes a rapid decline in the number of wildflowers in bloom.

**September 20:** The autumn equinox front is typically characterized by warmth at its approach and a likelihood of frost as it departs east. Throughout the Northeast, chances for a light freeze are between 30 and 50 percent.

**September 24:** The possibility of frost begins to increase more rapidly with the passage of the second-last major front of September—chances for damaging temperature almost doubling over the chances after the equinox front.

**September 29:** Average temperatures start to fall at the rate of about four degrees per week, and the chances for harm to frost-sensitive flowers and vegetables rise to almost 80 percent the arrival of the September 29th weather system.

## Phenology: When—Then

by Bill Felker

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

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

When you see fallen leaves starting to accumulate in the backwaters and farm ponds, then the grapes on your arbor should be getting ripe, and half of your commercial tomatoes and potatoes should be harvested.

When the first black walnut trees are almost bare, then the third cut of alfalfa is typically complete and homesteaders are preparing the soil for planting canola, grasses and small grains.

When bright patches of scarlet sumac and Virginia creeper mark the fencerows, and streaks of gold have appeared on the silver olive bushes, then kingbirds, finches, ruddy ducks, herring gulls and yellow-bellied sapsuckers move south. The last young grackles and hummingbirds leave their nests. Cedar waxwings fly south. Bobolinks and woodcocks follow.

When the day's length falls below 12 hours (which it does after equinox), then you may want to turn on a low-wattage light bulb in the chicken house in order to counter the effects of the shortening days on egg production.

When katydids refuse to chant and crickets songs are slow, then check the forecast and be ready to cover your tender flowers and vegetables: frost could be on the way.

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

When you see farmers planting wheat in northern fields, know that throughout the South, cotton growers are defoliating their cotton plants, a process that increases fiber quality.

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

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

When you see red berries on the silver olive bushes, orange berries on the American mountain ash, and purple berries on the pokeweed, then look for yellow jackets to be active in the windfall apples.

When violet autumn crocuses blossom, then sandhill cranes have started their migration to the Gulf coast.

When you see young toads in the garden on the cooler evenings, then ragweed season will be at an end.

When rheumatic ailments in livestock and humans threaten as autumnal chill sinks in, head off these problems with paprika, parsley, comfrey, burdock, chickweed, rosemary, and garlic.

When alfalfa growth slows, move your flock and herd to orchard grass, timothy, bluegrass and broom grass.

## An Autumn Song

Fading year and shortening day  
Sunset dying swift away  
Hills and valleys radiant growing  
Evening breezes cooler blowing  
And the watch star's chilly beam  
And the hard moon's pallid gleam  
And the thrush's parting song  
Borne the forest aisles along  
Leaves are crimson meadows bare  
Flowers a dying beauty wear  
Mellowed fruits and ripened grain  
Brooding clouds and icy rain  
Autumn is come round again

—PAUL TEWKSBURY  
September 1917

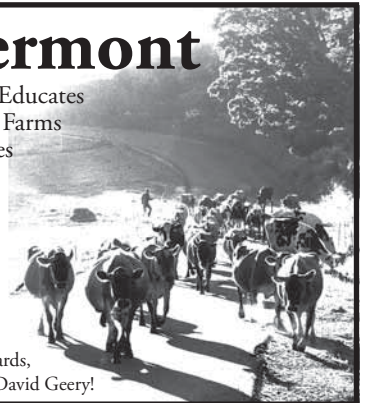
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The Sky Blue Boys

September 27: Hilton Park

Hilton Park was an unknown when they came here a few years ago. They brought the house down, and we are pleased to have them back. Hailing from Southern Maine, the award-winning band Hilton Park is known in the Northeastern U.S. for earthy, emotionally expressive and superbly crafted Americana, Folk & Blues. Every song tells a story, and there’s a story behind every song. Combining veteran musical & songwriting skill with teen enthusiasm, father/son team Bruce and Conor Hilton and family friend Gregg Pannier explore intimate musical textures, digging into the roots of American Blues, Folk Rock and Country, while maintaining a contemporary feel of their own. [www.hiltonparkband.com](http://www.hiltonparkband.com).

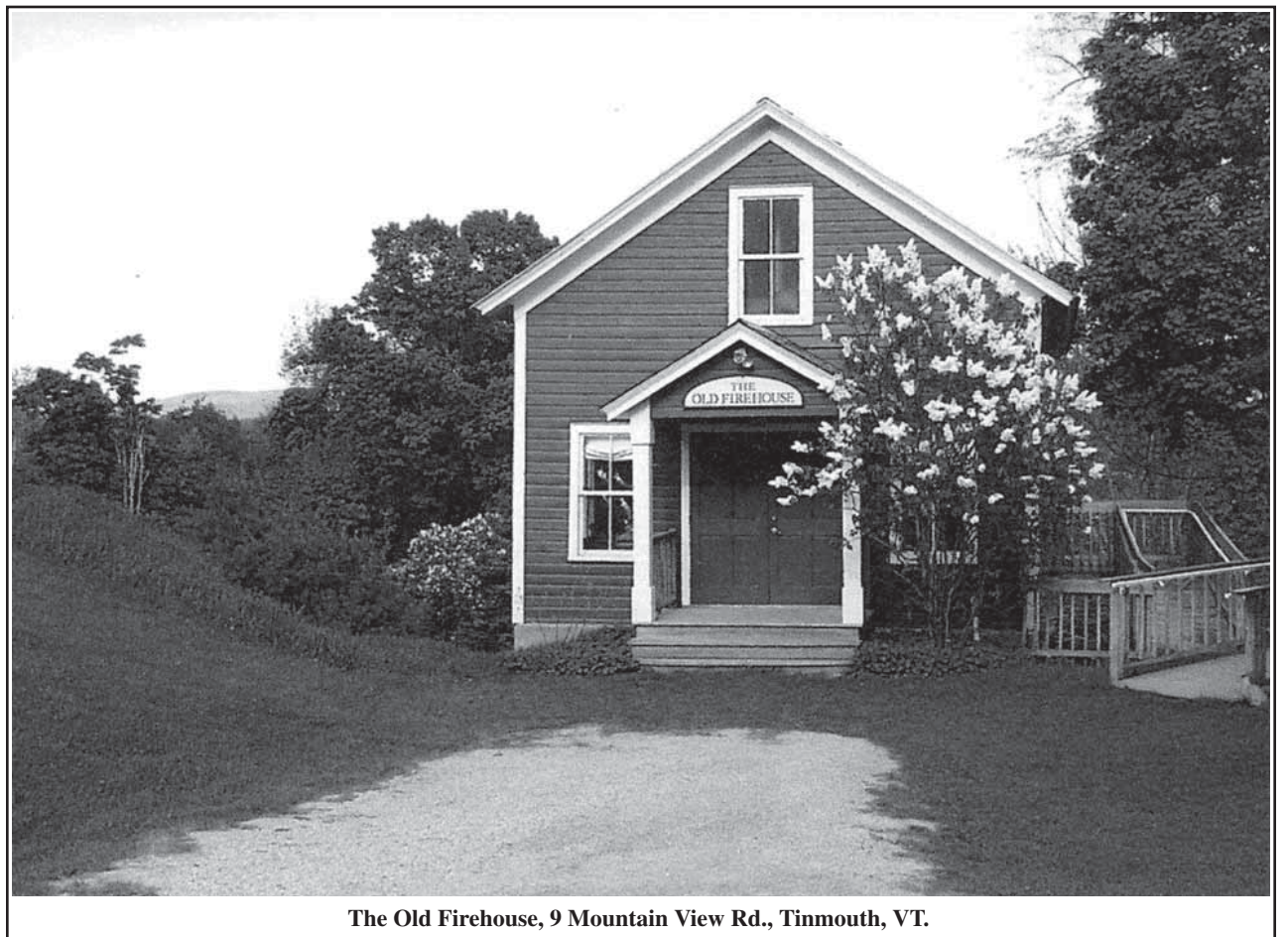


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October 11: Big Woods Voices

Big Woods Voices unites four veteran Vermont singers from the Brattleboro area in celebrating their common passion for a cappella harmony: Alan Blood, Will Danforth, singer-songwriter, traditional acoustic artist, and the group’s arranger/composer; Becky Graber, and Amanda



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Big Woods Voices

trips to the Old Firehouse. He has decades of concert touring, teaching and studio production behind him. His all-Vermont “POSSE” includes his teenage fiddle protégé Oliver Scanlon, and the dynamic accompanist Tristan Henderson. Featuring Pete’s rootsy songs, original and traditional fiddle music, and a few out there covers, this band is a fine opportunity for an intimate listen to an ever-evolving musical relationship that spans generations! The Old Firehouse, with its modest size and outstanding acoustics, is the place to hear them. [www.petesposse.com](http://www.petesposse.com).



Pete's Posse

October 25: Pete’s Posse

Pete Sutherland has played and sung everywhere in Vermont, including Tinmouth contradances and many

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## Autumn Event Schedule

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

**Nature Journaling Workshop. September 7 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, \$5pp.** Participants will create their own nature journals, then enter their observations during a hike through the forest.

**Second Saturday Hike. September 14 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, \$5pp.** This hike will be of moderate difficulty; participants must have appropriate footwear, water and snacks. Reservations are requested; fee: \$5 per person. Held weather-permitting.

**Harvest Festival. September 21 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Suggested Donation: \$3pp.** Celebrate Vermont's harvest season and join us for our annual day of fun farmstead activities: tractor-drawn wagon rides, farmer's market, outdoor games, demonstrations of farm skills, nature explorations and more!

**Volunteer Workparty Saturday. September 28 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Free.** One Saturday a month, in the woods and on the farm, volunteers gather to work with great people in the great big beautiful out-of-doors. Come join the crew! Wear sturdy outdoor gear and be prepared for weather.

**Game of Logging: Chainsaw Safety Training for Women. September 28 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, \$180pp.** Level 1 Only: Introduction to chainsaw safety and precision-felling techniques for women only. Participants must be prepared for moderately vigorous outdoor activity with gloves, sturdy footwear, water, snacks and a bag lunch. This workshop is weather-dependent: light rainfall will not cancel the workshop, but we will not fell trees in thunderstorms or in high-wind situations. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Enroll on the website at [merckforest.org/product/adult-programming](http://merckforest.org/product/adult-programming) or call the Visitor Center. If this class is over-enrolled, it may be possible to sign up for the co-ed class on Sunday the 29th. Housing is available Friday night at the Barn Cabins at the rate of \$10/person/night for participants in this class.

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Horse team bringing in the hay at Merck Forest and Farmland Center, Rupert, VT.

**Solo Wilderness First Aid with CPR Training. September 28 @ 8:30 am - September 29 @ 6:00 pm, \$240pp.** CPR training will run after the First Aid class. Space is limited and preregistration is required. Enroll on the website at [merckforest.org/product/adult-programming](http://merckforest.org/product/adult-programming) or call the Visitor Center. Housing is available Friday night at the Barn Cabins at the rate of \$10/person/night for participants in this class.

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When the haze of Indian Summer  
Dimly veils the dusky pines,  
When the noisy crows go southward  
And the wild geese fly in lines,  
Then my mind goes back in fancy  
To the home where I was born,  
And I hear again in dreams  
The gentle rustling of the corn.

When the golden-rod is blooming,  
And the summer fades away  
And the winter time is coming  
And the skies are growing gray;

When the leaves come gently drifting down  
From every tree and thorn,  
Then, to me, there is no music  
Like the rustling of the corn.

When the days are growing shorter  
And Thanksgiving time draws near,  
When the milk-weed throws its silk away  
And the grass is brown and sere—  
Mother's standing in the doorway  
Blowing on the dinner horn  
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—LOIS H. FIELD, 1907

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He will be followed by Keynote Speaker Megan Price, creator and author of *Vermont Wild, Adventures of Fish & Game Wardens* books, enjoyed by all ages and recently optioned by Hollywood for a television series. Price worked as an award-winning journalist and three-term Vermont legislator before launching the Green Mountains' best-selling adventure series.

Ann Rich Duncan will wrap up the day's events with insights from her distinguished career as a journalist, radio personality and author of six books. Both Price and Duncan have also worked in public relations and Holmes was the first president of Poultney's Stone Valley Arts.

The event will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in



Megan Price

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Three-horse team at Addison County Fair and Field Days.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

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In today's busy and noisy world, it is hoped that through the contributions of ancient Celtic Christianity, those in attendance will find the articulation of their own

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For further information, contact the Rev. James Hogan at (802) 265-2206 or

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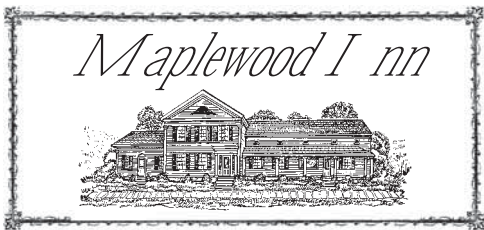
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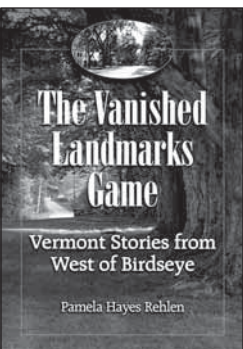
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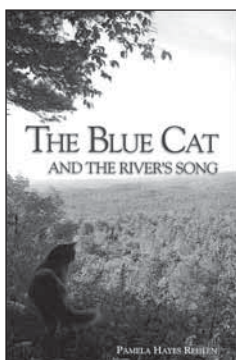
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# End-of-Summer Days

by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

It was so hot one night late this summer that I wasn't able to get my daily walk in until after supper, and then I headed up toward Castleton University and through the school parking lots—nearly empty except for a few dusty cars—and finally onto the rail trail which was a silent, tree-canopied, tunnel, darkening with the close of day. Birds twittered and chirped, and there was the gun-shot-backfire and muffled roar of a distant motorcycle.

The season was dying, bleached and burned, becoming an interval of lengthening shadows and exhausted-quiet. For me, this time of year brings a flood of memories.

It used to be common for people to be outside on their porches until the birds stopped twittering, the air cooled, the evening dimmed to darkness, and bats flitted overhead.

I remember my Fair Haven grandmother sitting in her rocking chair for hours after supper. On the long summer evenings, she rocked while I played outside, and when I came in, I couldn't make her out clearly, and her voice came to me in the soft dimness of the room.

No one sits, either in or outside, like that now. There are too many other entertainment options.

My school teacher father worked during July and August as headwaiter at Lake Bomoseen's Prospect House, and one night a week, for an outing, my mother had the use of our family car.

After she'd dropped my father off for the dinner hour at the hotel, and after our supper at home, she drove my sister and me from the Pencil Mill Schoolhouse, our summer cottage, which was just down the road from 'Boomer' and Eileen Brough's guest house and Harry O'Rourke's horse stable. She drove us on all her favorite back roads, and then she drove down the long steep hill past the Eagan farm into Castleton village.

*"The season was dying, bleached and burned, becoming an interval of lengthening shadows and exhausted-quiet."*

We got ice cream cones at Ballards Store. Then we walked across the street to the library where I picked out Hardy Boys mysteries. Bars of late sunlight fell across the library floor, and my mother always knew and talked to whomever was sitting behind the desk. My mother knew everyone in town.

Sometimes, we walked along the streets I walk now, and sometimes we stopped and saw people who were sitting out. I remember visiting Stella Durkee who lived next door to the library and was one of my mother's graded school teachers. We visited the two Langdons, Martha Towers mother and her mother's sister-in-law. The pair lived in genteel—but feisty, high-spirited—poverty in their very old house next to the Federated Church.

Sometimes, after we'd finished our cones and gotten our books, my mother drove us out to Castleton Corners, to my grandparents' house.

By then, Aunt Alma owned the place. During the school year, she taught in Scarsdale, New York. Her real love was being an antique dealer, buying—but almost never selling—old things.

In the 1940s, my grandparents' three sons built them a slate patio at the front of their house. A glider with oil cloth cushions—split here and there from heat and age—sat on the patio, and this is where my mother and aunt would settle for summer evening visits.

I was left to entertain myself. When I went inside, Aunt Alma's house felt peaceful, but the air was hot and stale. The floors were covered with oriental rugs that she washed in a bathtub out back. As I moved through silent rooms, I saw my ghostly reflection in the drowned-dark, glass of antique mirrors.



Pam Rehlen in front of her grandfather's barn, now the Castleton Homestead Wellness Center. photo by John Rehlen

The barn smelled faintly of long-gone cows. I liked the narrow stairs, which started back in a dim corner and climbed to an empty hay loft. Through cracks in the loft door, there were views over to Mrs. Grace's house and down to the dusty one-time farm yard below.

I always visited my grandfather's little outhouse which was beyond the abandoned chicken coops. It was just a storage place by that time, and I would sit inside for awhile watching a few wasps far above me buzzing angrily under the roof.

There was nothing to do. It was hot and still, and the shadows by the outbuildings were lengthening. My mother and aunt seemed far away. My sister had disappeared. Next door, old Mrs. Grace stood for a moment in her back yard.

I wandered back to the house. I walked into the damp, moss-streaked, corner where the abandoned slate-stacked well and hand pump stood, pushed open the screen door and continued past an empty coal bin, into Aunt Alma's summer kitchen. There was the smell of old wood and the tiny sharp

scent of coal and kerosene. Now when the season turns, why does the memory of these places and these end-of-summer days come to me so powerfully? The cottage, the town streets, the dusty back roads, the library, my grandparents' house, everything is still here.

But, really, it's not.

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*All back issues of these columns are available to read under the archives at [www.vermontcountry sampler.com](http://www.vermontcountry sampler.com).*

## New Trail in West Rutland Marsh

Nine youth from the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps. have been hard at work constructing the first section of new trails in the West Rutland Marsh. The trail originates off the Whipple Hollow Road.

It is being sponsored by Rutland County Audubon with the support of the town of West Rutland. The trails are being built to increase

the safety of bird and nature watchers and also to allow observation opportunities in the drier shrub and tree habitats of the area.

The marsh is a National Audubon IBA (Important Birding Area) and home to 155 species of birds, in addition to many tree, shrub and flower species. The trails are located in conserved sections of the marsh.



Trail work in the West Rutland Marsh.



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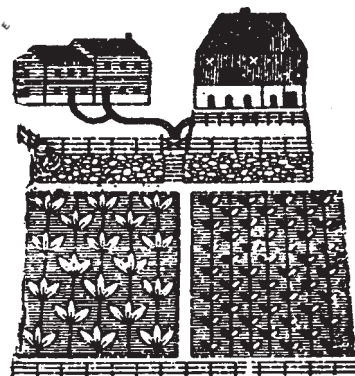
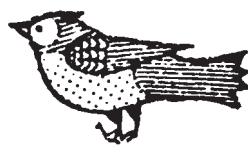
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# Vermont Country Calendar

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

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

**BROWNINGTON.** Stars Party. An evening of entertainment and celestial wonder. Stargazing with Fairbanks Museum astronomers at dusk. Three bands, food and beverages. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Prospect Hill. Tickets: adults \$10, children \$5, family \$25. Register in advance. 4-11 pm. Old Stone House Historic Village, 109 Old Stone House Rd. (802) 754-2022. admin@oldstonehousemuseum.org. oldstonehousemuseum.org.

**ESSEX JCT.** Champlain Valley Exposition. The Ten Best Days of Summer! Concerts. Demolition derby, agricultural exhibits, horse show, horse pulling. Midway, grange, 4H and lots of entertainment Adults \$12, kids 5-12 \$5, under 5 free. 10 am - 12 midnight, 105 Pearl St. (802) 878-5545. www.champlainvalleyfair.org. Through September 1.

**GREENSBORO.** Concert: Paul Asbell Blues Trio featuring legendary blues harp master Jerry Portnoy. 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$10-\$25. Highland Center for the Arts, 2875 Hardwick St. (802) 533-2000. boxoffice@highlandartsvt.org. highlandartsvt.org.

**MANCHESTER.** Concert: Maxine Linehan. One: The Songs of U2. International concert artist accompanied by piano, violin, two cellos, guitar, bass, and drums. \$45-\$60. 8-10 pm. Arkell Pavilion at the Southern Vermont Arts Center, 930 Southern Vermont Arts Center Dr., West Rd. (802) 362-1405. info@svac.org. svac.org.

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

**MIDDLEBURY.** Point Counterpoint Faculty Concert. Free, goodwill donations encouraged. House opens 7 pm for 7:30 pm concert. Middlebury Unitarian Universalist Church. (802) 247-8467. pointcp.com.

**POULTNEY.** FREE Book Sale. A few carts of specially priced items for sale, the majority of the books available for free: 8 boxes of books for kids and teens, 50 boxes of adult fiction, 22 boxes of adult non-fiction, 18 boxes of paperback books. Friday 10 am - 5 pm, Saturday 10 am - 1 pm. Poultnery Public Library. (802) 287-5556. Also August 31.

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

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

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

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

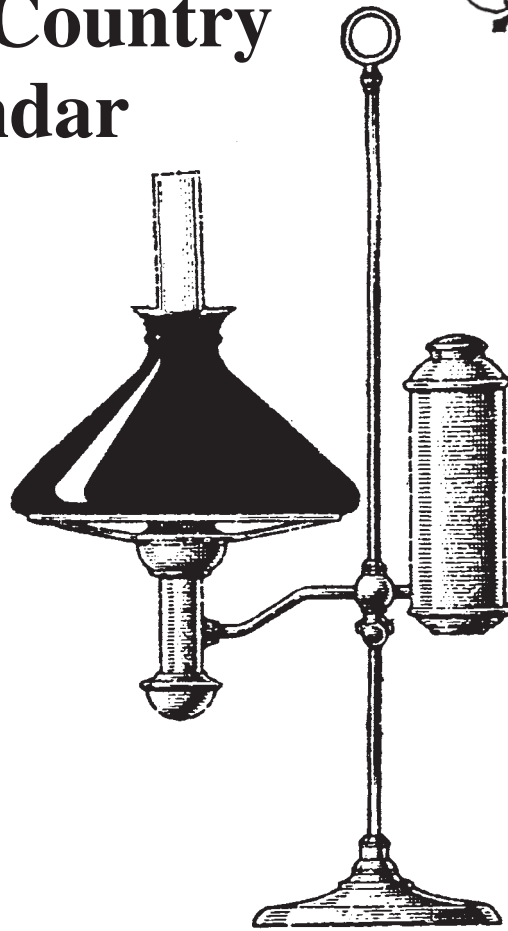
**BELMONT.** Fundraising Dinner to benefit the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum. All you can eat. Served home style. Adults \$12, children 11 and under \$6. 5-7:30 pm. The Odd Fellows Hall, Lake St. (802) 259-2640. mounthollymuseum@gmail.com. mounthollymuseum.org.

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

**BRANDON.** Concert: Gypsy Reel, eclectic blend of Celtic and original music. Tickets: \$20; pre-concert dinner available for \$25. Reservations required for dinner and recommended for the show. Venue is BYOB. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 247-4295. info@brandon-music.net. brandon-music.net

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

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

**NORWICH.** Grange Breakfast. Buffet-style meal includes pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, eggs, biscuits and gravy, real maple syrup and beverages. Price: \$5-\$8, children under five free; family rate available. 8-11 am. Norwich Grange, 344 N. Main St. (802) 356-0844.

**NORWICH.** Appalachian Trail Hike. Boots to Boats AT hike with NPS Ranger, from Happy Hill Road to Elm Street. 4.1 miles, with 220' up, 570' down, part steeply down at end. Explore AT and landscape history. Moderate. Limit 12. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Leader: Peter Hope. Reserve during business hours with Park Service at (802) 457-3368 x 222. greenmountainclub.org.

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

**PLYMOUTH.** 15th Annual Folk & Blues Festival. Concerts feature stars from Vermont and nationally known musicians. Wagon rides on Saturday; children's crafts and face painting both days. Free; donations welcomed. 2 pm Saturday - 5 pm Sunday. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. william.jenney@vermont.gov. historicites.vermont.gov/calvin-coolidge. plymouthfolk.com. Also September 1.

**RANDOLPH.** Indoor Flea Market. Household objects, bric-a-brac and crafts. 9 am - 3 pm. Our Lady of the Angels Church, 43 Hebard Hill Rd. (802) 728-4322. rbohnyak@gmail.com.

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

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

**WATERBURY.** Owl Prowl and Night Ghost Hike. Search for creatures of the dusk and visit 19th-century settlement ruins. New routes and stories available for returning ghost hikers. Flashlights Required. VT ghost stories provided. Meet at History Hike Lot. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. Day use fees apply. 7 pm. Little River State Park, 3444 Little River Rd. (802) 244-7103. vtstateparks.com.

**WEST DOVER.** 25th Annual Brewers Festival. Nearly 50 different breweries. Great food options: huge BBQ, waffles, pizza, tacos. Live music. Team t-shirt contest. Bring lawn chairs and lawn games, leave dogs at home. No coolers allowed. Rain or shine. Tickets: \$15-\$50, children 6 and under free. 12 noon - 6 pm. Mount Snow Resort, 39 Mount Snow Rd. mounsnow.com. Also September 1.

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(Saturday, August 31, continued)

**WEST NEWBURY.** Square Dance. Round and square dances from the mid-1900s, accompanied by live music (fiddles, piano and guitar) and two callers. All dances taught. Refreshments. Price: by donation. 7:30-10 pm. West Newbury Hall, 219 Tyler Farm Rd. (802) 429-2316. donjuliaelder@hotmail.com.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

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

**MANCHESTER.** Sunday Farm Concert. Billy Wylder's Moonshire performs. Certified organic vegetables, wood-fired bakery, vegetarian farm-to-table event catering, farm store & world music venue. 5 pm. Earth Sky Time Community Farm, 1547 Main St. just south of town off Rt. 7A. (802) 384-1400. www.earthskytime.com. Next concert October 13.

**NORTHFIELD.** Labor Day Weekend Celebration: Celebrating Norwich 200. Food, Craft and Game booths. Book Sale. Celebrating Northfield exhibit. Gold panning demo. Bingo. Tag sale. Breakfast buffet. Aerial circus act. Kids treasure hunt. Local vocal artists. Comedian. Street dance with Bonfire. 10 am - 10 pm. northfieldlaborday.org. Through September 2.

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**RANDOLPH.** 27th Annual New World Festival. More than 50 performers from the Celtic and French Canadian music and dance traditions, on five all-weather stages. Stages in Chandler Music Hall and Bethany Church. Dance and family tents. Food tent. Children 12 and under free. (802) 728-9878. NewWorldFestival.com. chandler-arts.org.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

**NORTHFIELD.** Labor Day Weekend Celebration: Celebrating Norwich 200. Food, Craft and Game booths. Book Sale. Celebrating Northfield exhibit. Gold panning demo. Bingo. Tag sale. Breakfast at Masonic Temple. Parade. Chicken BBQ. Quilt raffle drawing. Noon Catamount Pipe Band. Community birthday cake celebrating Norwich 200. Party Crashers rock band. Puppet show. Duck race. 10 am - 10 pm. northfieldlaborday.org.

**SHEFFIELD.** 72nd Sheffield Field Day. Children's activities, pony pulling, bingo, ticket raffle, crafts and vendors, softball tournament, horseshoe tournament, floral hall, pony rides, and food booths all day. 1847 Town House Museum. 10 am Grand Parade. Sutton River Band. Chicken barbeque. Fiddlers contest. Raffle. 8 am - 5 pm.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

**MIDDLEBURY.** Great Art Wednesday Film: *Alexander Calder*, a film about the pioneering mobile artist. Tickets: \$13, students \$8. 11 am. Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. (802) 382-9222. townhalltheater.org.

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**WOODSTOCK.** Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides. Admission: adults \$16, seniors 62 and over \$14, students 16 & up \$9, children 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4. 11 am - 3 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Route 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. billingsfarm.org. Wednesdays through September 25.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Theatre Festival. Shakespeare in the Woods: *The Taming of the Shrew*, set abroad in a small Italian town where old customs die hard. Tickets: adults \$20 advance, \$25 at the door; children (12 & under) \$12. 7 pm. Northshire Civic Center, 410 Hunter Park Rd. (802) 779-3315. shakespeareinthewoodsvt.com. rileyrink.com. Through September 8.

**NEWPORT.** Symphony Sampler. Annual Vermont Symphony Orchestra fundraiser. Music by the Lake Region UHS Jazz Band. Live and silent auctions. Sumptuous buffet (cash bar). Grand prize drawing for VSO classical concert tickets with hotel overnight in Burlington. All proceeds support VSO statewide operations. Tickets: \$20-\$35. 6-8:30 pm. East Side Restaurant, 47 Landing St. vso.org.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

**BRATTLEBORO.** Art Raffle: Wolf Kahn's 1995 pastel painting, Orange, Yellow, Green, and Blue. Raffle tickets: \$60 each, 3 for \$150. Only 200 tickets available. 8 pm. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. brattleboromuseum.org.

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**READING.** Free First Fridays. View exhibitions without a guide, at your own pace. Wood-fired pizza prepared in a vintage truck with a wood-burning oven. Rain or shine. Admission free. 5-8 pm. Hall Art Foundation, 544 VT Route 106. (802) 952-1056. hallartfoundation.org. First Fridays thru Nov. 1.



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## — Holiday Craft Fairs —

Fall Holiday Fair: Nov. 9 • Christmas Holiday Show: Dec. 14

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## Chester, VT

### 45th Annual Chester Fall Craft Festival

The 45th Annual Chester Fall Festival will bring arts and crafts vendors, artisan demonstrations, food vendors and music to the Green in the center of beautiful Chester, Vermont.

The festival takes place September 21-22, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year there will be many new vendors and returning favorites.

This is a free outdoor event. Enjoy the opportunity to explore unique handmade crafts offered by over 60 artists, including wood products, glass, jewelry, photog-

raphy, watercolors, fiber arts, paper arts, pottery, quilts, soaps and more!

Stroll through the village of Chester and enjoy its unique architecture and local studios, shops and restaurants. Midday music is provided by Vermont musicians. Activities for children are available.

On Saturday, visit the Beer Garden at Chester's Fullerton Inn for food, music and beer!

Round-trip scenic foliage train rides depart for Rockingham or Ludlow from Chester at 10 a.m., 12 noon,

and 3:30 p.m. See rails-vt.com for schedule.

Live music featuring Beth Adams, DV8, Jennings & McComber, Crowd the Plow, Owen Neid, Root7, and John Specker.

The Festival is a hallmark of the beginning of fall.

*Chester's Green is located on VT Rt. 11, accessible from I-91 via Exit 6 (Rte. 103) or Exit 7 (Rte. 11). For info call (802) 297-7583, e-mail chesterfallfestival@gmail.com or go to chesterfallfestival.org.*

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**SPRINGFIELD.** Exhibit opening reception: "Alchemy, Metal, Mystery & Magic, The Art of Transformation." Catered reception. 5:30 pm. The Great Hall, One Hundred River St. (802) 258-3992. [www.facebook.com/GreatHallSpringfield](http://www.facebook.com/GreatHallSpringfield), *Exhibit through February, 2020.*

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Concert: Abhisek Lahiri, sarod, and Subrata Bhattacharya, tabla. Indian classical music. Tickets: premium \$25 (seniors 60+ \$20), standard \$20 (seniors \$15). 7:30 pm. Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 460-0110. [stonechurcharts.org](http://stonechurcharts.org).

**BRANDON.** Concert: Steve Hartman, singer-songwriter from Jericho Vermont, a polished guitarist with amazing vocals and engaging stage presence. Tickets: \$20; pre-concert dinner available for \$25. Reservations required for dinner and recommended for the show. Venue is BYOB. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 247-4295. [info@brandon-music.net](mailto:info@brandon-music.net). [brandon-music.net](http://brandon-music.net).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Author talk & Book Signing: Matthew Riemer and Leighton Brown, creators of [queerhistory.com](http://queerhistory.com) and Instagram's @lgbt\_history, discuss their book *We Are Everywhere: Protest, Power, and Pride in the History of Queer Liberation*. 5 pm. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. [brattleboromuseum.org](http://brattleboromuseum.org).

**BROWNINGTON.** Workshop: Herbal Infusions from the Garden. Learn different techniques to infuse herbs in oils, witch hazel, alcohol & vinegar to preserve for culinary uses or healing in skin products. 11 am – 12 noon. Old Stone House Historic Village, 109 Old Stone House Rd. (802) 754-2022. [oldstonehousemuseum.org](http://oldstonehousemuseum.org).

**BROWNINGTON.** Wood Carving Class with Art Wolff. Carve and paint a Blacked Capped Chickadee over this three-day class. Beginner level class with all supplies included in class fee. 9 am – 5 pm. Old Stone House Historic Village, 109 Old Stone House Rd. (802) 754-2022. [oldstonehousemuseum.org](http://oldstonehousemuseum.org). *Continues September 14 and 21.*

**COLCHESTER.** Vermont Genealogy Library Open House. 30-minute demonstrations of Family Tree Maker, RootsMagic, Ancestry.com, FindMyPast.com and the basics of DNA testing. Demonstrations of Internet resources. Tours of our library. Genealogy books for sale, free refreshments. 10 am – 4 pm. Vermont Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave, Fort Ethan Allen. (802) 350-1333. [vtgenlib.org](http://vtgenlib.org).

**COLCHESTER.** Open Rehearsal: Vermont Symphony Orchestra Chorus performance of Mozart's *Requiem*. Discussion of a new VSO-commissioned work by Matthew Evan Taylor. Casual, interactive lecture/recital format; reception afterwards. Free; email [rsvp@vso.org](mailto:rsvp@vso.org) by August 30. 11 am – 6:30 pm. Elley-Long Music Center. [vso.org](http://vso.org).

**DERBY LINE.** Concert: Banjo Dan's Bluegrass Revue. The Sky Blue Boys along with Bob Amos & Catamount Crossing. Tickets: \$20. 7:30 pm. Haskell Opera House, 93 Caswell Ave. (802) 748-2600. [haskellopera.com](http://haskellopera.com).

**EAST BURKE.** Third Annual Vermont Hempfest. Full day of panels and workshops, 50+ agricultural, hemp and CBD exhibitors. Park at the Base Lodge at 223 Sherburne Lodge Road and take our complimentary shuttle up to the Hotel. Tickets: \$25. Burke Mountain Hotel and Conference Center, 2559 Mountain Rd. (802) 626-7400. [skiburke.com](http://skiburke.com).

**EAST FAIRFIELD.** Summer Concerts with Vermont Treasures: Paul Asbell. Suggested donation: \$10. 7 pm. 53 School St. (802) 827-6626. [meetinghouseonthegreen.org](http://meetinghouseonthegreen.org).

**HUBBARDTON.** Moonlight Starlight Astronomy Night. Take a deep look at the moon and night sky with members of the Green Mountain Astronomers, who bring their telescopes to share. The moon rises about 3:30 pm. 7:30–11 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton-battlefield](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton-battlefield).

**KILLINGTON.** 18th Annual Pug Social. Longest tongue contest, best wrinkles contest, best kisser contest, curliest tail contest, best trick/talent contest, great pug races, oldest pug, furthest traveled pug, Chinese auction, raffle, shopping. 10 am – 5 pm. Sherburne Memorial Library, 2998 River Rd.

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

**RIPTON.** Concert: Beg, Steal or Borrow. Bluegrass. General admission \$10, generous admission \$15, kids under 12 \$3. 7:30 pm open mic, followed by featured performers; doors open at 7 pm. Ripton Community Coffee House, 1305 Rte 125. (802) 388-9782. [rcchfolks@gmail.com](mailto:rcchfolks@gmail.com). [rcch.org](http://rcch.org).

**SHOREHAM.** Fall Rummage and Food Sale. Bargains in clothing and housewares. Delicious food offerings. Bag sale starts at noon. 9 am – 2 pm. Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School Rd.

**WEST RUTLAND.** Opening Reception for Annual SculptFest Exhibition. Sculptural installations on this year's theme of "Changes." Music by the Harry Drum Trio. Refreshments. Raffle drawing. Free. 5–8 pm. The Carving Studio & Sculpture Center, 636 Marble St. (802) 438-2097. [info@carvingstudio.org](mailto:info@carvingstudio.org). [carvingstudio.org](http://carvingstudio.org). *Exhibit runs through October 20.*

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** 27th Annual Glory Days Festival and Fall Harvest Craft Fair. Excursion train rides, live entertainment, children's games and activities, model railroad show, craft fair, food and more. 10 am – 4 pm. White River Junction Train Station in Downtown White River Jct. (802) 295-5036. [recreation@hartford-vt.org](mailto:recreation@hartford-vt.org).

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

**FAIRLEE.** Tour de Taste: A Pedaling Picnic. Sample food from local restaurants at designated food stops. Starting in scenic Fairlee, enjoy one of three available routes throughout the Upper Valley. 10 am – 3 pm. Upper Valley, various routes. (802) 649-9075.

**FAIRLEE.** Fairlee Flea Market. An outdoor market with a variety of merchandise. 8:30 am – 3 pm. Fairlee Railroad Station, 320 Route 5. (802) 333-4809. [rctc8@yahoo.com](mailto:rctc8@yahoo.com).

**FERRISBURGH.** Talk. When the Church and Republicans were Radical: Reconstruction, 1862–1895. Dr. Elise Guyette will present an illustrated talk delving into the widely misunderstood history of Reconstruction, using South Carolina as an example. 3–5 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7. (802) 877-3406. [rokeby.org](http://rokeby.org).

**NORWICH.** Mid-century Modern Walking Tour, tells the story of the architects and artists who came to Norwich in the decades following World War II. Price: \$5, advance registration. 3–4:30 pm. Norwich Historical Society, 277 Main St. (802) 649-0124. [norwichhistory.org](http://norwichhistory.org).

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Concert: Barika & Daby Toure. An evening of West African sounds with six-piece band. Barika's funky, instrumental-laden soundscapes and singer-songwriter Daby Toure's catchy, soulful pop songs. Dog and family friendly. Beer and Food vendors. Free. 4 pm. Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. (802) 748-2600 ext. 106. [mstone@kcpresents.org](mailto:mstone@kcpresents.org).

**STRAFFORD.** Plant Walk. Fiddleheads, Lamb's Quarters, Nettles and Nuts: Wilde Edible, Medicinal, and Poisonous Plants. Colonial and Native American folklore and information about the uses of wild plants for food, medicine, and materials. Taste some in the field and sample a mystery wild treat. 1–2:30 pm. Senator Justin Morrill State Historic Site, 214 Justin Morrill Hwy. (802) 765-4288. [historicsites.vermont.gov/justin-morrill](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/justin-morrill).

**WOODSTOCK.** Concert: The Verona String Quartet performs Ravel's String Quartet in F major and Janacek's String Quartet No. 2. Donations welcome. 2–3 pm. Woodstock Unitarian Universalist Church, 7 Church St. (802) 457-2557. [office@northchapelvt.org](mailto:office@northchapelvt.org).

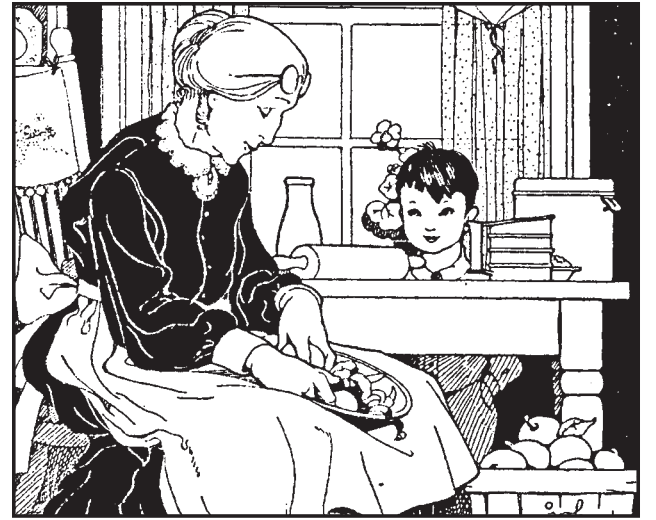
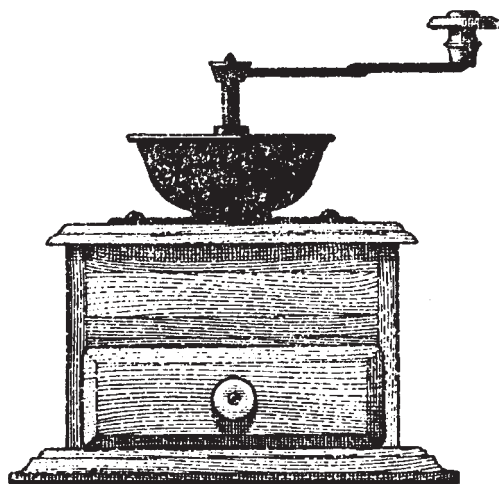
## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**BURLINGTON.** Onion River Press Book Launch Event: *Green Mountain Sapsuckers* and *SapNet*, by local filmmaker and author Harry Goldhagen. In the tranquil and idyllic town of Skunk Hollow, readers follow adventurous investigative reporter Charlotte St. Johnsbury (aka Ms. Sugar Maple) and country boy Chester Arthur in two novellas, uncovering the dark, maple-coated underbelly of rural paradise. Free. 7 pm. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz).

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

**HUBBARDTON.** Day of Remembrance. The site is open without charge on Patriot Day for those who wish to contemplate or to honor past heroes. 10 am – 5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton-battlefield](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton-battlefield).

**RUTLAND.** The heART of AromaTouch Technique. Using essential oils to help reduce stress, boost immune system, bring the body into balance and reduce inflammation. Instructor Taylor Morneau. Cost: \$25. 6–8 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. [info@chaffeeartcenter.org](mailto:info@chaffeeartcenter.org). [chaffeeartcenter.org](http://chaffeeartcenter.org).



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(Wednesday, September 11, continued)

**WOODSTOCK.** Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides. Admission: adults \$16, seniors 62 and over \$14, students 16 & up \$9, children 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4. 11 am – 3 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Route 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org, billingsfarm.org. Wednesdays through September 25.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

**BRATTLEBORO.** Back to the Land Redux: Vermont's New Generation of Artist-Farmers. An exploration of the intersection between art and farming with artist-farmers from Northern Spy Farm, Big Picture Farm, and Blue Ledge Farm. 7:30 pm. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. brattleboromuseum.org.

**RANDOLPH.** "VeggieVanGo" Produce Van. Area residents in need of food assistance can pick up free vegetables and fruits. 11:30 am – 1 pm. Gifford Medical Center visitors entrance, 44 S. Main St. (802) 728-2377. vtfoodbank.org/veggievango. Second Thursday of each month.

**RICHMOND.** Pasture-Raised Fried Chicken Dinners on the Farm. Fried chicken with all the fixin's. Lawn games, local live music. Farm to cone ice cream. Rain or shine. Bring camp chairs/blankets in case we run out of indoor seating. Take-out available. Tickets: adults \$24, under 12 \$14; vegetarian \$16/\$10. 5:30 pm. Maple Wind Farm, 1148 E Main St. maplewindfarm.com. Also October 11.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

**GREENSBORO.** Vermont Death and Dying Symposium. Education on dying death and spirit. Psychic medium, anxiety reduction, past life regression. Talks on herbal care for the dying, open air cremation, evolving funeral homes, labyrinth walking, mourning jewelry, keening to live bagpipes. Vegetarian meals included. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The People Barn, Lauredon Ave. (802) 533-7721. stardustmeadow.com. Through September 15.

**LEBANON, NH.** Mike McDonald's Boston vs New York Comedypalooza Rumble. Five great comedians in a Boston vs New York stand-up comedy throw down. A portion of the proceeds benefits Good Neighbor Health Clinic. Tickets: \$32-\$38. Doors open at 7 pm. Lebanon Opera House 51 North Park St. (603) 448.0400. lebanonoperahouse.org.

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

**SMUGGLERS' NOTCH.** Smuggs FallFest. Live music, local food trucks, Fiddlehead craft brews and Citizen Ciders. Children 12 & under free. 7-10 pm. Smugglers' Notch Resort, 4323 VT Route 108 South. (888) 328-0892. smuggs.com. Through September 14.

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Jukebox Concert at ArtsRiot! Vermont Symphony Orchestra principal flute Melissa Mielens and the Jukebox quartet perform music of Mozart, two brilliant Israeli composers, and a beat-boxing, blues-inspired showstopper by Ian Clarke. 7:30 pm. Kingdom Taproom. vso.org.

**TINMOUTH.** Concert: The Sky Blue Boys. Banjo Dan and his brother Willy, two fellows with a mandolin and a banjo. Suggested donation: \$10-\$15. 7:30 pm. The Old Firehouse, Rt 140 and Mountain View Rd. old.firehouse.concerts@gmail.com. tinmouthvt.org/old-fire-house.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

**BURLINGTON.** Grand Point North Festival: Grace Potter's Grand Point North performs both nights, additional artists TBA. Children 12 & under free. 3-11 pm. Waterfront Park, 1 Lake St. grandpointnorth.com. Through September 15.

**COLCHESTER.** Birding at Delta Park. Walk out to the bridge over the Winooski River Delta along the Burlington Bike Path, or along the shore. Binoculars and field guides available to borrow. All welcome (no expertise on birds necessary). Easy hike. Leisurely pace. 1 miles. 0' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader: Juli Tyson, (802) 863-5744, jstyson17@gmail.com. greenmountainclub.org.

**COLCHESTER.** Class: Starting Your Own Genealogy Search, with Sheila Morris. How to find records and conduct sound research, and how to organize what you find. Bring information about your grandparents' births, marriages, deaths and where they lived. After the talk, get started using our resources. Cost: \$15. 10:30 am – 12 noon. Vermont Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave, Fort Ethan Allen. (802) 350-1333. vtgenlib.org.

**FAIRFAX.** Fourth Annual Steeple Market Brewfest. Craft beer, live music, food trucks, cornhole tournament. 2-6 pm. J&L Field, 4 Field Rd. (802) 849-6872. steeplemarket.com/brewfest.

**LUNENBURG.** Open Mic. Bring your instruments, voices, and dancing feet. Family friendly, relaxed. \$3 adults, kids free. 6 pm. Congregational Church, top of the Common, Rt 2. (802) 892-6654. topofthecommon.org.

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

**PROCTORSVILLE.** Vermont Golden Honey Festival. Local vendors with honey bee- or honey-inspired products. Farmers Market with local produce and hot food, Wooden ware and networking for bee enthusiasts. Honey apple wood-fired pizza from a mobile wood-fired beehive pizza oven. Honey-related food and drinks. Crafts, books kids' activities. Free. 10 am – 4 pm. Golden Stage Inn B&B, 399 Depot St. (802) 226-7744. goldenstageinn.com.

**RUTLAND.** Sip N Dip to Benefit Huntington's Disease. Cost: \$30. 1-3 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. info@chaffeeartcenter.org. chaffeeartcenter.org.

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Colors of the Kingdom Autumn Festival. Train Rides, farmers' market, arts & crafts Fair. Planetarium shows, bluegrass festival. Parade & much more. Many events free or at discounted prices. Cultural attractions, local shops and restaurants. 8 am – 5 pm. Downtown St. Johnsbury. (802) 748-3678. nekchamber.com.

**WOODSTOCK.** Old Time Fair. Experience the simple family fun of a fair with crafts, games, and treats. Admission: 25 cents. 1-4 pm. Woodstock History Center, 26 Elm St. (802) 457-1822. education@woodstockhistorycenter.org. woodstockhistorycenter.org.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**ADDISON.** Points of Interest: Lake Champlain Bridge Guided Walk. Learn the history of what surrounds you as you walk across the Lake Champlain Bridge. Elsa Gilbertson and Thomas Hughes lead this guided round trip walk. Meet at Chimney Point. Rain or shine, dress for the weather. Bring a picnic to enjoy before. Fee: \$8. 1-3 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Route 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicites.vermont.gov/chimney-point.

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**HUBBARDTON.** Revolutionary War Board Game Afternoon. Revolutionary War tabletop board gaming. Several strategy games and scenarios. Battlefield walk after. For ages 12 and up. 1-4 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton-battlefield](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton-battlefield).

**LEBANON, NH.** Concert: Jonny Lang. Blues singer and guitarist lauded for his ferocious playing and virtuosic technique. Tickets: \$49.50-\$69.50. Doors open at 7 pm. Lebanon Opera House 51 North Park St. (603) 448.0400. [lebanonoperahouse.org](http://lebanonoperahouse.org).

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Concert: Durham County Poets, folk roots band with seasoned musicians. Dog and family friendly. Beer and Food vendors. Free. 4 pm. Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. (802) 748-2600 ext. 106. [mstone@kcppresents.org](mailto:mstone@kcppresents.org).

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

**WESTMINSTER.** Talk: "What Lies Underwater In the Connecticut River in the Westminister Area?" Local diver Annette Spaulding will share underwater video of her newest adventures diving in the Connecticut River, at the Westminister Historical Society's annual meeting. Refreshments and time for questions. 7 pm at the Fire Station. (802) 387-5778. [westminstervthistory.org](http://westminstervthistory.org).

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

**LEBANON, NH.** Musical: A Night with Janis Joplin. Mary Bridget Davies reprises her role in this stirring tribute to the rocker's turbulent life and biggest musical influences. \$64.50-\$84.50. Doors open at 7 pm. Lebanon Opera House 51 North Park St. (603) 448.0400. [lebanonoperahouse.org](http://lebanonoperahouse.org).

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

**RUTLAND.** Class: The heART of Lettering II. Instructor Colleen Wilcox. Cost: \$25. 6-8 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. [chaffeeartcenter.org](http://chaffeeartcenter.org).

**WOODSTOCK.** Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides. Admission: adults \$16, seniors 62 and over \$14, students 16 & up \$9, children 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4. 11 am - 3 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Route 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [billingsfarm.org](http://billingsfarm.org). *Wednesdays through September 25.*

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

**BARNARD.** Music on the Farm Thursday Night Music Series: Moxley Union, rock & roll. Suggested donation: \$5-\$10. 5:30-8 pm, doors open 5 pm. Feast and Field Market, 1544 Royalton Tpk. [barnarts.org](http://barnarts.org).

**HANOVER, NH.** Interactive Experience: Monica Bill Barnes & Company's Happy Hour. Office party, with drinks, karaoke and clueless dudes. Sip and socialize, while two women dressed in men's suits mingle as overconfident guys with ties, executing increasingly competitive dance numbers. Tickets: \$35+. 5:30 pm and 8:30 pm. The Moore Theater, Hopkins Center for the Arts, 4 E. Wheelock St. (603) 646-2422. [hop.dartmouth.edu](http://hop.dartmouth.edu). *Through September 21.*

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

**ADDISON.** Atlatl Workshop. Bob and Cheryl Berg teach traditional and modern techniques of atlatl and dart construction, flint knapping, hafting stone points, and cordage making. Atlatl lore and coaching on the use of your new atlatl. Pre-registration required. \$70. 12 noon - 5 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Route 17W. (802) 759-2412. [historicsites.vermont.gov/chimney-point](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/chimney-point).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Looking Back, Moving Forward: Four Decades of Queer Activism in Vermont. A look at the history of queer activism in southern Vermont from the 1980s to the present day. 7:30 pm. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. [brattleboromuseum.org](http://brattleboromuseum.org).

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

**NORWICH.** Concert: David Wilcox, singer-songwriter. Smooth baritone voice, virtuosic guitar chops, and creative open tunings. \$25. 7:30 pm. Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 310 Route 5 South. [brownpapertickets.com/event/4225135](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/4225135).

**RICHMOND.** Vermont Climbing Festival. For new and current climbers. Climbing contests, slack-lining, workshops, speakers. Festival Pass: \$35, children under 12 free. Friday 6 pm - Sunday 4 pm. Cochran's Ski Area, 910 Cochran Rd. [VermontClimbingFestival.com](http://VermontClimbingFestival.com). *Through September 22.*

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

**ADDISON.** 24th Annual Northeastern Open Atlatl Championship, testing skills in accuracy and distance. Newcomers to experts welcome. Children's activities. Workshops and demonstrations on crafts and skills. Stone tool-making (flint-knapping) and Woodland pottery. Learn how the colonists made fire. Fee: competitors \$7, visitors \$5, under 15 free. 10:30 am - 4:30 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Route 17W. (802) 759-2412. [historicsites.vermont.gov/chimney-point](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/chimney-point).

**ATHENS.** 3rd Annual Harvest Fest BBQ. For kids of all ages. Lots of raffle prizes starting at 2 pm. The famous BBQ will be served up at 3 pm, with dessert to follow. Meetinghouse Common. (802) 869-2141. [athensmeetinghouse1817@gmail.com](mailto:athensmeetinghouse1817@gmail.com).

**BETHEL.** Bethel Community Forward Festival. Food, music, art, and vendors. World's Slowest Parade of Pumpkin People. 10 am - 3 pm. On the Common next to the White Church. (802) 234-0069. [www.facebook.com/bethelforwardfest](http://www.facebook.com/bethelforwardfest).

**BURLINGTON.** Vermont Symphony Orchestra Concert: Brubeck for Two. Program: Kodaly's Dances of Galanta, Chris Brubeck's Pas de Deux (VSO co-commission, Northeast premiere), Brahms' Symphony No. 2. Tickets: adults \$60/\$47/\$31/\$15, students \$10. 7:30 pm, preceded at 6:30 pm by Musically Speaking, free pre-concert discussion. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 86-FLYNN. [vso.org](http://vso.org).

**CHESTER.** 45th Annual Fall Craft Festival, Handmade crafts by over 60 artists: wood products, glass, jewelry, photography, watercolors, fiber arts, paper arts, pottery, quilts, soaps and more. Beer garden, food. Midday music by Vermont musicians. Children's tent. Free. 10 am - 4 pm. On the Green, Vermont Route 11. [chesterfallfestival.org](http://chesterfallfestival.org).

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(Saturday, September 21, continued)

**COLCHESTER.** Class: DNA Testing, with Ed McGuire. Types of DNA tests available, providers, and costs. Privacy issues, ethical considerations and situations where DNA testing would add little value to traditional research. What the results from each company look like and how they are best utilized. Q&A session will follow. Cost: \$15. 10:30 am – 12 noon. Vermont Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave, Fort Ethan Allen. (802) 350-1333. vtgenlib.org.

**JAMAICA.** White Water Release. Great whitewater paddling. Truck shuttle (fee service) operates on a two-mile stretch of the West River Trail within the park. 3-night minimum stay, maximum of two campsites per customer. Maximum of 8 people and two vehicles per campsite. Truck shuttle runs Saturday 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, Sunday 9 am – 3 pm. Jamaica State Park, 48 Salmon Hole Ln. (802) 874-4600. vtstateparks.com. *Through September 22.*

**KILLINGTON.** Vermont Fairy Tale Festival. Crafts, storytelling, creative play. Local artisans with fairytale wares. Costumed characters available for photos, food, music. Viking reenactment games and demonstrations. Free books. Free, with donation of a non-perishable item for the food bank or item for the humane society. 10 am – 4 pm. Sherburne Memorial Library, 2998 River Rd. (802) 422-9765. sherburnelibrary.org.

**LONDONDERRY.** First Annual BrewGrass Festival. Yoga, bluegrass music and Vermont craft beers. Johnny Davis and 6 feet Under, plus Ida Mae. Dinner at Black Line Tavern and Saints & Liars at 7 pm. 9 am – 9 pm. Magic Mountain Ski Area, 495 Magic Mountain Access Rd. (802) 824-5645.

**LUNENBURG.** Annual “Grub on the Green”, a community wide potluck meal, on the Lunenburg Common, Route 2. All welcome. Bring some food to share (main or side dish). Live music. (802) 892-6654. www.topofthecommon.org.

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

**SHOREHAM.** Start AppleFest weekend early by coming to Breakfast. Pancakes, French toast, quiche, sausage, muffins, home fries, beverages. Cost: adults \$8, children \$4, families \$20. Please bring a non-perishable food item or a personal care product for the Food Shelf. 8:30-10:30 am. Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School Rd.

**SPRINGFIELD.** Steampunk Festival. Theme: “The Kraken.” Steampunk vendors and artists. Live music and entertainment. Workshops and panels with prizes. Fashion show. Teapot racing, tea dueling, pirate lore, steampunk crafts, Stellafane telescope tours, contests. Large children’s program. Throughout Springfield, on Main St. and at the Hartness House Inn. Saturday 10 am – Sunday 4 pm.

**STOWE.** Annual Oktoberfest. Austrian fare, von Trapp Brewing lagers, great entertainment to make you feel like you are in Austria. 12 noon – 9 pm. Trapp Family Lodge, 700 Trapp Hill Rd. (802) 253-8511. bc@trappfamily.com. trappfamily.com.

**STOWE.** Art on Park Summer Series. More than 30 talented artisans and artists. Jewelry, pottery, paintings, drawings, photography, fiber arts, specialty food products and more. Live music and local food each week. Free. 5-8 pm. Park Street. stoweivibrancy.com.

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Festival of Traditional Crafts. Exhibits on St. Johnsbury’s history. Quilting, candle dipping, shingle making, spring pole lathe, apples, toys & games. Civil War traveling forge, pump-log boring, hand-hewn timbers, model sawmill and more. Fairbanks Scales exhibit, with exhibits on ice cutting and vehicles of yesteryear. Book signing at 1 pm: Allen Hodgdon’s book, “The Life, Times & Works of Lambert Packard, Architect.” 7 am – 4 pm. St. Johnsbury History & Heritage Center, 421 Summer St. (802) 424-4090. stjohsburyhhc@gmail.com. stjhistory.org/wordpress.

**VERGENNES.** Eat on the Green Festival. Delicious dishes served up by Vergennes-area eateries. Music by three local bands, DJ Fattie B. Face painting, ring and string, giant tic-tac-toe, giant jenga and bucket toss, hula hooping contest. Craft brews, hard cider, local wines. Games free, prices for food and drink vary. 3 pm. Vergennes City Green on Main Street, 48 Green St. vergennesdowntown.org.

**VERGENNES.** Tour de Farms Biking Farm Tour. Two distances: 30-mile and more relaxed, family-friendly 10-mile. Visit four to eight farms with additional food and beverage producers. Sample maple iced coffee, farm fresh salads, maple glazed ham. Vermont cheeses. Food and music at Vergennes’ Eat on the Green event. 8:30 am – 4 pm. Vergennes Union High School, 50 Monkton Rd. (802) 989-6980. acornvt.org/tourdefarms.

**WEST DOVER.** 11th Annual Vermont Wine and Harvest Festival. Vermont vintners, small specialty food producers, chefs, painters, publishers, cheese makers, potters, jewelers, photographers, and farmers. 10 am – 5 pm. Mount Snow Resort, 39 Mount Snow Rd. (802) 464-1100. mountsnow.com.

**WEYBRIDGE.** Cavalry Day. Living history reenactments. Members of the First Vermont Cavalry Co. K educate about the Morgan’s important role in building this country. Rain or shine. \$5. 10 am – 2 pm. UVM Morgan Horse Farm, 74 Battell Dr. (802) 388-2011. uvm.edu/cals/morganhorsefarm.

**WAITSFIELD.** Vermont Barns and Bridges Festival. Community-wide celebration of the history and creative culture of the Mad River Valley. Tour barns and covered bridges. Art shows and galleries, artisanal foods, fall foliage. Most event free, some ticketed. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, various times. Moretown, Waitsfield and Warren. (802) 496-6682. info@valleyartsvt.com. valleyartsvt.com. *Through September 22.*

**WARDSBORO.** Concert: Patty Carpenter, jazz, blues. Tickets: \$10, includes concert & refreshments. BYOB. Doors open 6:30 pm. Wardsboro Town Hall Café, 71 Main St.

**WINDSOR.** Wild Game Supper and Auction. Game stew, wild turkey croquets, venison and bear lasagna, fresh fish, desserts and more. BYOB. Auction raises funds for Windsor Coon Club. Admission: adults \$15, children under 12 \$7. 5-9 pm. Windsor Coon Hunter’s Club, 2126 Hunt Hill Rd. (802) 484-9286. barbour.sherry@yahoo.com.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

**ADDISON.** Birchbark Basketmaking. Make your own birchbark basket with guidance from Barry Keegan, folded with the help of hot water and sewn together with pine roots and/or basswood bark strips. Make a basket about 10” x 10”. Pre-registration and payment required. Fee: \$60. 10 am – 4 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Route 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicities.vermont.gov/chimney-point.

**BRISTOL.** 15th Annual Better L8 Than Never Car Show. More than 300 classic cars and trucks. Vendors, great food, music, raffle drawings, piston toss, kids’ activities, bake sale and more. Free, donations accepted for Camp Ta-Kum-Ta. 9 am – 4 pm. Bristol Recreation Field, 110 Airport Rd. (802) 388-7951. BetterL8ThanNever.com.

**FERRISBURGH.** Talk: “Grandmother’s Time, My Mother’s Time, and Mine.” Emily Bernard explores her identity as a woman who grew up black in the south and married a white man from the north, as a black professor teaching mostly white students in Vermont about race, as a mother who adopted two babies from Ethiopia. Admission \$5, or free with Museum admission. 3-5 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7. (802) 877-3406. rokeby.org.

## Way Back Then

### More to School Than Learnings

by Charles Sutton

Often going back-to-school in the fall may mean a new school where one will encounter new faces and hopefully make new friends.

When I was seven years old I transferred from school in New York City to a new one—Timothy Dwight School in Fairfield, CT. It was there I fell in love for the first time—my choice being fellow student Mary Myers who was very bright, but to me, also, very beautiful.

To make my ‘loving’ presence known and hopefully reciprocated I used my mother’s typewriter to ‘hunt ‘n’ peck’ many “I love you” notes on a sheet of white paper. I cut each “I love you” into strips and snuck them into Mary’s desk and books when she wasn’t looking. No response.

Even at that age Mary was savvy enough to ward off such an unwanted admirer by ignoring him (me) and to respond by acting as if it wasn’t happening.

Many years later I saw her by chance. She had earned a PhD and was in a challenging career. She did remember me, but drew a blank when I told her I had a crush on her in second grade and slipped love notes into her books.

From this encounter I learned that love comes from

your heart and soul, and the soul will endure and stay intact, while a broken heart takes a long, long time to heal.

It took seven years before I fell in love again. I was starting my freshman year at Fairfield’s Roger Ludlow High School where there was a girl in my algebra and Latin classes that I couldn’t take my eyes off of. Her name was Patty Jean Hope.

Unspoiled by her cheerful, pretty looks she was friendly to everyone. Even me. Especially when she agreed to go to a football game at the Yale Bowl in New Haven, CT. I wouldn’t have a driver’s license for two more years so we were taken there by my father, Cornell ’19. Although Cornell lost 6-16, I’m sure father enjoyed having us two for company. In my diary that night I wrote “Go to Cornell-Yale game. Take Patty Jean Hope. What a girl!”

Throughout the school year my diary recorded my thoughts and hopes for Patty Jean Hope.

Some of the entries: On my first day at school, “Couple of peaches. One by the name of Hope.” “PJH is pretty good-looking.” “Patty Jean is darn good.” “PJH what a babe!” “Hope doesn’t like me anymore.” “Hope is the



Charles Sutton



Mary Myers

best girl there.” (This was at a dance). PJH is getting stuck up.” “Go to dancing school. Best time so far. Dance close with PJHope.” “Pat Hope kills me.” Patty Jean Hope’s birthday (June 5).” Last entry “go to Patty Jean Hope’s party (June 15). No fun. Take taxi home.”

Shorty after that I was off to summer camp and then school away from home in the fall. I never saw Patty Jean again, but I can’t help thinking of the Alfred Lord Tennyson quote, “’Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.” I would try again in another seven years.

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**HUBBARDTON.** Fourth Sunday: Hubbardton Battlefield Hike. Trek around the battlefield with site interpreter reenactor Bob Franzoni. Wear sturdy shoes, dress for the weather. 1:30-4:30 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton-battlefield](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton-battlefield).

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Concert: Nomadic Massive. Montreal-based global hip-hop supergroup raps and sings in English, French, Creole, Spanish and Arabic, spreading positivity and unity through high-energy performances. Dog and family friendly. Beer and Food vendors. Free. 4 pm. Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. (802) 748-2600 ext. 106. [mstone@kcppresents.org](mailto:mstone@kcppresents.org).

**STOWE.** Hell Brook Trail Loop Hike. Ascend Hell Brook trail to climb Mt. Mansfield via the exposed northern ridge. Participants must be sure-footed. Small rock scramble sections. Descend via the much easier Long Trail. Difficult hike. 5 miles. Group limit 8. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader: Wolfgang Hokenmaier, (802) 343-8175, [hogges@gmx.net](mailto:hogges@gmx.net). [greenmountainclub.org](http://greenmountainclub.org).

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

**BURLINGTON.** Concert: Philip Glass and his ensemble perform a live score to the 1982 experimental masterpiece *Koyaanisqatsi*. "A transformative meditation on the imbalance between humans and the wider world that supports them." \$25-\$65. 7:30 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 86-FLYNN. [box@flynncenter.org](mailto:box@flynncenter.org).

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

**RUTLAND.** Class: The heART of Henna. Instructor Stefanie DeSimone. Cost: \$25. 6-8 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. [info@chaffeeartcenter.org](mailto:info@chaffeeartcenter.org). [chaffeeartcenter.org](http://chaffeeartcenter.org).

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**BURLINGTON.** Concert: Tinariwen. Band of eight Taureg nomads' desert psychedelia. Gritty, quartertone guitar lines and a guttural drone of Tamashék poetry. Tickets: \$15-\$45. 7:30 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 86-FLYNN. [box@flynncenter.org](mailto:box@flynncenter.org). [anti.com/artists/tinariwen](http://anti.com/artists/tinariwen).

**WOODSTOCK.** Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides. Admission: adults \$16, seniors 62 and over \$14, students 16 & up \$9, children 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4. 11 am - 3 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Route 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [billingsfarm.org](http://billingsfarm.org). *Wednesdays through September 25.*

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**BARNARD.** Music on the Farm Thursday Night Music Series: Open Mic hosted by Trifolium. Suggested donation: \$5-\$10. 5:30-8 pm, doors open 5 pm. Feast and Field Market, 1544 Royalton Tpk. [clovermont@gmail.com](mailto:clovermont@gmail.com). [barnarts.org](http://barnarts.org).

**BURLINGTON.** Comedy Show: Nick Kroll, comedian, writer, actor and producer. Middle-Aged Boy Tour. Tickets: \$37.75 advance, \$40.75 day of show. 8 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 86-FLYNN. [box@flynncenter.org](mailto:box@flynncenter.org). [flynncenter.org](http://flynncenter.org). [nickkroll.com](http://nickkroll.com).

**EAST DORSET.** BeeBe Farm Fall Foliage Race. 48-hour, 24-hour, 12-hour, 6-hour, marathon, 50k, quadzilla. All participants take home free photos and a high performance fleece jacket. Custom, locally made awards for the top 3 female and male finishers in each distance. 9 am - 9 pm. Harold Beebe Farm, 2971 US-7. (802) 430-4646. [calendar.ultrarunning.com/event/beebe-farm-48](http://calendar.ultrarunning.com/event/beebe-farm-48). *Through September 29.*

**LEBANON.** Concert: Còig, one of Atlantic Canada's premier traditional groups. Vocals, fiddles, piano, guitar, banjo, mandolin and more. Tickets: adults \$28, youth \$18. 7:30 pm. Lebanon Opera House 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. [lebanonoperahouse.org](http://lebanonoperahouse.org).

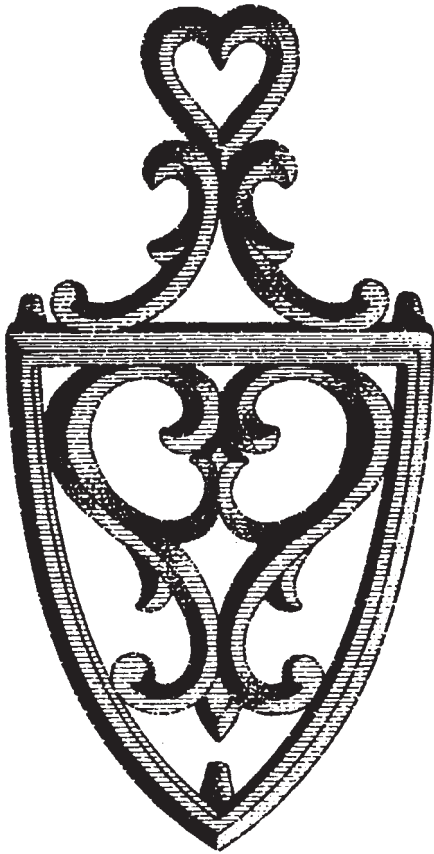
## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Concert: Cold Chocolate. Roots, bluegrass. Tickets: premium \$25 (seniors 60+ \$20), standard \$20 (seniors \$15). 7:30 pm. Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 460-0110. [stonechurcharts.org](http://stonechurcharts.org).

**BROWNINGTON.** Paper Making Workshop. Explore the world of paper making in this hands-on class. Attend both sessions to complete your project. 5-7 pm. Old Stone House Historic Village, 109 Old Stone House Rd. (802) 754-2022. [oldstonehousemuseum.org](http://oldstonehousemuseum.org). *Through September 28.*

**BURLINGTON.** 15th Annual Burlington Book Festival. The Queen City's annual celebration of the written word, featuring literary luminaries from around the world and just around the corner. Contois Auditorium, The Fletcher Free Library, and various downtown venues. [burlingtonbookfestival.com](http://burlingtonbookfestival.com). *Through September 29.*

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



**POULTNEY.** Musical: *Trumpilton: An American Musical Parody*. A lighthearted, tastefully irreverent musical parody, which takes a look at Trump's life and his presidency. 7:30 pm. \$12/\$9. 145 East Main St. [karenklami@gmail.com](mailto:karenklami@gmail.com) (802) 922-8662. Burnham. [Holmes@castleton.edu](mailto:Holmes@castleton.edu) (802) 287-0705. *Also September 28 at 7:30 pm and September 29 at 2 pm.*

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

**BARRE.** Celebration Series Concert: Big Bad Voodoo Daddy continues it's decades long mission to celebrate and revitalize jazz and swing music. Tickets: \$24-\$46.50. 8 pm. Barre Opera House, City Hall, 6 N. Main St. (802) 476-8188. [barreoperahouse.org](http://barreoperahouse.org).

**BRISTOL.** 21st Annual Bristol Harvest Festival. 65+ crafters and vendors, demonstrations, and live musical entertainment. 10 am - 4 pm. Bristol Town Green. [bristolharvestfest.com](http://bristolharvestfest.com).

**BROWNINGTON.** Workshop: Healing Salves. Learn how to make your own healing salves using herbs from the garden and infused oils. 10-11 am. Old Stone House Historic Village, 109 Old Stone House Rd. (802) 754-2022. [oldstonehousemuseum.org](http://oldstonehousemuseum.org).

**BURLINGTON.** Ninth Annual Walk for All Animals. Walk just over a mile to raise funds for Green Mountain Animal Defenders. Friendly, leashed dogs welcome. Animal-themed costume contest. Walk lasts approx. 40 minutes. Registration required. Registration fee: \$5, 12 and under free. 10 am - 2: pm. 149 Church St. [walk@gmad.info](mailto:walk@gmad.info). [bit.ly/gmadwalk2019](http://bit.ly/gmadwalk2019).

**BURLINGTON.** Second Annual Flynn on Fire Festival. A full day of smoke- and fire-themed art, music, food and beer. Art demos, mini makers fair, live fire performance from Cirque De Fuego. Raffle to benefit Lake Champlain Land Trust. \$12, 12 and under free but need a ticket. 3-8 pm. Switchback Brewing Co., 160 Flynn Ave. (802) 651-4114. [bit.ly/FAQFlynonFireFest](http://bit.ly/FAQFlynonFireFest).

**CAMBRIDGE.** Hike Smugglers Notch to Rt 15. From the top of Smuggler's Notch climb to Sterling Pond, then follow the Long Trail over Madonna and Morse Mountains, continue to Whiteface Mountain and north on the Long Trail to Rt 15. Difficult hike. Moderate pace. 12.5 miles. 2700' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader: David Hathaway, (802) 899-9982, [greenmountainclub.org](http://greenmountainclub.org).

**COLCHESTER.** Talk: The Family History Library and FamilySearch.org, with Marcie Crocker. Search strategies, use of wildcards and other techniques. Not-so-obvious sources, where to get assistance, and how to get the most out of the website. Access over 400 million additional records on our computers. Cost: \$15. 10:30 am - 12 noon. Vermont Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave, Fort Ethan Allen. (802)350-1333. [vtgenlib.org](http://vtgenlib.org).

**EAST BURKE.** Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Parade at 10 am. BBQ, rubber duck race. Kids area with a jump house, face painting. Horse-drawn wagon rides, pony rides, petting zoo. Cow plop bingo. Craft show with 80+ vendors. Silent auction. Raptor show. Chickweed performs 12 noon - 2:30 pm. Live music 3-6 pm at Mike's Tiki Bar. On the Green, 368 Route 114. (802) 626-4124.

**GRAFTON.** 11th Annual Fairy House Festival. Volunteers create a fairyland of small structures built out of natural materials. Forested fairy house trail, make-your-own fairy houses, face painting, music, bubbles, crafts, and more. Tickets: adults \$10, seniors (64 and over) \$8, kids 3-17 \$4. 10 am - 4 pm. The Nature Museum at Grafton, 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. [info@nature-museum.org](mailto:info@nature-museum.org). [nature-museum.org](http://nature-museum.org). *Through September 29.*



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# Vermont Country Calendar

(Saturday, September 28, continued)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**HANOVER, NH.** Concert: Mashrou' Leila. Lebanese rockers with rousing, electro-pop anthems that tackle LGBT rights, race, religion and modern Arabic identity. \$20+. 7:30 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center for the Arts, 4 E. Wheelock St. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

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

**NORWICH.** Grange Breakfast. Buffet-style meal includes pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, eggs, biscuits and gravy, real maple syrup and beverages. Price: \$5–\$8, children under five free; family rate available. 8–11 am. Norwich Grange, 344 N. Main St. (802) 356-0844.

**POULTNEY.** Musical: *Trumpilton: An American Musical Parody*. A lighthearted, tastefully irreverent musical parody, which takes a look at Trump's life and his presidency. \$12/\$9. 7:30 pm. 145 East Main St. For more info contact karenklami@gmail.com, (802) 922-8662 or Burnham.Holmes@castleton.edu, (802) 287-0705. Also September 29 at 2 pm.

**RANDOLPH.** Indoor Flea Market. Household objects, bric-a-brac and crafts. 9 am – 3 pm. Our Lady of the Angels Church, 43 Hebard Hill Rd. (802) 728-4322. rbohnyak@gmail.com.

**STATEWIDE.** National Parks Fee-Free Day. National Public Lands Day. Free admission at US National Parks in Vermont—Appalachian National Scenic Trail and Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park. nps.gov/findapark/feefreeparks.htm.

**UNDERHILL.** Old Fashioned Harvest Market. Music, hamburgers and fries, apple cider the old-fashioned way, silent auction, home-made soup, fresh-squeezed lemonade. Crafters, kids' games. 9 am – 4 pm. Old Fashioned Harvest Market, 3 Park St. (802) 899-1722. underhillharvestmarket.com. Also September 29.

**WEST NEWBURY.** Square Dance. Round and square dances from the mid-1900s, accompanied by live music (fiddles, piano and guitar) and two callers. All dances taught. Refreshments. Price: by donation. 7:30–10 pm. West Newbury Hall, 219 Tyler Farm Road. (802) 429-2316. donjuliaelder@hotmail.com.

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Concert: North Sea Gas. Celtic folk from Scotland. Tickets: premium \$25 (seniors 60+ \$20), standard \$20 (seniors \$15). 7:30 pm. Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 460-0110. stonechurcharts.org.

**BRATTLEBORO.** 12th Annual Domino Toppling Extravaganza. Iconic event showcases the dazzling creativity and technical skill of the world's leading domino artists. Admission: free for children 8 and under, \$3 for BMAC members, \$5 for all others. 5:30 pm. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. brattleboromuseum.org.

**BURLINGTON.** Concert: Rhiannon Giddens blends gospel, jazz, country, opera, and blues into a singular, mesmerizing Americana. With Francesco Turrisi's North African, Middle Eastern, and Italian traditional accompaniment. Tickets: \$22–\$55. 7 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 86-FLYNN. box@flynncenter.org. rhiannongiddens.com.

**HARTLAND.** Talk: "Growing Edibles on Tables, Rooftops and Walls." Horticulturist Albert Mondor offers tips and solutions for growing a variety of edible plants on balconies, terraces, roofs, and even walls. Price: \$25 donation suggested. Advance registration at eventbrite.com. 12:30–3 pm. Damon Hall, 1 Quechee Rd. (603) 675-9123.

**HUNTINGTON.** Monthly Bird Monitoring Walk, outdoors on trails in forest and meadow. Coffee afterwards at our viewing window. For adults and older children (10+) with some birding experience. Bring your own binoculars. Free, donations welcome. 8–9 am. Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. birdsofvermont.org. Last Saturday of each month.

**MARSHFIELD.** Marshfield Harvest Festival. Face painting, cider pressing, arts and crafts, field games, music. Book sale, bake sale, horse and wagon rides, yard sale, craft sale and 50/50 raffle. "Chili-Cook-off" with salads and corn bread, adults \$8 children \$4; barbecue if you don't like chili. Slide show and talk about the ten cemeteries of Marshfield. 11 am – 3 pm. Old Schoolhouse Common, 122 School St. (802) 426-3581. jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com. nekchamber.com.

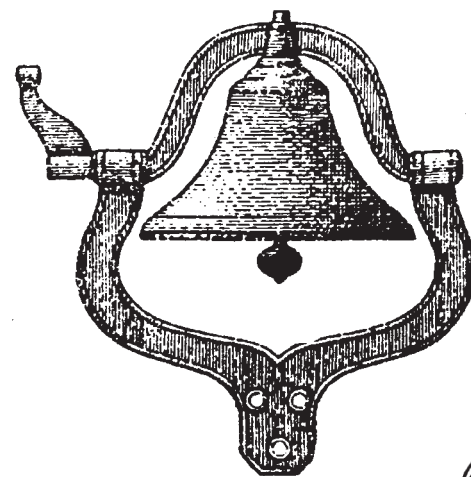
**ORWELL.** Portraits of Independence: The Faces of Mount Independence. Illustrated symposium examines the story of Mount Independence through the portraits of people whose likenesses were taken. A panel of responders will provide insights about these people. Audience participation and discussion welcome. Light refreshments. 1–3 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. historicites.vermont.gov/mount-independence.

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**SHOREHAM.** 46th Annual Jamaican Hymn Sing. Our Jamaican friends who work in the local apple orchards gather for an evening of enthusiastic worship through song. Free will offering shared between the church and mission work in Jamaica. 7:30 pm. Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School Rd.

**STRAFFORD.** 19th-Century Apple and Cheese Harvest Festival. Face-painting and live music. Live farm animals. Make your own cider in an antique press. Heirloom apples, Vermont cheeses, Vermont ice cream, homemade apple pie. Period games. Hike the lookout trail. Gardens, exhibits, icehouse, ice pond. Historic home decorated with gingerbread designs. 11 am – 3 pm. Senator Justin Morrill State Historic Site, 214 Justin Morrill Hwy. (802) 765-4288. morrillhomestead.org.

**STOWE.** Hike Stowe Pinnacle. Short but relatively steep hike, about 2-1/2 hours including a long lunch, with a pretty view. Trailhead east of Stowe village. You are welcome to continue walking up the more difficult Ridge Trail on your own. Moderate hike. 2.8 miles. 1520' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader: Ted Albers, ted@ted-albers.net. greenmountainclub.org.

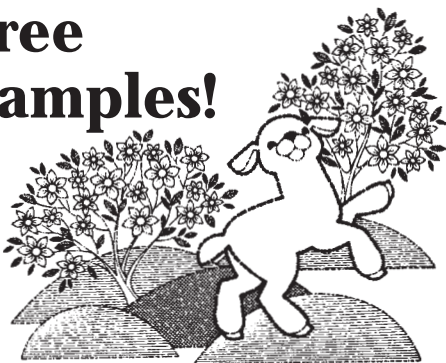


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## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

**WALDEN.** Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Registration at Walden Church in Noyesville Village, coffee & donuts. Walden crafters. Driving tours to meet artisans. Homemade soup and sandwich lunch. Musical entertainment. Barbecued beef supper, served family style, with mashed potatoes, veggies, rolls and home-baked pies, beginning at 5:30 pm. For supper reservations and information, call (802) 563-2777 (evenings) or (802) 793-5011 (days). nekchamber.com.

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES 2019

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

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

**BRATTLEBORO.** The Cotton Mill. Housed in a three-story, 145,000 square foot renovated mill building dating back to 1910, The Cotton Mill is home to over 60 small businesses and artists' studios. 74 Cotton Mill Hill. info@thecottonmill.org. www.thecottonmill.org.

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

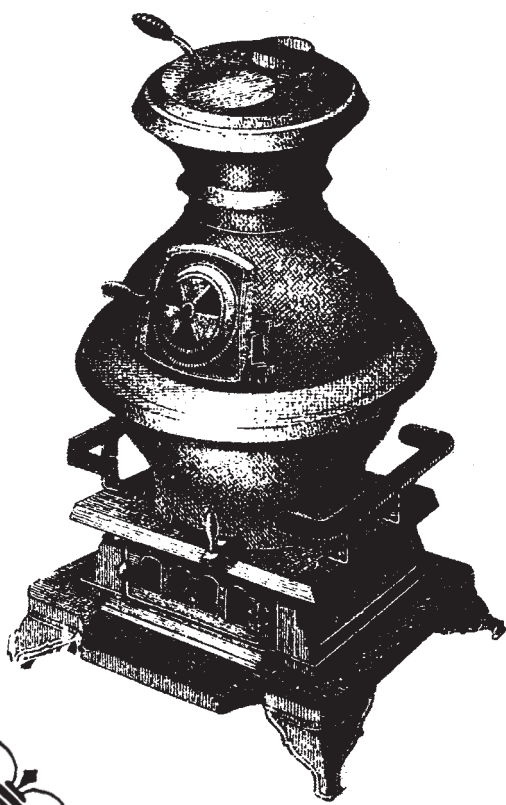
**BRISTOL.** The Bristol Town Band plays free concerts on The Park. Bring a picnic and your brass and woodwind instrument and be part of history. Free. Every Wednesday evening, 7-8:30 pm. The Bristol Village Park, Park St. (802) 281-2315. Through August 28.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

**JOHNSON.** Guided adventure stops at three local breweries, from the seat of your electric bicycle. Almost exclusively on the car-free Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. 12 noon - 4:30 pm. Lamoille Valley E-Bike Tours, 661 Railroad St. (802) 730-0161. lamoillevalleybiketours.com. Through October 26.

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

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

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Tour: Fall Foliage Sampler. In a comfortable 10-passenger tour vehicle, local guide will present an overview of the area and offer suggestions of what else to do and where to dine. View mountain/valley vistas and up-close cascades of color. Cost: \$35. Advance reservations necessary. 1-4 pm. Tours meet at black sidewalk benches in front of 21 Bonnet St. (802) 362-4997. bckrddisc@aol.com. September 27 through October 30.

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

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

**MIDDLEBURY.** Exhibit. "Before Houdini: The Making of a Graphic Novel." Jeremy Holt and illustrator John Lucas produce dynamic pages with just a few words of dialogue. Six images illustrate the stages of development. Monday-Saturday, 12 noon - 5 pm, and an hour before public events in the building. The Jackson Gallery at Town Hall Theater. (802) 382-9222. townhalltheater.org. jeremyholtbooks.com. Through September 22.

**NORTHEAST KINGDOM.** Annual Northeast Kingdom Fall Foliage Festival. Seven festivals in seven days, each in a different town. Music, crafts, farmer's markets, parades, tours, history and great food! Specialty church suppers each night. More details for each town under each date. Marshfield, Walden, Cabot, Plainfield, Peacham, Barnet, and Groton. (802) 748-3678. nekinfo@nekchamber.com. nekchamber.com. September 29 through October 5.



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His daily wandering ever knows  
Friends who would share his every mood  
And fill his heart with gratitude,  
But he's so busy that he must  
Know Shakespeare merely as a bust,  
A bit of marble gathering dust.

Busy that man must be, who finds  
No time for all God's noble minds,  
Who sees them waiting all about,  
Takes tradesmen in and shuts them out.  
He lives his life on crowded streets,  
Listens to every man he meets,  
But has no time for Lamb or Keats.

Fancy a garden wondrous fair  
With every lovely blossom there  
And at its farthest end a shop  
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Like racing there to eat and drink,  
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(Ongoing activities 2019, continued)

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

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

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

**POULTNEY.** Check Out a Bike at the Poultnery Public Library. Five bicycles available to be checked out for two days, with a helmet and a lock. Poultnery Public Library patron over the age of 18 will need to sign. Poultnery Public Library, 205 Main St. (802) 287-5556. [poultneypubliclibrary.com](http://poultneypubliclibrary.com).

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

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

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

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

**READING.** Free First Fridays. View exhibitions without a guide, at your own pace. Wood-fired pizza prepared in a vintage truck with a wood-burning oven. Rain or shine. Admission free. 5–8 pm. Hall Art Foundation, 544 VT Route 106. (802) 952-1056. [hallartfoundation.org](http://hallartfoundation.org). *First Fridays through November 1.*

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

**RUTLAND.** Men's Yoga with Brian Sylvester every Tuesday. \$5 for first class; \$10. 6:30-7:30. Studio Serpentine at Cobra, 56 Howe St. (802) 772-7011. [cobravt.com](http://cobravt.com).

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

**RUTLAND.** Children's Classes: All About the Arts. Explore a variety of arts and crafts. Cost: pre-registered \$10; drop-ins \$15. 11 am – 12:30 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. *First Saturday of the month.*

**RUTLAND.** Children's Classes: Paint & Sip for Kids. Kids paint on canvas. Follow along with the instructor or create your own. Cost: pre-registered \$10; drop-ins \$15. 11 am – 12:30 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. [info@chaffeeartcenter.org](mailto:info@chaffeeartcenter.org). *Second Saturday of the month.*

**RUTLAND.** Children's Classes: Let's Get Crafty. Featuring a hands-on craft experience. Cost: pre-registered \$10; drop-ins \$15. 11 am – 12:30 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. [info@chaffeeartcenter.org](mailto:info@chaffeeartcenter.org). *Third Saturday of the month.*

**RUTLAND.** Children's Classes: The heART of Cooking. Aspiring Chefs will explore culinary arts from creating delicious treats to presenting them. Plus, themed table decorations and table scapes to make any occasion special. Cost: pre-registered \$10; drop-ins \$15. 11 am – 12:30 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. [ichaffeeartcenter.org](http://ichaffeeartcenter.org). *Fourth Saturday of the month.*

**RUTLAND.** Open Studio Hub, for teens and young people. Draw, paint, craft. Do homework; Listen to music; Read; Create a book club, chess club, music club, writer's/poetry club, art club. Join Yoga, Ukulele Group, CreativeSpace, and more. Free. 3–6 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. [chaffeeartcenter.org](http://chaffeeartcenter.org). *Wednesdays.*

**RUTLAND.** Figure Drawing Class. Live model, drawing benches, boards & easels. Bring own drawing materials. Cost: \$15. 4–6 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. *First and third Thursdays.*

**RUTLAND.** Sip N Dip Painting Class. Cost: \$30. 6–8 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. [info@chaffeeartcenter.org](mailto:info@chaffeeartcenter.org). *Second and fourth Thursdays.*

**RUTLAND.** Meditation Group. Donations appreciated. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:15-7:45 am; Sunday 5:30–6 pm. Chaffee Art Center, (802) 775-0356.

**RUTLAND.** Walking Group for All Ages. Donations appreciated. 5:15 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. [info@chaffeeartcenter.org](mailto:info@chaffeeartcenter.org). *Mondays.*

**RUTLAND.** The heART of Ukulele. Informal group lead by volunteers. Donations appreciated. Beginners 5–5:30 pm; other levels join 5:30–7 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. *Second and fourth Wednesdays.*

**RUTLAND.** Yoga for the Mindful heART. Please Bring your own mat. Cost: \$5. 6:30–7:30 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. [info@chaffeeartcenter.org](mailto:info@chaffeeartcenter.org). *Thursdays.*

**RUTLAND.** CreativeSpace. Bring tools/supplies to create your works of art along with other inspiring artists. Open to all arts: fine artists, quilters, jewelry, musicians, etc. Some supplies available to purchase; call ahead. Donations appreciated. 10 am – 12 noon. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. *Fridays.*

## VT Fairy Tale Festival

A Celebration of Vermont Public Libraries  
Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 10am-4pm

Sherburne Memorial Library, 2998 River Road, Killington, VT 05751

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- \* Crafts for Kids
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- \* Games
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- \* Knights
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- \* Fairy Tales



Participating Libraries: Brandon, Dorset Village, Hartland, Highgate, Kimball, Maclure, Poultnery, Sherburne, South Burlington, Rockingham, and Wells Village.

Admission to the Festival is a non-perishable item either for the food bank or the humane society.

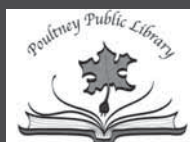


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## Vermont Fairy Tale Festival

The 2019 Vermont Fairy Tale Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 21, at the Sherburne Memorial Library, 2998 River Road, Killington, Vermont, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Come and enjoy storytellers, crafts for kids, craft vendors, food vendors, costumed characters, photo opportunities, games, vikings, knights, live music, free books, fairy tales.

The festival is a celebration of Vermont Public Libraries and showcases what public libraries can do for children and families.

Twelve public libraries

have chosen fairy tales to highlight and present to families through crafts, storytelling, and creative play. Local artisans will be on hand with fairy tale like wares, costumed characters will be available for photos, Mountain Merchants will be offering food.

Participating Libraries include Brandon, Dorset Village, Hartland, Highgate, Kimball, Maclure, Poultnery, Sherburne, South Burlington, Rockingham, and Wells Village.

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the music of O'hAnleigh, an Irish American Folk Band from Middlebury, VT.

A local Viking reenactment group will be with us again this year for games and demonstrations, they will be giving away free books for all ages, and you can enjoy the day with your family free of charge with the donation of a non-perishable item for the food bank or an item for the humane society. Costumes encouraged.

Sponsors this year include Killington Resort, The Greater Killington Women's Club, Poultnery Public Library, Green Mountain Marketing and Advertising, and the Town of Killington.

For more info, visit [www.sherburnelibrary.org](http://www.sherburnelibrary.org). Questions can be directed to [vtfairytale@gmail.com](mailto:vtfairytale@gmail.com) or you can call (802) 422-9765.

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# Vermont Country Calendar

(Ongoing activities 2019, continued)

**RUTLAND.** Writers Group. Donations appreciated. 12 noon – 2 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. info@chaffeeartcenter.org. chaffeeartcenter.org. Fridays.

**RUTLAND.** Mindful heART Book Group. Donations appreciated. 9:30–11:30 am. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. info@chaffeeartcenter.org. chaffeeartcenter.org. First Saturdays.

**SHELburne.** Exhibit: William Wegman: Outside In. Over 60 works of art in a variety of media exploring over four decades of the renowned artist's ongoing fascination with the natural world. 10 am – 5 pm. Shelburne Museum, 6000 Shelburne Rd. (802) 985-3346. Through October 20.

**SOUTH POMFRET.** Friday Evening Women's Rides. Weekly DH ride and social get together. Free to season pass holders, \$10 twilight passes for ladies, discounted rentals available. 5:30–7 pm. Suicide Six, 247 Stage Rd. (802) 457-6661. suicide6.com. Fridays through September 13.

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

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

**STATEWIDE.** 2019 Master Composter Course: registration is open. Online course: pre-recorded lectures, live Q&A sessions, homework, final exam. Fee: \$50 In state, \$150 out of state. Register by September 11 at go.uvm.edu/vtmastercomposter. Thursdays 6–7 pm. Master.Gardener@uvm.edu. September 13 through November 1.

**STRAFFORD.** Historical Walking Tours of Justin Morrill's Strafford. Tours include Morrill's birthplace, his father's blacksmith shop, two libraries, the Strafford Town House, and the mausoleum where Morrill is buried. 11 am – 12 noon. Tours leave from the Morrill Homestead, 214 Justin Morrill Hwy. (802) 765-4288. historicssites.vermont.gov/justin-morrill. Through September 21.

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

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

**WEST RUTLAND.** Annual SculptFest Exhibition. Sculptural installations on this year's theme of "Changes." The Carving Studio & Sculpture Center, 636 Marble St. (802) 438-2097. info@carvingstudio.org. carvingstudio.org. September 7 through October 20.

**WEST TOWNSHEND.** Townshend Farmers Market. Local farmers, artists, food vendors and local nonprofits. Fresh veggies, ceramics, tinctures and salves, soaps, food, drink, dessert and more. 4:30-7 pm. 5-7:30 pm wood-fired pizza, with local, seasonal toppings. Music by Ray Mason. On the lawn of the historic West Townshend Country Store, 6573 VT Route 30. Every Friday through October 11.

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

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

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

**WOODSTOCK.** Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides. Admission: adults \$16, seniors 62 and over \$14, students 16 & up \$9, children 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4. Wednesdays 11 am – 3 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Route 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. billingsfarm.org. July 6 through September 25.

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

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

## MUSEUMS, EXHIBITS & GALLERIES

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

**BARRE.** Vermont History Center and Leahy Library. Thousands of books, manuscripts, photographs, maps, audio, video and film recordings, and many other items which shed light on the lives and times of past Vermonters. Admission: Adult \$7, seniors \$5, students free, families \$20. Admission includes both the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier and the Vermont History Center in Barre. Open Monday-Friday, 9 am – 4 pm. Vermont History Center, 60 Washington St. (802) 479-8500.

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

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

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

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

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

## North Ferrisburgh, VT

# Women's Survival Doe Camp

Vermont Outdoor Guide Association is pleased to announce the return of popular survival instructor, Jessica Krebs. She will be teaching Women's Survival Doe Camp on October 26–27 in North Ferrisburgh, VT. for women aged 18 years and up.

Jessie Krebs is a former U.S. Air Force SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape), a training instructor from the old-school days when instructors were simply called "Survival Instructors".

She is the founder & head Instructor of SERE Training School's SERE-oriented survival training programs for both civilians and outdoor professionals, Jessie is highly sought-after as a technical consultant and on-screen survival expert for a number of international survival shows including Science Channel's Hacking The Wild, Fox's Kicking & Screaming,

and National Geographic's Myigrations where Jessie became one of only a handful of modern human beings ever to complete a primitive crossing of hundreds of miles of Tanzanian Serengeti on foot. <https://seretraining.us/about/>

Jessie will be offering four classes in N. Ferrisburgh, VT. These four-hour classes include: Core Survival Basics, Natural Navigation Techniques, Animal Encounter Do's and Don'ts and Basic Camouflage and Evasion Movement Techniques. For class descriptions, visit: [www.voga.org/Survival-Class-Descriptions.htm](http://www.voga.org/Survival-Class-Descriptions.htm).

This is a drive in event with limited space. \$50 per class. Camping out with Jessie on Saturday night is an option. Registration form: [www.voga.org/Womens-Survival-Weekend-Oct-2019.htm](http://www.voga.org/Womens-Survival-Weekend-Oct-2019.htm).

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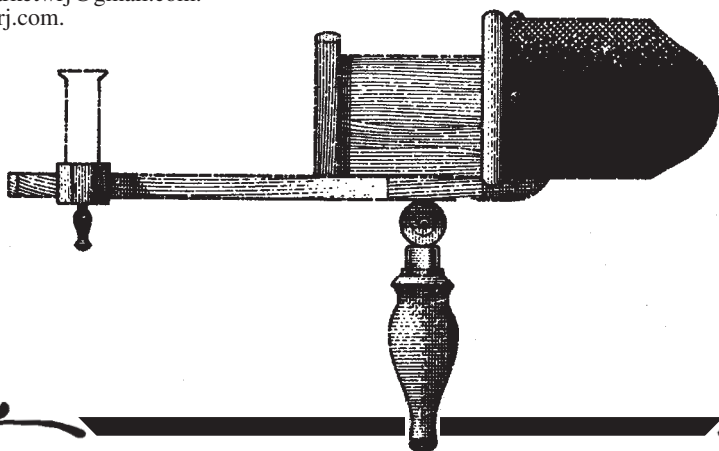


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# The Barre Opera House Announces 2019–20 Season

The Barre Opera House's upcoming season is set and, as always, Central Vermonters can look forward to another eclectic schedule of performances by regionally, nationally and internationally-known artists traveling to the Granite City's historic stage. With more and more shows presented by the both the theater itself and renters the Opera House has become a very busy venue.

## Big Bad Voodoo Daddy—September 28, 2019

First, the Celebration Series: the modern kings of swing, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. Garbed in zoot suits, the septet has appeared in concert venues across the world and sold millions of records. With sold-out concerts from the Hollywood Bowl to Lincoln Center and television appearances ranging from Dancing with the Stars to Superbowl XXXIII, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy continues its decades long mission to celebrate and revitalize jazz and swing music—America's original musical art form—and bring joy to audiences around the world.

## Jimmie Vaughan—October 4, 2019

Next it's guitar legend Jimmie Vaughan, co-founder of the Fabulous Thunderbirds and the biggest inspiration for his younger brother, Stevie Ray Vaughan. Far more than just one of the greatest and most respected guitarists in the world of popular music, he is, says Guitar Player magazine "a virtual deity—a living legend." Vaughan is a four-time Grammy winner and is considered the preeminent exponent of the Texas Blues. He's dedicated his life to making sure the blues stay alive.

## The Vienna Boys Choir—October 20, 2019

The Vienna Boys Choir is the modern-day descendant of the youth choirs of the Viennese Court, dating back to the late Middle Ages. Until 1918, the boys sang exclusively for the Viennese court. Since the 1920s when the choir was reestablished as a private organization, they have completed over 1,000 tours in 97 different countries. Today, there are 100 choristers between the ages of nine and fourteen, divided into four touring choirs and offering around 300 concerts around the world each year.

## Ranky Tanky—November 1, 2019

Ranky Tanky translates loosely as "Work It," or "Get Funky!" "Gullah" comes from West African language and means "a people blessed by God." The soulful songs of the Gullah culture are brought to life by this band of native South Carolinians who mix the low country traditions with large doses of jazz, gospel, funk, and R&B. Dynamic vocalist Quiana Parler, whose "voice is in a league of its own" (NPR) is joined by a tight efficient combo in delivering the bone-deep mix of spirituals and gutbucket blues that mark the low country mainland and Sea Islands—music made by a self-contained culture of descendants of enslaved Africans.

## Sierra Hull and Noam Pikelnny with Stuart Duncan—November 3, 2019

It's a special night for bluegrass fans when Sierra Hull and Noam Pikelnny with Stuart Duncan take the stage. Hull has been recognized from age 11 as a virtuoso mandolin-player. She's received five International Bluegrass Music Association nominations and the Bluegrass Star Award. Pikelnny has emerged as the preeminent banjoist of his generation. He is a founding member of the Grammy-winning Punch Brothers

and was awarded the first annual Steve Martin Prize for Excellence in Banjo and Bluegrass in 2010 in addition to the IBMA's Banjo Player of the year in 2014 and 2017. Duncan could easily be called America's favorite fiddler. He has chalked up a career that includes four Grammys and a slew of Academy of Country Music Awards.

## Leahy—March 7, 2020

The award-winning Canadian group, Leahy, is one of the most highly regarded progressive folk-roots bands performing today. Shows are full of energy, big rich sound, poignant songs, fiery instrumentals, and percussive step dancing. They are, in one word—unforgettable. Leahy has earned three Juno Awards (Canada's Grammys), "Best Instrumental Group," "Best New Group," and "Best Country Group or Duo." To date, they have sold more than half a million albums worldwide and have been featured in three PBS television specials—Leahy Live in Concert, Gael Force (with the Chieftains), and Leahy Live from Gatineau, Quebec—and are the subject of a 1985 Academy Award winning documentary, *The Leahys: Music Most of All*.

## Croce Plays Croce—April 4, 2020

The series wraps up with "Croce Plays Croce," A.J. Croce's salute to his famous father, Jim. Look forward to such timeless songs as "Operator," "You Don't Mess Around with Jim," "Workin' at the Car Wash Blues," "Rapid Roy (The Stock Car Boy)," "One Less Set of Footsteps," "Lover's Cross," and "Box #10," to name a few. A.J. Croce is a multi-instrumentalist roots-rock artist, known for his boogie-woogie piano playing. He's recorded eight studio albums for both major and indie labels in 23 years as a professional artist and musician and his music incorporates pop, blues, folk, and jazz, and has charted on seven radio charts including Top 40.

## Barre Opera House Presents Schedule:

### EagleMania—October 5, 2019

EagleMania is the world's greatest Eagles tribute band. That isn't their slogan by mistake! The group has dedicated itself to faithfully reproducing the music of The Eagles. They have been thrilling audiences all over the country with their stunning five part harmony and their uncanny ability to emulate the unmistakable sound of The Eagles. Their show consists of The Eagles' greatest hits, as well as some of the solo work of Don Henley, Glenn Frey, and Joe Walsh.

### Lauren Rainbow—October 12, 2019

Psychic medium Lauren Rainbow presents an evening of spiritual communication and healing. She began receiving messages from "spirit" in 2001, shortly after the events of 9/11. Since then she has described herself as paintbrush for the spirits helping families and friends communicate with loved ones who have passed on. Rainbow calls it blessing to help provide light and areas of light that remain in shadows.

### Presley, Perkins, Lewis & Cash—October 26, 2019

On October 26, travel back in time to mid-50s Memphis, a town alive with a new genre of music—not quite rockabilly, not quite swing. The papers are calling it ROCK AND ROLL. As the new music phenomenon sweeps the nation, four men stand at the center of the swirling musical storm. In Presley, Perkins, Lewis & Cash, you'll hear them all—plucked from the past and brought to stand before you.



Ranky Tanky performs at the Barre Opera House.

### No Strings Marionettes—January 26, 2020

Winter appearances by Vermont's own No Strings Marionettes have become an annual tradition at the BOH. On January 26, experience one of the troupe's most beloved shows—Jack and the Beanstalk—retold with all the magic and mischief the marionettes can muster! Marmalade the cow's appetite drives the action from Jack's humble cottage to a magnificent castle high above the clouds. With a nod to an ancient telling of the tale, we discover whether Jack—by taking gold and geese from the giant's castle, is a thief—or is simply reclaiming his family's heritage.

### Socks in the Frying Pan—February 29, 2020

The Opera House has earned a reputation for bringing the finest Irish groups to Vermont and this season is no exception. On February 29, Socks in the Frying Pan, a dynamic trio from County Clare bring vocal harmonies, virtuosic musical ability and onstage wit, which has captured and captivated audiences the world around. Says Irish Music Magazine says "their Sound flows in magnetic, energetic waves, so does their banter on stage." Then it's The Friel Sisters on April 10. Anna, Sheila and Clare are traditional musicians born in Glasgow with their family roots firmly entrenched in the Donegal Gaeltacht (Derrynamansher). As siblings, they achieve a close blend on fiddle, flute and uilleann pipes interspersed with songs sung in unison, many from their family and local repertoire. Clare garnered the prestigious TG4/Young Musician of the Year award in 2018 from the Irish language television network.

### One Night of Queen with Gary Mullen and the Works—April 13, 2020

Finally, One Night of Queen with Gary Mullen and the Works returns to the BOH by popular demand on April 13. This incredible re-creation of Freddie Mercury and Queen in concert was one of the best-received shows at the Opera House when they were here in 2018 and tickets were gone two weeks ahead of the performance. The extravaganza has sold out major venues all over the world, including the famous BBC Broadcast Proms In The Park concert series to a very enthusiastic crowd of 40,000.

The Barre Opera House offers discount to members, seniors and students. Order online at [www.barreoperahouse.org](http://www.barreoperahouse.org) or call 802-476-8188. The Opera House is handicapped accessible and equipped for the hearing impaired. It's located at 6 North Main Street (City Hall) in Barre, VT.

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## Marshfield, VT • Sunday, September 29

Marshfield Harvest Festival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free family friendly activities: face painting, cider pressing, arts and crafts, field games, music and more! Book sale, bake sale, horse and wagon rides, yard sale, craft sale and 50/50 raffle. "Chili-Cook-off": 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in our "chili tent." Salads and corn bread will complement the chili. \$8 adults and \$4 children. Barbecue if you don't like chili: hamburgers from a local farm, hot dogs and veggie burgers for sale. Slide show, sponsored by the Marshfield Historical Society. Old Schoolhouse Common, 122 School St. For info: [jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com) or (802) 426-3581.

## Walden, VT • Monday, September 30

Begin your day at Walden Church in Noyesville Village (signs-just off Rt. 15) with registration, coffee & donuts at 9 a.m. Visit with Walden crafters and take driving tours to meet artisans at their home businesses. A homemade soup and sandwich lunch will sustain you as you enjoy afternoon tours through the hills and along roadways not usually seen on travels from here to there. Enjoy musical entertainment as the prelude to the Barbecued Beef Supper, served family style, with mashed potatoes, veggies, rolls and home-baked pies, beginning at 5:30 p.m. For supper reservations and information, call Judy Clifford evenings at (802) 563-2777 or daily at (802) 793-5011, PO Box 54, West Danville, VT 05873. Please stop by; we're excited to meet you.

## Cabot, VT • Tuesday, October 1

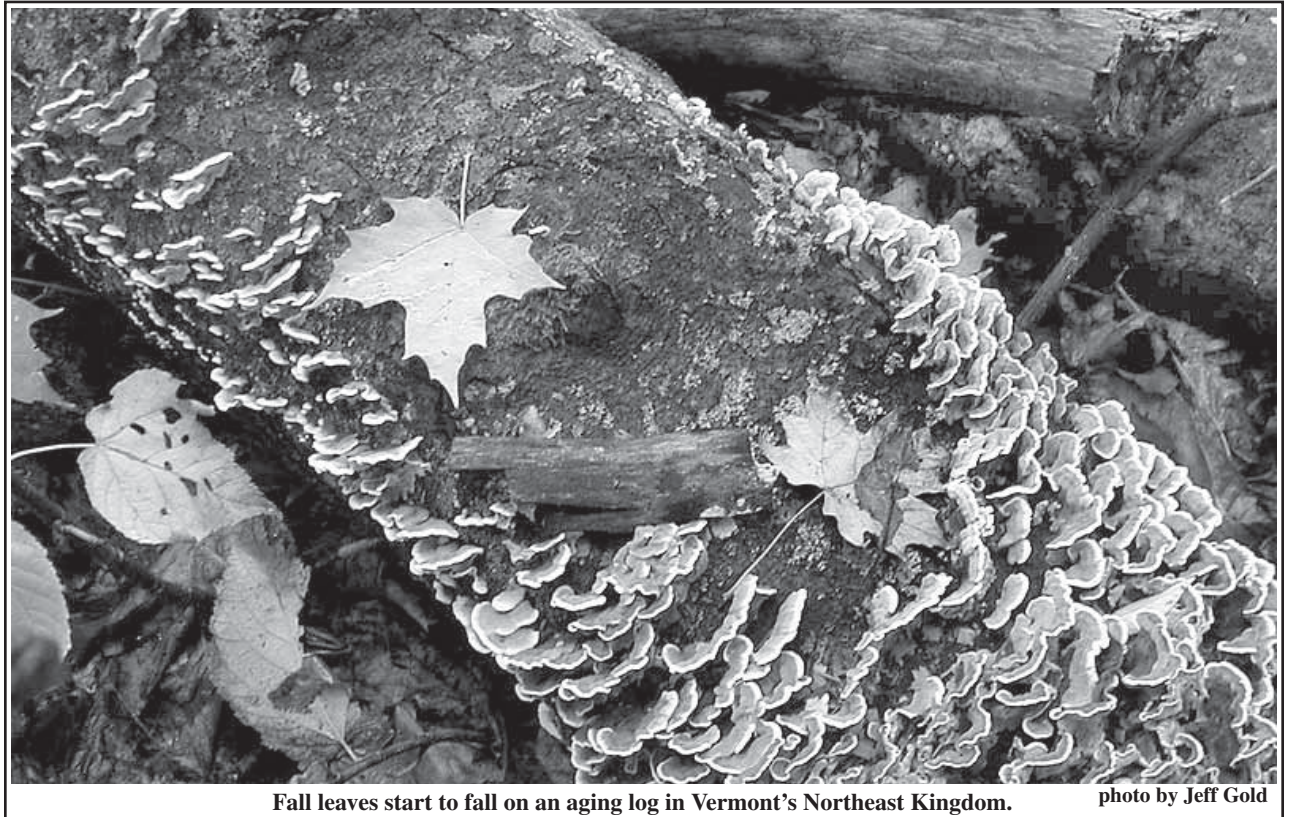
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## Plainfield, VT • Wednesday, October 2

A full day of activities begins with Coffee Hour at 9:00 am and registration at Grace United Methodist Church. Foliage tours available at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tours telling the history of Barre granite at the Barre Granite Museum, Building of Winterwood Timber Frames, Marshfield School of Weaving (Old-time weaving), Blackthorne Forge, a Blacksmith, Hope Cemetery and Bragg's Sugar House (Tour of syrup Production Process and Gifts). In addition, the Quarries, Owl's Head and Plainfield Village tours will be available on a self-guided basis. Cafeteria-style luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$6. Barbecued Chicken, Mostaccioli and Baked Bean Supper at 5 & 6 p.m. for \$14. For reservations, contact Joanne Martin, (802) 454-7301 or Joyce Fowler, (802) 454-8306.

## Peacham, VT • Thursday, October 3

Welcome to Peacham! Arts and Crafts Sale, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Town Hall. Tickets for the bus tour, lunch, ghost walk and dinner available there. Exhibits are at the Blacksmith Shop, the Roller Barn and The Historical House. Come visit the historic East Peacham Schoolhouse 9:00 am til noon. Library book sale available 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Scenic bus tour at 10:15 am. Lunch at the Peacham Elementary School from 11:00 am til 1:30 pm \$8. Northern Skies Observatory (near the school) open from 11 am to 2 pm. Ghost walk at the church at 2 p.m. Music concert at the church from 4-6 p.m. (by donation). Italian supper in the church social hall with seatings at 5 & 6:30 p.m. Adults \$12, children \$5, under 6 free. Tickets for the supper available at the door. (802) 592-3320 and (802) 592-3326.



Fall leaves start to fall on an aging log in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom.

photo by Jeff Gold

## Barnet, VT • Friday, October 4

Come to the Barnet Center Church vestry for a Pancake Breakfast, including Vermont maple syrup and sausage 8-11 a.m. All day there will be Arts and Crafts in the vestry area, and at various spots around the town. Relax on the free Bus Tour that leaves from the vestry at 10 a.m., or travel the town on your own, to see local churches, the Goodwillie House, Ben Thresher's Mill, the Walter Harvey Meeting House, a local Sugar House, and scenic Barnet foliage. A soup and sandwich lunch is served starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Barnet Village Church. A European Coffee Hour will be open from 1-4 p.m. at the West Barnet Church. Enjoy a ham dinner (takeout available) at the Barnet Center vestry, from 4-6 p.m. For reservations/info contact Bob at (802) 633-2242. On the day of the event, call (802) 633-4397.

## Groton, VT • Saturday, October 5

Join us in Groton for our Festival Day. Start with a Lumberjack Breakfast in the Methodist Church from 7:30 - 10:30

am. Visit our Library where there will be a book sale from 9 am to 3 pm and browse in the Peter Paul Historical House anytime during the day. Participate in the Great Pumpkin weigh in from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Upper Valley Grill. Our annual parade starts at 1:30 pm with leadership by the Blue Mountain School Band. Participate in the Old Fashioned Hymn Sign at the Baptist Church at 8 pm to close the day. This will be our 64th year of serving our World Famous Chicken Pie Supper!!! Serving times are 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. You must make reservations. Take out dinners also are available by reservation. Contact Peter Lyon, 848 West Shore Dr, Groton, VT 05046. Call (802) 584-3020 or write for tickets to both the Chicken Pie Dinner and the Lumberjack Breakfast.

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"It's always a great day in the village at the Fall Festival," said Burke Area Chamber of Commerce Administrator, Laura Malieswski. "There's definitely something fun for every member of the family to enjoy including a huge craft fair, wagon rides and a country barbeque. We're really excited to have the Rubber Ducky Races back after a two year hiatus. Lyndon Rescue will be hosting the races and offering cash prizes."

The festival kicks off at 10 a.m. with the parade. Then the Burke Chamber will announce the 2019 Burke Citizen of the Year (always a surprise for the winner). There's plenty for the kids to do all day whether they want to meet some farm critters, have some FREE ICE CREAM, play in the bounce house or get their face painted. There's a live raptor presentation from the Vermont Institute of Natural Science at 11 a.m. Following the show, the winner of the Burke Town School PTO raffle will be receiving a new bike worth \$5,000!

From raffles to cow flop bingo, there are plenty of chances to win big! Inside the East Burke Community Library, folks can partake in the silent auction and, with any luck, take home a treasure crafted by one of our local artists. The Burke Chamber Info Booth will have a raffle of items donated by Fall Festival Craft Fair vendors. Down the road from the village, the East Burke School will host a cider sale and farm stand while Holyberry's B&B will have a shoebox raffle to benefit the Congregational Church.

On the green, over 80 vendors will be showcasing their wares including hand-turned wooden bowls, jewelry, hand-made soaps, fiber arts, pottery, locally made chocolate truffles and much more. While event-goers peruse the offerings and enjoy a burger or sausage from the BBQ, Chickweed will be performing at the gazebo.

To learn more about the festival visit [www.burkevermont.com](http://www.burkevermont.com) or contact the Burke Area Chamber of Commerce at 802-626-4124 or [burkechamber@burkevermont.com](mailto:burkechamber@burkevermont.com). The Festival is a fundraiser with proceeds used to help the Burke Chamber promote the area and provide services to business members.



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## Great Lessons Learned

by Burr Morse

I've often said some of the very best parts of my job are the things I learn from people all over the world. Recently a middle-aged tourist couple ambled into our sugarhouse. The man abruptly turned to me and announced in a perfect "Down Under" accent:

"We cyme awl th' wy from 'TasMYnia' t'see you".

In my total "Yankee" ignorance I responded, "Oh I see. How are the devils doing?"

Quick as a returning boomerang, he shot back, "the diivels are fine but they're not at awl like the cahtoon."

He went on to explain that Tasmanian Devils are, similar to our foxes or coyotes, predatory animals that keep the vermin population in check. He added a final punctuation:

"We appryciate their service."

A second learning experience came from another couple who I met up with at our syrup tasting counter. Like so many of our visitors who have viewed our in-store

video, they recognized me instantly, smiling as if meeting an old friend. The woman spoke first in an accent that I recognized as one of a deaf person. She commented with a broad smile that the video was very touching and humorous. My ignorance again blossomed, like it did with the Tasmanian couple: How do deaf people "get" the jokes? I thought. As our conversation continued to include other maple topics, I realized they were reading my lips, just as they did when watching our video.

At the end of that day I retired to my bed having learned two great lessons: 1)...through a simple misunderstanding from a cartoon, one of God's creatures has been greatly maligned. And 2)...that deaf people will find a way to communicate with the world one way or another, right down to sharing humor and emotions. Sometimes it's not only about us teaching our visitors about maple on the Morse Farm.



Team of four Belgian draft horses compete at the Champlain Valley Fair, Essex Jct, VT. photo by Nancy Cassidy

## Driving Home the Cows

sober, *slow*; *calm*.

grim, *stern*.

cropping, *biting*; *cutting*.

buttercups, *a kind of plant having bright yellow flowers*.

tremulous, *shaking*.

Out of the clover and blue-eyed grass,

He turned them into the river lane;

One after another he let them pass,

Then fastened the meadow bars again.

Under the willows and over the hill,

He patiently followed their sober pace;

The merry whistle for once was still,

And something shadowed the sunny face.

Only a boy! and his father had said

He never could let the youngest go!

Two already were lying dead

Under the feet of the trampling foe.

But after the evening work was done,

And the frogs were loud in the meadow swamp,

Over his shoulder he slung his gun,

And stealthily followed the footpath damp,—

Across the clover and through the wheat,

With resolute heart and purpose grim,

Though cold was the dew on his hurrying feet,

And the blind bats' flitting startled him.

Thrice since then had the lanes been white,

And the orchards sweet with apple bloom;

And now, when the cows came back at night,

The feeble father drove them home.

For news had come to the lonely farm

That three were lying where two had lain;

And the old man's tremulous, palsied arm

Could never lean on a son's again.

The summer day grew cool and late;

He went for the cows when the work was done;

But down the lane, as he opened the gate,

He saw them coming, one by one,—

Brindle, Ebony, Speckle, and Bess,

Shaking their horns in the evening wind,

Cropping the buttercups out of the grass—

But who was it following close behind?

Loosely swung in the idle air

The empty sleeve of army blue;

And worn and pale, from the crisping hair,

Looked out a face that the father knew,—

The great tears sprung to their meeting eyes;

"For the heart must speak when the lips are dumb,"

And under the silent evening skies,

Together they followed the cattle home.

For gloomy prisons will sometimes yawn,

And yield their dead unto life again;

And the day that comes with a cloudy dawn,

In golden glory at last may wane.

—KATE P. OSGOOD  
1860

**Biography**—Kate Putnam Osgood, born in Maine in 1840, is a contributor to the leading periodicals of this country. She is regarded as one of the most pleasing of our American poets. "Driving Home the Cows" is considered the most popular of her poems.



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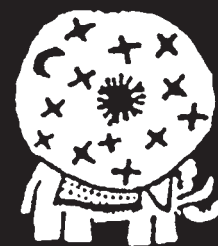


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# North Country Book News

Children's Book Reviews by Charles Sutton

## Happy Back to School Stories

This may be a dispiriting time but children will always find the bright side through their books that are often humorous, uplifting, interesting, and others that just make one feel good. Here's an up-beat selection for this change of season and having to go back-to-school.

Anyone who worries about being too small and too short will feel better after seeing how *The Smallest Elephant in the World* by Alvin Tresselt and illustrated by Milton Glaser (\$16.95. *Enchanted Lion Books*. [www.enchantedlion.com](http://www.enchantedlion.com)) handled such a problem. Mocked by other much larger jungle animals, including his own family of elephant, the tiny elephant takes off to a foreign land by sneaking aboard a cargo ship. In a foreign country a young boy rescues the elephant and wants him for a house pet. His mother doesn't like the idea and would prefer him having a cat. So the boy paints cat head on the elephant's rear to fool mother. It doesn't work, and the boy has to give up his tiny elephant to a circus where he becomes a star in an act with the billing: "The Smallest Man in the World—and He Can Pick Up an Elephant!" Happy ending as the boy gets extra circus tickets and the smallest elephant gets to live with the smallest man. You will enjoy the drawings by Milton G Glaser, a well-known graphic designer who came up with the "I (Heart) NY" logo in the 1970s. The book was a first published in 1959 and is part of the publisher's continuing efforts to bring back wonderful out-of-print books.

If you are considering getting a pet cat, a good primer of what might happen if the cat has feral (wild) personality then you will enjoy meeting *Crash The Cat* (\$6.99 Paper. *Holiday House Publishing*. [www.holidayhouse.com](http://www.holidayhouse.com).) In this brightly colored picture book suitable for children (Grades K-2), two girls Krissie and Kait have to be good sports about their cat crashing around the house, jumping through a drum, dismantling a doll, crashing into a birthday cake and spilling a can of house paint. The biggest crash of all of is in the middle of the night when Crash the Cat chases a mouse into a boot which their father later rescues. The ever-loving girls take Crash back to bed—never a dull moment!

Imagine being parents whose baby that keeps running away, hiding in cupboards, in bookcases, under chairs and tables. He usually turns up somewhere but see what happens in *Hilda and The Runaway Baby* by Daisy Hirst (\$16.99 *Candlewick Press*. [www.candlewick.com](http://www.candlewick.com)) when the baby suddenly starts headed down a hill in a runaway carriage.

But then a lonely pig Hilda who lives at the bottom of the hill, spots the runaway and gives chase. The two become instant friends and Hilda pushes and then pulls the carriage with baby safe inside back up the hill to grateful parents. For a really happy ending we see Hilda now a member of the family and a full-time baby-sitter and companion for their sure-to-runaway baby.

People of all ages like to spoof one another, and this is also true in the animal kingdom where different species aren't adverse to getting one up on each other. You will admire just such a turn of events in the topsy-turvy *The Donkey Egg* by Janet Stevens and illustrated by Susan Stevens Crummel (\$17.99. *Houghton Mifflin Harcourt*. [www.hmhc.com](http://www.hmhc.com)) where a sly fox gets the fun started by selling a big green egg (with a baby donkey to-be inside) to a grumpy, old bear for \$20. Bear, with the encouragement of his friend the Hare, tries in vain to hatch it out by warming, playing, rocking with the egg. One day the egg gets free and rolls down a hill and cracks open hitting a tree. We're sure you guessed by now what the egg was all along, but you will be pleased to see how the bear in the end does get a baby donkey. A funny book with each drawing worth a laugh.

Turn a famous rapper loose on writing his first children's book and an amazing mix of letters, unpronounceable words and jingles will appear. See how well you do from A to Z in *P Is for Pterodactyl—The Worst Alphabet Book Ever* by Rai Haldar & Chris Carpenter and illustrated by Maria Tina Beddia (\$17.99. *Sourcebooks Jabberwock*. [www.sourcebooks.com](http://www.sourcebooks.com)). Each letter of the alphabet is showcased with a strange name, spelling, and pronunciation and artist-muralist Maria Beddia's drawings capture the funkiness of each letter and word in a like-minded scene. For the letter 'Q is for Quinoa' we have a desert scene with the cutline "We can enjoy quinoa and quiche by the quays of Qatar." Some letters that caught our eye (not I) are O is for Ouija with "The French leopard says, 'Oui! We'd love to play Ouija with the wee witch from Oaxaca.'" Also, "G is for Gnocchi" with "The gnome yells, 'Waiter! There's a bright white gnat nibbling on my gnocchi!'" And for the title "P is for Pterodactyl," we read "Ptolemy the psychic pterodactyl struggles with psoriasis." The book ends with The Worst Glossary Ever! Not really—as there are definitions for each strange word and how to pronounce them. There's joy in this unusual book.



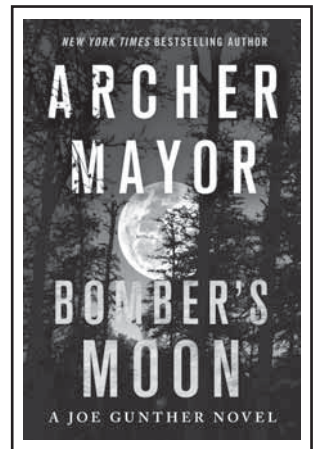
## Book News

### Vermont Writer Archer Mayor Releases 30th Mystery

*Bomber's Moon* (\$27.99, *Minotaur Books*, [us.macmillan.com](http://us.macmillan.com)), out September 24, marks New York Times Best Selling Author Archer Mayor's 30th novel in the highly acclaimed Vermont-based Joe Gunther mystery series.

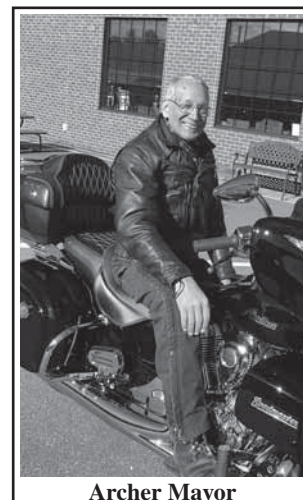
Detective Joe Gunther worked for the Brattleboro, Vermont police department and is now a Special Agent for the fictional Vermont Bureau of Investigation (VBI). Books about his case-solving prowess have appeared once a year since 1988 and been published in five languages.

Described by the Chicago Tribune as "the best police procedurals being written in America," Archer Mayor



medical illustrator. Packed with human interest and local color, the book features two strong young women, (one a hardboiled introvert, the other a trusting extrovert) unlikely partners, who are both embroiled in the same crime from opposite angles.

Having reached this notable benchmark in the Joe Gunther series and in his career as a writer, Mayor says, "It's felt like writing thirty chapters of a single biography of an intriguing, fallible, dedicated team of people, against the backdrop of a state whose picture-perfect image often runs very much at odds with its hardscrabble, often darker realities. Just like Johnny Depp."



Archer Mayor

loosely bases his novels on his actual experience in the field. Over the past 30 years, he has served as a firefighter/EMT and a police officer, and continues to work as a death investigator for Vermont's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. A graduate of Yale, he has been editor, historian, researcher, and photographer, as well as a political advance man and

*30th Book Launch Parties take place at The Mill in East Arlington, VT on Wed, October 2 from 4-6 pm and at Brooks Memorial Library in Brattleboro, VT on Sat, October 19 from 6:30-8:30 pm—all are invited. During October and November Archer Mayor will make a number of author appearances throughout New England. A list of events can be found at [archermayor.com](http://archermayor.com).*



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# Figuring

by Maria Popova

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When Maria Popova came to America from Bulgaria to work her way through college she had no idea that within a few short years she would be producing the twice-weekly blog *Brain Pickings*. Initially her observations and thoughts on great literature, science, spiritual themes and the creative life were e-mailed to a few of her friends at a part-time job. Today it is viewed by several millions followers!

After working full-time on this heady blog for 12 years now, she couldn't help but have favorite artists, writers, poets, philosophers and scientists who dealt with themes of the human condition like life and death, love and hate, jealousy, joy and sorrow against a background of humans endlessly searching for meaning in an unfeeling universe where precious truths are often distorted for the benefit of a few at the expense of the many.

Maria became motivated to put together her first book call *Figuring* (\$30.00, Pantheon, [www.penguinrandomhouse.com](http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com))—a 575-page work expanding on these themes by looking further into the lives of several key figures who had a major

impact on mankind's progress and evolution starting four centuries ago. All could qualified as humanitarians.

Wherever possible she uses primary sources from these persons' handwritten letters, diaries and journals—a reminder to us about the lost art of writing by hand (with readable penmanship) in pen and ink on decent stationary. This was how people communicated for many years.

## Very special people

Among favorites whom Maria gives us extra insight into their lives and contributions are astronomer Maria Mitchell who led the way for women in science; journalist and literary critic Margaret Fuller, a leader in the feminist movement; poet Emily Dickerson; astronomer Johannes Kepler who discovered the laws of planetary motion; sculptress Harriet Hosmer who broke a 'men's only' barrier in art; and marine biologist Rachel Carson, author of *Silent Spring* who sparked the environmental movement.

Interwoven into her narrative are many "peripheral figurings" including Ralph Waldo Emerson, Walt Whitman, Frederic Douglass, Caroline Herschel, Elizabeth Barrett Brown, Herman Melville Oliver Sacks, E.B. White, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Galileo and Charles Darwin, Johann W. Goethe, and others.

Maria, an avid reader, attributes her love of books to her paternal grandmother who read her the old European fairy tales—Hans Christian Anderson, the Brothers Grimm, and others. (In communist Bulgaria of her childhood, American children's classic literature was banned).

## Read encyclopedias

Her grandmother had an enormous library including many encyclopedias which attracted the young Maria. In an interview she said "In a sense, this encyclopedic enchantment and the delight of unbidden discovery have stayed with me and became the backbone of *Brain Pickings*."

Maria's parents, ethnic Bulgarians, met while in Russia as foreign exchange students. Her mother studied library science and her father engineering.

One of the writers Maria admires is E.B. White, author of *Charlotte's Web* and other classics whom she describes as one of our last great idealists who "was eternally right when he asserted half a century ago that the role of the writer is to lift people up, not lower them down...that writers must not merely reflect and interpret life (but) inform and shape life."—a role each of us is called to with increasing urgency, whatever cog we may be in the machinery of society.

In *Figuring* we meet writers who set this highest bar, especially Margaret Fuller, who became the literary critic and editor of the *New-York Tribune*, making her the first female editor of a major newspaper and the only woman the *Tribune's* all-male newsroom.

She also became the newspaper's foreign war correspondent in Italy. (This was unprecedented in her day as this book reviewer-journalist recalls working, even a few year ago, in a newsroom where male reporters were paid more than women because they were just "women writers.")

Among her other "firsts" was being the first woman allowed into Harvard's library to do scholarly work (women were allowed in only on tours). She was the first woman allowed into Ralph Waldo Emerson's Transcendental Club, an occasional gathering of like-minded males only devoted to this new philosophy of intuitive and spiritual thinking.

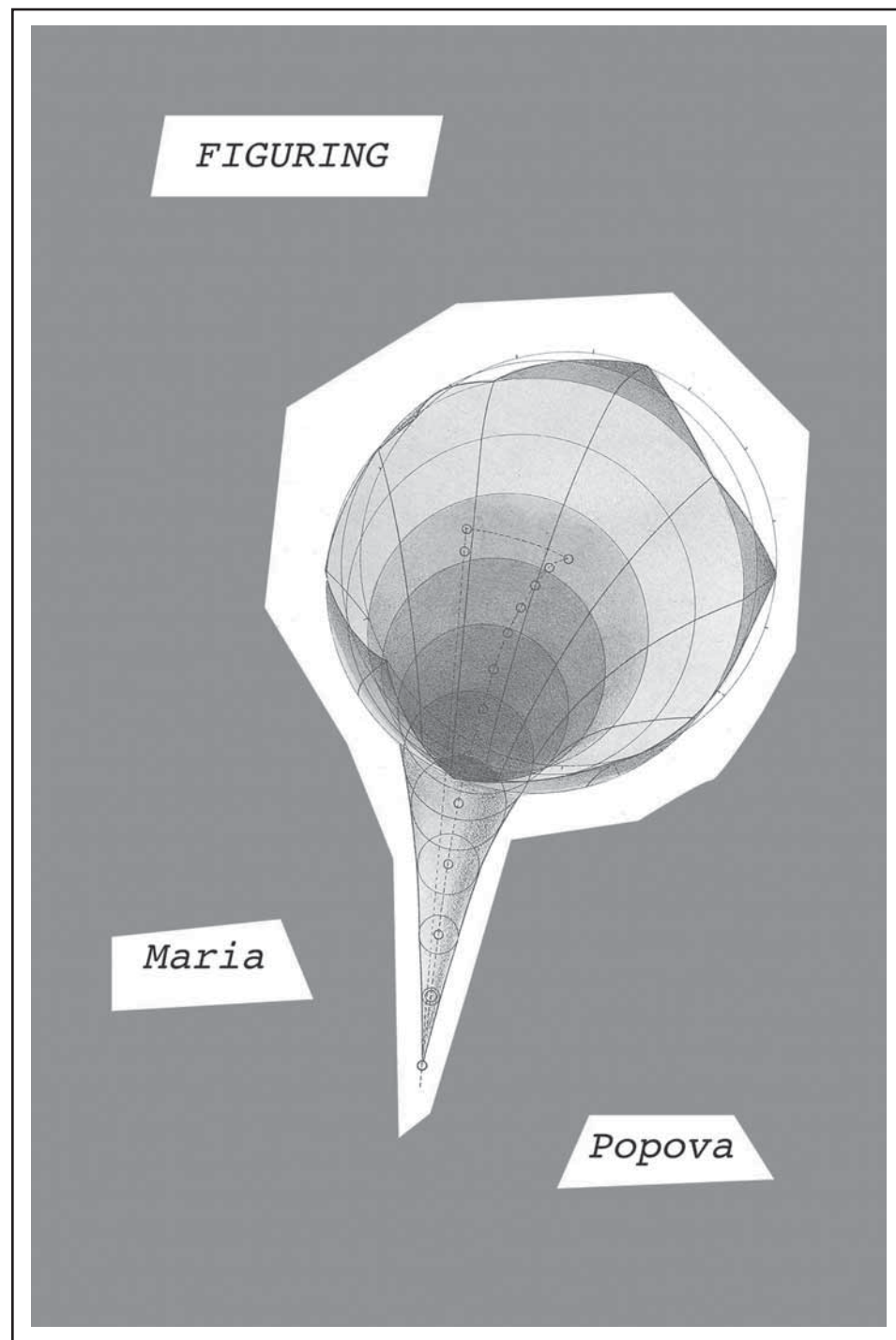
Maria treats us to the fascinating platonic and intellectual relationship between the bright and independent Fuller and the cool-headed, magnetic and gifted Emerson. This is done through a series of letters and meetings between the two that border on the romantic. Emerson is already married, unhappily, which has ruined any thought of making such a 'mistake' with Fuller. Obviously there is a strong attraction. His reservations are at put to a continuing test. She gets under his skin, but not enough to end their friendship.

## Remarkable magazine

In another first for her, Emerson taps her to be the editor of a new magazine *The Dial*, and we read: "Nothing like it had existed before—it was America's first truly independent magazine, unaffiliated with any university or church, devoted to no religious ideology or a single genre of literature, but to a kaleidoscope of intellectual and creative curiosity, philosophy, poetry, art, science, law, criticism." The first issue was published on July 4, 1840 (Fuller was 30 years old). It was a hearty tome two inches thick, replete with poems and lengthy essays, devoid of a single ad.

Fuller had several highly-emotional relationships with other intellectual men, but the romance that worked was with a kind, sensitive Italian freedom fighter who barely spoke English and was not into books. They were together for a couple of years, had a child, but then tragically all three of them perished when the cargo ship there were in returning to America broke apart in a storm off Fire Island, New Jersey. Persons on shore who could have helped with the rescue instead 'saved' loot from the shipwreck not its passengers. Also sadly, Fuller's writings on the civil war in Italy were also lost.

She always will be remembered for her



powerful ground breaking book *Women in the Nineteenth Century* and frequent appearances' in *Brain Pickings*.

Future readers of *Figurings* could get a preview by viewing Maria Popova's bi-weekly *Brain Pickings*. Some recent blogs had these inviting titles: "The Lost Words: An Illustrated Dictionary of Poetic Spells Reclaiming the Language of Nature;" "The Healing Power of Gardens: Oliver Sacks on the Psychological and Physiological Consolations of Nature;" and "From Immigrant to Inventor—the great Serbian-American scientist Michael Pupin on the value of a penniless immigrant boy full of promise."

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North Country Reflections

# Beauty Beneath the Trees

by Judith Irven  
Photograph by Dick Conrad

It is a delightful mid-August afternoon as I sit in our gazebo encircled by my garden.

Unsurprisingly, as I glance around, my eye is initially drawn to the exuberant sun-filled borders full of colorful summer flowers—clusters of lacy pink yarrow backed by a stand of pure-white shasta daisies; deep-blue monkshood among purple coneflowers; groups of pink and white phlox; clumps of yellow and peach-colored daylilies; and a pair of prodigious panicle hydrangeas covered with creamy cone-shaped flowers.

There are also the blueberry bushes laden with fruit, calling me to get picking. While all around golden pools of rudbeckia are whispering in my ear that autumn is not far behind.

But there is much more to the garden than these busy sunny borders. Flourishing beneath the trees there are also several beautiful shady spaces. With soft colors and leafy textures each radiates a feeling of tranquility and calm. And, since in each I have deliberately included a place to sit, they also encourage me to slow down and relax awhile.

Drawing from the ancient Chinese philosophy of yin and yang, we see the vitality of our sunny garden spaces as a source of lively 'yang' energy. But it is the shady spaces that bring us that indispensable and complimentary source of contemplative 'yin'. And a truly harmonious garden calls for a blend of both.

In my last article I talked about the sunny 'yang' areas of my garden and what is flowering at this time of year. You can also read it on my northcountryreflections.com website.

So now, as a complete contrast, let me describe three complimentary 'yin' areas I have created in my garden:

### Under the serviceberries

The entrance to the garden is marked by four spreading serviceberry trees whose branches just touch, with the western two creating a natural arch over the wide path. Looking straight ahead, a diagonally-positioned gazebo beckons you, while to the left you see a stunning view of the nearby Mount Moosalamoo.

Every April these serviceberries have their week of glory. Indeed they are always one of the first plants to welcome the spring. But their contribution to the garden does not stop there. Throughout the season they create a beautiful shady canopy that is home to many special plants—including a group of showy lady's slippers and a charming low-growing Solomon's seal with creamy-flecked leaves.

Several handsome clumps of hosta stand out among smaller leaved plants, creating significant leafy focal points. I especially like 'Gold Standard' with its yellowish leaves—like a patch of sunshine in the deep shade at the back of the bed. There is also 'Guacamole' with handsome apple green leaves and dark green margins that grows in the partial sun nearer the front.

False hydrangea (*Deinanthef bifida*), with large crinkly notched leaves and smallish white flowers, is another dramatic plant that, over the years, has become quite an impressive clump.

At the front of the bed a lovely spreading Japanese primrose with fuzzy leaves called *Primula kisoana* mingles with some white leaved lamium, while towards the back the arrow-shaped leaves of barrenwort (*Epimedium rubrum*) cloak any bare spots of ground.

Finally, at front of the bed but still in the shade, an elegant wooden bench completes the serene picture—and also provides us a delightful spot to sit and contemplate Mount Moosalamoo.



This graceful pot, crafted by Robert Compton of Bristol, marks the start of the stepping stone path through the gazebo bed. photo by Dick Conrad

### Around the gazebo

At the heart of the garden our twelve-foot square gazebo, also a favorite place to spend time on a summer's day, nestles into one corner of large shady bed—another tranquil 'yin' space.

A small stepping-stone path bisects the bed, inviting you to come on in and experience the different plants 'up-close'. A beautiful blue ceramic pot handcrafted by our friend, Robert Compton of Bristol, marks the start of the path, while a set of steps, cut into the low stone wall around the northern edge of the bed, creates the end point.

About twenty years ago now, to provide both structure and shade for the inner parts of the bed, I planted a trio of delicate crab apple trees. In mid-May these small trees are covered with pink blossoms and the ground beneath is carpeted with daffodils—an exquisite sight. But, like the serviceberries, throughout the season their dappled shade also creates the perfect environment for special shrubs and perennials.

Indeed, just as the crab apple blossoms are fading, the first of my summer-flowering azaleas, Weston's Innocence, puts forth its pure white blossoms which permeate the air with their intoxicating fragrance.

Then, one by one, four more fragrant azaleas—Jane Abbott, Parade, Golden Showers and Lemon Drop—bloom in sequence.

And finally in mid-August, as the flowers of Lemon Drop are fading, it is time for the summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*) to flower, filling the air with yet another delightful fragrance.

At the very center of the bed you will also discover an exquisite dwarf white pine—aptly named 'Curly'—just asking to be caressed.

There are also several clusters of perennials with lovely and varied leaves that flourish beneath the crab apples. Right behind the gazebo a dramatic stand of umbrella plant (*Darmera*), with huge dark green leaves atop three-foot high stems, is an exceptional presence. And a sizable clump of Hosta 'Guacamole' contrasts beautifully with the nearly black leaves of the bugbane 'Black Negligee'.

And along the wall that forms the eastern side of the bed, there are woodland peonies, a mat-forming blue phlox and a pink-tinged Rodger's flower all waiting to be discovered.

### Beneath the maples

The two areas I have described so far were developed 'from scratch' during the twenty-five years we have lived here. But when we arrived we were also blessed with a group of three mature sugar maples that shade some amazing rocks—deposited by the glacier about twenty thousand years ago.

This special space proved to be the perfect spot to create a small patio reached by a set of stone steps atop the largest rock, while around its lower edge a shallow bed, filled with a mix of textured plants, is held in place by a low retaining wall. And another magnificent pot crafted by Robert Compton makes a dramatic focal point.

And finally a new bench set up against one of the rocks proved to be the finishing touch to this peaceful shady space. Even on the hottest day it is always pleasurable to retreat there and enjoy the garden from yet another angle.

### Places to sit

We all work hard to make our gardens beautiful. So I feel it is critical that we also set aside some time to enjoy them up close in peaceful surroundings—a time to savor not only the flowers, but also the birds and the butterflies. It is indeed precious to spend time in a beautiful garden.

Thus you may have noticed how, for each of these areas described here, I have deliberately incorporated a special place to sit and relax.

To quote Elizabeth Lawrence, who lived in Charlotte, NC, and was both garden writer AND a real gardener:

"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn."

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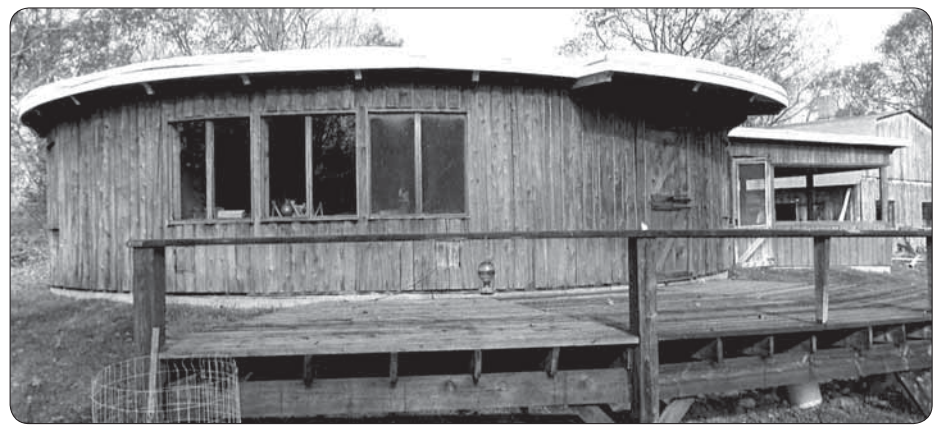
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