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**October Notebook**

**Digging Deep Enough**

by Bill Felker

I was pushing away the locust and black walnut leaves that had fallen on a patch of my garden. The leaves were just the tip of the season, the latest in the layers of the year.

I moved a little deeper, staying just in one place, going past the stalks of the violet phlox that had bloomed here in August, and the old seed pods of the orange day lilies that had flowered in July, past the ectoskeleton of a cicada from late June.

The rain of the previous day had compressed the summer into strata, and the further I went, and the more layers I uncovered, the deeper I groped my way back in time. I found the hardy creeping Charlie of May, still green and strong, and the pine chip mulch with which I covered some black ground cloth—both the mulch and the cloth useless against the weeds.

Underneath those flimsy barriers, I saw three ants, one millipede, four pill bugs, one red worm. I found roots of

the crab grass that had travelled through the bee balm and the salvia and the daisies during the hottest days of the year.

I felt nostalgic as an archaeologist in the garden space, the recent events and layers of my life seeming to pass through my fingers, to be taken and broken into the tangle and decay and indifference of so many other forms.

Still, I told myself, the tilt of the planet on its axis not only repeats the seasons, but also tempers and recasts the fate and stuff of matter. It is the very essence of Earth, the only truth I really know, that the strata of substances always fall and turn and rise again.

And, indeed, when I dug down just a little further, my nostalgia and my sadness over things lost disappeared. Two crocus bulbs were pushing toward the surface. When I went deep enough beneath the leaves, I found spring.



A family visits with the sheep on a fall day at Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT. photo courtesy of Billings Farm & Museum

**Come Inside Now**

Come inside now. Stand beside the warming stove. Watch out through the windows as a cold rain tears down the last leaves.

The larder full of dried herbs, hot peppers, chutneys, jellies, jams, dill pickles, pickled relishes, pickled beets.

The freezer full of frozen greens—chard and spinach, collards, kale—

green beans, basil, red sauces, applesauce and smoked meats.

The woodshed dry and full of wood, winter squashes stashed away. Down cellar: potatoes, carrots, crock of sauerkraut.

Come inside now. Stand beside the warming stove. Listen. Wait.



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Belgian draft horses pull a wagon full of visitors around the fields on a fall foliage ride at Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT. photo courtesy of Billings Farm & Museum

**Woodstock, VT**

# Harvest Time at Billings Farm & Museum

Billings Farm & Museum is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year. Over these past 30 years, over one million visitors—hailing from every state in the U.S. and over 40 foreign countries—have explored the farm. Whether you are a visitor or make Vermont your home, plan a trip to Billings Farm. You'll have a great time!

**Pumpkin & Apple Celebration**

Billings Farm & Museum hosts its annual Pumpkin & Apple Celebration on Saturday and Sunday, October 5 & 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hands-on activities and programs will highlight these two important fall crops, their historical importance, and many uses.

Take the apple taste test and vote for your favorite! Lend a hand pressing cider, making pumpkin or apple ice cream, and peeling apples for drying. Join in the "pumpkin and apple fun" with apple races, pumpkin bowling, apples-on-a-string, sampling pumpkin bread and pumpkin Legos®. See apple butter being made in the farmhouse kitchen and take home a recipe for "Pumpion Pye."

The pumpkin display includes white, blue, and striped pumpkins. Learn more about this hearty, nourishing, and versatile vegetable, first cultivated 9,000 years ago. The apple display features apples from local Vermont orchards. Horse-drawn wagon rides are included with admission.

**29th Annual Harvest Weekend**

The Billings Farm & Museum's 29th Annual Harvest Weekend takes place on October 12 & 13, from 10 a.m. to

5 p.m. Voted by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce a Top 10 Fall Event for 2013, the weekend features 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 1-4 p.m. Lend a hand pressing cider, preserving apples, and threshing grain. 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 making butter and ice cream, apples-on-a-string, and 19th century games. Hot-spiced cider and homemade doughnuts will be on hand for all!

**Autumn Wagon Ride Weekend**

Capture the brilliant colors of a Vermont autumn on a scenic narrated horse-drawn wagon ride around the farm fields during the 7th Annual Autumn Wagon Ride Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, October 19 & 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

**20th Annual Family Halloween**

Bring your family to Billings Farm's 20th Annual Family Halloween on Sunday, October 27, from 10 a.m. until 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 12:00 & 2:00 p.m., will be led by one of the Billings Farm's friendly Southdown ewes and all children will receive a ribbon.

*The Billings Farm & Museum is owned and operated by The Woodstock Foundation Inc. Billings Farm is an operating Jersey dairy farm that continues a 142-year tradition of agricultural excellence and offers farm programs and historical exhibits that explore Vermont's rural heritage and values.*

*Celebrating its 30th anniversary, the Farm & Museum has served as a gateway to Vermont's rural heritage.*

*It is open daily April 27 through October 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekends Nov. – Feb., and Christmas & Presidents' weeks, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission: adults: \$12; 62 & over: \$11; children 5–15: \$6; 3-4: \$3; 2 & under: free.*

*The Farm & Museum is one-half mile north of the Woodstock village green on VT Rt. 12. For information call (802) 457-2355 or visit [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).*

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## Earth as Muse New Exhibition at The Great Hall

The Great Hall, Vermont's newest showcase for the arts at One Hundred River Street in Springfield, VT, announces a new exhibition entitled: *Earth As Muse: Beauty, Degradation, Hope, Regeneration, Awakening*. The exhibition is open now and runs through April 4, 2014. Exhibiting artists include: Fran Bull, Pat Musick, Harry A Rich, Jenny Swanson and Richard Weis.

This is an exhibition that is celebratory yet suggestive of a warning to the preciousness of the earth and caring for our source of life. Nina Jamison, project coordinator of the Great Hall, says that the artists ask us to celebrate the beauty of the earth yet at the same time reflect on the tensions that exist between mankind and the natural environment.

### Fran Bull

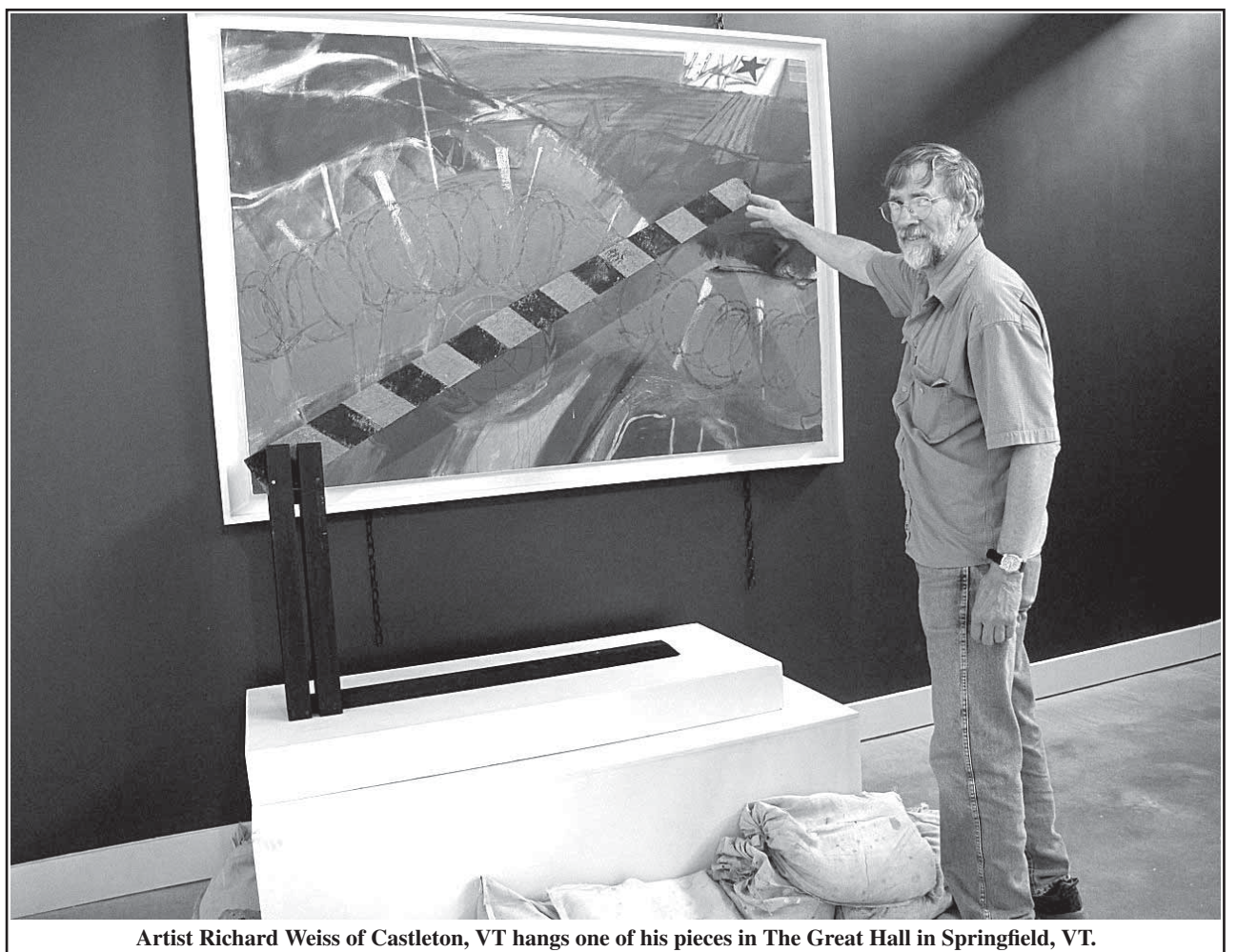
Fran Bull, from Brandon, VT, award-winning sculptor, painter and printmaker, offers "The Magdalene Cycle" which is a plea for awakening (exhibiting 5 of the 13 panels, acrylic on canvas, 90"x65"). She says that the Thirteen Moons of The Magdalene Cycle is a meditation on the mysterious and controversial Mary Magdalene of Biblical lore. "I do not imagine her as a personage or a figure. She is one with the elements; she epitomizes the spirit of renewal. She comes with a mission: to awaken us to our crisis. Will we work to heal the plight of our beautiful earth before it is too late?"

### Pat Musick

Pat Musick, Manchester, VT, the 2013 recipient of the Governor's Gallery award, is exhibiting *Epilogue*. Pat explains the *Epilogue* series: "It was born from two natural disasters that hit our forest homeland in the 1980s—a forest fire and a flooding river. As I walked the land following these occurrences, I was assaulted by feelings of despair. Ruin was everywhere. But a year later the forest floor gave birth to new life. It was young, green, resilient, shining...more beautiful than before. I was overcome with feelings of hope, regeneration, new opportunity and this became embedded in my artistic vision. All of my work from that time forth carries this message. I've learned that from adversity comes the chance for new beginnings." *Epilogue* series is made up of: Ra (wood, shaped canvas, acrylic, 9' diameter x 15" off wall); *Epilogue 12* (hydrocal, acrylic, canvas, 28" x 38" x 9"); *Epilogue 18* (steel, hydrocal, acrylic, canvas, 64"x63" x 10") and *Epilogue 23* (steel, stone, acrylic, canvas, 52" x 50" x 12").

### Harry A. Rich

Harry A. Rich, Sandgate, VT, nonrepresentational and abstract painter, brings us the Mountain Monument Series (acrylic on canvas: Monument to Mountain Song (48"x56"); Monument to Unknown Mountain Poets (48"x48"); and Monument to Mountain Moonlight (48"x48"). He says that



Artist Richard Weiss of Castleton, VT hangs one of his pieces in The Great Hall in Springfield, VT.

our mountains, the Taconics—Greens and Whites—not so long ago were the height of the ancient Central Asian Himalayan range. Ice ages above and substrata activity below reduced and re-crafted our mountains to our present day size. Nevertheless, their original soaring spiritual essence is alive today. His paintings express the original full radiance, the natural mountain sounds, the writings of unknown mountain scribes and the purity of the moonlight. Rich's other work is *Ottoman Wall* (acrylic on canvas, 48"x48"). He says the wall image began as part of the monument series, but lost its way in the studio. The window invites viewers to look back at the Ottoman Empire's legacy and outward to the future of this tribal, sectarian, ethnic, secular, religious, and political part of our earth.

### Jenny Swanson

Jenny Swanson, Cornish Flat, NH, is currently the Director of the Davidson Ceramics Studio at Dartmouth College. She will be exhibiting stoneware—"Upward Mobility" which poses the question, are we "climbing a ladder"? Is that ladder an evolutionary ladder, a corporate ladder or a ladder

of success? Will genetic engineering of plants or mapping the human genome affect how we "climb the ladder"? Her other piece is called "Line Plates" (porcelaneous stoneware, glaze, five wall plates at 19" each). The five wall plates are connected together visually, as if a river was flowing through them. All of the plates have exactly the same glaze but each one looks different, reflecting the many possibilities of the ceramic process.

### Richard Weis

Richard Weis, Castleton, VT, has been exhibiting his work across the U.S. and abroad for over 40 years. He is currently Professor Emeritus of Art at Green Mountain College and continues to maintain a studio in Poultney, VT. He has selected three works for the Great Hall Earth As Muse exhibition. The *Gathering* (acrylic on canvas, five panels, 78'x156") features a series of human figures that have been woven into an environmental context, a human family. He says the idea is to eliminate the separation between individual figures and merge them with the environment, focusing on them as a group so they become a stronger presence. *DMZ* (acrylic on canvas w barrier gate, 48"x60"x48") was painted in response to the border between North and South Korea in 2003. The piece illustrates how artificial borders tend to divide us into us and them. For years his work has been about finding painterly solutions to bridge these divisions. The *Land Stripped Bare* (acrylic on canvas four panels 90"x76") evolved from Weis' personal observations of human interactions with the landscape. He has found visual beauty in environmental degradation such as one might find in the open pit iron mines of Minnesota or the coal mines of West Virginia. He says, "these places often reflect human interaction with the earth in very graphic terms."

*Earth As Muse* runs through April 4, 2014. The Great Hall is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at One Hundred River Street, Springfield, VT. [bobj@springfielddevelopment.org](mailto:bobj@springfielddevelopment.org). [www.facebook.com/GreatHallSpringfield](http://www.facebook.com/GreatHallSpringfield).



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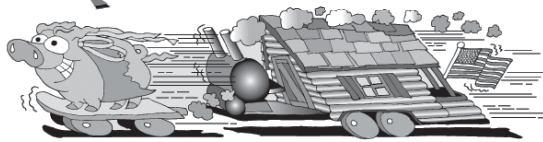
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# Stone Church Arts Presents an Autumn of Spectacular Music

## Immanuel Episcopal Church

Bellows Falls, VT

Stone Church Arts in Bellows Falls, VT presents its line-up of fall concerts running from September through December. This notable program is sponsored by the Immanuel Episcopal Church.

The artistic director is Vermont-based cellist and composer Eugene Friesen, who has performed widely as a member of the Grammy Award-winning instrumental group, The Paul Winter Consort. Eugene is also active as a soloist and educator and is on the faculty of the Berklee College of Music in Boston. The concerts are coordinated by Cynthia Hughes, Music Chair, and Robert (Beau) Bowler, Administrator.

You will come for the music, but you can also appreciate the outstanding venue. Known as the Stone Church, Immanuel was designed by well-known Gothic revival architect Richard M. Upjohn. The wheelchair accessible building is a perfect example of the French country Gothic style of the 14th century.

Buried in the adjacent church-yard is Hetty Green, once reputedly known as the wealthiest woman in the world, and often called the "Witch of Wall Street." Other markers in the beautiful cemetery grounds honor local civil war heroes and those who played an important role in the history of Bellows Falls.

### Concert Schedule:

September 28

#### Castlebay, Celtic Duo

Castlebay has been musically weaving together the heritage of New England and the Celtic lands since 1987. Members Julia Lane and Fred Gosbee have loved and researched

traditional music for most of their lives and blend history, legend and experience into their personal performance style. Their concerts feature poignant ballads sung in Lane's ethereal soprano and Gosbee's rich baritone interspersed with joyous dance tunes played on celtic harp, guitar, fiddle and tin whistle.

October 19

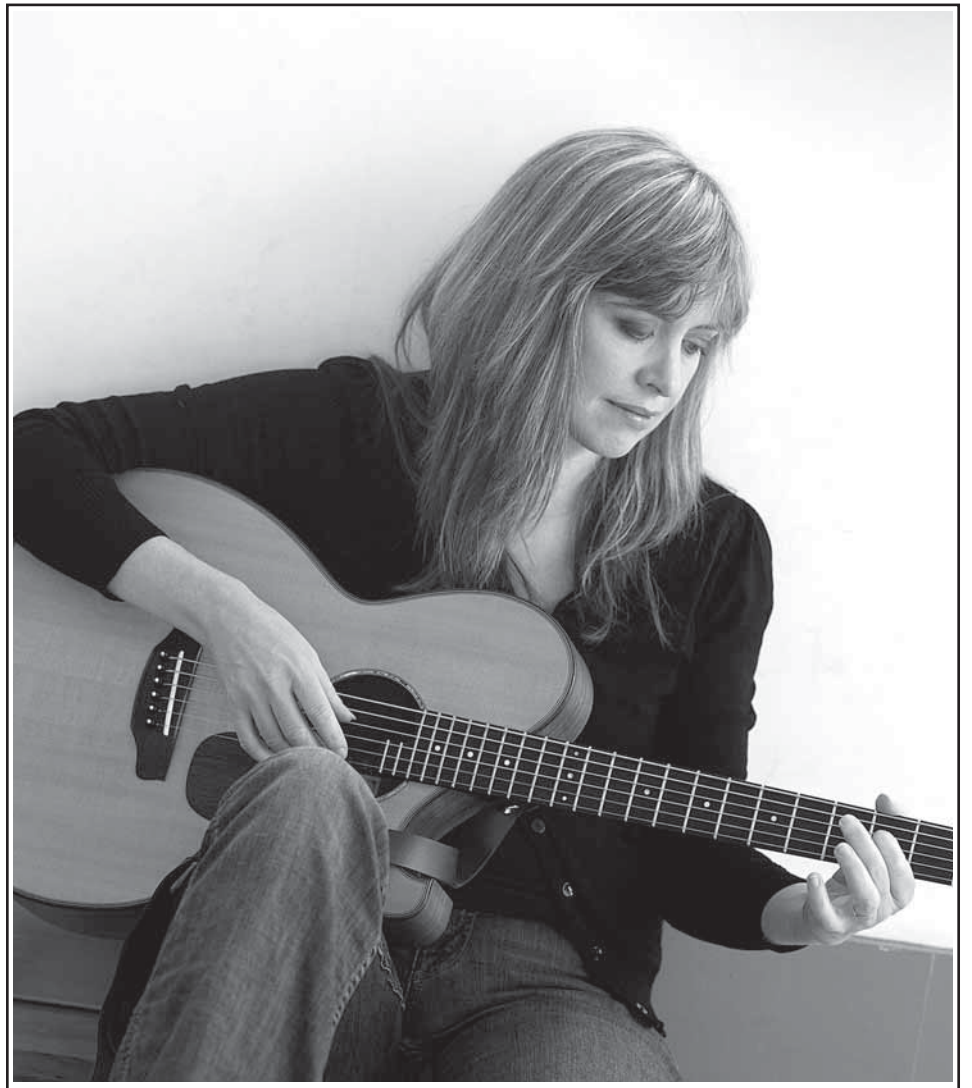
#### Sarah McQuaid, Guitar & Vocals.

Rising star Sarah McQuaid's voice has been likened to malt whiskey, melted chocolate and "honey poured into wine" (Minor 7th). A captivating performer, she seduces her audience with cheeky banter and stories from the road, as well as with stunning musicianship; in her hands, the guitar becomes much more than merely an accompanying instrument. Her musical output reflects her own eclectic background: Sarah was born in Spain, raised in Chicago, holds dual US and Irish citizenship, and now lives in rural England. Refusing to be pigeonholed, she spans the genres with both her beautifully crafted originals and her interpretations of material from around the globe and down the centuries.

November 2

#### Am Bròn Binn—The Sweet Sorrow

Music for harps and voices from the Celtic lands. Playing both medieval gut and early Gaelic wire harps, Duanlied brings to life the early music of the people of Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Drew Minter, countertenor and James Ruff, tenor skillfully bridge these traditions, exploring the expressive worlds of Gaelic Bards and Lowland poets. Haunting modal tunes, the lilting sounds of the Gaelic language, Scots songs and rhythmic Celtic



Sarah McQuaid

dances combine in a concert of unearthly beauty. Harps and voices join forces to convey early poetry as it was meant to be heard.

December 7

#### "Soli Deo Gloria"

#### Duo Orfeo, Electric Guitar Duo

Following in the tradition of instrumentalists of the Renaissance all over Europe who arranged polyphonic vocal music for the instruments of their time (lutes, viols, recorders), Duo Orfeo presents a program built around their arrangements for electric guitars of great sacred vocal music drawn from the whole breadth of western musical history. Pairing these innovative arrangements with less directly devotional music, we see the connections between all music that praises, wonders, fears, and exalts, whether its object be God, mystery, beauty, or love.

December 14

#### "To Warm the Winter's Nigh"

#### Aine Minogue, Celtic Harp & Vocals.

A Celtic Mid-Winter Celebration. This Pan-

Celtic odyssey is an enchanting evening of music, storytelling, and tradition. By turns solemn and joyous, it offers an emotional and evocative musical experience and is a wonderful alternative to the usual holiday fare. "With familiar carols and wintry Celtic ballads, tales, and poetry, her holiday concerts become a lilting, lulling way to make sweet sense of the season."—*Boston Globe*.

Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. and doors open at 7 p.m. Most concert tickets are \$17 (\$13 for seniors and children under 12) in advance and \$20 (\$15) at the door.

Concert tickets are available at Village Square Booksellers (Bellows Falls), Brattleboro Books, Misty Valley Books (Chester), Toadstool Books (Keene, NH) and online at [www.brattleborotix.com](http://www.brattleborotix.com).

All concerts (unless otherwise noted) will be held at Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. in Bellows Falls, VT. For information call (802) 463-3100. [sca@sover.net](mailto:sca@sover.net). [www.stonechurcharts.org](http://www.stonechurcharts.org)

## River Valley Artisans Tour Coming October 12-13

The River Valley Artisans Tour centered around Bellows Falls VT and Westmoreland, NH will present its second annual event on Columbus Day weekend, October 12-13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The Autumn season brings many tours, but this one is unique with offerings from from wineries to fiber craft to cheese making, along with fine artists.

This is a great opportunity to see the artists where they work and in many cases, view some of their ongoing demonstrations. Watch indigo dyeing at Long Ridge Farm, make your own card with David Howell in his

studio or learn how to weave baskets with materials from nature with Carolyn Kemp. Many of the artists will be painting and creating during your visit.

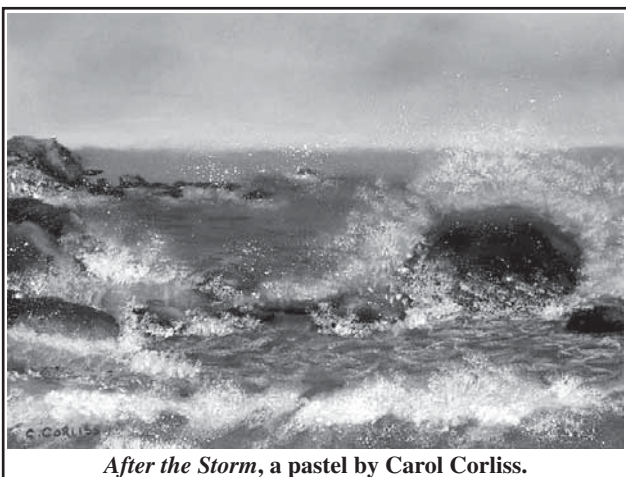
With over 25 artisans participating there will be an endless array of items for sale. Dealing directly with the artists, holiday shopping can be less expensive and more thoughtful. Meeting and getting to know the artist makes every piece personal and meaningful.

The area around Bellows Falls, VT with Westmoreland, Chesterfield, Walpole, and Spofford, NH just across the river, is rich with hidden talent which has not been

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# Workin' the Home Place

by Burr Morse

Here we are in the middle of foliage season, the busiest time of the year here at Morse Farm, when my brother Tick and friend Paul Cate invited me to a presentation on antique Vermont farm tools and equipment up at Brownington's Old Stone House in the Northeast Kingdom. I had more excuses than you could shake an old wagon wheel at but when they said Cousin Stanley would be going too, that brought me over.

Stanley has farmed the Morse ancestral place up in Calais his whole life and knows antique farm tools like the back of his Calais-callused hands. Best of all, since I was already heading on to Sheldon in Northwestern Vermont to play music that night, I had to take my own car and it was arranged that Stanley would ride with me to Brownington.

I headed north up County Road toward Stanley's place. As I approached the farm, the sweetness of new mown hay filled the air. "Just knocked that hay down yesterday", Stanley said as he joined me in my old Honda, "but Kent said he'd ted it

*"Although we tabled our aspirations we both spent our lives doing just what was right—workin' the home place."*

while I'm gone." Kent, Stanley's younger brother lives "a stone's throw" from the brick house where five generations of Morses have lived so far. Stanley's mention of "tedding" hay kicked off 60 miles of non-stop conversation.

Our dads came to us both when we were young men with the message, "I need your help on the farm." What was most surprising to me, however, was that Stanley was as much "agin" it as I was! I had an active list of things I wanted to do with my life back then and farming was not even a blip on th'old radar but when dad presented me with that special combination of sentimentality and gentle arm twisting, I said "OK, I'll do it." It sounds like Stanley got the same "proposal" with maybe a bit more emphasis on the arm twisting.

He grew up in the transition period from horse-drawn equipment to tractors and bulldozers. Stanley said he wanted to start a construction company and spend his life operating heavy equipment. "I woulda done that for sure if dad hadn't caught me right when he did but there I was all of a sudden headed for a lifetime on that farm," he said. My thoughts



Friends, Stanley and Burr.

photo by Claude Stone

went back to a similar place—long distance truck driver, journalist, even an undertaker—that was my short list but none of it panned out.

When we got to Brownington, we gravitated to an old steam engine in a shelter. A man from Ohio came along, sized us up as the old "Vermontahs" we were, and wanted to talk. He'd just been to the Orleans County Fair and his mention of "pullin' horses" kindled a funny story from Stanley. It seems one time someone suggested to John Morse, Stanley's dad, that he should enter his team of horses in a pullin' contest. John, an expert with Jersey dairy cows and no slouch with workhorses, responded quicker'n a snapping whip "Heavens no" he said. "Pullin' contests'r askin' too much from husses—you'll ruin a good team!" Stanley said he stood in the background thinking, "wish dad thought the same way about his kids!"

Although we could have spent the whole day just reminiscing and trading yarns, we found our way to the Stone House Museum's recently replicated post and beam horse barn and sat down for Mr. Paul Wood's talk on antique Vermont farm tools. The presentation, a combination of PowerPoint, real antiques and hard facts, was long but interesting. I was struck

by the number of things invented right here in Vermont—butter churns, cream separators, scythe blades, and sap spouts. But I was more struck by the number of those antiques that I had used and seen around our farm!

We ended our day going in different directions, Tick, Paul Cate, and Stanley heading back south to Central Vermont, and I, heading west over Hazen's Notch to play my horn in Sheldon. It was a great day, full of contrasts—laughter, wistfulness, the past, and the PowerPoint, but I know Stanley Morse and I would have agreed on one thing: that although we tabled our aspirations, we both spent our lives doing just what was right—workin' the home place.

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# A Vermont Almanack for Middle Autumn

by Bill Felker

Like the trees, we had to let each new year shape, teach, and renew us until our unconscious habits fell like autumn leaves to the forest floor, and new, more conscious ways of doing things sprouted in their place.

—Ken Carey

## The Phases of the Harvest Moon and the Cider Moon

The last apple crop of the year is picked throughout the autumn, and apple cider is just one of its many products. Like maple syrup time that marks the transition from winter to spring, cider time leads to leaf turn and leaf fall and then to the cold of winter. *October 4:* The Cider Moon is new at 7:35 p.m. *October 11:* The moon enters second quarter at 6:02 p.m. *October 18:* The moon is full at 6:38 p.m. *October 26:* The moon enters its final quarter at 6:41 p.m. The second penumbral lunar eclipse will take place on October 18, and it will be visible throughout the Americas. Watch the eclipse from sundown until 11 p.m.

## 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 Planets of October

Jupiter lies in Gemini, high in the east before dawn. Mars, still in Leo, trails along behind him. Venus moving retrograde into Ophiuchus stays the brightest evening star. Saturn in Libra disappears from the evening sky this month.

## The Stars

October evenings bring the Milky Way from east to west across the sky. Now the Big Dipper hugs the northern horizon, its pointers actually pointing up and south to Polaris. As midnight approaches, the red eye of Taurus will have risen over the horizon, pulling December's Orion with it.

## The Shooting Stars

The Draconid meteors 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 will be dark for Draconid viewing, but will be waning through its third quarter for the Orionids, making sighting of the shooting stars more challenging.

## Meteorology and Peak Livestock Activity in October

Weather history suggests that cold waves usually cross the Mississippi River on or about the following dates: October 2, 7, 13, 17, 23, and 30. Storms can occur prior to the passage of each major front. Fish, game, livestock and people tend to feed more and are more active (and often more troublesome) as the barometer is falling one to three days before these weather systems.

## Natural Calendar

The chemical changes in the foliage that became noticeable six weeks ago accelerate until the fragile landscape turns



Jersey bull and heifer munch on hay in a late fall pasture in Central Vermont. photo by Nancy Cassidy

all at once. Shagbark hickories, maples, sweet gums, oaks, sassafras, and sycamores reach peak color. Black walnuts, locusts, buckeyes, box elders, hackberries, pussy willows, ashes and cottonwoods are almost bare. Blueberry bushes are completely red. Vineyards are yellow and brown, only a few grapes left. Some ginkgoes are pale golden green, some just a little faded. Large patches of sky shine through the tattered canopy.

In the cooler, wetter nights, crickets and katydids are weakening. Only a few swallowtails and fritillaries visit the garden, and just a few fireflies glow in the grass. Out in the fields, almost all the wildflowers have gone to seed. Wild cucumber fruits are dry and empty. Hosta pods are splitting, black seeds ready to fall in a storm. Wild asparagus yellows by the roadsides. The final sedum blossoms are closing for the year.

Quickweed still provides a deep green border to the paths, and a few lance-leaf and zigzag goldenrod still hold. If the frosts have been light, asters are still common, along with chicory and Queen Anne's lace. Pink smartweed keeps blossoming, and catchweed sometimes flowers again. Protected impatiens, petunias and geraniums still bloom with the hardier mums and pansies.

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Are shrewd enough for thrift of self you'll be  
Shrewd enough then to hoard a ruby lie  
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—JAKE FALSTAFF

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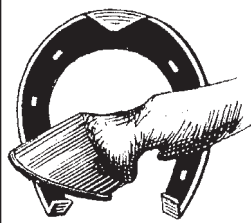
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# The Optimistic Gardener

by Judith Irvén

Every autumn my mother went to her local garden center to buy bulbs. Taking one of the paper bags they provided, ever so carefully she would fill it to the brim with all kinds of bulbs. Slowly she packed them in together, nestling the little bulbs, like snowdrops and crocuses, into the crannies between the daffodils and tulips, until every last space was taken.

You see, at her garden center, you paid for your bulbs by the bag. So, the more you could squeeze in the bag, the better the deal!!

She would then take everything home and plant her new treasures in the garden, ever optimistic that, six months from now, she would be enjoying them in flower. She followed this ritual for years, and always delighted in telling me about her feat of fitting all those bulbs into a single bag.

Of course, one year the inevitable happened, the spring when she was no longer there to enjoy her snowdrops and crocuses, tulips and daffodils.

But, instead of dwelling on that sadness, I choose to remember my mother as the wonderful optimist that she was. I recall how she anticipated all the different plants that would emerge from the soil, and the profusion of flowers that would brighten even the rainiest days.

### Optimism: the essence of a gardener

All gardeners are optimists. It is the essence of who we are.

Each year we plan and we plant, knowing full well it may be months—or even years—before the results of our labors will come to fruition. And sometimes, such as when we plant a maple tree, the main beneficiaries of our efforts will be those who come after us.

So, with the spirit of an optimist, let me share with you my own fall ritual, where the results will not be visible for six months or more.

### Remaking an unruly corner

Every autumn I select one bed that is crying out for a makeover—a bed where the shrubs need pruning and the perennials need editing, and where the weeds are running rampant.

As the years pass, I gradually work on each of my beds, rejuvenating the plants and taking care of the ravages of time. I think of it as the long-term rhythm of gardening.

My overall goal for these makeovers is to finish up with plants that I really like, and have them better spaced and grouped so that, in the coming years, they will create a more beautiful tapestry of color and texture.

And while I am at it I will be sure to weed everything thoroughly.

### Timing

Contrary to instinct, it is fall, and not spring, which is best for this type of gardening work.

If I dig up my perennials in spring I find it all too easy to damage the young soft green top growth that is just emerging.

But in the fall all perennial plants, as part of their preparation for winter, become dormant (a bit like going into hibernation). The green tops die back and the physiological activity in the roots gradually slows down. So, by waiting to dig and divide my perennials until after their leaves turn brown, I can minimize their stress.

Also, since the roots are semi-dormant, after I dig them up, I can take my time about moving them to new locations, either within the bed I am working, or elsewhere in the garden.

Of course, autumn is also when all deciduous shrubs and trees drop their leaves, a signal that they too are in the process of entering their winter dormancy, and making it an excellent time to prune them.

The only downside to pruning woody plants in the fall and winter is that, for shrubs that flower in springtime, I may remove some buds and sacrifice a few of next year's flowers. Sometimes however, in order to complete the makeover of particular corner of the garden, this is a trade-off I am willing to make.

Autumn is also a very good time to plant newly purchased plants. So a visit to the nursery often figures into my plans as well.

At this time of year the entire process can be undertaken in a gentle leisurely manner, starting at the beginning of October and, if necessary, continuing well into November, halted only when the ground freezes solid.

### Autumn Recipe for Renovating a Tired Bed

So here is my approach for tackling that messy overgrown bed:

• First I stand back and survey the scene. I recall how it looked in spring, summer and fall, what worked well and what could do with changing. For example, if the bed is currently devoted to perennials, by introducing some shrubs I could give it more visual weight.

• Then I take a mental inventory of the existing plants; which ones I really like; which ones I like somewhat; and which ones I wish were never there at all and should be consigned to the compost. I also look for plants that would look better in a new spot, either within the bed I am reworking, or somewhere else altogether.

• I start with a 'test dig' to analyze the weed situation. More often than not I find running



photo by Dick Conrad  
Judith is getting ready to soak a large clump of iris roots (called rhizomes) that are completely entangled with grassy weeds.



photo by Dick Conrad  
After soaking the whole clump in water for a couple of hours, she could easily remove all the grassy weeds and divide the whole clump into a number of single rhizomes ready for replanting, either in her garden or to give to friends.

weeds, such as witch grass that I recognize by its white roots, as well dandelions with their long difficult taproots. If this is the case, I will use this as an opportunity to rid the bed of the weeds.

• I then dig up all the perennials, and immediately throw out all that I dislike and those that are full of weeds. I then take everything else and soak the entire root mass in water for a couple of hours. That makes it much easier to separate out the weeds and to divide all the larger plants before replanting. I then place all the divided weed-free roots in plastic bags to stop them drying out, using one bag for each plant kind and carefully labeling the bag.

• Now I take my sturdy garden fork and sift through the soil to chase down as many running roots out as possible. After that I dig in plenty of compost, an excellent way to renew tired soil.

• I like to sketch up a planting plan of the bed, as it helps me see how to group the plants for best effect. Oftentimes a few new plants are needed to complete the plan—ei-

ther shrubs or perennials or both—so a trip to the nursery is the next stop.

• Then I prune the shrubs to remove dead and old wood, and generally to open up their interiors, before I replant the perennials according to the plan. I complete the job by covering the soil between the plants with a little mulch (six layers of newspaper and an inch of bark mulch or ground up leaves is ideal).

• And finally I bag up the extra plants that I created from my perennial divisions to share with my gardening friends.

Of course it will be many months, or perhaps even a couple of years, before I get to enjoy the full results of my efforts. But, as an ever-optimistic gardener, I can surely handle that.

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Event chair Carol Fay of Wardsboro says, "The Turnip Festival that draws people together, and over the years, everyone has begun to really look forward to it. I think it's kind of unique. How often do you find a community that celebrates a turnip?"

### Local cooks prepare turnip treats

This year, more than 10 village cooks are preparing hundreds of pounds of Gilfeathers for the event's signature Gilfeather Turnip Soup, which is served at the popular Turnip Cafe in town hall. Another two hundred pounds of turnips will be given out to various Wardsboro chefs to prepare different recipes that will be featured as "turnip tastings." The Turnip Café is located in the Wardsboro Town Hall and serves ala carte servings of the creamy, flavorful turnip soup plus other turnip dishes which festival goers may sample. A "soup kiosk" outside the big tent is for those who want to buy soup only.

The turnip cart outside town hall is always over loaded with six or seven hundred pounds of Gilfeathers, many grown on neighboring farms such as Dutton's in Newfane or in local gardens. Turnips, small, medium and large, and some all organic, too, are sold by the pound.

### Looking for the very best turnip

The most exciting part of the Turnip Festival is the annual Turnip Contest. Contestants may register Gilfeather turnips at town hall from 10 a.m. to noon. Vermont's expert gardener and TV star Charlie Nardozi has signed on to be this year's celebrity judge. He will be on hand for the ribbon-awards ceremony at 1 p.m. Anyone may enter the Turnip Contest, and it's free. There are six categories in which to win a ribbon this year: Grand Champion, largest grown in Wardsboro, largest grown out of town, largest grown from seed, largest grown from started seedlings and a new category this year: best name for your turnip.

One of the event organizers, Karen Davis says, "More than 30 craft and farmers' market vendors are scheduled to set up inside town hall as well as outdoors and under the big tent. We've been striving to have a good balance between crafters and food vendors. Last year, we had a good variety of vendors selling farm products, in addition to people selling pottery and jewelry and the fabric artists." The most popular booth is the Friends Turnip Shoppe featuring apparel, accessories, books and movies all about the Gilfeather turnip, as well as many other gift items of local interest.

### The Gilfeather turnip story

The unusual festival celebrates the Gilfeather turnip, first propagated in Wardsboro in the early 1900s by farmer, John Gilfeather. Gilfeather Farm still exists, right in the heart of Wardsboro, and the current owners carry on the tradition of Farmer John by planting a large crop of the heirloom turnip that originated on their farm at the turn of the century.

The turnip has been lauded in feature articles in the local press, including Stratton Magazine, Local Banquet magazine, and Edible Green Mountains magazine, as well as a mention or two in food articles in New York magazine. It is a Vermont heirloom vegetable is listed in the Slow Food Ark of Taste.

It's remarkable that a humble root vegetable—which some say is actually more of a rutabaga—has attracted much attention to the small town even after leaf-season has peaked, and all for a good cause as well. All the proceeds of the event are earmarked to pay for the costs of the property which houses the Wardsboro Public Library.

### Lots of entertainment

Live music is always a big draw at the Turnip Fest. Visitors will be treated to the guitar and vocals of Jimmy Knapp, Wardsboro's strolling musician who annually serenades visitors with his original "Gilfeather Turnip Ballad."



A festival visitor admires one of the big Gilfeather turnips entered in a previous Turnip Contest. Turnip contest entries can be registered from 10 a.m. until noon and winners will be announced in Wardsboro Town Hall at 1 p.m. by celebrity judge, Charlie Nardozi from VPR.

Also performing throughout the day will be the Tuesday Night Town Hall Boys comprised of musicians from Wardsboro and Stratton. The Turnip Tappers, an ensemble of young, costumed tap dancers directed by Kathleen Meeks of Wardsboro, will entertain visitors after the contest awards ceremony.

Festival admission and parking are free. This event is made possible by the enthusiasm and dedication of dozens of volunteers from Wardsboro and neighboring towns. The festival is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Wardsboro Library for the support of the Gloria Danforth Memorial Building, the home of the Wardsboro Public Library.

### Schedule of Events

- 10 a.m. – Festival opens with crafts and farmer's market
- 11 a.m. – Turnip Cafe opens for food to eat or take home
- 11 a.m. – Live entertainment begins
- 12 noon – Deadline to enter the Turnip Contest
- 12-1 p.m. – Turnip Contest Judging with Charlie Nardozi
- 1 p.m. – Turnip Contest winners announced
- 1:30 p.m. – Turnip Tappers on stage at the Town Hall
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The Gilfeather Turnip Festival takes place in Wardsboro, VT on Rt. 100 south of Rt. 30 in southeastern Vermont. The Friends of Wardsboro Library can be reached at (802) 896-3416. Visit [www.friendsofwardsborolibrary.org](http://www.friendsofwardsborolibrary.org). The Wardsboro Public Library is located at 170 Main St., Wardsboro, VT. (802) 896-6988. [wardsboro@vals.state.vt.us](mailto:wardsboro@vals.state.vt.us). [www.wardsboropubliclibrary.org](http://www.wardsboropubliclibrary.org).

## A Vagabond Song

There is something in the autumn that is native to my blood—  
 Touch of manner, hint of mood;  
 And my heart is like a rhyme,  
 With the yellow and the purple and the crimson keeping time.  
 The scarlet of the maples can shake me like a cry  
 Of bugles going by.  
 And my lonely spirit thrills  
 To see the frosty asters like a smoke upon the hills.  
 There is something in October sets the gypsy blood  
 astir;  
 We must rise and follow her,  
 When from every hill of flame  
 She calls each vagabond by name.

—BLISS CARMAN

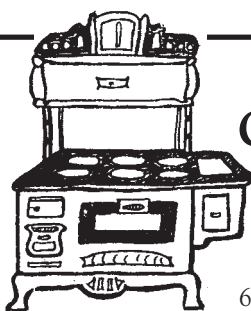


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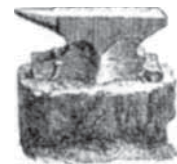
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# Celebrate with Champlain Orchard's Harvestfest

Champlain Orchards is pleased to announce the 15th annual Harvestfest, a celebration of all that is wonderful about Vermont's fall harvest!

This year's event takes place on Sunday, October 13th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Shoreham orchard located along the shores of Lake Champlain overlooking the Adirondack Mountains.

Harvestfest at Champlain Orchards is a day full of lively music, good food, companionship, cheer and celebration. It's a great way for everyone to enjoy a crisp fall day at the orchard, pick some apples, enjoy a feast of local meats, vegetables, and of course fruits, and hear some great music!

## Lively music at the orchard

This year, Champlain Orchards is pleased to have the Bondville Boys, Southern Vermont's favorite bluegrass band play for Harvestfest. Three members of The Bondville Boys, Jake Geppert, Tom Morris and Laura Molinelli, have played together for over twenty years. Joined by Dennis Fink (bass, vocals) and most recently Ben Campbell (guitars, mandolin, vocals) this quintet is known for their sweet harmonies, great picking, off-topic stage banter, good energy, washboard solos and eclectic set-lists. The Bondville Boys play a huge assortment of music, including original tunes and everything from Flatt and Scruggs to Blondie.

## Donuts, fresh apples, and sweet & hard cider!

Harvestfest provides an opportunity to enjoy the many aspects of. During Harvestfest you can sample and purchase the tasty products of one of Vermont's longest continuously operating orchards—among them, fresh apples, sweet cider, pies and a traditional favorite, apple cider donuts.

New this year will be a special hard and ice cider tasting. The orchard has developed and launched three lines of hard and ice ciders that can be found in restaurants, country stores, and grocery/supermarket chains throughout Vermont and New England.

Under the Pruner's, Champlain Hard Cider and Champlain Orchards Ice Cider labels, the orchard is one of a very select group that grows, harvests, picks, handcrafts and bottles their own hard ciders—a true orchard-to-table hard cider. Earlier this fall, the orchard's Pruner's line launched Pruner's Draft, a traditional draft cider with rich apple flavors, a clean finish and unique blend of Champlain Orchard apples. Pruner's Draft can be found in restaurants throughout the state, as well as at the orchard's Farm Market where there is a special growler filling station perfect for taking home this unique hard cider.

## A family tradition

Champlain Orchards is a family owned and run orchard that is ecologically managed and takes pride in growing over 50 varieties of apples, and organic fruits and berries. Champlain Orchards is committed to Vermont's local food and agriculture economy, and growing fruit following strict organic and Eco Apple requirements.

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## The Apple Picker

On a limber ladder  
Bending in the breeze  
See the plucky picker  
Try the trembling trees.

Picking-bag on shoulder,  
Darting here and there,  
Ever growing bolder,  
Swinging in the air.

Pippin, Pearmain, Baldwin,  
King and Spy and Sweet,  
Spitzenbergh and Codlin,  
Never stop to eat.

In the sunlight glancing'  
On their branches tall,  
Merrily they're dancing,  
Do not let them fall!

Tantalizing torments  
Almost out of reach,  
Tenderly you touch them  
As if egg or peach.

Careful with the packing  
In the barrels neat,  
Nothing now is lacking,  
Here's a fruit complete!

—DORIC A. KNEELAND  
Waitsfield, VT 1858–1922



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Guests enjoy the barbeque at Champlain Orchards Annual Harvestfest in Shoreham, VT.

in small batches using organic and local ingredients, and can be found in co-ops, country stores, grocery stores, restaurants, schools, and supermarkets throughout Vermont, eastern upstate New York, and New Hampshire.

Champlain Orchards invites you to pick-your-own fruit in the summer and fall, shop at the farm market or order directly from the orchard's mail order catalog.

Bring your family, plan a picnic, pick some apples, and enjoy the beautiful views!

Champlain Orchards is located at 3597 VT Route 74 West in Shoreham, VT. To learn more about Champlain Orchards, Harvestfest or other orchard events, please call (802) 897-2777 or visit [www.ChamplainOrchards.com](http://www.ChamplainOrchards.com).

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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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**ARLINGTON.** Equinox Skyline Drive. An unforgettable drive to the summit of Mount Equinox. Scenic picnic areas. Hiking trails at the summit. Newly opened visitor's center. Admission: automobiles, \$15 car and driver, \$5 per passenger (under 10 free); motorcycles \$12 bike and driver, no passenger fee. Open 9 am - 5 pm. 42 Skyline Dr. off Rt. 7A. (802) 362 1115. [www.equinoxmountain.com](http://www.equinoxmountain.com).

**BARRE.** Art Exhibits, Classes, Workshops, and Artists' Studios. Tuesday-Friday 10 am - 5 pm, Saturday noon - 4 pm. 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).

**BARTONSVILLE.** Friday Night Bingo. 6:30 pm. Bartonville Grange (located across from Rockingham State Police Barracks on Rt. 103), 116 Upper Bartonville Rd. (802) 875-4438. Every Friday.

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

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Green Mountain Flyer Fall Train Rides. Go north along the Connecticut River, then northwest along the Williams River. See Brockways Mills Gorge and the newly rebuilt Bartonville covered bridge. Departs 11 am and 2:30 pm. Tickets \$15-\$25. Also the Green Mountain Flyer Murder Mystery Train 11 am and 2:30 pm, \$20/\$25. For reservations call (800) 707-3530. [www.rails-vt.com](http://www.rails-vt.com). Tuesdays and Fridays October 1-25.

**BELMONT.** Mount Holly Community Historical Museum. Open year-round on second weekend of the month. Tarbellville Rd. (turn right immediately after the Belmont Store, museum is on your right). (802) 259-2460. [www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org](http://www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org).

**BELMONT.** Mount Holly Farmer's Market features Vermont-made and Vermont-grown products, fresh produce, baked goods, hand crafts. On Belmont Village Green, Saturdays, 10 am - 1 pm, rain or shine. (802) 259-2322. Through October

**BENNINGTON.** Catamount Prowl 2013. The Bennington Area Chamber of Commerce announces Catamount Prowl 2013. The 34 fiberglass catamount sculptures will be embellished by area artists and on display in and around Bennington through October. Gala & auction October 26, 2013. (802) 447-3311. [www.bennington.com](http://www.bennington.com).

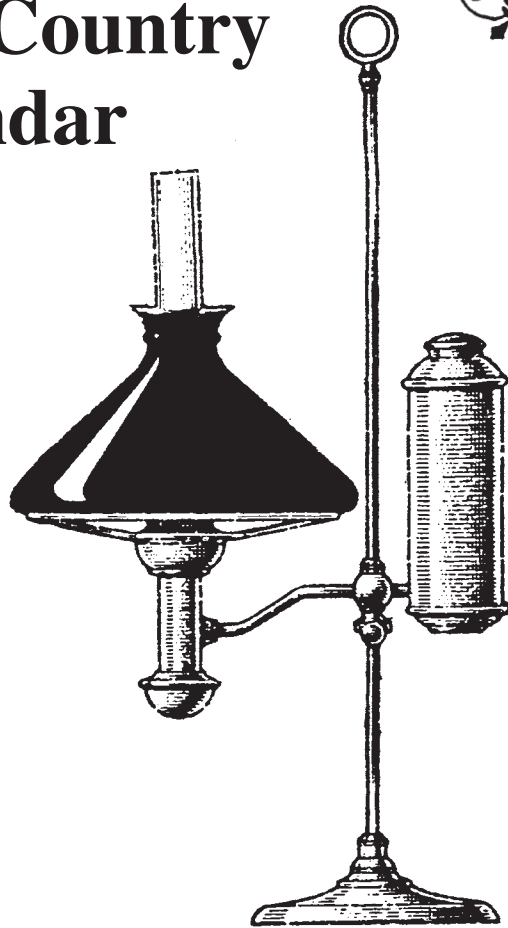
**BENNINGTON.** Play. Sherlock Holmes—*Knight's Gambit*. Thu, Fri, Sat 8 pm; Thu, Sat, Sun 2 pm. Oldcastle Theatre, 331 Main St. (802) 447-0564. [liz@oldcastletheatre.org](mailto:liz@oldcastletheatre.org). [www.oldcastletheatre.org](http://www.oldcastletheatre.org). September 27 through October 13.

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

**BENNINGTON.** Art exhibits, permanent collections, theater productions, workshops. Society of Animal Artists 53rd Annual Exhibition and Tour August 31 through November 3. Plein Air VT—exhibit of paintings from the five-day September Plein Air art event, through Dec. 22. Admission: adults \$9, seniors/students \$8, families \$20, under 12 free. Bennington Center for the Arts, 44 Gypsy Ln. (802) 442-7158. [benningtoncenterforthearts.org](http://benningtoncenterforthearts.org).

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington Museum—Exhibits and Public Programs, Founding Documents, Fine Art, Grandma Moses, and more. See Bennington Pottery, the 1924 Wasp Touring Car, Fine Art, Vermont Furniture, and the Bennington Flag - one of America's oldest flags. Southwestern Vermont and the Civil War, on view through October 27. Lectures, workshops, concerts, films, and the George Aiken Wildflower Trail. Admission \$10, children under 18 free. Also free admission to visit the Gift Shop. Open 10 am - 5 pm every day except Wednesdays. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. [www.benningtonmuseum.org](http://www.benningtonmuseum.org).

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



**BENNINGTON.** Bennington-Walloomsac Outdoor Farmers Market. Entertainment and prepared foods. 10 am - 2 pm. At the River Walk on Depot St. Katherine Keys. (802) 688-7210. [www.walloomsac.org](http://www.walloomsac.org). Saturdays through October.

**BERLIN.** Afro-Caribbean Dance. With live percussion every Thursday from 10:30 am - 12 pm. All levels welcome. Drumming and dance from Mali Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Also Capital City Grange Potluck—share delicious food with your friends and future friends, starting about 6:30 each first Saturday, all are welcome, no charge. Capital City Grange, 6612 VT Rt. 12, Northfield Rd. (802) 985-3665. [capitalcitygrange.org](http://capitalcitygrange.org).

**BRANDON.** Sustainable Living Book Exchange. Self-service—take a book, leave a book. Come to farm stand or the house. Donations accepted. Neshobe Farm, 142 Steinberg Rd. off Rt. 7 just north of the village. (802) 310-8534.

**BRANDON.** Compass Music and Arts Center. Concerts, exhibits, classes, readings, and other events. Small take-out café is open Monday - Friday 11 am - 4:30 pm. Studio space. 250-seat concert hall. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Dr. (802) 247-4295. [info@cmactv.org](mailto:info@cmactv.org). [www.cmactv.org](http://www.cmactv.org).

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

**BRANDON.** Farmer's Market. Seasonal vegetables and plants, honey, Vermont maple syrup, handcrafted jewelry, local mohair, wool and alpaca products, hand knit and crocheted items, baked goods, jams, jellies, local meats and much more. 9 am - 2 pm. In Central Park, 20 Park St. (802) 273-2655. [cijka4@gmail.com](mailto:cijka4@gmail.com). Every Friday through October 11.

**BRATTLEBORO.** Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. Exhibits and programs. Open 11-5. Closed Tues & Wed. 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" at 511 Upper Dummerston Rd., off Rt. 30. (802) 254-9067. [fairwind@sover.net](mailto:fairwind@sover.net). [fairwindsfarm.org](http://fairwindsfarm.org).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Social Singing from The Sacred Harp. Free and open to the public, no experience necessary, loaner books provided. 7-9 pm. Kidsplayce, 20 Elliott St. For information e-mail [cuvvlever@gmail.com](mailto:cuvvlever@gmail.com). First and third Thursdays.

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

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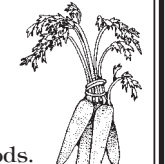
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**BURLINGTON.** 28th Annual Vermont International Film Festival. Screenings and events at MSL Performing Arts Center & ECHO Aquarium & Science Center, Lakeside Pavilion. Additional venues are BCA and North End Studios. For schedules and tickets call (802) 660-2600. info@vtiff.org. www.vtiff.org. *October 11-20.*

**BURLINGTON.** ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center. Exhibits, workshops, programs, café, gift shop, story hour. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration with special exhibits and programs on June 1 & 2. Admission: \$9.50 adults, \$7 ages 3-17, \$8 seniors and students, under 3 free. Mon-Sun, 10 am - 5 pm. Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, One College St. (877) 324-6385. www.echovermont.org.

**BURLINGTON.** First Friday Art Walk. Visit over 30 galleries, studios, and interesting venues. Free. 5-8 pm. Map available. (802) 264-4839. www.artmapburlington.com.

**BURLINGTON.** Eat Local Week. Join us for our annual Harvest Celebration, farm tours, and more. Get your taste buds ready for Burlington's celebration of local farms and local foods! Free. See website for details. City Market, 82 S. Winoski Ave. (802) 861-9700. taylor@citymarket.coop. www.eatlocalvt.com. *October 5-13.*

**CENTER RUTLAND.** The Rutland Railroad Museum. Housed in the Rutland Depot, built in 1917. Railroad artifacts and historical exhibits including HO & N scale model railroad layouts and a children's layout. Also available to educational groups and schools. Open Saturdays from 11 am - 1 pm. Rutland Railway Association, 79 Depot Lane. For info call John Schaub at (802) 768-8427. info@rutlandrailroadmuseum.org. rutlandrailroadmuseum.org.

**CHESTER.** Vermont Institute of Contemporary Arts. Art Exhibits, Programs and Music. Exhibit: *This is Water*, September 18 through October 20. Free admission. Wednesday through Sunday 11 am - 6 pm. VTica, 15 Depot St. (802) 875-1018. info@vtica.org. www.vtica.org.

**CHESTER.** Exhibit: Autumn in Vermont. Visit our 1840 Farmhouse gallery and see scenes of colorful maples, farmhouses, mountain streams, and fields of wildflowers. Free. 10 am - 6 pm. Chasse' Fine Art Gallery, 558 Main St. (802) 875-5585. chasseart@vermontel.net. *September 28 through October 20.*

**CHESTER.** Bingo. Refreshments on sale in the kitchen. 50/50, Raffle tickets, and Speed Ball cards also on sale. 6:30-9 pm; doors open at 5 pm. Gassetts Grange, junction of Rte 10 & 103N. (802) 875-2637. *Every Thursday.*

**CHESTER.** Monthly Community All-you-can-eat Buffet Breakfast. Eggs, home fries, sausage, bacon, pancakes, real Vermont maple syrup, toast, and beverages. \$7 donation at the door. 8-10 am. Also Monthly Square Dance and Rounds. Refreshments on sale. 50/50 tickets on sale. \$5 donation at the door. 7-11 pm. Gassetts Grange, junction of Rts. 10 & 103N. (802) 875-2637. *Saturdays October 5, November 2, and December 7.*

**CHESTER.** Green Mountain Express hosts Monthly Open Mike Country Jamboree. All musicians and singers, bands and singles welcome. Refreshments, raffles and 50/50 tickets on sale. Admission \$5 donation. 1-4 pm. Gassetts Grange, junction of Rte 10 & 103N. (802) 875-2637. *Sundays October 13, November 10, December 15.*

**CHESTER.** Chester-Andover Family Center Food Shelf and Thrift Shop. Great selection of clothes for the entire family including shoes and accessories, household items, books, videos, puzzles, games, etc. Food Shelf and emergency financial assistance to those in need. Thrift shop hours: Tues. 10-4, Wed. 1-7, Fri. 10-4, and Sat. 9-2. 908 VT Rt. 103 S. (802) 875-3236. chesterandoverfamilycenter.weebly.com.

**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. For membership and information contact the Southern Vermont Astronomy Group, PO Box 424, Chester, VT 05143. www.sovera.org.

**CHESTER.** High Tea at Inn Victoria. Afternoon savories, sweets, fruit, and a variety of teas. \$19.99 per person. Open by reservation. Inn Victoria, 321 Main St. (802) 875-4288. innkeeper@innvictoria.com. www.innvictoria.com.

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

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**DORSET.** Dorset Farmers Market. A producer-only market with 50 area vendors. Live local music. Rain or shine. Sundays from 10 am - 2 pm. Outdoors on the lawn at the H.N. Williams General Store, Rt. 30. Contact Nicole Henry, (802) 353-3539. marketmanager@dorsetfarmersmarket.com. *Through October 13.*

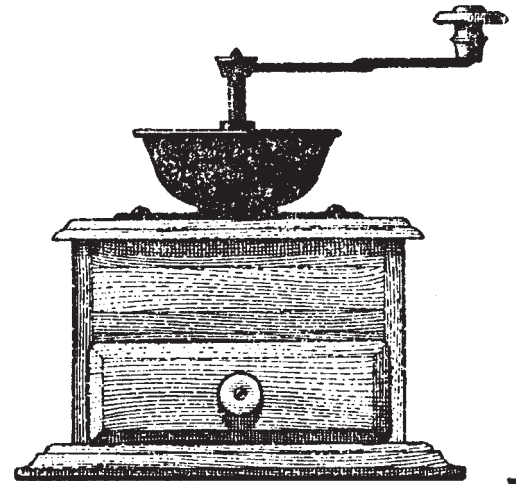
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**EAST CHARLESTON.** NorthWoods Stewardship Center. Programs, workshops and special events in all seasons. Public is welcome. 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 723-6551. www.northwoodscenter.org.

**FAIRFIELD.** President Chester Arthur Historic Site. Open Sat. and Sun. and Mon. holidays 11 am - 5 pm. Donation appreciated. 455 Chester Arthur Rd. (802) 933-9362. historicites.vermont.gov. *Through October 14.*

**FAIRLEE.** Outdoor Flea Market. Every Sat & Sun, weather permitting. 20 vendors selling antiques, collectibles, crafts & treasures. 7:30 am - 3 pm. Free. Railroad Station, Main St., Rt. 5. (802) 333-4809. *Thru October 13.*

**FERRISBURGH.** New Exhibit: "Free and Safe—The Underground Railroad in Vermont." This exhibit will introduce you to Simon and Jesse, two fugitives from slavery who were sheltered at Rokeby in the 1830s. Learn about the abolitionist Robinson family who called Rokeby home for nearly 200 years. Admission \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 students, children under 5 free. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. rokeby@comcast.net. www.rokeby.org. *Open through October 27.*



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**GLOVER.** The Museum of Everyday Life. 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. [museumofeverydaylife.org](http://museumofeverydaylife.org).

**GRAFTON.** The Vermont Museum of Mining and Minerals features displays and specimens from all over the Green Mountain State and around the world. Open Saturdays, Sundays and major holidays, Memorial Day through mid-Oct, 10 am – 12 pm & 1-4 pm, or by appt. 55 Pleasant St. (802) 875-3562. [www.vtmmm.org](http://www.vtmmm.org).

**GRAFTON.** The Nature Museum at Grafton. Programs for all ages. Hands-on exhibits, dioramas, mounted specimen, wildlife garden. Hiking trails in the Village Park behind the Museum. Admission \$5 adults, \$4 seniors and students, \$3 children ages 3 to 12, 2 and under free, \$15 for families. Open Thurs, Sat & Sun 10 am – 4 pm. 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org).

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

**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).

**HUBBARDTON.** Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site. Children's colonial dress-up basket. Bring your flag to be raised over the Hubbardton Battlefield and receive a certificate. Admission: adults \$2, children 14 years and under free. Open 9:30 am – 5 pm. Thurs–Sun, and Mon holidays. 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton). Open thru Oct 14.

**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 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). Open thru Oct 31 then by appointment Nov 1 thru April 39.

**KILLINGTON.** Hay Festival. Hay is not just for horses in this celebration of harvest art and creativity. Over 30 giant hay animals, from beautiful to whimsical. Photo contest. Free. (802) 422-2146. [www.discoverkillington.com](http://www.discoverkillington.com). Through October 13.

**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 Grafton County Senior Citizens Council building, Campbell St. Open for walk-ins 9 am – 4:30 pm, Mon-Fri. Free. (802) 649-2126.

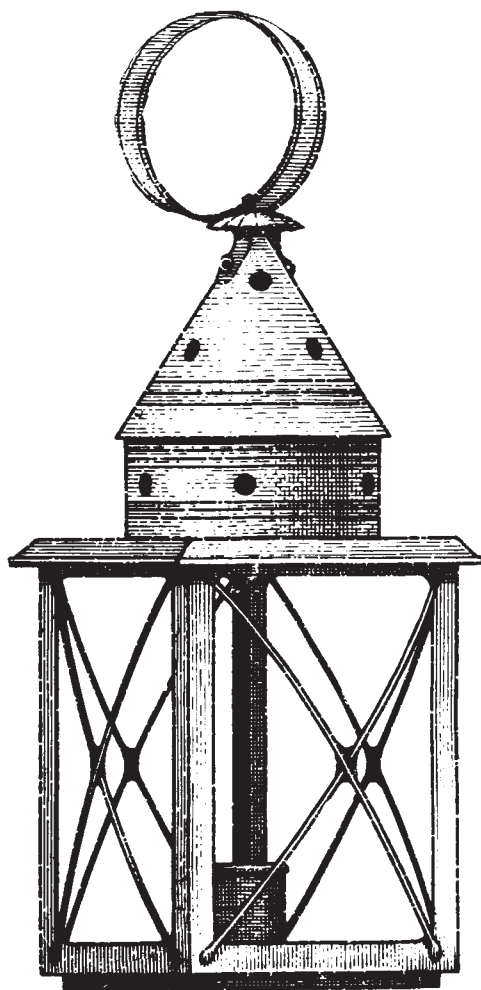
**LEICESTER.** Addison County Farm Animal Homeopathy Study Group. Learn how other farmers are applying homeopathy to their herds or flocks. Discussion includes an in-depth look of at least one remedy, some theory and a case analysis. Meets the first Tuesday of each month and is open to all levels. 11:30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

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**LUDLOW.** Ludlow Farmers Market. Do some alternative grocery shopping for fresh local products, get ready-made dinner items, buy a charming little gift, or just have a snack. It's fresh food time! 4-6 pm. Okemo Mountain School, 53 Main St. (802) 734-3829. [www.ludlowfarmersmarket.org](http://www.ludlowfarmersmarket.org). Every Friday through Oct 11.

**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.** Visit Historic Hildene, the summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln. Special activities, lectures, bird walks, museum store, visitor's center, and walking trails. 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).



**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Vermont Fall Foliage Sampler Tours. Explore the region's best-kept secrets. See color up-close and in mountain valley vistas. Daily from 1-4 pm, through October 27. Revolutionary War & Fall Foliage Tours daily 9:30-11:45 am, September 28 through October 31. Southern Vermont Sampler Tours daily 1-4 pm, October 28 through November 24. Led by local guide in a comfortable eight-passenger tour vehicle. Admission. Reservations necessary. Meet at Manchester Visitors Center, 39 Bonnet St. (802) 362-4997. [bckrddisc@aol.com](mailto:bckrddisc@aol.com). [www.backroaddiscovery.com](http://www.backroaddiscovery.com).

**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 10 am – 5 pm seven days a week. Rt. 9, Hogback Mountain. (802) 464-0048. [museum@sover.net](mailto:museum@sover.net). [www.vermontmuseum.org](http://www.vermontmuseum.org). Through October 31 then weekends in the winter.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Middlebury College Museum of Art. Exhibit: Vito Acconci—Thinking Space. Free. Tuesday through Friday 10 am–5 pm, Saturday and Sunday 12–5 pm, closed Mondays. 72 Porter Field Rd. (802) 443-3168. [museum.middlebury.edu](http://museum.middlebury.edu). Through December 8.

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**MIDDLEBURY.** Middlebury Art Walk. Visit downtown Middlebury on the second Friday of every month. 5 to 7 pm. Downtown Middlebury & Marble Works, Main Street & Merchants Row. (802) 388-7951 x 2. [info@middleburyartswalk.com](mailto:info@middleburyartswalk.com). [www.middleburyartswalk.com](http://www.middleburyartswalk.com).

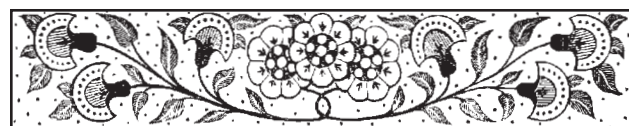
**MIDDLEBURY.** Vermont Folklife Center. Exhibits, gallery, archives & research center, programs, and Heritage Shop. Free admission. Open Mon–Sat, 10 am – 5 pm, Sun 11 am – 4 pm. At 88 Main St., downtown. (802) 388-4964.

**MONTPELIER.** North Branch Nature Center. Programs and workshops. 713 Elm Street. (802) 229-6206. [chip@northbranchnaturecenter.org](mailto:chip@northbranchnaturecenter.org). [northbranchnaturecenter.org](http://northbranchnaturecenter.org).

**MONTPELIER.** Art in the Supreme Court presents Emiko Sawaragi Gilbert's Found in the Forest, 'Leaves', a show of large-format prints of leaves found in the woods around the artist's home in Plainfield and sculptures made from tree branches. Free. Monday–Friday 8 am – 4:30 pm. The Vermont Supreme Court, 111 State St. (802) 828-0749. [tracy.martin@state.vt.us](mailto:tracy.martin@state.vt.us). Through October 31.

**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). Every Tuesday.

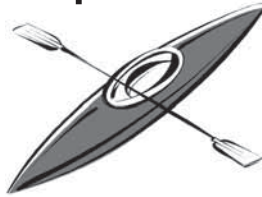
**MONTPELIER.** Capital City Farmers' Market. Accepts EBT and debit cards. 9 am – 1 pm. Every Saturday. 60 State St. (802) 223-2958. [montpelierfarmersmarket.com](http://montpelierfarmersmarket.com). Thru Oct.



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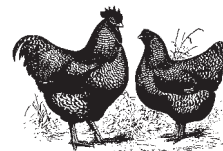
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(Ongoing events continued)

**MONTPELIER.** Fall Colors Library Book Sale. Thousands of books, from shiny new bestsellers to antique curiosities, CDs, DVDs, music and more. Books organized by subject for easy browsing. Hardcover \$2, softcover \$1. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, 135 Main St. (802) 223-3338. [vista@kellogghubbard.org](mailto:vista@kellogghubbard.org). [www.kellogghubbard.org](http://www.kellogghubbard.org). *Through October 19*

**MONTPELIER.** Special Exhibit: Plowing Old Ground—Vermont's Organic Farming Pioneers. Agricultural writer Susan Harlow and farmer/photographer John Nopper have documented the stories of Vermont's pioneer organic farmers. Black and white photographs with narratives collected from oral history interviews. Exhibit open Tues-Sat 10 am - 4 pm. Vermont History Museum, 109 State St. (802) 828-2291. [www.vermonthistory.org](http://www.vermonthistory.org).

**MONTPELIER.** Play: The Crucible. Scapegoating, hysteria, the wielding of "God and country" as a cudgel, revenge, and the trampling of rights in times of crisis took center-stage in Arthur Miller's iconic work. Performances Thursday-Sunday. Lost Nation Theater, 39 Main St. For tickets call (802) 229-0492. [info@lostonationtheater.org](mailto:info@lostonationtheater.org). [lostonationtheater.org](http://lostonationtheater.org). *October 10-27*.

**NEWFANE.** Museum of The Historical Society of Windham County. Free. Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday noon - 5 pm (also by appointment). On the Newfane Common. [historicalsocietyofwindhamcounty.org](http://historicalsocietyofwindhamcounty.org). *Through October 13*.

**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. Not a performance or church function, just fellowship in song. 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.** Norwich Farmers' Market. 9 am - 1 pm. Rt. 5 South. (802) 384-7447. [manager@norwichfarmersmarket.org](mailto:manager@norwichfarmersmarket.org). [norwichfarmersmarket.org](http://norwichfarmersmarket.org). *Saturdays through October*.

**NORWICH.** Montshire Museum of Science. Exhibits, trails, programs, and museum store. Fall Lego league. Visiting Exhibition: From the Mountains to the Sea—Plants, Trees, and Shrubs of New England, the first traveling exhibition of The New England Society of Botanical Artists, through December 1. Open 10 am - 5 pm daily. Admission \$12 adults, \$10 children 2-17, under 2 free. One Montshire Rd. (802) 649-2200. [www.montshire.org](http://www.montshire.org).

**ORWELL.** Mount Independence State Historic Site. Open daily, 9:30 - 5:30. Admission \$5 for adults, free for children under 15. 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). *Through October 14*.

**PITTSFORD.** New England Maple Museum. World's largest 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. Decorations demonstrate the Vermont tradition of scaring off "evil" spirits during this wonderful time of year. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our gift shop. Admission: adults \$5, children \$1. Open 8:30 am - 5:30 pm daily. New England Maple Museum, 4578 Rt. 7, north of the village. (802) 483-9414. [info@maplemuseum.com](mailto:info@maplemuseum.com). [www.maplemuseum.com](http://www.maplemuseum.com).

**PITTSFORD.** Pittsford Farmers Market. Accepting Farm to Family coupons. Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm. at the New England Maple Museum, 4578 US Rt. 7. (802) 483-6351 or email [kfield16@yahoo.com](mailto:kfield16@yahoo.com). *Through October*.

**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. [lynnettecombs@gmail.com](mailto:lynnettecombs@gmail.com).

**PLYMOUTH NOTCH.** President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. New Exhibition: Rooting for the Home Team—The Coolidges and Our National Pastime. Tuesday Tales of The Notch. Thursday Mornings at the Old Notch School. Wednesday Afternoons with Farmer Fred. Adults \$7.50, children 6 to 14 \$2, under 6 free. Family pass \$20. Open 9:30 am - 5 pm daily. 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). *Through October 20*.

**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).

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

**PUTNEY.** Green Mountain Orchards Farm Store. Pick-your-own apples. Apples and cider year round. Horse-drawn sleigh and wagon rides year-round by reservation. 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 \$12, seniors \$11, youth (4-17) \$10. 10 am - 5 pm, 7 days a week. 6565 Woodstock Rd., Rt. 4, 1/4 mile w. of Quechee Gorge. (802) 359-5000. [vinsweb.org](http://vinsweb.org).

**QUECHEE.** Vermont Toy Museum. Collection of more than 100,000 toys. Toy and gift shop. May-October amusement rides. Free admission to the museum. Seasonal train rides \$4, carousel \$2, children 2 and under ride for free. 10 am - 5 pm daily except holidays. On the 2nd floor inside Quechee Gorge Village, Rt. 4. (802) 295-1550 x 102. [vermonttoymuseum.com](http://vermonttoymuseum.com) or [quecheegorge.com](http://quecheegorge.com).

**RANDOLPH.** Exhibit: "Points Of View: Seven Portrait Artists." Chronicles the development and insights of seven Central Vermont artists who work each week from the same model to explore portraiture, *through November 10*. Also an exhibit of paintings, photographs, and drawings by Brenna Colt in the Downstairs Gallery from *September 28 - November 9*. Open Fri 3-6 pm, Sat & Sun noon - 3 pm or during Chandler events. Free admission. Chandler Upper Gallery, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-9878. [chandler-arts.org](http://chandler-arts.org).

**RANDOLPH.** The Randolph Farmers Market. Accepting EBT cards. 9 am - 1 pm every Saturday on Center Street. Barb Meany (802) 728- 6329 or Art Rollins (802) 728-9123. [randfarmmarket@yahoo.com](mailto:randfarmmarket@yahoo.com). *Through October 12*.

**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). [www.turkeyhillfarmvt.com](http://www.turkeyhillfarmvt.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. Help with animal chores Thursdays 2-4 pm. Assist Merck staff in taking care of the chickens, pigs, sheep and draft horses Open year round, dawn to dusk. 3270 Rt. 315, west of Manchester. (802) 394-7836. [merckforest.org](http://merckforest.org).

**RUTLAND.** Chaffee Art Center—Rutland Area Art Association. Exhibits, classes, workshops, open studio evenings, gift shop. Gallery open Tues-Sat 10 am to 5 pm. 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. [chaffeeartcenter.org](http://chaffeeartcenter.org).

**RUTLAND.** Chaffee Downtown Art Center. Exhibits, workshops, classes. Open Tues, Wed, Thurs 11 am - 6 pm, Friday & Saturday 11:30 am - 7 pm. Chaffee Downtown Art Center, 75 Merchant's Row. (802) 775-0356. [www.chaffeeartcenter.org](http://www.chaffeeartcenter.org).

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**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).

**RUTLAND.** Castleton Downtown Gallery. Castleton Faculty Exhibition featuring the work of 13 Castleton faculty members runs through May 11. Free admission. Open Mon, Wed, Sat 1-6 pm, Fri 1-7 pm. Center Street Alley. For info call Bill Ramage at (802) 468-1266.

**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. 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. [shelburnefarms.org](http://shelburnefarms.org).

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

**SOUTH WALLINGFORD.** Bingo every Wednesday at 6 pm, doors open at 4 pm. There will be a jackpot! Maple Valley Grange #318 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 a 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.** Exhibit: Earth as Muse—Beauty, Degredation, Hope, Awakening. Paintings and sculptures by artists Fran Bull, Jenny Swanson, Pat Musick, Harry Rich, and Richard Weis. 9-5 Mon-Fri through April 30; Saturdays through October, 1-3 pm. Great Hall Public Art Showcase, 100 River St. (802) 258-3992. [bobf@springfielddevelopment.org](mailto:bobf@springfielddevelopment.org). Facebook.

**SPRINGFIELD.** Gallery at the VAULT. A Vermont State Craft Center. Exhibits, classes, workshops. Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 11 am - 5 pm. 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. [www.galleryvault.org](http://www.galleryvault.org).

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

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

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Storytime in the Children's Library. These events are part of the Athenaeum's Acorn Club. 10:30 am. St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main St. (802) 748-8291. [www.stjathenaeum.org](http://www.stjathenaeum.org). Every Friday and every 1st and 3rd Saturday.

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain and Dog Chapel. Free. Open Mon-Sat 10 am - 5 pm and Sun 11 am - 4 pm. The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. off Spaulding Rd. (800) 449-2580. [info@dogmt.com](mailto:info@dogmt.com). [www.dogmt.com](http://www.dogmt.com).

**STOWE.** Exhibit at The Comfort Farm Gallery. Featuring Warren Kimble, known as America's best known living folk artist. Also Don Ross photography. In an historic farm setting. Free. Friday-Monday 12:30-5:30 pm. Comfort Farm, 2313 West Hill Rd. (802) 253-2597. [www.erikssonfineart.com](http://www.erikssonfineart.com). *Through October 15.*

**TOWNSHEND.** Friesans of Majesty. Beautiful Friesian horses bred and trained right here in Vermont. Carriage and sleigh rides, wedding carriage, horse camp, tours, performances, and of course getaways in our cottage or loft apartments. Friesans of Majesty, 185 Maggie Ladd Rd. (802) 365-7526. [www.friesiansofmajesty.com](http://www.friesiansofmajesty.com).

**WALLINGFORD.** Men's Breakfast. First Sundays at 9 am. First Congregational Church, S. Main St., Rt. 7. (802) 446-2872. [www.wallingfordvt.com](http://www.wallingfordvt.com).



**WELLS.** The Wells Village Farmers Market 9 am - 1 pm Saturdays through October at Wells Country Store, Wells Four Corner on Rt. 30. Info: Helen Wood. (802) 325-3478.

**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). Facebook.

**WEST RUTLAND.** Vermont Herbal General Store. Tai' Chi Gung classes Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Reiki healings, Chinese ear coning, handmade herbal remedies, teas, and lotions. Crystals, stones, and books. All are welcome. Open Tues & Wed 1-6, Thurs-Sat 12-6, Sun 1-4, closed Fri. Vermont Herbal General Store, 518 Main St. (802) 438-2766. [info@vermontherbal.com](mailto:info@vermontherbal.com). [vermontherbal.com](http://vermontherbal.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).

**WEST RUTLAND.** SculpFest 2013. Nine sculptors focus on the union of sculpted markers and the meaning-laden site of the world renowned Carving Studio. Vermont Carving Studio and Sculpture Center, 636 Marble St. (802) 438-2097. [www.carvingstudio.org](http://www.carvingstudio.org). *Through October 27*

**WEST TOWNSHEND.** 6th Annual Townshend Farmers Market. Rain or shine. In the big white church just next to the store during stormy weather! At West Townshend Country Store, Rt. 30 & Windham Hill Rd. (802) 869-2141. [postoilssolutions.org](http://postoilssolutions.org). *Fridays thru mid-Oct.*

**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).

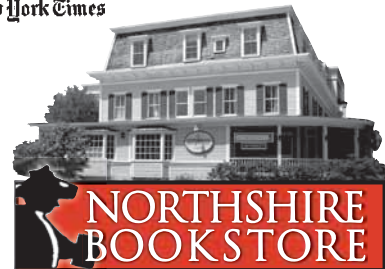
**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Main Street Museum. A small, public collection of curiosities and artifacts, each one significant and telling a story about human beings and the universe we are part of—an alternative experiment in material culture studies. Open Thurs-Sun 1-6 pm. Parking adjacent to the rear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

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Upper Valley Seed Savers meet on the second Thursday of the month at 5 pm at Upper Valley Food Coop, through the winter. 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 e-mail 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.

**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. [listencs.org](http://listencs.org).

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** White River Flyer Fall Train Rides. Departs 12 pm for Cedar Circle Farm in Thetford for a half hour layover. Brief stop at the Montshire Museum at 12:15. Passengers staying at the museum will reboard for White River Junction at 2:15 pm, arriving at 2:30 pm. You can also board at the museum at 12:15 pm, travel to Cedar Circle Farm, and return to the museum at 2:15 pm. Beer and wine tasting events offered on Thursday for an additional \$17.50. Tickets \$10-\$25. For reservations call (800) 707-3530. [www.rails-vt.com](http://www.rails-vt.com). *Thurs, Sat, & Sun, Sep 29 through Oct 27.*

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**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.** Framers Market. Accepts EBT and debit cards. Sunday 11:30 am to 2:30 pm on the State Street Common (across from the library). Cecile Corr, (802) 698-3642. cjdem39@yahoo.com. windsorfarmersmarket.blogspot.com. Through October 27.

**WINDSOR.** Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery. Open Thursday-Sunday 10 am – 6 pm. At 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. ciderhillgardens.com. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. www.garymilek.com. Through October.

**WINDSOR.** All-You-Can-Eat Brunch Buffet. Menu includes pancakes and eggs, sausage, fruit salad, homemade bread, desserts and more. Adults \$7.50, 8 and under \$3. 11 am to 1 pm. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 27 State St. (802) 674-6461. The first Sunday of each month.

**WINDSOR.** Old Constitution House State Historic Site. Where on July 8, 1777 the first Constitution of the Free and Independent State of Vermont was adopted at the Elijah West Tavern. Admission: \$2.50, children 14 and under free. Sat, Sun and Monday Holidays, 11 am - 5 pm. Old Constitution House, 16 Main St. (802) 672-3773. historicites.vermont.gov. Through October 14.

**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.

**WOODSTOCK.** Art workshops, ceramic studio, classes, special events. ArtisTree Community Art Center, 1206 Rt. 12. (802) 457-3500. info@artistreevt.org. artistreevt.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** Billings Farm & Museum. Premiere Jersey dairy farm, restored 1890 farmhouse, family programs, festivities and museum. Pumpkin & Apple Celebration October 5 & 6. Harvest Weekend October 12 & 13. Foodways Fridays—late 19th and early 20th-century recipes every Friday through October 18. Autumn Wagon Ride Weekend October 19 & 20. Family Halloween October 27. Admission \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. Open April 27–October 31, 10 am – 5 pm. Also winter hours. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.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.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**CHESTER.** Poetry Seminar: Michael Palma on Hoffman, Poe and Crane. 7 pm. Misty Valley Books, on the Green. (802) 875-3400. mvbooks.com. Also October 2, 9, & 16

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

**BARTON.** Draft Animal-Power Field Days. Featuring oxen, mules, and horses. Over 40 workshops & demos. Held at the Orleans County Fairgrounds, off I-91 at exit 25. Visit website for registration and information. dapnetinfo@gmail.com. www.draftanimalpower.com. Through September 29.

**CANAAN.** Fall Doe Camp: A Backcountry Retreat for Adventurous Women. Fee. 8 am - 5 pm. Jackson's Lodge & Log Cabins. 1-800-425 8747. www.voga.org. Through September 29.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

**BARTON.** Draft Animal-Power Field Days. Featuring oxen, mules, and horses. Over 40 workshops & demos. Held at the Orleans County Fairgrounds, off I-91 at exit 25. Visit website for registration and information. dapnetinfo@gmail.com. www.draftanimalpower.com. Also September 29.

**BETHEL.** Bethel Apple Festival. Celebrating the authentic "Bethel Apple." Hosted by the Bethel Historical Society. Chicken barbecue at 11 am. Vendors of apple-related products. Apple pie contest at noon (pies by the slice or whole afterwards). At 2 pm there will be a lecture and tasting with Ben Watson, apple historian and author of Cider, Hard and Sweet. Drawing at 3 pm for prizes. At 5 pm "The Original Soup-A-Thon Supper" will take place at the White Church. Bethel Area Rotary Annual Penny Sale at Whitcomb High School, beginning at 7 pm. Festival from 11 am - 3 pm at the Bethel Town Hall. (802) 234-5064.

**BROOKFIELD.** Chicken Pie Supper. Two settings, 5 and 6:15 pm. \$10 adults, \$5 children 5-12. Take outs at 5:30 for \$11. There will be a food table. East Brookfield Community Church, Rt. 14. (802) 276-3312. ridgerdvt@myfairpointnet.

**CHESTER.** Green Mountain Gun & Knife Show. Antiques & collectibles, new and used, free appraisals, buying, selling, trading. Admission. Open to the public. Free parking. 9 am - 5 pm. American Legion # 67, Rt. 103. (802) 875-4540, (802) 380-8351. www.greenmtgunshowtrail.com. Also September 29.

**EAST BURKE.** 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Burke Fall Foliage Festival. Parade starts at 10 am. 9 am - 3 pm. In the village, 368 Rt. 114. (802) 467-1266. burkechamber@burkevermont.com. www.burkevermont.com.

**GRAFTON.** Fifth Annual Fairy House Tour. A hand-carved door, a meticulously shingled roof, tables set with acorn cups, a toadstool merry-go-round. 10 am - 4 pm rain or shine. The Nature Museum at Grafton, 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. info@nature-museum.org. www.nature-museum.org. Also September 29.

**GRANVILLE, NY.** Quarry Dog Day. Dog-related crafters and artists. Slate splitting and trimming demonstrations. Photo booth in the trimming shanty. Pet parade on the rail trail. History of quarry dogs exhibit. Admission. 10 am - 3 pm. Slate Valley Museum, 17 Water St. (518) 642-1417. www.slatevalleymuseum.org.

**LUDLOW.** Dance Program—Revontulet Dancers from the Finnish American Society of Vermont. Wearing traditional costumes and dancing. Refreshments, including traditional Finnish desserts. Admission by donation. 1-4 pm. Black River Academy Museum. (802) 228-5050. glbrehm@tds.net.

**MANCHESTER.** Art on the Hill. Free family event packed with fun art-related activities. 11 am - 3 pm. Southern Vermont Arts Center, West Rd. (802) 362-1405. svac.org.

**NEWBURY.** 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Festival. 9 am – 3 pm. First Congregational Church of Newbury, Rt. 5. (802) 429-2204.

**PERU.** 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Peru Fair. An old-fashioned country fair! Pig roast, booths, artisan crafts, music, dancing, food, exhibits. \$6 admission, under 6 free. 9 am – 4 pm. Parade at 9:45 am. Rain or shine. Perufair.org.

**PITTSFORD.** Ninth Annual Harvest Fair & Craft Show. Home décor & quality crafts; local artwork; local produce; baked goods and preserves; maple products; basket & quilt raffles. Free decorated Jack o' Lantern contest. Farm animals and dairy booth. 10 am - 4 pm on the Village Green, US Rt 7. (802) 483-9972. PittsfordHarvestFair@comcast.net.

**POULTNEY.** Poultney Annual Rotary Chili Cook-off. More than 25 contestants vying for the title of "Best Chili Chef." Come and sample some of the tastiest chili around. Begins at 10 am on Main St. (802) 287-8000.

**RUTLAND.** Annual Rutland Train Show. Railroad history, model railroading and rail travel. Adults \$5, under 12 free. 10 am - 3 pm at the Franklin Conference Center at the Howe Center, Strongs Ave. (802) 768-8427. info@rutlandrailroadmuseum.org. rutlandrailroadmuseum.org.

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

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

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

When the days are growing shorter  
And Thanksgiving time draws near,  
When the milk-weed throws its silk away  
And the grass is brown and sere—  
Mother's standing in the doorway  
Blowing on the dinner horn  
And I hear the gentle, whispering,  
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**TUNBRIDGE.** 25th Annual Vermont Sheep & Wool Festival. A celebration fiber crafting arts, featuring vendors, animals, demos, food, music and more! Admission. 10 am – 5 pm. Tunbridge Fairgrounds. 1 Fairground Lane . (802) 592-3062. vtsheepandwoolfest@gmail.com. vtsheepandwoolfest.org. *Also September 29.*

**WOODSTOCK.** 10th Annual Vermont Woodworking and Forest Festival. Demonstrations, exhibits, visit with woodworkers. Admission \$10 for 18 and over. 9 am - 6 pm. Union Arena, Rt. 4. (802) 747-7900. www.vermontwoodfestival.org. www.vermontwood.com. *Also September 29.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Forest Festival. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park hosts woodworking and sawmill demonstrations, horse-drawn wagon rides, forest walks, educational activities, an Audubon workshop, and other events for the whole family. On Rt. 12—park in the Billings Farm & Museum parking lot and come into the Visitor's Center. (802) 457-3368 x 18. www.nps.gov/mabi. *Also September 29.*

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**ADDISON.** The Shortest Distance between Two Points Guided Walk. Learn about history while walking across the new Lake Champlain Bridge. Meet at the Crown Point, NY, museum. Binoculars welcome. Rain or shine, dress for the weather. \$6. 1 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Route 17W. (802) 759-2412. www.historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint

**BARTON.** Draft Animal-Power Field Days. Featuring oxen, mules, and horses. Over 40 workshops, demos & discussions. Held at the Orleans County Fairgrounds, off I-91 at exit 25. dapnetinfo@gmail.com. www.draftanimalpower.com.

**BOMOSEEN.** Fifth Annual Dog Dock Diving Competition. To benefit the Rutland County Humane Society. Tickets \$5 for entry or viewing and can be purchased at the door. Bring your pooch, watch or compete and enjoy a fun afternoon. 11 am - 4 pm. Hosted by The Lake House Pub and Grille, 3569 Rt. 30 North, (802) 483 9171.

**RANDOLPH.** Myra Flynn & Gregory Douglass CD Release Party. 7:30 pm. Adults \$20 advance, \$25 at the door; Students \$10. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org.

**SHOREHAM.** Annual Jamaican Hymn Sing. Our visiting orchard workers give a glorious celebration of life through song. Freewill offering to benefit the United Church of Christ in Jamaica. 7:30 pm at Shoreham Congregational Church, School Rd. For info call Judy Blake at (802) 897-2780.

**SHOREHAM.** Orchard Concert with Pete Sutherland. A warm-voiced singer and multi-instrumentalist known equally for his potent originals, intense re-creations, and age-old ballads and fiddle tunes. Bring a picnic, come pick your own apples and visit the farm store. 1-3 pm. Champlain Orchards, 3597 VT Rt. 74 W. (802) 897-2777. champlainorchards.com.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

**CABOT.** Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Coffee hour begins 9 am in Cabot School Gym. Tour old school houses, craft shops, the public library and Cabot Creamery. Crafts in the gym 9 am to 3 pm. Corn chowder and chili luncheon (adults \$6, children \$2.50) at Cabot Church at 11:30 am, 12:30 and 1:15 pm. Afternoon: Hayride to a sugarhouse; musical and play performances; hike to Nicols Ledge. Turkey dinner at 5 and 6:15 pm (adults \$10, children \$5) at the Cabot School. For luncheon and dinner reservations, call (802) 563-2715. For details call (802) 563-2457 or (802) 917-2992. www.nekchamber.com.

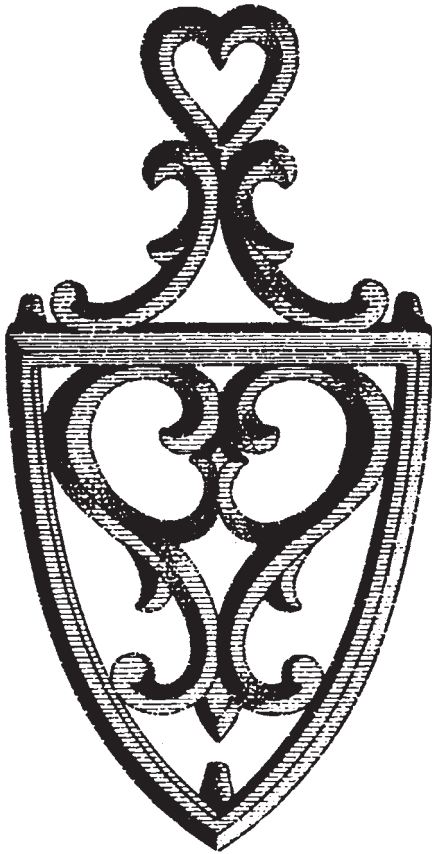
## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

**CHESTER.** Poetry Seminar: Michael Palma on Hoffman, Poe and Crane. 7 pm. Misty Valley Books, on the Green. (802) 875-3400. www.mvbooks.com. *Continues October 9 & 16.*

**PLAINFIELD.** Annual Fall Foliage Festival. 9 am Coffee Hour and registration at Grace United Methodist Church. Foliage tours at 10 am and 1 pm: Barre granite quarries; glass blowers at work; Grandview Winery; hike to Owls Head with bag lunch. Crafts, baked goods, and jewelry for sale. Cafeteria-style luncheon 11:30 am - 1 pm (\$5). Entertainment in the afternoon. Barbecued Chicken, Mostaccioli and Baked Bean Supper at 5 and 6 pm (\$12). For reservations, call (802) 454-7301 or (802) 454-8306. www.nekchamber.com.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

**PEACHAM.** Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Registration and arts and crafts sale, 9 am - 3 p.m. at Peacham Town Hall. Exhibits at the Blacksmith Shop and Historical House (homemade treats served). Peacham Library book sale 9 am - 4 pm. Scenic bus tour at 10:15 am (\$3). Lunch at Peacham Elementary School 11 am to 1:30 pm (\$6). Northern Skies Observatory open 11 am - 2 pm. Ghost walk at 2 pm (\$4). Harp music in Church sanctuary 4-6 pm. Spaghetti supper at church, seatings at 5 & 6:30 pm: vegetarian and meat sauces, salad, garlic bread, homemade apple crisp with ice cream (adults \$10, children \$5, under 6 free). (802) 592-3320. nekchamber.com.



## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

**BARRE.** Concert: Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. Tickets \$22-\$37. 8 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. Box office: (802) 476-8188. Information: (802) 476-0292. staff@barreoperahouse.org. www.barreoperahouse.org.

**BARNET.** Annual Fall Foliage Festival. 8 am - noon Pancake Breakfast at Barnet Center vestry. Arts & crafts in the vestry and surrounding grounds all day. Wagon rides. Bus tour between Ben Thresher's Mill, Sunset Alpaca Farm, Walter Harvey Meeting House and scenic back roads. Arts & crafts at McIndoes Church; soup and sandwich lunch starting at 11:30 am. European Coffee Hour 1-4 pm at West Barnet Church. Ham Dinner at Barnet Center vestry, starting at 4 pm (\$10). For reservations, call (802) 633-2242. For information call (802) 633-4397. www.nekchamber.com.

**HARTFORD.** Quilt Discussion and Appraisal Weekend with quilt expert Sandra Palmer. Friday night lecture at Cornerstone Community Center, 1615 Maple St. Saturday quilt appraisals by appointment from 8 am to 4 pm at the Garipay House, 1461 Maple St. Fee is \$40 for one quilt or \$30 each for five or more. Contact Pat Stark at (802) 295-3077 to schedule your appointment, or e-mail pstark@hartford-vt.org. *Through October 5.*

**KILLINGTON.** Pico Ski Club's Annual Ski & Snowboard Swap and Sale at the Pico Mountain Base Lodge, Route 4 East. New and used skis, snowboards, clothing, snowshoes and equipment for kids and adults, Friday 5-9 pm, Saturday 9 am - 4 pm, Sunday 9 am - 1 pm. *Through October 6.*

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** The Manchester Fall Art and Craft Festival. 150 artists and artisans under Camelot tents. Craft demos, live music, food court. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm. At the Practice Tee at Hunter Park Rd. and Rt. 7A. (802) 362-2100. info@craftproducers.com. www.craftproducers.com. *Through October 6.*

**MIDDLEBURY.** Concert: John Doyle and Oisín McAuley. Irish performers, John Doyle and Oisín McAuley return to the After Dark Music Series. 8 pm. Town Hall Theater, Merchants Row—South Pleasant St. For tickets call (802) 388-0216. aftdark@sover.net. www.afterdarkmusicseries.com.

**PITTSFORD.** Fields of Terror Corn Maze. Open at 8 pm until there are no survivors. Ages 13-80, \$12; ages 4-12, \$7. Bertrand Farms, 19707 Rt. 7 (802) 779-2184. *Also October 5, 11 & 12, 18 & 19, 25 & 26.*

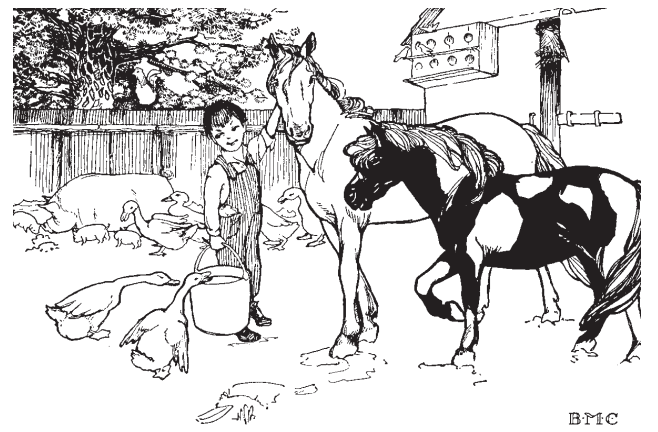
**RUTLAND.** Friends of the Library Basement Book Sale. 10 am - 4:30 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. rutlandfree.org. *Also October 5.*

**TINMOUTH.** Tinmouth Old Firehouse Concert with Spencer Lewis. \$10 donation. 7:30 pm. At the Old Firehouse in downtown Tinmouth, at the intersection of Rt. 140 and Mountain View Rd. old.firehouse.concerts@gmail.com. www.tinmouthvt.org. www.spencerlewismusic.com.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

**ADDISON.** 12th Annual Dead Creek Wildlife Day. Wildlife demonstrations, guided nature walks, exhibits, nature arts and crafts. Free admission. 9:30 am - 4 pm. Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Rt. 17W. (802) 241-3700. www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

**BARNET.** 10th Annual Rubber Ducky Derby. Ducks swim at 11 am. Tours of Ben's Mill, blacksmith shop demonstrations, multiple prizes. Rent a duck \$5. Admission. 9 am - 3 pm. Ben Thresher's Mill, 2236 West Barnet Rd. (802) 748-8180. info@bensmill.com. www.bensmill.com.



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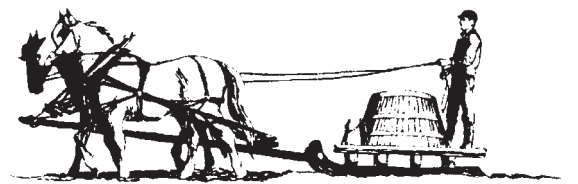
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**BENNINGTON.** Annual Chicken Pie Supper. Homemade chicken pie topped with homemade biscuits, mashed potatoes, gravy, mashed winter squash, apple cabbage salad, orange-cranberry relish, more biscuits and warm apple crisp with real whipped cream. \$12 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 or call between 9 am - 1 pm. (802) 442-2911.

**BETHEL.** 2nd Annual Dinner & Dance. Featuring Italian food, catered by the Black Forest Café & Caterers of Bethel. Faye Grearson of Faye's Dance Studio in Lebanon, NH will serve as the DJ. Hosted by the Bethel Historical Society. Dinner from 5:30-7 pm, dance from 7:30-10:30 pm, at the Bethel Town Hall, 318 Main St. Tickets \$17—purchase at White River Credit Union or by calling Nick Nickolaids at (802) 234-5064.

**BRANDON.** Concert: Hiroya Tsukamoto. A one-of-a-kind composer, guitarist and singer/songwriter from Kyoto, Japan. Tickets \$15. A dinner & show for \$30. Reservations are encouraged. 7 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. www.brandon-music.net.

**BRANDON.** Annual HarvestFest. We supply all materials, accessories, and instruction to make your own "Harvest Person." The first "Harvest Person" per family is free. After that, they are only \$5 each. Hayrides and pumpkins, BBQ, apple pies, Brandon Town Band, and lots of treats. Free. 10 am - 1 pm. Central Park, 20 Park St. (802) 247-6401. info@brandontownhall.org. www.brandon.org.

**CAVENDISH.** First Annual Oktoberfest at Glimmerstone Mansion. Live music by Joey Leone Trio 1-4 pm and Gypsy Reel 4:30-7 pm. Long Trail Brewery beer flights, BBQ buffet, pie tasting contest, bonfire, raffles, children activities. Admission. 1-7 pm. Inn at Glimmerstone Mansion, 1589 Main St., Rt. 131. (802) 554-0045.

**GROTON.** Annual Fall Foliage Festival. 8-10 am Lumberjack Breakfast at the Methodist Church. Library book sale throughout the day. 11 am McLure's Band perform at the bandstand. Boy Scout Troop #702 will serve a light lunch at the Food Court. Parade starts at 1:30 pm. Peter Paul Historical House open all day. World Famous Chicken Pie Supper at 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 pm (\$10 adults, \$5 children under 12). You must make reservations: call (802) 584-3020 (take-out reservations also available). 8 pm Old Fashioned Hymn Sing at the Methodist Church. www.nekchamber.com.

**HANCOCK.** Green Mountain Oktoberfest. Enjoy a day of Vermont craft beer, food, music, arts & crafts, chicken wing contest, kids activities, fun for all ages. Lots of space to bring a blanket. Admission. 12-5 pm. Hancock Town Green, Rt. 100. (802) 767-3034. burke2deering@hotmail.com.

**HUBBARDTON.** Deep Space Night. Experienced stargazers from the Green Mountain Alliance of Amateur Astronomers share their telescopes and knowledge. Bring blankets, flashlights, and your own binoculars or telescopes if you like. The marshmallows are on us. Inside program if weather inclement. Call to confirm. 6-8:30 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. www.Historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton.

**LONDONDERRY.** Magic Mountain Antiques Show. 28 country dealers. Admission \$8. Breakfast preview 8-10 am, \$15. 10 am - 4 pm. Rt. 11. (802) 875-5944. mbfrasers@comcast.net. Also October 6.

**LUDLOW.** 49th Annual Ludlow Antiques Show. 40 exhibitors with eclectic antiques. Admission \$5. 10 am - 4 pm. Ludlow Community Center, 37 Main St. (802) 226-7574.

**LUDLOW.** 20th Annual Okemo Antiques Show. 10 am - 4 pm. Okemo Mountain Resort. (717) 259-9480. www.clegantiques.com.

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** The Manchester Fall Art and Craft Festival. 150 artists and artisans under Camelot tents. Craft demos, live music, food court. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm. At the Practice Tee at Hunter Park Rd. and Rt. 7A. (802) 362-2100. craftproducers.com. Also October 6.

**QUECHEE.** The Crossroads Postcard & Stamp Show. Now one of the largest shows in Vermont and New Hampshire, it will bring together 23 dealers of postcards and stamps. Also featured will be 12 frames of exhibits by members of the Club. Sponsored by the Upper Valley Stamp Club. Free admission and free parking. 9 am - 3 pm. At the Mid-Vermont Christian School Gym, 399 W. Gilson Ave., off Rt. 4. (603) 542-2247.

**STATEWIDE.** Vermont Fall Open Studio Weekend. Craftspeople and artists at 127 sites in every region of Vermont will open their studios to the public. Free map booklet available at Vermont welcome centers, galleries, and community centers. Or call (802) 223-3380. vt1crafts@aol.com. www.vermontcrafts.com. Also October 6.

**WESTON.** 52nd Annual Weston Antique Show. Some of the country's finest in American & English furniture, accessories, Americana and folk art. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm, till 3 pm Sun. Weston Playhouse, 12 Park St. (802) 824-5307. westonantiquesshow.org. Also October 6.

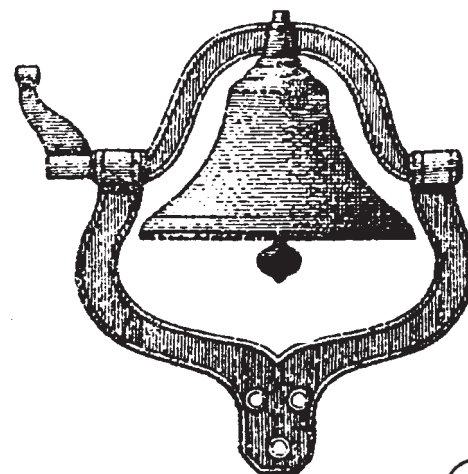
**WOODSTOCK.** 70th Anniversary Gala Antiques Auction. Admission. Back lawn of Woodstock History Center, 26 Elm St. (802) 457-1822. jennie@woodstockhistorical.org. www.woodstockhistorical.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** Pumpkin & Apple Celebration. 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 wagon rides. 10 am - 5 pm. Adults \$12, age 62 & up \$11, children ages 5-15 \$6, 3-4 \$3, under 3 free. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. Also October 6.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

**CAMBRIDGE.** Civil War Encampment with military and civilian reenactors. Displays, talks on period-related topics, period music, demonstrations of battle tactics. Photo booth, vendors, including food. Battle display, with a "wounded" soldier treated at the medical station. Civil War-era church service at the Cambridge United Church. Village of Cambridge, 30 miles east of Burlington on VT Route 15. Free. (802) (802)644-2433. www.cambridgehistoricalsociety.org. Through October 6.

**DANVILLE.** 11th Annual Autumn on the Green. An award-winning showcase of artisans, crafters, cottage industries and businesses. Roam among the wares and displays while musicians play from the bandstand. Demonstrations by the American Society of Dowsers, a blacksmith, chair maker, and wood turner, plus delicious food. 10 am - 4 pm. Danville School, 148 Peacham Rd. autumnonthegreen.org.



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## Hartford Quilt Discussion and Appraisal Weekend

The Hartford Historical Society will host a Quilt Discussion and Appraisal Weekend on October 4 and 5 at the Cornerstone Community Center with quilt expert Sandra Palmer.

You may have read an article about Sandra in Upper Valley Life Magazine. Sandra's lecture Friday night will offer clues to determine when your quilt may have been made and thus leading to more clues as to who might have made it.

The Friday quilt discussion will be held at the Cornerstone Community Center, at 1615 Maple St. in Hartford Village (behind the "House of Seven Gables").

On Saturday the quilt appraisals will take place by appointment from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Garipay House, home of the Hartford Historical Society in Hartford Village at 1461 Maple St.

Gather those quilts from your attic, trunks and cedar chests and bring them with you. If you decide you would like a full appraisal of your quilt, the fee is \$40 for one quilt or \$30 each if you bring five or more.

Contact Pat Stark at (802) 295-3077 or Judy Barwood at (802) 295-2435 to schedule your appointment, or email pstark@hartford-vt.org or jbarwood@together.net.

If demand exceeds allotted time on Saturday, additional appointments may be scheduled for Sunday, October 6, 2013.

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**HUBBARDTON.** 16th Annual Mount Zion Hike. Hike up Mount Zion with site interpreter Carl Fuller to enjoy the fall colors and aerial view of the Hubbardton battlefield and surrounding mountains. Wear sturdy shoes, dress for the weather, and bring water. Meet at the Visitor Center. 2-5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. [www.Historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton](http://www.Historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton).

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** 29th Annual Antiques in Vermont Show & Sale. One day only! Early buyers 8-10 am, admission \$12. Regular admission \$8, 10 am - 4 pm. Free parking & food available. In Riley Rink at Hunter Park, at the end of Hunter Rd. off 7A north. (802) 236-2342. [www.carlsonandstevenson.com](http://www.carlsonandstevenson.com).

**STATEWIDE.** Vermont Fall Open Studio Weekend. Craftspeople and artists at 127 sites open their studios to the public. Free map booklet available at Vermont welcome centers, galleries, and community centers. Or call (802) 223-3380. [vt1crafts@aol.com](mailto:vt1crafts@aol.com). [vermontcrafts.com](http://vermontcrafts.com).

**STRAFFORD.** 19th Century Apple and Harvest Festival. Press cider in an antique press, sample cider, taste heirloom apple varieties, play period games, hike the lookout trail, play Valley Quest. Have lunch. Rain or shine. \$10 adults, \$3 under 14. 11 am - 3 pm. Justin Morrill Homestead, 214 Justin Morrill Highway. (802) 765-4288. [john.dumville@state.vt.us](mailto:john.dumville@state.vt.us). [www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov).

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

**RUTLAND.** Concert: A.J. Croce. The son of the legendary musician Jim Croce, singer-songwriter A.J. Croce has headlined festivals, concerts and major listening venues worldwide. 7:30 pm. The Brick Box, 30 Center St. For tickets call (802) 775-0903. [johncazz31@yahoo.com](mailto:johncazz31@yahoo.com). [www.ajcrocemusic.com](http://www.ajcrocemusic.com).

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

**CHESTER.** Poetry Seminar: Michael Palma on Hoffman, Poe and Crane. 7 pm. Misty Valley Books, on the Green. (802) 875-3400. [www.mvbooks.com](http://www.mvbooks.com). *Continues October 16.*

**RUTLAND.** Concert: Bela Fleck's Banjo Summit. Performances ranging from solos and duets to full-tilt banjo blowouts with all the players and an acoustic band. Tickets: \$40.75/45.75/59.75. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [www.paramountvt.org](http://www.paramountvt.org).

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

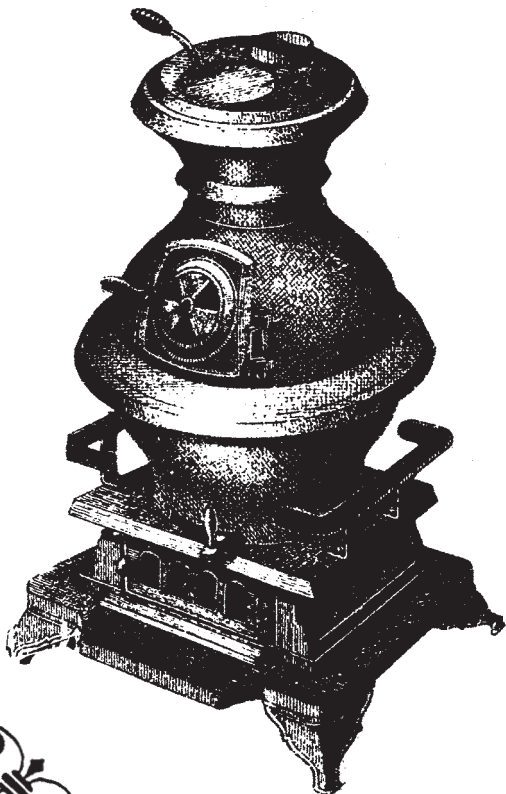
**BRANDON.** Concert: Suzie Brown and Sarah Blacker. Tickets \$15. A dinner & show for \$30. Reservations are encouraged. 7 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. [www.brandon-music.net](http://www.brandon-music.net).

**NORTH TROY.** Village Arts & Crafts Show. Some of the best fine arts and crafts. American Legion Hall. (802) 988-4300. [www.woodenhorsearts.com](http://www.woodenhorsearts.com). *Through October 13.*

**STOWE.** The Stowe Foliage Arts Festival. 180 artists and artisans, live music, craft demos, fabulous food, and the Vermont craft beer, cheese, and sausage tent. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm. Stowe Events Field, Mayo Farm on Weeks Rd. (802) 253-7321. [info@craftproducers.com](mailto:info@craftproducers.com). [www.craftproducers.com](http://www.craftproducers.com). *Through October 13.*

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

**BELLOWS FALLS.** River Valley Artisan Tour. This self-guided tour encompasses the towns of Bellows Falls, VT, Chesterfield, Spofford, Walpole and Westmoreland, NH. Start your tour at Westmoreland Town Hall, on Route 63 to obtain a map and see samples of the work of each artist. Free. 10 am - 4 pm. (603) 363-4205. [rivalleyartisans@tpdi.biz](mailto:rivalleyartisans@tpdi.biz). *Also October 13.*



**BELMONT.** Roast Beef Dinner. Menu: roast beef with all the fixings and home-baked pies for dessert. To benefit the Community Association. 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.

**BELMONT.** Cider Days on the Green. Celebrate the fall harvest! Apple cider will be pressed (and sold) before your eyes on the Belmont Green & local artisans will be selling their crafts. Cider sale, bake sale, and Library Book Sale. 9 am - 4 pm, Sun 12 noon - 4 pm. *Also October 13.*

**JAY.** Annual Jay Peak Arts & Crafts Fair. Over 60 artisans, BBQ & beverages and more! 10 am - 4 pm. Jay Peak. (802) 744-6523. [www.jaypeakvermont.org](http://www.jaypeakvermont.org).

**LUDLOW.** First Annual Black River Folk and Blues Fest. Featuring the Chris Kleeman Band, The Break Maids, Rusty Belle, and Gypsy Reel. Tickets \$15 at the door or in advance at The Book Nook or online. 7 pm. Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium, 2nd floor at 37 Depot St. (802) 228-7239. [info@folia.us](mailto:info@folia.us). [www.folia.us](http://www.folia.us).

**LUDLOW.** Book Launch Event: Vermont Author Judith Edwards and *The Adventures of Will Ryan and the CCC Trilogy*. Free. 3-5 pm. The Book Nook, 136 Main St. (802) 228-3236. [www.thebooknookvt.com](http://www.thebooknookvt.com).

**NEWFANE.** 43rd Annual Newfane Heritage Festival. Over 90 juried crafts people. Specialty foods, super raffle, flea tent, live music, indoor deli & outdoor food tent. Free admission. 10 am - 4 pm, rain or shine. On the Newfane Common, Rt. 30. (802) 365-7317. [thanice@svcable.net](mailto:thanice@svcable.net). [www.newfaneheritagefestival.org](http://www.newfaneheritagefestival.org). *Also October 13.*

**PITTSFORD.** Fields of Terror Corn Maze. Open at 8 pm until there are no survivors. Ages 13-80, \$12; ages 4-12, \$7. Bertrand Farms, 19707 Rt. 7 (802) 779-2184. *Also October 18 & 19, 25 & 26.*

**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: Pianist Vassily Primakov. An all-Chopin program. Complimentary reception follows performance. Adults \$30 advance, \$35 day of show, Students \$10. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. [chandler-arts.org](http://chandler-arts.org). [vassilyprimakov.net](mailto:vassilyprimakov.net).

**RUTLAND.** 52nd Annual Fall Foliage Art in the Park. The Chaffee Art Center invites you to view the work of over 60 fine artists and crafts people. Enjoy tasty ethnic and gourmet foods. Admission by donation. Saturday 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday till 4:30 pm. Main Street Park, Junction of Rts. 4 & 7. (802) 775-0356. [chaffeeartcenter.org](http://chaffeeartcenter.org). *Also Oct. 13.*

**SHELBURNE.** Annual Harvest Dinner. The menu includes chicken & gravy, biscuit, mashed potato, squash, cole slaw, roll, cranberry sauce, and pie. Two seatings, 5 pm or 6:30 pm. Shelburne United Methodist Church, 30 Church St. For reservations call (802) 985-3981. [shelburne.umc@myfairpoint.net](mailto:shelburne.umc@myfairpoint.net). [www.ShelburneUMC.org](http://www.ShelburneUMC.org).

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Fall Dog Party at Dog Mountain. Festivities will include a hot dog bbq, snacks for people and dogs, live music, the ever-popular dog contests, and so much more! Free. The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. off Spaulding Rd. (800) 449-2580. [info@dogmt.com](mailto:info@dogmt.com). [www.dogmt.com](http://www.dogmt.com).

**STOWE.** The Stowe Foliage Arts Festival. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm. Stowe Events Field, Mayo Farm on Weeks Rd. (802) 253-7321. [info@craftproducers.com](mailto:info@craftproducers.com). [www.craftproducers.com](http://www.craftproducers.com). *Also October 13.*

**WEST DOVER.** 40th Annual Harvest Arts & Crafts Show. 50+ vendors including local artisans, specialty food makers and more. Free admission. 10 am - 5 pm. Mount Snow, 39 Mount Snow Rd. (800) 245-7669. [events@mountsnow.com](mailto:events@mountsnow.com). [www.mountsnow.com](http://www.mountsnow.com). *Also October 13.*

**WESTON.** 30th Annual Weston Craft Show. A juried exhibit of exceptional Vermont artisans. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm. Weston Playhouse, Rt. 100. (802) 362-6313. [info@westoncraftshow.com](mailto:info@westoncraftshow.com). [www.westoncraftshow.com](http://www.westoncraftshow.com). *Also October 13.*

**WINDSOR.** 14th Annual Model Engineering Show. Visit with New England's finest model engineers. Workshops and demonstrations. Admission \$10, students \$5 includes the show and the American Precision Museum. 9 am - 5 pm. Held at Windsor Recreational Center, 29 Union St. (802) 674-5781. [apm@americanprecision.org](mailto:apm@americanprecision.org). [www.americanprecision.org](http://www.americanprecision.org).

**WOODSTOCK.** Harvest Weekend. A traditional Vermont harvest celebration with a husking bee and barn dance; cider pressing, harvesting root vegetables, spiced cider and homemade doughnuts. 10 am - 5 pm. Adults \$12, age 62 & up \$11, children ages 5-15 \$6, 3-4 \$3, under 3 free. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org). *Also October 13.*

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

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**BELMONT.** Cider Days on the Green. Celebrate the fall harvest! Apple cider will be pressed (and sold) before your eyes on the Belmont Green & local artisans will be selling their crafts. Cider sale, bake sale, and Library Book Sale. 12 noon - 4 pm.

**DUMMERSTON.** Heirloom Apple Day. Each October we open our packing barn at Scott Farm for an heirloom apple tasting celebration. Our orchard manager, Ezekiel Goodband, will offer everyone a taste of a select group of apples while sharing apple lore. Free. All day. Scott Farm, 707 Kipling Rd. (802) 254-6868. scottfarmvermont.com.

**EAST CHARLOTTE.** 13th Annual East Charlotte Tractor Parade. Free kids games, free parking, free music and lots of tractors. Follow the signs for parking. Parade starts at 1 pm. 11 am - 5 pm. Spear St./Hinesburg Rd., 20 Jackson Hill Rd. (802) 425-4444. CharlotteTractorParade@gmail.com. www.tractorparade.com.

**EAST THETFORD.** 11th Annual Pumpkin Festival at Cedar Circle Farm. Family fun! Kids' activities, horse-drawn wagon rides, pumpkin picking, bean threshing, cider pressing, organic food concession, theatrical performances, kids' activities. Live music under the tent all day. Parking fee. 10 am - 3 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd., off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org.

**NORWICH.** Sunday Craft Fair. Outdoor craft fair with food and live music—open rain or shine. Free. 10 am - 3 pm. At the Norwich Farmer's Market grounds, Rt. 5 south. (802) 356-2082. www.norwichcrafts.org.

**ORWELL.** Presentation: John Trumbull: Soldier, Patriot, Painter, Diplomat. Mount Independence Coalition president Stephen Zeoli offers a program on the extraordinary Revolutionary War contributions of Col. John Trumbull of Connecticut. Fee. 1 pm. Mount Independence, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. elsa.gilbertson@state.vt.us. historicssites.vermont.gov.

**RUTLAND.** 52nd Annual Fall Foliage Art in the Park. Sponsored by The Chaffee Art Center. Over 60 fine artists and crafts people. Tasty ethnic and gourmet foods. Admission by donation. 10 am - 4:30 pm. Main Street Park, Junction of Rts. 4 & 7. (802) 775-0356. info@chaffeeartcenter.org. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

**SHOREHAM.** Champlain Orchards Annual Harvest Festival. BBQ pork, our own applesauce, apple cider and fresh-baked apple pies, and great side dishes. \$14 per plate, \$6 for kids. Concert with The Bondville Boys, Southern Vermont's favorite bluegrass band. 11 am - 4 pm. Champlain Orchards, 3597 VT Route 74 W. (802) 897-2777. www.champlainorchards.com.

**WOODSTOCK.** Harvest Weekend. A traditional Vermont harvest celebration. 10 am - 5 pm. Adults \$12, age 62 & up \$11, children ages 5-15 \$6, 3-4 \$3, under 3 free. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

**CHESTER.** Poetry Seminar: Michael Palma on Hoffman, Poe and Crane. Free. Publils welcome. 7 pm. Misty Valley Books, on the Green. (802) 875-3400. www.mvbooks.com. info@mvbooks.com

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

**BRANDON.** Opening Reception for Photography Month. October will feature an open photography show for amateurs and enthusiasts, and a four-week digital photography workshop. The theme for the exhibit will be Reflections in Your Community. 5:30-8:30 pm. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Dr. Check the website for information on how to submit your photographs or sign up for the workshop. www.cmacvt.org.

**PITTSFORD.** 33rd Annual Pittsford Haunted House. Very scary family fun for everyone! Tickets are \$10 for adults & \$5 for children up to 12 years old. Not recommended for children under age 6. Ticket sales are from 6 - 9 pm, and include a wagon ride to the Haunted House. Parking is next to the Town Office, Plains Rd. Follow the signs off Rt. 7. Also October 19, 25 & 26.

**RANDOLPH.** An Evening of Bluegrass. With Noam Pikely (banjo), Bryan Sutton (guitar), Jesse Cobb (mandolin), Barry Bales (bass), and Luke Bulla (fiddle). Tickets: adults \$40, students \$25. 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org.

**TINMOUTH.** Concert: Anna and Ivan—Irish Folk Duo from Galway. Tickets \$10 at the door. Refreshments available. 7:30 pm at Tinmouth Old Firehouse, Rt. 140 and Mountain View Rd. in downtown Tinmouth. old.firehouse.concerts@gmail.com. www.tinmouthvt.org.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Concert: Sarah McQuaid, Guitar & Vocals. Beautifully crafted originals and interpretations of material from around the globe and down the centuries. Admission. 7:30 pm. Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 463-3100. www.stonechurcharts.org.

**BRANDON.** Concert: 16 Strings. Tickets \$15. A dinner & show for \$30. Reservations are encouraged. 7 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. www.brandon-music.net.

**CABOT.** 14th Annual Cabot Apple Pie Festival. Homemade apple pie judging, crafts. Adult and junior contests with prizes for the best homemade pies. Raffles, craft show, and silent auction. Pies and lunch for sale. Pie entry deadline 10:30 am. Free admission and parking. 9 am - 3 pm. Cabot School gym, Main St., Rt. 215 & Gym Rd. (802) 563-3396. bonniesd@together.net. www.cabothistory.com.

**NEW HAVEN.** Harvest Festival. Farmer's Market, crafters, artists and vendors of all kinds, antiques, flea mart items, canned and baked goods. Annual Community Library book sale, horse drawn wagon rides, food & refreshments, and great musical talents! Free. 10 am - 3 pm. New Haven Town Hall. (802) 453-5978. newhavenrec@gmavt.net.

**POULTNEY.** 11th Annual Horace Greeley Symposium. Sponsored by the The Horace Greeley Foundation. 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. Registration begins at 9:30 am. 9:30 am - 4:15 pm. Fee \$70, students \$20. At the United Methodist Church on the Green, 108 Main St. For more information and to pre-register call (802) 287-2577. www.thegreeleyfoundation.org.

**POULTNEY.** Welsh Harvest Festival. Come join Green Mountain College as they celebrate the rich Welsh heritage of this area. Celebrate the sights, sounds, and flavors of Wales. 3-6 pm at Green Mountain College's Cerridwen Farm. (802) 287-8000.

**POULTNEY.** Pumpkin Festival. There will be fun for all ages with many of festive fall activities. This year we'll have cider and donuts, field day games, pumpkin painting. 1-3 pm. Leap Frog Nursery School, 66 Beaman St. (802) 287-5751. poultneyvt@yahoo.com. poultneyvt.com.

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Join us for an evening of great food and lively dancing. Everyone is invited to come to the Second Annual Dinner and Dance hosted by the Bethel Historical Society on Saturday, October 5, 2013.

This event, held at the historic Bethel Town Hall, promises to be a memorable evening.

Dinner will be served from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and will feature Italian food this year, catered by the Black Forest Café & Caterers of Bethel.

The dance begins at 7:30

p.m. Faye Greason of Faye's Dance Studio in Lebanon, NH 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 and dance is \$17. Advance payment is recommended.

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**SHELBURNE.** 31st Annual Quilt Show—Inspired by Color. Presented by the Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild of Vermont. Judged and non-judged quilts, demonstrations, theme challenge quilts, and special exhibits including: Quilts of Valor, Friendship Quilts, and Vermont Landscape Quilts. Admission. 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday till 4 pm. The Field House of Shelburne, 166 Athletic Dr. (902) 863-5212. bacarter64@comcast.net. www.cvgvt.org. *Also October 20.*

**SHOREHAM.** Free Community Supper. The menu includes pot roast and fall vegetables, beverages, and homemade desserts. The supper is free, but people are encouraged to bring non-perishable items for the Food Shelf. Families are welcome. Come and enjoy fellowship and good food. 5-7 pm. Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School Rd. For info call Ginny VanHazinga, (802) 897-5420.

**SHOREHAM.** Orchard Concert with Run Mountain. From rollicking fiddle hoedowns to mountain ballads to hillbilly blues. Bring a picnic, pick-your-own apples, visit the farm store, take some cider home and enjoy the views! 1-3 pm. Champlain Orchards, 3597 VT Rt. 74 W. (802) 897-2777. www.champlainorchards.com.

**WHITEHALL, NY.** Poultney Area St. David's Society's 26th Anniversary Gathering of the Clans. All are welcome, Welsh heritage or not. 11 am. Brunch at Rathbun's Sugarhouse Restaurant, 181 Hatch Hill Rd. We'll order off the menu. RSVP by October 15. Jan Edwards, (802) 287-5744. pasds88@yahoo.com. www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vtpasds

**WOODSTOCK.** Autumn Wagon Ride Weekend. Narrated horse-drawn wagon rides around the Billings' fields during the height of fall foliage; farm programs and activities. 10 am - 5 pm. Adults \$12, age 62 & up \$11, children ages 5-15 \$6, 3-4 \$3, under 3 free. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. *Also October 20.*

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

**RUTLAND.** A Concert of Italian and German Early Baroque Music. A group of vocal soloists and baroque instrumentalists, under the direction of Rip Jackson, will perform motets by Monteverdi and Schutz and instrumental music for harpsichord, organ, violin, theorbo and cello by other German and Italian composers from the 17th century. Free-will offering. Presented by Grace Congregational Church and held at 7:30 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 18 Lincoln Ave. (802) 775-4301 x 208. www.gracechurchvt.org.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

**RUTLAND.** Concert: Lyle Lovett & John Hiatt. A special acoustic evening with two of music's most unique singer songwriters. Tickets: \$59.50/\$69.50/\$79.50. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

**BRANDON.** Concert: Connor Garvey. Tickets \$15. A dinner & show for \$30. Reservations are encouraged. 7 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. www.brandon-music.net.

**RUTLAND.** Play: Cat On A Hot Tin Roof, performed by Middlebury Actors Workshop. Tickets: \$20. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

**BARRE.** Concert: Robert Cray Band. Tickets \$24-\$49.50. 8 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. Box office: (802) 476-8188. Information: (802) 476-0292. staff@barreoperahouse.org. www.barreoperahouse.org.

**BRATTLEBORO.** Third Annual Lego Contest and Exhibit. Build your very own Lego creation and display it at BMAC! Or just drop by and check out the fantastic structures. Admission. Brattleboro Museum and Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. office@brattleboromuseum.org. www.brattleboromuseum.org. *Through October 27.*

**PITTSFORD.** 33rd Annual Pittsford Haunted House. Family fun for everyone! Tickets \$10 adults & \$5 children up to 12 years old, not recommended for children under 6. Ticket sales from 6 - 9 pm, includes a wagon ride to the Haunted House. Parking is next to the Town Office, Plains Rd. Follow the signs off Rt. 7. Sponsored by the Pittsford Fire Department. *Also October 26.*

**RUTLAND.** Stand-up Comedy: Ralphie May. With no subject off limits, Ralphie dives in and reveals the hilarious quirks that infiltrate politics, race and even his family. Tickets: \$32.50. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org. www.ralphiemay.com.

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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

**BELMONT.** Baked Ham Dinner. Menu: baked ham with all the fixings and home-baked pies for dessert. To benefit the Gill Odd Fellows Home. 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.

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**RUTLAND.** 54th Annual Rutland City Halloween Parade. Floats, marching bands and local dignitaries parade through downtown Rutland to celebrate Halloween. Pre-parade party with free popcorn and hot chocolate 4-6 pm in Depot Park. Parade begins at 6:30 pm. rutlandhalloween.com.

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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

**BETHEL.** Raw Milk Summit. Join Rural Vermont and raw milk producers from all over VT to prepare for the introduction of a better raw milk bill in 2014! Findings from the latest farmer meetings, strategy session, info sharing, activist training, networking lunch, special guest Mark McAfee & more! 10 am - 4 pm. Bethel Town Hall. RSVP required. To register call (802) 223 7222. shelby@ruralvermont.org. www.ruralvermont.org.

**EAST BURKE.** CircumBurke Mountain Bike & Trail Run Challenge. The course starts out along Kingdom Trails and brings riders & runners through a wild and rarely experienced corner of the Northeast Kingdom into the trails of Victory, VT. Conservation Collaboratives, Kingdom Trails and the Burke Area Chamber of Commerce have partnered to host this 25-50 mile endurance event. 10 am - 5 pm. Burke Mountain-Kingdom Trails. www.circumburke.org.

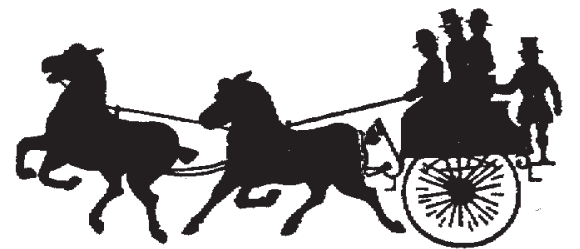
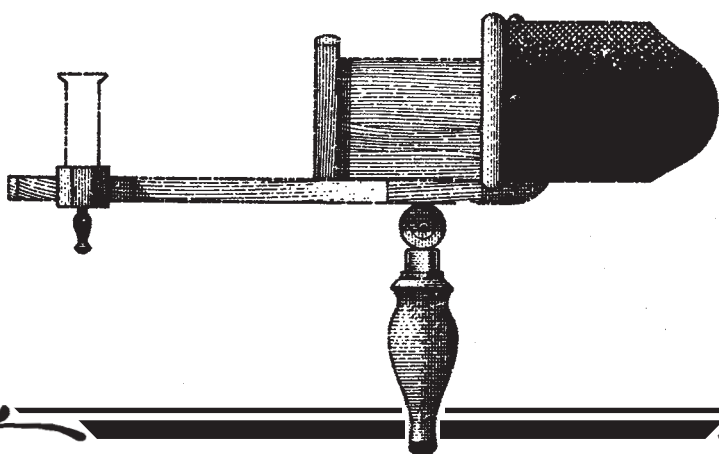
**MIDDLEBURY.** Sixth Annual Middlebury Spooktacular. Halloween event for kids of all ages! Hay bales, costumes, games, music and dancing for all ages. Jumpy castle! Children's trick or treat parade along Main Street led by the legendary Spooktacular Witch! 1-3 pm. On the Middlebury Town Green. bettermiddleburypartnership.org.

**PITTSFORD.** 32nd Annual Pittsford Haunted House. Sponsored by the Pittsford Fire Department. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 children 12 and under, not recommended for children under 6. 6-9 pm. 426 Plains Rd. (802) 236-0048.

**WOODSTOCK.** A Family Halloween. 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. 10 am - 5 pm. Admission: adults \$12, age 62 & up \$11, children ages 5-15 \$6, 3-4 \$3, under 3 free. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

**BURLINGTON.** Magic Hat Brewery Resurrects The Night of the Living Dead. Admission. 7 pm. Echo Lake Aquarium, 1 College St. (802) 685-2739. flyntix.org.



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# 30th Anniversary Celebration at Barre Opera House

The historic Barre Opera House celebrates its 30th anniversary this year with a stellar lineup of well-known acts in the TD Bank Celebration Series that starts this October.

In addition to the Celebration Series, the opera house sponsors many more concerts and events throughout the season.

The Barre Opera House Annual Gala, "The Great Gatsby" will be coming to The Capitol Plaza Hotel in Montpelier on October 19, cocktails 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m.

The Country Jamboree is coming November 16 at 7 p.m. This national touring musical revue will feature the music of Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash, Tammy Wynette, Willie Nelson, Loretta Lynn, Merle Haggard and more.

Check the Barre Opera House website at [www.barreoperahouse.org](http://www.barreoperahouse.org) for more concert updates.

**Friday, October 4, 8 p.m.**

## Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

Leading off the concert series is the iconic and profoundly influential Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. The group, known for its groundbreaking "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" album, boasts multi-platinum and gold records, strings of top ten hits such as "Fishin' In The Dark" and "Mr. Bojangles", and multiple Grammy and other awards. The band's accolades continue to accumulate.

**Saturday, October 25, 8 p.m.**

## Robert Cray Band

The legendary Robert Cray Band comes to Barre. With five Grammy Awards, millions of record sales worldwide, and thousands of sold-out performances, rock blues icon Robert Cray is considered one of the greatest guitarists of his generation. In its April 2011 issue Rolling Stone credits Cray with reinventing the blues with "distinct razor sharp guitar playing that introduced a new generation of mainstream rock fans to the language and form of the blues."

**Saturday, November 9, 8 p.m.**

## Mavis Staples

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Award winner, and a National Heritage Fellowship Award recipient, she was named one of the 100 Greatest Women of Rock and Roll by VH1. Rolling Stone listed her as one of the 100 Greatest Singers of All Time. With the family gospel group The Staple Singers ("I'll Take You There", "Respect Yourself") and on her own, Mavis is responsible for blazing a rhythm & blues trail while never relinquishing her gospel roots. Dwight and Nicole (featuring powerhouse vocalist Nicole Nelson from "The Voice") open the show.

**Saturday, November 30, 8 p.m.**

## Lúnasa

Lúnasa has been internationally acknowledged as the finest Irish instrumental band of recent times. Their recordings of have been hailed as some of the best and most important world music albums anywhere. Their blend of intelligence, innovation, virtuosity, and passion has brought them to the forefront of Celtic music. They have appeared at internationally renowned venues such as The Hollywood Bowl, National Concert Hall in Dublin and the Sydney Opera House. In 2011 they were invited to appear at The White House.

**Friday, January 31, 7:30 p.m.**

## The Capitol Steps

The Capitol Steps, will be at the Opera House on January 31 at 7:30 p.m. began as a group of Senate staffers who set out to satirize the very people and places that employed them. In the years that followed, many of the Steps ignored the conventional wisdom ("Don't quit your day job!"), and

although not all of the current members of the Steps are former Capitol Hill staffers, taken together the performers have worked in a total of eighteen Congressional offices and represent 62 years of collective House and Senate staff experience.

**Saturday, February 1, 7:30 p.m.**

## Le Vent du Nord

On February 1 at 7:30 p.m. the Quebecois quartet, Le Vent du Nord, will be performing at the Barre Opera House. They have received several prestigious awards, including two Junos (Canadian Grammys) and are now one of the most-loved Quebec folk groups performing today.

**Saturday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.**

## John O'Conor

The 2013-14 season concludes with a concert by Irish pianist John O'Conor, who has earned a worldwide reputation as a masterful interpreter of the Classic and early-Romantic repertoires. He has studied in Vienna with the renowned pedagogue Dieter Weber, won First Prize at the Beethoven International Piano Competition in Vienna in 1973 and made a special study of Beethoven with the legendary German pianist Wilhelm Kempff. O'Conor has toured the world in recital and concerto appearances and makes regular visits to Europe, the USA, Japan, Korea and China.

Barre Opera House is located at 6 N. Main St. (on the corner of N. Main and Prospect Streets) in Barre, VT. For tickets call the box office at (802) 476-8188. Special discounts are available to students, seniors, people with disabilities and Opera House members.

For information call (802) 476-0292. [staff@barreoperahouse.org](mailto:staff@barreoperahouse.org). Visit [www.barreoperahouse.org](http://www.barreoperahouse.org).

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## Come to Dead Creek Wildlife Day on Saturday, October 5

If you enjoy wildlife be sure to make plans to attend the annual Dead Creek Wildlife Day in Addison, VT on Saturday, October 5.

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.

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

Early risers can begin the day with bird banding demonstrations at 7:00 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 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 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, and Vermont Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs.

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



Snow geese at Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area pause on their way south. photo by Nancy Cassidy

## An Epic Trail Adventure in the Northeast Kingdom

To Victory and back! Conservation Collaboratives, Kingdom Trails and the Burke Area Chamber of Commerce have partnered up to host the Annual CircumBurke Mountain Bike & Trail Run Challenge on Sunday October 27th in East Burke, VT.

The 25-50 mile endurance event begins and ends at Burke Mountain. The course starts out along Kingdom Trails and brings riders & runners through a wild and rarely experienced corner of the Northeast Kingdom into the trails of Victory, VT.

The adventure encourages fun and camaraderie as well as spirited competition amidst fall scenery and mountain views. Food stations will be set up every five miles along the course with plenty of snacks, sandwiches, water and friendly faces to motivate runners and bikers onward to the finish line.

At the finish line, participants will be welcomed home with plenty of cheers, a hearty, warm meal and all will receive a commemorative pint glass with the event logo.

All participants will also be entered into a raffle with the

chance to win gear, clothing, trail passes, local foods, gift certificates and more. Proceeds from CircumBurke are used for trail improvements along the route and throughout the Kingdom Trails network of year round non-motorized trails.

The CircumBurke is a tribute to Dave Blumenthal, an avid endurance athlete, adventurer, writer and artist who lived in Montpelier. Dave sadly died while competing at a bike race in the Colorado Rockies in 2010, but his love for the outdoors is celebrated through this event. His friends from Conservation Collaboratives began CircumBurke just four years ago and the event has grown from 30 participants to an expected 400 bikers & runners this year!

To learn more visit [www.circumburke.org](http://www.circumburke.org). Register online for either the mountain bike or trail run at [www.bikereg.com/Net/18053](http://www.bikereg.com/Net/18053). Runners can also register at [www.runreg.com/Net/3414](http://www.runreg.com/Net/3414). Pre-registration is \$45 until October 25th at 5 p.m. Same day registration is \$55 and will be available at the Sherburne Base Lodge at Burke Mountain from 7:30-9:30 a.m.

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# 11th Annual Pumpkin Festival at Cedar Circle Farm

Sunday, Oct 13, 2013, 10-3 pm

Celebrate the bounty of autumn and everything pumpkin at Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center's 11th annual fall festival. For a day of fall fun, bring family and friends to the farm on Sunday, October 13 between 10 am and 3 pm, rain or shine! Cedar Circle Farm is conveniently located on Pavillion Rd., off Route 5, in East Thetford, VT.

### Lots and lots of free family fun

Enjoy free horse-drawn wagon rides from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to and from the pumpkin patch to pick your best pumpkin and to and from the corn palace. Kids' free crafts and games include face painting, hula hoops, educational games, color station, barn wall mural, harvest wreath making. There will be cider pressing, educational displays, self-guided tours, live music and entertainment, plus an organic "Good Food" concession throughout the day!

### Storytellers, jugglers, and music!

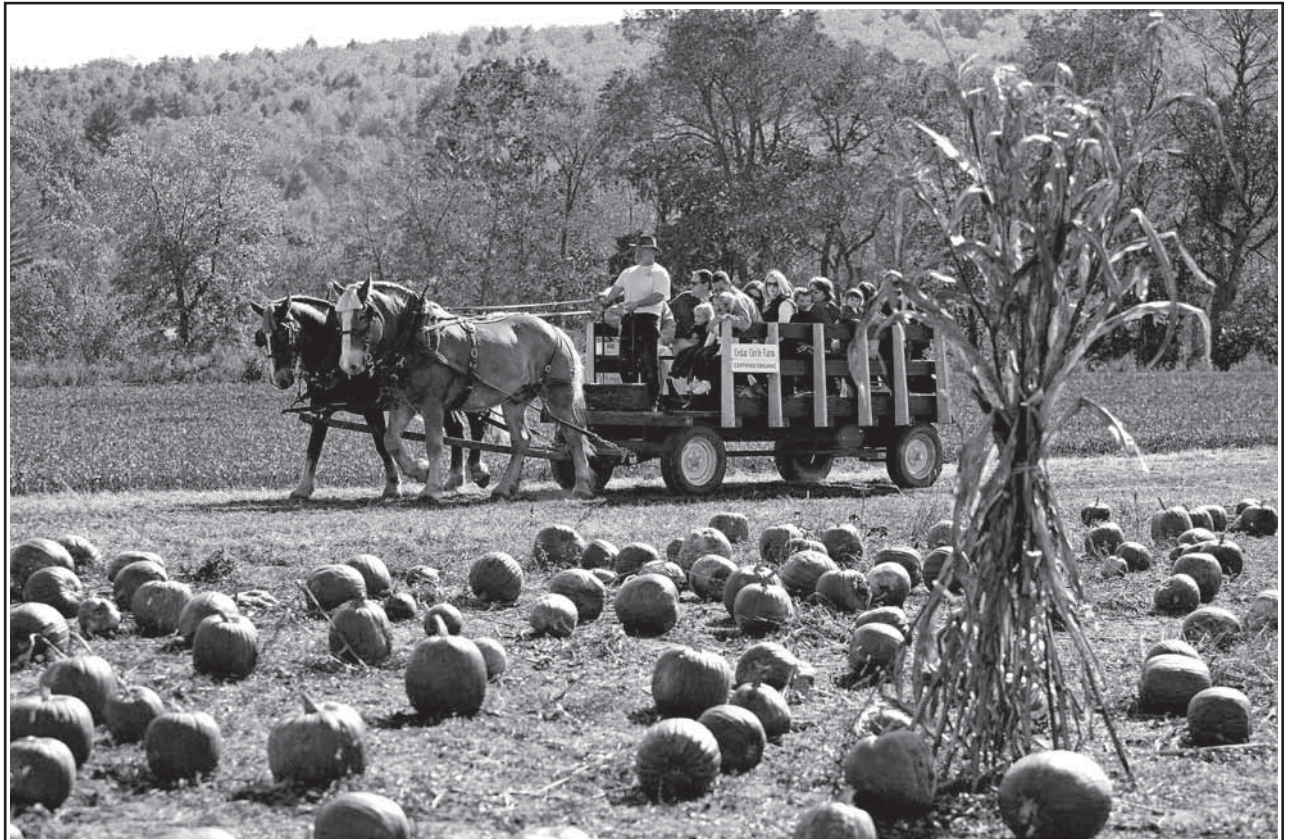
Free family entertainment begins at 10 a.m. with engaging tall tales by British storyteller Simon Brooks of New London, NH in the all-new Enchanted Forest (also offered at 11:30 a.m., 1 & 2 p.m.). Award-winning juggler, Tony Duncan of Nimble Productions in Brattleboro, VT wows the crowd as he manipulates objects and characters in his one man show at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m.

Under a tent on the main stage, two well-known Upper Valley bands perform. The Stovepipe Mountain Band, a folk group from Corinth, NH plays from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., followed by the Crunchy Western Boys, an alternative bluegrass band from Warren, NH from 12:45 to 3 p.m.

At 2 p.m. a raffle drawing takes place for prizes donated by local businesses to raise money for subsidized CSA shares for low income families.

### Super good organic food

This year's Organic "Good Food" Concession features local foods prepared by Farm Chef Alison Baker and staff, to include hearty fall soup and breads, grilled local sausages, veggie burgers, salads, apple crisp and other festival baked goods—plus pizzas made in NOFA-VT's portable wood-fired



Ian Clark Photography

Visitors enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride to the pumpkin patch in the late-October sun at Cedar Circle Farm, E. Thetford, VT.

oven, butternut apple crisp, pumpkin brownies, and other seasonal delicacies—and crepes and waffles by Vermont Crepe & Waffle.

According to farm manager Kate Duesterberg, "We love to invite the community and area visitors 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 also offer Pumpkin Patch Tours for school and youth groups and administrators. We're also very proud to be a "Green" Festival, having generated only 2.5 bags of trash for 1900 attendees last year!"

Festival goers are asked to leave all pets at home and are encouraged to carpool. Admission is \$10 per car and includes all entertainment and children's activities including face painting. One can come by bike, foot or train and get in free! Taking a train ride on the White River Flyer out of White River Junction can also add to the fun. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own place settings to help reduce the amount of trash generated at the festival.

Cedar Circle Farm is located off U.S. Route 5, south of Huggett's Store, on Pavillion Rd., along the Connecticut River in East Thetford, VT.

The farmstand and coffee shop are open Tuesday-Sunday through October 31, for certified organic produce, fall flowers, pumpkins, and harvest decorations, and espresso drinks. This year the farmstand will open Saturdays and Sundays, November 2 to December 15.

For more information and directions to the farm, call (802) 785-4737. Visit [www.CedarCircleFarm.org](http://www.CedarCircleFarm.org).


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

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

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

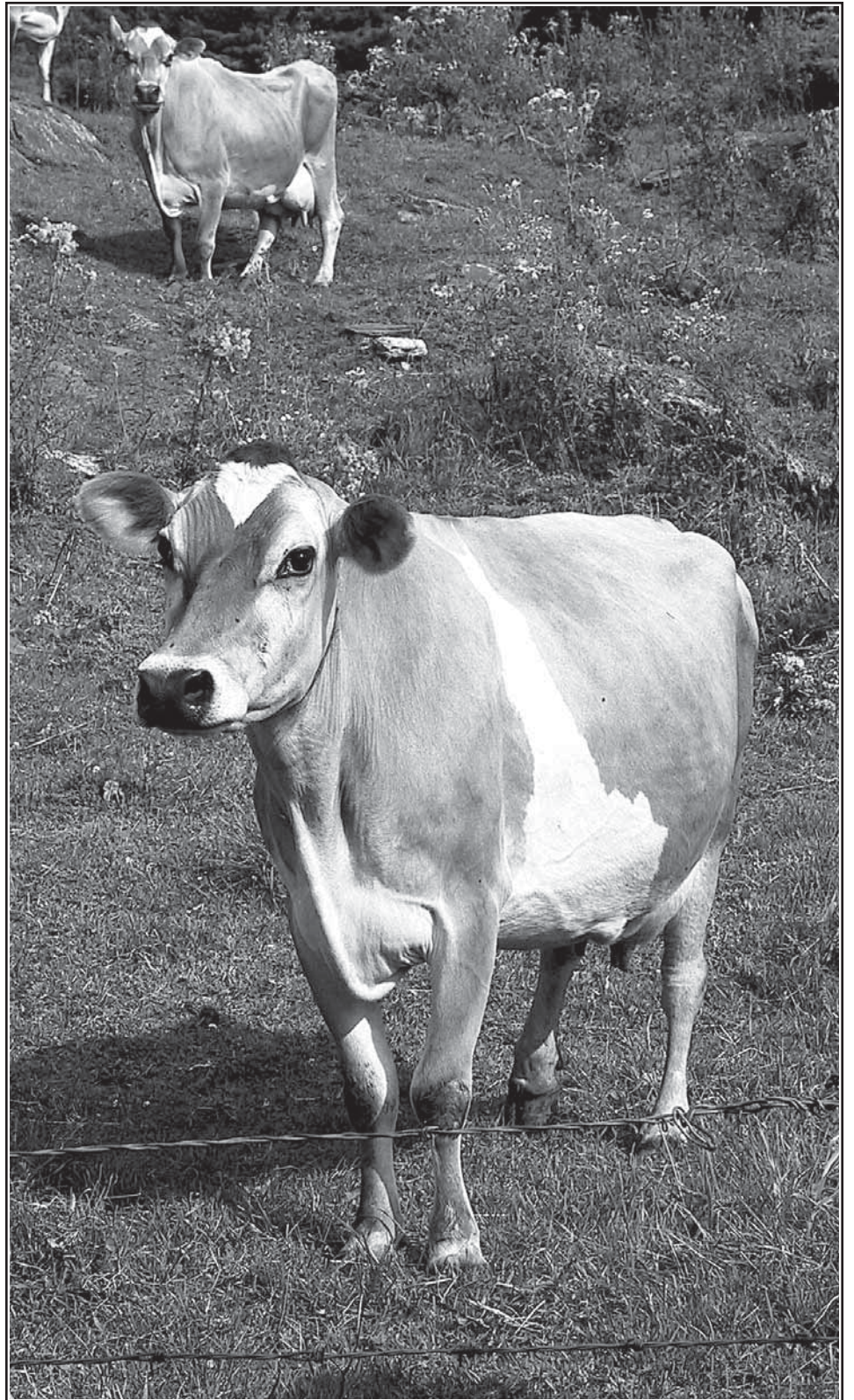
Come on. Hello! I didn't know the burs were open yet.  
Lie down, old dog, I'll take a climb, there's chestnuts here to get,  
A pocket full; that's pretty good, I've something now to chew.  
You wag your tail; do you want some? Do dogs like chestnuts, too?  
Well, take a couple; now we'll go. Hi! there's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

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

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

There, there! Don't run her; steady, now! Her heels — don't bite her nose.  
She's through; just start them down the lane — I've got the bars to close —  
And then we'll drive 'em slowly home, and stop our dreamy song,  
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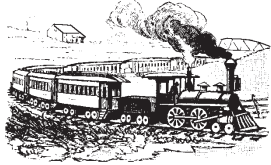
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# North Country Book News

## Children's Book Reviews

### Autumn Tales of Unlikely Friendships

How often we've thought it's too difficult (almost impossible even) to make friends when the "we's" and the "they's" are so different. Never you mind. In these children's books we see there are really no barriers to friendship, even in the most unusual circumstances.

In *Will You Be My Friend?* by Bernadette Watts (\$17.96, [www.northsouth.com](http://www.northsouth.com)) Little Jack Rabbit and his friends Billy Squirrel and Little Charlie Mole sneak away to a large, distant cabbage patch for a late fall day snack. There's a one-legged scarecrow guarding the patch whom Little Jack Rabbit's family had bad-mouthed and told the young ones "he doesn't speak our language" and "he's not one of us." However, Little Jack notices he has kind eyes, and his mother says that means he has a warm heart even if he's a scarecrow.

We find out later that couldn't be more true as the young animal threesome gets stranded in the cabbage patch by a fast-moving snow storm. The scarecrow comes to their rescue by falling over and providing a safe haven through the night: "The scarecrow lay down next to them, and with one arm

wrapped his coat around them, and then with his other arm he cuddled his new friends close to his heart."

The trio make it safely to their homes the next day to much-relieved parents. Winter passes, and in the spring the rabbit, squirrel, mole and friends visit the fresh planted cabbage patch. The uprighted scarecrow is there to greet them with new gloves and hat and "with a huge smile on his face." The story is beautifully illustrated, especially the snow scenes.

Friendships can be found regardless of age differences—even between the young and very old as we learn in the charming story *Little Cub* by Olivier Dunrea (\$16.99, [www.penguin.com/young\\_readers](http://www.penguin.com/young_readers)). Here we meet a little cub who lives all alone in the forest. He is lonely and always hungry because he hasn't been taught how to fish or to collect honey without being stung by bees. Also living in the forest all alone but luckily enough to have a cabin is an old bear. His loneliness has made him grumbly and grumpy.

One day he stumbles on the little cub half-asleep in a bed of rocks. The Old Bear cradles the little cub in his big bear arms. He takes his new little friend home, promises to teach him to fish and collect honey, and puts him to bed with a story.

Old Bear sits with Little Cub all night, and lets us all know how glad he is to have such a friend. You'll be glad too to know Cub and Old Bear will be safe—the leaves are falling and winter is in the air. The illustrations will make you feel right at home with the bears in their woodland home.

In this unusual turnabout about behavior we learn that not being good enough or even bad enough can be no bar to friendship. Everyone will be amused by *Filbert the Good Little Fiend* by Hiawyn Oram and illustrated by Jimmy Liao (\$15.99, [www.candlewick.com](http://www.candlewick.com)).

We meet the angelic child Florinda who is not good enough to stay in Angel School and who has literally been sent flying. She ends up making friends with the fiend Filbert who isn't bad enough to meet the high standards of fiendish behavior set by his parents, and even the school teacher, Miss Fearsome-Frizz. Filbert has been barred from school because he refuses to take part in a purple paint fight.

The ostracized Filbert comforts the "fallen" or not quite so perfect little angel Florinda. They become the best of friends "because together, they are just about as good as it gets."

The colorful full-page autumn-themed illustrations make this picture book a delight to look at.



## Book Review

### Rodrick's Guide To Vermont Waterfalls, Cascades & Gorges

by Rodrick Pingree

Fall foliage season will find sightseers plying the back roads of Vermont to enjoy this annual display of beautiful colorful trees. They also will be observing countless inviting waterways be they waterfalls, cascades or gorges, even swimming holes.

For those who may want too stop to admire, take photographs, have a picnic or even hike along these watercourses this is the guidebook to have.

Author Rodrick Pingree and his wife Katherine have compiled a no-nonsense book of facts, descriptions and locations of 270 of these natural waterways throughout Vermont. And he writes:

"My personal taste for a great waterfall is the small, intimate 10-foot wide steam, cascading down a stair step of water washed bedrock full of potholes, which can only be viewed in low water."

With each listing he gives practical advice like "look out for slippery rocks," poison ivy in area, no path or trail, whether it is handicapped accessible—or the best views may be just from one's car.

In rare cases the reader will learn that hikers may not be welcomed or will need permission from the landowner to hike along the waterway. Follow his advice

for hazards, whether human or otherwise.

A typical entry in the guide will give the watercourse's name (if it has one), location and how to get there, length of waterway, river width, vertical drop, grade, GPS coordinates, and any cautions—for example: a huge exposed drop-off at the top of a ledge. Watch your footing and watch your children! Many Vermont cities and towns also have those waterway wonders running through downtown areas and these are covered in the guide. For example: Black River Falls in Springfield; Waits River in Bradford; and Neshobe Falls in Brandon.

Some entries give an intriguing glimpse of former times. For example, we learn that the cascades in Danby was the site of the former 1930s Cascade Restaurant whose building was set over the steam at the base of the cascade in which patrons were able to catch their own fish for dinner. "All that remains today is the stone chimney, fieldstone arch over the river and badly overgrown foundation," we learn.

Wherever possible Pingree identifies what's in the bedrock: hard quartzite, granite, schist, slate, softer marble, and talus.

Pingree operates the Vermont Woodchuck Guide Service which includes kayaking/canoeing, hiking, caving, old mines and quarry exploring in Rutland County and surrounding areas.

For information call (802) 773-8767. *Rodrick's Guide to Vermont Waterfalls, Cascades & Gorges* is available at bookstores or can be ordered online at the self-publishing book site Lulu.com. for \$16.95 (plus S&H).



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# The Vanished Landmarks Game

## Vermont Stories from West of Birdseye

by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

If you have lived in one community your whole life you have certainly noticed as the years go by that certain people, places and things just disappear. Obvious things might be a country store, restaurant, or small man-and-pa business. Family members or close friends come and go. Landmarks like a railroad station or community ski slope may disappear due to a changing economic climate. Even 'pillars' of the local church or unusual town characters have their day and are gone.

Through this interesting and perceptive book, author Pamela Hayes Rehlen has compiled a collection of her stories about vanishing landmarks, human and otherwise in one Vermont community—Castleton and its surrounding towns.

This collection of 27 stories is only a fraction of the many she has written as columns for the Rutland Herald, Rutland Herald Express and other publications. Her family having lived in Castleton for six

generations has given her a gifted perspective on the "old days" and its values, and especially what, if any, of that way of life has survived today.

This aptly-titled book about remembering 'vanished' landmarks should inspire readers of all ages to try to remember what was once there in their own communities before the age of high-tech, big box stores, and other signs of so-called progress.

Rehlen notes that Castleton is a community and culture built on farms and farming and that Castletonians were still buying into lives of agriculture until the 1960s, because that's what their parents had done and it had provided at least a marginal existence.

"They had farming in their blood, but by the late 1960s working the land was no longer a viable way of life."

Today only four Castleton farms are still in the dairy business—the Ransomvale Farm, the Harris Farm, the Traverse Farm and the farm operated by the Allen brothers, which in some ways is the most unique. "This is the home place of a band of several siblings, four brothers in the house, one brother down the road and two sisters close by," Pamela tells us.

The Allens farm comprises 200 acres of river bottom land on the East Hubbardton Road, where 80 cows are being milked out of a herd of 160-170. We are told the only way they stay in business is because all three Allen brothers excerpt Harold have full-time 'off-farm' jobs. And she writes:

"Only two Allens—David and Patty—have ever married. This allows for a powerful focus on the family business. No one takes anything out of the operation. Any profit—and these days there isn't much profit—gets put back into the farm. For example, to purchase a really good cow for breeding or to buy a better piece of equipment."

Bobby Allen is philosophical about work-

ing harder than most people and living with very little money—"We're still here, so it must be working." He also adds he doesn't worry about the next meal. "As long as the Birdseye Diner is open. I'll always find the next meal."

(Pamela and her husband John own the 1940s Silk City-type Birdseye Diner in Castleton where Bobby Allen is a frequent customer.)

Pamela introduces us to a great diversity of people who make their home in that 'West of Birdseye' Mountain area.

We meet watch repairman Hayden Hughes, who lived out on the edge of Castleton on Belgo Road, and who every spring for many years before Easter would leave an armload of pussy willows at Pamela's back door, as well as other ladies he admired around town.

She sent him thank-you notes until he called her and said: "Stop sending me those Thank You notes. They're not

necessary. You're one of my Pussy Willow Ladies, and every spring I will always bring you a bunch of pussy willows." Then one spring when the pussy willows never appeared, she learned he had cancer and shortly afterwards his obituary appeared in the newspaper.

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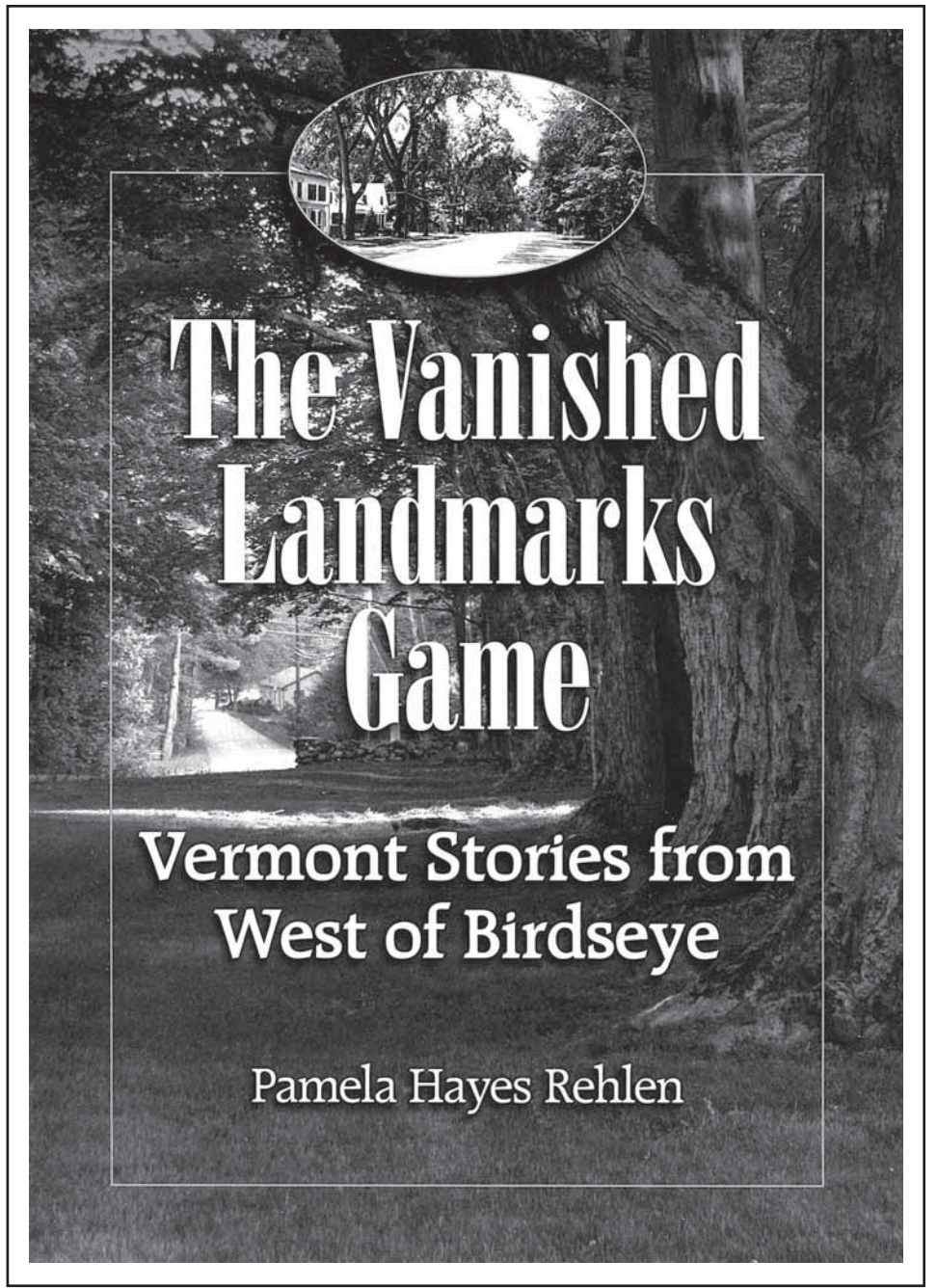
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Pamela keeps track of old-timers who have 'beaten' the clock and are still going strong in old age. She writes about Ed Ryan who will be 102 on October 25. His life's work was with the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Line, initially as a telegraph operator, later as an accountant and bursar. "He last ran into my father (Rex Hayes) at the Wheel Restaurant in Benson. The Wheel was originally a livery stable—that's something they both would have known. As a boy, my father took my grandfather's horses there to be shod."

Today Ray stays active, gets up a 8 a.m., reads the paper, makes telephone calls, watches TV and uses a computer. "He still figures his taxes, writes letters, handles his finances and pays his bills."

Castleton is home to Castleton State College, formerly Castleton Teachers College (and before that The Normal) where the author's parents and many relatives attended. Her father and mother were Normal School graduates. Pamela studied there for two years before transferring to Middlebury College earning a degree in English. She also earned a law degree at Boston University, but decided writing was more fun and challenging than to pursue a career in law.

Think today what freshman college students might take with them to college

compared with Pamela's belongings when she entered CSC with "a portable Remington typewriter and lavender Bates bedspread and curtains from Rutland's Economy Department Store." Later she writes about being room-campused for a week because she returned from a date more than once a few minutes late. Back then she could smoke a Salem from a little sample pack handed out in the cafeteria.

She is the author of another book *The Blue Cat and the River's Song* and has contributed to the book anthology *A Vermont Scrapbook, Fifty Vermonters Remember*.

*The Vanished Landmarks Game—Vermont Stories from West of Birdseye* by Pamela Hayes Rehlen can be ordered from Castleton Village Store (802) 468-2213 for \$25 (includes S&H) or from the author at PO Box 275, Castleton, VT 05735.

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**2092 Orange.** Executive Hunting Lodge/Summer Home – 3 bedrooms – ½ bath – gravity spring – gas lights – refrigerator – cookstove – maple floors – pine walls – large decks on 2 sides – 500 gal. septic – very private – 37.9 surveyed land – good moose, bear and deer hunting...**Price \$119,000.**

**2076 Corinth.** 18x25' Camp, with ½ loft – 90% finished – wired for a generator – 25 acres of land – very private, but access with a car – good views...**Price \$79,900.**



**2091 Washington.** 4 bedroom cape – older home, but in very good condition – rewired – new 3 zone hot water heat – pellet stove – 1,000 gal. septic – attached barn/garage – town water – 1.2 acres of large back lawn/garden – walk to village...**\$149,900.**

**2066 Chelsea.** 3 bedroom camp – 1 full bath – large fireplace with heatolators, plus wood stove – small stream – 33 acres of land – nice lawn with apple trees – being sold furnished – good gravel road...**Price Reduced to \$99,500.**

**2084 Braintree Hill.** 3 Bedroom House – full cement basement – drilled well – 2 car garage – 3.5 acres of open field – excellent views of Braintree Mt. Range – close to Randolph...**Price only \$139,000.**

**2093 Chelsea.** 47.6 Acres Surveyed Woodland – small stream – very private – good hunting area – 1440 ft. frontage on gravel road...**Price \$89,500.**

**2083 Chelsea.** 50 Acres of Land – good open fields – excellent views to the south – both telephone and electric power on property – good year-round gravel Rd – private building sites...**Price \$200,000.**

**2057 Chelsea.** 207 acre farm – 2 barns – 4-bay storage building – plus 2 other storage buildings – good pond site, plus trout brook – large, old, 10 room cape with garage – very private...**Price \$595,000.**



**2088 Washington.** 3 bedroom, 2 story home – 24 x 28' with 16' el-balcony off master bedroom – hand hewn beams and barn board living room – 22' storage barn – drilled well – new septic in 2000 – 10 acres of land – excellent views – private drive – good gravel road...**Price \$215,000.**

**2080 Vershire.** 11.1 Acres surveyed land – excellent views – driveway and septic already in – frontage on two roads...**Priced at Town appraisal \$67,300.**

**2081 Chelsea.** Commercial Property – 33 self storage units – permits for 2 more buildings – 5 acres of land, plus mobile home, hook up, rental...**Price \$149,500.**

**2086 Royalton.** 2½ acre building lot – surveyed driveway and in-ground septic design – small stream – year-round gravel road...**Price \$49,900.**

**2085 Royalton.** 6 acres – driveway and pond – 24x18' horse barn – in-ground septic design – good gravel road...**Price \$74,900.**

**2095 Chelsea.** 20x28' Camp – cement foundation – 3 rooms, plus loft – covered porch, gas lights, plus gas cook stove – wood stove for heat – 20 acres land – good gravel road...**Priced to sell \$78,000.**

**2094 Chelsea.** 30 acres of land – driveway and campsite on good trout brook – year-round gravel road – close to village...**Price \$44,900.**

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# Cambridge Civil War Days

The Cambridge Historical Society is hosting Civil War Days in Cambridge, VT on October 5 and 6, offering a full weekend of education and entertainment to commemorate the conflict 150 years ago. Visitors of all ages will find many interesting choices for participation and observation at this free two-day program.

This year marks the midpoint anniversary of the War of the Rebellion as Union victories at Gettysburg and Vicksburg in 1863 began to turn the tide in restoring the Union. Numerous military and civilian reenactors will transform the normally tranquil village of Cambridge into a busy Civil War-era community.

Selected by the governor's Sesquicentennial Commission as one of Vermont's "top ten" Civil War events for 2013, the Cambridge Historical Society has scheduled a wide range of displays, speakers, period music, children's games, and other activities. Each day concludes with a demonstration of battle tactics used in the war.

## A regional celebration

The village of Cambridge, which still retains much of the character of the period, is located 30 miles east of Burlington on VT Route 15. The road is named the "Grand Army of the Republic Highway" in honor of that Civil War veterans' organization. Coinciding this year with the Route 15 Summerfest organized annually by the Lamoille Region Chamber of Commerce, the Cambridge Civil War Days will provide an anchor event for the western end of the corridor program on October 5. Communities along VT 15 will present a variety of activities that promise a full day of enjoyment at the peak of fall foliage season.

## Music, lectures, crafts, and great food!

Music at the Cambridge event includes rousing tunes of the period by the popular duo O'hAnleigh and local talent.

There will be lectures, discussions, displays, and demonstrations on Civil War-era themes throughout both days. Basket weaving and furniture making of the time will be demonstrated. The Mary Elizabeth School will have games and other activities of the era available for children to discover and explore.

Vendors will offer appropriate goods for sale, including Tony O'Connor's extensive collection of Civil War books. Lots of food is available during the day and the Cambridge Christian Fellowship is hosting a barbeque chicken dinner on Saturday evening (dinner tickets must be purchased in advance; contact lsawyer33@stoweaccess.com).

A Civil War-era church service will be held at the Cam-



bridge United Church at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday; all denominations are welcome to attend.

## Visit with the reenactors

Visitors can converse with civilian reenactors, from townspeople to politicians, and have their pictures taken with the Vermont governor, President Lincoln, and others. At a photo booth supplied with clothing of the day, visitors can dress as a soldier or civilian for a memorable picture souvenir.

The authentic Civil War encampment will demonstrate army life, depicting even the important role of the sutler, whose general store travelled with the military. Volunteers of any age can "enlist" in the army and be trained as a new recruit. At the end of each day, experienced reenactors will

stage a battle display with infantry, cavalry, and artillery. Spectators will see a "wounded" soldier carried from the field and treated at the medical station set up behind the battle line. Muskets, cannon, and even a Gatling gun may be fired during scheduled demonstrations, so expect to hear some loud noises!

On Saturday at 1 p.m. David Book portrays Abel Morrill of Cabot describing the tragic effects of such battles on one Vermont family. David Book appears courtesy of the Vermont Humanities Council speaker's Bureau.

## Come one, come all—something for everyone

This free family event takes place rain or shine on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sponsors include the Smugglers' Notch Area Chamber of Commerce, the Cambridge Artists & Entrepreneurs, Green Mountain Fund of the Vermont Community Foundation, and IBM, along with many others in the community. Smugglers' Notch Resort will generously provide a free shuttle bus between the resort, off-site parking near the village, and other area events, including a tour of the new timber-frame dairy barn at Quarry Hill Farm and the book sale at the Varnum Memorial Library in Jeffersonville, taking place on both days, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We welcome you to come with your friends and family to this wonderful free weekend of history, fall foliage, and interesting things to explore in our area.

For more information and the schedule of activities, please visit [www.cambridgehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.cambridgehistoricalsociety.org).





**Wild Swans**

I looked in my heart while the wild swans went over.  
 And what did I see I had not seen before?  
 Only a question less or a question more;  
 Nothing to match the flight of wild birds flying.  
 Tiresome heart, forever living and dying,  
 House without air, I leave you and lock your door.  
 Wild swans, come over the town, come over  
 The town again, trailing your legs and crying!

—EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY



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A cloudy autumn day with brilliant foliage on the Green in Chelsea, VT.

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