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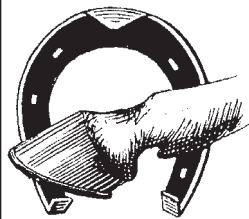
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4th Annual Northeast Animal-Power Field Days

The 4th Annual Northeast Animal-Power Field Days will be held October 15-17, 2010, at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds in Tunbridge, VT. The theme for this year is: "Connecting to the Broad Community of Interest in Draft-Animal Power."

This trade fair and conference offers resources for farmers, loggers, and forest landowners pursuing the use of draft animals as part of their land-based livelihoods. The three days will be filled with draft animal power workshops, equipment demonstrations, field and forest intensives, classroom style workshops, networking sessions, local food vendors, farmers market vendors, and indoor & outdoor exhibitors. There will be an equipment swap-meet.

A large audience comes each year including 4-H students, college students, young farmers looking to build skills and find mentors, resource individuals and businesses sharing their knowledge and tools, experienced farmers wanting to adopt new practices, and veteran teamsters sharing stories and experiences. We welcome spectators from the local community who come to see and learn more about draft animal-power and renewable energy.

Presenters are featured who use draft animals on a daily basis, among of the most skilled and informed people in the northeast, such as Les Barden from NH, Jay Bailey from VT, Howard Van Ord from PA, and Sam Rich from CT, to name a few. The 2010 NEAPFD is a full weekend of workshops, panel discussions, draft animal and equipment demonstrations, and, of course, the beautiful draft horses and oxen.

On Thursday, October 14th there will be a community potluck dinner in the evening. Bring a dish to share and come see old friends and make new ones.

Friday, October 15th will feature field and forest working demonstrations at Howevale Farm, adjacent to the Tunbridge Fairgrounds. There will be animal-powered equipment, from current manufacturers and innovators, exhibited and demonstrated in real working situations, with horses, oxen, and mules providing opportunities to gain intensive exposure; focusing on skills, techniques, and applications of the featured equipment by regional experts. Equipment manufacturers and representatives will also be on hand to answer questions and to highlight design features of their pieces being demonstrated. The evening will include an open mic with storytelling, music, and poetry by the likes of Lynn Miller, Jay Bailey, Howard VanOrd, Carl Russell, and many others.

Saturday, October 16th will include the welcoming address at 1:15 p.m. by Lynn Miller, Editor, Small Farmers Journal. The midday keynote address at 1:30 p.m. is by Carl Russell, "Continuity: Passing On Skills." The day begins at 8 a.m. with classroom-style workshops. Plenty to do and see—equipment and draft animal presentations, networking sessions, indoor and outdoor resource exhibits, farmers market vendors, a swap-meet featuring used equipment and supplies, and local food vendors. There will be a raffle-prize drawing in the afternoon and a documentary film in the evening.

Sunday, October 17th (free admission day) will start off with non-denominational church service at 7 a.m. followed by a community meet-the-teamsters breakfast and opportuni-



Ray Cote skidding wood with his steers in the Woodland Demos.

photo by Lisa McCrory

ties for one-on-one time with teamsters, exhibitors and equipment dealers. An obstacle course from 10 a.m. to noon gives teamsters and their teams a chance to demonstrate their skills.

VT Dept. of Ag Secretary Roger Allbee will give a talk on the History of Vermont Agriculture at 11 a.m. followed by the premier annual meeting of the newly formed Draft Animal Power Network. This is the launch of a new membership organization which is being created to provide year-round educational and networking opportunities to individuals throughout the Northeast. To become a Draft Animal-Power Network member, visit www.animalpowerfielddays.org.

The 2010 Northeast Animal-Power Field Days is a grass roots event made possible by many volunteer hours and contributions.

The Northeast Animal Power Field Days takes place at the Tunbridge Fair Grounds on Rt. 110 in Tunbridge, VT. (Located in central Vermont near I-89 exit 3.)

Admission: October 15 – \$35, \$60 family; October 16 – full day: \$20, \$30 family; half day – \$15, \$20 family; October 17 – free, suggested donation \$5-\$10 for Meet-The-Teamster-Breakfast.

For more information contact Carl Russell and Lisa McCrory, Earthwise Farm & Forest, Bethel, VT. (802) 234-5524. info@animalpowerfielddays.org. www.animalpowerfielddays.org.



Ray Ludwig with his team of Devon oxen.

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Eight-horse hitch at Northeast Animal-Power Field Days!

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Harvesting Pumpkins And Other Fall Gardening Tips

by Charlie Nardozi, Horticulturist and
Leonard Perry, UVM Extension Horticulturist

Harvesting winter squash and pumpkins, moving peonies, and shredding leaves are some of the gardening activities for this time of year.

You can harvest winter squash and pumpkins any time they're mature—that is, when the rinds are too tough to puncture with a thumbnail. Some gardeners wait until a light frost kills back the vines, to allow the squash as much time as possible to mature. To harvest, use a knife to cut the stem an inch or two above the squash or pumpkin. If you didn't grow any pumpkins this year, visit a local grower or roadside stand. Use them for decorating, plain or painted, carved, and for cooking pies and roasting seeds.

If your peony isn't blooming, or it is too large or misplaced, consider moving it now. If it didn't bloom, perhaps it is just planted too deep, and removing some soil from around the plant is all that is needed. Planting depth and location are critical. Plant in full sun on well-drained soil. Place the buds, or "eyes" on the roots just 2 inches below the soil surface. Any deeper, and the plants may fail to bloom. Even with proper planting, transplanted peonies may not bloom for a few years.

Fall leaves are both a blessing and a curse. If a thick layer is left on the lawn, they can mat down and suffocate the grass underneath. However, by shredding them (with a shredder or by running over them with a lawn mower) and leaving them on the lawn, they will feed the grass. Many gardeners swear by shredded leaves as a mulch in their gardens. Since shredded leaves are difficult to rake, you may want to invest in a chipper/shredder for garden debris. This can be used to turn twigs into compostable materials, too.

Any fall weeding you do will reduce your weeding chores in the spring. Pull weeds before they set seed if they haven't already, and you eliminate the task of pulling all those little seedlings. A single weed plant may set hundreds, or even thousands, of seeds, so don't delay. Remove tough perennial weeds such as dandelion and burdock by digging out their roots. Fall weeding is rewarding as the weeds won't grow back this season, as they do during the summer.

Fall is a good time to test your soil's pH or acidity. This is crucial to making nutrients available to plants. By adding



A visitor is busy harvesting potatoes in the Heirloom Garden at Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT. photo by Billings Farm & Museum

any necessary amendments now, they'll have time to break down over the winter since they tend to be slow acting. Extension Service offices do soil tests for a nominal fee, and the test results include recommendations for improving the soil. Most plants prefer a slightly acidic soil with a pH of 6.5 to 6.8 (a pH of 7 is neutral). New England soils tend to be acidic and require the addition of lime to "sweeten" the soil, or raise the pH.

As soon as frost kills back the tops of tender, summer-flowering bulbs, such as dahlias, gladiola, and tuberous begonias, it's time to dig the bulbs to store indoors over the winter. Gently brush the soil from the bulbs, allow them to dry for day or two, then set them in dry peat moss or

vermiculite and store them in a cool (40 to 50 degrees F), non-freezing, dark place. Don't hold dahlias too long before storing, or they'll begin to dry out and shrivel.

Now, too, is the time to plant spring-flowering bulbs such as tulips and daffodils. Spend a hazy, Indian Summer fall day in your garden. You'll be glad you did.

Charlie Nardozi is a nationally known horticulturist, author, gardening consultant, and garden coach (CharlieNardozi.com).

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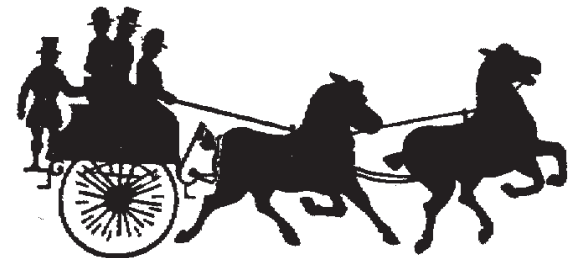
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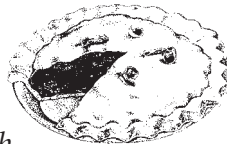
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Festival of Squashes

Westminster West, VT

The Westminster West Public Library is hosting a festival of squashes this fall, on Saturday, October 16th, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come celebrate humble but beautiful squashes and help support the services provided by the library.

Why squash? Library Trustee Tatiana Schreiber said: "Because they're so beautiful for one thing: winter squashes and pumpkins come in all shapes, colors and sizes; they're also delicious – and they'll be at peak flavor and sweetness by mid-October. And, the library recognizes and values the agricultural enterprises that are so important to making our community a beautiful and vibrant place to live. By celebrating squashes, we celebrate the farmers and gardeners who grow them and everyone who enjoys cooking and eating them! We hope the squash festival will give visibility to our talented farmers, cooks, and craftspeople that, we hope, will use their creativity to make this event both lively and delicious."

The squash festival is the annual summer/fall fundraiser for the two-room public library that provides a range of services for the Westminster community from internet access to book groups for adults and afterschool programs for children. "We operate this library on a minuscule annual budget and depend on fundraising to bring in the largest portion of that budget," Schreiber said. "We will be hosting a squash café, featuring all kinds of main dishes and desserts made with squashes. We're also planning a cooking demonstration and talks on squash lore and squash growing techniques. We've created a

special T-shirt, and will have fabric markers available so you color yours however you would like. There will also be a squash "play table," prizes for the best-dressed squash and a bunch of other squashy categories. We'd like to have vendors selling squash, other farm products, baked goods, canned goods, and crafts."

At this time the library is putting out the call for vendors who would like to participate. Vendors can have a table set up in front of the library (or in the Westminster West Town Hall in case of rain.) Vendors are asked to provide a contribution to the library in an amount they choose, or, in lieu of a contribution, donations of squash are welcome to be used for the café, "play-table," and "best-dressed" kids' activities. Vendors who cannot be present themselves may also have library volunteers sell their products, for a 40% commission.

The library is also seeking volunteers to help with the event. Volunteers can help by preparing food for the café, serving and/or cleaning up from the café, hosting vendors' tables, helping out with the kids' activities, or in any other way you can think of! Cooks for the café are asked to prepare a soup, main dish or desert. The library will provide donated squash if needed.

The Westminster West Public Library is located at 3409 Westminster West Rd. in Putney, VT. (802) 387-4682.

To volunteer, please call the library. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Tatiana Schreiber at (802) 387-2781, or tatanas@sover.net; or Carlene Raper at (802) 387-8505 or carlene@colorquilts.com.



A wheelbarrow full of fall pumpkins in the late afternoon sun in Chelsea, VT. photo by Nancy Cassidy

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Of salty flavor, and the dill, swung high,
To peek from bundles with bright eyes of seeds.

Enticing fragrance joins the breath of sun
Or wood smoke where the shadowy rafters hold
Their many treasures, with the harvest done—
Except where pumpkins mint the latest gold.
And here the cobwebs add their silver strands,
And cling a moment to our reaching hands.

—GLENN WARD DREBACH



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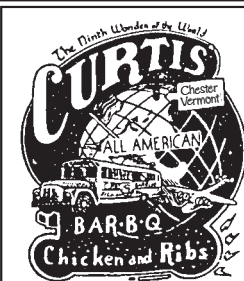
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Gilfeather Turnip Festival Coming to Wardsboro, VT

The 8th Annual Gilfeather Turnip Festival will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, October 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Wardsboro Town Hall on Main St., in Wardsboro, VT. The festival celebrates the Gilfeather turnip, first propagated in Wardsboro in the early 1900s by farmer, John Gilfeather. The festival has grown in popularity through the years as people discover the uniqueness of the heirloom tuber that the event celebrates.

This year one hundred pounds of Gilfeathers will be cooked and pureed to make the lunch special, Gilfeather turnip soup. Two hundred pounds will be given out to Wardsboro chefs to prepare over thirty different recipes that will be featured as "turnip tastings" at the Turnip Café. Casseroles, slaws, soufflés, breads, cakes, pies are only a few of the many offerings that will appear on the tasting table. The turnip cart outside will be loaded with more Gilfeathers, many grown on neighboring farms such as Dutton's in Newfane or in local gardens. They are sold by the pound and they go fast according to the Friends' top turnip sales person, Cris Tarnay. Cris says, "They are hardy and easy to cultivate from seed (packets for sale), but shouldn't be harvested before the bite of frost. It acquires a notable sweetness after a frost and that sweetness is what makes the Gilfeather so special."

The Turnip Café will be located at the Wardsboro Town Hall this year and will serve muffins and coffee beginning at 10 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m. until the soup runs out. Soup and tastings will be available for take out or to enjoy at a sit-down lunch.

Look for the turnip contest under a tent beside the town hall steps. You can register your Gilfeathers (big, ugly or both!) from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and stick around for the announcement of the winners by VT Director of Agriculture, Roger Allbee at 2 p.m.

Look for craft and farmers' market vendors indoors and outdoors under tents this year, all in the vicinity of the Wardsboro Town Hall. It's exciting that a humble turnip has attracted so much attention to our town even after "leaf season" has peaked.

Live music in the town hall, in the tents, and along Main St. is a big attraction throughout the festivities. Visitors will



Alan Bills with his winning Gilfeather turnip. Alan won in the category of "largest grown in Wardsboro!" photo courtesy of Friends of the Wardsboro Library

be treated to the guitar and vocals of Jimmy Knapp, Wardsboro's strolling musician who will serenade visitors with his original Gilfeather turnip ballad. Alan Bills and his gang of talented guys are also on the venue along with several other musicians from nearby towns.

Look for Gilfeather turnip souvenirs at the Turnip Shoppe in town hall. On sale at the shop—Gilfeather turnip seeds, turnip DVDs and videos, post cards, festival tee shirts, caps, market bags, aprons, mugs, all with the Gilfeather turnip logo. The event's official recipe collection, The Gilfeather Turnip Cookbook, Vol. 2 will be available. Other merchandise for sale will be Wardsboro's pictorial history, Exposing the Past, historical photo note cards, and turnip-theme children's books. Proceeds from the sale of embroidered, canvas tote bags and prints of a watercolor of the Gloria Danforth Memorial Building by the late Betsey Fellows will benefit the barn renovation fund. All festival proceeds benefit the Friends of the Wardsboro Library.

Wardsboro is in southern Vermont on Rt. 100. Admission to the festival is free. For more information call (802) 896-4316 or go to friendsofwardsborolibrary.org

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Arlington Remembers Norman Rockwell

by Charles Sutton

If you've lived most of your life in Arlington, VT, chances are someone in your family or a friend might have been one of the 200 local residents who modeled for illustrator Norman Rockwell's famous covers for the Saturday Evening Post and other magazines.

Thanks to an unusual set of circumstances Richie Mears, owner of The Sugar Shack on Historic Route 7A in Arlington, has acquired the large Rockwell exhibition that had been a fixture in an old Arlington village church for a number of years, before it's move to his store.

Visitors will be greeted above the store's front counter by an enlarged reproduction of Rockwell's drawing of Richie's father Rodger Mears as a Boy Scout. The drawing was on the cover of Boys Scouts of America (BSA) publication Boys' Life in its February, 1943, edition. The drawing includes Norman Rockwell's youngest son, Peter, and two other unidentified boys. When asked about the close resemblance of father and son, Richie said, "well, he's my dad."

The recently acquired Norman Rockwell exhibition includes a large collection of prints, cards, and other Rockwell memorabilia for sale at reasonable prices and a gallery of hundreds of examples of Rockwell's printed works. For a \$3 admission fee, visitors will also be shown a 15-minute film on the artist's life and works; and often Richie or his wife Patti will give a briefing about the artist and especially his life in Vermont.

One learns that the artist had three wives in the course of his lifetime, all of them school teachers.

Rockwell became famous during World War II for his Four Freedoms series inspired by a speech by President Franklin D. Roosevelt describing the four principles as human rights (Freedom from Want, Freedom of Speech, Freedom to Worship, and Freedom from Fear.) Models for these covers were Rockwell's neighbors and friends.

Rockwell had moved to a 215-year-old farmhouse in West Arlington in 1939 from New Rochelle, NY, and there he began doing works on small-town life and the World War II years which made him famous and admired to this day.

In addition to the Four Freedoms, unforgettable wartime drawings include Rosie the Riveter and men and women going to or returning from the war.

The Rockwell family moved to Stockbridge, MA in 1953 where he set up a new studio. He died there in 1984 at the age of 84. The Norman Rockwell Museum was founded there in 1969 with the help of Norman and Molly Rockwell.

The prolific artist published a total of 322 original covers for The Saturday Evening Post over a span of 47 years. His covers also appeared on Boy's Life, The Country Gentleman, People Popular Magazine, Look, and Life Magazines.



The Battenkill Gallery presents a Norman Rockwell exhibit at The Sugar Shack on Rt. 7A in Arlington, VT. photo by Charles Sutton

The Battenkill Gallery at The Sugar Shack exhibits sample prints from all periods in Rockwell's long career. In the 1960s for the first time Rockwell began addressing the wrongs with American society, especially in the area of racial segregation and intolerance. Examples of pictures from this period, like a young African-American girl being escorted into an all-white school by federal marshals, appeared in Look Magazine, and they are also displayed in the collection.

Richie said visitors find their favorite illustrations and take home a great number of framed prints ranging in price from \$5 to \$20. The gallery will take special orders.

The Sugar Shack sells homemade pies and fudge, and Vermont products including maple syrup and candies, jams and jellies, cheese, gift baskets, T's and sweat shirts.

The Sugar Shack and Battenkill Gallery with the Norman Rockwell exhibition on Historic Route 7A in Arlington, VT is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (802) 375-6747 or sugarshackvt.com.



A Scout is Friendly

OCTOBER LONGING

My brother and I used to hurry away,
Over a fence and an old stone wall,
After the frost had cracked the buffs
On the beechnut trees. Now every fall,



When the first frost comes and the sun shines out
And the mountains are blue and the sky is clear,
I hear his voice exultantly call:
"The nuts are falling! Come here! Come here!"

Then the years are gone. I am there again
Searching for nuts in the woods with him,
And I fill my little brown paper bag,
And he fills his three-quart pail to the brim.
Then we sit and rest on a little brown knoll,
And a family of skunks go prancing by,
And a little bronze squirrel runs hurrying home,
And a bird in a tree makes a lonely cry.

I could find my way to the beechnut trees,
I know every comer and stick and stone.
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And I never could gather nuts all alone.

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The event sponsored by the non-profit Horace Greeley Foundation is dedicated to promoting the writer's trade and the spirit of public oration that was central to Greeley's life in the mid-19th Century.

Greeley, the son of poor farmers in New Hampshire, moved to East Poultney at the age of 14 and began his newspaper career there as an apprentice with the Northern Spectator.

The Eagle Tavern where Greeley boarded, the house where he learned the printing trade, and the town's one-room school during that era are all still intact today.

The symposium explores the art of writing as presented by publishers and writers in the fields of literature, po-

etry, philosophy and history. Participants have hands-on creative writing assignments during the day-long workshops.

Workshops include Journaling led by Laid Christensen; Approaches toward Writing for a Variety of Genres led by Burnham Holmes; Poetry and the Call of Language led by David Mook; the Author's Voice and Getting into the Classroom led by Soaring Vail. There will also be a discussion on publishing led by Bunham Holmes and Ann Duncan.

Fees for the conference are \$90 for adults and \$20 for students (fee includes morning refreshments and lunch).

To register contact Horace Greeley Writers' Conference, 12 South St., Fair Haven, VT 05743.

For more information contact Foundation President Linda Knowlton at (802) 287-2577 or www.thegreeleyfoundation.org.



Bicyclers ride on North Hero along Lake Champlain.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

Autumn Workshops at Merck Forest and Farmland

Fire Building Skills Workshop. Saturday, October 23, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Join Merck Forest & Farmland Center Resource Specialist, Trent Stephens, in expanding your knowledge about fire. Learn about tinder and selection and placement, and methods for tending and being safe around your fire. Trent will also show how to start a fire without flame or matches, using friction and compression. Young people and those new to the outdoors will pick up basics, with an advanced skills option for the more experienced. *Fee: \$5.*

Pumpkin Picking & Carving. Sunday, October 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring the whole family for a Sunday afternoon pumpkin party. We have our own organic pumpkins in many

shapes and sizes (mostly big!) for the picking right here at the Visitor Center in the Pumpkin Forest and in the field at the farm, if you would like a walk. Once you have a perfect one, you can use our supplies to carve, paint, and decorate it. We offer helpful hints and activities for kids, including a "Guess How Heavy the Great Pumpkin Is" raffle. Admittance is free and everyone is welcome.

Home Beer Brewing Class. Saturday, November 6, 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. Discover the world of homemade beer. Fermentation enthusiast and Merck Forest & Farmland Center Resource Specialist, Trent Stephens will walk you through the steps to create your own English ale. The fee includes the cost of your materials and the equipment that you will need in order to finish the ale you will take home to ferment, and make more. Bring a friend along to share your brewing experience! Observers pay \$15. *Fee: \$50.*

Holiday Wreath Making. Saturday, December 4, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is a great time to try making your own natural wreath. We will use evergreen boughs collected from Merck Forest's certified organic Christmas trees, along with other natural materials, to create beautiful arrangements. Guests are also welcome to bring their own decorations, like ribbon, bows, and ornaments. Wreath-making can be easy and fun, so invite a friend or two to share the holiday spirit. The price for this workshop includes the cost of materials. *Fee: \$12.*

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Hikers from the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club on their way down from the top of Cardigan Mountain in NH. They had all stopped to regroup, rest and chat before the descent. Here you see members Sharon, Barry, Gerry, Diane, Chryl (proper spelling by the way), Sue and Joe all talking about the wonderful day! Newcomers and non-members are welcome on these outings. To find out more, go to www.greenmountainclub.org.

Green Mountain Club Autumn Outings

This is a good time to get out and enjoy our autumn weather. Here are some outings sponsored by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members are welcome and there is no charge. Unless otherwise stated the outings leave from Rutland's Main Street Park on Rt. 7 near the east end of the fire station.

Saturday, October 16

Thundering Falls, Killington, VT

Follow the new accessible trail to the foot of the falls, and then continue on the Appalachian Trail. Moderate, five miles. Leader: Viv Bebee, (802) 775-3855.

Saturday, October 23

Big Branch Bridge, Mount Tabor, VT

We'll hike south on the Long/Appalachian Trail to check out the newly constructed bridge and the ruins of an old mill. Option to continue on to Lost Pond Shelter. Moderate 2-6 miles. 9 a.m. Leader: Tom Copps, (802) 774-5144.

Saturday, October 30

Halloween at Devils Den, Whitehall, NY

Spend Halloween eve exploring Devils Den and Death Rock, if you dare! Local residents and Nature Conservancy volunteers Tim and Mary Ward will guide us safely through. 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas, (802) 773-2185.

Saturday, November 6

Fall Trail Maintenance Day

Help out the Long/Appalachian Trail to bed for the winter by clearing out water bars, removing downed trees and repairing shelters. Bring sturdy boots, work gloves, and lunch. Tools provided. 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, (802) 293-2510.

Saturday, November 13

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For further information about the GMC Killington Section events, visit our web site: web.mac.com/gmckillington. For GMC membership and activities contact the Green Mountain Club at (802) 244-7037, gmc@greenmountainclub.org, www.greenmountainclub.org

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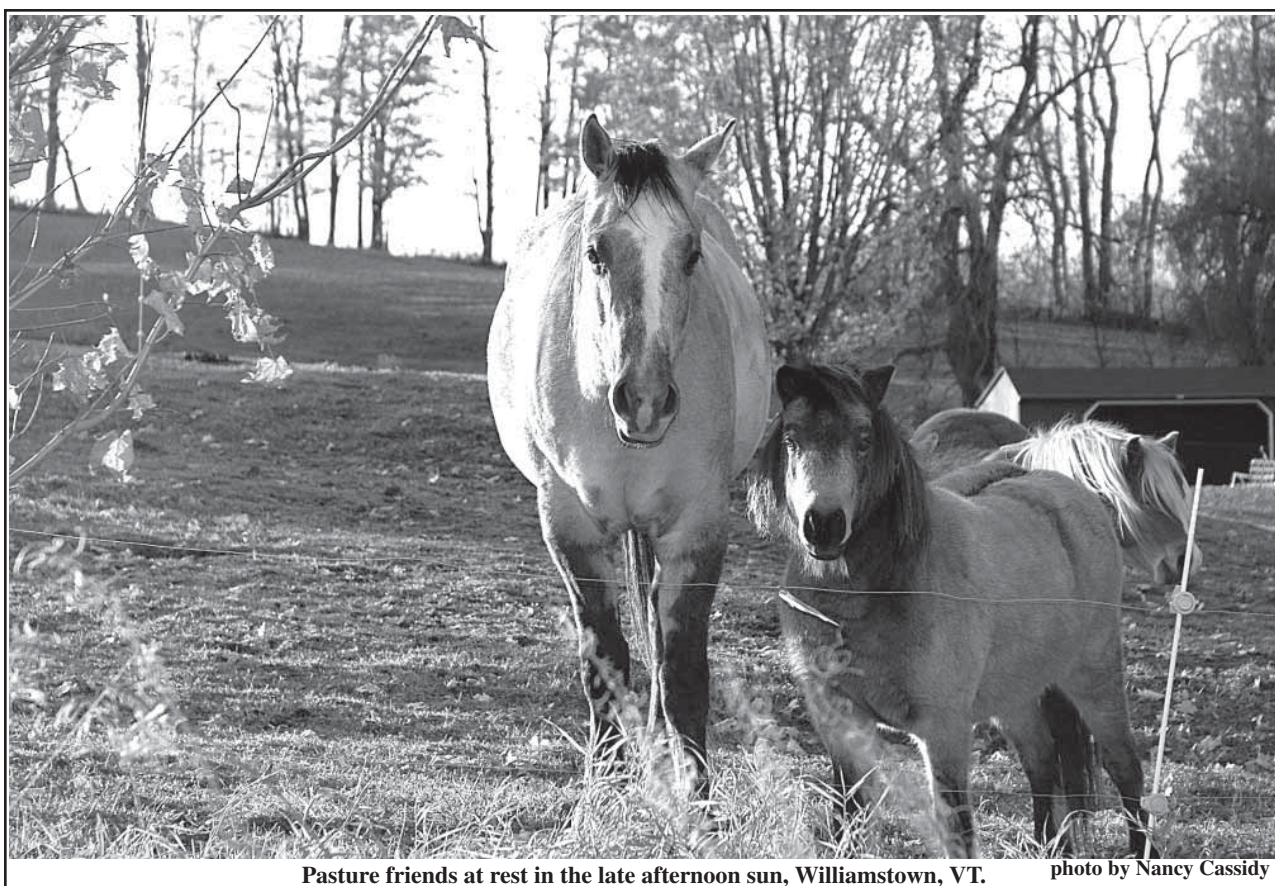
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Dimly veils the dusky pines,
When the noisy crows go southward
And the wild geese fly in lines,
Then my mind goes back in fancy
To the home where I was born,
And I hear again in dreams
The gentle rustling of the corn.

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
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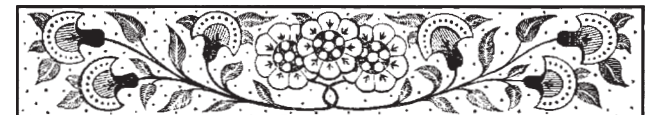
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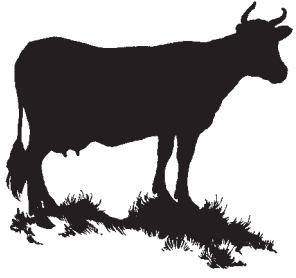
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MAVIS'S APPLESAUCE CAKE

½ cup butter	2 cups sugar
1 large egg	2 cups applesauce
2½ cups flour	1½ teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt	¾ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon cloves	½ teaspoon allspice
1 cup raisins, cut up	½ cup walnuts

This recipe was given to Mavis Munger, of Shoreham, VT, by her mother-in-law when Mavis came to America in the 1950s. It is her family's favorite! For a holiday fruitcake, Mavis soaks chopped dry fruit in ¼ cup brandy and folds into the batter with the raisins and walnuts; decorates the baked cake with plain white icing or glaze made with confectioners' sugar and milk and bit of almond extract; and decorates with red and green candied cherries. Preheat oven to 350°F. Cream butter and sugar. Stir in egg and applesauce. Add flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, cloves, and allspice. Stir in raisins and walnuts. Bake in greased oblong pan, or two loaf pans, for 40-50 minutes.

ANDREA'S BAKED APPLES

½ cup maple syrup	6 tablespoons butter
Zest from 2 small (or 1 large) lemon, grated	1 tsp. ground ginger
¼ teaspoon ground cloves	½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ cup raisins	¼ tsp. ground cardamom
6 large baking apples	¼ cup chopped or sliced almonds or sunflower seeds

Andrea Scott's adaptation from *Nourishing Traditions* by Sally Fallon. This is a wonderfully rich and spicy version of a classic way of cooking apples. Preheat oven to 325°F. Cream butter and maple syrup. Stir in lemon rind, spices, raisins, and nuts. Core apples from stem side, leaving apple intact on bottom. Fill each apple with a spoonful of stuffing. Place apples in buttered baking pan with a little water. Bake until apples are tender (depending on type of apple, about one hour). *Serves six for dessert or brunch.*

CURRIED BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND APPLE SOUP

6 pounds butternut squash	3 cups onion, diced
3 cloves garlic	4 tsp. curry powder
3 tsp. coriander	6 apples, cored and diced
2 teaspoons salt	pepper to taste
4½ cups water	3 (or more) cups cider
milk or cream, optional	

Adapted from Jen Stewart's creation in the orchard's kitchens. Preheat oven to 350°F. Cut squash in half lengthwise, remove seeds. Brush with oil and season with salt and pepper. Roast cut-side-down for 45 minutes or until squash is soft. Sauté onions in oil until golden. Add garlic, curry powder, coriander and stir to toast spices. Add apples, water, and cider; bring to boil and then simmer until apples are soft. When roasted squash is cool enough to handle, remove and discard skin; add to soup. In a blender, puree until smooth. Add cider (and/or cream) to thin to desired consistency. Garnish with sour cream, yogurt, or crème fraîche and a sprig of basil. Note: freezes beautifully. *Serves 12.*

AWESOME BAKED APPLE OR PEAR PANCAKE

3 eggs	¾ cup milk
¾ cup flour	¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon almond (or vanilla) extract	2 (or more) ripe pears or 2 tart apples, peeled, thinly sliced
cored, 2 tablespoons sugar	Confectioners' sugar or maple syrup
¾ teaspoon cinnamon	
2 tablespoons butter	

Warm iron skillet in 450°F oven. Whisk together eggs, milk, flour, salt, and extract until smooth (a blender works well.) In separate bowl, toss together fruit, sugar, and cinnamon. Melt butter in the sizzling skillet. Arrange pears or apples (or combination of the two) in single layer on bottom of skillet. Carefully pour batter over fruit. Bake 25 minutes or until puffed and golden. Serve sprinkled with confectioner's sugar, or with maple syrup. Note: while less like a pancake, and more like a tart, you can use twice as many apples and pack them more solidly in the bottom of the hot skillet. Any leftover apples can be warmed and served with the pancake.



All sorts of good things are waiting for you at the Champlain Orchards farm market in Shoreham, VT. photo by Benjamin R. Campbell

APPLE BUTTER LOAF

½ cup butter	1 cup brown sugar
1 egg	¾ cup buttermilk
2 teaspoons baking soda	2 cups flour
1 cup apple butter	1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon nutmeg	1 teaspoon all spice
½ cup pecans, walnuts, or almonds	½ teaspoon cloves

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg. In separate bowl, combine buttermilk and soda. Combine flour and spices. Add flour alternately with buttermilk beginning and ending with flour. Stir in apple butter and nuts. Pour into greased and floured 9x5x3 loaf pan. Bake at 350° for one hour or until wooden pick inserted comes out clean. Cool in pan for five minutes; remove to wire rack and cool completely. Makes one loaf. *Option:* Can also bake this batter as muffins. Adjust cooking time—make visual check after 30 minutes and test with toothpick.

STREUSSEL SPICED CIDER MUFFINS

To make the streussel:

1 tablespoon butter	2 tablespoons brown sugar
4 tsp. whole-wheat flour	½ teaspoon cinnamon
1 tbsp. walnuts, chopped fine	

Cut butter into sugar, flour, and cinnamon until it resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in walnuts.

To make the muffins:

1 cup whole-wheat flour	1 cup all-purpose flour
1½ teaspoon baking powder	½ teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon salt	1 tablespoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon nutmeg	1 large egg
½ cup packed brown sugar	½ cup apple butter or apple sauce
½ cup maple syrup or honey	½ cup plain yogurt (low fat)
½ cup apple cider or apple juice	¼ cup canola oil

Preheat oven to 400°F. Mix flours, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg. In large bowl, whisk together the egg and brown sugar until sugar is dissolved. Whisk in apple butter, syrup, cider, yogurt, and oil. Add dry ingredients and mix with rubber spatula—just until moistened. Spoon into 12 muffin cups which have been coated with cooking spray (or lined with muffin papers). Cups will be quite full. Sprinkle with streusel. Bake for 15 to 25 minutes, or until tops are golden brown and spring back when touched lightly. Cool in pan for 5 minutes. Loosen edges to remove from muffin tin.

GRANDMA'S DUTCH APPLE TORTE

1 cup flour	2 teaspoons baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt	Nutmeg, several shakes
2 tablespoons sugar	1½ tablespoons butter
1 egg, beaten	1 teaspoon vanilla
Milk, about 2 tablespoons	8-10 apples, enough to mound into 9-inch pie pan
Cinnamon to taste (3 or 4 good shakes)	Sugar to taste

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The Farm Market is open past the holidays with apples and cider available year round. Champlain Orchards is located in the town of Shoreham in Central Vermont's Addison County, one and a half miles east of the Fort Ticonderoga/Larrabee's Point Ferry on Rt. 74. (802) 897-2777. www.champlainorchards.com.

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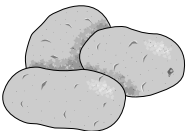
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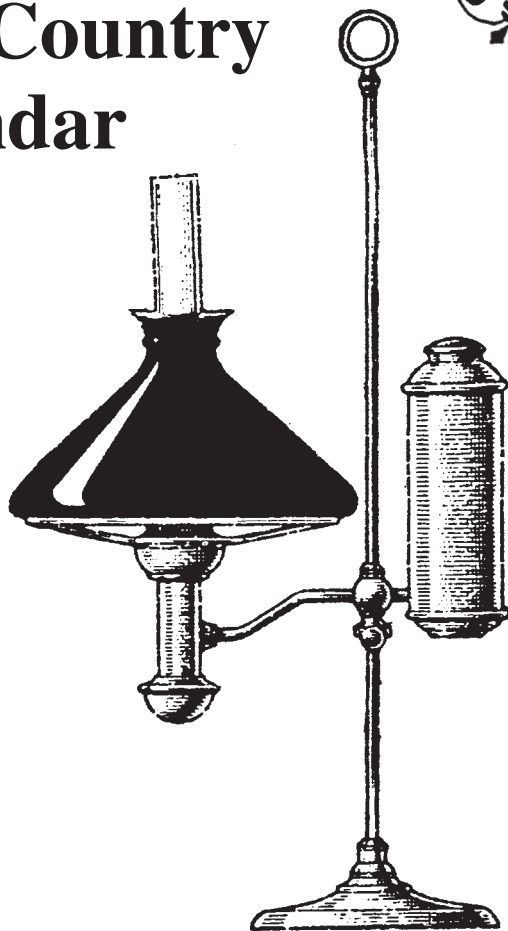
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BURLINGTON. ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center. Exhibits, workshops, programs, café, gift shop, story hour. Daily 10 am - 5 pm. Admission: \$9.50 adults, \$7 ages 3 - 17, \$8 seniors and students, under 3 free. One College St. (802) 864-1848. www.echovermont.org.

BURLINGTON. Play: *The Glass Menagerie*. The Vermont Stage Company presents Tennessee Williams' autobiographical masterpiece. Wed-Sat 7:30 pm & Sat-Sun 2 pm. FlynnSpace, 153 Main St. For tickets call (802) 863-5966. www.vtstage.org. *October 6-24.*

BURLINGTON. First Friday Art Walk. Galleries, studios, and interesting venues all around town. Map available. Free. 5-8 pm. (802) 264-4839. artmapburlington.com.

CHESTER. Monthly Public Astronomy Meetings for the Southern Vermont Astronomy Group. Second Tuesday of the month - free to the public at Whiting Library. September-May, 7 pm: June-August, 8 pm. Star parties and other events. For membership and information contact the Southern Vermont Astronomy Group, PO Box 424, Chester VT 05143. www.sovera.org.

CHESTER. High Tea and Inn Tour. Fri, Sat, Sun 3-5 pm. Pastries, desserts and savories. Inn Victoria, 321 Main St. Please call to reserve. (802) 875-4288. innvictoria.com. *Through October 30.*

CHESTER. Gallery 103. Dedicated to promoting fine American Craft and Design, with an exclusive showroom of Junker Studio Ironwork. Monthly "Featured Artists." Owned and operated by Elise & Payne Junker. Gallery is open Thurs-Mon, 10 am - 5 pm. On Rt. 103, just south of town. (802) 875-7400. Gallery103.com.

DANBY FOUR CORNERS. Danby Dog Art Studio. Folk Art, Primitive Paintings & Reproductions by Susan Houghton Debus. Open most days—please call ahead. Studio is located at 1764 Tinnmouth Rd, 1.5 miles north of the Four Corners Store. (802) 293-2489.

DANBY. Mountain View Ranch & Sun Bowl Ranch. Wagon rides, all-season trail rides, lessons, special events. 502 Easy St. Call to reserve. (802) 293-5837. riding@mountainviewranch.biz. www.mountainviewranch.biz.

DANBY FOUR CORNERS. Chipman Stables. Trail rides, kid's camps, lessons, boarding & sales. New indoor arena. Open daily, reservations appreciated. 33 Danby-Pawlet Rd. (802) 293-5242. www.chipmanstables.com.

DANVILLE. The Great Vermont Corn Maze. Two miles of trails and 8.5 acres. Barnyard nature center, barnyard golf, kid's village. Children 15 and younger must be supervised by an adult. Adults \$12, child 5-15 \$9, seniors \$9, child 4 & under free. Open 10 am - 3 pm. The Great Vermont Corn Maze, 1404 Wheelock Rd. (802) 748-1399. vermontcornmaze.com. *Through October 24.*

DUMMERSTON. 30th Annual Fall Foliage Christmas Tree Tag Days. Balsam & Canaan Fir, White & Blue Spruce, White Pine. Wagon rides, labyrinth, cider & pretzels, maple syrup, pumpkins, garlic, cut flowers. Free admission. Sat & Sun 12-4 pm weekends thru Oct. 24. Elysian Hills Tree Farm, 209 Knapp Rd. (802) 257-0233.

EAST CHARLESTON. NorthWoods Stewardship Center. Programs, workshops and special events in all seasons. Public is welcome. 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 723-6551. www.northwoodscenter.org.

EAST THETFORD. Cedar Circle Farm and Education Center. A certified organic, fifty-acre vegetable and berry farm. Farmstand and Hello Cafe (with wireless internet). Cooking and gardening classes, seasonal events, pick-your-own. Horse-drawn wagon rides to the pumpkin patch. Open Mon-Sat 10 am - 6 pm, Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org. *Open through October.*



After the Fall

by Ruth Allard

This is a wonderful time of year in Vermont. Except for the silvery beeches and yellow poplars, the leaves are gone. In a breezy few days each maple leaf has come down, spiraling, butterfly-like, to add to the protective mulch on the forest floor. There are no lawns to mow, gardens to weed, produce to pick—save for leftover crisp carrots and a huge, bursting cabbage or two.

Buses bearing lighted "Charter" slots have zoomed back to their source. Some of the retired generation pack RV's or station wagons to the valley where the roofs of three houses emerge: we discover neighbor's homes, not seen since April. We pull out winter jackets and shed them when the sun comes out. Days are cool and nights are cooler.

We build our first wood fire: the constant warmth encircles us. Quiet flames comfort as the alternative off-and-on heat cannot.

A transplanted Delawarean tells me, "I like this time; the native, long-living Vermonters assume a whole new attitude of 'hunkering-down' in preparation and acceptance of the few more difficult months to come." In a 'never-give-up' disposition, folks plop assorted pumpkins on their doorstep, tie dry cornstalks to their mailboxes, and hoist Halloween flags.

The air smells like fall—pungent—different from the damp scent of early spring. On the mountains one crisp morning we note a rime-frosting; and one evening catch the first white flakes after a rainy day.

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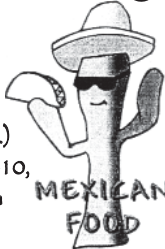
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GRANVILLE, NY. The Slate Valley Museum. Exhibits, events, demonstrations, programs, and gift shop. Open Tues thru Sat 10-5, Sun 1-4 pm. Admission \$5. Museum is downtown at 17 Water St. (518) 642-1417. www.slatevalleymuseum.org.

LEBANON, NH. Listen Community Dinner. Free nutritious meals served from 5-5:30 pm every Tuesday and Thursday. At Sacred Heart Church on Hough St. (603) 448-4553.

LEBANON, NH. ValleyNet Community Technology Center. 10-seat computer lab in the new Grafton County Senior Citizens Council building, Campbell St., downtown. Center is open for walk-ins 9 am - 4:30 pm, Mon-Fri. Free. (802) 649-2126.

LUDLOW. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts. Vermont's oldest residential arts and crafts school. Exhibits, classes, lectures, and workshops. Fletcher Farm School, 611 Rt. 103 South. For information or to request a catalog, contact (802) 228-8770. www.fletcherfarm.org.

MANCHESTER. Visit historic Hildene, the summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln. Mansion, grounds and walking tours. Programs and holiday events. Open daily 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Tickets: \$12.50 adults, \$5 youth, children under 6 free. Grounds pass: \$5 adults, \$3 youth, children under 6 free. (802) 362-1788. info@hildene.org. www.hildene.org.

MANCHESTER. Exhibits. Gallery, special events, concerts, gift shop, and café. Admission. Tues-Sat 10 am - 5 pm, Sun 11 am - 5 pm. Southern Vermont Art Center, Yester House Gallery, West Rd. (802) 362-1405. cmadkour@svac.org. www.svac.org.

MANCHESTER. Surprise Season Tours in Southern Vermont. Discover the beauty of late fall on the back roads. Our local guide uses an eight-passenger vehicle and will show you places unique to our area. Discover quaint villages, an alpaca plantation, the first US marble quarry, a general store, a forest preserve, and more. Daily 12:30-3:30 pm. Call for reservations. (802) 362-4997. bckrdisc@aol.com. www.backroaddiscovery.com. October 26 through November 18.

MIDDLEBURY. Exhibit: "The Nature of Wood—Vermont Furniture and Woodware, 1790-present." This State of Craft Showcase Event traces the heritage of woodworking in the lower Champlain Valley. Tues-Sat 10 am-5 pm and Sun 1-5 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History, 1 Park St. (803) 388-2117. Info@HenrySheldonMuseum.org. www.henrysheldonmuseum.org. Through October 23.

MIDDLEBURY. Middlebury Arts Walk. Second Friday of every month. Art, music, food and fun. 40 venues will be displaying art from 5 to 7 pm—stores remain open, becoming galleries displaying the work of dozens of area artists. (802) 388-7951. info@middleburyartswalk.com. www.middleburyartswalk.com.

MONTPELIER. A Retrospective Exhibition: D'Ann Calhoun Fago. A show of works from more than 75 years in the arts by this longtime Bethel artist. Photo ID required for admission. Free. Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. The Governor's Office, 109 State Street, 5th Floor. (802) 828-0749. tracy.martin@state.vt.us. October 5 - November 24.

MONTPELIER. Giant Book Sale. Thousands of books and more, arranged by subject. Great prices. Many brand new. Mon-Thurs 10 am - 8 pm, Fri & Sat 10 am - 5:30 pm. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, 135 Main St. (802) 223-3338. info@kellogghubbard.org. www.kellogghubbard.org. Through October 16.

NORTH BENNINGTON. Free Open Studio for Teens. Explore art, working with paint, pastel, wood, plaster, cement, fabric inks, mixed media and more. Every Tuesday 3-5 pm during the school year. Vermont Arts Exchange at the Sage Street Mill. (802) 442-5549. www.vtartxchange.org.

ORLEANS. Orleans Country Club Tenacious Tuesdays. The perfect weekly event for new golfer! \$10 greens, 10 cent wings, \$10 buckets of beer, every Tuesday through October 3. Tee off 3-6 pm. Orleans Country Club, 316 Country Club Lane. (802) 754-2333. www.orleanscc.com.

PITTSFORD. New England Maple Museum. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our gift shop. Watch and sample candies at the Maple Candy Making workshop every Wednesday through October 13. Open year round 10 am - 4 pm. On Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. www.maplemuseum.com.

POULTNEY. Poultny Farmer's Market. Fresh Vermont produce, baked goods, maple syrup, crafts and more. Every Thursday 9 am to 2 pm, through October. On Main Street. (802) 325-3203. webmaster@vtfarmersmarket.org. vtfarmersmarket.org. Through Oct. 24.

POULTNEY. Community Breakfast. Hosted by the Slate Valley Ministry the last Saturday of each month. \$1/person, under 14 free. All welcome. Breakfast served 8-10:30 am. Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 84 Church St. (802) 287-2252.

POULTNEY. Free Historical Audio Walking & Driving Tours. View and learn about Main Street Poultny, East Poultny Village, and the Quarries, Farms & Forests. (802) 287-5252, (802) 287-2010. www.poultnyvt.com. www.poultnyhistoricalsociety.org.

PROCTOR. Exhibit: "America's Eternal Flame—The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier." The story behind the creation of this national shrine to servicemen and women in an exhibit that traces the monument from extracting the rock, through carving in Vermont, to its installation at Arlington National Cemetery. Open 9 am - 5:30 pm daily. Vermont Marble Museum, 52 Main St. (800) 427-1396. cmiglorie@vermont-marble.com. www.vermont-marble.com. Through October 31.

PUTNEY. Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides. Pulled by lovely Percheron draft horses. Family fun! Weekends through October 17, weather permitting. By reservation after October. Orchard store with cider, apples, pies, donuts. At Green Mountain Orchards, 130 West Hill Rd. Look for signs in village. (802) 387-5851. greenmtorchards.com.

QUECHEE. Vermont Institute of Natural Science Nature Center. Exhibits, nature trail, store, nature camp. Open 9 am - 5:30 pm, 7 days a week. Admission: adults \$10.50, seniors \$9.50, youth (3-18) \$8.50, children 3 and under are free. VINS Nature Center, 6565 Woodstock Rd., Rt. 4, 1/4 mile west of the Quechee Gorge. (802) 359-5000. info@vinsweb.org. www.vinsweb.org.

RANDOLPH CENTER. Turkey Hill Farm. "Moo-tique" farm store, raw milk micro-dairy, pasture-raised meats, local farm products, and books. Farm skills workshops. Farmer's Kitchen cooking classes. Spacious farm-stay apartment for short-term farmstays. Chapter meetings for the Weston A. Price Foundation. Call for schedules or visit website. Stuart and Margaret Osha, 55 Turkey Hill Rd. (802) 728-7064, (802) 431-3028. localfood@turkeyhillfarmvt.com. turkeyhillfarmvt.com.

ROCHESTER. Exhibition: Joan Morris, "Merging Continuums." Free. BigTown Gallery, 99 N. Main St. (802) 767-9670. info@bigtowngallery.com. bigtowngallery.com. October 16 through November 21.

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

RUTLAND. Downtown Rutland Farmers Market. Arts and crafts, entertainment, prepared foods, local produce, flowers, plants, herbs, baked goods, specialty foods, jams. In the park by Wal-Mart, 10 am to 2 pm every Saturday - for more info call Greg Cox at (802) 683-4606. vtfarmersmarket.org. Also at the same place is the Rutland County Farmers Market on Saturdays 9 am-2 pm and Tuesdays 3-6 pm - call Judy for more info at (802) 773-4813.

RUTLAND. Chaffee Art Center/Rutland Area Art Association. Exhibits, classes, workshops. Gallery open Wednesday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 12 noon until 4 pm. 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

RUTLAND. Hathaway Farm & Corn Maze. The largest corn maze in Vermont! On weekends have a Hathaway Farm burger, chili, or a hotdog & other goodies halfway through the maze at the Snack Shack. Mini-Maze with story walk for younger folks, livestock barn, wagon rides, pumpkin picking, kids play area & farm shop. Country Supper Event packages for groups of 20 or more by reservation. A great adventure for birthday parties and school field trips. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. Sat till 9 pm, closed Tues. Admission adults \$10, seniors \$8, kids 4-11 \$8, youngsters 3 & under free. 741 Prospect Hill Road (Rte. 7 north, right onto East Pittsford Rd. go one mile). (802) 775-2624. info@hathawayfarm.com. www.hathawayfarm.com.

RUTLAND. Himalayan Salt Cave. Come relax in the only public Himalayan Salt Cave in North America. Mon-Fri 10 am - 8 pm, Sat & Sun 10 am - 6 pm. \$10. Pyramid Holistic Wellness Center, 120 Merchants Row. Reservations. (802) 775-8080. www.pyramidvt.com.

SAXTONS RIVER. Main St. Arts. Workshops and classes for adults, teens, and children. Something for every interest. (802) 869-2960. www.mainstreetarts.org.

SAXTONS RIVER. Foreign Language Potluck Suppers. Spanish, French, and German conversations and food. Free and open to the public. 6 pm at Main Street Arts. Call for schedule. (802) 869-2960. msa@sover.net. www.MainStreetArts.org.

SHELburne. Shelburne Farms. Welcome Center, Farm, and Farm Store. Family programs, workshops, events. Open year round 10 am - 5 pm. Enjoy eight miles of walking trails in woodlands and meadows. Walkers, check in with the Welcome Center. Admission. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org.

Vermont Country Calendar

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SOUTH WALLINGFORD. Line Dancing every Tuesday. Beginners and experienced. \$5 per person, snack bar available. 6-9 pm at the Maple Valley Grange Hall, Rt. 7. (802) 446-2872. www.wallingfordvt.com.

SPRINGFIELD. Shape Note Singing. You're welcome to come and join us. 7 pm on the first and third Fridays at Pat and Walt Colteryahn's, 8 Lincoln St. For more information please call (802) 885-9521.

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, activities, and a convention. Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc., PO Box 601, Springfield, VT 05156. Webmaster@Stellafane.com. www.stellafane.com.

SPRINGFIELD. Eleanor Ellis Springweather Nature Area. Overlooks North Springfield Lake. Trails meander through 70 acres of fields and forests, and provide many opportunities to enjoy the natural world. Reservoir Rd, off Rt. 106 (Exit 7, I-91), turn at the sign for North Springfield Lake. Free to the public. (802) 263-5321. www.weathersfieldvt.org.

STOWE. Vermont Watercolor Society Art Exhibition. A juried exhibit with up to 35 members' works from around the state. Opening reception Oct 15, 5 - 8 pm. Free. Wed thru Sun 12 to 5 pm. The Helen Day Arts Center, 5 School St. (802) 253-6131. www.helenday.com. *October 15 - November 21.*

SWANTON. Refuge Art Exhibition. Join the Friends of Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge and members of the St Albans Artist Guild for an exhibition of guild artist works at the Refuge headquarters from October 9 through November 6. Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters, 29 Tabor Rd. (802) 868-4781. www.fws.gov.

TINMOUTH. Contra Dance every fourth Friday of the month. Admission \$8, \$6 for teens, \$3 for children 5-12, under 5 free. Refreshments available. 8 pm at Tinmouth Community Center, Rt. 140, 5 miles west of Wallingford. For info or directions call (802) 446-2928. Tinmouthvt.org.

TOWNSHEND. Townshend Common Farmers' Market. The harvest bounty is here and you can find it all at our market. Sweet corn, melons, blueberries, blackberries, apples, cider, summer squash, broccoli, new potatoes, and more. We have eggs, jams, pickles, and pies as well as dinner choices, hand-blown glass, handmade soaps, clothes, woodcrafts. Open Thursdays from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the junction of Rts. 30 & 35. For more information call (802) 869-2141. www.postoilutions.org. *Through October 14.*

WALLINGFORD. Lunch at the First Congregational Church of Wallingford. Come alone or bring a friend or neighbor. Free. Thursdays 11:30 am - 1 pm. (802) 446-2817. www.wallingfordvt.com.

WEATHERSFIELD. Weathersfield Trail, Cascade Falls Rd. Of the four hiking trails that go to the summit of Mt. Ascutney, the Weathersfield Trail is probably the most scenic. Highlights include Little Cascade Falls (.04 miles), Crystal Cascade Falls (an 84 foot high waterfall at 1.1 miles), Gus's Lookout and the West Peak Vista where hang gliders launch from in the summer. Great observation platform on the summit for hikers. For more information contact VT Dept. of Forest, Parks and Recreation at (802) 886-2215. www.weathersfieldvt.org.

WEST NEWBURY. Eastern Square Dance. Traditional singing squares, waltzes, polkas, foxtrots, two-steps, Virginia Reel, Portland Fancy, Paul Jones, others. With Adam Boyce, fiddler/caller. 8 pm at the Community Hall on Tyler Farm Rd. (802) 484-7719 or adamrboyce@juno.com. *Fourth Saturdays.*

WEST RUTLAND. Free Financial Fitness Classes by NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont. Topics covered include: Basic Budgeting, Using a Checkbook, Saving and Investing, Borrowing Basics, Credit, and Renting in Vermont. Call to find out the dates of topics that interest you. 3-5 pm Thursdays at the NeighborWorks office at 110 Marble St. (802) 438-2303 x 216.

WEST RUTLAND. Reiki Experience. Classes at 11 am with Sylvie Lio and open-share healings at 3 pm. All are welcome. Vermont Herbal General Store, 518 Main St. (802) 438-2766. info@vermontherbal.com. www.vermontherbal.com. *The last Sunday of each month.*

WESTMINSTER. Homemade Soup and Bread. Every Wednesday noon to 2 pm at the First Congregational Church on Route 5 in Westminster. The simple meal is free, with donations accepted. (802) 722-4148.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Public Sitting & Walking Meditation. Free meditation instruction is available at most of these times. Sun 9 am - 12 noon, Mon 6-6:30 pm (ages 18-35), Tues 5:30-6:30 pm, Wed 5:30-6:30 pm. Thurs 12-1 pm. Shambhala Meditation Center of White River, 158 S. Main St. (802) 785-4304. whiteriver.shambhala.org.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Art Exhibit. Prints by Philadelphia-based artist Amze Emmons and Vermont-based artist Rachel Gross. Free. Tues-Thurs 12-3 pm, Fri 10 am - 3 pm. Two Rivers Printmaking Studio, 85 N. Main Street, Suite 160. (802) 295-5901. trps@sover.net. www.tworiversprintmaking.com. *October 1-31.*

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Upper Valley Co-op's First Friday Celebration. Live music by local artists, samples of local foods, 5% off all purchases for every shopper. 4-6 pm at the Upper Valley Food Co-op. The First Friday of every month is celebrated by businesses in White River Junction. For more information call Kye Cochran at (802) 295-5804. Kye@uppervalleyfood.coop. www.uppervalleyfood.coop.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Listen Community Dinners. Free nutritious meals served 5:15-5:45 pm every Monday and Wednesday. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 749 Hartford Ave. (603) 448-4553.

WILLISTON. Annual Haunted Forest. Outdoor theater, special effects, the magic of the night forest, and the "spirit" of Halloween. Mysterious guides lead you through a dark forest path lined with over 1,000 Jack-O-Lanterns and 12 Halloween-themed performances from scary to funny. Rain or shine. Dress warmly. October 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30. Several evening starting times and a children's matinee. Catamount Family Center, Gov. Chittenden Rd. Tickets \$12.50/\$8.50. Call (802) 879-9160. www.thehauntedforest.org.

WILMINGTON. Adams Farm. Tour the livestock barn, see the animals, and visit the farm store. Special events and farm activities. Call for rates and reservations. Adams Farm, Higley Hill Rd. (802) 464-3762. www.adamsfamilyfarm.com.

WINDSOR. Cider Hill Gardens. Potted herbs and unusual perennials. Meander through well-established display gardens nestled within our wild apple orchard, woodlands and fields. Open 10 am - 6 pm daily. At 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. www.garymile.com. ciderhillgardens.com.

WINDSOR. Exhibit, "All for One." Nuance Gallery. View the works of gallery owner and artist Nancy Silliman and other Vermont and New Hampshire artists. 85 Main St. (802) 299-1801. www.wix.com/kcwebz/nuance1.

WINDSOR. Painter's Choice Print Show. Six of the region's most popular and well-known artists together in a three-week show. Artists include: Jane Ashley, William Hoyt, Gary Milek, Robert Obrien, Charles Shurcliff & George Tooker. Free. Thurs-Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Cider Hill Art Gallery, 1747 Hunt Rd. (802) 674-6825. milekart@sover.net. www.ciderhillgardens.com. *October 1-24.*

WINDSOR. American Precision Museum. Peruse many historical and interesting exhibits and collections. Admission. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. 196 Main St. (802) 674-5781. www.americanprecision.org. *Through October 31.*

WOODSTOCK. Exhibit: Living Vermont Treasures—Danforth Pewter. Free. At Collective: The Art of Craft, 77 Central St. (802) 457-1298. collective@collective-theartofcraft.com. www.collective-theartofcraft.com. *Through December 31.*

WOODSTOCK. First Run Movies at the Woodstock Town Hall Theatre. Old-fashioned movie-going experience with state-of-the-art Dolby Digital sound system and the largest movie screen in the Upper Valley! Fri-Mon, 7:30 pm. Adults \$8, seniors \$7, under 12, \$6. (802) 457-3981. www.pentanglearts.org.

WOODSTOCK. Hand-in-Hand Community Meal. All are welcome. Free, donations accepted. Every Thursday, 5-7 pm in the Social Hall of the Unitarian Church, 7 Church St. (802) 457-9272.

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum. Premiere Jersey dairy farm and museum. Tour the barns, the 1890 Farm House, and exhibits! Lots of seasonal programs. Adults \$11; over 62 \$10; children 5-15 \$6; 3-4 \$3; 2 & under free. Open 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, north of the Woodstock village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

DANBY. Concert: The Dusty Pilgrims. Come check out these local musicians. Their musical journey includes bluegrass, traditional and contemporary folk, rock, rhythm and blues, country/western and swing music. BYOB. Appetizers, desserts & coffee available. Doors open 6:30 pm at The Little Cabaret, 34 South Main St. Admission \$10. For tickets call the box office at (802) 293-5000. On Facebook and MySpace.

MANCHESTER. 18th Annual Hildene Fall Arts Festival. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm. Hildene's Meadow, 1844 River Rd. off Rt. 7A. (802) 425-3399. info@craftproducers.com. www.craftproducers.com. *Through October 3.*

WESTON. 52nd Annual Weston Antiques Show. Exhibits, vendors. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm. Weston Playhouse, Rt. 100. (802) 824-5307. info@westonantiquesshow.org. www.westonantiquesshow.org. *Also October 2.*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

ADDISON. Ninth Annual Dead Creek Wildlife Day. Events for the whole family. All free and open to the public. Sponsored by Vermont Fish and Wildlife. Located at Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) on Rt. 17 west of Rt. 22A. (802) 241-3700. www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

DANBY. Concert: Catbird Trio. Dave Mellinger, Peter King & Kerry Ryer-Parke bring their love of music to the stage with a melody of jazz, swing and blues! Appetizers, desserts & coffee available. BYOB. Doors open 6:30 pm at The Little Cabaret, 34 S. Main St. Tickets \$20 in advance. Call the box office at (802) 293-5000. On Facebook and MySpace.

SHOREHAM. Ciderfest. Enjoy live music, pick 25 varieties of apples, and watch cider making demonstrations. Savor artisanal apple ciders and wines and locally-made cheeses and hors d'ourvres. 3-7 pm. Champlain Orchards, 2955 Rt. 74 West. (802) 897-2777. champlainorchardsevents@gmail.com. www.vermontorchardwedding.com.

TINMOUTH. The Tinmouth Community Church Harvest Ham Dinner. Adults \$10 and children (3-12) \$5. At the Tinmouth Community Center on Rt. 140 from 5-7 pm. (802) 446-2093 or rmpratt@vermontel.net.

WOODSTOCK. Pumpkin & Apple Celebration. Apple and pumpkin displays and activities. Horse-drawn wagon rides. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 1/2 mile north of the Woodstock village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. *Also October 3.*

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

HANCOCK. Annual Smorgasbord. Noon until 2 pm, or until the food runs out. Adults \$8, children 12 and under \$4. Community Church of Hancock & Granville, 1097 Rt. 100. (802) 767-9034.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Free Gardening Workshop: Extending the Season. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by The Upper Valley Food Co-op and Transition Town WRJ. 3-5 pm at the Community Garden in Ratcliffe Park. For info call Kye Cochran at (802) 295-5804. Kye@uppervalleyfood.coop. www.uppervalleyfood.coop.

WOODSTOCK. Pumpkin & Apple Celebration. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 1/2 mile north of the Woodstock village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

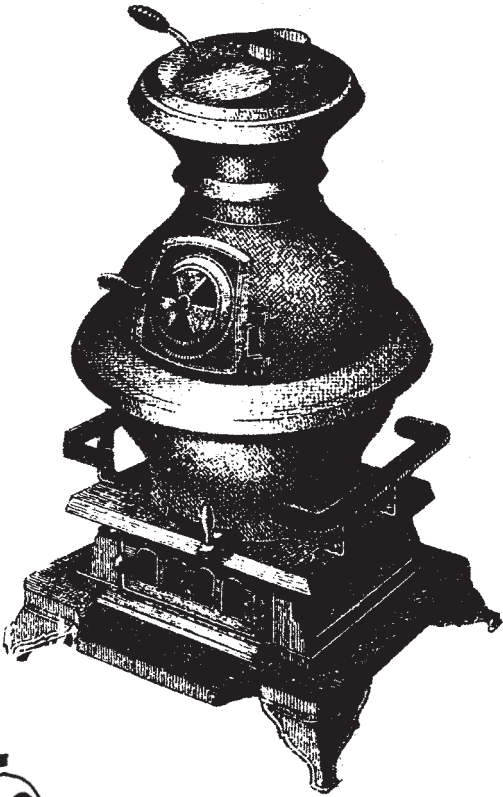
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

MONTPELIER. Art Exhibit: D'Ann Fago Retrospective. A retrospective exhibition by longtime Bethel artist D'Ann Fago from more than 75 years in the Arts. Admission fee. Photo ID required for admission. Opening reception 3-5 pm. The Governor's Office, 109 State Street, 5th Floor. (802) 828-0749. tracy.martin@state.vt.us. *Through November 24.*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

TOWNSHEND. Townshend Common Farmers' Market. The harvest bounty is here and you can find it all at our market. Thursdays through Oct. 14 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the junction of Rts. 30 & 35. For more information call (802) 869-2141. www.postoilsolutions.org.

WATERBURY CENTER. Chicken Pie Supper. Take-outs available. Tickets \$10. Reservations a must for both takeouts and supper. Seatings at 12, 5, 6:30 pm. Waterbury Center Community Church, Rt. 100, next to Cold Hollow Cider Mill. (802) 244-8089. bbtravelers@aol.com.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

DANBY. Concert: The Green Brother's Band. Mixing up jazz, blues, rock, R&B and reggae! Appetizers, desserts & coffee available. BYOB. Doors open 6:30 pm at The Little Cabaret, 34 South Main St. Tickets \$20 in advance. Call the box office at (802) 293-5000. On Facebook and MySpace.

RUTLAND. ArtHop. An evening of art, music, revelry and culture. Galleries and retailers stay open from 5-8 pm with special exhibits, refreshments, entertainment and artist demos. Bus between venues. (802) 353-6396. arthoprutland.blogspot.com. arthoprutland@gmail.com. *On second Fridays.*

STOWE. 27th Annual Stowe Foliage Arts Festival. Over 200 artists and artisans. Live music, food, beer & wine. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm. Stowe Events Field, Mountain Rd., Rt. 108. (802) 425-3399. info@craftproducers.com. www.craftproducers.com. *Through October 10.*

WEST DOVER. Mount Snow 13th Annual Oktoberfest and Harvest Arts & Craft Show. Admission. Mt. Snow Base Area. (877) 887-6884. www.mountsnow.com. Also October 9.

WINDSOR. Harvest 2010. An annual festival featuring two live music stages, food and microbrews, kid's activities and dedicated festival area with crafts. Wandering street performers, fire dancers and entertainers. 5-10 pm throughout downtown. (802) 674-9447. www.harvestvermont.org.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

DANBY. Concert: Mark Harding. Performer, educator, composer. Come check out this Vermont native performing a one of a kind solo acoustic show! BYOB. Appetizers, desserts & coffee available. Doors open 6:30 pm at The Little Cabaret, 34 South Main St. Tickets \$15 in advance. Call the box office at (802) 293-5000. On Facebook and MySpace.

LUDLOW. 20th Annual Ludlow Rotary Chili Cook-Off. Sample dozens of homemade chilis. 11 am - 2 pm. On Depot Street by the stoplight and Daniel Kesman Mini-Park. (802) 228-8666 x 141. timberinn@tds.net.

MANCHESTER. Concert: The Platters. One of the leading R&B groups of the 50's. 7:30 pm. Southern Vermont Arts Center, West Rd. For tickets call (802) 362-1405. www.svac.org.

POULTNEY. Town Wide Yard Sale. Shop for bargains from 9 am to 4 pm on Main Street and surrounding streets. Free. (802) 287-4114. poultneyvt@yahoo.com.

RANDOLPH CENTER. 2nd Annual Community Apple Festival. Freshly-made raw cider from local wild apples and old-fashioned boiled cider syrup. Featuring foods of the season. Old-style German donut-making demonstration. Local farm products and lunch goodies. Free admission. Turkey Hill Farm, 55 Turkey Hill Rd. (802) 728-7064. localfood@turkeyhillfarmvt.com. turkeyhillfarmvt.com. *Also October 10.*

RUTLAND. 49th Annual Art in the Park Fall Foliage Festival. 10 am - 5 pm. Main Street Park, junction of Rts. 4 & 7. (802) 775-8836. www.chaffeeartcenter.org. *Also October 10.*

RUTLAND. Concert with Paul Sullivan. Grammy Award-winning pianist and composer Paul Sullivan, a member of the Paul Winter Consort, is known for his original piano compositions which blend jazz and classical styles in a unique and imaginative way. Free. 7:30 pm. Grace Congregational UCC, 8 Court St. (802) 775-4301. graceucc@gracechurchvt.org. www.gracechurchvt.org.

SPRINGFIELD. Annual Vermont Apple Festival & Craft Show. Free admission. 9 am - 7 pm. Riverside Middle School, Rt. 11. (802) 885-2779. chamber@springfieldvt.com. springfieldvt.com.

WOODSTOCK. 38th Annual Apples and Crafts Fair. Admission \$3, children under 12 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Baileys Meadow, Rt. 4. (802) 457-1502. www.woodstockrec.com. *Also October 10.*

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm Harvest Weekend. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 1/2 mile north of the Woodstock village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. Also October 10.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

EAST THETFORD. 8th Annual Pumpkin Festival. Horse-drawn wagon rides, pumpkin-picking, kid's activities, live music, local foods, organic local ice cream. Bike-in, storytelling, face-painting. Free admission, parking \$5. Rain or shine. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org.

RANDOLPH CENTER. 2nd Annual Community Apple Festival. Freshly-made raw cider and old-fashioned boiled cider syrup. Featuring foods of the season. Old-style German donut-making demonstration. Free admission. Turkey Hill Farm, 55 Turkey Hill Rd. (802) 728-7064. turkeyhillfarmvt.com.

RUTLAND. 49th Annual Art in the Park Foliage Festival. 10 am to 4:30 pm at Main Street Park at the Junction of Rts. 4 & 7. (802) 775-8836 or (802) 775-0356. chaffeeartcenter.org.

SHOREHAM. Champlain Orchards' Annual Harvest Celebration. BBQ pork, applesauce, apple cider, fresh baked apples pies, and great side dishes—all to the sounds of down-home acoustic music. \$12 per plate, \$6 for kids. Champlain Orchards, 3597 Rt. 74 West. (802) 897-2777 x 301. elissa@champlainorchards.com. www.champlainorchards.com.

SOUTH BURLINGTON. Four Paws for Lacey's Cause. A benefit for the VT Police Canine Association's retired police dogs for their medical expenses. Registration at 11:30 am. Opening ceremonies 1 pm. Whales Tails Walking Trails, 30 Community Dr. (802) 893-8333. www.vtvetsurgery.com.

ST. JOHNSBURY. Fall Festival and Dog Party on Dog Mountain. Celebrating the life and art of Stephen Huneck with activities for the whole family, especially the four-legged members. 12-4 pm. The Stephen Huneck Gallery, 143 Park Rd. (802) 449-2580. info@dogmt.com. www.dogmt.com.

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm Harvest Weekend. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 1/2 mile north of the Woodstock village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

CHESTER. The Southern Vermont Astronomy Group October Meeting and Lecture. 7 pm at the Whiting Library. Al Boudreau of Bridport, VT will talk about the life and work of 18th Century French astronomer Charles Messier. Lecture is free of charge, and the public is welcome. Southern Vermont Astronomy Group, Inc., PO Box 424, Chester VT 05143. www.sovera.org.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

MONTPELIER. Homeschool Wednesdays. For children ages 6-12. Learn about Vermont's original inhabitants, the Abenaki. \$5 per student. 1-3 pm. The Vermont Historical Society Museum, 109 State St. on the first floor of the Pavilion Building. (802) 828-2180. kathleen.daquila@state.vt.us. www.vermonthhistory.org.

SHELburne. Sun to Cheese Tour. A behind-the-scenes look at dairy farming and cheesemaking! Hear our farmers and cheesemakers explain the process of turning fresh milk into farmhouse cheddar. Admission. 11 am - 1 pm. Shelburne Farms, Farm Barn, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8686. info@shelburnefarms.org. www.shelburnefarms.org.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

MANCHESTER. Book & Author Event. Local author Don Keelan presents his book, *Conspiracy on the Hudson*. Free, public invited. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. www.northshire.com.

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Country Calendar

SAXTONS RIVER. Third Annual Taste of the Arts Talk. Artists Julia Zanes and Donald Saaf share a visual journey through the last 22 years of their artistic lives. Refreshments. Tickets \$15/\$5 at Main Street Arts or at www.MainStreetArts.org. Reservations requested. 6 pm at Main Street Arts. (802) 869-2960.

TOWNSHEND. Townshend Common Farmers' Market. The harvest bounty is here and you can find it all at our market. Fresh produce, eggs, jams, pickles, and pies as well as dinner choices, hand-blown glass, handmade soaps, clothes, and woodcrafts. Open 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the junction of Rts. 30 & 35. For more information call (802) 869-2141. www.posttoilsolutions.org.

TUNBRIDGE. 4th Annual Northeast Animal-Power Field Days. Community potluck dinner in the evening. Bring a dish to share and come see old friends and make new ones. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 234-5524. info@animalpowerfielddays.org. www.animalpowerfielddays.org.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

BURLINGTON. Vermont 3.0 Tech Jam. Job fair/tech expo with Vermont's most innovative companies. Meet representatives from the area's tech and bioscience companies, many of whom are hiring. Free. Fri 10 am - 5 pm, Sat 10 am - 3 pm. Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center, 60 Lake St. (802) 864-5684 x 14. vt3@sevendaysvt.com. www.vermont3.com. Also Oct. 16.

BURLINGTON. Lane Series Presents—Green Mountain Chamber Players. UVM Recital Hall, 384 South Prospect St. For tickets call (802) 656-4455. www.uvm.edu/laneseries.

DANBY. Concert: Don Cahn. Solo acoustic singer/songwriter. Appetizers, desserts & coffee available. BYOB. Doors open 6:30 pm at The Little Cabaret, 34 South Main St. Tickets \$10 in advance. Call the box office at (802) 293-5000. On Facebook and MySpace.

HARDWICK. 100% Vermont Hardwick Fall Film Festival. Screening for "My Mother's Early Lovers" by Nora Jacobson, with Sue Ball & George Woodard. 8 pm at the Hardwick Town House, 127 Church St. Tickets \$6 available at the door (cash only). (802) 472-5920. nekarts.org.

HINESBURG. Music Night: Calloway Taxi. A jazz a cappella vocal ensemble from Burlington. Free and open to the public. 7 pm. Brown Dog Books & Gifts, 22 Commerce Street #3. (802) 482-5189. www.browndogbooksandgifts.com.

MANCHESTER. Book & Author Event. John Vaillant presents his book, *The Tiger: A Story of Vengeance and Survival*. Free, public invited. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. www.northshire.com.

MONTPELIER. Montpelier Art Walk. Comics art, dancing, music, edible delectables. Free. 4 pm to 8 pm. Downtown Montpelier, various locations. (802) 223-9604. luekhamhan@hotmail.com. www.montpelieralive.org.

RUTLAND. Chocolate Festival and Silent Auction. Sponsored by Rutland United Methodist Church to benefit The Mission, Community Cupboard, Herstory and Dismas House. 6 to 9 pm at the Holiday Inn, S. Main St. (802) 773-2460.

RUTLAND. Concert. Victor Wooten, a member of the Grammy-winning supergroup, Béla Fleck & The Flecktones, will perform. Tickets \$19.50-29.50 + tax. 8 pm. The Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St., (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

TUNBRIDGE. 4th Annual Northeast Animal-Power Field Days. Field and forest working demonstrations with animal-powered equipment at Howevale Farm, all day. Open mic at 7 pm with storytelling, music, poetry shared by many including teamsters such as Lynn Miller, Jay Bailey, Howard Van Ord, Carl Russell, and many others. Admission: \$35, \$60 family. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 234-5524. info@animalpowerfielddays.org. www.animalpowerfielddays.org.

WEST RUTLAND. Marble Valley Players perform the comedy *The Foreigner* by Larry Shue. At The West Rutland Town Hall, Oct. 15, 16, 22, & 23 at 8 pm and Oct. 17 at 2 pm. Tickets \$12, may be purchased at the Paramount Theatre Box Office. (802) 775-0903. Also October 16, 22, 23.

WOODSTOCK. *The Sound of Music*. Rogers and Hammerstein's beloved musical. Presented by Pentangle Players. Tickets \$18/\$15/\$12. 7:30 pm. Woodstock Town Hall Theater. (802) 457-3981. pentanglearts.org. Also October 16, 22, 23, 24.

WOODSTOCK. Foodways Fridays. Discover how we use seasonal produce harvested from the heirloom garden in historic recipes. Take home a different recipe each Friday! Admission. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 1/2 mile north of the Woodstock village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

BRATTLEBORO. Capitol Steps Performance. A sassy, musical political satire to benefit community development programs of Windham Housing Trust. Heart of the Home pre-event starting at 6 pm features "Comfort Food by Men Who Cook". Theatre seating opens at 7 pm for 7:30 pm performance. Tickets \$25-\$42. Latchis Theatre, Main St. (802) 246-2114. www.windhamhousingtrust.org.

BURLINGTON. Vermont 3.0 Tech Jam. Job fair/tech expo with Vermont's most innovative companies. Free. 10 am - 3 pm. Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center, 60 Lake St. (802) 864-5684 x 14. vt3@sevendaysvt.com. www.vermont3.com.

BURLINGTON. Concert: Burlington Chamber Orchestra Season Opener. Featuring John Dunlop, cello, performing the Adagio by Zoltan Kodaly. Concert also features Sinfonia in G by C.P.E. Bach, Suite for Strings by Frank Bridge, and Haydn's Symphony no. 42 in D major. Tickets: \$25/\$20/\$8, contact: flyntix.org. Admission. 8 pm at UVM Recital Hall, 384 S. Prospect St. (802) 893-4082. sharontevents@yahoo.com. www.bcovt.org.

CABOT. 11th Annual Cabot Apple Pie Festival. Apple pie baking contests, prizes, craft fair, silent auction, homemade apple pies, lunch, and other food sold, live music, raffles. Pies must be entered by 10:30 am. Pies not in contest accepted as donations. Free admission, free parking, handicapped accessible, family friendly. Benefit the Cabot Historical Society, 9 am - 3 pm. Cabot School gym, Main St. (802) 563-3396. bonniesd@together.net. www.cabothistory.org.

CHESTER. Book & Author Event. Steve Friesen, director of the Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave, presents his book, *Buffalo Bill: Scout, Showman, and Visionary*. Free, everyone welcome. 7 pm at Misty Valley Books, on the Green. (802) 875-3400. www.mvbooks.com.

CORNWALL. Chicken Pie Supper. Chicken-and-biscuit pie, mashed potatoes and gravy, squash, apple and pumpkin pie, local cider. Adults \$10, 12 and under \$5. Seatings at 5:30 and 6:45 pm with takeouts available from 4:30. Cornwall Congregational Church, Rt. 30 at Rt. 74. Call (802) 462-2170 to reserve. ashoganf@shoreham.net.

DANBY. Concert: Patti Smith Trio. A blend of jazz & blues to dazzle your spirits! BYOB. Appetizers, desserts & coffee available. Doors open 6:30 pm at The Little Cabaret, 34 South Main St. Tickets \$15 in advance. Call the box office at (802) 293-5000. On Facebook and MySpace.

DUMMERSTON. 30th Annual Fall Foliage Christmas Tree Tag Days. Come pick out and tag your own Balsam & Canaan Fir, White & Blue Spruce, White Pine Christmas tree. Family fun, beautiful views. Wagon rides, labyrinth, cider & pretzels, maple syrup, pumpkins, garlic, cut flowers. Free admission. 12 noon - 4 pm. Elysian Hills Tree Farm, 209 Knapp Rd. (802) 257-0233. elysianh@sover.net. www.elysianhillsfarm.com. Also October 17, 23-24, 30-31.



EAST CALAIS. Basketry Workshop. Learn how to locate, harvest, propagate, and weave willow, an incredibly pliable and resilient material. At the ROOTS School. Fee: \$150. Call for details and registration. (802) 456-1253. info@rootsvt.com. www.rootsvt.com. Also October 17.

EAST CHARLESTON. Fourth Annual Vermont Trails Symposium. Build the skills necessary to start new trail projects in your community. Full day of workshops and presentations on Saturday including lunch and dinner. Small group outings on Sunday to local hiking, canoeing, equestrian, mountain bike and ATV trails. \$35. Registration required. Northwoods Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 498-4506. events@northwoodscenter.org. www.vermonttrailsandgreenways.org. Also October 17.

EAST THETFORD. Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides to and from the Pumpkin Patch. Also pick-your-own flowers and lots of beautiful harvest produce. Hello Cafe with wireless internet is open with beverages and baked goods. 11 am - 4 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org. Also October 17, 23, 24.

FAIR HAVEN. Benefit Spaghetti Dinner. Eagles Aerie 3907 hosts a benefit dinner for Jim Goodrich. Music, raffles and more. \$8 donation. 4 pm. 12 Academy St. (802) 265-7966.

HARDWICK. 100% Vermont Hardwick Fall Film Festival. Four screenings: 4 pm, "Man with a Plan" by John O'Brien; 6 pm, "Neighbors" an animated short film by Meredith Holch; 8 pm, "The Summer of Walter Hacks" with Henry Woodard, John Kiedaisch & Francesca Blanchard, directed by George Woodard. The filmmakers will be there for Q&A and conversation. Tickets \$6 per film or \$18 for all 4, available at the door (cash only). 8 pm at the Hardwick Town House, 127 Church St. (802) 472-5920. nekarts.org.

MANCHESTER. Pumpkin Carving Festival. Enjoy an afternoon of fun celebrating the fall harvest and pumpkin season. Corn maize, wagon rides, cider, donuts and a pumpkin carving competition. Noon to 8 pm. Equinox Valley Nursery, 1158 Main St. (802) 362-2100. www.manchestervermont.net.

MIDDLEBURY. Omya's Marble Quarry Open House. Part of Earth Science Week, this family event includes quarry tours, viewing large quarrying equipment, earth science activities and refreshments. Free. 10 am - 3 pm. Omya, Inc, Rt. 7 south of town. (802) 770-7267. alice.blount@omya.com. www.omyainvermont.net.



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Vermont Country Calendar

(October 16 continued)

MONKTON. Cookbook Sale. Silent auction of cookbooks from the large collection of Dorothy Rankin to benefit the Russell Memorial Library. Light refreshments served. Free. 2-5 pm. Monkton Vol. Firehouse, States Prison Hollow Road. (802) 453-4471. epact@gmavt.net.

NEWARK. Craft Fair, Chili Contest & Free Winter Clothes Swap. Hosted by Parents In Action, to benefit school related activities. 9 am - 3 pm. Newark Street School, 1448 Newark St. (802) 467-1004. winsor84@hotmail.com.

ORWELL. Program: Sidelined by History—Seth Warner, Green Mountain Boy. Clifford Mullen presents his new research on Green Mountain Boy Seth Warner and his military career. Doors open at 12:30 pm, program at 1:00 pm. Sponsored by Mount Independence Coalition. Guided walk afterwards, weather permitting. Free, open to the public. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. off Rt. 73. (802) 759-2412. chimneypoint@historicvermont.org. historicvermont.org.

PLAINFIELD. Singing Together: A Celebration in Honor of Pete Seeger. A community celebration honoring Pete Seeger's lifelong dedication to the power of song. Donation. 6:30 pm. Plainfield Town Hall, 149 Main St. (802) 454-1461. jwalrafen@myfairpoint.net.

POULTNEY. Annual Welsh Harvest Festival. Celebrate the rich Welsh heritage of Poultney and surrounding communities. Enjoy lots of festivities, live music, traditional Welsh food, field games and more. Free admission. Public is welcome. 5-9 pm. Hosted by Green Mountain College at Cerridwen Farm. For more information call (802) 287-8000. www.greenmntn.edu.

PUTNEY. Annual Westminster West Squash Festival. Fun for the whole family! Eat at the Squash Cafe featuring delicious main dishes and desserts made with different kinds of squashes. Cooking demonstrations, kids' activities, talks on squash lore, t-shirts to decorate, games, and prizes. Vendors with food and farm products, including, of course, squash! Everyone is invited, free admission. 11 am - 4 pm. Sponsored by the The Westminster West Public Library, 3409 Westminster West Rd. (802) 387-4682.

PUTNEY. Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides with Percheron Draft Horses. Enjoy the views and the orchards. Weather permitting (after October by reservation.) Cider, apples, donuts, more. At Green Mountain Orchards, 130 West Hill Rd. (exit 4, I-91), look for signs in Putney Village. (802) 387-5851. www.greenmtorchards.com. Also October 17.

RANDOLPH. Concert: Counterpoint. Robert De Cormier directs Vermont's professional choral ensemble in "Four Centuries of Song." The performance will feature a musical banquet of a cappella songs from the 16th through 20th centuries. 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71 -73 Main St. For tickets call (802) 728-6464. tickets@chandler-arts.org. www.chandler-arts.org.

RUTLAND. Saturday Night Dinner and Dance. Menu: apple stuffed pork chops, maple chicken or Northeast shrimp platter. Dancing immediately after with music by Mesa. Public is welcome. Dinner \$11-\$13, dancing only \$5 per couple. At the American Legion Post 31, 33 Washington St. (802) 773-9777.

SHELBURNE. Guided Tour—Two Great Country Houses. Shelburne Museum and Shelburne Farms invite you to tour two remarkable historic homes on Lake Champlain. The Brick House was the country home of Shelburne Museum founder Electra Havemeyer Webb. The Inn at Shelburne Farms was originally the 19th-century country home of Dr. William Seward and Lila Vanderbilt Webb. Admission. 1-4 pm. At Shelburne Museum and Shelburne Farms. (802) 985-3346 x 3145. www.shelburnemuseum.org.

SOUTH HERO. Green Mountain Folklore Society Fall Meeting. A day of fun, food, & folklore stories. Social hour 9 am, business meeting 10 am, gabfest 11 am, dinner 12 noon. Afternoon program at 1 pm featuring local folklore of the area. Free & open to the public. Only cost is if you want the full dinner at noon (please reserve a week ahead.) 9 am - 3 pm. St. Rose of Lima Church, Rt. 2. (802) 879-1925. imiinv8@yahoo.com. www.vtgmfs.org.

ST. JOHNSBURY. Fall Concert. The Vermont Philharmonic kicks off its 52nd season with two exciting opera-themed performances. This year's concerts include The Beauty of Bel Canto and the VPO's new chorus. Admission. 7:30 pm. Fuller Hall, 998 Main St. (802) 748-2600. info@vermontphilharmonic.org. www.vermontphilharmonic.org.

TUNBRIDGE. 4th Annual Northeast Animal-Power Field Days. Welcoming address at 1:15 pm by Lynn Miller, Editor, Small Farmers Journal. Keynote address at 1:30 pm by Carl Russell. Classroom-style workshops, equipment and draft animal presentations, equine hoof care forum, equine health and maintenance forum, resource exhibits, farmers market, local food vendors, and raffle. Swap-meet featuring used equipment and supplies for sale. Evening film documentary viewing of "The Farmer and the Horse" by Jared Fleisher. Admission: full day: \$20, \$30 family; half day \$15, \$20 family. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. For more info call (802) 234-5524. info@animalpowerfielddays.org. www.animalpowerfielddays.org.

VERGENNES. Storytelling Festival. Gather on board a wooden ship, beside a crackling fire, or in our theater to experience Lake Champlain in song and story. Hear some of the region's best storytellers, historians and musicians share the lake's history and legends. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm daily. The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. at Basin Harbor Club. (802) 475-2022. elosiseb@lcmmm.org. www.lcmmm.org.

WOODSTOCK. The Sound of Music. Rogers and Hammerstein's beloved musical. Presented by Pentangle Players. Tickets \$18/\$15/\$12. 7:30 pm. Woodstock Town Hall Theater. (802) 457-3981. pentanglearts.org. Also October 22, 23, 24.

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm Wagon Ride Weekend. Capture the colors of autumn on a narrated horse-drawn wagon ride around the fields. Admission includes farm programs and activities. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 1/2 mile north of the Woodstock village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. Also October 17.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

BARRE. The Beauty of Bel Canto. Vermont Philharmonic Fall Concert. Admission. 3:30 pm at the Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. (802) 4768188. info@vermontphilharmonic.org. www.vermontphilharmonic.org.

CHESTER. Book & Author Event. Bob Stannard presents his book, How to Survive the Recession: A Vermont Perspective. Free, everyone welcome. 4 pm at Misty Valley Books, on the Green. (802) 875-3400. www.mvbooks.com.

DANVILLE. 18th Annual Harvest Concert. The Danville Town Band and Danville area choirs perform. Program includes selections from "The Wiz" and Gustav Holst's First Suite in Eb. A community pot-luck dinner follows. Donation. 5-6:30 pm. Danville Congregational Church, Hill St. (802) 748-8150. stjazz@sover.net. www.danvilletownband.org.

EAST CHARLESTON. Fourth Annual Vermont Trails Symposium. \$35. Registration required. NorthWoods Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 498-4506. events@northwoodscenter.org. www.vermonttrailsandgreenways.org.

EAST THETFORD. Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides to and from the Pumpkin Patch. Also pick-your-own flowers and harvest produce. 11 am - 4 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org. Also Oct. 23 & 24.

The Fox

The fox went out for a chase one night
Prayed to the moon to give him light
For he had many a mile to go that night
Before he reached the town-o, town-o, town-o
He had many a mile to go that night
Before he reached the town-o.

He ran right up to the farmers pen
Ducks and the geese were kept therein
He said "A couple of you gonna grease my chin
Before I leave this town-o, town-o, town-o
A couple of you gonna grease my chin
Before I leave this town-o."

He grabbed the grey goose by the neck
Slung the little one over his back
He didn't mind the quack quack quack
And the legs all dangling down-o, down-o, down-o
He didn't mind the quack quack quack
And the legs all dangling down-o.

Old Mother Pitter Patter jumped out of bed
Out of the window she popped her head yelling
"John, John the grey goose is gone!
And the fox is on the town-o, town-o, town-o
John, John the grey goose is gone!
And the fox is on the town-o."

John he ran to the top of the hill
Blew his horn both loud and shrill
The fox said "I'd better flee with my kill
For he'll soon be on my trail-o, trail-o, trail-o"
The fox said "I'd better flee with my kill
For he'll soon be on my trail-o."

He ran right up to his cozy den
There were his little ones eight nine ten
They said "Daddy won't you please go back again
For it must be a mighty fine town-o, town-o, town-o
Daddy wont you please go back again
For it must be a mighty fine town-o."

The fox and his wife without any strife
Cut up the goose with a fork and knife
They'd never had such a supper in their life
And the little ones chewed on the bones-o,
The bones-o, the bones-o,
They never had such a supper in their life
And the little ones chewed on the bones-o.

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TUNBRIDGE. 4th Annual Northeast Animal-Power Field Days. Begins with a non-denominational church service at 7 am followed by a community meet-the-teamsters breakfast and one-on-one time with teamsters, exhibitors and equipment dealers. VT Dept. of Ag Secretary Roger Allbee will give a talk on the History of Vermont Agriculture at 11 am followed by the premier annual meeting of the newly formed Draft Animal Power Network. Obstacle course for teamsters & draft teams, 10 am - 12 noon. Free admission; suggested donation \$5-\$10 for breakfast. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 234-5524. info@animalpowerfielddays.org. www.animalpowerfielddays.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Hike in the Breadloaf Wilderness. Dogs OK! We'll need an early start for what should be a very colorful hike up the Cooley Glen Trail to the Long Trail, through the Breadloaf Wilderness Area and down the Emily Proctor Trail. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. E-mail in advance: Darryl Smith, snuffly_vt@yahoo.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

POULTNEY. Pumpkin Festival. Field day activities for all ages, pumpkin painting, face painting, Halloween coloring and crafts, an apple pie bake contest (judging at 2 pm) Hicks' famous apple cider and apple cider donuts, pumpkin fudge from the Original Vermont Store, and Dan and Holly Boyce's 1,254 pound giant pumpkin! 1-3 pm at Leap Frog Nursery School. For info call Jaime Milazzo at (802) 287-5751.

WEST RUTLAND. 15th Annual "What's Cooking in West Rutland" Tasting Supper. With West Rutland's rich Polish, Irish, French and Italian heritage, this tasting supper is sure to have an ethnic flair. Some favorites are pierogi, gumpki, spanakopita, lasagna, pazki, and more! To benefit the Friends of the Town Hall Restoration Fund. Tickets \$9/advance \$10/door, under 12 \$5. 5 pm at the West Rutland School cafeteria on Main St. For more info call Jayne Pratt at (802) 438-2204.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Free Gardening Workshop: Planting Garlic, and Putting the Garden to Bed. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by The Upper Valley Food Co-op and Transition Town WRJ. 3-5 pm at the Community Garden in Ratcliffe Park on Latham Works Lane off S. Main St. For more information call Kye Cochran at (802) 295-5804. Kye@upervalleyfood.coop. www.upervalleyfood.coop.

WOODSTOCK. Woodstock Chamber Music Series Concert. Francie Fitch, harpsichord and Laurie Monahan, soprano. Presented by Pentangle Players. Free admission. Woodstock Unitarian Universalist Church. (802) 457-3981. pentanglearts.org.

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm Wagon Ride Weekend. Capture the colors of autumn on a narrated horse-drawn wagon ride around the fields. Admission includes farm programs and activities. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 1/2 mile north of the Woodstock village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

BURLINGTON. Concert: Creative Freedom—Two Cello Classics and an Argentinean Mast. John and Barbara Metz, cello and piano perform Beethoven's Cello Sonata, Opus 102, No. 1; Prokofiev's Cello Sonata of 1949; and Alberto Ginastera's Pampeana No. 2. Free. Bring a bag lunch, coffee and tea provided. Noon-1 pm. Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 2 Cherry Street. (802) 864-0471. poppe@cathedralarts.org. www.CathedralArts.org.

RUTLAND. Workshop: Support Our Deployed Vermonters, Families and Friends. What you can do to help our Vermonters and the people they leave behind. Share tips and advice, what to send and how to send care packages. 6-8 pm. Rutland Free Library, Fox Room, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

BRATTLEBORO. Lecture. Julian Jonas: Diverse India—Homeopathic Healing Traditions. 7 pm. Meeting room, Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main St. (802) 254-5290. jerry@brooks.lib.vt.us. www.brooks.lib.vt.us.

GLOVER. Georgian Singing Workshop. 7:30-8:30 pm in the new building at the Bread and Puppet Theater on Rt. 122. (802) 525-9559.

NORWICH. Book & Author Event. A reading by W. D. Wetherell, author of *On Admiration: Heroes, Heroines, Role Models and Mentors*. Limited seating, reservations recommended. 7 pm. Norwich Bookstore, 291 Main St. Free. (802) 649-1114 or info@norwichbookstore.com.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Octoberfest! Doors open at 4:30 pm, buffet begins at 5 pm. Music by Bill Sharpe "The Mad Bavarian" follows the dinner. Admission \$5, sign up required. Bugbee Senior Center, 262 North Main St. (802) 295-9068. watnas@aol.com.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

BRANDON. Book & Author Event. Award-winning Vermont author Stephen Kiernan presents his book, *Authentic Patriotism*, and talks about health care, ethics, service learning, meaningful living, palliative care and other examples of authentic patriotism. 7 pm. Free. Ball & Chain Cafe at the Briggs Carriage Bookstore, 16 Park St. (802) 247-0050. info@briggscarriage.com. www.briggscarriage.com.

BRATTLEBORO. Independent Lens Community Cinema: Reel Injun. A look at the Hollywood Indian, exploring the portrayal of North American natives through the history of cinema. Free. 7:30 pm. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124 x 101. office@brattleboromuseum.org. brattleboromuseum.org.

HANOVER, NH. Live Broadcast: A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor. The performance will be transmitted via satellite and shown in HD quality on the big screen. A unique event! \$18. 8 pm at Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center. For tickets call (603) 646-2422 or hop.dartmouth.edu.

MONTPLIER. Program: Transition Town Montpelier—Sustainable Healthcare. Can Montpelier and the surrounding communities cope with healthcare issues in face of dwindling oil supplies? Led by Didi Pershouse, an established health-care provider in the Upper Valley. Free. 6 pm - 8 pm. The Kellogg-Hubbard Library, 135 Main St. (802) 223-3338. sallen@kellogghubbard.org. www.kellogghubbard.org.

SOUTH BURLINGTON. HD Screening: A Live Performance of A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor. Tickets \$20. 8-10:15 pm. Palace 9 Cinemas, 10 Fayette Dr. (802) 660-9300. www.palace9.com.

SOUTH BURLINGTON. Nightmare Vermont. An interactive, theatrical haunted house. Dark Art Gallery, special effects, giant monsters, stage combat, the Urban Dance Complex, and more scares than you can shake a stick at. Audience members may need to save their guides, break down walls, or throw things at zombies in order to survive. Admission. Thurs & Fri 7-10 pm, Saturdays 6-10 pm. Abandoned Industrial Space TBD. (802) 734-9687. info@nightmarevermont.org. www.nightmarevermont.org. Through October 30.

WEST HAVEN. Autumn Turtle Hike. Follow Tim's Trail through fields and forests in the Helen W. Buckner Memorial Preserve, where Vermont is west of NY State! Sponsored by the Rutland Recreation Dept. for seniors and others who wish to enjoy their outings at a somewhat slower and easier pace. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for Vermont weather. Free, everyone welcome. Meet at 9 am at the Godnick Adult Center on Deer St. off Woodstock Ave. Info call Bob Perkins, (802) 773-0184. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WILLISTON. The Haunted Forest. Mysterious guides lead you through a dark forest path with over 1,000 Jack-O-Lanterns and 12 Halloween-themed performances from scary to funny. Rain or shine. Dress warmly. 7, 8, 9 pm. Catamount Family Center. Gov. Chittenden Rd. Tickets \$12.50. Call (802) 879-9160. www.thehauntedforest.org. Also October 22, 23, 28, 29, 30.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

BENNINGTON. Folk Artist Anne Hills in Concert. Admission: \$15. 4 pm. Meetinghouse Cafe of Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 108 School St. (802) 440-9816. info@uubennington.org. www.uubennington.org.

BONDVILLE. Quilters Retreat Weekend. Treat yourself to a weekend just for quilters. Fee. Bromley View Inn. 522 Rt. 30. (877) 633-0308. info@bromleyviewinn.com. www.bromleyviewinn.com. Through October 24.

BRANDON. Music Event. Extra Stout plays the full gamut of Irish music: dance tunes, slow airs, marches, composed music, ballads, drinking songs, rebel songs, shanties, Irish punk. 7 pm. Ball & Chain Cafe at the Briggs Carriage Bookstore, 16 Park St. (802) 247-0050. info@briggscarriage.com. www.briggscarriage.com.

DANBY. Special Book Release Event. Come and meet Chris Abair, local author, artist and storyteller, as he reads his grandfather's poetry: "The Poetry of George Albert Leddy: Featuring Tales of the Rugged Trails." Special fiddle/music performance by his son Casey. Book sales and signings. BYOB. Appetizers, desserts & coffee available. Doors open 6:30 pm at The Little Cabaret, 34 South Main St. Tickets \$10 in advance. Call the box office at (802) 293-5000. On Facebook and MySpace.

EAST CHARLESTON. Full Moon Paddle. Join NorthWoods staff in exploring the backwaters and beaver dams of the Clyde River by the light of the full moon. \$10 per person. Canoes, paddles & life jackets provided. Dress appropriately and bring flashlight or headlamp. Weather permitting. Admission. 7 pm. Meet at NorthWoods. (802) 723-6551 x 115. events@northwoodscenter.org. www.northwoodscenter.org.

LINCOLN. Full Moon Backpack Trip. Hike on the Long Trail from Lincoln Gap to Route 73. Sponsored by the Connecticut Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Car spotting. For details and meeting place contact Carol A. Langley at (860) 621-2860 or cosmical14@yahoo.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

The Paramount Theatre Hosts Sneak Preview October 23

New York filmmaker Art Jones will provide a sneak preview of his new film, "The Blood in This Town" at The Paramount Theatre in Rutland, VT on October 23 at 6:30 p.m. There will also be screenings on Sunday, October 24 at 1:30 & 4 p.m.

The Saturday evening screening includes a pre-film cocktail hour, a short pre-film discussion, and a talk and Q&A session afterward with Jones.

"The Blood in this Town" is a 95-minute documentary chronicling Rutland's drive to revitalize itself during America's deep economic crisis. The film uses the town's record-breaking Gift-of-Life Marathon blood drive to explore how a struggling, post-industrial town can re-

vive itself from the grass-roots up. Proceeds from the screening will benefit The Paramount Theatre.

From initiatives like the Rutland Creative Economy and the year-round Farmers' Market to entrepreneurial startups and the building of a world-class trail system in Pine Hill Park, Rutland shows how a community's determination and true-grit creativity can provide a way forward for thousands of struggling towns across America.

The Paramount Theatre is located at 30 Center St., Rutland, VT. Tickets are: Saturday \$25, Sunday \$6 adults, 12 & under: \$4. To order call (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

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PITTSFORD. 30th Annual Pittsford Haunted House. Sponsored by the Pittsford Fire Department. Quarter-mile hayride through the woods to the house but watch your back you never know what may pop out. While you're at the house listen to the famous Bones Brother Band—these devilish ghouls have real soul. 6:30-9:30 pm (Tickets sold from 6-9 pm.) Tickets: \$8 adults, \$4 for children 12 & under (not recommended for children under 6 years old.) At 426 Plains Rd. For more info call Tom Hooker (802) 236-0048 or (802) 483-2281. *Also October 23, 29, 30.*

PROCTOR. Haunted Castle Tours. Family night, not so scary! Illusions, creepy zoo, in a real castle. Food and drink, rain or shine. Bring a flashlight and dress warmly. Adults \$8, under 12 \$5. Line up begins at 6 pm, tours 7-10 pm. At Wilson Castle., West Proctor Rd. (802) 773-3284. www.rutlandhalloween.com. *Also October 23.*

RANDOLPH. Concert. Frank Vignola's Hot Club Celebrates Django Reinhardt's 100th Birthday. 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. \$30/\$25. Call (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org.

RUTLAND. 3rd Annual Haunted House: Deadberry Mortuary at Garden Time. Tours at 7-10 pm. Adults: \$6, children 10 & under \$4. Tickets available at the door or in advance at Garden Time, 1094 Rt. 7 North. For more information call (802) 747-0700. *Also Oct. 23, 24, 29, 31.*

RUTLAND. Concert: Kansas. Tickets \$39.50-\$59.50. 8 pm. The Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St., (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

SOUTH BURLINGTON. Nightmare Vermont. An interactive, theatrical haunted house. Admission. 7-10 pm. Abandoned Industrial Space TBD. (802) 734-9687. nightmevermont.org. *Thurs, Fri, Sat through Oct. 30.*

SOUTH BURLINGTON. 25th Annual Vermont International Film Festival. The best in independent films from around the world. Special appearances and discussions by directors, producers, actors, and critics. Palace 9 Cinemas, 10 Fayette Dr. (802) 660-9300. www.palace9.com. www.vtiff.org. *Through October 31.*

THETFORD. Concert: The Sound of Viols. The Arcadia Consort of Viols will perform music of 16th and 17th century Italy and a premiere of Will Ayton's "Flow my Tears;" a fantasia on Dowland's "Lachrimae." Madrigals, dances and canzoni by Lasso, Ruffo, Mainerio, and Merula. Free. 4 pm. First Congregational Church of Thetford Hill, Rt. 113. (802) 785-2630. alafave@rcn.com.

TINMOUTH. Contra Dance with Brendan Taafe & Sarah Blair, Will Mentor calling. Every fourth Friday of the month. Admission \$8, \$6 for teens, \$3 for children 5-12, under 5 free. Refreshments available. 8 pm at Tinmouth Community Center, Rt. 140, 5 miles west of Wallingford. For info or directions call (802) 446-2928. Tinmouthvt.org. *Also November 26.*

WILLISTON. The Haunted Forest. Mysterious guides lead you through a dark forest path with over 1,000 Jack-O-Lanterns and 12 Halloween-themed performances from scary to funny. Rain or shine. Dress warmly. 7, 8, 9, 10 pm. Catamount Family Center, Gov. Chittenden Rd. Tickets \$12.50. Call (802) 879-9160. www.thehauntedforest.org. *Also October 23, 28, 29, 30.*

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

ARLINGTON. Fall Hike on Grass Mountain. At over 3000 feet, this is a vigorous climb to worthwhile views north and south. Plan on 5-6 hour trip, bring lunch and plenty of water, as there is none on the trail. We might encounter hunters, so wear bright colors. Meet at the Bennington Rec. Center 9 am. The drive to the trailhead is 45 minutes. Sponsored by the Bennington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For details contact Martha Stitelman, (802) 442-0864 in advance. www.greenmountainclub.org.

BETHEL. Ham and Bean Supper. Baked ham, home baked beans, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, rolls, beverages and dessert. Adults, \$7; children under 10, \$4. Sponsored by United Church of Bethel. 5:30 pm at the White Church, Church St. (802) 234-5513.

BRANDON. Music Event. Mogani entertains with a funky fusion of hot Latin numbers, cool jazz classic and originals. 7 pm. Ball & Chain Cafe at the Briggs Carriage Bookstore, 16 Park St. (802) 247-0050. info@briggscarriage.com. www.briggscarriage.com.

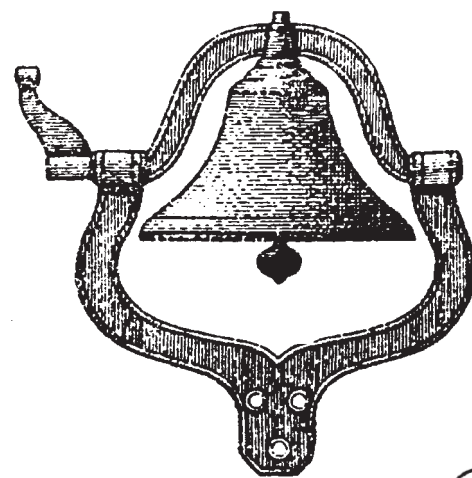
BRATTLEBORO. Brattleboro Sketchcrawl. Artists of all ages and ability are invited. Start off at the Elliot Street Cafe, crawl about town, sketch an impression or two, then gather at BMAC with your fellow artists for appreciation and refreshments. Presented in collaboration with the River Gallery School. Admission free, bring your own supplies or purchase a kit for \$2. 2-4:30 pm. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124 x 101. office@brattleboromuseum.org. www.brattleboromuseum.org.

BURLINGTON. Concert. Piano soloist Alon Goldstein will perform Tchaikovsky's First Concerto as a season opener for the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's Masterworks Series. The evening includes Beethoven's Leonore Overture No. 3 and Arriaga's Symphony in D, with Jaime Laredo conducting. 8 pm at the Flynn Center. Tickets start at \$16. Call (802) 863-5966, the VSO office at (800) 876-9293 x 10, or visit www.vso.org.

BURLINGTON. Two-Day Printmaking Workshop with Artist Daryl Storrs. A Frog Hollow State Craft Center exhibit. Admission fee. 10 am - 4 pm. BCA Print Studio, 250 Main St. (802) 863-6458. info@froghollow.com. www.darylstorrs.com. *Also October 24.*

BURLINGTON. Lane Series Presents: A Scary Night at the Museum. The Devil Music ensemble presents two screenings. They will perform their original score to the 1920 John Barrymore version of Robert Louis Stevenson's thriller Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. The show includes a private opening of the Fleming's galleries, cash bar, and reception at 8:30 pm. 7 & 9 pm. Admission. Fleming Museum Auditorium, 61 Colchester Ave. (802) 656-4455. www.uvm.edu/laneseries.

DANBY. Concert. Celtic-inspired music at it's best! Featuring Irish classics to acoustic rock with a blend of fiddle, banjo, mandolin, bodhran, guitar, upright bass, and harmonizing vocals. BYOB. Appetizers, desserts & coffee available. Doors open 6:30 pm at The Little Cabaret, 34 South Main St. Tickets \$22 in advance. Call the box office at (802) 293-5000. On Facebook and MySpace.



Cow Time

Cow time, and in October, in the days of long ago...

Come, Shep, old fellow, hurry up; I think you're very slow;
But then, too, I remember, I remember with a sigh,
That you've been dead for eighteen years and I, alas—well, I
Am older by a score of years than when we used to roam
Out to the fallow pasture old to drive the cattle home.



So, Shep, old dog, we'll go once more while memory still is bright;
We'll take the path out through the woods and fetch the cows to-nite.
Here, you, no nonsense! Keep behind; you fool, where have you heard
That shepherd dogs are swift enough to catch a yellow bird?
What, found a track? I guess you have—a woodchuck's I declare
Ah, here's his hole. Go for him, Shep! We'll have him out of there.

Wait, dog; stand back, right where you are; I'll show that chuck a trick.
Stand back, I say, and wait a bit; I'll poke him with a stick.
Jab! Jab! It's deep, that woodchuck hole; see how it twists and bends.
Oh! there he runs! I should have known—some chuck holes have two ends.
I'm down; no matter, get him, Shep! He ran up on that knoll.
No use, come back; just as I thought, he's got another hole.

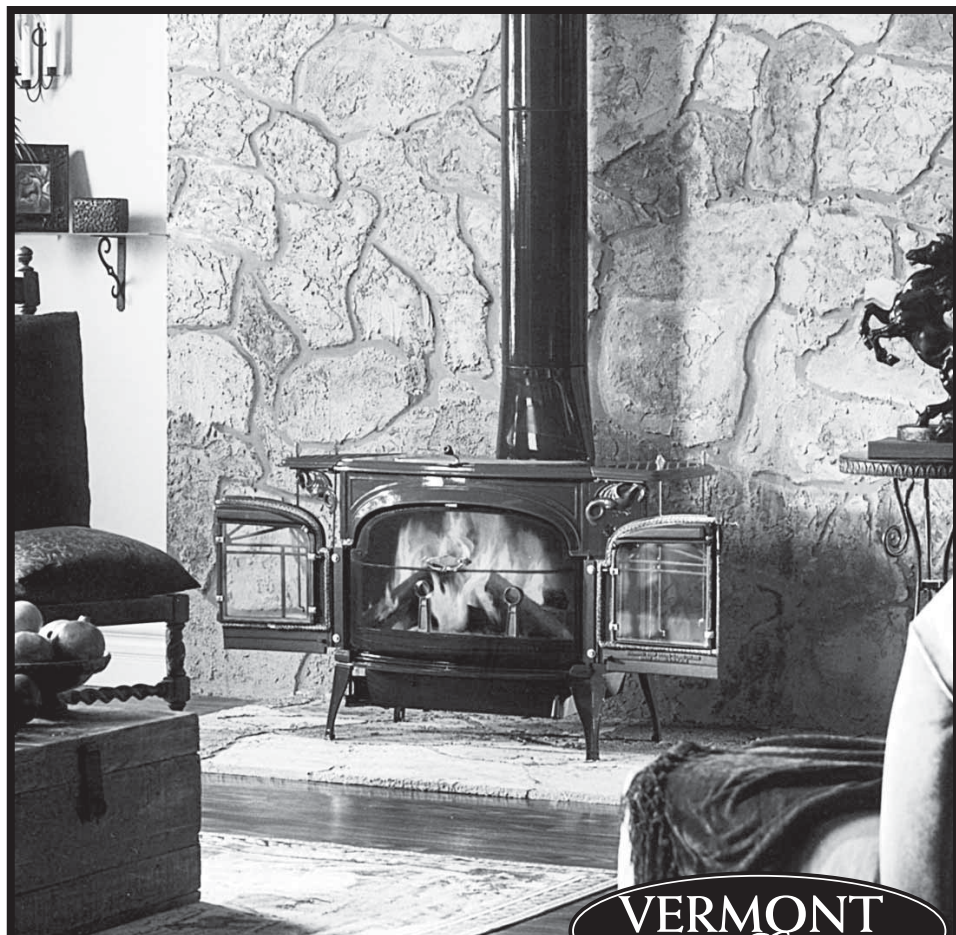
Come on. Hello! I didn't know the burs were open yet.
Lie down, old dog, I'll take a climb, there's chestnuts here to get,
A pocket full; that's pretty good, I've something now to chew.
You wag your tail; do you want some? Do dogs like chestnuts, too?
Well, take a couple; now we'll go. Hi! there's a squirrel; now we
Must catch him. Pshaw! He's got away up in a hemlock tree,

And we have lost him. Let him go. Now here's the pasture bars;
You find the cows and fetch 'em up, or we will see the stars
Before we see the milking yard; it's plump a half a mile;
So, sick 'em, Shep, and round 'em up and I will rest me while
I eat this Seek-no-further and this Pippin that I found
Out in that pile of apples where they're lying on the ground.

Ah, here you come. Have you them all? Here's Speckle, Spot and Jess,
Old Brownie, Molly, Lill and Dot, but not old bell cow, Bess.
So, sir, go back and find that cow; come, lively! You can tell
Just where she is, for she's the cow that wears the copper bell.
Some dogs know lots; he won't be long. I hear the bell, I think,
Down in the hollow by the spring where she has stopped to drink.

There, there! Don't run her; steady, now! Her heels—don't bite her nose.
She's through; just start them down the lane—I've got the bars to close—
And then we'll drive 'em slowly home, and stop our dreamy song,
For driving cows is not for men, nor dogs that's dead so long.

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DUMMERSTON. 30th Annual Fall Foliage Christmas Tree Tag Days. Come pick out and tag your own Balsam & Canaan Fir, White & Blue Spruce, White Pine Christmas tree. Family fun, beautiful views. Wagon rides, labyrinth, cider & pretzels, maple syrup, pumpkins, garlic, cut flowers. Order wreaths, centerpieces, Christmas balls, and garland from samples on display. Free admission. 12 noon – 4 pm. Elysian Hills Tree Farm, 209 Knapp Rd. (802) 257-0233. elysianh@sover.net. www.elysianhillsfarm.com. Also October 24, 30, 31.

EAST CHARLESTON. Biochar Workshop: A “New” Tool for Forest Management. UVM Ext forester, Thom McEvoy, will provide both an overview and a demonstration. Pioneered by Amazon farmers thousands of years ago, supporters hope this carbon-based material can be used to improve degraded soils while providing a fuel source and reducing carbon released into the atmosphere. \$10 per person. Registration requested. 9 a.m. to 2 pm. NorthWoods Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Drive. (802) 723-6551 x 115. www.northwoodscenter.org.

EAST MIDDLEBURY. Fall Hike on Mt. Moosalamo. Ascend the Falls of Lana Trail from Branbury State Park to the Rattlesnake Cliffs Trail and summit via the Oak Ridge Trail. Return via the Aunt Jennie Trail. Sponsored by the Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For details call Eric Seidel, (802) 223-1406, or ericseidel1@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

EAST THETFORD. Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides to and from the Pumpkin Patch. Also pick-your-own flowers and harvest produce. 11 am – 4 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org. Also October 24.

ESSEX. CD Release Party. Join Rachel Hamilton celebrating her new CD, Better Days Here and Now. Free. 1-3 pm. Phoenix Books & Café at Essex Shoppes & Cinema. (802) 872-7111. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

GEORGIA. United Methodist Church Chicken Pie Supper. Menu includes chicken pie, mashed potatoes, squash, coleslaw, rolls, assorted pies for dessert. Adults \$9 children 3-12 \$5. 5 pm, Georgia Elementary School, Rt. 7. For reservations call (802) 893-4413.

LINCOLN. Fall Hike on Mt. Abraham. It provides an almost 360 degree view. We will go up the Battell Trail then trek north on the Long Trail to the summit. A moderate hike at moderate pace, 4 miles, 1500' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For details contact Russ Kinaman, (802) 879-6666. www.greenmountainclub.org.

LYNDONVILLE. American Legion Unit #30 Entertainment Raffle. Enjoy a night out and maybe win some really nice prizes. Starting at 6:30 pm. Rt. 5 south, right next to Vinney's Sports Bar & Grill. (802) 748-9862. cag477@yahoo.com.

MIDDLEBURY. Milk and Honey Quilters' Guild Show: Quilting in the Land of Milk and Honey. Exhibit includes: over 100 quilts from local quilters, featured artist Judith Reilly. Admission. Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-3. Middlebury Union High School. www.milkandhoneyquilters.com. Also October 24.

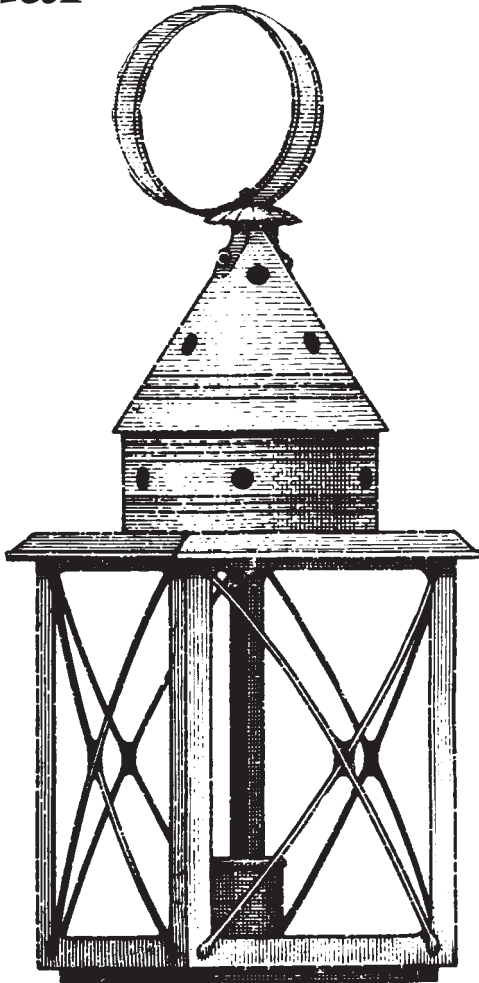
MIDDLEBURY. Fall Clean-up on the Long Trail. From Middlebury Gap to Sucker Brook Shelter. No experience necessary, work for everyone, tools provided. Moderate, 5.5 miles, 595 ft. elevation gain. Car spotting. Sponsored by the Bread Loaf Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For details call Chip Morgan, (802) 388-9868. www.greenmountainclub.org.

MOUNT TABOR. Fall Hike. We'll hike south on the Long/Appalachian Trail to check out the newly constructed Big Branch Bridge and the ruins of an old mill. Option to continue on to Lost Pond Shelter. Moderate 2.6 (or optionally 6) miles. Sponsored by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Meet at 9 am. For details contact Tom Copps, (802) 774-5144. www.greenmountainclub.org.

PITTSFORD. 30th Annual Pittsford Haunted House. Sponsored by the Pittsford Fire Department. Quarter-mile hayride through the woods to the house but watch your back you never know what may pop out. While you're at the house listen to the famous Bones Brother Band—these devilish ghouls have real soul. 6:30-9:30 pm (Tickets sold from 6-9 pm.) Tickets: \$8 adults, \$4 for children 12 & under (not recommended for children under 6 years old.) At 426 Plains Rd. For more info call Tom Hooker (802) 236-0048 or (802) 483-2281. Also Oct. 29, 30.

POULTNEY. The 8th Annual Horace Greeley Writers Conference. A full day of writing workshops and presentations. Fee: \$90 adults \$20 students, includes morning refreshments and lunch. Optional tour of historic East Poultney. At the Poultney United Methodist Church. 9 am – 5 pm. For registration and information call (802) 287-2577. www.thegreeleyfoundation.org.

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RUPERT. Workshop: Fire Building Skills. Led by center resource specialist Trent Stephens who learned fire wisdom from Native American elders. \$5 fee. Pre-registration appreciated. 10 am to noon. Merck Forest & Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 395-7836. merckforest.com.

RUTLAND. 3rd Annual Haunted House: Deadberry Mortuary at Garden Time. Tours at 7-10 pm. Adults: \$6, children 10 & under \$4. Tickets available at the door or in advance at Garden Time, 1094 Rt. 7 North. For more information call (802) 747-0700. Also October 24, 29, 31.

SOUTH BURLINGTON. Nightmare Vermont. An interactive, theatrical haunted house. Admission. Saturdays 6-10 pm. Abandoned Industrial Space TBD. (802) 734-9687. info@nightmarevermont.org. www.nightmarevermont.org. Thurs, Fri, Sat through October 30.

SOUTH BURLINGTON. 25th Annual Vermont International Film Festival. The best in independent films from around the world, special appearances and discussions by directors, producers, actors, and critics. Palace 9 Cinemas, 10 Fayette Dr. (802) 660-9300. www.palace9.com. www.vtiff.org. Through October 31.

WARDSBORO. Annual Gilfeather Turnip Festival. Come celebrate the famous tuber, first propagated in Wardsboro in the early 1900s by John Gilfeather. Live music, entertainment, Gilfeather turnip soup, turnip tastings, Gilfeather turnip cookbooks, crafts and more. 10 am – 4 pm. Wardsboro Town Hall and the Red Barn, 71 Main St. (802) 896-6988. info@friendsofwardsborolib.org. www.friendsofwardsborolib.org.

WELLS RIVER. Autumn Bike Trek. Loop from Wells River to Ticklenaked Pond and back. About 25 miles. Hybrid or mountain bike needed. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For details contact Heinz Trebitz, (802) 785-2129. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WEST RUTLAND. West Rutland Marsh Monitoring Walk. A monthly bird monitoring exercise. To date over 1,290 participants have tallied 140 species from American Bittern to Northern Shrike. Meet at the West Rutland Price Chopper parking lot at 8 am. For more info call leader Roy Pilcher (802) 775-3461. www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org.

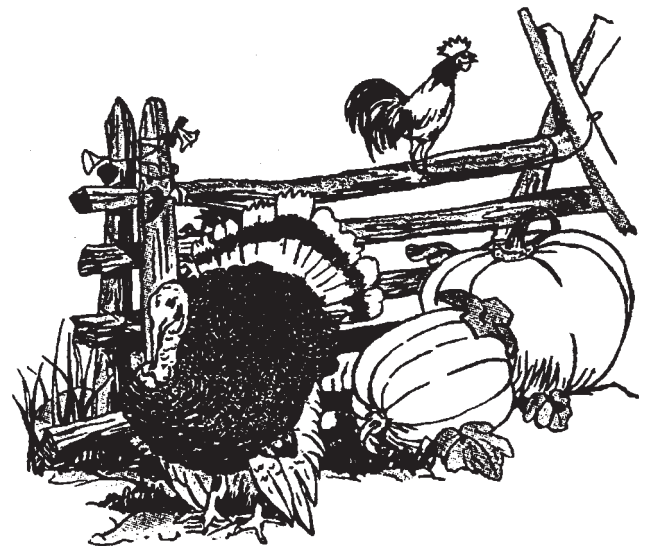
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WOODSTOCK. The Sound of Music. Rogers and Hammerstein's beloved musical. Tickets \$18/\$15/\$12. 7:30 pm. Woodstock Town Hall Theater. (802) 457-3981. pentanglearts.org. Also October 24.

WOODSTOCK. 46th Annual Glad Rags Sale. Previously owned or new clothing for everyone includes accessories, shoes, jewelry and small household items. New items donated by area businesses. To benefit Woodstock area charities. 9 am – 12:30 pm and 1-3 pm at the Masonic Temple, 30 Pleasant St. www.gladrags.org.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

CASTLETON. Annual ARC Halloween Dance. Snacks and beverages will be served. 1-4 pm. Bomoseen Grange, Rt. 30. (802) 775-1370.



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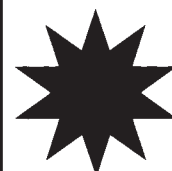
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(October 24 continued)

CHESTER. Storytime! Annie Hawkins, storyteller, returns to Misty Valley to tell the story of Oscar Wilde's *Canterville Ghost*, just in time for Halloween. Free, everyone welcome. 4 pm at Misty Valley Books, on the Green. (802) 875-3400. www.mvbooks.com.

EAST THETFORD. Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides to and from the Pumpkin Patch. Also pick-your-own flowers and harvest produce. 11 am - 4 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org.

GRAFTON. The Old Tavern Concert Series. Ameranouche, a hot gypsy jazz trio composed of two acoustic guitars and an upright bass. \$10 admission or have dinner at the inn and concert is free. 3 pm at Phelps Barn at The Old Tavern, 92 Main St. (802) 843-2231. info@oldtavern.com. www.oldtavern.com.

HUNTINGTON CENTER. Hike The Hump—Dogs Welcome! We'll summit Camels Hump by way of the Forest City and Long Trails then back down the Monroe Trail and cut over the Dean Trail to return on the Forest City Trail. Difficult with moderate pace, 8.9 miles, 2200' elevation gain. Group limit 10 people, 4 dogs. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Please RSVP by Oct. 22. Call Kelley Mackison, (802) 999-7839 or kelleymackison@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Milk and Honey Quilters' Guild Show: Quilting in the Land of Milk and Honey. Exhibit includes over 100 quilts from local quilters, featured artist Judith Reilly. Admission. 10-3. Middlebury Union High School. milkandhoneyquilters@yahoo.com. www.milkandhoneyquilters.com.

NORWICH. Autumn Ramble. Includes a piece of the Appalachian Trail, Hey! Trail and other side trails. Start at 6 pm at Rt. 5 South. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For details call Annie Janeway, (413) 374-0988 or ajaneway@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

RANDOLPH. Workshop: From Forest to Farm—The Delicious Reclamation of a Farm with Animals. Jenn Colby and Chris Sargent will give a farm tour and a barbeque! 11 am - 3 pm. Fee: \$15. At Howling Wolf Farm. For registration, information, and directions call NOFA at (802) 434-4122. info@nofavt.org. nofavt.org.

RANDOLPH. Recital. Organist Gail Archer of New York City will perform works by Bach, Sweelinck and Scheidemann on a 110-year-old Hutchings pipe organ. Open to the public and free of charge. 6:30 pm at Bethany Church, N. Main St. (802) 728-5849.

ROCHESTER. Lecture: Ma's Vermont or Pa's Montana?—The Shipman Family Dilemma. Linda Peavy and Ursula Smith relate the farming experiences of the once torn Shipman family in both Vermont and Montana quoting from actual letters. Free. 2 pm. Pierce Hall Community Center, 38 S. Main St. (802) 767-4453.

RUPERT. Pumpkin Picking and Carving Party. Fun for the whole family. Supplies will be available to carve, paint and decorate one's pumpkin harvested from the organic pumpkin patch. Also, a raffle for "Guess How Heavy The Great Pumpkin Is?" Free, everyone is invited. 10 am - 4 pm. Visitor's Center at Merck Forest & Farmland Center, 3270 Rte. 315. (802) 394-7836. www.merckforest.com.

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WEST BRATTLEBORO. Falling Leaves Auction Gala. To benefit Friends of Music at Guilford's 45th season. Food, musical entertainment. Silent and live auctions include tickets to 20 regional cultural events and an array of merchants and restaurants. Admission \$20 for adults and \$10 for students under 16. From 5 to 8:30 pm at All Souls Church, 29 South St. (802) 254-3600. www.fomag.org.

WOODSTOCK. Performance: *The Sound of Music*. Rogers and Hammerstein's beloved musical. Presented by Pentangle Players. Sponsored by Pentangle Council on the Arts. Tickets \$18 adults, \$15 seniors (62+), \$12 children. Matinee at 2 pm. Woodstock Town Hall Theater, 31 The Green. For tickets call (802) 457-3981. pentanglearts.org.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

SOUTH BURLINGTON. 25th Annual Vermont International Film Festival. Palace 9 Cinemas, 10 Fayette Dr. (802) 660-9300. www.palace9.com. www.vtiff.org. Through October 31.

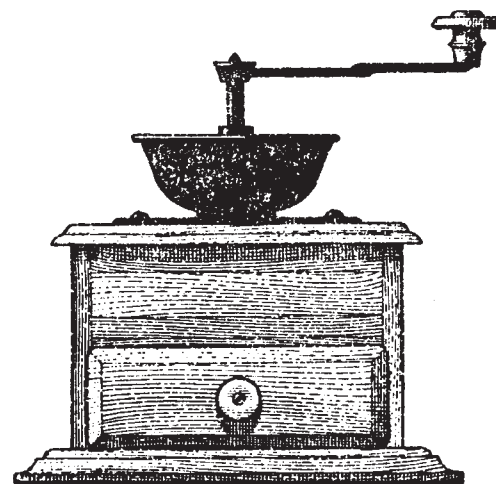
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

BRATTLEBORO. Four-Day Draft Horse Workshop. The focus will be on building your skills & confidence in harnessing, hitching, driving & horse management. We use a single horse and teams for hands-on experience. Cost: \$485 for four days includes lunch and a hearty snack. 8 am - 5 pm at Fairwinds Farm. For registration and more information contact Bekah Murchison, (802) 254-9067. bekah@sover.net. www.fairwindsfarm.org. Through Oct. 29.

CAMBRIDGEPORT. Fall Outing on Windmill Ridge East. Climb the northern part of the ridge. Includes a wildlife sanctuary (no dogs). 4.8 miles. Elev. gain 1200'. Moderate. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For details call Peter Hope, (603) 863-6456. greenmountainclub.org.

MONTPELIER. Program: Walking Alone—the Love Songs of World War II. Michael Lasser will present how popular songs reflected what was happening in people's hearts during WW II. Free. 7 pm. The Kellogg-Hubbard Library, 135 Main St. (802) 223-3338. www.kellogg-hubbard.org.

SOUTH BURLINGTON. Vermont International Film Festival Screening: "The Summer of Walter Hacks." Part Vermont Film Showcase competition. 6:30 pm. Suggested donation \$5, by advance tickets available only at Palace 9 Cinemas, 10 Fayette Dr. (802) 877-2262. www.vtiff.org. www.palace9.com.



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1 cupful cold water	1 teaspoonful ginger
2 cupfuls whole-wheat flour	1 teaspoonful cinnamon
1 cupful chopped nuts	1/4 teaspoonful soda
1/2 teaspoonful salt	

Cream the butter and honey together. Add the eggs well-beaten. Mix and sift the dry ingredients together, and add alternately with the water. Add the chopped nuts last. Bake in a 350°F oven for forty-five minutes, or until done.

MAPLE DOUBLET

1 cupful maple sirup	3 cupfuls pastry flour
3 eggs	1/2 teaspoonful salt
1 tablespoon melted margarin	2 teaspoonfuls baking-powder

Combine the sirup, egg-yolks well beaten, and the melted margarin. Add the pastry flour sifted well with the salt and baking-powder. Fold in the whites of the eggs beaten stiff. Drop far apart on a greased baking-sheet as they spread in baking. Avoid making them too large. Bake at 400°F for about twelve minutes. Put together in pairs with maple fondant or maple fudge. Especially dainty for afternoon tea.

MAPLE LAYER CAKE

3 eggs	1/2 teaspoonful salt
1 cupful soft maple sugar	1 teaspoonful baking-powder
1 cupful pastry flour	1 cupful cream
1/4 cupful grated maple sugar	

Beat the yolks of the eggs until light. Add the soft maple sugar and the flour sifted with the salt and baking-powder. Fold in last the whites of the eggs beaten very stiff. Mix quickly and bake for about one-half hour in two greased and floured layer-cake pans in an oven registering 320°F. Put together with the cream whipped and sweetened with the grated maple sugar and sprinkle top with powdered sugar.

MAPLE CHARLOTTE

2 cupfuls rich milk	1/8 teaspoonful salt
2 eggs	1 cupful maple sirup
2 tablespoonfuls granulated gelatin	1/2 cupful chopped blanched almonds or shredded
2 tablespoonfuls cold milk	coconut
1/2 teaspoonful almond extract	

Scald the milk in a double-boiler and pour it slowly over the egg-yolks well beaten; return to the double-boiler and cook five minutes. Add the gelatin which has soaked a few minutes in the cold milk and the salt. Remove from the fire and add the maple sirup. Let cool, and when beginning to set, add the almonds or shredded coconut or half of each and the extract. Beat until frothy and fold in the stiffly beaten egg-whites. Turn into wet individual molds to stiffen. Serve with or without whipped cream.

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Vermont Country Calendar

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

SOUTH BURLINGTON. 25th Annual Vermont International Film Festival. Palace 9 Cinemas, 10 Fayette Dr. (802) 660-9300. www.palace9.com. www.vtiff.org. Through October 31.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

BRANDON. Book & Author Event. Donald Thompson talks about his new book, *Castleton Vermont: Its Industries, Enterprises & Eateries*. 7 pm. Free. Ball & Chain Cafe at the Briggs Carriage Bookstore, 16 Park St. (802) 247-0050. info@briggscarriage.com. www.briggscarriage.com.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

BENNINGTON. 57th Annual League of Local Historical Societies Meeting. Presented by the Vermont Historical Society. If you belong to a local historical society or love history, this is a must-attend event! Workshops, tours, awards presentations, luncheon and the chance to network with peers. To view the days itinerary please visit vthistory.org/league. Admission. 8:30 - 5 pm at Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 479-8522. lisa.evans@state.vt.us.

BRANDON. Music Event. Bread and Bones entertains with their unique blend of eclectic & original folk music performed by Richard Ruane on guitar & vocals and Beth Duquette on vocals. 7 pm. Ball & Chain Cafe at the Briggs Carriage Bookstore, 16 Park St. (802) 247-0050. info@briggscarriage.com. www.briggscarriage.com.

BRATTLEBORO. Third Annual LEGO Contest for All Ages. Design and build an original LEGO structure according to contest guidelines or simply come see the contest entries on display at BMAC. Admission to the Awards Ceremony at 5 pm is \$3 for adults and teens, \$2 for children ages 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. Lego creations on exhibit Friday-Monday. Brattleboro Museum & Arts Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124 x 101. www.brattleboromuseum.org. Through November 1.

BURLINGTON. Concert: Between Friends. French masterworks with Elaine Greenfield, piano and Karen Kevra, flute. Admission. 7:30-9:30 pm. Cathedral Church of St Paul, 2 Cherry St. (802) 864-0471. poppe@cathedralarts.org. www.CathedralArts.org.

BURLINGTON. Concert: The Wiyos and Red Molly. American roots & old-timey folk music. Admission. UVM Recital Hall, 384 S. Prospect St. (802) 656-4455. www.uvm.edu/laneseries.

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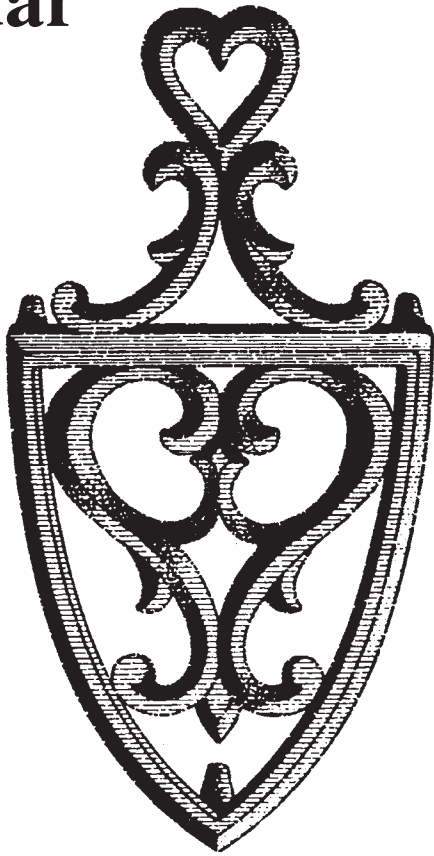
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SWANTON. Open Door Dinner. Free, everyone is welcome. 5:30 - 6:30 pm at the Memorial United Methodist Church, 23 Grand Ave. (802) 868-2650.



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BENNINGTON. Downtown Halloween Festival. Family fun. Store-to-store trick or treating and pumpkin carving. Bennington Library hosts a children's workshop to help the kids get ready for the grand downtown sidewalk parade. Vendors and entertainment. Admission free. 11 am - 3 pm along Main Street. (802) 442-5758. director@betterbennington.com. www.betterbennington.com.

BRANDON. Music Event. Snake Mountain Bluegrass, a fantastic foursome consisting of Gregg Humphrey, Mike Connor, and Earle Provin, perform some fantastic finger-flyin' bluegrass tunes. 7 pm. Ball & Chain Cafe at the Briggs Carriage Bookstore, 16 Park St. (802) 247-0050. info@briggscarriage.com. www.briggscarriage.com. snakemountainbluegrass.com.

BRATTLEBORO. The Brattleboro Historical Society Annual Meeting. David Perrin will present a lecture on Brattleboro Coin Silver—Spoons Your Great Grandmothers Loved. 2:30 pm at the Library Meeting Room, Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main St. (please use the back entrance as library is closed.) (802) 254-8398. carnahan@sover.net. www.brooks.lib.vt.us.

BRISTOL. Second Annual Overnight Haunted Hike. Meet at Beaver Meadow Trail at 6 pm for a lantern-lit hike to Beaver Meadow Lodge, where we'll spend the night in a cabin with a wood stove. Please bring your own camping gear, food and a ghost story to share. Hot cider will be provided. This hike is on a gradual, relatively easy trail—a good event for families with kids! Sponsored by the Sterling Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, newcomers and non-members are welcome. For details call Greg Western, (802) 655-6051. www.greenmountainclub.org.

CAMBRIDGEPORT. Long Trail Hike on Tillotson and Belvidere Mountains. We'll go up the Frank Post Trail to Tillotson Camp and on to Tillotson Peak, then back south on the Long Trail to Belvidere Mountain, returning on the Forester's Trail. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Contact leader by Oct. 28: David Hathaway, (802) 899-9982 or David.Hathaway.78@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

CHELSEA. Annual Pumpkin Carving Party. Pumpkins, patterns and carving materials. Refreshments provided. Free. Sponsored by the Chelsea Recreation Committee at 4 pm in the Chelsea Public School cafeteria. (802) 685-4531.

DANBY. Special Halloween Event! Come party down with Swing House Trio and don't forget your costume. Classic swing and jazz band with a superb blend of sax, upright bass, guitar & flute. BYOB. Appetizers, desserts & coffee available. Doors open 7 pm at The Little Cabaret, 34 South Main St. Tickets \$17 in advance. Call the box office at (802) 293-5000. On Facebook and MySpace.

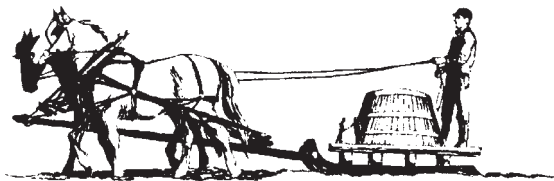
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Vermont Symphony Orchestra Masterwork Series Concert

Piano soloist Alon Goldstein will be performing Tchaikovsky's First Concerto at 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 23 at the Flynn Center in Burlington, VT. The concert is the opener for this season's Vermont Symphony Orchestra's Masterworks Series and includes Beethoven's Leonore Overture No. 3 and Arriaga's Symphony in D, with Jaime Laredo conducting.

Alon Goldstein is one of the most sensitive artists of his generation, admired for his musical intelligence and dynamic personality. Born in Israel in 1970, Goldstein began piano studies at age seven. He made his orchestral debut at the age of 18 with the Israel Philharmonic

under the baton of Zubin Mehta.

A free pre-concert discussion, moderated by Vermont Public Radio's Walter Parker, will be held at 7 p.m. for members of the audience. The discussion will feature Music Director Jaime Laredo and pianist Alon Goldstein, who will provide entertaining insight into the music, composer and musicians themselves.

Single tickets for the October 23 concert start at \$16. For additional information or tickets, please call the FlynnTix Regional Box Office at (802) 863-5966, the VSO office at (800) 876-9293 x10, or visit www.vso.org.

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MIDDLEBURY. Third Annual Middlebury Spooktacular! For kids of all ages. Hay bales, carved and painted pumpkins will decorate the town green. Children's trick or treat parade along Main Street ending at the new Cross Street bridge, carved and painted pumpkins on display, costumes, family-fun games including a new obstacle course, entertainment, a Jump Castle and prizes galore! Free. 2-4. Middlebury Town Green. (802) 388-8666 x 223. Kcook@danforthpewter.com.

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QUECHEE. 6th Annual Hoots and Howls. Celebrate Halloween at VINS. Fun, educational & not scary Halloween fun is great for all ages. Guided tours along walking trails lighted by pumpkins. Storytelling, live animals, a puppet show, skit, activities & more! Yummy Tricky Treats & the chance to meet a bird up close. Come in a costume if you want! Reservations encouraged, walk-ins welcome. Rain or shine. Adults \$7, 17 and under \$5, under age 3 free. 5:30-8 pm. VINS Nature Center, 6565 Woodstock Rd. (802) 359-5000 x 223. www.vinsweb.org.

RANDOLPH. Performance: Marko the Magician. Marko is well-known for his up-close techniques using cards, coins, ropes and other small items. Marko's performance will include illusions that have been done by such greats as Doug Henning, David Copperfield, and Harry Anderson. Admission. 11 am. Chandler Music Hall, 71 -73 Main St. For tickets call (802) 728-6464. tickets@chandler-arts.org. www.chandler-arts.org.

RICHMOND. Bamforth Ridge Work Hike. Wear work clothes and gloves. All abilities. 2-5 miles round trip. Sponsored by the Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For details call Eric Seidel, (802) 223-1406 or trails@gmcmontpelier.org. www.greenmountainclub.org.

RUTLAND. 51st Annual Rutland Halloween Parade. The Rutland Parks and Recreation presents the famous annual gala parade! Costumed floats, skeletons, bands, and Halloween fun. Route goes through downtown starting at 6:30 pm. Drum Journeys of the Earth performs "Thriller" on Center Street at 8 pm. Fireworks to follow. Free. (802) 773-1822 x 13. www.rutlandhalloween.com

SHELBURNE. 28th Annual Quilt Show. Hosted by the Champlain Valley Quilters Guild. Spectacular display of quilts, merchants mall, silent auction, quilt raffle, handmade crafts, special exhibits, and demonstrations. Lunch and refreshments. Admission. Sat. 10 am - 5 pm, Sun. 10-4. Coach Barn, Shelburne Farms, Harbor Rd. (802) 863-5042. harleysue98@myfairpoint.net. www.cvqgv.org. Also October 31.

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WALLINGFORD. Excursion to Little Rock Pond. Hike up the Homer Stone Brook Trail including a beautiful loop around the pond. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For details call Peter Hope, (603) 863-6456. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WHITEHALL, NY. Halloween at Devil's Den. Exploring Devil's Den and Death Rock if you dare! Local residents and Nature Conservancy volunteers Tim and Mary Ward will guide you safely through. Nice views of South Bay. Sponsored by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. 9 am. For details call Sue Thomas, (802) 773-2185. www.greenmountainclub.org.

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WINDSOR. 11th Annual Model Engineering Show. Visit with New England's finest model engineers and enjoy special workshops and demonstrations throughout the day. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm. American Precision Museum, 196 Main St. (802) 674-5781. info@americanprecision.org. www.americanprecision.org. Also October 31.

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm Family Halloween. A not-so-scary, fun celebration for all ages! Doughnuts-on-a-string, pumpkin carving, Halloween tales, wagon rides, and more. Costume parades at 12 and 2 p.m. Children in costume admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Admission includes farm programs and activities. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 1/2 mile north of the Woodstock village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

BRATTLEBORO. Halloween Hayrides. Bring the whole family for a horse-drawn ride through woods and fields, past the stream to enjoy the last of the fall colors and crisp autumn air. No candy, nothing scary, but we would love to see your costume! 4-6 pm at Fairwinds Farm. For registration and more information contact Bekah Murchison, (802) 254-9067. bekeh@sover.net. www.fairwindsfarm.org.

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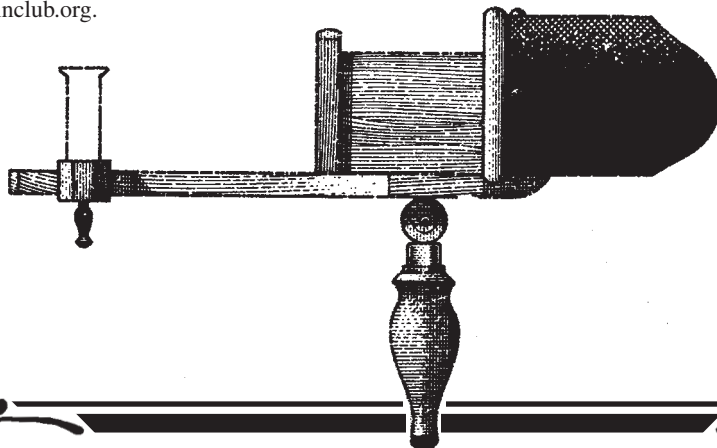
NORTH BENNINGTON. Annual North Bennington Halloween Parade. children, artists, musicians, bellydancers, drummers, friends and neighbors dress up and promenade through town, accompanied by music, dancing, and large sculptural costumes. Gather at 3 pm at Vermont Arts Exchange at the Sage Street Mill. Cider, doughnuts, and a blazing bonfire at the mill afterwards. Free and open to the public. (802) 442-5549. www.vtartschange.org.

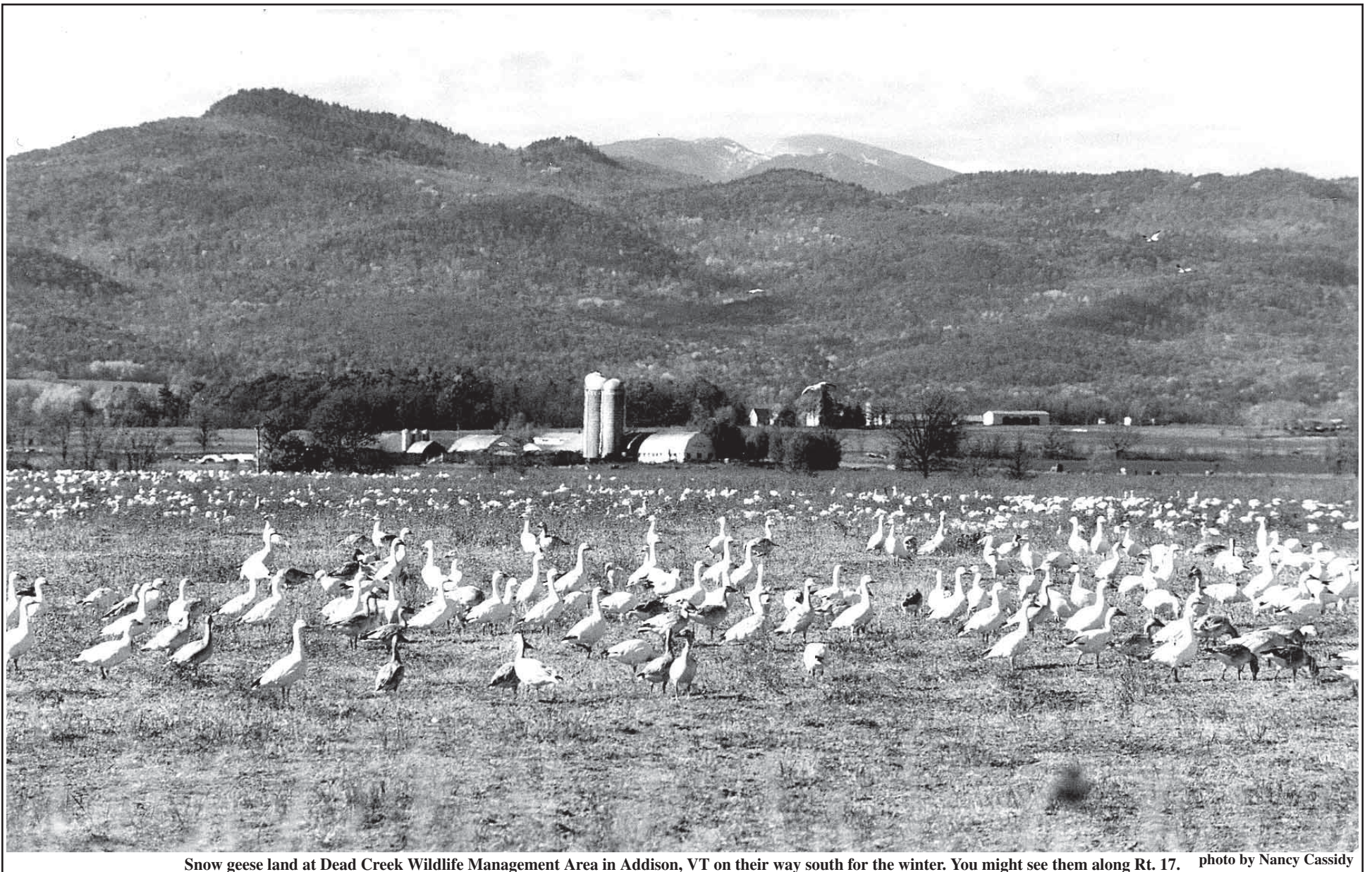
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UNDERHILL CENTER. Hike to Cantilever Rock and Hallo-Weenie Roast! Short but fairly steep hike from Underhill State Park leads to an amazing rock that juts out from the side of the mountain. After the hike, a hotdog roast at Underhill State Park to celebrate Halloween. Bring hotdogs or something else to cook and something to share with the group. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For details call Dot Myer, (802) 863-2433 or dotmyer@myfairpoint.net. www.greenmountainclub.org.





Snow geese land at Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area in Addison, VT on their way south for the winter. You might see them along Rt. 17. photo by Nancy Cassidy

A Vermont Almanac for Early Autumn

by Bill Felker

*'Tis the noon of autumn's glow,
When a soft and purple mist,
Like a vaporous amethyst,
Or an air-dissolved star,
Mingling light and fragrance, far
From the curved horizon's bound
To the point of heaven's profound,
Fills the overflowing sky.*

—Percy Bysshe Shelley

The phases of the Cricketsong Moon

October 7: The Cricketsong Moon is new at 1:44 p.m.
October 14: The moon enters its second quarter at 4:27 p.m. **October 22:** The moon is full at 8:36 p.m.
October 30: The moon enters its final phase at 7:46 a.m.

The Sun's Progress

Autumn equinox occurred at 11:09 p.m. on September 22. The 23rd of October is Cross Quarter Day, the halfway mark between autumn equinox and winter solstice. The sun's declination reaches a minus -11 degrees 38 minutes on that date and enters Scorpio at the same time. Within a

little more than a month of equinox, the sun has traveled half the distance to winter.

The Planets

All the major planets keep their September position during October. Venus, Saturn and Mars remain in Virgo, but they will have disappeared into the horizon by the time it gets dark in the evening. Jupiter stays in Pisces during October, coming up in the east at dusk, and glowing in the far west before dawn.

The Stars

The Summer Triangle is one of the most dramatic star groupings in September and October evenings. To find it, look directly above you about 10 p.m. There you should see the cross-like formation of Cygnus, with its brightest star, Deneb. Just to the west of Cygnus, find Lyra, with its dominant star, Vega. South of both of those formations is Aquila. And its brightest star is Altair. If you connect Deneb, Vega and Altair with an imaginary line, you have the Summer Triangle!

The Shooting Stars

In October, the Draconid meteors fall in the vicinity of the North Star after midnight on the 8th and 9th of the month. The

Orionid meteors appear in Orion during the early morning hours of October 21 and 22. The moon will favor viewing of the Orionids but will outshine the Draconids.

Meteorology: October

Cold fronts typically cross the Mississippi River (reaching Vermont two days later) on about the following dates: October 2, 7, 13, 17, 23, & 30. The period between the 19th and 25th is the time most likely to bring serious storms or damaging frost. And expect snow in the northern tier of states with any of these weather systems. Full moon on October 22 and new moon on October 7 increase the likelihood of a hurricane coming ashore along the East Coast or a strong frost-bearing cold wave moving across the Plains around those dates.

Bill Felker observes and writes about our seasons for several periodicals. More of his almanac information is available at www.poorwillsalmanack.com. To hear his weekly almanac on the radio, visit www.wyso.org.

Leopards and Jaguars

When I was a boy, my grandfather lived with our family, and he often amused us with his fortunetelling, interpreting the patterns that the coffee grounds made at the bottom of his cup. He used to say that this was how the gypsies told the future long ago in Ireland, and he always hinted there was magic to be learned.

He foretold no great events, and his predictions were often silly, but his comments put a little extra fun into our meals, and I have ever since looked at patterns to see what I could see or pretend to see.

That certain designs or shapes have meaning can lead to assumptions that other designs or shapes also might have meaning. It is not so unusual to discover elephants or faces or angels in the moods of the sky, especially in the cotton-like, fair-weather cumulus clouds that follow the arrival of a cold front. And the dramatic

mare's tails of cirrus clouds are replete with significance, foretelling rain and cold almost as accurately as any digital forecast.

The ancient doctrine of signatures held that the shape of a plant's leaves foretold its use. For example, the hepatica's leaf, reminiscent of the shape of the human liver, was thought to be made by the Creator to cure liver ailments. If the doctrine was erroneous, it held its own for more than a thousand years, so attractive was the lure of patterns. In his journal of October 3, 1859, Henry David Thoreau noted that the yellow fallen leaves were "all thickly brown spotted and very handsome, somewhat leopard like." The ground, he said, was "strewn with thousands any one of which if you carry it home, it will refresh and delight you to behold."

Thoreau's pleasure arose in part from his reading of patterns and understanding their lessons: "If we have

not the leopard and jaguar and tiger in our woods," he said, "we have all their spots and rosettes and stripes in our autumn tinted leaves." To those same leaves and to the leopards, jaguars and tigers might be added the radii of so many other animals, or of a winter forecast or the memory of a loved one, the scent from one autumn that stays above all the rest.

"The most profound symbols are evocatory, and are

magical in this sense," states Charles Muses in his *Destiny and Control in Human Systems*. The magic ripens with distance and time. I still imagine fortunes with coffee grounds or leaves, playing like my grandfather and Thoreau played, allowing associations to go where they will, filling the forest and my head with the sorcery of wild beasts and reminiscence, refreshment and delight.

—Bill Felker

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The clump of maples on the hill,
And this one near the door,
Seem redder, quite a lot, this year
Than last, or year before;
I wonder if it's jest because
I love the Old State more!

If there was any poppies left,
I guess they'd jest be vexed
To see the hillsides all on fire
Without the least pretext;
Sometimes I think I'm in this world,
And sometimes in the next.

Jest look! the woods are made of trees,
Instead of wholesale green;
Jest see the "wine glass elms" stand out,
With hemlocks in between;
Jest see the birch flags on their staffs
So long and white and clean!

From Killington and Sterling peaks
The flames are pouring down;
The ferns below the pasture woods
Are scorched and dead and brown;
The shoemaker fire-bugs set the blaze
I heard last night in town.

It's kinder more than folks can stand,
This beauty, every year;
The eye that's full can see no more
Until it drops a tear;
It's hard to tell jest where you are,
In paradise or here.

—DANIEL L. CADY



Moss Glen Falls in Warren, VT.

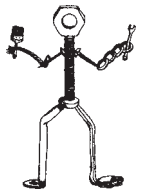
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Ring Me Up By Rainbow

by Burr Morse

Yesterday my friend Larry Perry e-mailed me saying he'd seen my mother, Dorothy Morse's name on a list of folks who have money being held by the State of Vermont. I told him I'd check into it and when I did, I found there was enough to give each of us four siblings over \$400! "That's just like our mom" I thought... "she's always leaving nice little surprises for us." Dot Morse, you see, passed away back in 2006 but it's not like she's gone from our lives. We "see" her everyday in the flowers that grow around our place, remarks folks make about her and, especially the rainbows...yes, our mother communicates her most important messages by "rainbow."

We've had several of these little rainbow "rap sessions" with her since she passed on. The first one was on the day we celebrated her life at East Montpelier's Old Meeting House in January of 2006. We had gathered there to a packed house for songs and stories about her life as a teacher, farm wife and most importantly, our mother. When the service ended, we all went out into the day which was, for winter time, quite mild and misty. We congregated, as folks do after such occasions, shaking hands and exchanging more words about Dot Morse when, all of a sudden there was a gasp... "Look at the rainbow!" someone shouted and sure enough, up in the sky, or more appropriately, heavenward, there was a magnificent rainbow. There in the church yard, all of us souls understood her message: "I'm OK—just up here with Harry."

Her message reached out beyond our little gathering, as well. My friend Rob Bridges eloquently described his "take" in a note to our family:

"I also firmly believe that when a person dies, relationships do not end."

"After your mother's service, while you folks were greeting others, I headed for home. It rained until I got to East Montpelier village when the sun came out as I headed east on U.S. Route 2. Whoever heard of a rainbow in January, but there it was in all its glory! I smiled to think that Dot just couldn't wait to try out her new toys."

"New toys" indeed—Dot Morse had not only found a new life but also a new toy and a colorful way to keep us in th' ol' loop! My sister Susie recently described another time: "A brilliant double rainbow appeared that framed the entire farm and very mysteriously drew several family members out of our respective homes to witness it." We heard from our mother again back on April 19 of this year. After holding our parents' ashes in storage for a few years (hard to "let go," you know), we finally went over to Doty Cemetery, placed them in a maple syrup jug, and buried them by the stone that bore their names. It was a simple gathering, just the four of us with spouses and a couple cousins. Afterward we all went down to the Wayside Restaurant for supper. As we entered the restaurant, a brilliant rainbow appeared in the sky to the east... "Thanks, kids!" it said.

The day I found out about the money, my brother Elliott and I were canning syrup down at our store. It was quite drizzly, just like the day of our mother's service. All of a sudden, I had a feeling that there might be a "conversation" in the air.



A rainbow arches over Silver Lake in Barnard, VT.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

I said to Elliott, "I've got to leave for a few minutes and go talk with Mom." I remember Elliott's reaction as he finished filling the pint he was working on... "O...Kaaay" he said, narrowing his eyes. I got in my car, drove up to the Cummings Road and parked where there's a "big sky" view to the east.

"OK Mommy" I said, looking upward and feeling like I was five years old again and tugging at her skirt... "here I am—thanks for the money." The rain was gently dabbing at my windshield while the sun peeked here and there through softening clouds, perfect conditions for a rainbow. "Where is she?" I wondered. I scanned the heavens for quite a while but, alas, a conversation was not to be that day. I finally gave up and went back to work.

I related my story to Betsy when she returned from her work that night. "Oh Burr" she said, "there was a huge rainbow where I was—got a firm message from Dot—definitely something about you." When I questioned her about the time, I found it had been directly after I had been up on Cummings Road. "You know, Burr," she went on, "remember how your mother was? She'd always be giving folks something and then 'shoooshing' them when they tried to pay. 'Don't talk to me about money she'd say.'" I then knew why my mother "snubbed" me that day and I also firmly believe that when a

person dies, relationships do not end—folks just learn new ways to communicate. Can't wait 'til the next time my mother rings us up by rainbow!

May there be a rainbow in your day.

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Bradley Carleton of the Champlain Valley Guide Service shows how to set up goose decoys at the Dead Creek Wildlife Area in Addison, VT. Brad's chocolate Lab takes note, but he is not fooled. photo by Lilla Lumbr

Woodcock and Grouse Autumn Gamebird Hunting Seasons

A quiet walk down a hidden woods road, bright fall foliage coloring the canopy overhead and the crisp, cool air of an early morning—these are just some of the elements of a great Vermont upland gamebird hunting experience. Hoping to see the dramatic flush of a grouse or woodcock is, of course, another reason hunters try to get out into Vermont woodlands every chance they get during October and November.

Vermont's hunting season for ruffed grouse or "partridge," is September 25 to December 31 this year. The daily limit is four grouse with a two-day possession limit of eight.

The Vermont woodcock hunting season is October 9 to November 5 and November 8-9. The daily limit is three woodcock with a possession limit of six.

Woodcock are often found in alders along brooks and

near beaver ponds as well as in new-growth small timber where old fields are reverting to forest. Ruffed grouse also frequent the same habitat, and they are particularly fond of the apples they find under wild apple trees.

For more information on hunting in Vermont, be sure to get a copy of the 2010 *Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping* available from license agents statewide and the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, 103 South Main St., Waterbury, VT 05671-0501. (802) 241-3700. You can also print sections of the *Guide* from department's website at vtfishandwildlife.com. Vermont hunting licenses also are available from website.

Places to stay can be found at www.vermontvacation.com, and guides are listed by the Vermont Guides' Association at www.voga.org.

A VAGABOND SONG

There is something in the autumn that is native to my blood—

Touch of manner, hint of mood;
And my heart is like a rhyme,
With the yellow and the purple and the crimson keeping time.

The scarlet of the maples can shake me like a cry
Of bugles going by.

And my lonely spirit thrills
To see the frosty asters like a smoke upon the hills.
There is something in October sets the gypsy blood astir;
We must rise and follow her,
When from every hill of flame
She calls each vagabond by name.

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A group of friends gather at their hunting camp in the Green Mountains near Little Rock Pond, Mt. Tabor, VT, circa 1890. photo courtesy of John Griffith Jr

Final Autumn Murmurs

by Ron Krupp

By late October, the tourists, or what we call “leaf-peepers,” are gone. They love to come and take pictures ad infinitum of the lovely red, orange, and yellow maple leaves, and experience the hues and glows of autumn colors. They also tie up traffic.

By late October, the hard-and softwood leaves take on the look of washed out watercolors, sort of like grandma’s tattered comforter. They eventually rest on the forest floor. Only the yellow needle-like leaves of the tamarack (larch) and the green needles of the firs and other conifers are left standing. A late cold October sun shining through them is a glory to behold. It almost makes the other gray, raw days seem bearable.

November is a quiet time, a period in between, a space where we wait for the snows to come. In the year 2000, we had three inches of snow on October 29, but that was early and only stayed for a day.

The folks that live in the higher elevations and the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont always experience colder fall temperatures, earlier snows and longer winters than I do in the warmer Lake Champlain Valley.

November is the last time of the year to finish garden chores unless you are one of those nonstop gardeners who grow greens in their greenhouse all winter. My energy level begins to wane, but there are a couple more tasks to complete: I cover some of my raised beds with leaves so the earthworms can have a good meal, pick those sweet brussels sprouts, cut off some kale or chard, and dig beets and carrots.

My pantry is packed with canning jars full of summer’s bounty, and the cold frame still has some fall greens waiting to be picked. The compost has been spread and dug into my garden. It’s comforting to know the garden has been laid to rest. The honkers have now flown south, and, at last, there ain’t no more weeding to do.

Perhaps I’ll sit in the easy chair next to the wood stove and think back to early spring when the first seeds germinated and the young green plants grew in summer and finally produced their fruits in fall. There is much to be thankful for.

I know from years of experience that working in the fall garden is like insurance for the spring season. I temper this with the idea that even though the gardening season is complete, the end is just another beginning. Of course, some tasks do not get done, like the sumac patch that continued to grow and further its expansion. But that’s okay. Sometimes we forget that the strong red hues of the sumac add glory to the symphony of autumn colors.

I make applesauce and start carving pumpkins and roasting the seeds on the wood stove for Halloween or what some call All Hallow Even. After the pumpkin festival is over, a great autumn festival unique to North America arrives. Thanksgiving is a special holiday in New England, for this is when the First Nation Tribes shared their gifts with the “newcomers.”



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Since its beginning in 2002 at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Montpelier, First Wednesdays has expanded to nine sites within or near most of Vermont's population centers. The free lectures draw nationally and regionally renowned authors, artists, scholars, and public figures who speak on diverse topics before audiences sometimes numbering several hundred people.

Topics range from the political cartoons of Dr. Seuss to the state of hate in America, from herbal medicine to Dante's *Inferno*, from Barbie after 50 and the development of a conscience in children to issues in Pakistan and Afghanistan, from Einstein's legacy to the rock band Nirvana.

Among the sixty different speakers are Pulitzer Prize-winning Civil War historian James McPherson, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities Jim Leach, and the Southern Poverty Law Center's Mark Potok. "We have been fortunate to enlist individuals of this caliber and experience to lecture for us," said VHC's First Wednesdays Director Ali White.

McPherson's talk, "No Peace without Victory: The Failure of Peace Negotiations in the Civil War," takes place October

6 at the Brooks Memorial Library in Brattleboro. Leach, a former Iowa congressman and confirmed as the NEH Chairman in 2009, delivers his talk, "Civility in a Fractured Society," in the House Chamber of the Vermont State House on February 2. And Mark Potok presents "The State of Hate in America" on November 23 in Montpelier.

Because 2011 marks the 150th anniversary of both Abraham Lincoln's inauguration and the Civil War's beginning, five of the lectures have to do with the Civil War. "We're particularly pleased to be able to host, for the first time, preeminent Lincoln scholar and biographer Harold Holzer," White said. "Our plan for First Wednesdays is to offer Civil War lectures on various aspects of the war during each of the upcoming anniversary years."

Holzer's talk, "Abraham Lincoln, the Silent President-Elect," is presented with the Dartmouth College History Department and takes place May 4 at Dartmouth's Filene Auditorium.

In addition to Cole, Leach, and Holzer, new speakers for First Wednesdays in 2010-2011 include Mount Holyoke College professor Kavita Datla ("The Changing Face of Islam," Brattleboro, May 4); former Vermont Chief Justice Jeffrey Amestoy ("The Supreme Court Argument That Saved the Union," Montpelier, April 6); Vermont historian Jan Albers ("The History of the Vermont Landscape," Newport, October 6); and New Hampshire Poet Laureate Cynthia Huntington ("Poetry of the Earth: Re-imagining Nature," Rutland, February 2).

For a full schedule of First Wednesdays talks visit vermonthumanities.org. All talks take place at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. They are free and, open to the public. For more information call (802) 262-2626.



Children's Book Review

Ollie's Halloween

by Olivier Dunrea

(Published by Houghton Mifflin Books for Children)

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With four critically-acclaimed albums under his belt, Brooks is widely considered "one of the handful of Vermont artists with the sound, the original songs,

and the voice to make the leap from local to national" (*Vermont Public Radio*).

Brooks has gone on to earn the respect and admiration of audiences and fellow songwriters throughout the region. He has shared the stage with Shawn Mullins, Anais Mitchell, Stacey Earle, Ellis Paul & Tom Rush.

The evening is free and open to the public. Music starts at 7 p.m. Brown Dog Books & Gifts is located at Firehouse Plaza (with Estey Hardware) in Hinesburg, VT. (802) 482-5189. www.browndogbooksandgifts.com.

Third Annual Taste of the Arts Series Begins in Saxtons River

Artists Julia Zanes and Donald Saaf kick off the Third Annual Taste of the Arts series at Main Street Arts in Saxtons River, VT on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.

Donald Saaf has illustrated more than a dozen children's books, including Kimberly Willis Holt's "Skinny Brown Dog," for which he won the 2007 Oppenheim Gold Toy Award. He has provided the artwork for five Grammy-winning CD's recorded by his musician brother-in-law Dan Zanes.

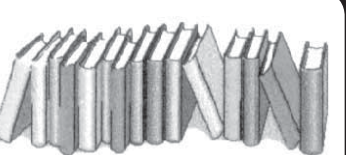
Julia Zanes' paintings have been described as "infused by color and mystery that expands our view of what tales can do."

This year's Taste of the Arts series will feature Sandglass Theater founders Eric Bass and Ingrid Zeller Bass (*November 11*), the Big Top adventures of Troy Wunderle (*January 13*), and the music of Jesse Peters (*March 24*).

Tickets are \$50 per person for all four events or \$15 per single event. Children with an adult are \$5. They are available at Main Street Arts or PayPal at www.MainStreetArts.org. Reservations are requested at least three days before each event.

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Pownal

by the Pownal Historical Society
(Published by Arcadia Publishing)

How many of us heading for Vermont have given a sigh of relief upon seeing that 'Pownal' sign on Rt. 7 just over the border from Williamstown, MA. Back home! One may be headed to some other destination in Vermont, but after reading this book about Pownal, with its 200 intriguing historical photographs, one may well think "go no further, here's the real Vermont already!"

We learn that Pownal was divided into four townships supporting local industries like woolen and cotton mills, tannery, lumbering and lime stone quarrying, and farming. The photos, many dating to the late 1800s, capture men, women and children all hard at work trying to survive the rugged rural life of a hundred or more years ago.

We see the horse 'n buggy stage of life with never-ending farm chores done with horses or oxen, and even goats pulling a cart. We see teams of horses used to haul out crushed limestone from a North Pownal quarry in 1914.

There are photographs taken by Lewis Hine, sociologist and photographer, for a Congressional committee investigating child labor practices. One of 12-year-old Addie Card, a spinner in the North Pownal Cotton Mill, had a direct impact on Congress and labor laws regulating the minimum age and hours for children to work in most occupations. Card's picture is on the 32-cent stamp for a first-day cover of the Child Labor Reform's 100th anniversary commemorative.

Many of the children working in the mills or attending school are seen barefoot; shoes being a luxury for the winter months.

The beautiful countryside in Pownal drew vacationers, most who came by train to stay at one of the many hotels or farm houses that took in guests. There is a picture of the Mason farmhouse which contained 20 rooms that were rented out to boarders for a \$1 a

day. Most the hotels were either taken down or burned down, so the ones shown here are gone forever, but at least here's a record of what they looked like back then. The North Pownal Hotel, for instance, shown around 1900, was used partly as a school and as a cider mill. The men on the porch are all well-dressed, and are being entertained by a flock of feeding chickens. The Glenwood Inn, dating back to 1832, made "bathtub gin" during Prohibition. It was also a safe haven for slaves on their way north.

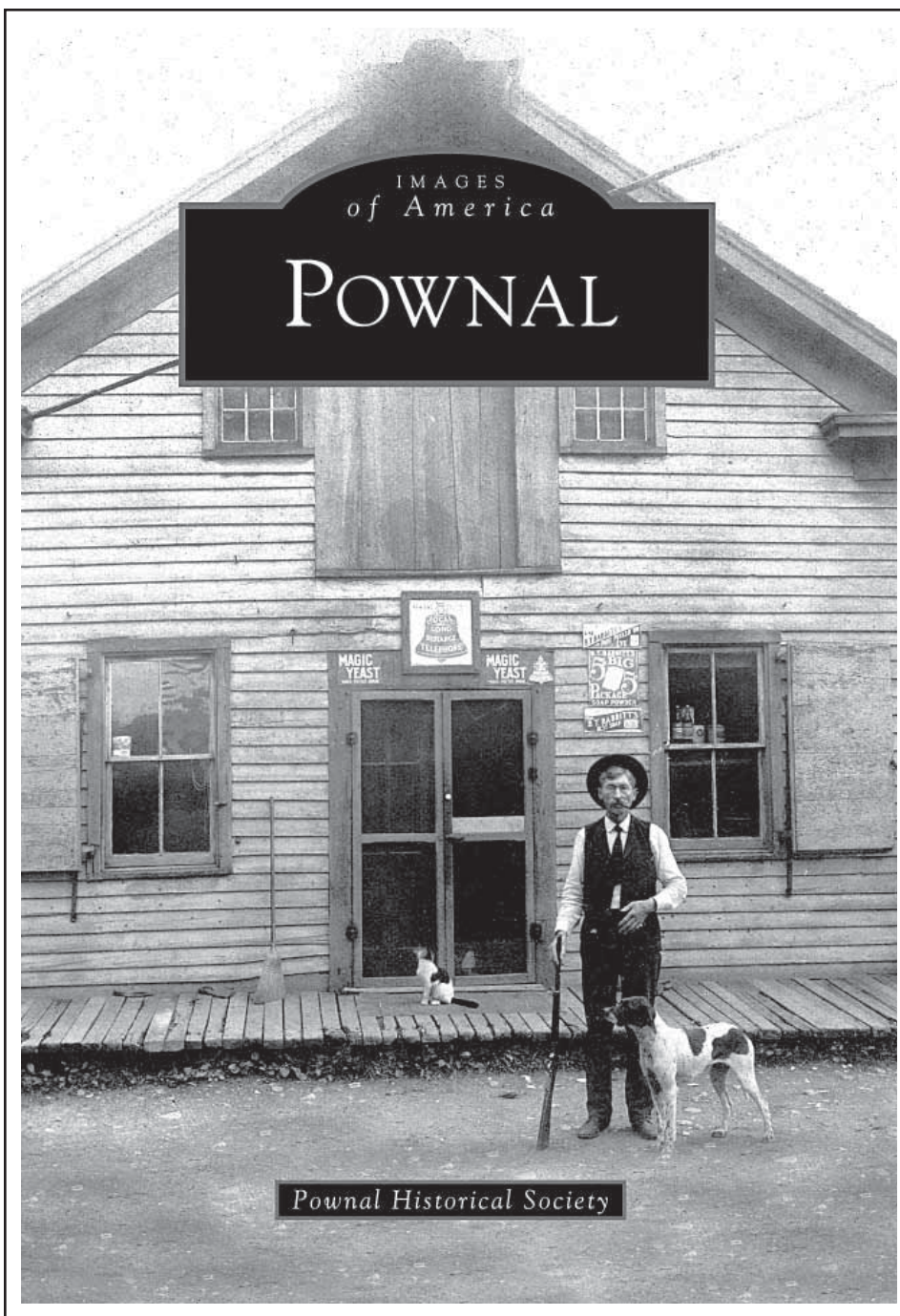
General stores thrived in the townships, selling food, clothing, dry goods, medicines, agricultural supplies. One hosted a dance hall and Grange events. Pownal's oldest store (featured on the cover of this book) was called the "gum store" by children in the 1900s.

The first telephone switchboard in town was located here. (Note the Bell Telephone sign above the door).

Pownal Historical Society members Charlotte Comar, Wendy Hopkins, and Ray Rodrigues have come together to author *Pownal*. Rodrigues has been a university professor, administrator, and author. Hopkins served as director of alumni relations for Williams College. Comar is a lifelong Pownal resident, serving her community and church in numerous ways.

The photographs in this collection are remarkably clear which enables the viewer to see close-ups and facial expressions. Even smiles, despite the hard lifestyle! As an extra bonus most of the people are identified, including a room full of children at school.

Pownal by the Pownal Historical Society is part of the Images of America series. It is \$21.99 at area bookstores, on-line retailers or through Arcadia Publishing at (888) 313-2665 or www.arcadiapublishing.com.



Archer Mayor Kicks Off Chester's Vermont Voices Series



Archer Mayor

Misty Valley Books' Vermont Voices 2010, in its tenth year, will bring four Vermont authors to Chester, VT on four Sundays in November.

The authors are a delightful mix—a veteran mystery writer, a guitar-making short story writer, a funny, real Vermont teller of tales, and a husband-wife duo, one with a ski mystery and the other with a tale of old Vermonters.

As he does every year, mystery writer Archer Mayor will lead off the Vermont Voices series on Sunday, November 7, at 2 pm in the First Universalist Church in Ches-

ter's Stone Village. Mayor returns with his twenty-first Joe Gunther book, *Red Her- ring*.

Mayor is a death investigator for Vermont's Chief Medical Examiner, a deputy for the Windham County Sheriff's Department, and has 26 years experience as a volunteer firefighter and EMT. He lives in Newfane, VT.

The three subsequent Vermont Voices events will also take place at the church, all at 2 pm. On November 14, short story writer & guitar maker Creston Lea will read from his collection, *Wild Punch*. "Mr. Lea can write one hell of a story... wonderful awful scary marvelous stories—I kept expecting to hit the wall, to be overwhelmed with depression at the intractable fates he chronicles, but somehow, magically, he kept me reading through and out the other side of grim right into stubborn awe" (*Dorothy Allison*).

David Carkeet will talk

about his newest novel on November 21. *From Away* is the story of a loner with an abrasive personality, stranded in a small Vermont town, who is mistaken for a well-liked local who has disappeared. The misfit dons the identity of his popular lookalike in this hilarious Vermont story.

A double bill on November 28 features a husband-wife writing duo. Jon Clinch will present his new book, *Kings of the Earth*—an intriguing story of three old unmarried brothers who live together

on a rundown dairy farm in upstate New York. Wendy Clinch has written *Double Black*, a delightful ski mystery with quirky characters, New England atmosphere, and a young woman with nerve, spunk, and humor.

All Vermont Voices presentations are open to the public and free of charge. A reception and book signing at the church will follow each.

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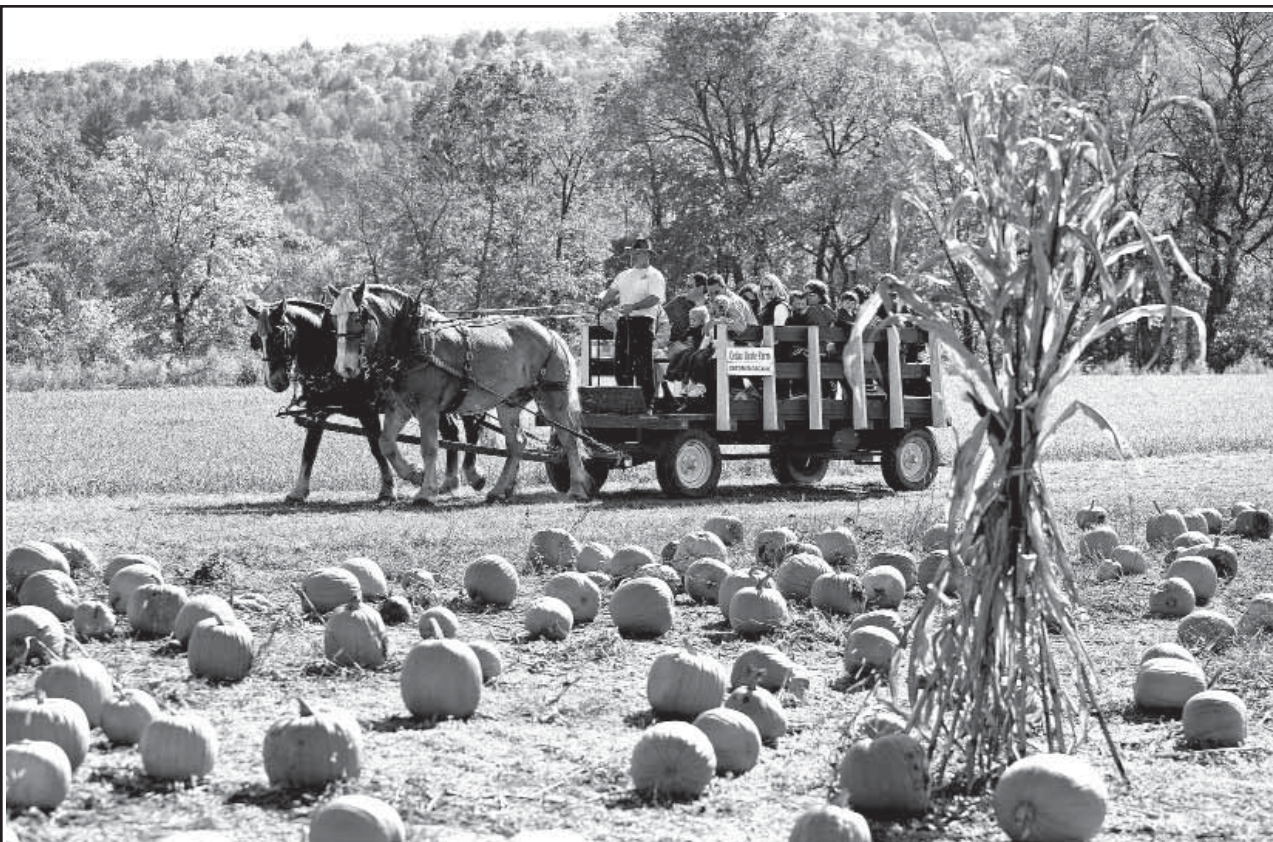
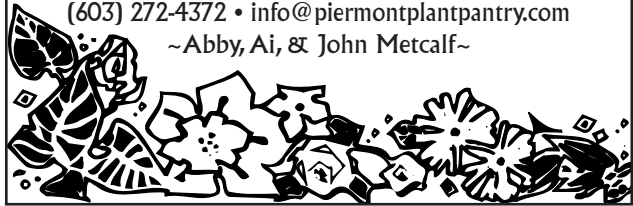
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Vermont Symphony Orchestra Woodwind Quintet Presents “The Witch and the Winds” Concert in Bradford, VT

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra presents its second annual Halloween family concert at Bradford Academy in Bradford, VT on Sunday, October 24 at 3 pm.

The hour-long kid-friendly concert includes several spooky selections, starting with Gounod’s March of the Marionette and an abbreviated version of Dukas’ Sorcerer’s Apprentice. VSO musicians Anne Janson, flute; Will Wise, oboe; Betsy LeBlanc, clarinet; Becky Eldredge, bassoon; and Alan Parshley, French horn, will be joined by Peter Hamlin from Middlebury College, who will narrate “The Witch and the Winds,” a piece by Maddy Aldis-Evans.

The audience is urged to come in costume if they like. Halloween treats will be provided by Hannaford’s.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Wells River Savings Bank in Bradford. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors (65 and older), and \$5 for students and kids 18 and under. A special family rate (up to 5 family members) is \$15.

The VSO’s “The Witch and the Winds” program is a community event that enjoys support from many sponsors. The presenting sponsor is the Wells River Savings Bank. Co-sponsors are Copeland Furniture and Bliss Village Store & Deli, Barton Street Dental, Perry’s Oil Service, Oakes

Brothers, Lake Morey Resort, Valley Floors, and Taylor-Palmer Insurance Company.

Proceeds from this concert will benefit the popular SymphonyKids educational outreach programs in the Upper Valley region. Last year the Vermont Symphony Orchestra served over 2400 area students with 23 presentations in 15 different communities with this valuable program.

For additional information please visit the Vermont Symphony Orchestra website at www.vso.org or call the office at (800) 876-9293 x 10.

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Please join Vermont Woodlands Association and Christmas Tree Growers, Richard & Stephanie Rockwood, for an afternoon tour of their Christmas Tree Farm in Chelsea, VT from 1–4 pm on Saturday October 23, 2010. This Walk in the Woods features Christmas Tree Production—from Seed to Market.

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The walk and tour is not strenuous but the weather that time of year can be unpredictable so dress accordingly. We hope to see you there. There is no cost for this event.

For directions and more information on the Walk in the Woods series tours please call (802) 747-7900 or visit www.vermontwoodlands.org.

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