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# Waiting for the Seventeen-Year Cicadas

by Bill Felker

For thus the wood-gods murmured in my ear:  
'Dost love our manners? Canst thou silent lie?  
Canst thou, thy pride forgot, like Nature pass  
Into the winter night's extinguished mood?  
Canst thou shine now, then darkle,  
And being latent, feel thyself no less?

—Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Musketaquid"

The last time the 17-year cicadas (the red periodic cicadas, not the green ones that chant in July) might showed up near my house was in 2003, and I've been thinking about them off and on ever since. They are due again in 2020 and then 2037 and every seventeen years after that. And I'm waiting for them and thinking, too—as I often do—about aging and dying.

No, I'm not physically ill (not unless turning 72 this year is a sign of sickness). I just get morbid sometimes.

Here's the situation. It's a convoluted situation, but I guess that's all part of introversion.

The periodic cicadas remain underneath the ground eating roots for more than a decade and a half, and then they come out and go crazy with obvious joy and excitement at seeing the sun and the blue sky. They fly into everything. They are fearless, clumsy, death defying, incapable of gauging distance or danger. They know they have to sing and mate and die, and they have just a few weeks in which to do all that. They have no time to calculate or consider.

In comparison, the familiar green cicadas of July hide in trees. They appear every July without fail. They are dependable, secretive, long-lived, and sedate. They are the Dog Day harvest flies, and they only sing and copulate at their leisure



A small herd of cows gather at the hay pile on an autumn afternoon in Williamstown, VT. photo by Nancy Cassidy

when the weather is hot enough. They surface without fanfare, and they die quietly and alone at the end of summer.

Now I like predictable, annual cycles, and so I have come to identify with these stolid green cicadas. Besides, there is something about the 17-year cycle that makes me uneasy. I suppose it's that while I might see quite a few cycles of the green cicadas, I'm not so certain about seeing one more brood of the reds.

My friend Bill Preis helps a little when he talks to me about the way he divides life into seasonal quarters of 25 years each. The first division is spring, the second summer, and so on. Bill has lived through the first three quarters; he is now deep into winter, and he still rides a motor scooter once in a while. I could think of the periodic cicada cycles in the Preis context. Would that help me deal with aging?

Let me see. In the spring of 1987, I was 46 years old. While the 1987 brood of red cicadas leisurely fed on the fertile earth, I was passing from late summer into fall. Even though Bill Preis assures me in his raspy voice: "You're still in the early autumn of your life. You have a long way to go," when the cicadas return in 2021, I will, if it is my lot, be well into winter. And then, one more brood and...

"What sort of foolishness is this?" a different friend of mine will say when she reads this. "What kind of silly morbidity—waiting for the cicadas to tell you you're getting old!"

That is, I suppose, what comes of my measuring almost everything. I end up measuring too many things. Then the most commonplace events and objects carry weighty morals and parallels. "This is as long as that," I say. "That is bigger or smaller than this. This happened at the same time that happened two years ago. This is the mirror of life and death..."

And is that healthy? Not so healthy.

So, maybe if I would really be schooled by the 17-year cicadas and by my other friends, I should not only study that (at best) only four quarters of a century or five or so broods of periodic cicadas will define my lifespan. No—the lesson had better be to consider the astute madness of the red bug. Maybe if I got right to work, I could change my ways. By the time May of 2021 rolled around—and if I were still alive—I could be indulging in the red cicadas' reckless disregard for annual matters, its defiance of the normal seasons, its boisterous ecstasy, its exemplary lunacy, its ditzzy, unreasoned eruptions of exuberance.



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# 28th Annual Harvest Weekend in Woodstock, VT

The Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT, gateway to Vermont's rural heritage, will host the 28th Annual Harvest Weekend on October 6 & 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Harvest Weekend features a husking bee and barn dance, plus a variety of 19th century harvest activities and programs for the entire family.

Each day a traditional husking bee will begin at noon, followed by a barn dance from 1 to 4 p.m. Lend a hand pressing cider, preserving apples, threshing grain, and making butter and ice cream. Harvesting the heirloom vegetable garden will be nearing completion and children can help dig potatoes and other root crops and learn how crops are "put up" for the winter.

Other activities include shelling beans, fence building, apples-on-a-string, and 19th century games. Hot-spiced cider and homemade doughnuts will be on hand for all!

Take time to explore the award-winning Jersey dairy farm, the museum with farm-life exhibits, and the restored 1890 farmhouse. Kids love visiting with the farm animals. The Indian summer weather should be brisk and beautiful and there is something for everyone to enjoy!

## Wagon Ride Weekend, October 13-14

Billings Farm & Museum invites you to come for the 6th Annual Wagon Ride Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 & 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Capture the brilliant colors of a Vermont autumn on a scenic narrated horse-drawn ride around the farm fields and along the Ottauquechee River. The wagons are pulled by the farm's beautiful Percheron draft horses.

The dairy farm, farm life exhibits, and restored and furnished farmhouse, plus programs and activities including cider pressing, are all included in the entrance fee.

## 19th Annual Family Halloween, October 28

The 19th Annual Family Halloween is hosted by Billings Farm & Museum on Sunday, October 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Children in costume receive free admission when accompanied by an adult (adults pay the regular admission fee).

Pumpkin carving, doughnuts-on-a-string, wagon rides, cranking pumpkin ice cream, plus "not-too-scary" Halloween stories, pumpkin games, and animal programs will be featured. Costume parades at 12 & 2 p.m. will be led by one of the Billings Farm's friendly Southdown ewes and all children will receive a ribbon.

Admission to A Family Halloween includes all the programs and activities, plus the working dairy farm, farm life exhibits, and restored farm house.

## More reasons to visit in October...

**Farm Programs for Pre-schoolers**—Billings hosts a fall series of programs for children ages 3 and up on Wednesdays during October from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Each program features a different farm theme and includes a story, a special visit to the farm, hands-on activity, and a snack.

The featured books include *Market Day*, Oct. 3; *Anatole*, the story about a French mouse, Oct. 10; *The Little Red Hen*, Oct. 17; *Charlie Needs a Cloak*, a delightful book written and illustrated by Tomie dePaola, Oct. 26; and *There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bat*, a rhyming and repeating story, Oct. 31. The farm programs are oriented to each story.

The cost is \$5 and includes admission to the Farm & Museum. Advance registration is required. Please call (802) 457-2355, weekdays, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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A young visitor to Harvest Weekend tries her hand at pressing cider at Billings Farm & Museum.

photo by Billings Farm & Museum

operating Jersey dairy farm that continues a century-long tradition of agricultural excellence and offers farm programs and historical exhibits.

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### Ingredients:

- ¼ lb. butter
- 1 C onion roughly chopped
- 1 C Granny Smith Apples roughly chopped
- 1 C rutabaga roughly chopped
- 1 C peeled, seeded and chopped butternut squash
- 1 C peeled, chopped carrots
- 1 C peeled and roughly chopped sweet potato
- 1 qt. good chicken stock
- 2 C heavy Cream (less if you prefer)
- ¼ C maple syrup
- salt & cayenne pepper to taste

### Instructions:

In a large saucepan over med-high heat, melt the butter.

Add all vegetables, apples and cook for about 10 minutes or until onions are translucent.

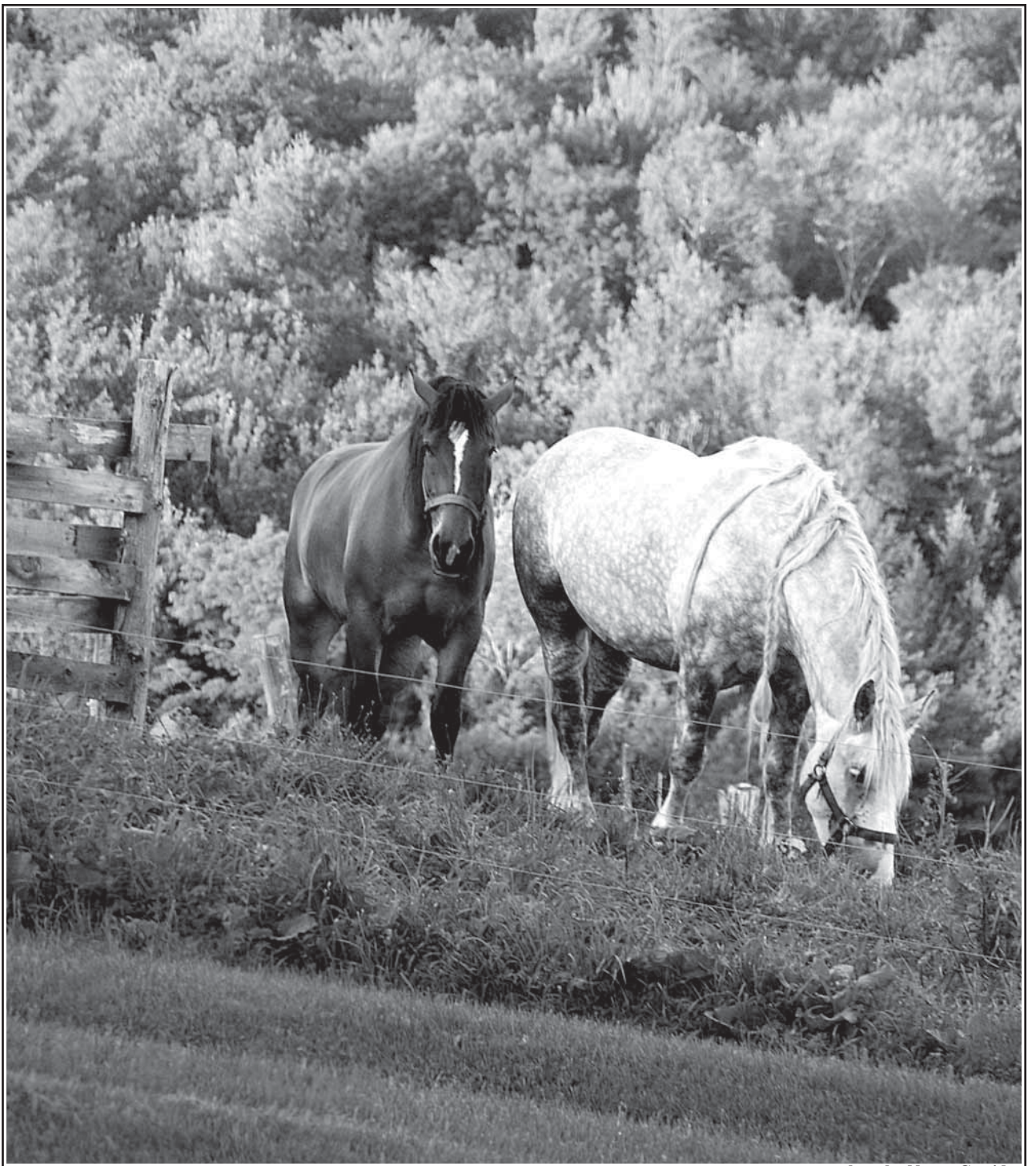
Add chicken stock and bring to a boil.

Simmer for about 25 minutes, until all of the vegetables are cooked through and tender.

Puree the vegetables in a blender...better yet a Vita-Mix...or food processor. You may need to strain through a fine mesh sieve.

Add cream, maple syrup, salt and cayenne pepper. Ready to serve.

*This recipe is shared with you compliments of Leslie Marston at Leslie's Tavern in Bellows Falls, VT.*



Two horses graze in the late afternoon autumn sunlight in Central Vermont. photo by Nancy Cassidy



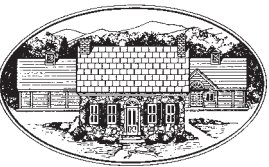
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To the home where I was born,  
And I hear again in dreams  
The gentle rustling of the corn.

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

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

When the days are growing shorter  
And Thanksgiving time draws near,  
When the milk-weed throws its silk away  
And the grass is brown and sere—  
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And I hear the gentle, whispering,  
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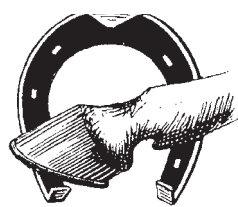
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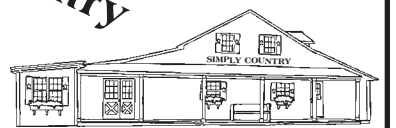
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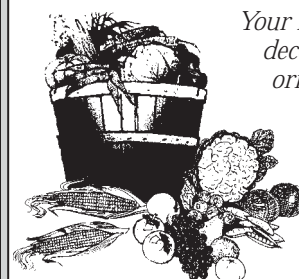
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# A Vermont Almanack for Middle Fall 2012

by Bill Felker

'T is 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 Cobweb Moon And the Robin Migration Moon

Cobweb-in-the-Woods Season begins its decline as frosts and the full development of honeysuckle berries follow the shortening days. With the prospect of those berries all along their flyways, robins accelerate their migratory activity, sweeping down river valleys and through towns and forests, peeping and feeding as they go.

*October 8:* The Cobweb Moon enters its final quarter at 2:33 a.m. *October 15:* The Robin Migration Moon is new at 7:02 a.m. *October 21:* The moon enters its second quarter at 10:32 p.m. *October 29:* The moon is full at 2:50 p.m.

## The Planets

Venus remains the morning star, this month occupying the stars of Leo before sunrise. Mars, continuing to move retrograde, finds Scorpius, becoming more and more difficult to locate along the horizon as the month progresses. Jupiter, still in Taurus, leads Orion into the western sky at dawn. Along with Virgo, Saturn disappears from the evening sky this month. Find it in November as Virgo appears in the morning sky.

## The Sun

October 23 is Cross Quarter Day, the halfway mark between autumn equinox and winter solstice. The sun 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 Stars

As October begins, the Pleiades, and the Hyades of Taurus, outriders of Orion, lie on the eastern horizon well after dark. Summer's Milky Way is still directly overhead, and June's Corona Borealis has still not set by ten o'clock. Cygnus, the swan is still high above you, along with August's Aquila and Lyra. The pointers of the Big Dipper point north-south at 10:00 p.m. Find them deep in the northern sky, right along the horizon.

## The Shooting Stars

The Draconid meteors are scheduled to arrive in the late evenings of October 7 and 8. The Draconids usually appear before midnight, unlike the Orionids which will peak in and around Orion near and after midnight of October 21-22. The moon should not interfere with viewing of either of these showers.

## Weather Trends

Cold fronts typically reach Vermont on about the following dates: October 3, 8, 14, 18, 24, and 30. As in September, the period between the 19th and 25th is the time most likely to bring serious storms or damaging frost. Expect snow in the northern tier of states with any of these weather systems. New moon on October 15 and full moon on October 29 increase the likelihood of a hurricane coming ashore in the Gulf or a strong frost-bearing cold wave moving across the Plains around those dates.



An old barn stands by the side of the road in Barnard, VT.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

## The Seasons of Middle Fall

**Week 1** – October's first week brings Full Leaf Color Season to the ashes and the hickories. It opens Junco Season at local birdfeeders, Sprucegrowth Season on the spruce trees, and Asian Ladybeetle Invasion Season throughout the East. This week finishes Purple Martin Season, Autumn Crocus Season, Autumn Sedum Season, Virgin's Bower Flowering Season, Jumpseed Season (all the seeds having jumped to the ground), Cicada Season and Daddy Longlegs Season.

**Week 2** – This week is typically associated with Leafdrop Season for locusts, box elders and ashes. It is the last week of Monarch Migration Season and Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker Migration Season. It is the end of Spider Web Season as Insect Breeding Seasons come to a close. It is Blackbird Flocking Season, Leafturn Season for the sugar maples and dogwoods. It is Beggarticks-Stick-To-Your-Stockings Season and Second-Bloom of Watercress Season. Aster Season, Jerusalem Artichoke Season and Zigzag Goldenrod Season hold on across the woods and fields. Pink Smartweed Season continues to spread through the dooryards and alleys. In the greenhouse, precocious Christmas cacti enter Christmas Cactus Budding Season.

**Week 3** – The third week of October is often the first full week of the best of Sugar Mapleturn Season. The chemical changes in the foliage that became noticeable six weeks ago accelerate until the fragile landscape turns all at once. Peak Color Season opens for shagbark hickories, sweet gums, oaks, sassafras and sycamores. High Blueberry Bush Turning Season turns blueberry bushes red, complementing the center of Burning Bush Season. Hosta Seedpod Splitting Season is underway, black seeds ready to fall in a storm. Wild Asparagus Yellowing Season unfolds along the roadsides. Corn and Soybean Harvest Season develops in the countryside. New England Aster Season comes to a close in town.

**Week 4** – The last week of October brings an end to the best of Sugar Mapleturn Season. Oakturn, Osageturn, Mul-

berryturn, Silvermapleturn, Magnoliaturn and Ginkgoturn Seasons intensify. As foliage thins, Eastern Phoebe, Catbird, Turkey Vulture and House Wren Migration Seasons deepen. Robin Migration Season brings vast flocks of robins fluttering, chattering, whinnying, and moving south through the high trees along the river valleys. Cattail Breakdown Season opens as Aster Season closes and Fall Raspberry Season gives up its final raspberries.

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# Jane Stickle Quilt on Display at the Bennington Museum

The quilt that inspires quilters all over the world will be on its yearly display at the Bennington Museum from September 11 through October 21. Brought to the museum 60 years ago, the Jane Stickle Quilt is only shown for a short time each year due to the fragility of the fabric. Quilters from around the country and world plan trips to the region during that time to see the 1863 quilt.

The Jane Stickle quilt is comprised of 169 five-inch blocks, each in different patterns, containing a remarkable total of 5,602 pieces surrounded by a unique scalloped border.

The craftsmanship of the quilt has been mentioned in numerous quilting books, and is the topic of *Dear Jane, The Two Hundred Twenty-Five Patterns from the 1863 Jane A. Stickle Quilt*, by Brenda Papadakis.

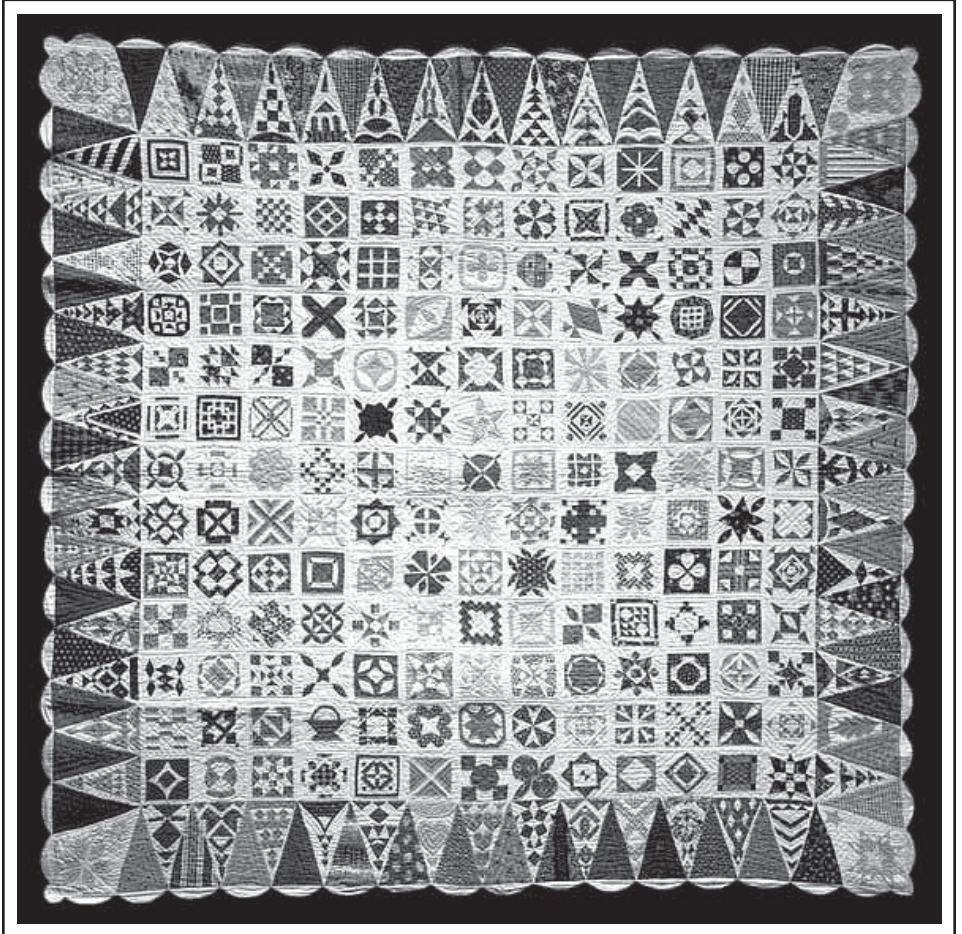
"The significance of quilts, with their vibrant colors and precise geometric patterns, goes beyond the comforting, everyday use they received by their original owners. Today, within the context of museums, these early textiles can be re-envisioned as works of art on par with any abstract painting of the twentieth century. The Stickle quilt, with its dizzying array of printed cloth patterns and individual block designs, surely embodies this idea of quilt as art," states Jamie Franklin, curator of the Bennington Museum.

Jane Stickle was born Jane Blakely on April 8, 1817 in Shaftsbury, Vermont. Married to Walter Stickle sometime before 1850, they did not have a family of their own.

They did, however, take responsibility for at least three other children in the area. In an 1860s census, Jane Stickle was listed as a 43 year-old farmer living alone. She eventually reunited with her husband, but during that time alone, she lovingly created what is now known as the Jane Stickle Quilt. As a reminder of the turbulent times the country was going through, she carefully embroidered "In War Time 1863" into the quilt.

The Jane Stickle Quilt can be viewed with regular museum admission. There is a lot to see at Bennington Museum. It has the largest public collection of Grandma Moses paintings in the world as well as the largest collection of 19th-century Bennington pottery. In the other nine galleries, the museum presents a 1925 Wasp touring car, one of only twenty produced, fine and decorative arts and more. The museum also offers the Hadwen Woods and George Aiken Wildflower Trail. On view through October 30 is Rockwell Kent's "Egypt": Shadow and Light in Vermont, the first exhibit to focus on the artist's life and work during his years in Vermont, 1919-1925.

*Bennington Museum is located at 75 Main St. in Bennington, VT. It is open every day through October. Regular admission is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and students over 18. Admission is not charged for younger students or to visit the museum shop. For more information call (802) 447-1571. Visit [www.benningtonmuseum.org](http://www.benningtonmuseum.org).*



## Old-Time New England Recipes for Autumn

### Pearl Lake Squash Muffins

2 cups flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
2 tablespoons sugar  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
1 egg  
2/3 cup milk  
1 tablespoon melted butter  
1 cup sieved cooked squash

Mix and sift the dry ingredients. Beat the egg and mix with the milk, butter, and squash. Pour the second mixture into the dry ingredients and mix just enough to blend. Bake in a hot oven, 450° F., for twenty to twenty-five minutes. Makes one and a half dozen medium-sized muffins.

### Spiced Cider

2 quarts cider  
4 whole cloves  
1 stick cinnamon  
4 whole allspice  
1/2 cup light brown sugar  
3 or 4 apples

Simmer the cider, spices, and sugar for fifteen minutes. Let stand several hours, strain, and reheat. Bake the apples whole. Serve hot from a large bowl with the apples bobbing on the surface. Two or three pieces of ginger root may be used in place of the spices. Serves eight.

### Boiled Cider Pie

1/2 cup cider  
1/2 cup maple sugar  
2 egg yolks, beaten  
4 tablespoons powdered sugar  
1/2 cup seeded raisins  
1 tablespoon butter  
2 egg whites  
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Boil the cider and maple sugar. Add the beaten egg yolks and stir until thick. Add the nutmeg, raisins, and butter. Turn into an unbaked pie shell, cover with top crust, and bake forty minutes in a moderate oven at 350° F. The top crust may be omitted, and a meringue may be made of the beaten egg whites and powdered sugar. Brown in a moderate oven. Makes one nine-inch pie.

### Squash Pie

2 cups strained cooked squash  
2 cups milk  
2 eggs  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon ginger  
1/2 teaspoon allspice  
2 teaspoons cinnamon  
2 tablespoons flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt

Most recipes for pumpkin pie may be used for squash pie also. This modern version of squash pie calls for more spices than are used in older recipes. Mix the squash, milk, and eggs. Sift the dry ingredients and stir into the squash mixture. Pour into an unbaked pie shell and bake in a moderate oven, 350° F., until the crust is brown and the filling is set, about fifty minutes.

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# Charting a Course Of His Own

by Burr Morse

I'm quite partial to the "youngest in the family" being one myself. Looking back at my youth, I remember a stark overage of tasks like taking out the garbage, feeding the calves, and mowing the lawn...ask any of my siblings and they will no doubt disagree but of course I'm right (cockiness is another mark of the "youngest"...survival, you know). This brings me to thoughts of a fellow "youngest", a guy by the name of Brian Pagel.

My first introduction to Brian was back when my oldest son Rob was a seventh grader. At that time, Betsy and I were a bit concerned because Rob had suddenly "molted" his giggly youth and taken on a "serious" armor. Day after day he'd come home from school to study and practice his horn but there never seemed to be room for levity anymore. There was just one exception: when he described a certain kid in his class, he just could not contain himself. "Mom, this kid is Buddha-like!" he'd say. "He's always smiling and he wants to work at Morse Farm." Rob's brief enthusiasm would always end in contagious laughter about this unusual kid who most of us had never seen.

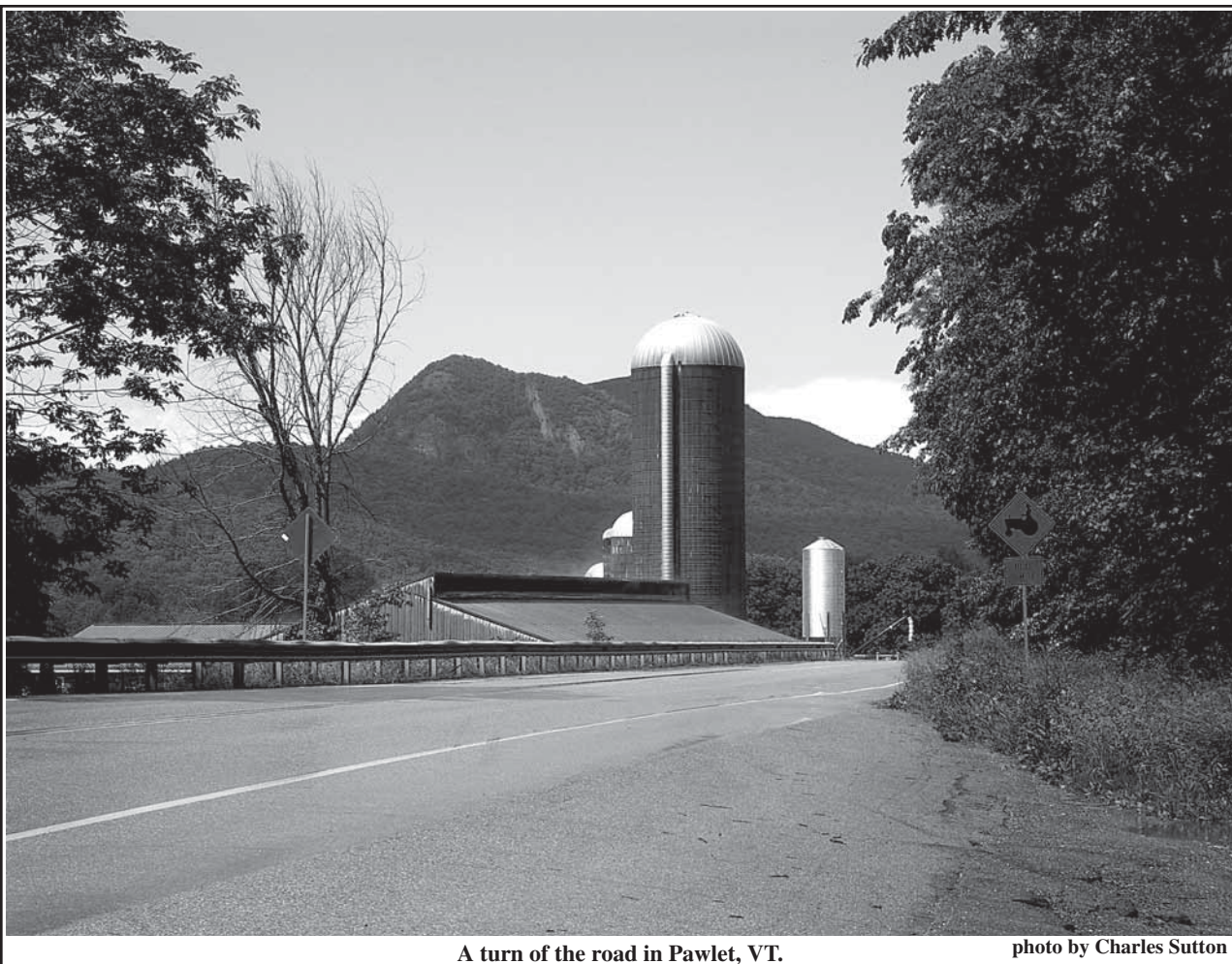
Rob brought Brian home one snowy day in December and Betsy, our youngest son Tommy, and I couldn't wait to meet him. Our eyes followed them getting off the bus and walking up our long driveway. When they came into the house, Rob introduced Brian, a big boy with a huge smile. "Hoi" his smile timidly said in a very Vermont twang. For Betsy, it was love at first sight; she ruffled his hair like she would have a cute puppy and said our house was his house. In no time he was in our refrigerator making scads of cold meat and milk disappear.

Brian came from a wonderful family in Putnamville, Vermont. Healthy activities surrounded the Pagel homestead, maple sugaring in the spring, luscious gardens in the summer, fall duck hunting, and snowshoeing to the hinterlands by winter. On the surface, this young man had it made but there are always familial quirks of being the youngest, like the garbage and the calves and the mowing were for me. Brian Pagel craved "structure", structure like the two Morse boys were getting five miles away in East Montpelier.

Betsy Morse's "mom" style was to prod her boys toward doing their best and that prodding, although packed with love, often went against their grain! Brian, on the other hand, craved being prodded. He started working at Morse Farm the summer after we met him. Most days he'd ride his bicycle over the five miles of gravel roads between Putnamville and Morse Farm and usually be here before the rest of us got started! He and the Morse Boys worked hard and well together and whenever Brian got a break, his "craving" would lead him on a specific mission to our house. "Betsy, would you drill me on world capitals (or Latin names, or Russian literature) today?" he'd ask. Betsy'd always stop what she was doing and settle in with Brian; it was never a chore but more, a perfect symbiosis.

For the years until high school graduation, Brian was like our third son only in our house, he played the role of "oldest" and family jokester. One time I overheard him say, "I know why Betsy doesn't have any comfortable chairs here... she doesn't want anyone to sit down, relax, and watch TV." Along with graduating near the top of his class, he became an Eagle Scout. After graduation he went on to college and also "spread his wings" to Australia and Germany for a few years. He became fluent in German but more importantly, fluent with life.

Brian recently drove up our same long driveway to visit us from Portland, Oregon where he has made a life for ten years now as a "numbers" guy. We wondered if that smile was still



A turn of the road in Pawlet, VT.

photo by Charles Sutton

intact but the minute the car doors opened, we knew the same old Brian Pagel was back here at Morse Farm. Added to his smile these days are ones from his beautiful wife Erika and his children, Josiah and Bella. We hosted them in our house for two days and had a wonderful time.

Betsy recently referred to Brian as a true autodidact. I said "auto-what?" and immediately went to look it up. An autodidact, I learned, is a "self taught" person. "Hmmm, fits him to a point but doesn't go far enough," I thought. Brian has a long list of "teachers" including early morning bicycle rides, grueling hard labor, and common folks like Betsy Morse. He desperately wants to move back home to Vermont with his young family. To that I say "make room, make jobs, and put out the welcome sign". We need folks like Brian Pagel.

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**Sunday, October 7, 10 a.m.**

### Bald Mountain, Mendon, VT

Admire the fall foliage from several viewpoints. Moderate, with a few steep places, 3-5 miles. *Leader: Tom Copps (802) 345-7159.*

**Saturday, October 13, 9 a.m.**

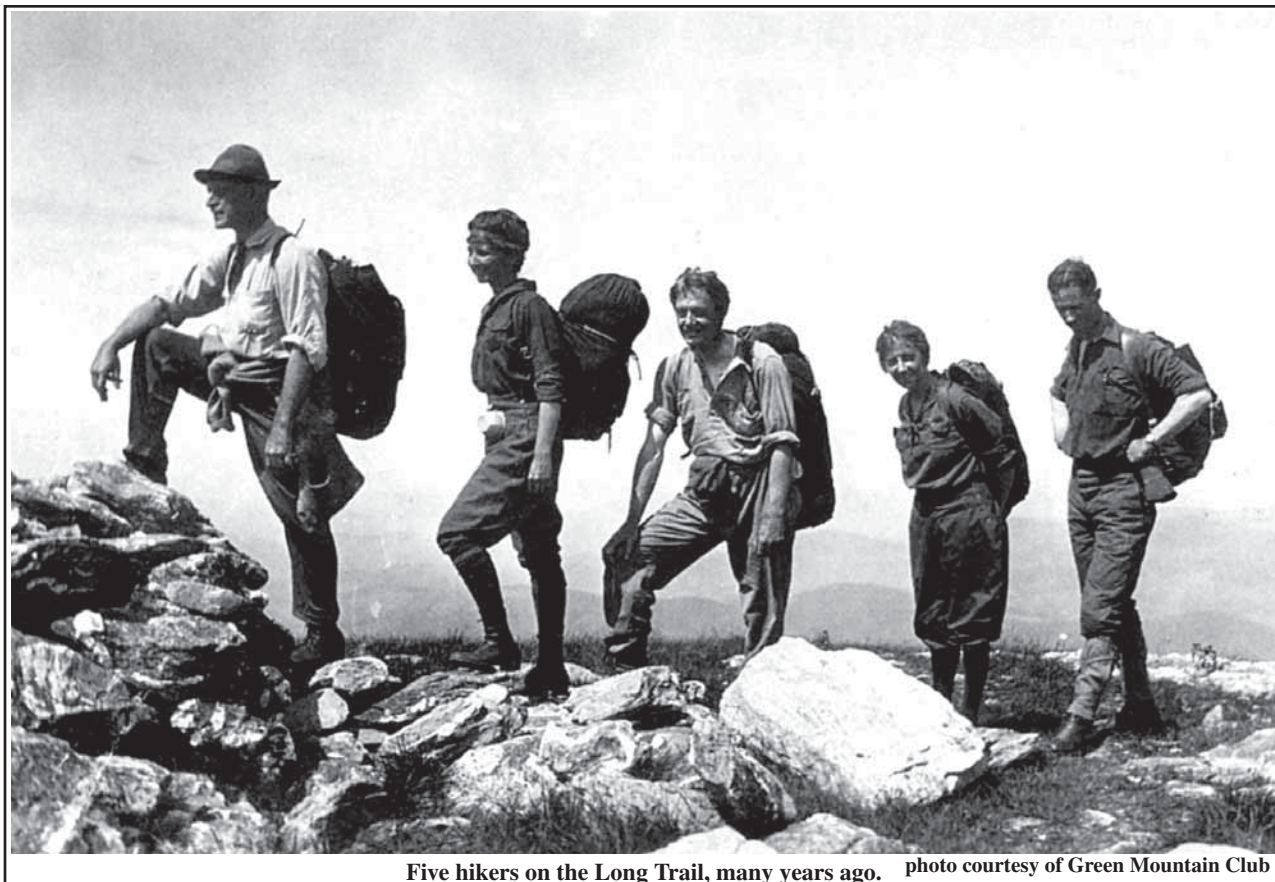
### Burnt Rock, Waitsfield & Fayston, VT

Steep, big rock croppings and some exposure with a great view. Will be coming in from the Hedgehog Brook Trail. Difficult, 5.2 miles, elevation gain 1,090 feet. *Leader: Larry Walter (802) 775-3855.*

**Saturday, October 20, 9 a.m.**

### Griffith Lake, Peru, VT

Hike in to Griffith Lake from the south on the Griffith Lake Trail, with a stop at Peru Peak Shelter. Easy to moderate, 5 miles. *Leader: Sue Thomas (802) 773-2185.*



Five hikers on the Long Trail, many years ago. photo courtesy of Green Mountain Club

**Saturday, October 27, 9 a.m.**

### Work Party, Shrewsbury, VT

Join us to construct a new trail between the Upper and Lower Cold River Roads where the Long Trail/Appalachian Trail was destroyed by Tropical Storm Irene. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes and lunch. Tools will be provided. *Leaders: Herb Ogden (802) 293-2510, Wayne Krevetski (802) 282-2237.*

**Saturday, November 3, 9 a.m.**

### Mount Antone, Rupert, VT

Follow the trails through Merck Forest and Farmland Center to an overlook with a panoramic view. Moderate, some steep bits, 5 miles. *Leader: Steve Williams (802) 645-9529.*

**Saturday, November 10**

### Mystery Hike

### Middletown Springs & East Poultney, VT

We will play it safe on this first day of hunting season and hike the back roads. Moderate, up to 7 miles. (Rain date November 11). *Leader: Diane Bargiel (413) 687-1109.*

**Saturday, November 17, 6 p.m.**

### Pot Luck Supper, Rutland, VT

Join us at the Godnick Center on Deer St. for our annual hunting season event. Bring your own place setting and a dish to share for the meal, which will be followed by a slide show. All are welcome! *Leader: Sue Thomas (802) 773-2185.*

**Saturday, December 1, 9:30 a.m.**

### Shaw Mountain, Benson/West Haven, VT

Hike in the Shaw Mountain Natural Area with lots of small ups and downs, rugged and rocky, with a loop around the summit. Moderate, 2.4 miles. *Leaders: Viv Bebee & Larry Walter (802) 775-3855.*

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Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for Vermont weather. Meet on Thursdays at 9 a.m. at the Godnick Center on Deer St. in Rutland, VT to car pool. We return

in early to mid-afternoon. Call hike leaders if you have questions. All are welcome.

**October 11, Big Branch Bridge, Mt. Tabor, VT.** Explore the Big Branch area on the Long Trail. New suspension bridge. *Leader: George Butts (802) 483-2891.*

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Sit on the needle-strewn ground up against a big pine tree, drink some water, stare out through the woods, pet the dog.

Stretch out on the ground, take a nap, dog's head on my lap.

Ah, this would be the time and place and way to die.

—DAVID BUDBILL





## Harvesting the Victory Garden

by Charles Sutton

Once frosts arrive soon accompanied by a giant harvest moon, gardeners will be racing to get the last of their seemingly endless bounty inside or under a blanket of protective sheets.

This time of year takes me back to World War II when my brother Fred and I, ages 11 and 10, also had to finish harvesting our large Victory Garden. Mother, who grew up in the city, had no idea how to preserve all of the vegetables which were proudly brought daily into the house in amazing quantity.

But she learned quickly the skills of canning the perishable ones that could not be stored. There were no quick-fix freezers in those times.

Canning meant giant kettles of boiling water and countless mason jars. We

helped as best we could and gladly transported the colorful jars of our vegetables into the cellar.

The kitchen work area included a wood and a gas stove, and a wonderful elongated gas heater where mother also let homemade bread rise before baking, and where we dried out countless wet mittens and other winter gear.

In the cellar we had storage bins for potatoes, winter squashes, and root vegetables like onions and carrots. Our hearty crop of tomatoes ended up in many jars of sauces, but mother also perfected a homemade tomato juice. Resting in the jar it immediately separated into two unappetizing sections, but once shaken up and cooled in the refrigerator, it was delicious and the supply lasted all winter. Canned applesauce was equally successful.

Our home had been an old farmstead and

there still remained several heirloom apple trees not taken down in the Hurricane of 1938. Other survivors included three pear trees, one very fruitful sour cherry tree, and an oddity—one quince tree. The few fruit that tree produced were cherished and turned into a special treat—quince jelly, saved for holiday meals. There was also a patch of raspberries which our golden retriever learned to pick off very carefully and eat!

During the war years we ate a lot of rice with the vegetables. An uncle had investments in a rice company in Mississippi which paid its dividends in 100-pound bags of rice. Many were shipped to us and it was a special

outing to go to the freight landing at the railroad station to retrieve the burlap

sacks of rice, and wrestle them into the trunk of the car.

Our cellar was also a storage place for homemade root beer. Fred and I made large batches which we bottled ourselves with a bottle capper. Sometime this home brew was too fizzy and we could hear bottles exploding in the cellar at night, leaving a mess of glass shards for us to clean up.

By early 1942 (when we put in the first Victory Garden and started raising chickens) many food items were in short supply and were being rationed nationwide. These included meat, butter, margarine, cheese, shortening and oils, lard, dried fruits, canned milk, coffee, jams and jellies, and even Coca Cola.

But that was a time in our country when no one complained about doing with less, but rather pulled together in the massive effort to win the war, whatever the sacrifices might be.

*“There still remained several heirloom apple trees not taken down in the Hurricane of 1938.”*

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My nanny named Constance,  
Dear Constance my goat  
(Quote Connie unquote):

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In the slats of her stall  
And raised the barn roof  
With her baritone yammer  
Till I came with my hammer  
And pinch-bar and all,  
And got her foot freed  
And rubbed her sore shin  
And pronounced her as fine  
As she'd ever been.

But she went off her feed  
And lost her bright eye,  
Began to get thin  
And almost went dry—

A full-fledge decline.  
I couldn't think why.

She favored that foot  
As though it still hurt  
But I couldn't find  
A thing, except dirt—  
No break in the skin,  
No swelling, no bruise.  
It couldn't be rot.  
But I bathed it and put  
On an ointment I use.

And still she declined.  
I finally thought,  
It must be her mind—  
She's afraid of that slat—  
It'll catch her again.  
I gave her a pen  
With a solid plank floor.

By George, that was it.  
She's eating once more,  
Her coat is like silk,  
And she's up on her milk.

A body that's nervous  
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—JAMES HAYFORD  
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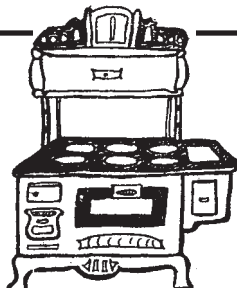
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## Autumn Bounty At the Poultney Farmers Market

When you think of the Vermont Farmers Market, what comes to mind is the downtown summer market in Depot Park or the Winter Market, located for the past three years behind the Co-Op on Wales Street.

There's a third Vermont Farmers Market, much older, smaller, with a home town feeling. The Poultney Market is held every Thursday from 9 am till 2 pm in downtown Poultney from June till the middle of October. For the last 25 years, this market has been a staple in the lives of Poultney residents, lake visitors, and Green Mountain College.

Located in a linear fashion along Poultney's Main Street, it has the "everyone knows your name," laid back, no-one-rushes approach to a farmers market.

### A bounty of produce and crafts

Anchored by Boardman Hill Farm on one end and Clark's Farm and Maple Country Kitchen at the other, you'll find Riverside Farms in between, selling homemade pies, jams, jellies, catnip, cookies, tomatoes and berries. Pine Woods Farm is across from Clark's, with grass-fed beef and whey-fed pork. Their ground beef makes eating hamburgers an art form. If you have a few minutes, stop and talk to Teri at Horsemise. She has a wealth of knowledge about homeopathic medicine for your dogs and cats, and of course horses. Suffering from aches and pains from too much hard work, Teri might just have the answer. At Old Gates Farm you'll find Kris, the market manager. Selling a seasonal variety of fresh veggies, she'll take suggestions and answer questions. Need a gift? The Poultney Area Artist Guild has some amazing and beautiful crafts.

There are 15 to 20 vendors at the market, depending on the season. You'll be impressed by the craftsmanship of the artists, the variety of produce, homemade goodies and the general warm feeling of the market.

If you have some free time, take a fall foliage tour to Poultney, stroll around town, visit Green Mountain College and pick up a taste of Vermont at the Poultney Farmers Market.

### Rutland's winter market in a new home

Opening on November 3rd, the Vermont Farmers Market will move the Winter Market to our new West St. location. Formerly the Lincoln Iron Works, General Electric, and the Mintzer Lumber Yard, the Vermont Farmers Farm Center purchased the buildings in July for a permanent home for the Vermont Farmers Winter Market.

### Holiday Fairs are coming!

Mark your calendar for the Vermont Farmers Market Seasonal Shows. The Poultney Fall Craft Extravaganza, Main St., along with the Poultney Chili Fest, is held on September 29th, 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. The Holiday Fair, at the Holiday Inn on Rt. 7 South in Rutland is on November 10th, 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. The Poultney Christmas Fair takes place at Poultney High School Gym on Thanksgiving weekend, November 23-24. And the final Special Holiday Fair will be at the Holiday Inn on Rt. 7 south, in Rutland, VT on December 8th from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m.

*The Vermont Farmers Market sponsors the Rutland Downtown Farmers Market at Depot Park across from Walmart at Merchants Row on Saturdays 9 am - 2 pm through October 27. For information call Doug Patac at (802) 753-7269. info@vtfarmersmarket.org.*

*For information about the Poultney Market call Kris Jacoby at (802) 468-5805. For the Special Holiday Shows call Jamie Condrill at (802) 297-5573. For information about the Winter Farmers Market call Greg Cox at (802) 683-4606.*

*Visit [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org) and [www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.com](http://www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.com).*

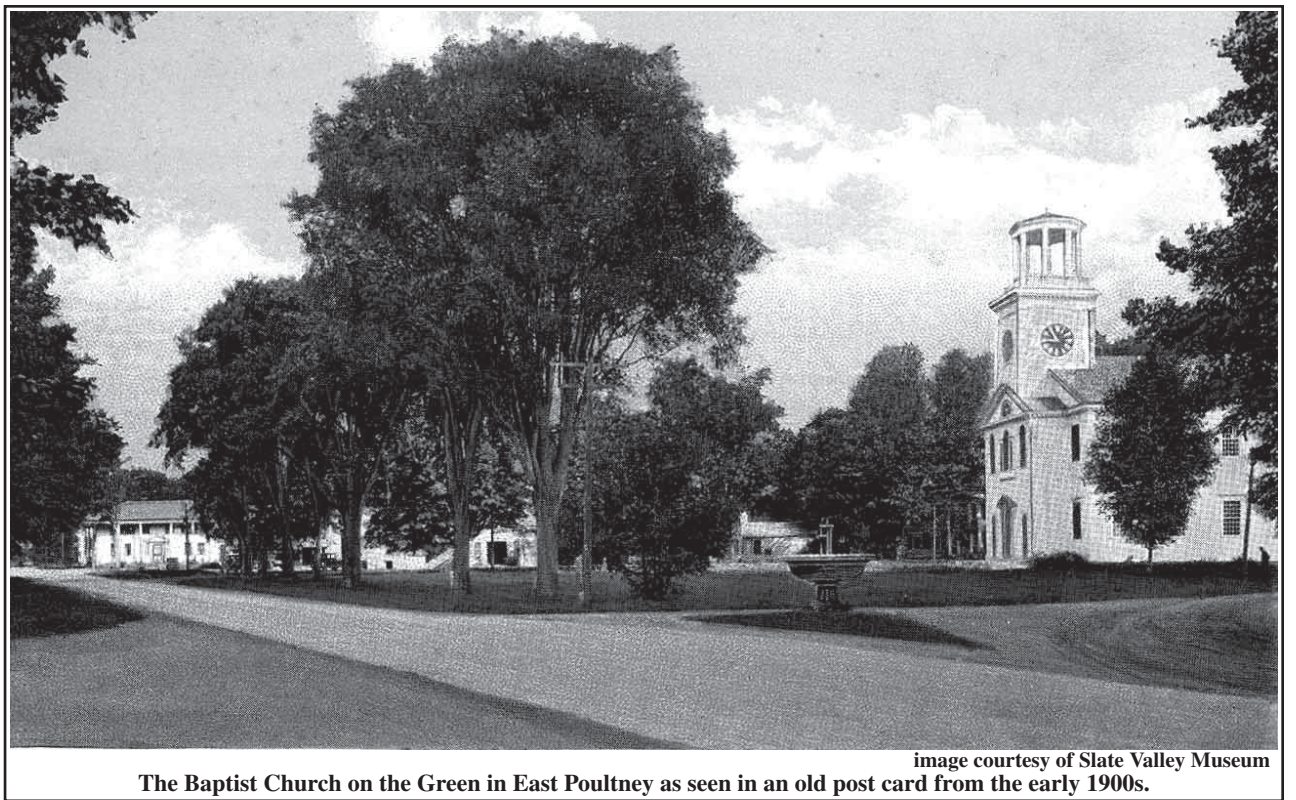


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The Baptist Church on the Green in East Poultney as seen in an old post card from the early 1900s.

## Poultney Area St. David's Society Invites You To a Gymanfa Ganu—Welsh Hymn Sing!

The Poultney Area St. David's Society will host their annual Gathering of the Clans and a traditional non-denominational Welsh hymn sing, a Gymanfa Ganu, on Sunday, October 7th at the historic United Baptist Church, on the Green in East Poultney, VT.

In this 24th anniversary year of the society the festivities celebrating Welsh culture will honor the memory of Poultney native of Welsh heritage, George Jones who was the co-founder of the New York Times newspaper.

The Gymanfa Ganu takes place at 2 p.m. followed by Te Bach—desserts, tea & coffee. A New England Pot Roast Buffet Dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. A \$16 pre-paid registration is required for the dinner by October 1st—call (802) 287-5744.

What is a Gymanfa Ganu? It is a wonderful Welsh hymn-singing festival featuring four-part harmony. This tradition of song and worship has been practiced in Wales for centuries as the Welsh have a long history of singing in four-part harmony dating back to the 12th century.

The hymns were brought to America during the nineteenth-century emigration. Many Welsh came to the Poultney area (Slate Valley) to work in the slate quarries, and with them came the hymns—hence our celebration of Gymanfa Ganu!

At our Gymanfa some verses are sung in Welsh and some in English, so you don't have to speak Welsh to join in. It is a rare chance to hear the amazing four-part singing in a language rarely heard outside of Wales.

Poultney Area St. David's Society member, Ordained Southern Baptist Pastor, the Rev. R. Raymond Lloyd, of Jefferson City, Tennessee and Kattskill Bay, New York State will officiate. Martha Davies of Nebraska will conduct the hymns. Her husband, Dr. Berwyn Jones, will read scripture in the Welsh language.

James P. Cassarino, Associate Professor and Chair of the music department at Green Mountain College in Poultney, where he also serves as director of the Welsh Heritage Programs, will be gymanfa organist.

The Rev. Robert Flower of the South Granville, NY Congregational Church and the Rev. David Adams, Pastor of the Poultney United Methodist Church will also participate.

This charity event for the historic church's restoration fund is brought about by many volunteers throughout the local and world community, Welsh and non-Welsh alike. A free will offering will be collected during the Gymanfa. Tax-deductible donations and sponsors are appreciated.

A limited number of Welsh National gymanfa (WNAA) hymnals will be on-site, loaned by the Poultney Welsh Presbyterian Church. If you have one, bring it with you. Many of the hymns can also be found in Protestant hymnals. To order your own gymanfa hymnal, contact the WNAA (WNGGA) Executive Secretary, Dr. Megan Williams, P.O. Box 1054, Trumansburg, NY, 14886. Phone: (607) 279-7402. Email: [IHQ@theWNAA.org](mailto:IHQ@theWNAA.org).

Everyone is welcome to come and join us in song!

*For more information contact the Poultney Area St. David's Society, 60 Norton Ave., Poultney, VT 05764-1029. The Society is a member of Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce, the National Welsh-American Foundation and the WNAA (formerly the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association). It works to help preserve Welsh culture and history in the Slate Valley area of Vermont and New York. Visit [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vtpasds/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vtpasds/).*

*To learn more about slate quarrying and the Welsh emigration to this area visit the Slate Valley Museum in nearby Granville, NY. [www.slatevalleymuseum.org](http://www.slatevalleymuseum.org).*

## Poultney Town-Wide Yard Sale Coming Saturday, October 13

Poultney's annual fall season Town Wide Yard Sale Day is fast approaching. This Poultney Chamber of Commerce sponsored event is Saturday, October 13th. It is open from 9 a.m. through 4 p.m., rain or shine.

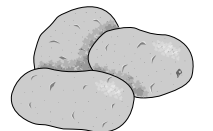
Throughout the entire community as well as on historic Main Street one can find bargains and surprises at businesses, visiting vendor sites, at churches, educational institutions, non-profit

organizations and at home sites. It is a shoppers' haven for all ages. Walk, bicycle or drive throughout the Poultney community and check out for yourself the many bargains.

*For more information contact Mary Lee Harris at Stitchy Women, 144 Main St., Poultney, VT, (802) 287-4114. For the Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce, call (802) 287-2010.*



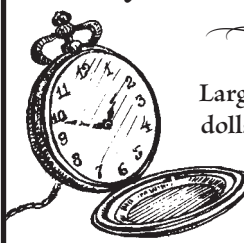
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Dead Creek Wildlife Day has been listed as one of Vermont's "Top 10 Fall Events," and with good reason. Activities at Dead Creek Wildlife Day are especially for people who enjoy hunting, fishing, birdwatching, or learning about Vermont's diverse wildlife. There are features for the whole family to enjoy including the kids.

The event will be held at the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) on Rt. 17 west of Rt. 22A in Addison, VT.

Early risers can begin the day with bird banding demonstrations at 7 a.m. Two large tents at the Dead Creek WMA headquarters will open at 9:30 a.m. and feature wildlife-related exhibits and

kids' craft activities such as decoy carving, face painting and building bluebird boxes.

The day's main activities run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and include nature walks, illustrated talks, live wildlife presentations, hunting dog demonstrations, fishing and hunting tips, and much more.

All events are free, and a free shuttle bus will provide regular access to nearby field events throughout the day.

The festival is hosted by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, Otter Creek Audubon Society, Addison County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited and Vermont Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs.

For more information and a schedule of events, visit Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website at [www.vtfishandwildlife.com/Dead\\_Creek\\_Wildlife\\_Days.cfm](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/Dead_Creek_Wildlife_Days.cfm).



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

## From The Pasture Hill

These things I see from the pasture hill;—  
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And down the road ride Joe and Sue  
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Always two, and I want to cry  
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The program takes place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at The Campus Center at Castleton State College, Castleton, VT. All are welcome. Suggested donation of \$1 at the door. (Limited) pizza available!

For more information contact Monica Erhart at (802)446-7030 or [monica.erhart@gmail.com](mailto:monica.erhart@gmail.com). Visit [stayingconnectedgreensadks.wordpress.com](http://stayingconnectedgreensadks.wordpress.com).

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**BARRE.** Exhibits, classes, workshops, and artists' studios. Free. Tues-Fri 10-5, Sat 12-4. Studio Place Arts, 201 N. Main St. (802) 479-7069. [info@studioplacearts.com](mailto:info@studioplacearts.com). [www.studioplacearts.com](http://www.studioplacearts.com).

**BARRE.** Vermont History Center and Leahy Library. Thousands of books, manuscripts, photographs, broadsides, maps, audio, video and film recordings, and many other items of ephemera which shed light on the lives and times of past Vermonters. Vermont Historical Society, 60 Washington St. (802) 479-8500. [vermonthistory.org](http://vermonthistory.org).

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Farmers Market. Local produce, meats, eggs, cheese, prepared foods, and entertainment. Open mic night every fourth Friday. On Fridays 4-7 pm at the Waypoint Center. (802) 463-2018. [www.bffarmersmarket.com](http://www.bffarmersmarket.com). Through October 19.

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Third Friday Art Walk. Stores and galleries in town and in the surrounding area host special exhibits and events. 5-8 pm. Flyer available at Village Square Booksellers, 32 The Square. (802) 463-9404. [villagesquarebooks.com](http://villagesquarebooks.com). Monthly on the third Friday.

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington Battle Monument. Admission: adult \$2, children 6-14 \$1, age 5 and under free. Open 9 am – 5 pm. 15 Monument Circle. (802) 447-0550. [bennington@historicvermont.org](mailto:bennington@historicvermont.org). [www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov). Open through October 31.

**BENNINGTON.** Puppet Exhibit. Admission is \$2 for children three and older, \$4 for adults and \$10 for families. Open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am – 4 pm. The Dollhouse and Toy Museum of Vermont, 212 Union St. at the corner of Union and Valentine Streets. [www.dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com](http://www.dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com).

**BENNINGTON.** Art exhibits, permanent collections, theater productions, workshops. Admission: adults \$9, seniors/students \$8, families \$20, under 12 are free. Bennington Center for the Arts, 44 Gypsy Lane. (802) 442-7158. [www.benningtoncenterforthearts.org](http://www.benningtoncenterforthearts.org).

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington-Walloomsac Outdoor Farmers Market. Saturdays 10 am – 1 pm at the scenic Riverwalk Park along the Walloomsac River at Bennington Station on Depot Street. Tuesdays 3-6 pm at Greenberg's, 321 Main St. (802) 688-7210. [www.walloomsac.org](http://www.walloomsac.org). Saturday mornings and Tuesday afternoons through October.

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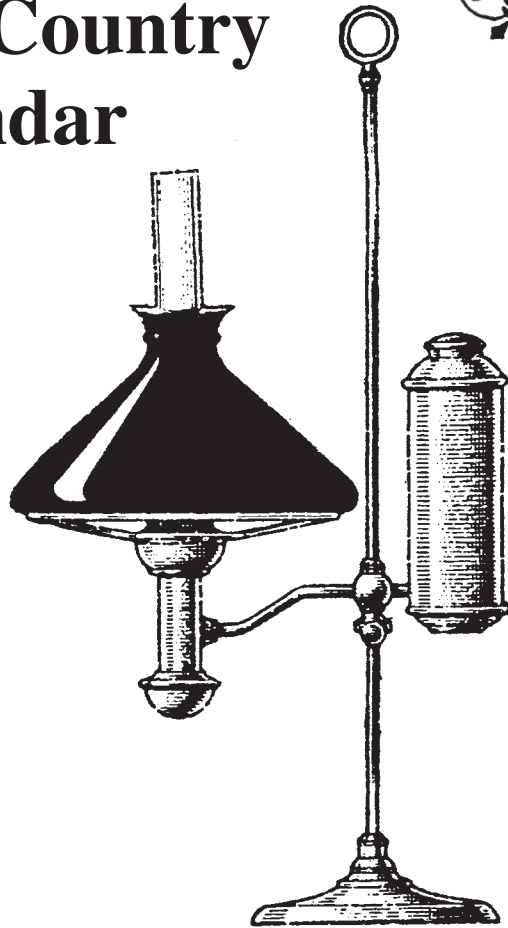
**BRANDON.** Brandon Farmers Market. Fridays from 9 am – 2 pm, Central Park. [cijka4@gmail.com](mailto:cijka4@gmail.com). Fridays through October 12.

**BRANDON.** Brandon Museum at the Stephen A. Douglas Birthplace. Also houses the Brandon Visitor Center with public restrooms, which is open daily 8 am – 6 pm, 365 days a year. The museum is at 4 Grove St., next to the Baptist Church at the corner of Routes 7 and 73 West. (802) 247-6401. [info@brandon.org](mailto:info@brandon.org). [brandon.org](http://brandon.org).

**BRANDON.** First Fridays. Our restaurants and merchants are keeping their doors open till 9 pm the first Friday of each month. Visit "indie" shops, galleries, and restaurants. (802) 247-6401. [www.brandon.org](http://www.brandon.org).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Brattleboro Music Center Fall Classes. Lessons in 16 instruments and more. For information call (802) 257-4523. [www.bmcvt.org](http://www.bmcvt.org).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. Exhibits and programs, guided tours, Cai's Dim Sum Teahouse. Open 11-5. Closed Tuesday & Wednesday. Admission \$6/\$4/\$3. 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. [www.brattleboromuseum.org](http://www.brattleboromuseum.org).



**BRATTLEBORO.** Fair Winds Farm Wagon Rides. Half-hour reserved horse-drawn rides through fields and woods, and along a babbling brook. Adults \$10, kids 3-12 \$6, minimum \$50, after 5 pm \$80. Visit our farm store. Fair Winds Farm is a "Diversified, Horse Powered, Vermont Family Farm" on Upper Dummerston Rd. (802) 254-9067. [fairwind@sover.net](mailto:fairwind@sover.net). [www.fairwindsfarm.org](http://www.fairwindsfarm.org).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Social Singing from The Sacred Harp. Free and open to the public, no experience necessary, loaner books provided. 7-9 pm at Kidsplayce, 20 Elliott St. First and third Thursdays. For information e-mail [cuvvlever@gmail.com](mailto:cuvvlever@gmail.com). Also at 3-5:30 pm at Centre Congregational Church, 193 Main St. on third Sundays. Information: [laurat@crocker.com](mailto:laurat@crocker.com).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Gallery Walk. Monthly celebration of the arts in downtown and nearby locations. 40-50 or more exhibit openings, many with meet-the-artist receptions and live music, plus occasional readings, dance, circus arts, theater, and more. Free. First Fridays from 5:30-8:30 pm. (802) 257-2616. [www.gallerywalk.org](http://www.gallerywalk.org).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Post Oil Solutions meets frequently and sponsors events with a mission to advance cooperative, sustainable communities. For info contact Tim Stevenson at [info@postoilsolutions.org](mailto:info@postoilsolutions.org) or [www.postoilsolutions.org](http://www.postoilsolutions.org).

**BURLINGTON.** 27th Annual Vermont International Film Festival. The largest showcase in the state for Vermont Filmmakers, a juried competition with a range of awards with venues around Burlington. Independent films from around the world and Vermont filmmakers. See website for schedule. (802) 660-2600. [info@vtiff.org](mailto:info@vtiff.org). [www.vtiff.org](http://www.vtiff.org). October 19-28.

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

**BURLINGTON.** Burlington Summer Farmers' Market. At City Hall Park, corner of College St. & St. Paul St. Every Saturday 8:30 am – 2 pm. Accepts EBT and debit cards. Chris Wagner, (802) 310-5172. [chriswag31@gmail.com](mailto:chriswag31@gmail.com). [www.burlingtonfarmersmarket.org](http://www.burlingtonfarmersmarket.org). Through October.

**BURLINGTON.** First Friday Art Walk. Visit over 30 galleries, studios, and interesting venues all around town. Free. 5-8 pm. Map available. (802) 264-4839. [www.artmapburlington.com](http://www.artmapburlington.com).

**CASTLETON.** Castleton Village Farmers Market. Main Street. Thursdays 3:30-6. Market manager: Lori Barker, (802) 273-2241. Through October 5.

**CENTER RUTLAND.** The Rutland Railroad Museum. Housed in the Rutland Depot, built in 1917. See railroad artifacts and historical exhibits including HO & N scale model railroad layouts and a children's layout. The museum is also available to educational groups and schools for tours by appointment. Open Saturdays from 11 am – 1 pm. Rutland Railway Association, 79 Depot Lane. [rra@rutlandrailway.org](mailto:rra@rutlandrailway.org). [www.rutlandrailway.org](http://www.rutlandrailway.org).

**CHESTER.** Vermont Institute of Contemporary Arts. Art Exhibits, Programs and Music. The Uncommon Thread Exhibit through October 21. See the work of eight of our region's most talented fiber artists. Free admission. Wednesday through Sunday 11 am – 6 pm. VTica, 15 Depot St. (802) 875-1018. [info@vtica.org](mailto:info@vtica.org). [www.vtica.org](http://www.vtica.org).

**CHESTER.** Monthly Public Astronomy Meetings for the Southern Vermont Astronomy Group. Second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm—free to the public at Whiting Library. Star parties and other events. Membership and information contact the Southern Vermont Astronomy Group, PO Box 424, Chester, VT 05143. [www.sovera.org](http://www.sovera.org).

## Irene Storms Through Mendon: You CAN Get There from Here

The Mendon Historical Society is pleased to announce the release of its book entitled, *Irene Storms through Mendon: You CAN Get There from Here*.

The book is the story of Mendon's experience during the onslaught of Tropical Storm Irene and how the town handled the disaster.

With the help of the Ver-

mont Folklife Center, over 40 people were interviewed and recorded. The result is this splendid book with many stories and photographs.

The book is for sale at the Mendon Town Office, 2282 US Rt. 4, Mendon, VT, (802) 775-1662. Or you may contact the Mendon Historical Society either at the town office or at (803) 773-8172.

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**CHESTER.** High Tea at Inn Victoria. Afternoon savories, sweets, fruit, and a variety of teas. \$19.99 per person. Open by reservation on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 3-4:30 pm. Inn Victoria, 321 Main St. (802) 875-4288. [innvictoria.com](http://innvictoria.com). [www.innvictoria.com](http://www.innvictoria.com).

**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 every day 10-5 pm, closed Tuesdays. On Rt. 103, just south of town. (802) 875-7400. [Gallery103.com](http://Gallery103.com).

**CRAFTSBURY COMMON.** Community Dinner. On the third Wednesday of every month, we gather for a free community supper. Really; it's free! We have a great time with old and new friends. You don't have to dress up. Just come enjoy the fellowship. 6 pm. United Church of Craftsbury, 7 Church Lane. (802) 586-8028.

**DANBY.** Mountain View Ranch & Sun Bowl Ranch. Horse-drawn wagon rides, all-season trail rides, lessons, boarding, special events. 502 Easy St. off Brook Rd. Call to reserve. (802) 293-5837. [riding@mountainviewranch.biz](mailto:riding@mountainviewranch.biz). [www.mountainviewranch.biz](http://www.mountainviewranch.biz).

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

**DANBY FOUR CORNERS.** Chipman Stables, 33 Danby Pawlet Rd. Trail rides, kid's camps, lessons, boarding & horses for sale. New indoor arena. Open daily, reservations appreciated. (802) 293-5242. [www.chipmanstables.com](http://www.chipmanstables.com).

**EAST CHARLESTON.** NorthWoods Stewardship Center. 1500-acre campus. Programs, workshops and special events in all seasons. Camps and expeditions, wilderness survival, overnight programs, challenge course. Public is welcome. 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 723-6551. [www.northwoodscenter.org](http://www.northwoodscenter.org).

**EAST THETFORD.** Cedar Circle Farm and Education Center. A certified organic, fifty-acre vegetable and berry farm. Farmstand and Hello Coffee Shop (with wireless internet), gardening and cooking classes. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkin Festival October 7. 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. [www.cedarcirclefarm.org](http://www.cedarcirclefarm.org). *Open through October.*

**FERRISBURGH.** Rokeby Museum, a National Historic Landmark. One of the best-documented Underground Railroad sites in the country. The farm was home to authors, abolitionists, and artists. Furnished house and outbuildings, exhibits, tours, hiking trails, and special events. House tours Thurs–Sun 11 am, 12:30 pm, 2 pm. Fee: \$6 adults, \$4 seniors/students, \$2 children 12 and under. Open Tues–Sun, 10 am – 4 pm. Grounds open year round during daylight. Rokeby Museum, Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. [rokeby.org](http://rokeby.org). *Open through October.*

**GLOVER.** Bread & Puppet Museum, Rt. 122. One of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world. Events and exhibits. Open in winter by appointment. Free admission, donations welcome. (802) 525-3031. [www.breadandpuppet.org](http://www.breadandpuppet.org).

**GLOVER.** The Museum of Everyday Life. New exhibition, "Healing Engine of Emergency—the incredible story of the Safety Pin." A self-service museum, open every day from 8 am – 8 pm. At 3482 Dry Pond Rd. (Rt. 16) a short distance south of the Shadow Lake Rd. For more information call (802) 626-4409. [www.museumofeverydaylife.org](http://www.museumofeverydaylife.org).

**GRAFTON.** Grafton Ponds Outdoor Center. A year-round recreation center. Enjoy mountain biking, bike terrain park, hiking, canoeing, swimming and kids camps. 783 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2400. [graftonponds.com](http://graftonponds.com).

**GRAFTON.** Grafton Valley Arts Guild invites you to visit the Cricketers Gallery in historic Grafton Village at 45 Townshend Road. Open Thursday thru Sunday from 10 am – 4 pm. (802) 843-4824. [www.graftonvalleyartsguild.com](http://www.graftonvalleyartsguild.com).

**GRAFTON.** The Nature Museum at Grafton. Exhibits, gift shop, family activities, and special events. Admission: adults \$5, seniors/student \$4, children 3-12 \$3, family \$15. Open Wed. & Sat. 10 am – 4 pm and Sun. 10 am – 1 pm through October. The Nature Museum, 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org).

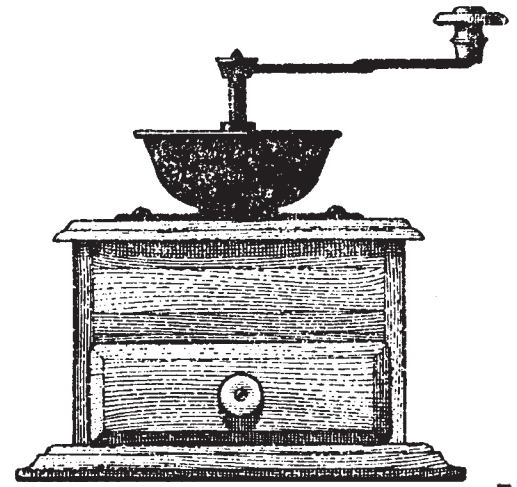
**GRANVILLE, NY.** The Slate Valley Museum. Exhibits, events, demonstrations, programs, First Fridays, and gift shop. Tues-Fri 1-5 pm, Sat 10 am – 4 pm. Admission \$5, under 12 free. Downtown at 17 Water St. (518) 642-1417. [www.slatevalleymuseum.org](http://www.slatevalleymuseum.org).

**HANOVER, NH.** Social Singing from The Sacred Harp. Early American hymns in the shape note tradition. Free and open to the public, no experience necessary, loaner books provided. Not a performance or church function, just fellowship in song. 7-9:30 pm. Hanover Friends Meeting House, 43 Lebanon St. Information: [danhertzler@gmail.com](mailto:danhertzler@gmail.com). *Second Thursdays.*

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

**HUBBARDTON.** Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site. The only Revolutionary War battle fought entirely in Vermont. Adults \$2, 14 and under free. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd, seven miles north of Rt 4. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). *Through October 8.*

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



## Birding Hot Spots in Rutland County

Rutland County Audubon is developing a list of places to go birding in our area—places that are special to us and are representative of the variety of habitats we are fortunate to have in our area.

Aitken State Forest in Mendon is one of these places. It has been monitored by Rutland County Audubon in the past for the Vermont De-

partment of Forests, Parks & Recreation and seventy-five species were tallied. Birding is at its best May through July but it is a pleasant place for a walk at other seasons.

Sixteen species of warblers are present including Nashville, Magnolia, Louisiana Waterthrush, Mourning and Canada warbler. Black-throated Blue War-

blers, American Redstart and Ovenbird are numerous. See Winter Wren and Scarlet Tanager May thru September. Resident species include Ruffed Grouse, Wild Turkey, Downy, Hairy and Pileated woodpeckers, Red-breasted and White-breasted nuthatches, and Brown Creeper.

The area is heavily hunted during deer season; wear orange or avoid the area. The trails to the top of Bald Mountain can be confusing so consult the map on the information kiosk.

*Directions:* Take Killing-



ton Ave. east from the city of Rutland. At the top of the hill, turn right onto Notch Rd. Continue past the intersection with Wheelerville Rd. An information kiosk is on the right with pullouts along the road for parking.

For more information visit *Rutland County Audubon Society's website* at [www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org](http://www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org).

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**HUNTINGTON.** Birds of Vermont Museum. Features over 500 carved wooden birds, representing 259 species. Museum, special events and bird walks, children's programs, gift shop, video, restrooms, refreshments, and trails with maps available. Admission: adult \$6, senior \$5, child 3-17 \$3. 10 am - 4 pm. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. [www.birdsofvermont.org](http://www.birdsofvermont.org). *Through October 31.*

**ISLE LA MOTTE.** St. Anne's Shrine. Historic shrine built in 1893 commemorating the French fort and chapel built in 1666. 92 St. Anne's Rd. (802) 928-3362. [www.saintannesshrine.org](http://www.saintannesshrine.org). *Through October 8.*

**KILLINGTON.** Killington Hay Festival. Giant hay sculptures on display throughout town. (802) 422-2185. *September 1 through October 8.*

**LANDGROVE.** Horse-Drawn Wagon and Carriage Rides. Rides leave on the hour from Landgrove Inn. Call for reservations. (802) 824-4663. [www.karlpfistersleigh.com](http://www.karlpfistersleigh.com).

**LEBANON, NH.** Listen Community Dinner. Nutritious free meals served from 5-5:30 pm every Tuesday and Thursday. At Sacred Heart Church on Hough St. (603) 448-4553. [www.listencs.org](http://www.listencs.org).

**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.

**LEICESTER.** Addison County Farm Animal Homeopathy Study Group. Learn how other farmers are applying homeopathy to their herds or flocks. Discussion includes an in-depth look of at least one remedy, some theory and a case analysis. Meets the first Monday of each month and is open to all levels. 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at Taconic End Farm. For more info call Annie Claghorn, (802) 247-3979. [foxclag@gmail.com](mailto:foxclag@gmail.com).

**LUDLOW.** Fletcher Farms School for the Arts and Crafts. Vermont's oldest residential arts and crafts school. Register for our arts and crafts classes. Woodworking, oil and watercolor painting, kirigami and much more. Registration fee. Craft & Gift Shop open through October 8. Monday-Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, 611 Rt. 103 South. (802) 228-8770. [info@fletcherfarm.org](mailto:info@fletcherfarm.org). [www.fletcherfarm.org](http://www.fletcherfarm.org).

**LYNDONVILLE.** Lyndon Summer Farmers' Market at Lyndonville's Bandstand Park. Fridays 3-6 pm, rain or shine. [lyndonfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:lyndonfarmersmarket@gmail.com). [www.lyndonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.lyndonfarmersmarket.com). *Through October 19.*

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

**MANCHESTER.** Fall Foliage & Revolutionary War Tour. Experience the fall foliage in Vermont while exploring the region's Revolutionary War sites. Your guide will be Dick Smith. 8-passenger tour vehicle. Free map available. Fee. Daily 9:30-11:45 am, September 28 through November 5. Also Southern Vermont Sampler Tour daily 1-4 pm, October 26 through November 18. (802) 362-4997. [bckrddisc@aol.com](mailto:bckrddisc@aol.com). [www.backroaddiscovery.com](http://www.backroaddiscovery.com).

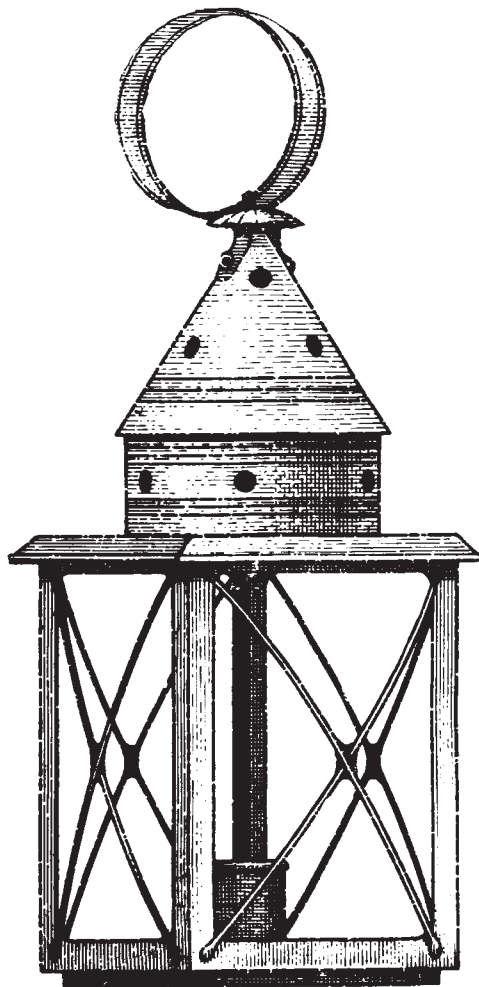
**MANCHESTER.** Boswell Botany Trail. A bucolic wildflower walk, stately white birches, native orchids, grasses and moss, and most of the 67 varieties of fern found in Vermont, all in a unique glacial microclimate. Explored at a leisurely pace by most walkers in a half-hour or less. At Southern Vermont Art Center, off West Rd. (802) 362-1405. [www.svac.org](http://www.svac.org).

**MANCHESTER.** Visit Historic Hildene, the summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln. Special activities, lectures, bird walks, museum store, visitor's center, and walking trails. Holiday programs and wintertime cross-country skiing. Tickets: \$16 adults, \$5 youth under 14, children under 6 free. Grounds pass: \$5 adults, \$3 youth, children under 6 free. Open daily 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Historic Hildene is off Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 362-1788. [info@hildene.org](mailto:info@hildene.org). [www.hildene.org](http://www.hildene.org).

**MARLBORO.** Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. Perched on an overlook—on a clear day the horizon is 100 miles away! See mounted specimens of over 600 native New England birds and mammals, a Raptor Center with live hawks and owls, amphibian and reptile exhibit and fall wildflower exhibit. Hogback Mountain Gift Shop next door. Admission: adults \$5, seniors \$3, children 5-12 \$2, under 5 free. Open seven days a week through October, 10 am - 5 pm. Rt. 9, Hogback Mountain. (802) 464-0048. [www.vermontmuseum.org](http://www.vermontmuseum.org).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Middlebury Farmer's Market. By the falls at the Marble Works. 9 am - 12:30 pm, every Sat. through October and every Wed. through mid-October. (802) 388-0178. [www.middleburyfarmersmarket.org](http://www.middleburyfarmersmarket.org).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Middlebury Arts Walk. Join us on the second Friday of the month through October. More than 40 venues will be displaying art. Stores remain open, becoming galleries displaying the work of dozens of area artists. 5-7 pm. Free admission. Downtown Middlebury. (802) 388-7951 x 2. [www.middleburyartwalk.com](http://www.middleburyartwalk.com). *Through October.*



**MIDDLEBURY.** Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont. The oldest chartered community history museum in the United States, welcoming visitors since 1882. Exhibits, research center, and museum shop. Tues-Sat 10 am - 5 pm, Sun 1-5 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History, 1 Park St. (803) 388-2117. [henrysheldonmuseum.org](http://henrysheldonmuseum.org).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Vermont Folklife Center. Exhibits, gallery, archives & research center, programs, and Heritage Shop. Free admission. Open Mon-Sat, 10 am - 5 pm, Sun 11 am - 4 pm. At 88 Main St., downtown. (802) 388-4964. [info@vermontfolklifecenter.org](mailto:info@vermontfolklifecenter.org). [vermontfolklifecenter.org](http://vermontfolklifecenter.org).

**MONTPELIER.** Capital City Summer Farmers' Market. At corner of State St. & Elm St. in downtown Montpelier. Every Saturday 9 am - 1 pm. (802) 223-2958. [manager@montpelierfarmersmarket.com](mailto:manager@montpelierfarmersmarket.com). [www.montpelierfarmersmarket.com](http://www.montpelierfarmersmarket.com). *Through October.*

**MONTPELIER.** Performance: Hamlet. This adaptation will use only eight actor-fighter-musicians to depict the poetic tragedy. Thurs and Sunday 7 pm, Fri and Saturday 8 pm, Matinees on 10/11 and 10/28 at 2 pm. Lost Nation Theater, 39 Main St. (802) 2290492. [info@lostonationtheater.org](mailto:info@lostonationtheater.org). [www.lostonationtheater.org](http://www.lostonationtheater.org). *October 11-28.*

**MONTPELIER.** Bethany Bowl. A community meal that is free to all. 9 am - 2 pm. At the Fellowship Hall, Bethany Church, 115 Main St. (802) 223-2424. [www.bethanychurchvt.org](http://www.bethanychurchvt.org). [UCCBethany@comcast.net](mailto:UCCBethany@comcast.net). *Every Tuesday.*

**MONTPELIER.** Library Book Sale. Thousands of books, CDs, DVDs, maps, sheet music and more. Books organized by subject for easy browsing. Kellog-Hubbard Library, 135 Main St. (802) 223-3338. [www.kelloghubbard.org](http://www.kelloghubbard.org). *September 10 through October 13. And December 10 through January 12.*

**NORWICH.** Norwich Summer Farmers Market. Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm. Rt. 5, one mile south of Norwich village. (802) 384-7447. [norwichfarmersmarket.org](http://norwichfarmersmarket.org). *Through October.*

**NORWICH.** Social Singing from The Sacred Harp. Early American hymns in the shape note tradition. Free and open to the public, no experience necessary, loaner books provided. 1:30-4:30 pm. Parish Hall of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 262 Main St. For information contact Daniel Hertzler at [danhertzler@gmail.com](mailto:danhertzler@gmail.com). *Fourth Sundays.*

**NORWICH.** Montshire Museum of Science. Exhibits, trails, programs, and museum store open 10 am - 5 pm daily. Admission \$12 adults, \$10 children 2-17, under 2 free. One Montshire Rd. (802) 649-2200. [montshire.org](http://montshire.org).

**NORTH SPRINGFIELD.** Ascutney Mountain Audubon Society North Springfield Kettle Bog. A boreal kettle bog, an artifact of the last glacial age 10,000 years ago. AMAS constructed a boardwalk through the bog. A walking trail leads to and around the bog with many views of both the bog as well as surrounding spruce and pine groves. *Directions:* from Springfield take Rt. 11 west to Riverside Middle School. Turn right onto Fairground Rd. Drive about two miles to a small parking lot on the left side of the road just before the town garage. The short trail to the bog begins at the green sign showing a pitcher plant. For more information e-mail [amas@vermontel.net](mailto:amas@vermontel.net).

## RUTLAND COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY



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(Ongoing events continued)

**ORWELL.** Mount Independence State Historic Site. In 1776, this military complex was one of the largest communities in North America. 300 acres of pasture, woodlands, spectacular vistas of Lake Champlain and trails, some wheelchair accessible. Visitor's Center and Museum with archaeological artifacts. Open daily 9:30 am – 5 pm. Admission: adults \$5, children 14 and under free. On Mount Independence Rd., off Rt. 73. (802) 948-2000. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). *Through October 8.*

**PERU.** The Mountain Adventure Park and Aerial Adventure Park. Open 10:30 am – 5:30 pm, weekends only, through Columbus Day. Bromley Mountain, 3984 Rt. 11, six miles east of Manchester. [www.bromley.com](http://www.bromley.com).

**PITTSFORD.** New England Maple Museum. World's largest maple museum. Antiques, paintings, slide show, folk art exhibits, maple syrup samples. A simulated boiling process, "sap to syrup" is presented all year. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our gift shop. Maple Sugar making demonstration, no charge, from 10:30 am – 3 pm, Wednesdays through October 10. Halloween and Fall Celebration September 15 through October 31. Admission adults \$2.50, children under 12 years 75¢, under 6 free. Open 8:30 am – 5:30 pm daily. New England Maple Museum, 4578 Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. [info@maplemuseum.com](mailto:info@maplemuseum.com). [www.maplemuseum.com](http://www.maplemuseum.com).

**PLAINFIELD.** Monthly Sacred Harp Sing. A free event, with beginners and loaner books available. The second Sunday of every month at 3 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center above the Co-op in Plainfield. For more information, contact Lynnette Combs at (802) 426-3850. [lynnetcombs@gmail.com](mailto:lynnetcombs@gmail.com).

**PLYMOUTH.** President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. Admission: adults \$7.50, children 6-14 \$2, under 6 free, family pass \$20. 9:30 am – 5 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. [www.plymouthfolk.com](http://www.plymouthfolk.com). [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). *Open through October 14.*

**POULTNEY.** Free Historical Audio Walking & Driving Tours. View and learn about Main Street Poultney, East Poultney Village, and the Quarries, Farms & Forests. (802) 287-5252, (802) 287-2010. [www.poultneyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.poultneyhistoricalsociety.org). [www.poultneyvt.com](http://www.poultneyvt.com).

**POULTNEY.** Farmers Market. Fresh seasonal vegetables, fruits, meat, cheese, and everything maple. Thursdays 9 am – 2 pm all along Main St. For info call Kris at (802) 468-5805. [vtfarmersmarket.org](http://vtfarmersmarket.org). *Through late October.*

**PUTNEY.** Green Mountain Orchards Farm Store. PYO and already-picked local apples, plums and pears. Homemade apple pies, cider, cookies, and baked goods. Horse-drawn wagon rides on the weekends in the fall. 130 West Hill Rd. (exit 4, I-91), look for signs in Putney Village. (802) 387-5851. [www.greenmtorchards.com](http://www.greenmtorchards.com).

**QUECHEE.** Vermont Institute of Natural Science Nature Center. Exhibits, programs, nature trail, nature store. Admission: adults \$10.50, seniors \$9.50, youth (3-18) \$8.50, children 3 and under free. 10 am – 5:30 pm, 7 days a week. VINS Nature Center, 6565 Woodstock Rd., Rt. 4, 1/4 mile west of Quechee Gorge. (802) 359-5000. [info@vinsweb.org](mailto:info@vinsweb.org). [www.vinsweb.org](http://www.vinsweb.org).

**RANDOLPH CENTER.** Turkey Hill Farm. Farmer's Kitchen cooking classes. Farm skills workshops. Spacious farm-stay apartment for short-term stays. Chapter meetings for the Weston A. Price Foundation. Stuart and Margaret Osha, 55 Turkey Hill Rd. (802) 728-7064. [localfood@turkeyhillfarmvt.com](mailto:localfood@turkeyhillfarmvt.com). [turkeyhillfarmvt.com](http://turkeyhillfarmvt.com).

**ROCHESTER.** Art Exhibits. BigTown Gallery, 99 N. Main St. (802) 767-9670. [www.bigtowngallery.com](http://www.bigtowngallery.com).

**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. [info@merckforest.org](mailto:info@merckforest.org). [www.merckforest.org](http://www.merckforest.org).

**RUTLAND.** Rutland Downtown Farmers Market. Depot Park across from Walmart at Merchants Row. Saturdays 9 am – 2 pm. (802) 753-7269. [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org). [www.rutlandcountymarket.org](http://www.rutlandcountymarket.org). *Open Saturdays through October 27.*

**RUTLAND.** The Chaffee Art Center. Rutland Area Art Association. Exhibits, classes, workshops, open studio evenings, gift shop. Fifth Annual Photography Contest, Oct 5 – Nov 2. Art in the Park Oct 6-7. Gallery open Tues-Sat 10 am to 5 pm. 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. [www.chaffeeartcenter.org](http://www.chaffeeartcenter.org).

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

**SAXTONS RIVER.** Main Street Arts. Concerts, workshops, lectures, and classes for adults, teens, and children. Something for every interest. (802) 869-2960. [www.mainstreetarts.org](http://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. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org).

**SOUTH BURLINGTON.** UVM Apple Sales. \$1.25 per pound for all fruit. IPM fruit and Certified Organic crop, available only while our limited supplies last. Every Friday through October from 10 am to 4 pm at the UVM Horticulture Research Center, Green Mountain Dr. off Rt. 7 3.5 miles north of Shelburne Village. For info call Terry Bradshaw at (802) 658-9166 or [tbradsha@uvm.edu](mailto:tbradsha@uvm.edu). *Through October.*

**SOUTH WALLINGFORD.** Line Dancing every Tuesday. Beginners and experienced. \$5 per person, snack bar available. 6:30 pm at the Maple Valley Grange Hall, Rt. 7. (802) 446-2872. [www.wallingfordvt.com](http://www.wallingfordvt.com).

**SPRINGFIELD.** Stellafane. A place and an organization devoted to amateur astronomy, founded by Russell W. Porter in 1923, and considered by many to be the "Birthplace of Amateur Telescope Making." Home to The Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc., an active amateur astronomy and telescope-making club that sponsors many events, classes, activities, and an August convention. Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc., PO Box 601, Springfield, VT 05156. [Webmaster@Stellafane.com](mailto:Webmaster@Stellafane.com). [www.stellafane.com](http://www.stellafane.com).

**SPRINGFIELD.** Eleanor Ellis/Springweather Nature Area. Overlooks North Springfield Lake. Reservoir Rd, off Rt 106 (Exit 7, I-91), turn at the sign for North Springfield Lake. Free to the public. (802) 263-5321. [weathersfieldvt.org](http://weathersfieldvt.org).

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain and Dog Chapel. Fall Dog Fest on Sunday, October 7. Free. Open Mon-Sat 10 am – 4 pm and Sun 11 am – 4 pm. The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. off Spaulding Rd. (802) 748-2700. [info@dogmt.com](mailto:info@dogmt.com). [www.dogmt.com](http://www.dogmt.com).

**STATEWIDE.** Apple Harvest—Pick For Your Neighbor. A partnership program between the Vermont Foodbank, the Agency of Agriculture and the Vermont Tree Fruit Growers Association. Pick and purchase extra apples for donation to the Foodbank. (802) 477-4125. For a list of orchards go to [www.vtfoodbank.org](http://www.vtfoodbank.org). *Through October 21.*

**STRAFFORD.** Justin Smith Morrill Homestead State Historic Site. Admission: adults \$5, children 14 and under free. Saturday and Sunday 11 am – 5 pm. 214 Justin Morrill Highway. (802) 828-3051. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). *Thru October 8.*

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Big Head Todd & The Monsters	10/6/2012
Weird Al Yankovic: The Apocalypse Tour	10/21/2012
Keb' Mo'	11/7/2012
Arlo Guthrie: A Tribute to Woody Guthrie's	
100th Birthday	11/11/2012
Eddie Money	2/2/2013
Vermont Symphony Orchestra featuring Peter Yarrow:	
Songs of Freedom	4/6/2013
Tommy Dorsey Orchestra	4/26/2013

### COMEDY SERIES

Norm Macdonald	9/23/2012
Bob Newhart	10/5/2012
Ralphie May	10/19/2012
Ron White: Moral Compass Tour	11/14/2012
Brewhaha III	11/24/2012
John Pinette	1/19/2013
The Capitol Steps	2/1/2013

### FAMILY SERIES

New York Theatre Ballet: The Nutcracker	11/30/2012
Tap Dogs	12/7/2012
Popovich Comedy Pet Theatre	2/8/2013
The Peking Acrobats	3/1/2013
Celtic Nights	3/15/2013
The Ugly Duckling	4/13/2013

### THEATRE SERIES

Vermont Broadway National Tour Premiere of Rock of Ages	9/4-5/2012
National Broadway Tour of Titanic The Musical	9/25/2012
Middlebury Actor's Workshop: Richard III	11/9/2012
Opera Theatre of Weston: Noye's Fludde	1/6/2013
The Full Monty - Directed by Saskia Hagen Groom	2/15-16/2013
National Broadway Tour of Fiddler On The Roof	4/19/2013

### PASSAGES AT THE PARAMOUNT

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Mixt Ensemble	10/27/2012
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Veit Hertenstein	4/14/2013

## Gathering of the Clans

### 24th Annual Poultney Area St. David's Society Gymanfu Ganu—Welsh Hymn Sing Sunday, October 7th

At the United Baptist Church, On the Green, East Poultney, VT

An afternoon in memory of Poultney native of Welsh heritage, George Jones (co-founder of the New York Times). A charity event for United Baptist Church's restoration fund. Free will offering. All are welcome.

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**VERGENNES.** Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Field trips, shipwreck tours, programs, special events, museum store. Replica 1776 gunboat Philadelphia II, Nautical Archeology Center, Key to Liberty exhibit, replica 1862 Lois McClure schooner, Steam to Gasoline exhibit. Lake Champlain through the Lens—A Juried Photography Show from *September 2–October 13*. Admission: adult \$10, seniors \$8, students 5-17 \$6, under 5 free. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. (802) 475-2022. [www.lcmm.org](http://www.lcmm.org). *Through October 14*.

**WEATHERSFIELD.** Weathersfield Trail, Cascade Falls Rd. Of 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](http://www.weathersfieldvt.org).

**WELLS.** Wells Village Farmers Market. Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm. At the Wells Country Store on Rt. 30. (802) 325-3478.

**WEST BRATTLEBORO.** Tasha Tudor Museum. On Exhibit through October 20: For the Love of Frocks—Tasha Tudor's Favorite Dresses. Admission: adults \$5, children 6-12 and seniors over 65 \$3. Children under 5 free. Open Wednesday-Saturday 11 am – 4 pm. Also open free the first Friday of the month for Gallery Walk 4-7 pm. Located in the Jeremiah Beal House at 974 Western Ave. (802) 258-6564. [www.tashatudormuseum.org](http://www.tashatudormuseum.org). *Open through October 20*.

**WEST NEWBURY.** Eastern Square Dance. Traditional singing squares, waltzes, polkas, foxtrots, two-steps, Virginia Reel, Portland Fancy, Paul Jones, others. All dances taught. With Adam Boyce, fiddler/caller, Donna Weston on piano. Admission by donation, all ages welcome. 8 pm at the Community Hall at 219 Tyler Farm Rd. (802) 429-2316 or [adamboyce@juno.com](mailto:adamboyce@juno.com). *Fourth Saturdays*.

**WEST PAWLET.** West Pawlet Community Farmers Market. Every Friday from 4-7 pm, indoors and outdoors, year-round. West Pawlet Fish & Game Club (next to the Post Office), 2849 Rt. 153. [wpcfmk@gmail.com](mailto:wpcfmk@gmail.com).

**WEST RUTLAND.** Reiki Healings. Herbal remedies and teas, crystals and stones. Vermont Herbal General Store, 518 Main St. (802) 438-2766. [www.vermonthherbal.com](http://www.vermonthherbal.com).

**WEST RUTLAND.** Home Buyer Education Classes. Call for schedule. NeighborWorks office at 110 Marble St. (802) 438-2303 x 216. [www.nwvvt.org](http://www.nwvvt.org).

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Public Sitting Meditation. Free meditation instruction is available at most of these times: Tues 5:30-6:30 pm, Thurs 12-1 pm, Sun 9 am – 12 pm. Shambhala Meditation Center of White River, 158 S. Main St. (802) 785-4304. [whiteriver.shambhala.org](http://whiteriver.shambhala.org).

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Main Street Museum. A small, public collection of curiosities and artifacts, each one significant and telling a story about human beings and the universe we are part of. Open Thurs-Sun 1-6 pm. Parking adjacent to the rear of the building. Located at 58 Bridge St., Studio 6, near the underpass. (802) 356-2776. [info@mainstreetmuseum.org](mailto:info@mainstreetmuseum.org). [mainstreetmuseum.org](http://mainstreetmuseum.org).

**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. (802) 295-5804. [Kye@uppervalleyfood.coop](mailto:Kye@uppervalleyfood.coop). [www.uppervalleyfood.coop](http://www.uppervalleyfood.coop).

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Listen Community Dinner. Free nutritious meals served 5-6 pm every Monday and Wednesday. Take-home available. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 749 Hartford Ave. (603) 398-2780. [www.listencs.org](http://www.listencs.org).

**WILMINGTON.** Scenic Horseback Trail Rides. \$25/40 minutes. Children over 6 can ride alone. Pont rides for younger children. Year round by reservation. Flames Stables, Rt. 100 south. (802) 464-8329.

**WINDSOR.** Sculpture in the Garden Show. Regional sculptors from Vermont and New Hampshire will be exhibiting in the gardens in a Ggroup summer sculpture show. Open Thurs. thru Sun. 10 am – 6 pm. Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery, 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. [flowers@ciderhillgardens.com](mailto:flowers@ciderhillgardens.com). [www.ciderhillgardens.com](http://www.ciderhillgardens.com). *Through October 28*.

**WINDSOR.** Exhibit: The Whimsical World of Delevante (1894-1984). Famed American artist, educator, and poet. Admission free. Open Tuesday – Friday 11 am – 5 pm, Saturday 11 am – 3 pm, and by appointment. Nuance Gallery, 85 Main St. (802) 674-9616. *Through November 3*.

**WINDSOR.** Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery. Meander through well-established display gardens nestled within our wild apple orchard, woodlands and fields. Open Thurs-Sun 10 am – 6 pm, through October. At 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. [flowers@ciderhillgardens.com](mailto:flowers@ciderhillgardens.com). [www.garymilek.com](http://www.garymilek.com). [ciderhillgardens.com](http://ciderhillgardens.com).

**WINDSOR.** Old Constitution House State Historic Site. The restored Old Constitution House looks as it did more than 200 years ago. See an exhibit recounting the writing of the most progressive constitution of its time. Open 11 am – 5 pm, Sat-Sun. Admission: adults \$2.50, children 14 & under are free. 16 N. Main St. (802) 672-3773. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). *Through October 8*.

**WINDSOR.** American Precision Museum. Peruse many historical and interesting exhibits and collections. Admission: adults \$6, students \$4, under 6 free, family \$18. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. 196 Main St. (802) 674-5781. [www.americanprecision.org](http://www.americanprecision.org). *Through October 31*.

**WILMINGTON.** Adams Farm. Horse-drawn wagon rides to the trout pond and around the farm. Evening wagon rides and bonfire. Saturday and Sunday morning fishing without a license in our own trout pond. Tour the livestock barn, see the animals, and visit the farm store. Special events. Call for rates and reservations. Adams Farm, Higley Hill Rd. (802) 464-3762. [www.adamsfamilyfarm.com](http://www.adamsfamilyfarm.com).

**WOODSTOCK.** Billings Farm & Museum. Premiere Jersey dairy farm, restored 1890 farmhouse, family programs, wagon rides, special events and museum. Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. Open daily. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [billingsfarm.org](http://billingsfarm.org).

**WOODSTOCK.** Woodstock Market on the Green. Downtown on Rt. 4. Wednesdays 3-6 pm. Market manager: Lalita Karoli (802) 457-2508. [lalita@karoli.com](mailto:lalita@karoli.com). [www.woodstockvt.com](http://www.woodstockvt.com). *Wednesdays through October 10*.

**WOODSTOCK.** 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Mt. Tom Farmers Market. Handicap accessible, restrooms available, free parking. Saturdays 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Mt. Tom parking lot on Rt. 12 North. [foxxfarm@aol.com](mailto:foxxfarm@aol.com). [www.mttomfarmersmarket.com](http://www.mttomfarmersmarket.com). *Saturdays through October 13*.

**WOODSTOCK.** First Run Movies at the Woodstock Town Hall Theatre. Old-fashioned big-screen movie-going experience with state-of-the-art Dolby surround sound. Adults \$8, seniors \$7, students \$6. Famous maple popcorn! (802) 457-3981. [www.pentanglearts.org](http://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) 457-2557.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Annual Manchester Fall Art & Craft Festival. Over 180 juried artisans. Crafts, art, live music, and an array of gourmet treats Admission \$10, 12 and under free. 10 am – 5 pm. At the Fields at Riley Rink, 410 Hunter Park Rd. off Rt. 7 north of town. (802) 425-3399. [www.craftproducers.com](http://www.craftproducers.com). *Through September 30*.

**STOWE.** Stowe Rotary's Oktoberfest. Free Friday night "Rocktoberfest" concert, Saturday grand parade, and two days of oompah bands, authentic Bavarian food, microbrew beer, and singing and dancing! Silent auctions, raffles, a "bouncy-haus" and kids' games. (802) 253-4788. [stowerotary.com](http://stowerotary.com). *Through September 30*.

**TINMOUTH.** Contra Dance. \$9 adults, \$7 teens, \$3 for 12 and under. 8 pm at Tinmouth Community Center, 573 Rt. 140. (802) 446-2458. [tinmouthvt.org](http://tinmouthvt.org).

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**BENNINGTON.** Chicken Pie Dinner. Homemade chicken pie topped with homemade biscuits, mashed potatoes, gravy, mashed winter squash, apple cabbage salad, orange-cranberry relish, more biscuits and warm apple crisp with real whipped cream. \$12 for adults, \$5 for children under 13 and children under 3 are free. Two seatings at 5:15 and 6:30 pm. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 200 Pleasant St. For reservations email [office@stpetersvt.org](mailto:office@stpetersvt.org) or call between 9 am – 1 pm. (802) 442-2911.

**BARRE.** "Forty and Farewell" Final Concert with Banjo Dan and the Mid-Nite Plowboys. Tickets \$20/\$18. 8 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 North Main St. (802) 476-8188. [www.barreoperahouse.org](http://www.barreoperahouse.org).

**BRANDON.** HarvestFest—Make Your Own Leaf People. Hayrides and pumpkins, Lion's Club delicious grill, Brandon Rotary Club will have their famous apple pies, and St. Mary's brings lots of treats. The first "Harvest Person" per family is free of charge. After that, they are only \$5 each. 10 am – 1 pm. Central Park. (802) 247-6401. [www.brandon.org](http://www.brandon.org).

**CHESTER.** Vermont Gun & Knife Show. Antiques & collectibles, free appraisals, buying, selling, and trading. Admission. Open to the public. Free parking. Sat 9 am – 5 pm, Sun 9 am – 3 pm. American Legion #67, Rt. 103. (802) 875-4540, (802) 380-8351. [greenmtgunshowtrail.com](http://greenmtgunshowtrail.com). *Also September 30*.

**EAST BURKE.** 25th Annual Burke Fall Foliage Festival. Parade, Rubber Duck Race, live music, kid's area with a jump house, face painting, craft show, beer and wine tent and more! Musical performers include the Crunchy Western Boys and Chickweed featuring Linda Warnaar. 9 am – 3 pm. [www.burkevermont.com](http://www.burkevermont.com).

**EAST CHARLESTON.** NorthWoods Peak Weekend & Peakbaggers Potluck. Simultaneous coordinated hikes, led by experienced trip leaders. Potluck dinner to showcase the day's activities. Enjoy good food, view a slideshow presentation, and win prizes. Fee. Call to reserve. NorthWoods Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 723-6551. [www.northwoodscenter.org](http://www.northwoodscenter.org). *Also September 30*.

**JAMAICA.** White Water Release. This semi-annual event creates great condition for many kayakers and canoeists from all over New England. Every spring and fall, there is a water release on the West River from Ball Mountain Dam. Jamaica State Park. (802) 874-4600. [www.vtstateparks.com](http://www.vtstateparks.com).

**LYME, NH.** Flea Market on the Lyme Common. Find Bargains or set up your booth. Sponsored by the Lyme Boy Scout Troop 273. 9 am – 4 pm. (603) 795-2897.

**MANCHESTER.** Art on the Hill. SVAC's largest free family event is a day packed with fun art-related activities, live music, food, a raffle, and access to all SVAC exhibitions. Southern Vermont Art Center. 11 am – 3 pm. Southern Vermont Arts Center, West Rd. (802) 362-1405. [www.svac.org](http://www.svac.org).

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Annual Manchester Fall Art & Craft Festival. Over 180 juried artisans. Handmade contemporary and traditional crafts, original art, live music, and gourmet edible treats Admission \$10, 12 and under free. 10 am – 5 pm. At the Fields at Riley Rink, 410 Hunter Park Rd. off Rt. 7 north of town. (802) 425-3399. [www.craftproducers.com](http://www.craftproducers.com). *Also September 30*.

**NEWPORT.** First Foliage Festival in Newport. A great ChiliFest contest, wonderful music with Patrick Ross, Bow Thayer and Jean Nil Theroux, crafts fair at the Gateway, poetry at MAC, bounce houses, and lots more. Downtown Newport. [www.vtnorthcountry.org](http://www.vtnorthcountry.org).

**POULTNEY.** Fall Fair. Sponsored by the Vermont Farmers Market. Held in conjunction with the Chili Cook-Off held on Main Street. 8 am – 2 pm. [vtfarmersmarket.org](http://vtfarmersmarket.org).

**RUTLAND.** Concert: Bruce Hornsby. Tickets: \$32.50-45.50. 8 pm. Brick Box, Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [www.paramountvt.org](http://www.paramountvt.org).

**RUTLAND.** Rutland Downtown Farmers Market. Depot Park across from Walmart at Merchants Row. 9 am – 2 pm. (802) 753-7269. [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org). [rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org](http://rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org). *Saturdays thru October 27*.

**SOUTH STRAFFORD.** Open Farm Day. Visit a beautiful working farm home to 50+ alpacas including this year's spectacular crop of babies. Alpaca products and refreshments. 10 am – 4 pm. Vermont Alpaca Company, 18 Justin Morrill Memorial Hwy. (802) 765-9639. [www.VermontAlpacaCo.com](http://www.VermontAlpacaCo.com).

**VERGENNES.** Archaeology Weekend. Meet archaeologists and share hands-on presentations about shipwrecks. Adults \$10, seniors \$9, students 5-17 \$6, under 5 free. 10 am – 5 pm. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd., (adjacent to historic Basin Harbor Club). (802) 475-2022. [lcmm.org](http://lcmm.org). *Also September 30*

**WOODSTOCK.** Vermont Fine Furniture & Woodworking Festival. Watch traditional woodworking demonstrations and visit vendors. Local food, live music, kids' activities and more! Explore the forest at the Forest Festival at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park. Admission \$10. 10 am – 5 pm. Union Arena at Woodstock Union High School, Rt. 4. (802) 747-7900. [www.vermontwoodfestival.org](http://www.vermontwoodfestival.org). *Also September 30*.

**WOODSTOCK.** Pumpkin & Apple Celebration. Hands-on programs will highlight these two essential fall crops, including apple tasting, cider pressing, pumpkin bowling, apples-on-a-string, making pumpkin & apple ice cream, cooking apple butter in the farmhouse, and horse-drawn wagon rides. Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org). *Also September 30*.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

**BROWNINGTON.** Cheese & Apple Tasting at the Old Stone House Museum. Heirloom vegetable exhibit and contest, apple pressing, presentations on cheese making and apple varieties. Local food producers will give tastes and sell their products around the Samuel Read Hall House. 11 am – 3 pm. \$8 per person, under 9 and over 90 free. At the Old Stone House Museum. (802) 754-2022. [www.oldstonehousemuseum.org](http://www.oldstonehousemuseum.org).

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# Vermont Country Calendar

(September 30, continued)

**SHOREHAM.** Champlain Orchards Fall Concert. Your picking will be serenaded by a trio of members from Atlantic Crossing. Bring a picnic lunch, or grab some local products from our Farm Market and enjoy this free concert all afternoon. 1-3:30 pm. Champlain Orchards, 3597 VT Route 74 W. (802) 897-2777. [champlainorchards.com](http://champlainorchards.com).

**WALLINGFORD.** Annual Harvest Supper—Country Ham Dinner. Menu includes Wallingford Locker ham, raisin sauce, creamy potatoes, baked beans, garden salad, corn bread, rolls, homemade pies, along with coffee, iced tea or apple cider for \$10 adult and \$5 child (under 7 eat free). Take out orders available. Sponsored by Ladies Aid of the First Congregational Church. 5-7 pm. 189 South Main St.

**WOODSTOCK.** Pumpkin & Apple Celebration. Apple tasting, cider pressing, pumpkin bowling, apples-on-a-string, making pumpkin & apple ice cream, cooking apple butter in the farmhouse, and wagon rides. Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

**CASTLETON.** 18th Annual Made in Vermont Music Festival Concert. With the Vermont Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$26 adults, \$22 seniors, \$13 students. 7 pm. Castleton State College Fine Arts Center. For tickets call (802) 863-5966 or visit [www.flynnitix.org](http://www.flynnitix.org). For info call (800) 876-9293 x 10. [www.vso.org](http://www.vso.org).

**WALDEN.** Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Registration at 9 am at the Walden Methodist Church with coffee & donuts. Exhibits, crafts and a myriad of farm animals, large and small, country music, small home businesses, tours. Homemade soup and sandwich lunch. Barbecue Beef Supper at 5:30 pm, \$12. For supper reservations call (802) 533-7122. For information call (802) 563-2777, (800) 639-6379. [www.nekchamber.com](http://www.nekchamber.com).

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

**CABOT.** Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Coffee Hour 9 am in the Cabot School Gym. Tour old school houses, craft shops, the library and Cabot Creamery. Crafts, hayride musical, play, and hike to Nicols Ledge. Corn chowder and chili luncheon (adults \$6, children \$2.50) at Cabot Church. Turkey dinner (adults \$10, children \$5) at the Cabot School. For tickets call (802) 563-2715. For info call (800) 639-6379. [www.nekchamber.com](http://www.nekchamber.com).

**SHELBURNE.** Farming Workshop: Wind Tunnel Production and Season Extension. Bread and Butter Farm harvests kale, chard, spinach, cilantro and other crops from their high tunnel all year long. In this workshop, Corie Pierce will explain the four keys to winter hoop house production. Vern Grubinger will answer questions. Fee: \$20. 3-5 pm. Bread and Butter Farm. (802) 434-4122. [info@nofavt.org](mailto:info@nofavt.org). [nofavt.org](http://nofavt.org).

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

**PLAINFIELD.** Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Coffee Hour at 9 am at Grace United Methodist Church. Foliage tours, see Barre granite quarries, glass blowers at work, taste wine at Grandview Winery, see scenic spots and a hike to Owls Head with a bag lunch. Crafts, baked goods, and jewelry for sale. Cafeteria-style luncheon, \$5. Barbecued Chicken, Mostaccioli and Baked Bean Supper, \$12. For tickets call (802) 454-7301. For info call (800) 639-6379. [www.nekchamber.com](http://www.nekchamber.com).

**RICHMOND.** 64th Annual Richmond Congregational Church Chicken Pie Supper. Chicken pie, mashed potatoes, squash, and cole slaw, with apple or pumpkin pie. Seatings at 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 pm. Richmond Congregational Church, 20 Church St. Reservations required. Call (802) 434-2516. [www.rccucc.org](http://www.rccucc.org).

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

**BRANDON.** Jazz Night at Brandon Music: Philip Hamilton Group. Early bird dinner special, with our chef's award-winning chili, cornbread and a home-baked dessert of choice, from 4-6 pm (last seating 5:30). Reservations required and the cost for dinner and concert is \$22. The cafe menu available. 7:30 pm. Call for tickets. Brandon Music Café at Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. [brandon-music.net](http://brandon-music.net). *Thursdays through October 25.*

**MONTPELIER.** David Budbill Reading. Vermont author David Budbill will participate in the Vermont ACLU's Banned Books Week. Free admission. 7-8 pm. Christ Church Episcopal. For more information contact Andrea Warnke at (802) 223-6304 x 114. [info@acluvt.org](mailto:info@acluvt.org). [www.davidbudbill.com](http://www.davidbudbill.com).

**PEACHAM.** Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Registration and arts and crafts sale, 9 am to 3 pm at the Peacham Town Hall. Tickets for lunch, ghost walk and dinner can be picked up. Exhibits at Blacksmith Shop and Historical House. Peacham Library book sale from 9 am to 4 pm. Scenic bus tour at 10:15 am, \$3. Lunch at Elementary School 11 am to 1:30 pm, \$6. Northern Skies Observatory open 11 am to 2 pm. Ghost walk at 2 pm, \$4. Harp music in Church sanctuary 4 pm to 6 pm. Spaghetti Supper at church, seatings at 5 & 6:30 pm, adults \$10, children \$5, under 6 free. For info call (802) 592-3320. (800) 639-6379. [www.nekchamber.com](http://www.nekchamber.com).

**WATERBURY CENTER.** Chicken Pie Supper. Menu: chicken pie, mashed potatoes, squash, cole slaw, apple or pumpkin pie, and beverages. Tickets: adults \$10, children 3-10 \$5. Seatings at 12 noon, 5 & 6 pm. Waterbury Center Community Church, Rt. 100. Tickets call (802) 244-8955.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

**BARNET.** Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Pancake Breakfast at the Barnet Center vestry 8 am to 12 noon. Arts & crafts, wagon rides, bus tour between Ben Thresher's Mill, the Sunset Alpaca Farm, the Walter Harvey Meeting House. Arts & crafts at the McIndoes Church, with a soup and sandwich lunch served starting at 11:30 am. European Coffee Hour from 1-4 pm at West Barnet Church. Ham Dinner at Barnet Center vestry, 4 pm till all are served, \$10. For reservations call (802) 633-2242. For info call (802) 633-4397. (800) 639-6379. [www.nekchamber.com](http://www.nekchamber.com).

**BRANDON.** Concert: The Davydov-Fanning Duo. A piano and cello benefit concert. Tickets \$15. 7 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. [www.brandon-music.net](http://www.brandon-music.net).

**BROWNINGTON.** Hearth Dinner at the Old Stone House Museum. With instructor Susanna Bowman, you will prepare and enjoy recipes and hearth techniques. Cost is \$45 per person or \$75 per couple. 5 pm. Old Stone House Museum, 109 Stone House Rd. (802) 754-2022. [information@oldstonehousemuseum.org](mailto:information@oldstonehousemuseum.org). [www.oldstonehousemuseum.org](http://www.oldstonehousemuseum.org).

**DANVILLE.** Dead North—Farmland of Terror—at the Great Vermont Corn Maze. Wagon rides, and a ½ mile walk of terror through a haunted cornfield and village buildings. Buy your tickets from the website. 7:30 pm. The Great Vermont Corn Maze, 1404 Wheelock Rd. (802) 748-1399. [www.vermontcornmaze.com](http://www.vermontcornmaze.com). *Also October 6, 12, 13.*

**RUTLAND.** Performance: Comedian Bob Newhart. Tickets \$69.50-\$89.50. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [www.paramountvt.org](http://www.paramountvt.org).

**STOWE.** The Stowe Foliage Arts Festival. 180 artists and artisans, live music, craft demos, fabulous food. Admission \$10, children 12 and under are free. 10 am – 5 pm. At Stowe Events Field, at Mayo Farm on Weeks Rd. (802) 253-7321. [www.craftproducers.com](http://www.craftproducers.com). *Thru October 7.*

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Concert: Professor Louie & The Crowmatix. Enjoy a night of their rompin stompin' roots rock, sweet ballads and roadhouse blues. Tickets: \$20. 8 pm. Tupelo Music Hall, 188 S. Main St. (802) 698-8341. [www.tupelohallvermont.com](http://www.tupelohallvermont.com).

## Davydov-Fanning Duo to Perform in Brandon

Brandon Music presents Diana Fanning, piano, and Dieuwke Davydov, cello, in a concert on October 5, 2012 at 7 p.m. The concert benefits the Compass Music and Arts Foundation in Brandon, VT. The internationally-acclaimed Davydov-Fanning Duo will present a program featuring colorful and exciting works, including Janacek's "Pohadka—A Fairy Tale," Shostakovich's Sonata for Cello and Piano, three Intermezzi by Johannes Brahms, and Brahms' Sonata in E Minor for Piano and Cello.

Compass Music and Arts Foundation is a new and developing non-profit organization striving to be a foremost venue in Vermont for all types of music and artistic media. The foundation is dedicated to enriching life through a deeper appreciation of music and the literary, performing and visual arts.

Fanning and Davydov have been lauded in the U.S. and abroad for their brilliant virtuosity, musical insight and remarkable rapport as a duo. Davydov and Fanning were presented in a Carnegie Recital Hall debut after winning the prestigious Concert Artists Guild International Competition in New York City. They have performed on the Morning Pro Musica Live Performers Series over WGBH-FM, on the

Artists Series on WNYC, New York, and on Vermont Public Radio. Their extensive European concert tours have included recordings for Radio Netherlands. The duo is planning its seventh tour of Europe in spring 2014.

Diana Fanning has toured extensively throughout the U.S. and in Europe. She has been a guest artist with the Takacs and Jupiter String Quartets and has performed as a concerto soloist on numerous occasions with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra. Vermont Public Television featured her in a program of works by Scarlatti, Ravel and Chopin. Her CD of works by Chopin, Janacek and Debussy has received enthusiastic reviews in the U.S. and in England. She is an Affiliate Artist at Middlebury College.

"Wonderful temperament, superb style, grace and virtuosic ease" are some of the superlatives used to describe the playing of cellist Dieuwke Davydov. A native of Holland, she graduated from the Amsterdam Conservatory, won first prize in the Jeunesse Musicale International Competition in London, and came to the U.S. for graduate work at Juilliard. She has performed widely throughout the U.S. and in Europe and recently gave a series of master classes, recitals and concerts as a soloist with the Nairobi Symphony Orchestra in Kenya, Africa. Davydov plays with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, is a founder of the Champlain Philharmonic Orchestra, and is an Affiliate Artist at Middlebury College.

Brandon Music is located at 62 Country Club Rd. in Brandon, VT. Tickets are \$15. For information or tickets, call (802) 465-4071 or [emailinfo@brandon-music.net](mailto:emailinfo@brandon-music.net). Visit [www.brandon-music.net](http://www.brandon-music.net).



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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

**ADDISON.** 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dead Creek Wildlife Day. Do you enjoy fishing, hunting, bird watching, and learning about nature? Then round up your family, grab your binoculars and come celebrate the incredibly diverse wildlife at Dead Creek. Wildlife demonstrations, guided nature walks, exhibits, nature arts and crafts, plus lots of family fun activities will fill the day. Free admission. 7 am – 4 pm. Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Rt. 17W. (802) 241-3700. [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com).

**BELMONT.** Roast Beef Dinner. Roast beef with all the fixings and home-baked pies for dessert. At the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont with settings starting at 5 pm and 6 pm. Served family style. Admission \$10 adults and \$5 children 11 years and under. For more information call (802) 259-3445.

**CHESTER.** Community Breakfast. Menu: bacon, sausage, eggs, homefries, pancakes, all the fixings, and beverages, buffet style from 8-10 am. \$5 donation at the door. The Green Mtn. Express hosts a round and square dance from 7-11pm. Refreshments are sold in the kitchen. 50/50 tickets are on sale. \$5 donation at the door. At Gassetts Grange, jct. of Rts. 10 & 103N. For more information call Dave at (802) 875-2637.

**DANVILLE.** Dead North—Farmland of Terror—at the Great Vermont Corn Maze. Buy your tickets from the website. 7:30 pm. The Great Vermont Corn Maze, 1404 Wheelock Rd. (802) 748-1399. [www.vermontcornmaze.com](http://www.vermontcornmaze.com). Also October 12 & 13.

**GROTON.** Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Lumberjack Breakfast at the Methodist Church, 8-10 am. Library book sale, McLure's Band, light lunch at the Food Court, parade at 1:30 pm, Peter Paul Historical House. Old-fashioned hymn sing, Methodist Church, 8 pm. World famous chicken pie supper \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. You must make reservations, call (802) 584-3020. For info call (800) 639-6379. [nekchamber.com](http://nekchamber.com).

**HARDWICK.** Annual Fall Foliage Craft Fair. 9 am – 5 pm. Hardwick Elementary School, 135 S. Main St. [www.heartofvt.com](http://www.heartofvt.com).

**HUBBARDTON.** Hubbardton Forge Tent Sale and Working Forge Demonstration. Sat 9 am – 4 pm, Sun 9 am – 3 pm. Hubbardton Forge, 154 Rt. 30 South. (800) 826-4766. Also October 7.

**MANCHESTER.** Concert: A Night at the Hop. From 1955 to 1961 Dave Somerville's voice defined the sound of The Diamonds with "Silhouettes," and "Why Do Fools Fall in Love." Special guests The Chiffons, famous for "One Fine Day," and "He's So Fine." Tickets \$48/\$40. Southern Vermont Arts Center. (802) 362-1405. [www.svac.org](http://www.svac.org).

**ORWELL.** 1777—A Mount Independence Year. In honor of the 235<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mount, site interpreter and historian Paul Andriscin presents an illustrated program on the happenings of 1777. Fee: \$5, 14 and under free. 1 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site. On Mount Independence Rd., off Rt. 73. (802) 948-2000. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

**PUTNEY.** 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Bowls Benefit Community Dinner. Supports the Brattleboro Area Drop In Center. Enjoy a meal, live music, and you may keep your bowl to take home. \$25 donation. Seatings at 5 & 6:30 pm at the dining hall at Landmark College, 1 River Rd. South. (802) 257-2005.

**RUPERT.** George Van Hook Open House and Reception. Plein air artist, Van Hook has been painting through the seasons at Merck Forest. 5-7 pm at the Frank Hatch Sap House. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. [info@merckforest.org](mailto:info@merckforest.org). [www.merckforest.org](http://www.merckforest.org).

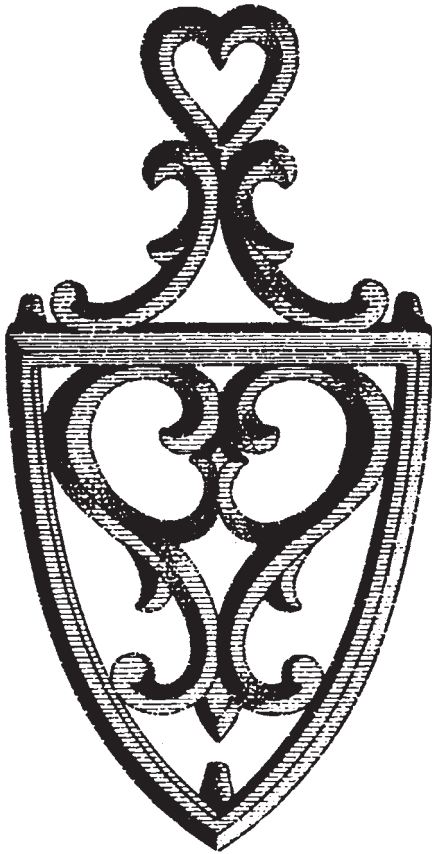
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**RUTLAND.** 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Art in the Park. Juried fine artists, craftspeople, and specialty food producers. Music, demonstrations, and kids activities. Free admission, donations accepted. 10 am – 5 pm. Main Street Park, at the junction of Routes 4 & 7. (802) 797-7400. [info@chaffeeartcenter.org](mailto:info@chaffeeartcenter.org). [www.chaffeeartcenter.org](http://www.chaffeeartcenter.org). Also October 7.

**SHELBURNE.** Pierson Library Annual Book Sale. Sponsored by the Friends of the Pierson Library. Sat. 9 am – 5 pm, Sun 10 am – 3:30 pm. (802) 985-5124. Also October 7.

**STATEWIDE.** Fall Vermont Open Studio Weekend. Statewide in over 150 locations. This is your chance to visit the artists and craftspeople of Vermont in their studios to see how, where and what they create. There are places of production and inspiration located in downtowns as well as at the ends of dirt roads. Free. 10 am – 5 pm. Visit the website for a list of participating artists. [vt1crafts@aol.com](mailto:vt1crafts@aol.com). [www.vermontcrafts.com](http://www.vermontcrafts.com). Also October 7.

**TUNBRIDGE.** High Country Cloggers 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Benefit Variety Show. Singing, music, line dancing and clogging. Refreshments sold and raffle table. Adults \$5, children 12 and under \$3.75 pm. Tunbridge Town Hall, Rt. 110. (802) 889-9421.



**WESTFIELD.** Jay Peak Area Arts & Crafts Fair. Over 30 area artisans and crafters will display their works at this annual event—jewelry, paintings, photography, pottery, fiber arts, wood carvings, and much much more. 10 am – 4 pm. Degre Auction House, 1571 Rt. 100. [www.jaypeakvermont.org](http://www.jaypeakvermont.org). Also October 7.

**WOODSTOCK.** Harvest Weekend at Billings Farm & Museum. Husking bee and barn dance, cider pressing, harvesting root vegetables, putting food by, spiced cider and homemade donuts, and more. Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [billingsfarm.org](http://billingsfarm.org). Also October 7.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

**BURLINGTON.** Giant Benefit Pumpkin Regatta & Festival. Guttled giant pumpkins are raced on Lake Champlain. Food favorites, a Vermont craft "patch," kids' activities, contests, and more! 10 am – 3 pm with races beginning at noon. Free admission. 10 am – 3 pm. One Depot St. on the waterfront. (802) 951-8849. [www.lllv.org/pumpkin](http://www.lllv.org/pumpkin).

**CASTLETON.** Help For Heat Poker Run. Sponsored By Lakes Region Independent Ryders. All proceeds to benefit the elderly. Fee: \$15 per bike and \$5 per rider. Sign in 9-10 am. Castleton American Legion Post 50. (802) 786-9785.

**DANVILLE.** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Autumn on the Green. An award-winning showcase of artisans, crafters, cottage industries and businesses amidst the spectacular views and color of autumn. Demonstrations by the American Society of Dowsers, a blacksmith, chair maker, and wood turner, plus delicious food. The Pope Library hosts a chicken and biscuit lunch at the Creamery Restaurant, just off the Green. 10 am – 4 pm. Danville School, 148 Peacham Rd. [www.autumnonthegreen.org](http://www.autumnonthegreen.org).

**EAST POULTNEY.** Gymanfa Ganu—Welsh Hymn Sing. A traditional non-denominational event. Hymns sung in four-part harmony, some in Welsh and some in English. Sponsored by the Poultney Area St. David's Society, Inc. Hosted by the United Baptist Church to benefit the building's restoration fund. Buffet pot roast dinner at 12:30 pm, pre-registration required. Hymn sing at 2 pm with Te Bach (dessert and coffee/tea) to follow. Free will offering. Everyone is welcome. At the East Poultney United Baptist Church, on the village green. (802) 287-5744. [cartreftaid@hotmail.com](mailto:cartreftaid@hotmail.com).

**EAST THETFORD.** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkin Festival. Live rock music, singer/songwriter, children's entertainment. NOFA wood-fired pizza, cider pressing, bean threshing, horse-drawn wagon rides to the pumpkin patch, pumpkin picking, food and farm concessions. \$5 per car. Come by train, bicycle, or on foot and get in free! 10 am – 4 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. [growing@cedarcirclefarm.org](mailto:growing@cedarcirclefarm.org). [www.cedarcirclefarm.org](http://www.cedarcirclefarm.org).

**HUBBARDTON.** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mount Zion Hike. Hike up Mount Zion with site interpreter Carl Fuller. Wear sturdy shoes, dress for the weather, and bring water. Meet at the Visitor Center. 2-5 pm. Adults \$2, 14 and under free. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

**NORWICH.** Sunday Craft Fair. Enjoy fine arts and crafts while listening to VT singer/songwriter Dan Walker. Wonderful prepared foods. Free—open rain or shine. 10 am – 3 pm. At the Norwich Farmer's Market grounds, Rt. 5 south. (802) 356-2082. [dhremote@earthlink.net](mailto:dhremote@earthlink.net). [norwichcrafts.org](http://norwichcrafts.org).

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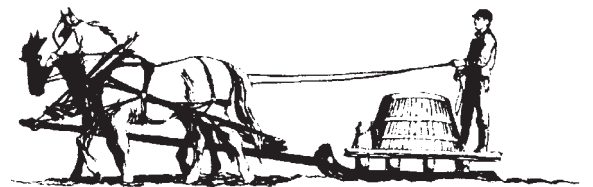
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(October 7, continued)

**PLYMOUTH.** Grace Coolidge Musicale #3. Susan Schroeder Cobb and Abigail Charbeneau play patriotic and classic four-hands piano music including Debussy's *En Bateau*. An afternoon tea follows at the Wilder House Restaurant. Donation is suggested. 3-4:30 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. [www.plymouthfolk.com](http://www.plymouthfolk.com). [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

**RUTLAND.** 51st Annual Art in the Park. Juried fine artists, craftspeople, and specialty food producers. Live music, demonstrations, and kids activities. Free admission, donations accepted. 10 am – 5 pm. Main Street Park near Routes 4 & 7. (802) 797-7400. [www.chaffeeartcenter.org](http://www.chaffeeartcenter.org).

**SHOREHAM.** 14th Annual Harvest Festival. Join the entire Champlain Orchards family as we celebrate the bounty of the fall harvest. We'll be serving Champlain Orchards BBQ pork, our own applesauce, Vermont baked beans, Pennsylvania Dutch cole slaw, German potato salad, corn bread, apple cider and fresh-baked apples pies, and apples! Live music by Run Mountain. Farm Market and PYO will be open. Cost is \$12 per plate, \$6 for kids. 11 am – 5 pm. Champlain Orchards, 3597 VT Route 74 W. (802) 897-2777. [www.champlainorchards.com](http://www.champlainorchards.com).

**STATEWIDE.** Fall Vermont Open Studio Weekend. Over 150 locations. Visit the artists in their studios. Free. 10 am – 5 pm. Visit the website for participating artists. [vermontcrafts.com](http://vermontcrafts.com). Also October 7.

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** 12th Annual Fall Dog Festival at Dog Mountain. Free to all dogs and their families. Food, music, contests and more. We even have ponds for the dogs to swim in and hiking paths for all to enjoy. 12-4 pm. The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. off Spaulding Rd. (800) 449-2580. (802) 748-2700. [info@dogmt.com](http://info@dogmt.com). [www.dogmt.com](http://www.dogmt.com).

**WOODSTOCK.** Harvest Weekend. Husking bee and barn dance, cider pressing, harvesting root vegetables, putting food by, spiced cider and homemade donuts, and more. Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](http://info@billingsfarm.org). [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

**RUTLAND.** Blues Concert: Big Head Todd and the Monsters. Tickets \$39.50-\$49.50. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [www.paramountvt.org](http://www.paramountvt.org).

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

**PITTSFORD.** Maple Candy Making at the New England Maple Museum. Crystallizing pure Vermont Maple Syrup into Maple Sugar is demonstrated. Visitors can sample the final product fresh from the mold without touring the Museum on these Wednesdays. No charge. 10:30 am – 3 pm. Admission to the museum is: adults \$2.50, children under 12 years 75¢, under 6 free. Open 8:30 am – 5:30 pm daily. New England Maple Museum, 4578 Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. [info@maplemuseum.com](http://info@maplemuseum.com). [maplemuseum.com](http://maplemuseum.com).

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

**BRANDON.** Jazz Night at Brandon Music: Ken Peplowski. Early bird dinner special, with our chef's award-winning chili, cornbread and a home-baked dessert of choice, from 4-6 pm (last seating 5:30). Reservations required and the cost for dinner and concert is \$22. The cafe menu available. 7:30 pm. Call for tickets. Brandon Music Café at Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. [brandon-music.net](http://brandon-music.net). *Thursdays through October 25.*

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

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

**DANVILLE.** Dead North—Farmland of Terror—at the Great Vermont Corn Maze. Buy your tickets from the website—they sell out fast. 7:30 pm. The Great Vermont Corn Maze, 1404 Wheelock Rd. (802) 748-1399. [vermontcornmaze.com](http://vermontcornmaze.com). Also October 13.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Middlebury Arts Walk. More than 40 venues will be displaying art. Stores remain open, becoming galleries displaying the work of dozens of area artists. 5-7 pm. Free. Downtown Middlebury. (802) 388-7951 x 2. [info@middleburyartswalk.com](http://info@middleburyartswalk.com). [middleburyartswalk.com](http://middleburyartswalk.com).

**SHELburne.** Evening Fall Wagon Rides. Put on a fleece, grab some hot apple cider, and enjoy the crisp fall evening on a half-hour horse-drawn wagon ride. Hot apple cider will be provided or bring your own hot beverage. Fee: \$15 adult, \$10 child 3-13, under 3 free. At 6, 6:35 & 7:10 pm, weather permitting. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. Call to register: (802) 985-8686. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org). Also October 29.

**TINMOUTH.** Concert with The Starry Mountain Trio. Admission \$10. Refreshments available. 7:30 pm at the Tinmouth Community Church in beautiful downtown Tinmouth. (802) 446-2928. [oreworks@vermontel.net](mailto:oreworks@vermontel.net). [www.suzannahpark.com](http://www.suzannahpark.com).

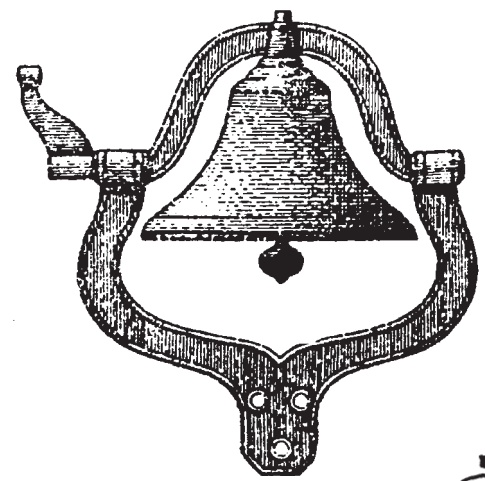
**TUNBRIDGE.** Holiday in the Hills Craft Fair and Antiques Show. Preview Party. Artisans and antique dealers from six states. Silent auction, food service. Admission \$10. To benefit the Tunbridge Church. 5:30-8 pm. Tunbridge Fair Grounds, Rt. 110. (802) 889-3315. [www.tunbridgevt.com](http://www.tunbridgevt.com). [tunbridgechurchholidayshoppe@gmail.com](mailto:tunbridgechurchholidayshoppe@gmail.com). *Through October 14.*

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

**BETHEL.** Octoberfest Dinner and Dance. Dinner is 5-6 pm, dance at 7 pm with a dance lesson. Dinner & dance is \$17, dinner only is \$15, dance with refreshments is \$10. Advance tickets recommended, call Nick Nikolaidis, (802) 234-5064. Or pick up tickets at the White River Credit Union in Bethel, Randolph or Rochester. Held at Bethel Town Hall, 318 Main St. (802) 234-5064. [bethelhistorical.org](http://bethelhistorical.org).

**BRANDON.** Concert at Otter Valley Winery—The Keating Five. Free admission. 4 pm at Cozy Cottages and Otter Valley Winery. (802) 247-6644. [www.brandon.org](http://www.brandon.org).

**CABOT.** Annual Apple Pie Festival. Prizes, craft sale, luncheon, pies for sale, raffle, silent auction. Benefits Cabot Historical Society. Free admission. 9 am – 3 pm. Cabot School Gym, Rt. 215. (802) 563-3396.



## Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum Celebrates a Decade

Ten years ago, The Vermont Ski Museum opened its doors in Stowe to the public. A grand celebration is planned this Fall to recognize its accomplishments. With the collaboration of many in Vermont and across the nation, the Museum has followed its mission is to "collect, preserve, and celebrate Vermont's skiing and snowboarding history" and has become a resource for the ski and snowboard community.

In December 2010, the Museum's name was changed to the Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum. Whether strapping on a board or fat, skinny or free-heel skis, the reality is that when the mountains are covered with snow, they can be enjoyed by all.

The Museum is planning a grand re-opening to include a new exterior facelift, refurbished and expanded exhibits and some completely new exhibits. The National Ski Patrol has donated a stone bench fashioned by local artist Chris Curtis to commemorate the 75th anniversary of its founding in Stowe.

The Mezzanine Level will house updated exhibits on snowboarding, Vermont's Nordic and alpine traditions. The Craig O. Burt Resource Center will be enhanced with larger capacity and an interactive computer.

The Main Level will house new changing exhibits, plus the Vermont and the 10th Mountain Division permanent exhibit, and children's space with books, arts and crafts and special programs. The first new exhibit will feature highlights from the Burton Snowboards' archives.

**Sunday, October 14th**—Cross Country Skiing Celebration with Nordic specific programming, reception, buffet dinner. Tickets needed for the afternoon's programs and dinner.

**Friday, October 19th**—Jay Nash in concert. Celebrate the connection of music, après, and winter sports at one of Stowe's institutions—the Matterhorn.

**Saturday, October 20th**—11 a.m., historian Brian Lindner lecture at the Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum. 12-5 p.m., Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum open. 4 p.m., NSP 75th Anniversary Sculpture Dedication and Celebration at the Rusty Nail, Stowe, VT.

**Sunday, October 21st**—11th Annual Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum Hall of Fame Induction dinner. 5 p.m., Induction Ceremony for inductees: Charles Minot Dole, Trowbridge Elliman, Leslie Thompson Hall, Tiger Shaw. The Paul Robbins Ski Journalism Award will be presented to Linda Adams and Sparty Bell.

All tickets must be purchased through the Museum by calling (802) 253-9911 x 201 For more event details, visit [www.vtssm.com/10th-anniversary](http://www.vtssm.com/10th-anniversary).

For more information, contact Meredith Scott, Director/ Curator, [mescott@vtssm.com](mailto:mescott@vtssm.com), (802) 253-9911.

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**FAIR HAVEN.** Volunteer Work Morning at the Fair Haven Cemetery. A restoration project of an historic cemetery which has existed since the late 1700's. Meet at West Street Cemetery at 8:45 am bringing your own tools, work gloves, insect spray and water to drink. Dress for the weather and physical labor as we need help restacking the old stone walls, picking up fallen headstones and raking. Call June Wilcha at (802) 265-4115.

**HARTFORD.** Halloween Weekend. Come celebrate a little early with us. Spend the day in the park with lots of fun activities. Haunted Trail 6:30-7:30 pm. Haunted Walk in the Woods 7:30-9 pm. Park fee: \$3/\$2/free. Quechee State Park. 5800 Woodstock Rd. (802) 295-2990. [vtstateparks.com](http://vtstateparks.com).

**HUBBARDTON.** Program: Autumn Night Sky. Enjoy nature's night time display with members of the Green Mountain Alliance of Amateur Astronomers, who will share their telescopes and knowledge. Bring blankets, flashlights, and your own binoculars or telescopes if you like. We provide the marshmallows. If inclement weather, inside illustrated program. Call to confirm. Free, donations appreciated. 6:30-8 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd, seven miles north of Rt 4. (802) 273-2282. [hubbardton@historicvermont.org](mailto:hubbardton@historicvermont.org). [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

**JERICHO.** Jericho Benefit Barn Tour. A self-guided tour of at least 10 old barns and two working farms. Talks on history, restoration, structure will be given by experts at several barns. \$15 ticket includes a tasty snack, map, & all the info. 10 am - 3 pm. Community Center in Jericho, 329 Brown's Trace. (802) 899-4180. [juliavblake@comcast.net](mailto:juliavblake@comcast.net).

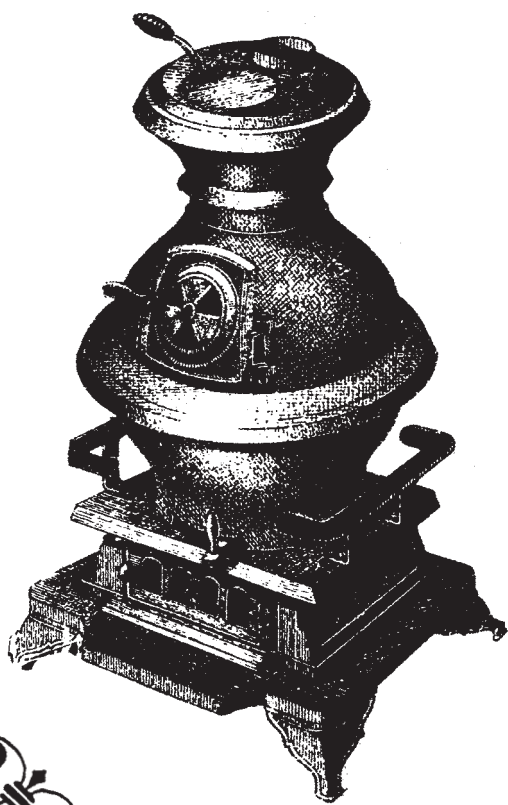
**MIDDLEBURY.** Quilt Show: Quilting in the Land of Milk and Honey. Quilts on display from local quilters, Hoffman Challenge Tour, featured artist, raffle quilt, vendors, raffle baskets, consignments, and refreshments. Admission. Sat 9-5 pm, Sun 10-3 pm. Middlebury Union High School, 73 Charles Ave. (802) 388-9782. [milkandhoneyquilters.com](http://milkandhoneyquilters.com). *Through October 14.*

**NORWICH.** Contra Dance with Northern Spy. Guest caller tba. All dances taught. Beginners welcome. No partner necessary. Please bring a separate pair of soft-soled shoes for dancing. 8 pm. Admission \$8 (students \$5, under 16 free, seniors by donation). Tracy Hall. (802) 785-4607. *Second Saturdays thru June 2013.*

**PITTSFORD.** Halloween & Fall Celebration at the New England Maple Museum. The maple sugaring story takes on a new twist, as the exhibits turn into a colorful array of autumn colors celebrating the harvest. Visit the world's largest maple museum—antiques, paintings, slide show, folk art exhibits, maple syrup samples. Admission adults \$2.50, children under 12 years 75¢, under 6 free. Open 8:30 am - 5:30 pm daily. New England Maple Museum, 4578 Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. [info@maplemuseum.com](mailto:info@maplemuseum.com). [www.maplemuseum.com](http://www.maplemuseum.com). *Through October 31.*

**POULTNEY.** Annual Town Wide Yard Sale. 9 am - 4 pm, rain or shine, along historic Main St. and all over town. (802) 287-4114. [poultneyvt@yahoo.com](mailto:poultneyvt@yahoo.com)

**RANDOLPH.** Concert: Jake Amerding, Singer-Violinist. 6 pm Community Potluck Supper to celebrate local food growers and producers. Free with dish contributed to the dinner. Tickets \$19. Concert at 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org).



**RUTLAND.** Rutland Downtown Farmers Market. Depot Park across from Walmart at Merchants Row. 9 am - 2 pm. (802) 753-7269. [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org). [www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org](http://www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org). *Saturdays through October 27.*

**SHOREHAM.** Ciderfest 2012. Showcasing the high-quality sweet and hard ciders and apple wines that are being produced in the region. Spend a fall afternoon music by Run Mountain, picking apples and watching cider making demonstrations, all while savoring artisanal ciders and wines and pairing them with locally-made gourmet cheese and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets \$18. 3-7 pm. Champlain Orchards, 3597 VT Route 74 W. (802) 897-2777. [www.champlainorchards.com](http://www.champlainorchards.com).

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**WINDSOR.** 13th Annual Model Engineering Show. Admission \$8, students free. 9 am - 5 pm. At Windsor Community Center and American Precision Museum, 196 Main St. (802) 674-5781. [www.americanprecision.org](http://www.americanprecision.org).

**WOODSTOCK.** Peak to Peak—A Community Hike. A guided walk to the peaks of Mt. Peg and Mt. Tom including historical interpretation of the land's natural and cultural history and activities for kids. Registration at the Village Green starting at 10 am. Bring water, hiking gear and a lunch or money to buy a lunch. 10 am - 2 pm. For info contact Marissa Jager at [mjager988@vt.edu](mailto:mjager988@vt.edu).

**WOODSTOCK.** Autumn Wagon Ride Weekend. Thirty-minute narrated horse-drawn wagon ride through the farm fields and along the Ottauquechee River. Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [billingsfarm.org](http://billingsfarm.org). *Also October 14.*

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

**CHESTER.** Open Mike Country Benefit Jamboree. Hosted by The Green Mtn. Express to benefit our rhythm guitarist, Doug Green. 1 pm till everyone who wants to, gets a chance on the stage. Bands and singles welcome. Refreshments are sold in the kitchen. 50/50 tickets are on sale. \$5 donation at the door. At Gassetts Grange, jct. of Rts. 10 & 103N. For more information call Dave at (802) 875-2637.

**EAST CHARLOTTE.** 12th Annual East Charlotte Tractor Parade. Free kids games, free parking, free music and lots of tractors. Follow the signs for parking. 11 am - 4 pm. Spear St./Hinesburg Rd., 20 Jackson Hill Rd. (802) 425-4444. [CharlotteTractorParade@gmail.com](mailto:CharlotteTractorParade@gmail.com). [www.tractorparade.com](http://www.tractorparade.com).

**FAIR HAVEN.** Breakfast Buffet. \$7 adult \$3.50 children. 8-11 am. Sponsored by the American Legion Post #49, 72 S. Main St. (802) 265-7983.

**TUNBRIDGE.** Benefit Breakfast and Bake Sale. 8 am - 12 pm at the Tunbridge Town Hall. [www.tunbridgevt.com](http://www.tunbridgevt.com). *Each 2nd Sunday of the month.*

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## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

**BRANDON.** Jazz Night at Brandon Music: Yoron Israel's High Standards Quartet. Early bird dinner special, 4-6 pm (last seating 5:30). Reservations required, dinner and concert \$22. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music Café at Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. [brandon-music.net](http://brandon-music.net). *Also October 25.*

**DORSET.** Lunchtime Lecture Series. Oriental Rugs with James Gavagan. 12-1 pm. Dorset Historical Society's Bley House Museum, Rt. 30 at Kent Hill Rd. (802) 867-0331. [info@dorsetvthistory.org](mailto:info@dorsetvthistory.org). [www.dorsetvthistory.org](http://www.dorsetvthistory.org).

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

**BRATTLEBORO.** Cai's Dim Sum Teahouse. Enjoy authentic dim sum from a pushcart, surrounded by BMAC's current exhibits. Prix fixe, all you can eat (\$21.50 adults, \$13.50 for children under 12). Vegan, gluten-free, and wheat-free options available. Walk in or make a reservations. 5:30-8 pm. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 579-9088. [brattleboromuseum.org](http://brattleboromuseum.org).

**BURLINGTON.** 27th Annual Vermont International Film Festival. Independent films from around the world and showcasing Vermont filmmakers. In many venues around town. Check website for schedule and locations. (802) 660-2600. [www.vtiff.com](http://www.vtiff.com).

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Of honey, brown eggs in water glass,  
Of the braided bulbs of garlic and onion  
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There are apples that have not dropped from the bough,  
Red withering brown in the smoke and the haze.  
The cows are slow to pull at the frost-grey grass;  
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**RANDOLPH.** Concert: Starline Rhythm Boys. Music, dancing, and a cash bar. Tickets \$16. 7:30 pm. Chandler's Upper Gallery at Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org).

**TINMOUTH.** Contra Dance. All dances are taught. Exuberant dancers of all ages welcome. Admission: \$9 adults, \$7 teens, \$3 for 12 and under. 8 pm at Tinmouth Community Center, 573 Rt. 140 in beautiful downtown Tinmouth. (802) 235-2718. [www.tinmouthvt.org](http://www.tinmouthvt.org).

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

**EAST THETFORD.** Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides to the Pumpkin Patch! See our educational displays, pick out your pumpkin, take a self-guided farm tour, and visit the Hello Coffee Shop and Farmstand. The kids can play in the sandbox and meet the horses. 11 am - 4 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. [growing@cedarcirclefarm.org](mailto:growing@cedarcirclefarm.org). [www.cedarcirclefarm.org](http://www.cedarcirclefarm.org). Also October 28.

**EAST THETFORD.** Gluten-Free Baking Class. Join Alison Baker, farm chef and graduate of one of the top culinary schools for alternative diets, to explore the wide range of options available to gluten-free bakers. Fee: \$45. 1-4 pm. Please pre-register. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. [growing@cedarcirclefarm.org](mailto:growing@cedarcirclefarm.org). [www.cedarcirclefarm.org](http://www.cedarcirclefarm.org).

**MORRISVILLE.** Annual Halloween Tour. Explore the museum spookily decorated with themes from Victorian gothic literature. Free. 1-5 pm. Noyes House Museum, 122 Lower Main St. (802) 888-7617. [www.noyeshousemuseum.org](http://www.noyeshousemuseum.org). [noyeshousemuseum@gmail.com](mailto:noyeshousemuseum@gmail.com).

**NORWICH.** Contra Dance with Cuckoo's Nest. Caller: Andy Davis. All dances taught. Beginners welcome. No partner necessary. Please bring a separate pair of soft-soled shoes for dancing. Potluck supper 5:15 pm, family dance 6-7:30 pm, evening contra 8 pm. Admission \$8 (students \$5, under 16 free, seniors by donation). Tracy Hall. (802) 785-4607.

**PITTSFORD.** Halloween & Fall Celebration at the New England Maple Museum. The maple sugaring story takes on a new twist, as the exhibits turn into a colorful array of autumn colors celebrating the harvest. Visit the world's largest maple museum—antiques, paintings, slide show, folk art exhibits, maple syrup samples. Admission adults \$2.50, children under 12 years 75¢, under 6 free. Open 8:30 am - 5:30 pm daily. New England Maple Museum, 4578 Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. [info@maplemuseum.com](mailto:info@maplemuseum.com). [www.maplemuseum.com](http://www.maplemuseum.com). Through October 31.

**QUECHEE.** 8th Annual Hoots and Howls. This fun, educational and non-scary Halloween for families and all ages. Guided tours lead you along trails lighted by pumpkins as you enjoy storytelling, live animals, skits, yummy tricky treats, activities and more! Fee: \$8 adults; \$6 ages 4-17; free for ages 3 and under. 5:30-8 pm. Vermont Institute of Natural Science, 6565 Woodstock Rd. (802) 359-5000. [www.vinsweb.org](http://www.vinsweb.org).

**RANDOLPH.** Concert: Arturo Delmoni. A celebrated artist and gifted violinist. Tickets \$32. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org).

**RUTLAND.** 53rd Annual Halloween Parade. Floats, marching bands and local dignitaries parade through downtown Rutland to celebrate Halloween. Begins at 6:30 pm. [rutlandhalloween.com](http://rutlandhalloween.com).

**RUTLAND.** Rutland Downtown Farmers Market. Depot Park across from Walmart at Merchants Row. 9 am - 2 pm. (802) 753-7269. [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org). [www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org](http://www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org).

**RUTLAND.** Chamber Music Concert: Mixt Ensemble. Part of the Passages series. Tickets \$20/\$10. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [www.paramountvt.org](http://www.paramountvt.org).

**SOUTH BURLINGTON.** Nightmare Vermont. A thrilling, interactive haunted house. Tickets \$10. 6-10:30 pm in abandoned buildings at 22 Pickard Circle off Airport Parkway. (802) 734-9687. [info@nightmarevermont.org](mailto:info@nightmarevermont.org). [www.nightmarevermont.org](http://www.nightmarevermont.org). Also October 28.

**VERGENNES.** Annual Pumpkins in the Park. Bring a carved and/or decorated pumpkin with a candle and registration form to the Vergennes City Park by 6:45 pm. (Forms at the bandstand). Ribbons awarded. Costume parade. Cider and donuts for sale. Free admission. 7 pm at City Park, Main Street, Rt. 22A. (802) 388-7951x1. [www.addisoncounty.com](http://www.addisoncounty.com).

**WEST NEWBURY.** Eastern Square Dance. Traditional singing squares, waltzes, polkas, foxtrots, two-steps, Virginia Reel, Portland Fancy, Paul Jones, others. All dances taught. With Adam Boyce, fiddler/caller, Donna Weston on piano. Admission by donation, all ages welcome. 8 pm at the Community Hall at 219 Tyler Farm Rd. (802) 429-2316. *Fourth Saturdays*.

**WILLISTON.** The Haunted Forest. Mysterious guides lead guests through paths lit by more than 1,000 flickering Jack-O-Lanterns. Tickets \$8.50/\$12.50. Children's matinee shows at 11 am, 12 & 1 pm. Evening shows at 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 pm Catamount Outdoor Family Center, 592 Governor Chittenden Rd. (802) 238-0923. [thehauntedforest.org](http://thehauntedforest.org). Also October 28.

**WOODSTOCK.** Spooky Woodstock. Cemetery tour, seasonal treats, and much more. For more information call (802) 457-1822. Visit [www.woodstockhistorical.org](http://www.woodstockhistorical.org).

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

**BRANDON.** Concert with the Heiland Consort. One of Vermont's top chamber ensembles will play at 3 pm. (Lunch will not be served after 2 pm). Tickets are \$15. Brandon Music Café at Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. [brandon-music.net](http://brandon-music.net).

**CHESTER.** Reiki Share. 2-4 pm. Peace of Paradise, 78 The Common. Call to register. (802) 875-8008. [www.peaceofparadisevt.com](http://www.peaceofparadisevt.com).

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**LEBANON, NH.** Performance: Buddy Guy. A benefit for Upper Valley Haven. Tickets: \$49-\$69. 7:30 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. [www.lebanonoperahouse.org](http://www.lebanonoperahouse.org).

**MANCHESTER.** Family Spooktacular Sunday. Join us for an old-time family costume party. Admission. 1-4 pm. Yester House Galleries at Southern Vermont Arts Center. For tickets call (802) 362-1405. [www.svac.org](http://www.svac.org).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Fifth Annual Middlebury Spooktacular. Kids of all ages are invited to gather on the Middlebury town green for a parade, candy, prizes, and games. Music, dancing, and a jumpy castle! Free. 2-4 pm. (802) 545-2407. [www.bettermiddleburypartnership.org](http://www.bettermiddleburypartnership.org).

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**WOODSTOCK.** A Family Halloween at Billings Farm. Halloween fun for all ages! Doughnuts-on-a-string, pumpkin carving, Halloween tales, wagon rides, and lots more. Costume parades at 12 and 2 pm. Children in costume admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Cooking Class: Meats—The Under Appreciated/Affordable Cuts. Chef John Marston is excited about conducting this informal class and sharing his experience with others. We'll provide knives and aprons to assist your hands on preparation. 6-8:30 pm. Fee, call to register. Leslie's Tavern, 660 Rockingham Rd. (802) 463-4929. [www.lesliestavern.com](http://www.lesliestavern.com).

**SHELBURNE.** Evening Fall Wagon Rides. Put on a fleece, grab some hot apple cider, and enjoy the crisp fall evening on a half-hour horse-drawn wagon ride. Hot apple cider will be provided or bring your own hot beverage. Fee: \$15 adult, \$10 child 3-13, under 3 free. At 6, 6:35 & 7:10 pm, weather permitting. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. Call to register: (802) 985-8686. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org).

## Bethel Octoberfest Benefit Dinner & Dance October 13

You are invited to an Octoberfest Dinner and Dance on Saturday, October 13 at the Bethel Town Hall in Bethel, VT. The gala evening features German food, catered by the Black Forest Café & Caterers of Bethel. Dinner will be served from 5-6 p.m.

The dance will begin at 7 p.m. with a dance lesson conducted by well-known dance instructor Faye Grearson of Faye's Dance Studio in Lebanon, NH. Faye will serve as the DJ and will play a wide variety of dance music.

This event is a fundraiser for the Bethel Historical Society and is being sponsored by Bob & Sheila Rousseau Taylor.

Admission for dinner &

dance is \$17, dinner only is \$15. Dance with refreshments is \$10. There is limited seating for the dinner. Advance payment is recommended by calling Nick Nikolaidis at (802) 234-5064 or picking up your tickets at the White River Credit Union in Bethel, Randolph or Rochester, VT.

This event promises to be a memorable evening.

*The Bethel Town Hall is located at 318 Main St., Bethel, VT. For more information about Octoberfest Dinner and Dance call (802) 234-5064. For information about the Bethel Historical Society visit [www.bethelhistorical.org](http://www.bethelhistorical.org).*

## Art & Soul on October 20 At Barnard Town Hall

You're invited to come to Art & Soul on Saturday October 20 at the Barnard Town Hall, a fundraiser for the BarnArts Center for the Arts.

Plan to enjoy an authentic Southern Fried Chicken 'n' all the trimmin's dinner at 6 p.m. followed by Voices of Inspiration from Manhattan performing from-the-heart gospel music.

BarnArts Center for the Arts is still in its infancy, launched in spring 2012.

Jarvis Green, who founded the Center, brought his mother up this summer to prepare

fried chicken for a picnic he hosted. She is coming back again for this fundraiser.

This past summer BarnArts put on a full-scale musical production of Oliver! involving over two dozen young people, and a short play with just three people at a beautiful barn on a Woodstock property that was one of the first land-grant farms in Vermont.

*Tickets are \$60. For reservations call (802) 332-6020 or email [info@barnarts.org](mailto:info@barnarts.org). Visit [www.barnarts.org](http://www.barnarts.org).*

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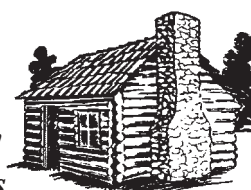
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Chandler Music Hall, Randolph, VT

# Community Supported Art and Agriculture Celebrated With Jake Armerding Concert October 13

Boston singer-songwriter Jake Armerding brings his trio and his organic music to Chandler Music Hall in Randolph, VT on Saturday October 13 at 7:30 p.m. A community potluck dinner at 6 p.m. opens the evening.

The multi-instrumentalist is well loved on the Boston music scene. Growing up in Ipswich, Armerding played the classical violin, listened to 80s pop radio and played fiddle in his dad's bluegrass band Northern Lights. From his eclectic background, Jake has created music that is an inspired mix. He is a regular on stage at the legendary Club Passim in Cambridge, MA, plays a scorching fiddle in the bluegrass band Barnstar!, and plays multiple instruments in The Fretful Porcupine.

Annie Bartlett, a classically trained violinist who studied at the New England Conservatory and played in the Yale Symphony Orchestra, frequently joins Jake's band. She is the fiddle player for the Winchester-based band, Miss Ellaneous, and is a trustee of the Winchester Community Music School.

Annie and Jake began working together a year ago and their musical partnership includes a range of genres. "We're not quite classical, not quite bluegrass but have found a space in between that plays to both of our strengths and creates a unique sound," says Annie. Jake and Annie are joined by Jake's brother Jesse on percussion.

"Jake's newest musical project is 'Community Supported Art.' Much like the way local farms and food producers create a direct relationship between their farm and the community, Armerding works to create an ongoing partnership between a musician and a music lover. A pair of complimentary tickets to this performance is being offered to all area growers and food producers.

The potluck dinner is open to all—just bring a dish. Chandler will provide beverages and dinnerware. Free reservations for space at the dinner can be made by calling the Chandler Box Office at (802) 728-6464 or sending an e-mail to tickets@chandler-arts.org.

General admission tickets are \$16 in advance, \$19 day of show. They can be ordered online or by calling the Chandler Box Office at (802) 728-6464 3-6 p.m. weekdays.



Jake Armerding performs with his trio in October at Chandler Music Hall in Randolph, VT photo by David Bazemore

Chandler Music Hall is located at 71-73 Main St. in Randolph, VT. For more information call (802) 728-9878. The box office is (802) 728-6464. Visit [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org).

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# 10th Annual Pumpkin Festival at Cedar Circle Farm

Celebrate the bounty of autumn and everything pumpkin at Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center's 10th Annual Pumpkin Festival on Sunday, October 7 at the farm on Pavilion Rd, off Route 5 in East Thetford, VT.

Enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides to the pumpkin patch, pumpkin picking, children's activities and crafts, cider pressing, bean threshing, self-guided tours, educational displays, and live music and entertainment. Bring family and friends (but leave dogs at home) for a day of fun, rain or shine!

As part of his East Coast tour, singer-songwriter David Rovics of Oregon, known as "the musical voice of the progressive movement in the US," performs songs of social significance on the main stage from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., along with Pirate songs and more in a special children's musical performance from 1 to 2 p.m. on the kid's stage. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m., be ready to sing and stomp along to folk-roots-ramblin' all-ages-adventure with the band Marek Big Paws from Keene and Henniker, NH on the kids' stage. The Wall-Stiles from Vermont play contemporary folk rock from 12 to 4 p.m. Visit the Good Food concessions, have lunch or relax under the shade of the tent.

This year's Good Food Concession features local foods prepared by the Farm's Chef Alison Baker and staff, including fall soups and breads, grilled local sausages, veggie burgers, spicy tamales, salad, butternut apple crisp, cider donuts, pumpkin-swirl brownies, cookies and organic ice cream—plus wood-fired pizzas made in NOFA-VT's portable oven and crepes and waffles by Vermont Crepe & Waffle.

There will be a Raffle drawing at 2:45, a fundraiser for low-income families to help subsidize a Fall CSA share.

According to farm manager Kate Duesterberg, "We love to invite the community to celebrate organic agriculture and see how we integrate those practices on our farm. It's also an opportunity for us to thank our customers for their support and for all of us to delight in the beauty of the farm and harvest season."

CCF Education Coordinator and festival organizer Cat Buxton says, "This festival celebrates the culmination of the harvest and all that our educational mission stands for at Cedar Circle Farm. October is a busy time on the farm as we offer Pumpkin Patch Tours for school and youth groups by appointment on October 10-12 and 16-20, as well as free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides to the Pumpkin Patch on October 20-21 and 27-28."

Admission to the Pumpkin Festival is \$5 per car but you are encouraged to carpool or to come by bike, foot or train and get in free! The White River Flyer leaves White River Junction at 11:30 a.m., with a stop at the Montshire Museum, to arrive in East Thetford at 12:30 p.m., departing at 3:30 p.m. Don't forget to bring your own place setting to help this "green" festival produce even less than the usual two bags of trash per 1200 people generated in the past.

*Cedar Circle Farm is located off Rt. 5, south of Huggetts Store, on Pavilion Rd., along the Connecticut River in East Thetford, VT. The farmstand and coffee shop are open Tuesday-Sunday thru October 31 for certified organic produce, fall flowers, pumpkins, harvest decorations, and espresso drinks. (802) 785-4737. www.CedarCircleFarm.org.*



Pumpkins galore at Cedar Circle Farm in East Thetford, VT.

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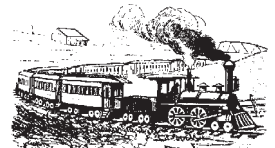
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## Monday, October 1 • Walden, VT

Join us for Walden's Country Fair! Our day begins with registration at 9 a.m. at the Walden Methodist Church with coffee & donuts. Enjoy the sights and sounds of country life, the small town friendly atmosphere, and the display of traditional action exhibits, crafts and interacting with a myriad of farm animals, large and small. The folks of Walden will share country music and small home businesses nestled in the wooded hills. A homemade soup and sandwich lunch will sustain you for an afternoon of tours to a dairy farm, horse farm and our rural school, with a little dancing and a snack thrown in. A family-style Barbecue Beef Supper will be served with mashed potatoes, veggies and home baked pies, beginning at 5:30 pm, \$12. For supper reservations, call (802) 533-7122. For information, contact Judy Clifford, (802) 563-2777 (evenings) or PO Box 54, W. Danville, VT 05873. We're anxious to meet you!

## Tuesday, October 2 • Cabot, VT

Welcome! Coffee Hour begins at 9:00 a.m. in the Cabot School Gym. Make a day touring old school houses, craft shops, the Public Library and Cabot Creamery. Crafts available in the gym from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. In the afternoon, enjoy a hayride to a sugarhouse, afternoon musical and play performances, and hike to Nicols Ledge. Corn chowder and chili luncheon, adults \$6, children \$2.50, at Cabot Church at 11:30 am, 12:30 and 1:15 pm. Turkey dinner at 5:00 and 6:15 pm, adults \$10, children \$5, at the Cabot School. Ticket reservations for luncheon and dinner can be made at the same time by calling Rose Bothfield at (802) 563-2715. For details contact Blanche Lamore at (802) 563-2457 or Tara Rogerson at (802) 917-2992.

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A full day of activities begins with Coffee Hour at 9 a.m. and registration at Grace United Methodist Church. Foliage tours available at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tours telling the history of the Barre granite quarries, see glass blowers at work, taste wine at Grandview Winery, scenic spots and a hike to Owls Head with a bag lunch. Other points of interest will be offered throughout the day. Crafts, baked goods, and jewelry will be for sale, along with other items of interest for everyone. Cafeteria-style luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$5. Entertainment in the afternoon. Barbecued Chicken, Mostaccioli and Baked Bean Supper at 5 and 6 p.m. for \$12. For reservations, contact Joanne Martin, (802) 454-7301 or Joyce Fowler, (802) 454-8306.

## Thursday, October 4 • Peacham, VT

Registration and arts and crafts sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Peacham Town Hall. Tickets for lunch, ghost walk and dinner can be picked up. Exhibits at the Blacksmith Shop



Country roads and mountain views in Peacham, VT.

photo by Jeff Gold

and Historical House. Homemade treats served. Peacham Library book sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Scenic bus tour at 10:15 a.m. \$3. Lunch at Peacham Elementary School 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$6. Northern Skies Observatory open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ghost walk at 2 p.m. \$4. Harp music in Church sanctuary 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dinner at church, seatings at 5 and 6:30 p.m. Spaghetti supper w/vegetarian and meat sauces, salad, garlic bread, homemade apple crisp with ice cream. Adults \$10, children \$5, under 6 free. Tickets available at door. Coordinators are Marilyn Magnus, (802) 592-3320, Sally Goss, (802) 563-3113, Sharon Fuehrer, (802) 592-3326.

## Friday, October 5 • Barnet, VT

Come to the Barnet Center vestry at 8 a.m. to 12 noon for pancake breakfast including Vermont maple syrup and sausage. Arts & crafts will be in the vestry all day. Wagon rides, starting at the vestry will be given weather permitting. A bus tour between Ben Thresher's Mill, the Sunset Alpaca Farm, the Walter Harvey Meeting House and traveling scenic back roads. Arts & crafts are also at the McIndoes Church, with a soup and sandwich lunch served starting at 11:30 a.m. A European Coffee Hour will be from 1 to 4 p.m. at the West Barnet Church. Enjoy a Ham Dinner at the Barnet Center vestry, starting at 4 p.m. and continuing until all are served (\$10). For reservations, contact Bob Gibson, PO Box 131, Barnet, VT 05821, (802) 633-2242. For information the day of the event, call (802)633-4397.

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Join us in Groton for our Festival Day. Start with a Lumberjack Breakfast at the Methodist Church from 8 to 10 a.m. Visit our Library, where there will be a book sale throughout

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## October In Vermont

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

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# Grand Finale In the Garden

by Judith Irven

“Autumn, the year’s last, loveliest smile”

—William Cullen Bryant (1794–1878)

Does your autumn garden finish with a beautiful glorious bang, or does it just fade away with a whimper?

It was back in mid-September when a friend asked, “Well, I imagine your garden has all finished now?”

Not at all!! The exuberance of mid-summer may be past but, in its own way, the autumn garden is every bit as lovely. Summer stalwarts—Shasta daisies, Echinacea and the like—are surely past their prime. But now the Black-eyed Susans, Sedums, Anemones and Asters have come into their own.

Indeed some perennials bloom so late that the time remaining for them to get fertilized and set seed before the onset of cold weather seems impossibly short! But even in early October flowers are abuzz with late season bees, so clearly pollination is happening!!

As in the wider landscape, the magical colors of fall—from purple and bronze to yellow, red and gold, play out in our gardens. My fall gardening palette includes colorful shrubs and beautiful grasses, plus a collection of easily grown perennials, which harmonize together to complete the gardening season with a flourish.

### Colorful shrubs

I have three purple-leaved shrubs: *Smokebush Cotinus* ‘Grace’ and its cousin C. ‘Royal Velvet’, the Purple-Leaved Sandcherry *Prunus cistensa* plus the Elderberry *Sambucus nigra* ‘Blacklace,’ and they all mix beautifully with mellow-hued perennials.

And, for an additional autumn splash—and an excellent substitute for the invasive burning bush—plant a group of medium height blueberry bushes. In the summer they give you fruit and in October they turn a beautiful bronze.

Most of us are familiar with the creamy round-headed flowers of the Pee-Gee Hydrangea (*Hydrangea paniculata*) seen in so many Vermont cemeteries. There are lots of new cultivars, and I am especially partial to the older Hydrangea ‘Tardiva,’ which has conical-shaped flower heads.

And finally there are a couple of yellow-hued shrubs that work well for me.

- *Spirea* ‘Goldflame’ is an attractive reddish-gold mound which looks good with purple asters.
- *Clethra*, Summersweet not only brings delightful fragrance in August but also lovely golden leaves in October.

### Grasses for autumn

Starting in late summer the huge ornamental garden grasses, especially cultivars of both Switch Grass and the well-known Maiden grass, look splendid when paired with compatibly sized perennials.

Two in particular are worth seeking out for their wonderful vibrant end-of-season colors: the Purple Maiden Grass, *Miscanthus ‘Purpurascens’* with orange and yellow striations, and the Switch grass, *Panicum virgatum* ‘Shenandoah’ where a deep bronze color gradually subsumes its blue leaves.

### Rudbeckia

The ubiquitous Black-eyed Susans or *Rudbeckia fulgida* are hassle-free and they flourish in both sun and part-shade. What more could one ask?

Back in 1994 I started out a couple of plants, and now, as testament to their longevity, they have transformed themselves into eye-catching pools of gold all around the garden.

Since their strong color is a bit brash it helps to pair them up with plants of contrasting color and texture, perhaps the blue-colored Switch Grass ‘Dallas Blues,’ some frothy lavender asters, or even the creamy flowers of *Hydrangea paniculata* ‘Tardiva.’

I also love the six-foot-high *Rudbeckia* ‘Herbstronne.’ This is one tall plant that makes a bold statement, but it is well behaved in the border so, even in the smallest garden, there is probably a spot for it.

Try to resist the temptation to cut back either *Rudbeckia* during your late fall clean-up. Leave them standing until spring—their skeletons will look lovely in late fall and even in the snow. And their seed-heads provide winter food for the chickadees and goldfinch (who, miraculously, remain with us through even the coldest weather).

### Japanese Anemones

Japanese anemones thrive in partial shade and have an endearing way of weaving themselves among shrubs, occasionally popping up in unexpected places.

Their small flowers dance on slender three-foot stems. Most varieties have soft pink flowers that contrast perfectly with my purple Smokebush ‘Grace.’

### Autumn Sedum

The tried-and-true *Sedum* ‘Autumn Joy’ is a delightful



Black-eyed Susan survive a frost on Judith Irven’s garden in Goshen, VT. photo by Dick Conrad

plant, and every garden could surely use some. Its fleshy leaves contrast with summer perennials, and by autumn its flat rosy-pink flower heads, which eventually morph to bronze, are a real standout. When winter comes along, the spent flower heads are especially charming when topped with little snow hats.

### Asters

I love the wild native asters that grow at the edge of open fields and in the woods of Vermont. They are soft-shaped and come in colors of white, lilac and lavender, with names such as Heart-leaved Aster, Flat-topped Aster and Purple-stemmed Aster. Unfortunately many of these native asters spread by underground rhizomes and also prolifically self-seed, both traits that make them less than satisfactory as garden plants.

However the drought-tolerant *Aster oblongifolius* appears to be clump-forming. Starting in mid-September, the two cultivars ‘October Skies’ and ‘Raydon’s Favorite’ make a delicate froth of violet-blue and lavender-blue respectively, and are an excellent foil for the golden Black-eyed Susans.

I also have success with two lower growing asters: a short version of our native New England Aster ‘Purple Dome,’ and the New York Aster ‘Wood’s Purple.’

### Geranium ‘Rozanne’

*Geranium wallichianum* ‘Rozanne’ is not just any old geranium: she is one amazing gardening miracle!

We usually think of geraniums as early summer flowers, and very useful plants they are for that. But Rozanne is unique among geraniums. Here in Vermont she only really gets going in July—but once started she flowers non-stop until cut down by a really heavy frost. She also keeps spreading outwards, so by the time September comes, a single plant is making quite a statement.

Listed as only hardy to Zone 5, I was skeptical that I could grow it successfully. But I acquired three plants which have all come through multiple winters. And despite the occasional winter low temperature of –25°F my plants are still thriving. And I am delighted to have this violet-blue flowered geranium gracing my garden each fall.

### Chrysanthemums

Chrysanthemums help every garden finish the year in style. But most so-called ‘hardy mums’—the double-flowered types that show up in garden centers in the fall—are unlikely to winter over in Vermont.

However a couple of the single ‘daisy types’ of chrysanthemums have proved truly perennial in my garden. The *Chrysanthemum* ‘Clara Curtis,’ with rosy-pink flowers and yellow centers, blooms first. She is quite pretty and very easy to grow, but the stems tend to flop. Every fall I tell myself that, come next spring, I will create an elegant bamboo frame to support the growing stems—but that has yet to happen.

I also like *Chrysanthemum* ‘Mary Stoker,’ with pretty buttery-yellow flowers and stems that remain perfectly upright, even in winter. She looks particularly nice when paired up with *Sedum* ‘Autumn Joy,’ and while she waits

until mid-September before coming into flower, she will still be gracing the garden through the mild frosts of October.

### A surprise...an annual salvia for autumn

Visitors to my autumn garden are invariably drawn to colorful Clary Sage, *Salvia horminum*, which starts blooming in July and will only be felled by a really heavy frost.

People tend to assume annual salvias are fire-engine red. But *Salvia horminum* has bracts of soft purple, pink or white with a hint of gray or green veining—colors that harmonize beautifully with the rest of the autumn garden.

Since they are fairly easy to grow from seed, I usually start some in early spring using the Marble Arch mix. They will also self-seed so, providing I am not too energetic with my spring weeding, some plants will pop up directly, thus behaving almost like perennials!

### Savor each day. . .

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

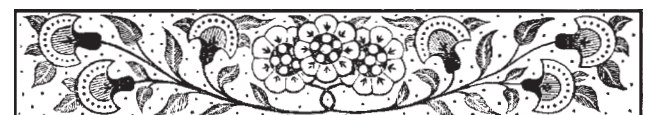
—Elizabeth Lawrence

By mid-October my garden has that late-fall look—the blueberry bushes are bronze and the Clethra is yellow, seed-heads are forming on the sweet autumn clematis, and the skeletons of the ornamental grasses dance in the wind.

But, even after a couple of light frosts, black-eyed Susans, ‘October Skies’ asters, *Salvia horminum*, ‘Rozanne’ geranium and ‘Mary Stoker’ chrysanthemum are still flowering like there is no tomorrow.

Indeed fall is a special yet fleeting time, which is reason enough to savor each day.

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# North Country Book News

## 10th Annual Horace Greeley Symposium in East Poultney

The Horace Greeley Foundation announces its Tenth Annual Horace Greeley Writers' Symposium on Saturday, October 20, at the United Methodist Church on the Green in East Poultney, VT.

The Symposium will open with Joanna Tebbs Young's talk on banishing writer's block. Focusing on poetry, David Mook, published author and a professor at Castleton State College, offers a workshop on using poetry to explore our real selves.

Laird Christensen, Green Mountain College professor of English encourages letting the material lead you to unexpected places. Capping the Symposium, Joni Cole, writing teacher, will share insights gathered during her career and those of others; she has written several books exploring the lives of women at work as well as a widely used writing text.

Symposium attendees will hone their writing skills, learn about Horace Greeley and absorb the history of the

area. The sessions will be held in the United Methodist Church in East Poultney, a quintessential Vermont village where federal homes ring a green centered by a white church. A tour of this village, so closely connected with Greeley's youth, will be the finale to the day.

From 1826 to 1831 Greeley learned the printing trade at the office of the Northern Spectator newspaper in East Poultney. He built his reasoning skills in the local debating society so well that he defended a runaway slave on the green.

In 1841, using his printing knowledge Greeley started a major newspaper, the "New York Tribune". No longer serving New York, it now continues as the international edition of the "Herald Tribune" printed in Paris.

Greeley earned great respect nationally for his principled stands. His efforts were in large part instrumental in raising Abraham Lincoln to national prominence and the Presidency. Greeley, also, ran for President, in 1872.

The aim of the Symposium is to share Greeley's enjoyment in the use of words and reason and to educate and inform attendees about his principled life and character.

*The United Methodist Church is located on the Green in East Poultney, VT.*

*Registration on the day of the Symposium begins at 9:30 a.m. Registration fee is \$70, students are \$20.*

*For more information and to pre-register go to [www.thegreeleyfoundation.org](http://www.thegreeleyfoundation.org) or call (802) 287-2577.*



### Northshire Bookstore

## "Off the Shelf: Authors in Conversation"

"Off the Shelf: Authors in Conversation" is a partnership between the Northshire Bookstore and WAMC Northeast Public Radio bringing authors of renown to Manchester Center, VT.

Joe Donahue of The Bookshow will interview the authors and each event is taped and aired on WAMC, reaching thousands of listeners. Two of these events are happening this fall, giving the public a great opportunity to come and hear the authors discuss their work. Both take place at Maple Street School in Manchester Center, VT.

On Sunday, October 28 at 4 p.m., Alexander McCall Smith will present *The Uncommon Appeal of Clouds*, the newest addition—the ninth!—to his ever-delightful Isabel Dalhousie series. Mr. McCall Smith is a New York Times bestselling author of the beloved No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series, the Isabel Dalhousie series, the Portuguese Irregular Verbs series, the 44 Scotland Street series, and the Corduroy Mansions series, and is also the author of numerous children's books. Both the BBC and HBO have filmed popular TV series based on the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency and it has also been made into a radio series.

Mr. McCall Smith is professor emeritus of medical law at the University of Edinburgh and has served with many national and international organizations concerned with bioethics. He was born in what is now known as Zimbabwe and taught law at the University of Botswana. He lives in Scotland.

The event starts at 4 p.m., doors open at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$28 with book, \$5 general admission. A signing with Mr. McCall Smith will follow the interview. In addition to the *The Uncommon Appeal of Clouds*, the author will sign an unlimited amount of titles purchased at the event. Previously owned titles are limited to two per person.

Jeffrey Toobin will be speaking on Saturday, November 17 at 7 p.m. The prizewinning author sits down to discuss his new book *The Oath*, a gripping insider's account of the momentous ideological war between the John Roberts Supreme Court and the Obama administration.

Toobin has also written *The Nine, Too Close to Call, A Vast Conspiracy*, and *The Run of His Life*. He is a staff writer at The New Yorker, and the senior legal analyst at CNN and lives with his family in New York.

Admission is \$31 with the book, \$8 general admission. The event starts at 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m. A book signing with Toobin will follow the interview.

*Northshire Bookstore is located at 4869 Main St., Manchester Center, VT. For information on these and other events call (802) 362-2200 or visit [www.northshire.com](http://www.northshire.com).*

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### Children's Book Reviews

## Halloween, Apples, and Fall Tales

For the apple season portrayed in the most unusual way, see and marvel over *Apple* by Nikki McClure (published by Abrams Appleseed, [www.abramsbooks.com](http://www.abramsbooks.com), \$12.95 hardcover).

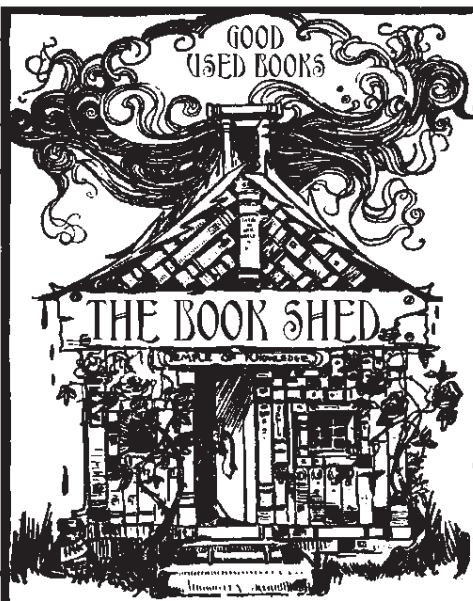
Sixteen years ago the author penned, printed, and hand-bound and hand-sold 200 copies of her book of paper-cut images following the life of an apple through the seasons. Now you, too, can follow the bright red apple—a splash of color—in the black-and-white illustrations. Readers will learn about how a tree grows from one seed, the life cycles in an apple's life and about composting. Nikki McClure's amazing artwork tells the simple story beautifully.

Some schools allow students to bring in pet animals as long as they are well behaved (like the children are supposed to be) and don't cause any trouble. But one can see how easily this gets out of hand in *8 Class Pets + 1 Squirrel ÷ 1 Dog = Chaos* by Vivian Vande Velde and illustrated by Steve Bjorkman (published by Holiday House, [www.holidayhouse.com](http://www.holidayhouse.com) \$6.99 paper). This amusing chapter book thriller begins when a squirrel named Twitch races into a grade school to escape a persuing dog. Helping Twitch get away are a cornsnake, a

hamster, a rabbit, a blue and gold meow, a rat, a school of fish, a parrot, and two geckos, in a story told by the animals. Kids and animal lovers of all ages will enjoy watching the animals get the upper hand in this comedy.

With Halloween spooks and pranks about to descend on us, *Boo Cow* by Patricia Baehr and illustrated by Margot Apple (published by Charlesbridge, [www.charlesbridge.com](http://www.charlesbridge.com), \$7.95 paper), will amuse and delight the young the reader. A ghostly cow haunts a chicken farm and seems to cause the daily eggs to disappear. The mystery is solved when the farmers learn that Boo Cow was trying to warn them about a neighbor stealing the eggs for his own farm stand. This is some spooky cow!

Sometimes your best friend can scare you for the fun of it, but it is worth it? In *Pip and Posy: The Scary Monster* by Axel Scheffler (published by Candlewick Press, [www.candlewick.com](http://www.candlewick.com), \$12.99), the rabbit Posey decides to bake some cupcakes on a boring, rainy fall day. But a big blue monster comes in and scares her into tears. Seeing the rabbit's feet, she realizes it's her friend Pip. Pip apologizes and lets her try on the monster costume, too. All is forgiven and the two go outside to play and later feast on homemade cupcakes!



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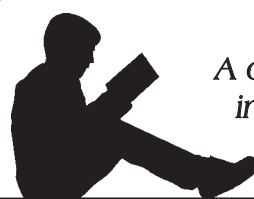
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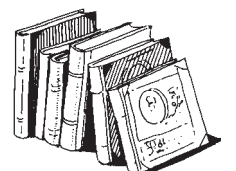
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The fruit (The Golden Apple) resembles a fuzz-covered cross between an apple and a pear. It is seldom eaten raw because its flesh is quite firm and its taste more astringent than sweet. But its high pectin count is a bonus for making jellies, preserves and marmalades. And its flavor is hard to beat.

We learn from the definitive book, *Simply Quince*, that the quince has had a long history from beginnings in the Middle East—at first in Persia (Iraq) and then to Armenia, Georgia, and other countries.

It was brought to America by the Puritans in 1629 where the fruit was popular until the late 19th century when it lost out to regular apples, and more devastating to the development of artificial pectin.

The author tells us she was infatuated with quinces ever since she was a child. "Everyone in my family was weaned on Grandma's delicious ruby-red quince preserves." And she recalls how her five-foot-tall grandmother on a step stool would harvest the sun-ripened fruit from the tangled branches from trees in her backyard.

After her grandmother passed away, the author took over the family tradition of quincing, using it in unique salads, savory stews, condiments for roasted meats, and a wide variety of desserts. Her hope is for more cooks to turn this mysterious ancient fruit into easy-to-prepare and delicious dishes, condiments and desserts. "Once you begin eating this fruit you may be obsessed with its versatility and flavor," she says.

The author tells exactly how to peel and cut up the quince and notes that the quince is the "quintessential slow-food" fruit. "You really can't overcook it and it stubbornly retains its composition and shape!"

The would-be quince cook is treated to

more than 70 enticing recipes, including some with beautiful photographs of the finished dishes.

For those baking apple pies this time of year, try mixing poached quinces with the apples for that extra flavor. She also bakes pies in a paper bag. "Odd as it sounds, baking a pie in a paper bag ensures even cooking and browning.

For the main course she recommends Armenian lamb-stuffed quince dolmas (stuffed vegetables) or duck breast with quince-sambal (a chile-based) chutney.

For those making jams and jellies try her recipes for quince marmalade, including ones with lemon, orange or orange-ginger added. The author tells us marmalades originated in Portugal where early cooks added citrus peels to a quince base.

There are recipes for German quince pancakes, caramelized quince upside-down cake, quince-apple-peach compote, and quince and red pepper chutney. And much more!

Barbara Ghazarian is also the author of *Simply Armenian: Naturally Healthy Ethnic Cooking Made Easy*. She lives part of the time in Newport, Rhode Island, where she is growing a quince tree cared for by friends and neighbors when she is at home in Monterey, CA.

For Vermonters and others living in a similar climate quince cultivars recommended by Lewis Hill and Leonard Perry in their *Fruit Gardener's Bible* are Cooke's Jumbo, Orange, Pineapple, and Snyrna. These are described in Barbara's book. Quince trees grow to about 15 feet tall and one tree alone can produce enough fruit for one family. Quince trees require little pruning and they usually live a long life, up to 50 years or more. That's a lot of quince jam!

*Simply Quince* by Barbara Ghazarian for \$21.95 can be purchased from the publisher Mayreni Publishing, PO Box 5881, Monterey, CA 93944. (831) 655-4377. [www.mayreni.com](http://www.mayreni.com).

## Book Review by Charles Sutton

## Book Review

### Wild Flavors: One Chef's Transformative Year Cooking From Eva's Farm

by Didi Emmons  
(Chelsea Green Publishing)

When Boston restaurant owner and chef Didi Emmons spent a year with legendary farmer Eva Sommaripa she not only learned a whole new way to combine different and exotic herbs and plants into delicious dishes, even using stems, peelings and other discarded scraps, but she also discovered the joys of sustainability, sharing and bartering, and being a more inspired cook.

She has written about her journey into "a wonderland" of herbs and plants in this remarkable book. As a bonus some 150 recipes are interspersed with anecdotes and stories about those who grow and forage for their own food including mushroom gatherers, gleaners who harvest and share discarded or abandoned fruits and vegetables, a Herford breeder who barter meat for herbs, and many others.

Many of us really don't know much about the herbs we use other than their flavor—the recipe tells how

much, but never why. Didi gives us intimate details on 46 herbs and plants used in her cooking, including their history, culinary uses, health virtues, buying, storing and prepping the herb, and growing tips.

Tempting recipes are offered for all four seasons. Among fall offerings are kale with apples, raisins, Feta cheese and walnuts; cod potato leek gratin; pasta with mustard greens, shredded chicken and a smoky cream sauce; and autumn olive jam. Looking ahead to winter there are recipes for rutabaga and cranberries in cream over kasha; winter squash with

Greek yogurt; and roasted parsnip soup.

This beautiful 300-page book features many colorful photographs of plants growing or in tasty dishes, and the growers and cooks who made it all possible. It is an inspiration to all of us.

*Wild Flavors* by Didi Emmons is available for \$34.95 from your bookseller or from Chelsea Green Publications. Call (800) 639-4099 or visit [www.chelseagreen.com](http://www.chelseagreen.com).



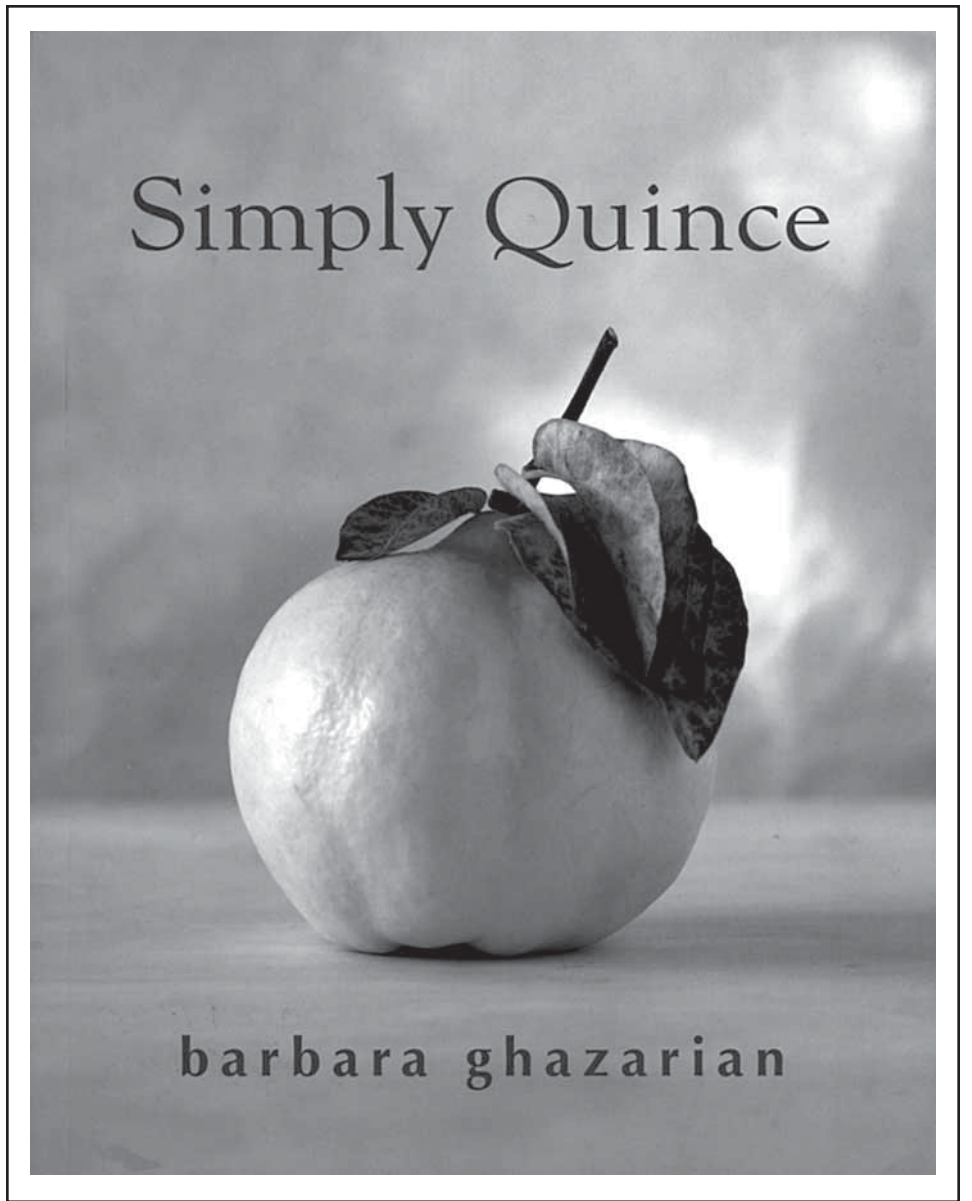
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Alyson's Orchard, 57 Alyson's Lane, Walpole, NH will have quinces the end of October. They are located at. Call (603) 756-9800 or visit [www.alysonorchard.com](http://www.alysonorchard.com).

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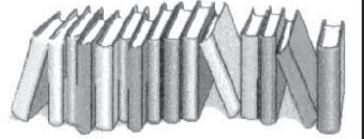
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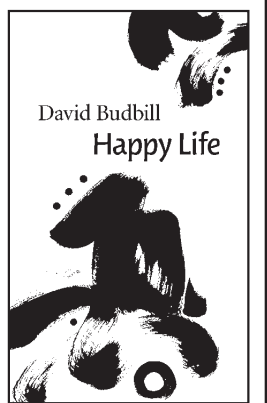
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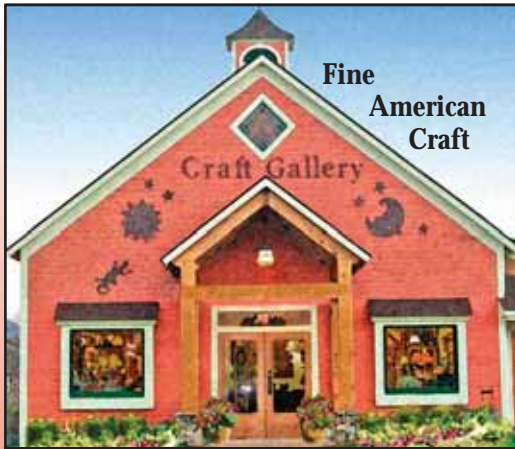
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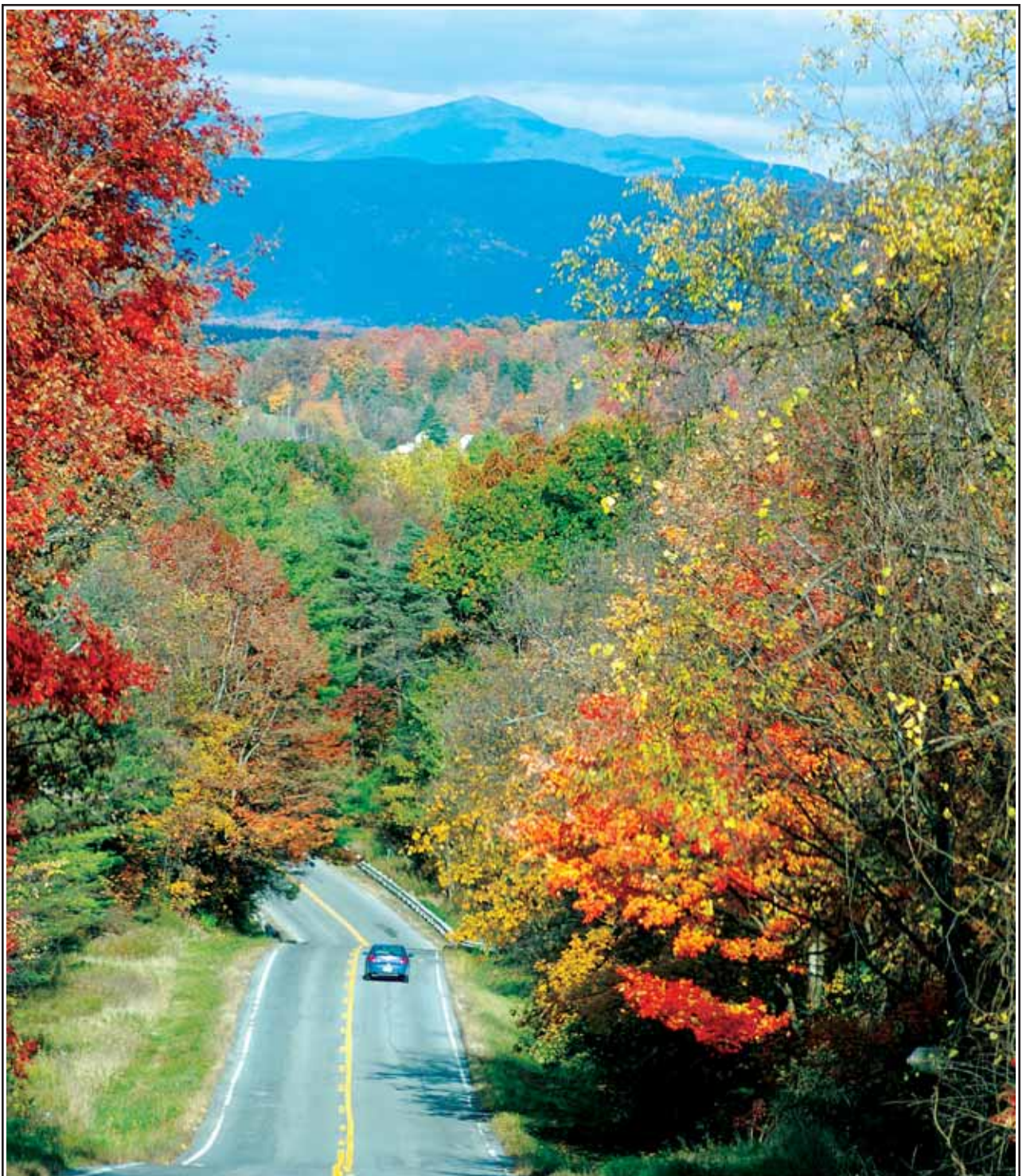
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