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## October Notebook

### Balance in Autumn

by Bill Felker

A few weeks ago I was walking Bella, our border collie, through the alley around a quarter after nine in the morning. The maples were just turning then, the serviceberries and the hackberries half down, the honey-suckles full of berries. I could hear starlings and grackles ahead of me to the north, and I hurried down to see them.

Past the apple tree, near the weeping willow, I came under the cries and the rushing of the great flock. They knew where they were going: southeast, stopping in the branches above me for a just few seconds, calling to one another, looking out above the high canopy, then hurrying, diving on, one after another.

I was swept away and then held tight in their direction and their certainty. They covered me up, it seemed, in their numbers. Their whirring, chortling migration filled the space between the

street and the silver maple where I stood.

The tent of this flock's passage was such a safe place against the cold ahead. The coverlet was force enough, fortification against what would surely come, filtering and sorting through, in just an instant in the alley, the daunting approach of the winter, and giving me a balance like the bird itself must feel, pulled by time and context out into the autumn sky.

Surrounded, I had no place left to turn: the starlings and the grackles had taken all the options. I stood loved, cradled, suspended, caressed, enfolded in a blanket of pinions, here on this familiar ground, in the presence of the white asters with red centers and the violet asters with arrowhead leaves and the last yellow spikes of Jerusalem artichokes, witnessed by a screeching squirrel singsong rasping somewhere beyond the bare black walnut tree.



Visitors enjoy a ride around the fall farm fields farm at Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT. photo by Billings Farm & Museum

## Fall Festivities in Vermont

It's fall foliage time and Vermont abounds with autumn festivities of every sort. Visit [vermontvacation.com](http://vermontvacation.com) to choose from among the dozens of seasonal celebrations. Here are a few suggestions:

### 13th Annual Autumn on the Green

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October 10-11 • Newfane, VT

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### Brandon HarvestFest

October 11 • Brandon, VT

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### 13th Annual Pumpkin Festival

October 11 • East Thetford, VT

Fall family fun on the farm! Horse-drawn wagon rides to the pumpkin patch and live music. Cider pressing, children's crafts, music and face painting, "Good Food" concession! Rain or shine. Parking fee, all activities free. No pets please. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. (802) 785-4737. [cedarcirclefarm.org](http://cedarcirclefarm.org).

### Annual Harvest Festival

October 11-12 • Bondville, VT

Hay rides, live music, carnival games, pumpkin painting & caramel apple dipping. Annual Craft Brewfest and Chili Cook-Off. North Face Race to the Summit. Heels to Paws 5K race on Saturday. At Stratton Resort. [www.stratton.com](http://www.stratton.com).

### Billings Harvest Weekend

October 11 • Woodstock, VT

Husking bee at noon, barn dance 1-4 p.m. Cider pressing, preserving apples, threshing grain, and making butter and ice cream. Play 19th-century games. Enjoy hot spiced cider and homemade doughnuts. Admission. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Billings Farm & Museum, 5302 River Rd. north of the village green. (802) 457-2355. [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).

### Bennington's Fallalooza!

October 24 • Bennington, VT

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Winners of the annual Turnip Contest at the 2014 Gilfeather Turnip Festival in Wardsboro, VT proudly display their Gilfeathers. This year's festival contest on October 24th in Wardsboro features Celebrity judge Tracey Medeiros, noted cookbook author and food writer. Register turnip contest entries from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Wardsboro Town Hall.

## Wardsboro, VT

# Annual Gilfeather Turnip Festival

The 13th Annual Gilfeather Turnip Festival is coming to Wardsboro, VT on Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. The festival takes place in the Wardsboro Town Hall and under the Big Tent and many smaller ones on Main Street. There is convenient free parking and free admission.

### Celebrating the tuber's humble beginnings

The unique 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, Carol and Bob Backus, 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 festival has grown in popularity through the years. It's exciting that a humble root vegetable—which some say is actually more of a rutabaga—has attracted so much attention to the small town even after leaf-season has peaked. In January 2015 a bill (House Bill #65) was introduced into the State House in Montpelier, VT to designate the Gilfeather Turnip as the official State Vegetable!

### Sold by the pound or by the bowlful

The turnip cart outside town hall is always overflowing with six or seven hundred pounds of Gilfeathers, many grown on neighboring farms such as Dutton's in Newfane or in local gardens. Turnips are sold by the pound and "they go fast" according to the Friends' top turnip sales person, Cris Tarnay. She says, "they are hardy and easy to cultivate from seed, but shouldn't be harvested before a bite of hard frost. They acquire a notable sweetness after a frost and that sweetness is what makes the Gilfeather so special."

More than one hundred pounds of Gilfeathers will be cooked for the event's signature Gilfeather turnip soup. Over two hundred pounds will be given out to various Wardsboro chefs to prepare different recipes featured as "turnip tastings" at the Turnip Café. Savory entrées and sweet desserts, all featuring Gilfeathers as the main ingredient, are offered for lunch at the "tasting table."

Back by popular demand is the "chef's station" cooking up turnip latkes to order and served with real maple syrup from a local sugar house.

All recipes are from the 2nd edition of the Gilfeather Turnip Cookbook, compiled and published by the Friends and sold in the Turnip Shoppe in Town Hall.

The Turnip Café is located in the Wardsboro Town Hall

and serves homemade cider donuts and coffee beginning at 10 a.m., followed by lunch and ala carte servings of "turnip tastings" plus the delicious, creamy Gilfeather turnip soup from 11 a.m. until the food runs out. Soup and tastings are available for takeout or to enjoy at a sit-down lunch. An outdoor soup kiosk is for event-goers who want to buy soup only.

### The exciting turnip contest with celebrity judge

Anticipation is always high for the festival's annual Turnip Contest. Turnip entries grown from seed or seedling plants, from Wardsboro gardens or from farther away all delight festival visitors as they await the judging.

Contestants may register Gilfeathers of all sizes and shapes from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Contest categories are: largest grown in Wardsboro, largest grown outside of Wardsboro, best turnip name, and wicked-weirdest turnip. The largest turnip, total weight with greens, will be awarded "Grand Champion" of the festival. All children 12 and under who enter a turnip from their garden will be awarded a personalized "honorable mention" ribbon. The winners and ribbon awards will be announced in Town Hall immediately after the judging at 12 noon.

The Friends are honored to have Tracey Medeiros as the contest's celebrity judge this year. She will greet festival goers and sign all of her popular cookbooks.

### Visit the Turnip Shoppe and over 30 vendors

More than 30 craft and farmers' market vendors are set up inside Town Hall as well as outdoors under the big tent and several smaller tents. Look for more artisan food vendors this year and new turnip merchandise displayed and sold in the Friends' Turnip Shoppe. Visitors will find an expanded selection of souvenir gifts and attire to purchase for family and friends.

Live music is always a big draw at the Turnip Festival. Jimmy Knapp, Wardsboro's strolling musician, will serenade visitors with his original Gilfeather turnip ballads and many more of his own guitar compositions. Other local musicians and entertainers are scheduled to perform throughout the festival in the Town Hall and the big tent.

The festival is the largest community fundraiser for the Friends of the Wardsboro Library for the support of the Gloria Danforth Memorial Building, the home of the Wardsboro Public Library.

For more festival information call (802) 896-3416 or visit [www.friendsofwardsborolibrary.org](http://www.friendsofwardsborolibrary.org).

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Heirloom Apple Day at Scott Farm on Kipling Road in Dummerston, VT beckons apple lovers of all ages. Come visit the 571-acre historic farm and orchard that border Rudyard Kipling's former Vermont home, Naulakha, and other historic rental properties owned and renovated by Landmark Trust USA.

On Sunday, October 11 at 10 a.m., Noon and 2 p.m., Scott Farm Orchardist Zeke Goodband entertains guests with the enlightening history of the orchard and its ecologically-grown fruits, accompanied by a free tasting of some of the more than 100 varieties of heirloom apples grown on the property.

Visitors can also pick their own apples in the orchard or select them from multiple apple bins in the Farm Market, along with cider, freshly baked apple pies, fruit jams and jellies and more. In addition to the apple tasting, Whetstone Ciderworks, of Marlboro, VT, will be on hand to offer samples of their handcrafted ciders, as will Rigani Wood-Fired Pizza of Brattleboro, VT, with artisan pizza from their mobile oven.

In keeping with the Farm's mission to share living history, preserve and perpetuate heirloom apples and small fruits, and educate people about their cultivation and uses, Scott Farm also offers a variety of fall workshops.

- Local cider maker Jason MacArthur of Whetstone Cider Works teaches an introduction to making hard cider on Sunday, October 4th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Fee: \$40.

- A hands-on apple pie making workshop with Pastry Chef Laurel Roberts Johnson of The Queen of Tarts is offered on Sunday, October 18th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fee: \$40.

- On the Farm 8th Annual Heirloom Apple Harvest Dinner, October 24th at 6 p.m. Tickets \$45. Call to register.

Established in 1791 when George Washington was serving his first term as President, Scott Farm consists of 571 acres and 23 buildings, all listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1995 the Vermont non-profit Landmark Trust USA took over the farm.

The Trust has since restored many of the buildings, and under the guidance of Orchardist Zeke Goodband, has converted the orchard from conventionally-grown McIntosh to more than 100 ecologically-grown heirloom and uncommon apple varieties.

The farm also grows peaches, plums, nectarines, pears, grapes, cherries, quince, medlars and gooseberries. The unusual medlars and quinces are available mid-October into November. Four fully restored historic vacation rentals, surrounding the farm, are available for short or long term stays throughout the year. Details at LandmarkTrustUSA.org.

For more information, festival and workshop details, please contact (802) 254-6868. [scottfirm@sover.net](mailto:scottfirm@sover.net). [scottfarmvermont.com](http://scottfarmvermont.com). The Scott Farm Market is open daily, 8 am - 6 pm, through November 24. You-pick apples are available September into October.

Directions: From Brattleboro go north on Rt. 5 about two miles, turn left on Black Mountain Rd., in about half a mile bear right onto Kipling Rd. In about a half mile you'll arrive at Scott Farm at 707 Kipling Rd. If you reach Middle Rd., you've gone too far.



Visitors choose from the many varieties of heirloom apples at Scott Farm in Dummerston, VT.

## Stewardship of the Urban Landscape Tree Stewards Course

Sign up for the Stewardship of the Urban Landscape Tree Stewards Course to be held in Springfield, VT this October.

The course, sponsored by the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program, trains volunteers to become tree stewards in their communities including how to educate the public about forestry issues and work

with local town officials to advocate for and implement community forestry projects. Participants will learn about tree identification, planting, maintenance, insect pests and diseases, Vermont tree laws and policies and management of roadside vegetation and town forests.

Course graduates are expected to design and complete a volunteer project.

These may include conducting a town shade tree inventory, writing or reviewing a town tree ordinance or policy or organizing a tree planting event with a local school, 4-H club or other community group.

The Urban and Community Forestry Program is a partnership between UVM Extension and the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

Registration is \$60. Classes will be held at the Uni-

versity of Vermont (UVM) Extension Office in Springfield, VT (307 South St.) on Saturday, October 3 and 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday, October 7 and 14, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.vtcommunityforestry.org/get-involved/tree-stewards](http://www.vtcommunityforestry.org/get-involved/tree-stewards).

To register, contact Gwen Kozlowski at (802) 656-6646 or [gwen.kozlowski@uvm.edu](mailto:gwen.kozlowski@uvm.edu) by October 1.

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# Wet Paint Live

## Comes to Springfield, VT on October 10th

Artists of all ages and skill levels will capture Springfield, VT on canvas and paper on Saturday, October 10th, rain or shine in the Wet Paint Live plein air painting event.

Whether a serious painter or someone who paints for relaxation and fun, you are invited to pick a spot along an outdoor "Painting Loop" that offers views of the Black River, Comtu Falls, historic factory buildings, and views of Springfield town. The "painting loop" will be marked with sidewalk stencils for the public and artists to follow.

Starting at 8 a.m. there will be a "walk-about" of the "painting loop" for artists starting at Great Hall Public Art Showcase, One Hundred River Street in Springfield. Check-in for artists will start at 9 a.m. at the Great Hall. Painting begins at 10 a.m. and goes until 2:30 p.m.

Starting at 3:30 p.m. the public is invited to enjoy the completed paintings, judging, sale, and reception, free of charge.

Prizes will be awarded for: "Best in Show, Professional" (\$150) and "Best in Show, Emerging" (\$75), "People's Choice," Professional (\$75) and Emerging (\$50). Young artists below age 18 will also receive recognition:

Best in Show, youth, 13-18 (\$25); Best in Show, youth 12 and under: (\$25). People's Choice in both youth categories will receive recognition.

According to the event Judge, Robert Carsten, PSA-M, "an artist would be considered professional if he or she "receives all or some income from painting." Emerging is defined as "an aspiring artist, adult student or one who paints for fun." Artists Jamie Townshend and Matt Chinian will demonstrate their plein air styles throughout the day.

Wet Paint Live is organized by a committee that sprang up out of a community effort to celebrate Springfield as an arts destination. The event is made possible through donations and sponsorships.

*The deadline for artist registration is September 30. Artists may pre-register by using the mailing the registration form found on [www.wplvermont.com](http://www.wplvermont.com) along with \$15.*

*For more information and to receive the registration form, map, and guidelines by mail, call Nancy Lanoue at (802) 885-6156 or e-mail your mailing address to [nlanoue@comcast.net](mailto:nlanoue@comcast.net), subject line: WPL.*

## Dummerston Annual Apple Pie Festival

The Dummerston Apple Pie Festival will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2015 in Dummerston Center, VT.

Apple Pie making begins again Monday, September 28th in the kitchen of the Dummerston Congregational Church, Dummerston Center. Newcomers are welcome to join in. The 1400 Dummerston Congregational Church apple pies will be going on sale, sold whole or by the slice, at 10 a.m. until sold out.

This is an all day festival starting with the West Dummerston Fire Department's pancake breakfast at 7 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The Evening Star Grange Craft Fair runs from 9:30 a.m. till 4 p.m.

The Grange provides a lunch wagon and to accompany the pies, the church has Vermont cheddar cheese, hot and cold cider, coffee, freshly made donuts and homemade ice cream.

All events are clustered around Dummerston Center Common with ample free parking. Motorcyclists are welcome with a parking area set aside for them.

This event is held rain or shine and all are handicapped accessible.

*For more information: call (802) 257-0544. Visit [www.dummerstonchurch.org](http://www.dummerstonchurch.org). [www.dummerston.com](http://www.dummerston.com). On Facebook.*



Rebecca (Becky) Tucker of Springfield poses with her "plein air" painting supplies while capturing a scene along the Wet Paint Live, Vermont "painting loop." The public is invited to view artists as they paint on Saturday, October 10 in Springfield, VT.



## Country Woman

Have you picked up a quince to smell it  
And thought of grape jam on cellar shelves,  
Of honey, brown eggs in water glass,  
Of the braided bulbs of garlic and onion  
Hung from the rafter?

There is sage and bay in the autumn wind,  
There are apples that have not dropped from the bough,  
Red withering brown in the smoke and the haze.  
The cows are slow to pull at the frost-grey grass;  
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The city is miles away.  
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Imagine watching fresh cider being made on a century-old press and then enjoying a cup of that cider (hot or cold) with home-baked apple pie or crisp topped with ice cream or Crowley Cheese (made just around the corner). You don't have to imagine it.

Come to Belmont, VT on Saturday, October 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Sunday, October 11 from 12-4 p.m. and take it all in along with wonderful fall colors. Fresh cider will be for sale by the gallon, there will be food and local crafts vendors, a bake sale, and more. Cider Days is sponsored by the Mount Holly Community Association.

### A tradition of gathering to press the cider

The event builds on a community tradition of local residents bringing their apples to the green to be pressed by neighbors—originally on a hand-cranked press. It's still a hands-on process, but the century old press used today does have an engine. And you don't have to bring your own apples. They are provided by Brown's Orchard in Poultney, VT.

"Visitors will see cider made end to end," says Penny Coldwell, who has worked the press since the early days. "Workers climb up to the top of the press and dump apples into the hopper. Apples are mashed into a pulp and a worker down below opens a small door and mash falls down onto hemp cloth. It is smoothed out and cloth is folded over the mash. The mash then is put into flats (made by a local furniture maker) and stacked up under the press.

"When there are enough, the hopper is shut off and the hydraulic press is started. The press comes down slowly—up to 1,200 pounds pressure—and the cider comes out a drain and into a five-gallon bucket with a cheesecloth strainer. From the bucket, it goes into gallon jugs, ready for drinking."

Coldwell and her crew handle more than 90 bushels of apples over the two days.

### Plenty of festivities

But it's not all apples and local artisans. You also can see photos taken around Mount Holly for the 2017 Mount Holly Community Association Calendar contest (and can purchase a 2016 calendar); get your personal Souper Kids bowl, each decorated by students at the Mount Holly Elementary School, who also make delicious soups to go in the bowls.

Browse among hundreds of books at the Mount Holly Town Library used book sale at 26 Maple Hill Rd. And the Mount Holly Museum, next to the green, will be open.

### Stay for supper

On Saturday, stick around for an all-you-can-eat, Roast Beef Supper, served home style, served at the Odd Fellows Hall just off the Green. Seatings at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for children 11 and under. Take-outs available, call (802)259-2460.

*Directions: To get to Cider Days, turn west toward Belmont at the flashing light on Rt. 103 (between Ludlow and Rutland) or turn east at the Belmont sign from Rt. 155. Head up the hill, find a place to park and stroll through Belmont Village to the Green, just like the folks did so many years ago when they brought their apples to be pressed!*

For more information call Carol Devine at (802) 259-2562. Visit [www.mounthollyvt.org](http://www.mounthollyvt.org).



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Pressing apples to make fresh cider at Cider Days in Belmont, VT, coming this October 10 & 11.



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

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

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

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

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

—DANIEL L. CADY  
Burlington, VT 1919



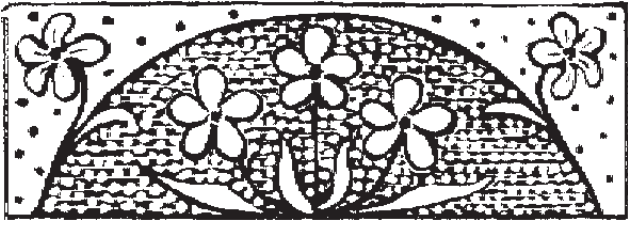
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# A Vermont Almanack For Middle Fall

by Bill Felker

'T is the noon of autumn's glow,  
When a soft and purple mist,  
Like a vaporous amethyst,  
Or an air-dissolved star,  
Mingling light and fragrance, far  
From the curved horizon's bound  
To the point of heaven's profound,  
Fills the overflowing sky.

—Percy Bysshe Shelley

## The Orb Weaver Moon And the Deer Mating Moon

The moon of October shines on the last of the summer's spiders. It also signals mating time for deer, as well as for many varieties of sheep and goats.

October 4: The Orb Weaver Moon enters its final quarter at 4:06 p.m. October 11: Lunar Apogee. October 12: The Deer Mating Moon is new at 7:06 p.m. October 20: The moon enters second quarter at 3:31 p.m. October 26: Lunar Perigee. October 27: The moon is full at 7:05 a.m.

## The Sun

October 23rd is Cross Quarter Day, the halfway mark between autumn equinox and winter solstice. The sun enters Scorpio at the same time. Also on October 23rd, there will be a partial eclipse of the sun visible in most of North America during the late afternoon.

## The Shooting Stars

The Draconid meteors arrive in the late evenings of October 7th and 8th.

Look for the Orionids to peak in and around Orion on the night of October 21-22.

## The Stars

At midnight, the Milky Way runs from east to west across the sky. The keystone stars of the Summer Triangle, Altair and Vega and Deneb, are setting in far west, and Orion is climbing up from the eastern horizon. Hercules, which was



Members of the Camel's Hump Club at the permanent camp near the Dome, 1909.

overhead at 12 a.m. in the first week of June, is now setting in the northwest, and Castor and Pollux, the twins of Gemini are peering over the tree line in the northeast. By sunrise, Orion has shifted to the center of the heavens. January's Leo and its brightest star, Regulus, have come up in the east, and the Great Square is following Hercules into the Pacific Ocean.

## The Planets

Venus moves retrograde into Leo this month, sharing that sign with Jupiter as well as with Mars. Now before sunrise four major lights shine in the east. The largest is Venus. The red one is Mars. The twinkling one (the only star in the group) is Regulus, the major star of Leo. That means the other prominent light is Jupiter. In the evening, Saturn rests in Libra and Scorpio, continuing to lie along the western horizon for just a short time at dusk.

## from My Mind To Me a Kingdom Is

Some have too much, yet still do crave,  
I little have, and seek no more.  
They are but poor, though much they have,  
And I am rich with little store.  
They poor, I rich; they beg, I give;  
They lack, I have; they pine, I live.

—SIR EDWARD DYER  
England, 1543-1607

## Falling Stars

I wake up to leaves from the redbud tree, the hackberry and the white mulberry tree on the lawn where I raked yesterday.

Today, I will just look and listen. When I am sitting on the porch, I hear two Osage fruits fall into the open palms of the Lenten roses near the west fence. Our five koi lie low on the bottom of the pond. Pale grape leaves streak the honeysuckle hedge.

Even though the hummingbird food slowly disappears, it seems that the bees are the only ones drinking.

Drifts of New England asters are still open, one white bindweed has blossomed near the trellis, and Ruby's white phlox have a few new flowers.

All the hydrangea flower clusters are brittle and dusky. All the finches at the feeders have lost their gold.

Into the woods, the canopy opening in front of me: zig-zag goldenrod and all the asters maybe half gone; tattered leafcup; smartweed blanched by frost with only a few red flower nubs left; drifts of snakeroot to seed,

brown and gray; deep patches of goldenrod all rusted, flowers and leaves matching now. Wood nettle spotted, drooping; wingstem and ironweed all twisted, sagging, brittle; climbing bittersweet undressed, bright; the pale underside of blackberry leaves up in the warm east wind.

One buffeted white cabbage butterfly; one downy woodpecker call; one buzzard circling; crickets steady and high in the undergrowth.

The mottled land reflects the motion of the sky, tells the rising of Orion up into the

night, this leaf following red Antares, that leaf prophesying Betelgeuse.

Open bittersweet along the path uncovers the Milky Way above me. Myopia takes everything in hand. In the glow of ripeness, the stars and the Ursids of October fall around me.

Everything is here. All of the facts are in. I need look no further than the grass for Taurus and the Pleiades.

—Bill Felker



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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!

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Jersey Heifers in an autumn field in Central Vermont.

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## October Notes

by Edward Martin Taber

Stowe, VT • circa 1896

The willows in the valley are some bare and all brown and frost-nipped. The hillsides are light and cloudy with bare twigs.

Yesterday's snow-storm made evident the thinness of the foliage by marking out the boughs and trunks in lines of white, for the snow was driven level on a strong southwest wind, that all the evening and the early part of the night hallooed and whistled about the house like a ghostly giant calling his stray dog.

Yesterday afternoon late, about six o'clock, I started two partridges on the edge of a wood. I entered by a dark congregation of hemlocks. With beat and ruffle, and a numbing reverberation in the air, they rose one after the other and fluttered away among the snowy boughs.

Interiors must have seemed bright and pleasant to outsiders in the chilly dark. Yet the night was not dark; the moon was behind the clouds, and the dim forests and the white fields shone with a ghostly brightness.

This morning, in an open pasture, my horse's hoofs were balled with snow. There are now whole hillsides of vaporous twigs, gray in the sun and purple in the shadow. The sun seems to bleach out this pale autumnal world. The orchards are brown, leaf and trunk.

It cleared during the day, and most western hillsides and pastures were free of snow.

I notice that the bluebird's call more nearly approaches the note of domestic fowls than any wild bird utterance, unless it be the crowing of the hoot owl. It is very like the cry of young turkeys.

In the woods the ferns are faded and shrunk away to grayish skeletons thin as shadows, and show like a yellow dust among the dead leaves.

Coming up the hill after our drive today, we faced the cold north wind. The Hogback rose above us, white and unreal; the yellow slope, crowned by a little house, its surrounding lilac bushes, and a large white pine, looked strange against this glistening frosty ridge, that gleamed vividly in the afternoon sunlight with an almost golden sparkle.

The sun set, and the ridge turned to a delicate metallic pink broken with innumerable blue shadows. Little rose-colored clouds were low over the glowing woods northwest, and the snowy top of Sterling was rose-tinted.

The sun sank lower, and the Hogback lost its color, which, concentrating on the Sterling pyramid, grew brighter. Later, only a clear pale amber space in the southwest, and in it, on the margin and the melting blue, the evening star shone, scintillating frostily. The dusky and shrunken clouds, low over Mansfield, were shredded with dull reddish streaks.

Though the night had every promise of a clear tomorrow, yet on waking I found the sky overcast. This morning there was a strong wind, hollow, thunderous.

In the afternoon in the south wood there was the nutty odor of the fallen leaves. The wind searched the most secret places. The wood was bare and open, the breaking sky gleamed through the naked boughs.

This afternoon in the swampy hollow the wind passed with a deep and melancholy sigh among the nodding spruces.

Coming home we started a flock of bluebirds. They were brilliant in azure and cinnamon, their breasts as red as ever I saw robins'. They were lingering in the cornfields, where the glowing pumpkins showed their warm and cheering countenances in the stacks of gray and withered cornstalks.

Toward evening the upper northern sky was free, and later, as I looked from the lighted parlor out on the night, a star shone and quivered in the dark space of the window.

The night was silent, except for the slight stir in the dark cloudy branches of the white pine before the house. A collie barked, and was answered from a distant farmyard.

*Edward Martin Taber (1863-1896) was a noted landscape painter who lived in Stowe, VT at the family seat called Four Winds. For reasons that his frail health required the cold northern climate, he moved from Staten Island to Stowe, VT and spent the remainder of his life there. He was just 33 years old when he died.*

*Taber's works, exhibited in many museums, includes one of Mount Mansfield, which hangs in the Metropolitan Museum in New York.*



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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, watch the apple butter being made, and take home a recipe for "Pumpkin Pye."

## 31st Annual Harvest Weekend

The 31st Annual Harvest Weekend takes place on October 10 & 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Voted Top 10 Fall Event for 2015 by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the weekend features a husking bee and barn dance, plus 19th century harvest activities for the entire family.

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

Activities include shelling beans, fence building, apples-on-a-string, and 19th century games. Have some hot-spiced cider and homemade doughnuts! Admission includes all programs and activities.

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The 8th Annual Autumn Wagon Ride Weekend takes place on Saturday and Sunday, October 17th & 18th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. See the brilliant colors of a Vermont autumn on a scenic narrated horse-drawn wagon ride around the Billings farm fields.

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The 22nd Annual Family Halloween on Sunday, October 25, 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, programs will be featured. Costume parades around the farm will be held at 12 & 2 p.m., and all children will receive a ribbon.

*The Billings Farm & Museum is owned and operated by The Woodstock Foundation Inc., a charitable non-profit institution.*

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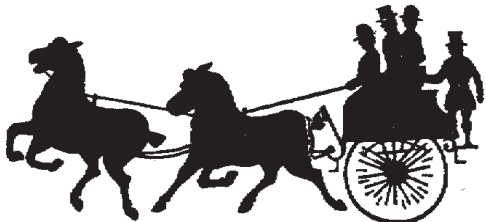


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Visitors enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride around the fields at Billings Farm in Woodstock, VT.



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## Wild in Vermont West Rutland Herbalist Publishes New Book

by Charles Sutton

When Vermont herbalist Sivvie Lio goes to her garden or into the woods to collect plants she often brings a camera to take color photographs of the wild flowers to capture their uniqueness and beauty.

She has now published a collection called *Herbs: Wild in Vermont (And Other Places)*. The book has full-page photos of nearly 100 of these plants with interesting information about each, its uses for herbal remedies, some 30 different teas, and even as a tasty addition to salads.

You will recognize many of these plants while driving along Vermont's back roads—certainly goldenrod, dandelions, violets, elderberries, cattails, jewelweed, Queen Anne's lace, clover and pussy willow. And on walks in the woodlands you could spot wild strawberries, blackberries and mountain raspberries, also used in her remedies.

### A special love for wetlands

The herbalist likes particularly to go to wetland areas which present their own challenge in collecting, but with ample rewards.

"I love cattails," she writes. "They are part of my childhood." She tells about her mother and father going there to collect cattails and pussy willows. We learn that many parts of the cattail can be eaten. "The root can be gathered year round if you can budge it from the mud." And she adds that the root can be a starch vegetable for your meals as its pollen stalk makes a golden powder that makes a great ingredient for muffins, pancakes and breads, and the cattail leaves are used as a diuretic.

Another plant that Sivvie covets is the "pretty weed" burdock because it, too, can be used from root to top. She says the leaves are used in burns for pain and as a moisture barrier. The plant is also used for teas, skin and pain lotions,

and other remedies. In one of many anecdotes throughout her book she notes the Swiss inventor George de Mestri noticed the plant's hook and loop system of seeds which gave him the idea for Velcro.

### Herbs of many uses

Sivvie recommends using the young leaves from these herbal plants in salads: borage, burdock, chicory, dandelion, mallow, pineapple weed, purslane and violets.

Her book is also a good introduction to the less familiar and exotic herbs, some that we may never heard of. Some examples: chug, a mushroom that grow on white birch trees, an anti-inflammatory which can add a wonderful taste to coffee; boneset, called gravel root, with lovely little white flowers, used to break a fever and as a remedy for Lyme's disease; fleabane, a beautiful daisy-like flower, with many uses including as a flea powder for your animals; and yellow dock, good for digestive problems and whose leaves can be ground and added to cornmeal to make porridge or mush.

### From pharmacist to herbalist


Sivvie began working with herbs about 20 years ago after studying to become a registered pharmacist. She currently works at pharmacies around Rutland. She opened her herbal remedy 'pharmacy' in West Rutland in 2001.

She has been a Reiki master/teacher in both Usui and Karuna Reiki for more than 10 years. She is a certified Tai Chi Gung teacher, offering classes at 5 pm Tuesdays at The Vermont Herbal General Store, 518 Main St., West Rutland, VT.

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Milkweed pods open to the autumn winds.

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This year's keynote speaker is Peter Biello, host of "All Things Considered" at New Hampshire Public Radio. Biello is the founder of the Burlington Writers Workshop. Featured presenters are William Notte, freelance editor; Julia Shipley, poet and independent journalist; Amy

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Registration fee is \$70, with a special student rate of \$20. Registration is available online at [www.horacegreeleyfoundation.org](http://www.horacegreeleyfoundation.org). Registration forms can be found in brochures at local businesses, at the Poultney Public Library, and on the Foundation website at [horacegreeleyfoundation.org](http://horacegreeleyfoundation.org).

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# The Last Boat Ride Of the Season

by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

Looking and sounding a lot like the African Queen, our wooden Lyman inboard, its antique fittings gleaming in the buttery sun, chugs noisily across Lake Bomoseen on a late Monday afternoon in October. We should have pulled it out and put it into storage Labor Day, but we didn't, and now even Columbus Day is past.

Under a steady breeze, with temperatures in the low 70s, the old boat is moving through choppy water for this last, sentimental, excursion. Bright white cottages, most half hidden in the trees, line the lake's approaching, seemingly deserted, eastern shore. The oaks, ash, and beeches are mustard colored, the cedars faded, and the sumacs have all turned red.

Local people, now living on Bomoseen year-round, seem to be away from home taking care of non-lakeside responsibilities, and the out-of-state seasonal residents are gone until next year. Carefully arranged Adirondack chairs sit on lawns which have turned as much gold as green.

This is not the atmosphere of July my husband and I soon realize on our last, around-the-lake, equivalent to a back roads drive. We chug past Cedar Mountain, a long-abandoned slate dump and a monument to the inherent wastefulness of slate extraction.

It's been growing up with white pines and sumacs for the last half century, but I remember it when it was still a bare pile of shattered rock to which my father took me one day so we could climb to the top and have a panoramic view all down the lake.

He told me that we had to watch out for rattlesnakes and knelt down and searched around and found a stout forked stick. As I look back from the boat and remember that day, I still can't believe I was willing to risk the snakes in order to go with him.

In front of us, a lone sailboat cuts across our bow flying a rainbow-striped Genoa and avoiding a water skiing course, straight ahead, laid out in orange and yellow buoys.

When we reach the east shore, we find other sailboats bobbing in front of the Lake House, once Uncle Charlie's, a bar with a colorful Prohibition-years history. Route 30 runs along this side of the lake, and cottages have been built above the road on the steep crystal ledges that first provided close-by Crystal Beach swimming area with its name.

These cliff dweller cottages are marked by their busy, chaotic, shore-line assemblage of summer accessories: decks and ladders and docks and floats jumbled together, 'Party Kraft' pontoon boats, and, still bobbing out on the water, a giant blue plastic 'Splash Log.'

The Cedar Grove and the Trakenseen Hotels once stood along this narrow lakeside road. A teahouse operated here, and the hillside behind the hotels, away from the lake, was farm pasture land.

All of it is gone; the hotels long ago abandoned and demolished. Now, especially where the shore is steep, there's a tumbled village of cottage-houses, all facing west, all yearning for sunlight and lake views, capturing both with dizzily-numerous sliding glass doors, balconies, decks and oversize windows.

In contrast, next-up Prospect Point is serene and quiet, a shaded, park-like area of sleek year-round residences. This was always seen as the lake's premier location, formerly site



John Rehlen takes a last boat ride on Lake Bomoseen before putting the boat away for the winter. photo by Wenger Rehlen

of the grand Prospect House Hotel, a big wooden, wedding cake of a building with a vast apron of porch. It was torn down in the late sixties, a victim of changing tourist tastes.

I can't look at where the Prospect House used to stand without feeling jolted that so much has changed. The hotel was the center of the universe, a great buzzing, teeming sort of Downton Abbey where I had my first job as a timid teenage waitress, where generations of local people worked, and to which city vacationers returned year after year.

Rounding the point, we chug out across the surface of the wide, shallow lake, buffeted by a steady breeze and little choppy waves. Straight ahead is six acre, heavily-wooded, Neshobe Island with glimpses of a well-tended interior, sunlight slanting through the trees onto manicured lawns, a golf cart left out on a gravel path.

After passing the island, the African Queen heads home to the still, dark water under the west shore beeches and hemlocks. When we pull into our dock, it feels like the Adirondacks, the smell of water and watery things is pronounced, mixed with the faint scent of boat exhaust.

The carefree, summer, party-season is gone, the water

skiing, the random fireworks, the multi-boat rafting up, the raffish crowds along the side of the road at Green Dump. All that is over. The vacationers have left. Now, Lake Bomoseen is dark and still. It seemed like a mistake not pulling the boat out sooner, but it wasn't, because it gave us this different perspective. It gave us this last ride.

Pamela Hayes Rehlen has written and lived most of her life in Castleton, Vermont. She is the author of many stories, articles, essays, magazine features, and of two books: *The Blue Cat and the River's Song* (\$17 plus shipping and handling) and *The Vanished Landmarks Game - Vermont Stories from West of Birdseye* (\$20 plus shipping and handling) available at the Castleton Village Store, P. O. Box 275, Castleton, Vermont 05735, and at a number of Vermont bookstores. To reach the store call (802) 468-2213.

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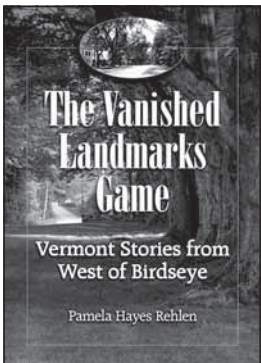
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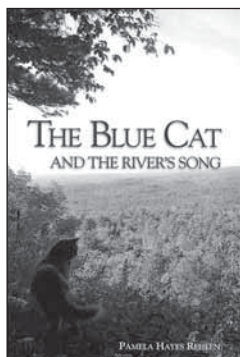


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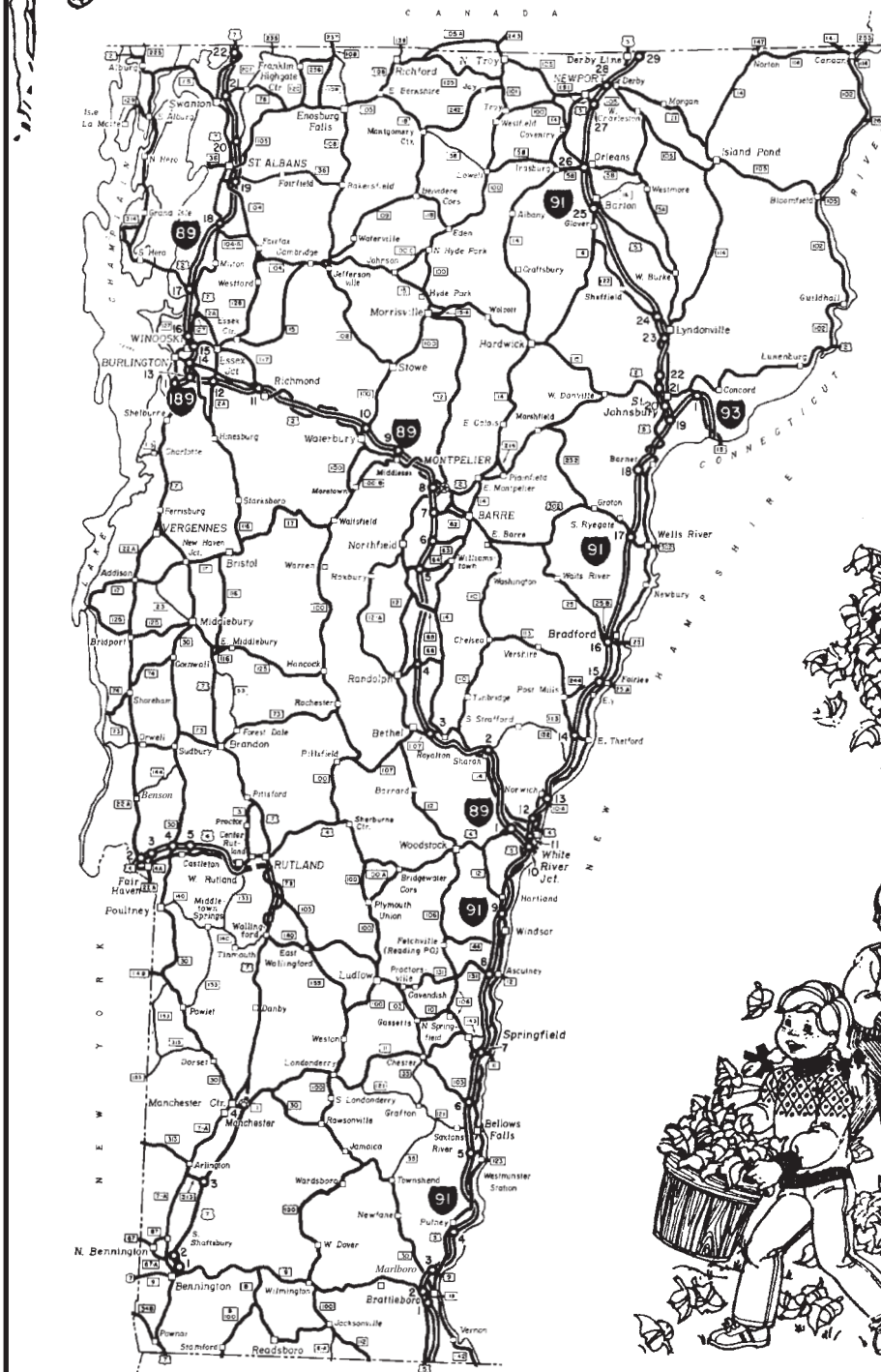
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## DAILY EVENTS

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

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

**BRISTOL.** 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour de Farms. A new 37-mile bicycle route will feature eight farm stops and 18 participating farms and restaurants. Rain or shine. On-site registration fee \$55 adults, \$30 kids. Hosted by Addison County Relocalization Network. (802) 382-0401. [info@acornvt.org](mailto:info@acornvt.org) or [acornvt.org/portfolio/tour-de-farms](http://acornvt.org/portfolio/tour-de-farms).

**BURLINGTON.** 11th Annual Burlington Book Festival. All events are free and open to the public. For more information contact Rick Kisonak at (802) 658-3328. Visit [burlingtonbookfestival.com](http://burlingtonbookfestival.com). Also *September 27*.

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**DANBY.** Danby Old Cemetery Tour. Hay wagon tour to the Staples, Maple Grove, Otis, and Read Cemeteries. Cider and donuts at Smokey House at the conclusion of the tour. Sponsored by the Mt. Tabor - Danby Historical Society. Voluntary donation. 1 pm. Meet at Smokey House parking lot, intersection of Danby Mountain and Danby Hill Roads. [hogden@vermontel.net](mailto:hogden@vermontel.net).

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**EAST BURKE.** 28th Annual Burke Fall Foliage Festival. 10 am parade. On the green. (802) 626-4124. [www.burkevermont.com](http://www.burkevermont.com).

**GRAFTON.** 7th Annual Fairy House Festival. Visitors will follow a nature path sprinkled with charming fairy houses, then return to The Nature Museum to create their own fairy dwellings in the gardens. Tickets are: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$5 children, 2 and under are free. 10 am - 4 pm. The Nature Museum, 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org). Also *September 27*.

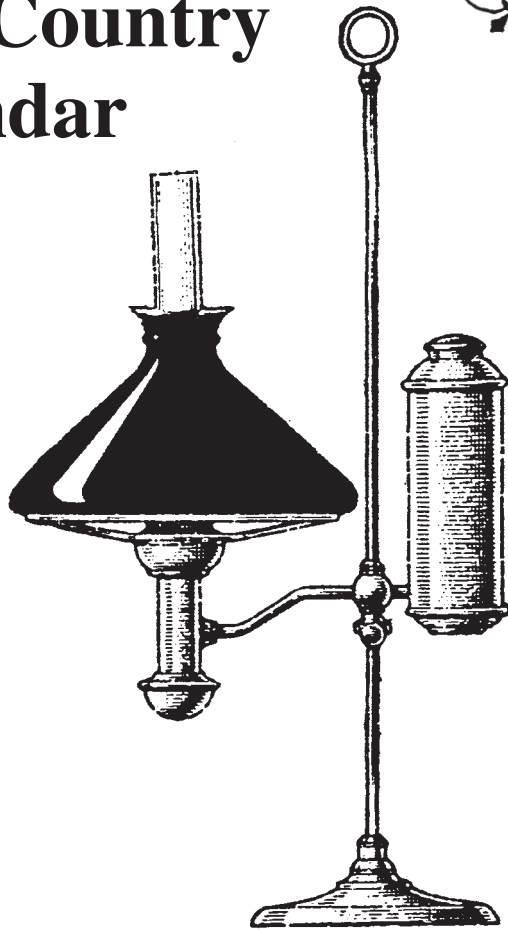
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# Vermont Country Calendar

Sunday, September 27, continued

**WOODSTOCK.** 12th Annual Vermont Fine Woodworking & Forest Festival. Park admission free; admission charged to Billings Farm. 10 am - 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum and Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, Rte. 12. (802) 457-3368 ext. 22. [www.vermontwoodfestival.org](http://www.vermontwoodfestival.org).

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

**CASTLETON.** Vermont Symphony Orchestra Made in Vermont Statewide Tour. Jaime Laredo, conductor and violin; Katherine Winterstein, violin. Program: Sibelius, Grieg, Mozart, Jennifer Jolley, J.S. Bach. Adults \$29, seniors \$25, students \$10. Tickets at [flyntix.org](http://flyntix.org). 7 pm. Castleton State College Fine Arts Center. (802) 864-5741.

**RUTLAND.** Phoenix Books Rutland Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting. Free and open to all. 10 am. Regular hours 10 am - 6 pm Monday through Saturday. Phoenix Books Rutland, 2 Center St. (802) 855-8078. [phoenixbooks.biz](http://phoenixbooks.biz).

**WALDEN.** Northeast Kingdom Annual Fall Foliage Festival: Walden's Country Fair. Registration at 9 am at the Walden Church in Noyesville with coffee & donuts. Family-style Barbecue Beef Supper with mashed potatoes, veggies, rolls and home baked pies, beginning at 5:30 pm, \$12. Supper reservations: (802) 563-2777 (evenings). Day of the event: (802) 563-2265. [www.nekchamber.com](http://www.nekchamber.com).

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**CABOT.** Northeast Kingdom Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Coffee, donuts and crafts at the Willey Memorial Building, 9 am - 3 pm. Turkey dinner at 5 pm and 6:15 pm (adults \$12, children \$5) at the Cabot School. Reservations for luncheon and dinner call (802) 563-2715. Info: (802) 917-2992. [www.nekchamber.com](http://www.nekchamber.com).

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

**PLAINFIELD.** Northeast Kingdom Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Coffee hour at 9 am and registration at Grace United Methodist Church. Foliage tours at 10 am and 1 pm. Barbecued Chicken, Mostaccioli and Baked Bean Supper at 5 and 6 pm, \$12. Reservations: (802) 454-7301 or (802) 454-8306. [www.nekchamber.com](http://www.nekchamber.com).

**RUTLAND.** Phoenix Books Rutland Grand Opening. Author Chris Bohjalian will read from and answer questions about his new book, *Close your Eyes, Hold Hands*, a New York Times Best Seller. Free and open to all. 7 pm. Held at Green Mountain Power's Energy Innovation Center (EIC) at 68-70 Merchants Row. (802) 855-8078. [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz).

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

**BURLINGTON.** Book Reading. Join New York Times best-selling author Jennifer McMahon for a talk on her book, *The Night Sister*. 7 pm. \$3 per person includes a coupon for \$5 off McMahon's book. Coupons expire at closing the evening of the event. Seating is limited. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz).

**PEACHAM.** Northeast Kingdom Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Registration and arts and crafts sale, 9 am - 3 pm at the Town Hall. 4-6 pm. Spaghetti supper in the church social hall, seatings at 5 and 6:30 pm. Meat or vegetarian sauces, salad, garlic bread, homemade apple crisp with ice cream. Adults \$10, children \$5, under 6 free. Tickets available at door. (802) 592-3320, (802) 563-3113. [nekchamber.com](http://nekchamber.com).

**SO. BURLINGTON.** Workshop: White Magic in Your Garden. Judith Irvén of North Country Reflections will show you the essential building blocks of a winter garden and how to position them, the ways of creating interesting highlights of color and texture, and the trees, shrubs and perennials that really stand out in a snowy landscape. \$30. 6-8 pm. UVM Hort Farm, 65 Green Mountain Dr. (802) 864-3073. [info@friendsofthehortfarm.org](http://info@friendsofthehortfarm.org). [friendsofthehortfarm.org](http://friendsofthehortfarm.org).

**SOUTH ROYALTON.** Chalk and Chowder Festival. Students from The South Royalton School and The Sharon Academy work on chalk designs during the day with other community members. Farmers market and doughnuts, 3 pm. Free. 8 am - 6 pm. Town green. (802) 763-7740 x 245.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

**BARNET.** Northeast Kingdom Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Pancake breakfast with Vermont maple syrup and sausage, 8-11 am at the Barnet Center vestry. Free bus tour leaves from the vestry at 10 am, or travel the town on your own. Ham dinner (\$10) at the Barnet Center vestry, starting at 4 pm and continuing until all are served. Reservations/info: (802) 633-2242. Information the day of the event: (802) 633-4397. [www.nekchamber.com](http://www.nekchamber.com).

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Vermont Symphony Orchestra Made in Vermont Statewide Tour. Jaime Laredo, conductor and violin; Katherine Winterstein, violin. Program: Sibelius, Grieg, Mozart, Jennifer Jolley, J.S. Bach. Adults \$29, seniors \$25, students \$10. Tickets at [flyntix.org](http://flyntix.org). 7:30 pm. Bellows Falls Opera House. (802) 864-5741. [vso.org](http://vso.org).

**KILLINGTON.** Killington BrewFest. Live music, food, and 100 craft beers. Friday: Golf Tournament 3-7 pm. Saturday: VIP Tasting Session 12-1 pm, Tasting Session 1-5 pm. Tickets: \$10-\$50. Killington Golf Course, 228 E Mountain Rd. (802) 422-6700. *Also October 3.*

**MANCHESTER.** The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Manchester Fall Art and Craft Festival. Artists and artisans under spacious Camelot tents. Admission charged. 10 am - 5 pm daily. The Practice Tee at Hunter Park Rd., off Rt. 7A. (802) 425-3399. [craftproducers.com](http://craftproducers.com). *Through October 4.*

**RANDOLPH.** Comedy Quartet. The singing comedy quartet, Three Men and a Tenor to perform. For tickets call from 3-6 pm at (802) 728-6464 or order online at [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org). 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. [www.threemenandatenor.com](http://www.threemenandatenor.com).

**RUTLAND.** Rummage Sale. Household items, clothing, toys, books and games, jewelry and more all low prices at rummage sale, 9 am to noon. Grace Congregational Church, 8 Court St. (802) 775-4301. [gracechurchvt.org](http://gracechurchvt.org).

**STOWE.** Oktoberfest. Friday night Rocktoberfest concert, Saturday morning parade. Local beer, German food, oompah music, dancing and more: a Bavarian celebration! Admission: adults & seniors \$10, juniors ages 9-20 \$5, children under 9 free with paid family member. Mayo Events Field, Weeks Hill Rd. off Rt. 108. (802) 253-3928. [www.stoweoktoberfest.com](http://www.stoweoktoberfest.com). *Through October 4.*

**TUNBRIDGE.** Folk Concert. The Jeremiah McClane Trio opens the MountainFolks concert series bringing together three masters of traditional Celtic music to perform selections from his newest CD, "The Grinding Stone." Tickets \$20. Season tickets are \$65. 7:30 pm. Tunbridge Town Hall, Rt. 110. [www.mtnfolk.org](http://www.mtnfolk.org).

**WESTON.** 57th Annual Weston Antique Show. Admission \$10. 10 am - 5 pm, till 3 pm Sun. Weston Playhouse, 12 Park St. (802) 824-5307. [info@westonantiquesshow.org](http://info@westonantiquesshow.org). [westonantiquesshow.com](http://westonantiquesshow.com). *Also October 3.*

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

**ADDISON.** Annual Dead Creek Wildlife Day. Watch bird banding demonstrations at 7 am. Activities from 10 am to 4 pm include nature walks, illustrated talks, live wildlife presentations, nearby field events. Wild Game Cooking Contest, voting and tasting 2-3 pm. Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, on Rt. 17 west of Rt. 22A. (802) 828-1193. [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com).

**BARNET.** 11th Annual Rubber Ducky Derby fund-raiser for Ben's Mill. Mill tours & demonstrations. Blacksmith on duty. Ducks swim at 11 am. Food tent. Live music. Ducks 'rented' for \$5 each or a Quack Pack: 5 ducks for \$20. Hand cranked apple cider. Third annual tub raffle as well. Admission. 10 am - 4 pm. Ben's Mill, 2236 West Barnet Rd. (802) 684-2524. [www.bensmill.com](http://www.bensmill.com).

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## Birding Hot Spots in Rutland County

Rutland County Audubon Society has developed a list of places to bird in our area—places that are special to us and are representative of variety of habitats.

These birding hotspots are places that are publicly accessible; some large, some small. A few involve hiking and others can be canoed or kayaked.

The spots are selected because they host special birds or habitats. Some are chosen because they are a good place to take kids or a place for a quick break from our everyday lives.

We hope you will visit these places and report your sightings to [www.ebird.org](http://www.ebird.org) as well so that we can increase the knowledge of the birds of Rutland County.

If there is a place that is special to you, please let us know!

### Rutland Community Garden

The Rutland Community Garden is a great spot for a quick birding trip as it is easily accessible and fairly level walking. It is an ideal spot to bring a child or to practice your own birding skills.

As the name implies, the garden is a twenty-five acre parcel of land within Rutland City where residents may cultivate their own vegetables for a small annual fee.

The city also, while not in the business of growing vegetables, has a well-managed tree nursery. These cultivated areas take up no more than an acre.

The balance of the land supports approximately one mile of well-tended walking trails that pass through woods, besides a small meadow, and overlooking a beaver induced wetland.

It is not surprising that the diversity of habitat, extent, minimal disturbance and accessibility makes this former "Poor Farm" an inviting place to bird. Over a period of two years, eighty-eight species of birds have been documented in this urban "hotspot." The species range from ducks to warblers, from the expected to the highly unusual, whether it is a Tufted Titmouse or a Great Egret, a Warbling Vireo or a Green Heron.

A small kiosk provides information about the garden



as well as a bird list of the species seen.

*Directions:* The Rutland Community Garden is located on Woodstock Avenue (Route 4) in Rutland, VT behind McDonalds. The preferred access is from the Big Lots parking area east of McDonalds. Park to the south facing the grove of white pines. The gently rising footpath ahead is the immediate access.

For more information visit [rutlandcountyaudubon.org](http://rutlandcountyaudubon.org).

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**BARRE.** Concert: Dave Mason's Traffic Jam. Join Rock and Roll Hall of Famer and co-founder of the legendary band Traffic, Dave Mason ("Feelin' Alright" and "Only You Know and I Know"), for an incomparable evening of music history. Tickets \$22-\$39.50. 8 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 North Main St. (802) 476-8188. [www.barreoperahouse.org](http://www.barreoperahouse.org).

**BENNINGTON.** Chicken Pie Dinner. Chicken pie with bubbling gravy topped with homemade biscuits, mashed potatoes, gravy, mashed winter squash, apple cabbage salad, homemade orange-cranberry relish, more biscuits and warm apple crisp with real whipped cream. Cost: adults \$12, children under 13 \$5, children under 3 free. Two seatings, 5 pm and 6:30 pm. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 200 Pleasant St. (802) 442-2911. [office@stpetersvt.org](mailto:office@stpetersvt.org). [www.stpetersvt.org](http://www.stpetersvt.org).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Brattleboro Literary Festival. Readings, panel discussions, and special events, featuring emerging and established authors. Free and open to the public. At many venues downtown. (802) 579-7414. [brattleboroliteraryfestival.org](http://brattleboroliteraryfestival.org). Also October 4.

**CLAREMONT, NH.** Concert: Boston's Ensemble Aubade in a vivid concert of Chamber Music by European and American Masters, including the magnificent Sonata for Flute, Viola and Harp by Claude Debussy, celebrating the 100th anniversary of this landmark composition. Donations welcome. 7 pm. West Claremont Center for Music. and the Arts, Union Church, 133 Old Church Rd. (802) 738-0022. [www.wcc-ma.org](http://www.wcc-ma.org).

**COLCHESTER.** Sam Mazza's Annual Harvest Festival. 11 am - 4 pm. Sam Mazza's, 277 Lavigne Rd. (802) 655-3440. [www.sammazzafarms.com](http://www.sammazzafarms.com). Also October 4.

**EAST MONTPELIER.** Traditional Chicken Pie Lunch and Dinner. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$6 children. Reservations required. Served at noon, 5 pm, and 7 pm. Old Meeting House, 1620 Center Rd. (802) 223-6934. [www.oldmeetinghouse.org](http://www.oldmeetinghouse.org).

**GROTON.** Northeast Kingdom Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Lumberjack breakfast in the Methodist Church 8-10 am. Book sale at the library and browse in the Peter Paul Historical House. Great pumpkin weigh-in 10:30-12:30 at the Upper Valley Grill. Music in the park starting at 11 a.m. sponsored by Artesano. Annual parade at 1:30 pm led by the Blue Mountain School Band. Old-fashioned hymn sing at the Methodist Church at 8 pm. 60th year of serving our World Famous Chicken Pie Supper, at 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12. Reservations recommended. (802) 584-3020. [www.nekchamber.com](http://www.nekchamber.com).

**HANCOCK.** Annual Green Mountain Oktoberfest. Brewfest and chicken wing contest features live music, games, art, craft and food vendors, world famous skillet throwing contest, bouncy house, face painting and activities for little ones. Admission by donation. Beer tasting \$20 (includes souvenir glass). Chicken wing contest \$5 for 5 or \$10 for 12. 12-5 pm. On the green, 950 Rt. 100. [www.facebook.com/GreenMountainOktoberfest](http://www.facebook.com/GreenMountainOktoberfest).

**HARTFORD.** Open House & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Renovated Town Hall. Tours of the newly renovated offices start at 10 am; official ribbon cutting ceremony at 12 noon on the main steps of the building facing Bridge Street. [www.hartford-vt.org](http://www.hartford-vt.org).

**HARTLAND.** Roast Beef Dinner. Roast beef, home made pies, rolls, and side dishes. \$6 or \$15. 4:30-7 pm. Proceeds benefit Ladies Benevolent Society. At the Brick Church, 10 Station Rd. (802) 436-2362.

**HUNTINGTON.** Workshop: Needle Felt Your Own Small Owl. Under the delightful guidance of Susi Ryan of The Felted Gnome Knows. Fee: \$35, includes materials. Please pre-register. Minimum age: 8 (felting needles are sharp!). 1-4 pm. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. [museum@birdsofvermont.org](mailto:museum@birdsofvermont.org). [www.birdsofvermont.org](http://www.birdsofvermont.org).

**JAY.** Sixth Annual Bean & Brew Festival. Coffee and beer sampling, live music, food, giveaways and activities for kids and adults. Tickets: \$20. 12 noon - 6 pm. Stateside Base Lodge, Jay Peak Resort, 830 Jay Peak Rd. (802) 327-2596. [jaypeakresort.com](http://jaypeakresort.com).

**JEFFERSONVILLE.** The Vermont Covered Bridge Society 15th Anniversary Fall Meeting. Everyone welcome! Business meeting 10 am with keynote presentation by State Historic Preservation Officer Mrs. Laura Trieschman at 11 am without charge. Noon buffet lunch for those who have registered for the 1 pm workshops, \$25 fee. Three sessions: an introduction to covered bridges, information on grassroots preservation groups, and using covered bridges as a tourist attraction. From 2-4 pm, two buses will tour the local covered bridges as guides describe the structures and history. Fee: \$20. Seats are limited, please pre-register. Well-known local artist Eric Tobin will exhibit paintings of covered bridges for sale. Meeting House at Smugglers' Notch resort, five miles south of town on VT Rt. 105S. For more info: [wmckone@stoweaccess.com](mailto:wmckone@stoweaccess.com). Visit [vermontbridges.com](http://vermontbridges.com). On Facebook.

**KILLINGTON.** Killington BrewFest. Live music, food, and 100 craft beers. VIP Tasting Session 12-1 pm, Tasting Session 1-5 pm. Tickets: \$10-\$50. Killington Golf Course, 228 E Mountain Rd. (802) 422-6700.

**LONDONDERRY.** Magic Mountain Antiques Show. 30 select dealers. Admission \$10. Breakfast preview 8-10 am, \$15. 10 am - 3 pm. Magic Mountain Lodge, Rt. 11. (802) 989-1158. [sbainc57@yahoo.com](mailto:sbainc57@yahoo.com). Also October 4.

**LUDLOW.** 51st 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.** 22nd Annual Okemo Antiques Show. Fine Americana. Admission \$8. 10 am - 4 pm. Okemo Mountain Resort. (717) 259-9480. [www.cleggantiques.com](http://www.cleggantiques.com)

**MANCHESTER.** The 24th Annual Manchester Fall Art and Craft Festival. Artists and artisans under spacious Camelot tents. Craft demos, live music, a food court, and the Vermont Beer Cheese and Sausage Tent. Admission charged. 10 am - 5 pm daily. The Practice Tee at Hunter Park Rd., off Rt. 7A. (802) 425-3399. [info@craftproducers.com](mailto:info@craftproducers.com). [www.craftproducers.com](http://www.craftproducers.com). Also October 4.

**MANCHESTER.** 31st Annual Antiques in Vermont. 80 exhibitors. Admission \$10. 10 am - 4 pm. Riley Rink at Hunter Park, Rt. 7A north. (802) 236-2342. [carlsonphyllis@aol.com](mailto:carlsonphyllis@aol.com).

**MENDON.** Outing on Pico. Follow the Appalachian Trail and the Long Trail south to Jungle Junction, return via the Sherburne Pass Trail for a post-hike reward at the Inn at Long Trail. Moderate, 7.2 miles, some steep climbing. Sponsored by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Leader: Cindy Taylor-Miller (802) 446-2288. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**MORRISVILLE.** Rocktoberfest. All day street festival featuring live music, great food, pumpkin bowling, puppet shows, chili cook-off, local brews, face painting. 5K "Run for your Heart." Scarecrows, chalk art, live dance performances, and live auction of 25 locally painted Adirondack chairs. Mini golf. 10 am - 7 pm. Portland Street. (802) 888-6669.

**ORFORD.** The 'Ville Quilt Show. A quilting display. Admission \$4. Brown-bag lunches \$7. Benefits the church and quilting group. 10 am - 3 pm. At the Congregational Church, Rt. 10. (802) 757-3220.

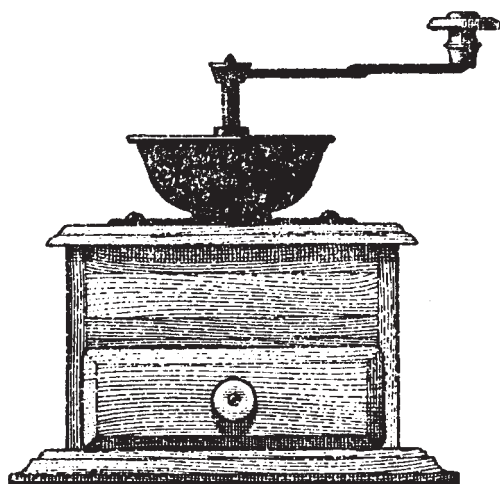
**PAWLET.** Community Roast Pork Dinner. Roast pork baked with topping, stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, hot vegetables, cabbage, salad, applesauce, fruited Jello, rolls with butter, and hot and cold beverages. \$12 adults. Takeout orders on the day of the dinner. Pawlet Community Church. (802) 325-3022.

**POULTNEY.** Third Annual Vermont Fermentation Festival. Hands-on workshops and demonstrations on making fermented vegetables, cultured cheeses, komboucha, kefir, yogurt, fruit juices and more as well as the reasons and nutritional benefits of eating fermented foods. Hosted by RAFFL, (Rutland Area Food and Farm Link), and Green Mountain College. Tickets at the door: \$10, students with I.D. \$5. 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. Green Mountain College, 1 Brennan Circle. (802) 417-1528. [isilver@vermontel.net](mailto:isilver@vermontel.net). [vtfermentationfestival.com](http://vtfermentationfestival.com).

**PROCTOR.** Masquerade. Mad Hatter Masquerade with castle roaming. DJ JBUT at the dance floor. Midnight dessert buffet. Surprise treats. BYOB. Bring a mask. A 21 and older event. \$25 admission. 8 pm., Wilson Castle. Proceeds benefit Wilson Castle restoration (802) 773-3284. [www.wilsoncastle.com](http://www.wilsoncastle.com)

**RANDOLPH.** Vermont Symphony Orchestra Made in Vermont Statewide Tour. Jaime Laredo, conductor and violin; Katherine Winterstein, violin. Program: Sibelius, Grieg, Mozart, Jennifer Jolley, J.S. Bach. Adults \$29, seniors \$25, students \$10. Tickets at [flyntix.org](http://flyntix.org). 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall. (802) 864-5741. [vso.org](http://vso.org).

**RIPTON.** Ripton Community Coffee House Concert: Ana Egge. Concert preceded by an open mic (call ahead to reserve a spot). Refreshments available. Wheelchair accessible but the bathrooms are not. Admission \$10, \$8 for seniors and teens, \$3 for children. 7:30 pm. The Ripton Community House, 1305 Rt. 125. (802) 388-9782. [rctch.org](http://rctch.org). [www.mikeandruthy.com](http://www.mikeandruthy.com).



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Saturday, October 3, continued

**ROYALTON.** Chicken Pie Supper. Homemade pies, rolls, squash, mashed potatoes and coleslaw, homemade pies. \$5 or \$10. 5-6:30 pm. Royalton Academy Building, 4266 Rt. 14. (802) 763-7387.

**RUTLAND.** Visit from Curious George. All ages are invited to celebrate curiosity and enjoy fun activities when Curious George himself visits Phoenix Books Rutland as part of the grand opening week! Free. 11 am. Phoenix Books Rutland, 2 Center St. (802) 855-8078. [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz).

**SHELburne.** Ringo Matsuri (Apple Festival). Taiko drummers will gather at the orchard for a celebration of the apple harvest. Schedule for the day: 11 am – 12 noon beginners and early guests, 1-4 pm Drumming and Dancing, 4 pm closing circle. 11 am – 5 pm. Shelburne Orchards, 216 Orchard Rd. (802) 985-2753. [www.shelburneorchards.com](http://www.shelburneorchards.com).

**SOUTH BURLINGTON.** Fourth Annual Artfactory Oktoberfest. Vermont food purveyors sampling and selling their goods in a farmers' market setting. Live music all day with Lowell Thompson. Outdoor Beer Garden, brewery tours, and a special beer release. 12 noon - 5 pm. Magic Hat Brewing Company, 5 Bartlett Bay Rd. (802) 658-2739.

**SPRINGFIELD.** Art Opening. Meet artists who have work on display in the gallery. Christine Mix will demonstrate how to draw animals at 12:30 pm followed by a presentation from VINS. Free. Noon-4 pm. The Great Hall, 100 River St. (802) 258-3992.

**ST. ALBANS.** Celebration of the Return of the Taylor Park Fountain. Freshly cast in durable aluminum, the cherubs and ladies of Taylor Park's historic Fountain are coming home. 16 brand new, original granite benches will be installed in the area surrounding the fountain. Brief formal program and ceremonial "flipping the switch" with Governor Peter Shumlin. Light refreshments and ice cream. Free. 12 noon - 2 pm. Taylor Park in downtown St. Albans. (802) 524-2444. [info@frcvvt.com](mailto:info@frcvvt.com). [www.frcvvt.com](http://www.frcvvt.com).

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**TUNBRIDGE.** 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Vermont Sheep & Wool Festival. Over 70 vendors offer yarn, fiber products and supplies, local meat and cheese, and equipment. Sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas and rabbits in the animal barn; workshops in dyeing, spinning, felting, weaving and more. Fleece show and sale, Cashmere Goat Show, fiber arts classes, shepherd workshops, sheep shearing and herding demos. Admission: adults \$6, seniors \$5, under 12 \$1; 2-day discount available. Sat. 10 am - 5 pm, Sun. 10 am - 4 pm. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 685-3267. [www.vtsheepandwoolfest.com](http://www.vtsheepandwoolfest.com). Also October 4.

**WELLS.** Wells Harvest Feast. The Wells United Methodist Church invites you to come and share this annual tasty autumn treat. It's roast turkey, with all the trimmings of mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, winter squash, cranberries, plus two great vegetables, and dinner rolls. Beverages are coffee, tea, and lemonade. Top it all off with apple crisp and ice cream. It's a great meal still for only \$12, youth 12 and under \$6, 5 and under free. Take-outs available. 4-7 pm at the Modern Woodmen of America Hall on West Main St., VT Rt. 30. If you're coming from away you might wish to make a reservation. For information call Bonnie at (802) 645-0422 or Audrey at (802) 645-0216.

**WEST PAWLET.** Apple and Pumpkin Pie Contest, Flea Market and Big Food Sale. Homemade rolls, pies, cookies, cakes and lots more. Light breakfast. Judging of pie entries between 10:30 and 11:30 am. Lunch with hot dogs, hamburgers and corn chowder. 9 am – 3 pm. West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department Firehouse. (802) 645-0174.

**WESTON.** 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Weston Antique Show. Some of the country's finest in American & English furniture, accessories, Americana and folk art. Admission \$10. 10 am – 5 pm, till 3 pm Sun. Weston Playhouse, 12 Park St. (802) 824-5307. [westonantiqueshow.com](http://westonantiqueshow.com).

**WOODSTOCK.** Annual Pumpkin & Apple Celebration at Billings Farm. Apple tasting, cider pressing, pumpkin bowling, apples-on-a-string, making pumpkin and apple ice cream, cooking apple butter in the farmhouse, and wagon rides. Admission includes all programs and activities: adults \$14, age 62 and up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, ages 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. [billingsfarm.org](http://billingsfarm.org). Also October 4.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

**BRANDON.** Artist Talk and Demo. Painter Heather Shay and fine arts photographer Lowell Snowdon Klock will demonstrate and discuss the differences in how they each approach the same subject with their different mediums. Free. 1-2:15 pm. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Dr. (802) 247-4295. [www.cmavt.org](http://www.cmavt.org).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Brattleboro Literary Festival. Readings, panel discussions, and special events, featuring emerging and established authors. Free and open to the public. At many venues downtown. (802) 579-7414. [brattleboroliteraryfestival.org](http://brattleboroliteraryfestival.org).

**COLCHESTER.** Sam Mazza's Annual Harvest Festival. Take a hay ride to the pumpkin fields to pick your own pumpkin. Pumpkin pie, pumpkin donuts, pumpkin fudge, apple pies & cider. 11 am- 4 pm. Sam Mazza's, 277 Lavigne Rd. (802) 655-3440. [www.sammazzafarms.com](http://www.sammazzafarms.com).

**COLCHESTER.** Annual Ski, Board and Skate Sale. Sporting goods sale of ski equipment, clothes, bikes, inline skates, and more, to benefit Colchester High School, Middle School, and Mallett's Bay School's physical education programs as well as the Colchester Boosters and Alpine and Nordic ski teams. 9 am – 4:30 pm. Colchester High School, 131 Laker Lane. (802) 264-5731. [www.csdvt.org/chs](http://www.csdvt.org/chs). Also October 5.

**CORNISH, NH.** Pot Roast Dinner. All-you-can-eat at United Church, Center Road. 5-7 pm. \$5 or \$10, preschoolers free. (603) 542-8546.

**DANVILLE.** 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Autumn on the Green. Well over 100 vendors. Artisans, crafters, antiques, live music, great food. Original artwork, antiques, pottery, home-spun yarn and knitwear, clothing, salves and body products, books, candles, quilts, baskets, rugs, hand-crafted furniture and wood products. Maple products, cheese, pumpkins, cider, home-made jams and jellies, pickles and relishes, baked goods and desserts. Delicious foods: gourmet wraps, salads, soups & stews, BBQ pulled pork, burgers, dogs, and some of the best fries around. On the Danville Green. 10 am – 4 pm. (802) 684-2528. [clinsley@charter.net](mailto:clinsley@charter.net). [www.autumnonthegreen.org](http://www.autumnonthegreen.org).

**DUMMERSTON.** Workshop: An Introduction to Making Hard Cider with Cider Maker Jason MacArthur at Scott Farm. Learn from the co-owner of Whetstone Cider Works about the techniques, equipment, fermentation, bottling and racking for producing this delicious, affordable, easy-to-make elixir at home. Basic cider equipment and fresh cider will also be available for sale. Fee: \$40. Register at (802) 254-6868 or [events@scottfarmvermont.com](mailto:events@scottfarmvermont.com). 10 am – 12 pm. Scott Farm, 707 Kipling Rd. [scottfarmvermont.com](http://scottfarmvermont.com).

**ENOSBURGH FALLS.** Artist's Reception for Steve Boal, Jan Brosky, and Elizabeth Martin. Artist talks and a raffle. Sap buckets painted by various artists will be sold as a fundraiser for the gallery. Free admission. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. 1-3 pm. The Artist in Residence Gallery, Main St. (802) 933-6403. [artistinresidence.coop@gmail.com](mailto:artistinresidence.coop@gmail.com).

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**HUBBARDTON.** 18th 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. Admission. 2-5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

**HUNTINGTON.** Wood Carving Demonstration: Angelo Incerpi, woodcarver, will demonstrate skills, techniques and current projects. Free with admission. 1-4 pm. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. [museum@birdsofvermont.org](mailto:museum@birdsofvermont.org). [birdsofvermont.org](http://birdsofvermont.org).

**LONDONDERRY.** Magic Mountain Antiques Show. 30 select dealers. Admission \$10. Breakfast preview 8-10 am, \$15. 10 am - 3 pm. Magic Mountain Lodge, Rt. 11. (802) 989-1158. [sbainc57@yahoo.com](mailto:sbainc57@yahoo.com).

**MANCHESTER.** The 24th Annual Manchester Fall Art and Craft Festival. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm daily. The Practice Tee at Hunter Park Rd., off Rt. 7A. (802) 425-3399. [info@craftproducers.com](mailto:info@craftproducers.com). [www.craftproducers.com](http://www.craftproducers.com).

**MARSHFIELD.** Marshfield Harvest Festival. Free family-friendly activities. Old Schoolhouse Common, 122 School St. (802) 426-3581. [www.nekchamber.com](http://www.nekchamber.com).

**ORFORD.** Blessing of the Animals. Bring pets, farm animals or the name of a pet that has passed. Free. 1 p.m. at Congregational Church, Rt. 10. Free. (802) 757-3220.

**SHELBURNE.** Annual Terrific Tractors Day. Kids play farmer at Shelburne Farms. Big tractors, little tractors, trucks, and other farm machines that capture the imagination of kids will be in the courtyard of the farm barn at Shelburne Farms. Kids can climb on and pretend to be the farmer for the day. General admission to the farm: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 kids, under 3 free. 10 am - 4 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8686. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org).

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**ST. ALBANS.** Vermont Symphony Orchestra Made in Vermont Statewide Tour. Jaime Laredo, conductor and violin; Katherine Winterstein, violin. Program: Sibelius, Grieg, Mozart, Jennifer Jolley, J.S. Bach. Adults \$29, seniors \$25, students \$10. Tickets at [flyntix.org](http://flyntix.org). 3 pm. BFA Performing Arts Center. (802) 864-5741. [vso.org](http://vso.org).

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**VERSHIRE.** Healing Arts and Craft Fair. Features natural healers, artists, artisan crafters and representatives from community organizations. Free. Sponsored by the Vershire Women's Wellness Circle. 2-5 pm, Vershire Town Center, Rt. 113. (802) 685-775.

**WELLS.** Pancake Breakfast. Sponsored by the Wells Volunteer Fire Department. 7-11:30 am. At the Fire Department, 114 Rt. 30. (802) 645-0233. [wellsvtfd.com](http://wellsvtfd.com).

**WOODSTOCK.** Annual Pumpkin & Apple Celebration at Billings Farm. Apple tasting, cider pressing, pumpkin bowling, making pumpkin and apple ice cream, cooking apple butter in the farmhouse, and wagon rides. Admission adults \$14, age 62 and up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, ages 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

**RUTLAND.** Alice's Restaurant Remembered. Alice's Restaurant 50th Anniversary at Paramount Theatre. Guthrie's career exploded in 1967 with the release of Alice's Restaurant, whose title song helped foster a new commitment to social awareness and activism. "Alice's Restaurant" is 18-minutes long and tells a winding, interwoven tale of a true story that took place over a Thanksgiving weekend in 1965. Rarely played on recent tours, Arlo is reviving this classic for its 50th Anniversary. Tickets: \$49.50 - \$69.50. 8 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

**HANOVER, NH.** Concert: La Santa Cecilia. This Grammy-winning band churns together cumbia, tango, rock, rumba, jazz and even klezmer. Tickets: \$17-\$25. 7 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. [hop.dartmouth.edu](http://hop.dartmouth.edu).

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## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

**BARNARD.** Feast and Field Farmers' Market. 4:30-7:30 pm, music at 5:30 pm by Will Wright, Jim Ryman and friends. Barnard Town Hall. (802) 999 3391. feastandfield.com. *Every Thursday through October 22.*

**BURLINGTON.** Book Launch Event. Join Katie Webster for a book launch party for her new book, *Maple: 100 Sweet and Savory Recipes Featuring Pure Maple Syrup*. Champlain Valley Beverage Catering and Healthy Living Market and Cafe will serve maple recipes from the book. Cash bar. Tickets \$3 per person and includes a coupon for \$5 off the book. 7 pm. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

**CHESTER.** Poetry Reading. Poet Baron Wormser will discuss *The Irony & the Ecstasy: On the Nature of Poetry* and will read from his new collection of poems, *Unidentified Sighing Objects* as part of Sun Dog Poetry Center's Poets & Their Craft lecture series. 7 pm. Misty Valley Books, 58 the Common. (802) 875-3400. www.mvbooks.com.

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Concert: Scottish Music. Julie Fowlis' mesmerizing music of the Scottish Isles is accompanied by a world-class backup band from her native Scottish highlands. Tickets \$34, \$24, and \$15. Students 18 and under free. 7 pm. Fuller Hall, 1000 Main St. kcpresents.catamountarts.org. dreokane@hotmail.com.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

**DANVILLE.** Dead North—Farmland of Terror at the Great Vermont Corn Maze. Reservations required—buy your tickets from the website. 7:30 pm. The Great Vermont Corn Maze, 1404 Wheelock Rd. (802) 748-1399. info@vermontcornmaze.com. www.vermontcornmaze.com. *Also October 10.*

**KILLINGTON.** Oktoberfest. Celebrate Bavarian roots with beers, brats with stein hoisting, keg bowling, bratwurst eating contests. Free. 11 am-8 pm. Killington Resort, 4763 Killington Rd. killingtonoktoberfest.com.

**KILLINGTON.** Ski Club Ski & Bike Sale. Three-day of new and used skies and snowboard equipment to benefit KSC scholarship fund. 5-9 pm. Ramshead Lodge, Killington Road. (802)422-6894. johnnyo@killingtonskiclub.com. killington.com. *Also October 10 & 11.*

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Book and Author Event. Howard Frank Mosher presents *God's Kingdom*. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (800) 437-3700. www.northshire.com.

**PLAINFIELD, NH.** Roast Pork Supper. Sponsored by the Blow-Me-Down Grange #234, a non-profit charitable organization. Menu includes roast pork, potatoes, squash, peas, homemade applesauce, coleslaw, homemade pies and beverages. Tickets: \$12 ages 12 & up, \$5 ages 11-5, 4 & under free. 5-6:30 pm. The Blow-Me-Down Grange #234, 1107 Rt. 12A. (603) 313-8047.

**RANDOLPH.** Concert: The Blanche Moysse Chorale will perform the St. John Passion by J.S. Bach. A reception follows. Tickets available from 3-6 pm at (802) 728-6464 or online at www.chandler-arts.org. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. www.bmcvt.org.

**STOWE.** 31st Annual Stowe Foliage Arts Festival. 150 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 at Mayo Farm, 80 Weeks Hill Rd. (802) 253-7321. www.craftproducers.com. *Through October 11.*

**TINMOUTH.** Concert: Martin Grosswendt and Susanne Salem-Schatz. Blues and old-time American music. Donations \$10, homemade refreshments available. 7:30 pm. Old Firehouse Stage, Rt. 140 and Mountain View Rd. (802) 446-3953. wilburs@greenmtn.edu. tinmouthvt.org.

**WESTON.** 32nd Annual Weston Craft Show. A juried exhibit of exceptional Vermont artisans. 10 am - 5 pm. Weston Playhouse. info@westoncraftshow.com. westoncraftshow.com. *Through October 11.*

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

**BELMONT.** Mount Holly Cider Days. Fall foliage, fresh cider from a vintage press, fresh baked apple crisp or apple pie with ice cream or Crowley cheese; 30 local artisans, bakers, farmers and food vendors. Book sale, calendar photo contest, and an "all you can eat" roast beef supper Saturday 5-7 pm. Belmont Village, Belmont Rd. off Rt. 103. (802) 259-2562. www.mounthollyvt.org. *Also October 11.*

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

**BONDVILLE.** Stratton's Columbus Day Weekend Harvest Fest. Live music, hay rides, carnival games, pumpkin painting & caramel apple dipping, face painter and balloonist. Craft brewfest and chili cook-off at 4 pm Saturday. Gondola rides for a 360-degree view of the world-renowned fall foliage. Saturday's music includes Saints and Liars, North and South Dakotas, An American Band and West End Blend. (802) 297-4129. stratton.com. *Also October 11 & 12.*

**BRANDON.** Concert: Twangtown Paramours. Acoustic duo, made up of MaryBeth Zamer and Mike T. Lewis. Tickets: \$20. Pre-concert dinner available for \$20. Reservations recommended for the show and required for dinner. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 247-4295. www.brandon-music.net.

**BRISTOL.** Fourth Annual Vermont Tree Stewards Conference. Local and regional urban forestry practitioners and community leaders address the link between healthy trees and healthy communities. Registration: \$12. 8:30 am - 4 pm. Holley Hall, 1 South St. (802) 656-2657. (800) 571-0668. lise.schadler@uvm.edu. go.uvm.edu/treestewards.

**BURLINGTON.** Star Wars Read Day. We'll have the latest Star Wars books (for everyone from kids to adults), costumed character appearances by 501st Legion members, Star Wars-themed crafts and more. Star Wars Reads Day is a national event that celebrates reading Star Wars. Costumes encouraged. 11 am - 2 pm. Free. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank Street. (802) 448-3350. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

**HUNTINGTON.** Celebrate Fall Weekend. Ask questions, maybe try carving. Kids activities 1-4 pm: soap carving, birding for kids, and more. Please bring your own binoculars. Free. Snacks and coffee provided. 10 am - 2 pm. Green Mountain Woodcarvers at The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. www.birdsofvermont.org. *Also October 11.*

**KILLINGTON.** Foundry Fly Dogs. Dogs will compete in beginner, intermediate and advanced levels in longest jumps off our dock into the water. The top three jumps in each bracket will take home a ribbon. The cost is \$20 per dog, per qualifier event (2 jumps); or \$30 per dog, for both qualifier events (4 jumps). Spectators are welcome to line the pond or the deck for some high-flying action. 9:30 am to 3 pm. The Foundry at Summit Pon, 63 Summit Path on Killington Rd. (802) 422-5335. foundrykillington.com.

**NEWFANE.** 45th Annual Newfane Heritage Festival. Tents blossom on the Newfane Common. Talented artists and craftpeople display their creative efforts. Juried arts, crafts, & specialty products are sold in 96 exhibitor spaces. 10 am - 4 pm. Newfane Village Common, Rt. 30. *Through October 11.*

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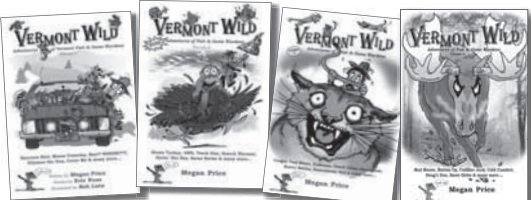


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At 12:30 p.m. Peoples Trust Company President and past Rotary President Tom Gallagher will turn on the water. For the first time in decades, flowing water will be a focal point of the fountain once again. A program will include remarks from members of the Rotary Club, maybe a visit from Governor

Peter Shumlin, refreshments and ice cream. The celebration is free and open to the public.

The celebrations also mark the reveal of 16 brand new, original granite benches, each bearing the names of people who contributed to the Restoration Project. The benches, a new addition to Taylor Park, will be installed to the area surrounding the fountain.

The Fountain Restoration Project, spearheaded by the St. Albans Rotary, has been a year-long process. The Rotary Club extends their thanks to all involved.

For more information contact Dana Rocheleau at drocheleau4@gmail.com. (802) 524-2444. www.fcrcvt.com.



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**RUTLAND.** Book & Author Event: Vermont author Howard Frank Mosher will read an excerpt from his new novel, *God's Kingdom*, talk for a few minutes on "Where Does Fiction Come From?", then do a Q&A. Free. 1 pm. Phoenix Books Rutland, 2 Center St. (802) 855-8078. [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz).

**SPRINGFIELD.** 32nd Annual Vermont Apple Festival. Farmer's market and farm animals to pet. Over 80 vendors, chowder or chili and homemade apple crisp. Kids activities include pony rides, puppet shows, and carnival rides. Free. 9 am - 4 pm. 13 Fairground Rd. (802) 885-2779. [springfieldcoc@vermontel.net](mailto:springfieldcoc@vermontel.net). [www.springfieldvt.com](http://www.springfieldvt.com).

**SPRINGFIELD.** Wet Paint Live, Vermont. 10 am - 2 pm Walk along a "plein air loop" and watch artists paint. 3:30-6 pm View completed paintings, and prize winners. Enjoy a reception. Free to the public. (802) 885-6156. [nlanoue@comcast.net](mailto:nlanoue@comcast.net). [wplvermont.com](http://wplvermont.com).

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Dog Mountain's Annual Fall Dog Party. Activities for the whole family including foot-tapping live music by Vermont folk duo The Endorsements. Bounce house for the kids, door prizes, food, dog contests, and more. Free. 12-4 pm. Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. (802) 748-3075. [info@dogmt.com](mailto:info@dogmt.com). [www.dogmt.com](http://www.dogmt.com).

**STOWE.** 31st Annual Stowe Foliage Arts Festival. 150 artists and artisans, live music, craft demos, fabulous food. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm. Stowe Events Field at Mayo Farm, 80 Weeks Hill Rd. (802) 253-7321. [www.craftproducers.com](http://www.craftproducers.com). Also October 11.

**WEST DOVER.** 42nd Annual Harvest Arts & Crafts Show. 50+ vendors and specialty food makers. Free admission. 10 am - 5 pm. Main Base Lodge, Mount Snow, 39 Mount Snow Rd. (802) 464-4191. [mountsnow.com](http://mountsnow.com). Also Oct. 11.

**WEST DOVER.** 18th Annual Oktoberfest. Plenty of beer, schnitzel and Oom-pah music. Fun for the whole family! Arts & crafts show inside the Base Lodge. Gulp & Gallop 5k Beer Run. 11 am - 5 pm. Main Base Area, Mount Snow, 39 Mount now Rd. (802) 464-4191. [www.mountsnow.com](http://www.mountsnow.com). Also October 11.

**WEST NEWBURY.** 57th Annual Turkey Supper. Menu: roast turkey w/stuffing & gravy, mashed potatoes, winter squash, coleslaw, cranberry sauce, rolls, choice of pies, coffee, tea or cider. Adults \$13; children 11 and under \$6; take-outs \$13. Craft & bake sale in church. Servings 5 pm, 6:15 pm, 7:15 pm. West Newbury Hall, 219 Tyler Farm Rd. For reservations call (802) 429-2632 or e-mail [westnewburyhall@gmail.com](mailto:westnewburyhall@gmail.com).

**WEST RUTLAND.** Pancake Breakfast. Hiram Lodge #101, F&AM and Gilman Chapter #88, OES, will be serving pancakes, both plain and blueberry, French toast, scrambled eggs, omelets, bacon, sausage, home fries, corned beef hash, coffee, juice, tea, milk. 6-11 am. \$8 adults and \$3 under 6. Masonic Lodge, 63 Franklin St. (802) 775-2204. [westrutlandtown.com](http://westrutlandtown.com).

**WESTON.** 32nd Annual Weston Craft Show. A juried exhibit of exceptional Vermont artisans. 10 am - 5 pm. Weston Playhouse. [westoncraftshow.com](http://westoncraftshow.com). Also October 11.

**WINDSOR.** History Happens at Old Constitution House. The 2015 season concludes with Carl Malinkowski and friends demonstrating a variety of 18th century period activities. Admission: adults \$3, 14 and under free. 11 am - 5 pm. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 Main St. (802) 672-3773. [www.historicsites.vermont](http://www.historicsites.vermont). Also October 11.

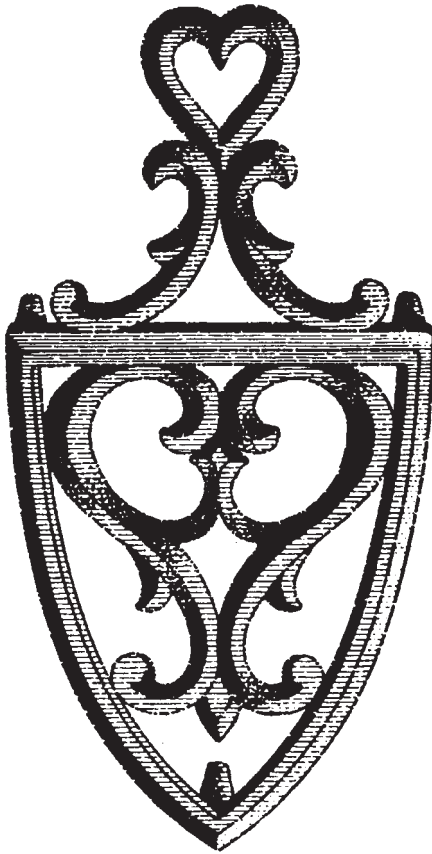
**WOODSTOCK.** Billings Farm & Museum Harvest Weekend. Husking bee at noon, barn dance 1-4 pm. Lend a hand pressing cider, preserving apples, threshing grain, and making butter and ice cream. 19th-century games. Hot spiced cider and homemade doughnuts. Admission: adults 16-61 \$14, seniors 62 and over \$13, children 5-15 \$8, children 3-4 \$4. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 5302 River Rd. north of the village green. (802) 457-2355. [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org). Also October 11.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

**BELMONT.** Mount Holly Cider Days. Fall foliage, fresh cider from a vintage press, fresh baked apple crisp or apple pie with ice cream or Crowley cheese; 30 local artisans, bakers, farmers and food vendors. Book sale, calendar photo contest. Belmont Village, Belmont Rd. off Rt. 103. (802) 259-2562. [www.mounthollyvt.org](http://www.mounthollyvt.org).

**BONDVILLE.** Stratton's Columbus Day Weekend Harvest Fest. Gondola rides for a 360-degree view of the world-renowned fall foliage. (802) 297-4129. [stratton.com](http://stratton.com). Also October 12.

**BRANDON.** HarvestFest. Make Your Own Leaf Person. We supply materials, accessories, and instruction. First "Harvest Person" per family free of charge; after that, they are \$5 each. Hayrides and pumpkins, The Lion's Club delicious grill, famous apple pies, and St. Mary's Church with lots of treats. 1 to 4 p.m. in Central Park. (802) 247-6401. [www.brandon.org](http://www.brandon.org).



**CHARLOTTE.** Annual Tractor Parade. See more than 200 tractors from all over Vermont with some being ferried across Lake Champlain from New York. Farmers market, animals, rope making, craft fair, food vendors, face painting, pony rides, free games for children, and a toy tractor display. Pie Eating Contest at 11 am. Local music at 11:30 am. Parade at 1 pm, rain or shine, corner of Spear St. and Hinesburg Rd. (802) 425-4444. [facebook.com/tractorparade](http://facebook.com/tractorparade).

**DUMMERSTON CENTER.** Dummerston Apple Pie Festival and Grange Craft Fair. West Dummerston Fire Department's pancake breakfast, 7-11:30 am. Over 25 crafters at the Grange Hall with hand made crafts starting 9:30 am - 4 pm. 1400 apple pies on sale 10 am until sold out at Dummerston Congregational Church. Lunch wagon at the Grange starting 11 am—hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade baked beans, Vermont cheddar cheese, homemade corn chowder, hot and cold cider, soda, coffee, bottled water, freshly made donuts and homemade ice cream. Visit area tag/yard sales. See the display at the Historical Society Museum. All events are around Dummerston Center Common, Dummerston Grange, 1008 East-West Rd. Come make a day of it. (802) 257-0544. (802) 254-2517. [dummerston.com](http://dummerston.com). [dummerstonchurch.org](http://dummerstonchurch.org).

**DUMMERSTON.** Heirloom Apple Day at Scott Farm. A celebration of our heirloom apples, fresh, baked and squeezed! Visit the apple barn at 10 am, 12 pm or 2 pm for a free tasting of some of our 100 varieties of apples and listen to the enlightening history of these unique fruits with our orchardist Zeke Goodband. Heirloom Apples and cider will be on sale. Whetstone Cider Works will be sampling their hard ciders and Rigani Wood-Fired Pizza will be making seasonal sensations in their mobile oven. The Farm Market will be open from 8 am - 6 pm, daily through November 24. The Scott Farm, 707 Kipling Rd. off Black Mtn. Rd. off Rt. 5 north of Brattleboro. (802) 254-6868. [scottfarmvermont.com](http://scottfarmvermont.com).

**EAST THETFORD.** 13th Annual Pumpkin Festival at Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center. Fall family fun on the farm! Horse-drawn wagon rides to the pumpkin patch and live music. Cider pressing, children's crafts, music and face painting, and a visiting owl from VINS. A "Good Food" concession, benefit raffle, and more! Rain or shine. Parking fee, all activities free. No pets please. 10 am - 3 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. (802) 785-4737. [cedarcirclefarm.org](http://cedarcirclefarm.org).

**FERRISBURGH.** Book & Author Event. Author Rowan Jacobsen profiled 123 apple varieties in his newest book, *Apples of Uncommon Character*. The Robinsons planted a substantial orchard in 1849, and we'll have some of the same apples available for tasting. \$5 program only or free with museum admission: adults \$10, seniors \$9, students \$8, under 5 free. 3 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. [rokeby.org](http://rokeby.org).

**HUNTINGTON.** Celebrate Fall Weekend. Ask questions, maybe try carving. Kids activities 1-4 pm: soap carving, birding for kids, and more. Sunday dawn-dusk: The Big Sit—sit, watch, write, be happy. How many birds can we perceive from a 17-foot diameter circle? Free. Snacks and coffee provided. Please bring your own binoculars. 10 am - 2 pm, Green Mountain Woodcarvers at The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. [www.birdsofvermont.org](http://www.birdsofvermont.org).

**ISLE LA MOTTE.** Annual Harvest Dinner, serving Turkey with all the trimmings and homemade pies! Cost: \$12 adults, \$6.50 children. 11 am - 2 pm. Saint Anne's Shrine, 92 Saint Annes Rd. (802) 928-3362.

**MARLBORO.** Blanche Moysse Choral Performs St. John Passion by J.S. Bach. 2 pm Persons Auditorium, Marlboro College. For tickets call (802) 257-4523.



## Fourth Annual Vermont Tree Stewards Conference

Come to Bristol, VT on October 10th and explore how trees foster healthy communities.

Local and regional urban forestry practitioners and community leaders have been invited to address the link between healthy trees and healthy communities at the Fourth Annual Vermont Tree Stewards Conference, at Holley Hall in downtown Bristol, VT. Anyone interested in the stewardship and management of the state's urban and community forests is welcome to attend.

The conference is sponsored by the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program (VT UCF).

Keynote speaker Andy Hillman will focus on reasons why trees planted in communities do not always thrive and ways to ensure successful establishment of urban and community forests. Hillman is a senior consulting urban forester with the Davey Tree Company.

David Raphael, founder of LandWorks in Middlebury, will discuss the benefits trees bring to communities. Mollie Klepack, VT UCF's pest outreach coordinator, will offer an update on three invasive pests with the potential to threaten the state's forests.

Afternoon sessions include a report by the Bristol Con-

servation Commission on its community forestry projects. Seeing trees through a camera lens will be presented by with Elise Schadler, VT UCF coordinator, and Lee Krohn, senior planner with the Chittenden Co. Regional Planning Commission.

V.J. Comai, Vermont's arborist representative with the Bartlett Tree Expert Company, will lead a tree walk on Bristol's Town Green to demonstrate assessing a tree's health including root collar examination, how to read bud scars to determine tree growth, common insect and disease problems and proper planting depth.

VT UCF is a joint program of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation and University of Vermont Extension.

Registration is \$12 for the conference, which will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Holley Hall, 1 South St.

For more information visit: [go.uvm.edu/treestewards](http://go.uvm.edu/treestewards) for the conference agenda, speaker profiles and registration information.

To request a disability-related accommodation to attend, contact Elise Schadler at (802) 656-2657, (800) 571-0668, or [elise.schadler@uvm.edu](mailto:elise.schadler@uvm.edu) by October 2nd.

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(Sunday, October 11, continued)

**NEWFANE.** 45th Annual Newfane Heritage Festival. Tents blossom on the Newfane Common. Juried arts, crafts, & specialty products are sold in 96 exhibitor spaces. 10 am - 4 pm. Newfane Village Common, Rt. 30.

**PITTSFORD.** 22nd Annual Pittsford Sheep Festival. Sponsored by The Rutland Area Shepherds (RAS). Featuring a variety of sheep and wool products and activities. Sheep breeds on display. Sheep shearing demonstrations at 11:15 am, 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm. Sheep dog handling demonstrations at 12:45 pm and 2:45 pm. Children's craft activities at 11:45 pm. The Leaping of the Lambs, an exclusive RAS activity, at 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm. Vendors will have wool, fiber, and craft products, including lamb products. Live music throughout the afternoon. Free. 11 am - 4 pm. Pittsford Recreation Center. (802) 342-3176.

**RUTLAND.** 54th Annual Art in the Park. 90 to 100 fine art vendors of several mediums, live music, performances, demonstrations, children's activities, raffles and a food court. Admission by donation. Main Street Park, Rts. 4 & 7. (802) 775-0062. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

**SHOREHAM.** 17th Annual Harvest Celebration. Live music with the Bondville Boys noon - 3 pm. Horse and wagon rides noon - 3 pm. 11 am - 4 pm. Champlain Orchards, 3597 Rt. 74 West. (802) 897-2777.

**STOWE.** 31st Annual Stowe Foliage Arts Festival. 150 artists and artisans, live music, craft demos, fabulous food. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm. Events Field at Mayo Farm, 80 Weeks Hill Rd. (802) 253-7321. craftproducers.com.

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**WEST PAWLET.** Annual Pancake Breakfast. Menu includes pancakes: regular, chocolate chip, blueberry and cranberry; waffles; world-famous home fries and scrambled eggs; sausage and bacon; coffee, tea, milk and orange juice. \$8 for 12 years and up, \$5 for 5-12 years and free under 5. Sponsored by the West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Dept. 7:30-11 am at West Pawlet Fire House, Rt. 153 (Main St.). For info call Antonio Landon (802) 345-4312. wp5801@yahoo.com. *Second Sundays through April.*

**WESTON.** 32nd Annual Weston Craft Show. A juried exhibit of exceptional Vermont artisans. 10 am - 5 pm. Weston Playhouse. westoncraftshow.com.

**WOODSTOCK.** Billings Farm & Museum Harvest Weekend. Admission: adults 16-61 \$14, seniors 62 and over \$13, children 5-15 \$8, children 3-4 \$4. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 5302 River Rd. north of the village green. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

**BARNARD.** Feast and Field Farmers' Market. 4:30-7:30 pm, music at 5:30 pm by Ben Barson, Gixelzanath, Sonny and Friends. Barnard Town Hall. (802) 999-3391. feastandfield.com. *Every Thursday through October 22.*

**BURLINGTON.** Book & Author Event. Howard Frank Mosher discusses his new novel, *God's Kingdom*. \$3 per person and include a coupon for \$5 off a book by Howard Frank Mosher! 7 pm. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

**STOWE.** Comedian Paul Reiser. National comedy tour. Tickets: \$20, \$34, \$42. 8 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. sprucepeakarts.org. www.paulreiser.com.

**WILLISTON.** Eighth Annual Music Series Concert: The Starline Rhythm Boys. Tickets \$14, seniors and children \$12, season tickets \$72. 7 pm. At the Old Brick Church, Williston Rd. (802) 434-4563. rmcguire@willistonvt.org.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

**BRANDON.** Concert: The Ann Hutchins Band. Tickets \$20. Pre-concert dinner available for \$20. Reservations recommended for the show and required for dinner. Venue is BYOB. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 247-4295. www.brandon-music.net.

**BURLINGTON.** Book & Author Event. Derek "Deek" Diedricksen talks about his new book, *Microshelters: 59 Creative Cabins, Tiny Houses, Tree Houses, and Other Small Structures*. Tickets are \$3 per person, and include a coupon for \$5 off *Microshelters*. 2 pm. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

**CABOT.** 16th Annual Apple Pie Festival. Silent auction, lunch bar, craft fair, and pie contests for adults and youth. Pies must be entered by 10:30 am. Fee to enter: \$5 adults, \$2.50 youth. Admission is free. Free parking and handicap accessible. 10 am. Cabot School Gym. (802) 563-3396. bonniesd@together.net. www.cabothistory.com.

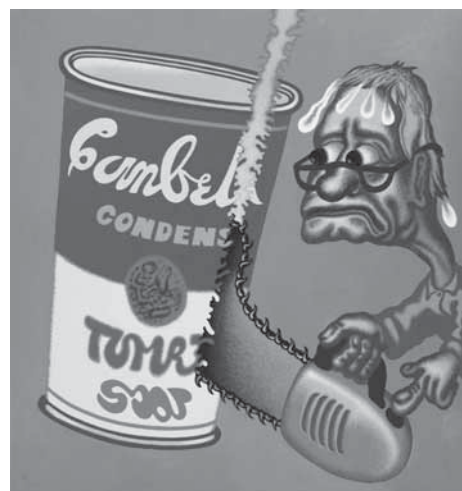
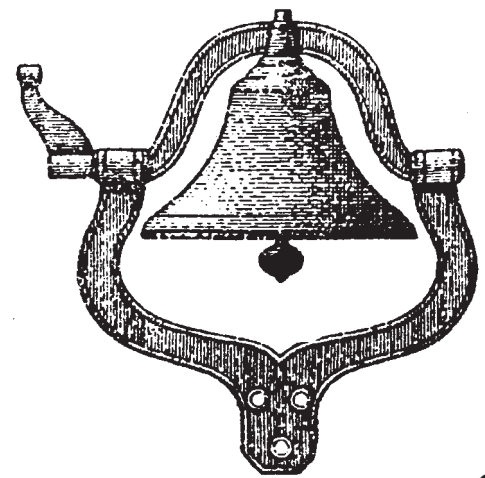
**POULTNEY.** 13th Annual Horace Greeley Writers' Symposium. Explore the art of writing as presented by publishers and writers in the fields of literature, poetry, philosophy, and history. Registration: \$70, student rate \$20. 9 am - 5 pm. Poultny Methodist Church, 108 Main St. www.horacegreeleyfoundation.org.

**TOWNSHEND.** 31st Annual Pumpkin Festival. Craft and art sale, pumpkin pies, scarecrow decorating, free pony rides, pumpkin decorating contest (with a pumpkin given to each youngster). Pie and jr. pie judging, Halloween costume parade, raffle. 9 am - 4 pm. On the Townshend Common, Rt. 30. (802) 365-7179.

**VERGENNES.** Rocktoberfest. A Dakin farm bacon & beer festival. Live music. Adults \$30, under 18 \$15, kids under 5 free. 3-9 pm. Basin Harbor Club, 4800 Basin Harbor Rd. (802) 475-2311. www.basinharbor.com.

**WESTMINSTER.** Bald Hill Hike. This moderate hike may include a new trail, Twin Falls, and Bald Hill viewpoints. Meet at the gate at the end of Cemetery Road in Westminister. Dress warmly, wear sturdy shoes, bring water. 2-4 pm. Contact Randy Major at (802) 387-5737. whpa@sover.net. windmillhillpinacle.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** Billings Farm & Museum Wagon Ride Weekend. Admission: adults 16-61 \$14, seniors 62 and over \$13, children 5-15 \$8, children 3-4 \$4. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 5302 River Rd. north of the village green. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org. *Also October 18.*



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## You're Invited to the Vermont Covered Bridge Society Fall Meeting at Smugglers' Notch

On Saturday, October 3, the fall meeting of Vermont Covered Bridge Society (VCBS) celebrates its 15th anniversary with a program at Smugglers' Notch Resort, south of Jeffersonville on VT Rt. 105S. The public can attend both the business meeting at 10 a.m. and the

keynote presentation by State Historic Preservation Officer Mrs. Laura Trieschman at 11 a.m. in the resort Meeting House without charge.

At noon a buffet lunch is available to people who have registered for the 1 p.m. workshops for a \$25 fee. Three breakout sessions will

present an introduction to covered bridges, information on grassroots preservation groups, and using covered bridges as a tourist attraction.

Following the workshops, two buses will tour the local historic covered bridges where guides will describe the structures and history. Seats on the bus tour from 2-4 p.m. are limited and a fee of \$20 will be charged, so pre-registration is necessary.

Well-known local artist Eric Tobin, noted for his sensitive treatment of Vermont landscapes and many paintings of covered bridges, will exhibit some of his works for sale at the Meeting House.

For more information visit [www.vermontbridges.com](http://www.vermontbridges.com), see the Vermont Covered Bridge Society on Facebook, or e-mail [wmckone@stoweaccess.com](mailto:wmckone@stoweaccess.com).

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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

**MIDDLEBURY.** A VSO Woodwind Quintet Concert: The Witch and the Winds. A Halloween family concert. Join in the fun and come in costume for a stage parade and lots of boo-tiful music! Sweet treats after the concert. Tickets: adults \$8, kids 18 and under and seniors \$6, four-person family pass \$24. 2 pm. Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College. (802) 864-5741. vso.org.

**WEST RUTLAND.** Annual Fall Polish Dinner. Tickets will be \$12.00 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Takeout tickets available. Tickets on sale at both St. Stanislaus and St. Bridget's on the weekends of September 26-27 and October 3-4. You may also call Ceil Scott at (802) 438-5689, Vicki Bania at (802) 438-5522 or email Mary Reczek at mreczek100@comcast.net to purchase your tickets. One seating at 4:30 pm. St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, 28 Church St. (802) 438-2490.

**WOODSTOCK.** Billings Farm & Museum Wagon Ride Weekend. Admission: adults 16-61 \$14, seniors 62 and over \$13, children 5-15 \$8, children 3-4 \$4. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 5302 River Rd. north of the village green. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

**BURLINGTON.** Vermont International Film Festival. Ten days of the best of world and US independent cinema: fiction, documentary, shorts and animation. Panel discussions, receptions and parties. Tickets: adults \$10, festival pass \$120, seniors \$8, students \$5. (802) 660-2600. info@vtiff.org. vtiff.org. *Through November 1.*

**MILTON.** Pumpkins in the Park. An evening of Halloween fun! Bring a pumpkin to carve, your imagination, and even a costume. We'll supply carving tools, stencils, decorations, refreshments, and a big bonfire. The evening will end with a lighting of the pumpkins. Prizes for funniest, most creative, and scariest designs. Free. 6-8 pm. 1 Park Place. (802) 893-4922. miltonvt.org.

**TINMOUTH.** Concert: Irish and Scottish Music on the Irish harp and fiddle with Dominique Dodge and Robert Ryan. Donations \$10, homemade refreshments available. Doors open at 7 pm, concert at 7:30 pm. Old Firehouse Stage, Rt. 140 and Mountain View Rd. (802) 446-3953. wilburs@greenmtn.edu. tinmouthvt.org.

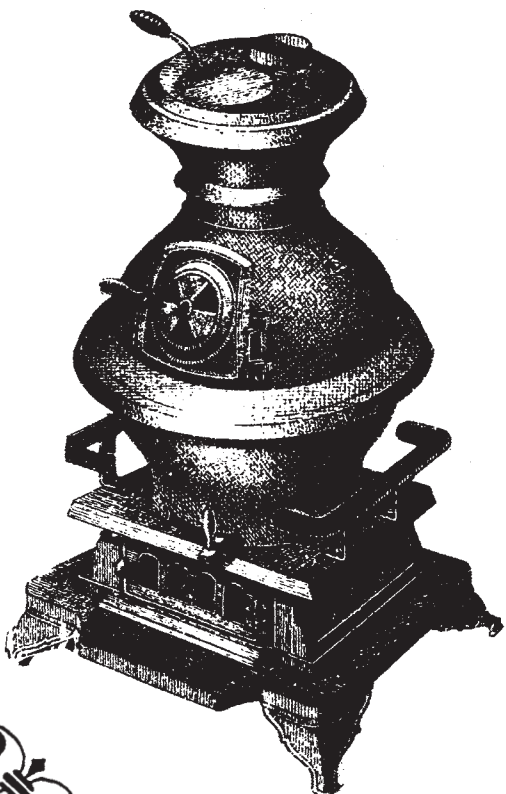
## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

**BENNINGTON.** Fallapalooza. Store-to-store trick-or-treating for gifts and games 11 am - 3 pm. Bennington Farmers' Market 10 am - 1 pm. Roaming Railroad Rides 11 am - 4 pm. Gift and food vendors open 11 am - 4 pm. Kid's activities and live entertainment 11 am - 4 p.m. (802) 442-5758. betterbennington.com.

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Spookywood. A family-friendly Halloween walk through the Champlain Valley Expo, using storytelling, dance and theater, and special effects to evoke the magic of the season. Admission: \$10. 7-10 pm. Champlain Valley Expo, 105 Pearl St. (802) 355-3107. www.spookywood.org. *Also October 30 & 31.*

**HUNTINGTON.** Workshop: Carve and Paint a Wild Turkey with David Tuttle of the Green Mountain Woodcarvers. Wood blank, eyes, snacks, and coffee provided. All levels welcome. Bring your tools and gloves if you have them; if you don't, let us know. Please bring your lunch. Fee: \$35; pre-register. 9 am - 3 pm. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. www.birdsofvermont.org.



**POULTNEY.** Annual Welsh Harvest Festival. Celebrate the rich Welsh heritage of the slate-valley area. The main festival takes place at Green Mountain College's Cerridwen Farm and features sights, sounds, and flavors from Wales. Green Mountain College, 1 Brennan Circle. (802) 287-8000. www.greenmtn.edu.

**WARDSBORO.** 13th Annual Gilfeather Turnip Festival and Gilfeather Turnip Contest. Gilfeather turnip soup, turnip recipe tastings and turnip latkes with real maple strup at the Turnip Café. Visit the Turnip Shoppe, outdoor Turnip Soup kiosk, farmer's market and craft vendors. Buy turnip seeds, turnip cookbooks, festival tee shirts, turnip-theme gifts. Enjoy live music & entertainment. Awards for the largest Gilfeather turnip grown from seed or seedling, in or out of town & most creative name with celebrity judge Tracey Medeiros. Free admission and convenient free parking. 10 am - 3 pm, rain or shine. At Town Hall, and The Big Tent—all on Main Street. (802) 896-3416. info@friendsofwardsborolib.org.

**WINDSOR.** American Precision Museum's 16th Annual Model Engineering Show and Maker Space. 9 am - 4 pm. Windsor Recreational Center, 29 Union St. (802) 674-5781. www.americanprecision.org.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

**MIDDLEBURY.** Eighth 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.

**WOODSTOCK.** 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Halloween. Children in costume receive free admission when accompanied by an adult (adults pay the regular admission fee). Admission: adults 16-61 \$14, seniors 62 and over \$13, children 5-15 \$8, children 3-4 \$4. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 5302 River Rd. north of the village green. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

**BENNINGTON.** Program: Second Annual Haunted Monument Tour. Tricks or treats, guided tours on the haunted steps, closing day sale in the gift shop. Admission \$5 adults, \$1 children ages six through 14 years; in costume: \$2 adults, under 14 free. 1-7:30 pm. Bennington Battle Monument, 15 Monument Circle. (802) 447-0550. historicites.vermont.gov.

**RUTLAND.** 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Parade. Line-up at 5:30 pm, parade at 6:30 pm. Parade route: Madison St. & Strongs Ave. to Wales St., left to West St., left onto Merchants Row ending at the plaza. (802) 773-1822. www.rutlandrec.com.

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES 2015

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

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington Battle Monument. 9 am to 5 pm daily. Admission \$3 adults, \$1 children ages six through 14 years. Children under six years and scheduled school groups are free. (802) 447-0550. historicites.vermont.gov. *Through October 31.*

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

**BURLINGTON.** Vermont International Film Festival. Tickets: adults \$10, festival pass \$120, seniors \$8, students \$5. (802) 660-2600. info@vtiff.org. vtiff.org. *October 23 through November 1.*

**BURLINGTON.** Saturday Story Time. Enjoy timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Each week, we'll choose a new picture book, a classic, or a staff favorite. We might even take audience requests! Free. 11 am. Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. kristen@phoenixbooks.biz. www.phoenixbooks.biz. *Saturdays through November 21.*

**CHESTER.** Fall Foliage Train Rides. Three round trips each day departing from Chester Depot at 10 am, 1 pm and 3 pm. Two round trips between Chester and Ludlow, and one round trip between Chester and Rockingham each day. Tickets: \$25. Vermont Rail System, Chester Depot, 535 Depot St. (802) 658-2550, (802) 376-9534. www.rails-vt.com. *Every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 19 to October 18.*

**HARTLAND.** Upper Valley Seed Savers meet on the second Thursday of the month at 5 pm at various member's gardens, through the summer. Our mission is to further knowledge about seed saving and to work on projects that will help develop a body of locally-adapted 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 or call (802) 436-3262.



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**ORWELL.** Mount Independence State Historic Site. \$5 adults, free for children under 15. Open daily, 9:30 am – 5:30 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov). May 23 – October 12.

**PITTSFORD.** Bertrand Farms Corn Maze and Hayrides. Admission \$6. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays 10 am – 6 pm. Bertrand Farm, 1907 Rt. 7. (802) 779-2184. [www.bertrandfarms.com](http://www.bertrandfarms.com). Facebook. September 26 through November 1.

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

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

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

**WEST RUTLAND.** Vermont Herbal General Store. Owned and operated by a registered pharmacist. Tai' Chi Gung classes, Tuesdays at 5 pm at the store. Free intro classes. Usul & Karuna Reiki Healings & Classes. Handmade Herbal Medicines, Oils, Essences, Crystals, Gemstones & Books. Teas, Lotions, and Capsules. Pick up a copy of *Herbs: Wild in Vermont and Other Places*. All are welcome. Open Tues & Wed 1-6, Thursday-Saturday 12-6, Sunday 1-4, closed Friday. Vermont Herbal General Store, 578 Main St. (802) 438-2766. [info@vermonthherbal.com](mailto:info@vermonthherbal.com). On Facebook and Twitter. [www.vermonthherbal.com](http://www.vermonthherbal.com).

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

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

## MUSEUMS, EXHIBITS & GALLERIES

**BARRE.** Vermont History Center and Leahy Library. Adults: \$5; families: \$12; students, children, seniors: \$3; members and children under 6: free. Monday through Friday, 9 am – 4 pm. Vermont Historical Society, 60 Washington St. (802) 479-8500. [vermonthistory.org](http://vermonthistory.org).

**BENNINGTON.** The Dollhouse and Toy Museum of Vermont. Admission is \$2 for children three and older, \$4 for adults and \$10 for families. Open Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 pm. 212 Union St. at the corner of Valentine St. (802) 681-3767. [dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com](http://dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com).

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington Center for the Arts. Theater productions, collections, workshops. Adults \$9, seniors & students \$8, families \$20, under 12 are free. Open Wed-Mon, 10 am – 5 pm. Bennington Center for the Arts, 44 Gypsy Lane. (802) 442-7158. [www.thebennington.org](http://www.thebennington.org).

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington Museum. See Bennington Pottery, the 1924 Wasp Touring Car, Vermont furniture, and the Bennington Flag—one of America's oldest flags. Lectures, workshops, concerts, films, and the George Aiken Wildflower Trail. Adults \$10, seniors and students over 18 \$9, children under 18 free. Free admission to the Gift Shop. Open 10 am - 5 pm daily except Wednesdays. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. [www.benningtonmuseum.org](http://www.benningtonmuseum.org).

**BRANDON.** Compass Music and Arts Center. Exhibit: 'What EMMA Loves.' EMMA, the East Mountain Mentoring Artists, is a group of ten Rutland-based artists, on exhibit through November 1. Arts businesses and studios, classes & workshops, exhibits, concerts, and community events. A gift shop features art and music related books, collectibles, and the music of the classical recording company, Divine Art Records. Onsite café. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Drive, Park Village, 1.5 miles north of downtown. (802) 247-4295. [www.cmacvt.org](http://www.cmacvt.org).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. Open daily 11-5, closed Tues. Admission \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$4 students, free for youth 18 and under. 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. [www.brattleboromuseum.org](http://www.brattleboromuseum.org).

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

**FERRISBURGH.** Rokeby Museum. Exhibits, buildings to tour, grounds to explore. Admission \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 students, children under 5 free. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. [rokeby@comcast.net](mailto:rokeby@comcast.net). [rokeby.org](http://rokeby.org).

**GLOVER.** Bread & Puppet Museum. One of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world housed in a 100-foot-long converted dairy barn built in 1863. Free admission. Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. (802) 525-3031. [breadandpuppet.org](http://breadandpuppet.org). Open through October.

**GRAFTON.** The Nature Museum at Grafton. Hands-on natural history exhibits, nature programs for adults and children. Admission to the Museum is free, donations welcome. Open Thursdays and Saturdays 10 am – 4 pm. 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. [nature-museum.org](http://nature-museum.org). Through Columbus Day.

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

**MANCHESTER.** Southern Vermont Art Center. Open Tues-Sat 10 am – 5 pm. Yester House Galleries, Southern Vermont Arts Center, West Rd. (802) 362-1405. [svac.org](http://svac.org).

**MANCHESTER.** Visit Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home. Summer home of presidential son, Robert Lincoln. House, gardens, Pullman car, walking trails, museum store. \$18 adults, \$5 children 6-14, under 6 free. Open daily 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Hildene, off Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 362-1788. [www.hildene.org](http://www.hildene.org).

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

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

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

**MIDDLEBURY.** The National Museum of the Morgan Horse. Exhibit: Stacey Stanhope Dundon's oil paintings, functional pottery, and full size horse heads, and local artist Gayl Braisted's paintings of barns. Gift shop full of Morgan horse t-shirts, books, and posters. Open Tuesday-Friday 1-5 pm, Saturday 10 am - 5 pm. The National Museum of the Morgan Horse (NMMH), 34 Main St. (802) 388-1639. www.morganhorse.com/museum.

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

**NORWICH.** Montshire Museum of Science. Exhibits, trails, programs, and museum store. Open 10 am - 5 pm daily. Admission \$14 adults, \$11 children 2-17, under 2 free. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. One Montshire Rd. (802) 649-2200. www.montshire.org.

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

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

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

**SHELBURNE.** Shelburne Museum. Home to the finest museum collections of 19th-century American folk art, quilts, 19th- and 20th-century decoys, and carriages. Admission: adults \$24, Vermont residents \$14, children \$7 (5-12), under 5 free. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. Shelburne Museum, 6000 Shelburne Rd. (802) 985-3346. shelburnemuseum.org. Summer hours May 1 through October 31.

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

**SPRINGFIELD.** Gallery at the VAULT. A Vermont State Craft Center featuring fine art and hand-crafted gifts from over 125 local and regional artists and craftsmen. "The Splendors of Fall—Hand Painted on Silk Scarves" by Teresa Hillary on exhibit through October 23. Exhibits, classes, workshops. Tuesday - Saturday 11 am - 5 pm. Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. galleryvault.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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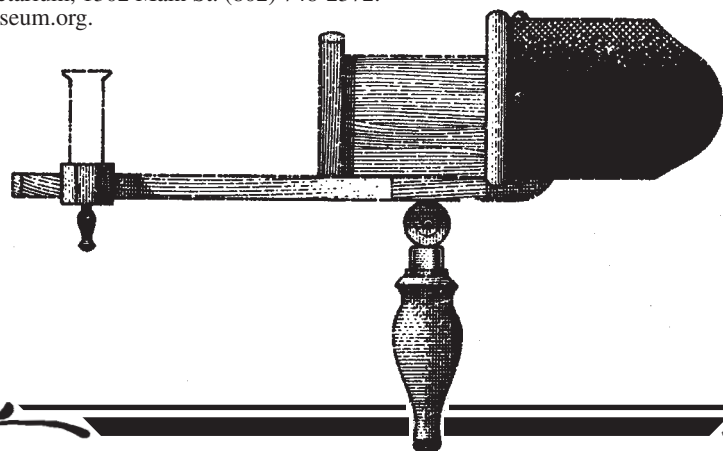
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North Country Reflections

# Middlebury's Hidden Gardens

by Judith Irven

The success of any garden is measured by the pleasure it brings to the people who use it. And, when many people use a garden, there is much pleasure to go around.

Hidden behind the walls of the Helen Porter Health and Rehabilitation Center in Middlebury is a garden that is enjoyed by hundreds of people in sundry ways. It is a garden that serves the entire Helen Porter community—not only the residents and their visitors, but also the many staff and volunteers associated with the nursing home.

On a warm summer afternoon you might see a visitor quietly chatting with an elderly parent; a couple of staff members leading a group of residents in a gentle ball game; a rehab therapist carefully guiding a patient around the smooth flat path; and a group of residents and UVM Extension Master Gardeners tending vegetables in raised beds.

And from time to time special garden events, such as annual Pumpkin Festival coming in October, draw a huge crowd.

In what follows, by means of a few personal stories, I would like to illustrate some of the ways this special garden brings happiness to its unique community.

### How the Helen Porter garden came to be

Over twenty years ago, during the initial design of the nursing home, Burlington landscape architect, Terry Boyle, proposed the building have a three-sided configuration and a south-facing orientation, specifically to create a warm and sheltered space (approximately 130' x 160') for the residents. He then added a grove of lacy honey locust trees for shade.

Credit for the careful spatial design goes to Susan Potter Davis of Weybridge, working as a volunteer Master Gardener with the enthusiastic support of Neil Gruber, the nursing home director at the time.

Completed over a decade ago, the results of her work still resonate today. She used a curved lattice fence and a long water feature to divide the overall space into two distinct gardens. Each garden offers a smooth winding circular path for pushing wheelchairs and paved sitting areas for relaxing. The smaller of the two, the Lemon Fair garden, is used primarily by memory-care residents, while the larger Otter Creek garden serves both long-term nursing home residents as well as shorter-stay rehab patients.

Soothing sounds of moving water emanate from the marvelous water feature Susan designed. Its central waterfall, flanked by large smooth rocks, is set in a 20' long shallow trough of water which can be explored by young and old alike. Susan is also quick to praise the way several local businesses stepped up to implement her unique design without charge. Thus, right from the outset, the garden was a community initiative.

### Master Gardeners get involved

In 2009 a new group of UVM Extension Master Gardeners, myself included, started a weekly gardening project at Helen Porter. First we met with several residents to find out what they would enjoy growing. The answer was lots of vegetables plus some flowers!



Master Gardener Carrie Marini shares a story with residents at the Helen Porter garden. photo by Dick Conrad

To create a new veggie garden, the staff built two new raised beds at wheelchair level in the Otter Creek garden, adding to an existing one.

Now Master Gardeners meet weekly for a delightful afternoon with interested residents, where we tend both the raised beds as well as an in-ground flower bed. More recently we added a new bed with fragrant non-toxic plants for the Lemon Fair residents. Next year there are plans for more veggies at that end too.

Our activities with the residents revolve around the time-honored gardening cycle: in April we start seeds; towards the end of May we plant outdoors; June and July are for weeding and watering; and August and September are for harvesting the edibles, as well as for arranging flowers with those so inclined. And, when Mother Nature does not oblige, a team of four volunteers take turns to stop by and water everything.

Residents are encouraged to get their hands in the soil as much—or as little—as they like. It seems everyone enjoys sampling the harvest while reminiscing about their earlier gardens. And many also love to arrange vases of flowers, as a way of taking some of the garden indoors.

### Blue Ribbons for Selina

Selina was among the initial group of residents who met with the Master Gardeners to tell us what they would like to grow. And every summer she has been a regular member of our weekly gardening sessions.

Selina has always loved growing things. All four of her grandparents were farmers in Clark, New Jersey, where they grew fresh vegetables to sell in the nearby cities. She recalls the Friday evening ritual, helping her grandparents load their trucks with freshly picked produce to sell at the Newark Farmers Market. (Of course today, in this part of New Jersey the farms are long gone, now replaced by an endless sea of houses)

Selina married a Vermonter and a naval man who was serving on the Mediterranean convoys in WW II. After the war they settled in his home town of Swanton (VT) where she raised her family and also tended a huge garden. She smiles as she recalls how passers-by would stop their cars to admire her wonderful flowers. And each summer she entered her exhibits of flowers and vegetables at the local County Fair.

Now, as a resident at Helen Porter, Selina enjoys exhibiting in the Home and Garden section at Addison County Fair and Field Days.

This year she prepared four entries from the Helen Porter garden: string beans; Swiss chard; a pint of Sun Gold cherry tomatoes; and a lovely arrangement of garden flowers. And she was completely overjoyed to hear that she had garnered three blue ribbons (highest honor) for her veggies, plus a red ribbon for her flower arrangement.

But then Selina said: 'This is our community garden and the ribbons belong to all of us'. So now, at her suggestion, all four ribbons hang proudly on the notice board in the front hall—a tribute to the entire gardening community at Helen Porter!

### Margaret and Joe

Margaret, a serene lady in her nineties, has been a resident here for just a few months. Her son Joe, who lives in Colchester and visits his mother every Monday, said that, despite the distance from his home, they chose Helen Porter for two reasons: the friendly caring staff and the lovely accessible garden.

As he gently massaged his mother's legs, Joe told me how, as a child, Margaret spent time in her parents' flower-filled conservatory. And as an adult, even while raising ten children, she always found time to grow flowers.

Today it is the flowers in the Helen Porter garden that are guaranteed to bring a smile to Margaret's face.

### Keeping everything neat and tidy

Andy Mitchell is responsible for grounds maintenance across the entire complex at Porter Hospital. But his singular pride is the nursing home garden. He clips the shrubs, mows the lawn and rakes the leaves. He also greets all the residents by name and cheers on the volunteer Master Gardeners!

As Selina remarked to me recently 'Andy does such a wonderful job in the courtyard, keeping everything looking so nice for all of us!'

### Many users and many gardeners

These stories illustrate a few ways this special garden brings pleasure to the entire Helen Porter community. To paraphrase a well-known saying:

It takes a community to raise a garden!

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### A Vagabond Song

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

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# Crisp Fall Days & Old-Fashioned Apple Treats

These recipes were published over 80 years ago by Ella Shannon Bowles and Dorothy S. Towle from Durham, New Hampshire. They were collected from dishes served during the previous 200 years and represent the ingenuity of New England cooks.

## Boiled Cider Pie

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

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

## Deep-Dish Apple Pie

1 quart sliced apples	1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup molasses	1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 cup sugar	1 tablespoon diced salt pork
2 cups hot water	

Cover the parings and cores of the apples with water and simmer until soft. Strain the pulp, and add the liquid to the apples. Arrange the apples in a round twelve-inch baking pan. Mix the molasses and sugar with the hot water and pour over the apples. Sprinkle with the salt and pepper and bits of pork. Place in the oven and bake slowly at 325 degrees F. The apples should turn dark red while baking. One-half hour before time for serving, remove from the oven and cover with a crust.

### Crust

1 cup yellow corn meal	3/4 cup clarified fat
1 cup flour	Cold water
1 teaspoon salt	

Mix the corn meal, flour, and salt with your fingers or with a pastry mixer. Rub in the fat. Stir in the cold water until the dough is of the consistency of pie crust. Roll, prick with a fork, and place lightly over the apples, tucking in the edges of the crust around the rim of the pan. Bake fifteen minutes in a moderate oven at 375 degrees F. During the last five minutes, if necessary, raise the temperature of the oven to 450 degrees to brown. Serve warm with sauce.

### Caramel Sauce

3/4 cup maple syrup	1/3 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 cup light cream	

Combine the ingredients and stir until well mixed. Heat to the boiling point and cook three minutes. Pour two tablespoons of sauce over each serving of pie.

## Squash Pie

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

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

## Spiced Cider

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

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



Ram rests in the autumn woods in Central Vermont.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

## Apple Batter Pudding

3 apples	2 1/2 cups flour
1/4 cup chopped nuts	1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup chopped raisins	3 teaspoons baking powder
2 tablespoons brown sugar	2 tablespoons shortening
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon	1 cup milk
1 cup white sugar	2 eggs, well beaten

Pare and core the apples and place them in a buttered shallow baking pan. Fill the cavities with the nuts, raisins, brown sugar, and cinnamon. Sift the white sugar with the flour, salt, and baking powder. Melt the shortening and add to the milk and stir in the eggs. Combine the two mixtures and turn the batter over the apples. Bake twenty minutes in a moderate oven, 375°F. Serves eight. Serve with a lemon sauce or whipped cream.



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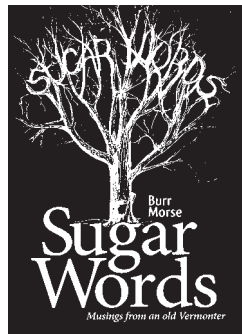
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## Cow Time

by Will Templer, 1899

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

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

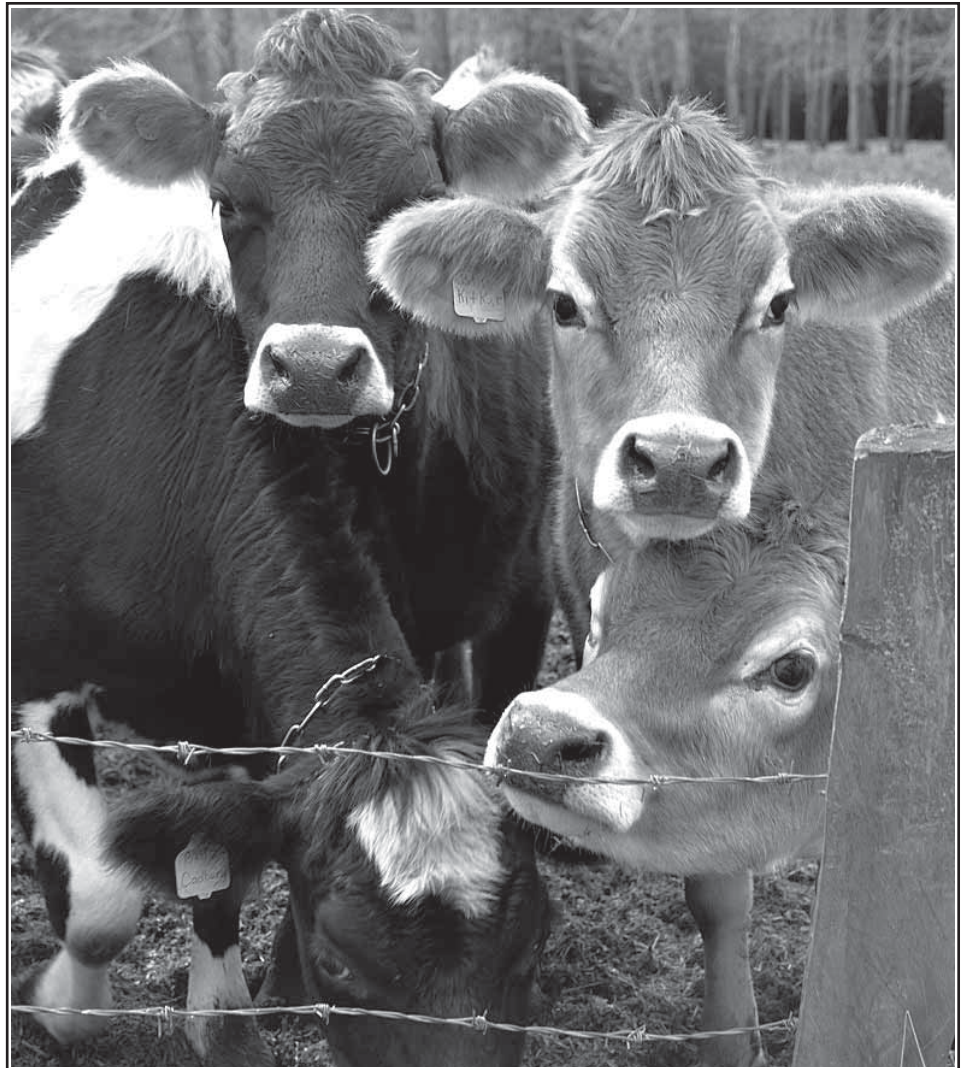
Wait, dog; stand back, right where you are; I'll show that chuck a trick.  
Stand back, I say, and wait a bit; I'll poke him with a stick.  
Jab! Jab! It's deep, that woodchuck hole; see how it twists and bends.  
Oh! there he runs! I should have known—some chuck holes have two ends.  
I'm down; no matter,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

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

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

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

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



Jerseys and Holsteins hanging out in their autumn pasture in Central Vermont.  
photo by Nancy Cassidy

## Be Alert to Avoid Moose on the Highway

Drivers need to be alert and cautious because moose are on the move, according to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

Moose are more likely to be crossing roadways at this time of year, especially after dark or early in the morning. The peak of their breeding season is late September and early October.

"Seeing a moose is one of the most treasured wildlife memories for many Vermonters, an experience they will take with them the rest of their lives," said Vermont Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter. "We want you to enjoy seeing

them from a distance. But keep in mind that moose are very active this time of year, and they will be crossing highways more often."

Moose are a threat to motorists, but there are measures you can take to avoid hitting them:

- Always be aware of the danger—moose cross the road randomly, as well as at their regular crossings.

- Increase your roadside awareness and reduce your speed when you see MOOSE CROSSING signs along the highway. When on secondary roads, the recommended speed is 40 mph or less in these moose crossing areas.

- Drive defensively and don't overdrive your headlights. Moose are more active at night and early morning, and they are difficult to see because of their dark color.

- If you see a moose ahead, slow down or stop. Trying to speed past them "before they can move" can be a serious mistake.

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- Rt. 114 from East Burke to Canaan.
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- Interstate 89 from Bolton to Montpelier.
- Rt. 12 from Worcester to Elmore.
- Rt. 118 near Belvidere Corners and the Rt. 109 intersection.

Last year, 65 moose were in collisions with motor vehicles or trains (44 so far this year). 18 people have died in motor vehicle collisions with moose on Vermont highways since 1985.

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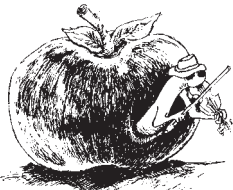
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# Corn, Corn, Corn

by Burr Morse

Corn, corn everywhere and not a kernel to eat. That's the way it is here in Vermont this time of year when all the gardens have gone the way of Jack Frost and what's left are only fields of peaked-looking corn stalks saved for the cows. Yup, that's the way cows like their corn, frost-hardened, kernel-dented, and chopped into little tiny pieces. In Vermont, farmers don't pick, harvest, glean, or gather their corn—they chop it. Although corn chopping brings nostalgia as big as silos, it's a wonder that anyone ever survived a single season; the history of chopping corn is rife with man-eating machinery and careless ways.

Our Allis Chalmers chopper was connected to an Allis D-17 tractor via a long hitch pole and a brutal power take off shaft. The chopper, resembling a pumpkin-orange Brontosaurus creeping through the cornfield, was followed by our black '48 Ford farm truck with high sides. The person driving the D-17, usually my father, had to somehow "zero" the thing in on a single corn row while using the proper gearing and engine speed. For the duration of chopping season, he needed the pivotal dexterity of a hoot owl. It was essential to keep his eyes on both the chopper's thousand moving parts and the corn rows ahead. The Ford had a jumpy clutch, a grinding transmission, and a flathead V-8 engine that stalled at the drop of a hat. The Ford's driver, constantly blinded by a "sand storm" of corn silage, had to "match bumpers" with the chopper at 5 mph through mudholes and sidehills. That old Ford had more idiosyncrasies than the corn field had stalks; a person who could successfully drive it deserved the unofficial title of "master of anything on wheels".

There wasn't a lot of danger out in the corn field except for the constant temptation to jump in the chopper's opening out of sheer frustration built up from all the breakdowns and plug ups! The real danger came back at the silo with the unloading. It was usually a quagmire out there since "Murphy's" design for chopping season was most always torrential rain.

Our silo, an old wood-stave Unadilla, was thirty feet high. It was fed by a ten-inch steel pipe which went from the extremely "unforgiving" blower to an opening in the silo's dome. The blower was powered by a slapping leather belt which was spun at frightening RPMs by the pulley of an

*"That's the way it is here in Vermont when all the gardens have gone the way of Jack Frost..."*

ancient farm tractor. The most dangerous part of the blower, however, was a long trough with an endless chain conveyer. The conveyor had paddles which were designed to convey corn silage, or anything else that might fall in the trough, into the blower.

When the Ford truck was full, we'd drive it to the silo area and ram it backwards, through the mud, to where it would empty into the trough. It had a dump body and after we unlatched the tailgate, we raised the body to an angle that would allow gravity to help with removing the silage but not let the whole load spill out all at once. Then we started the blower tractor and "threw her into gear". One of us climbed into the silo to level the blown silage; the other stayed outside to pull the stuff steadily from the truck with an implement fashioned from a long iron pipe and a potato digger.

To this day, I have nightmares thinking of that moving conveyer; one misstep and the guy unloading the truck would have been drawn right into the blower's gaping maw. My brother, Elliott, said one time the blower "swallowed itself". He was up high in the silo doing the leveling and all of a sudden there was a deafening clatter. "I scrambled to the edge of the silo and stood there with my back pasted to the wall. Shrapnel was sprayin' all around me and all I could do was pray that none of it would hit me!" he said.

It must have started with the conveyer chain breaking and being "sucked" into the blower and up the pipe; it ended with a total voiding of the blower's bowels until there was enough spare parts mixed in with the silage to repair a battleship. Luckily Elliott escaped injury that day but said he and Dad



An old wood-stave silo at the Allen Butler farm in East Montpelier, VT. photo by Claude Stone

spent several days separating metal from cattle feed and somehow toggling that blower back into working order.

To this day I'm still full of nostalgia about chopping corn. I loved the fermented smell of the puckery ooze that seeped from the silo's bottom. I loved driving that old Ford bumper to bumper with the chopper, guided by "by-guess-and-by-glory" through a tiny hole in its corn coated windshield. I loved the feel of blown silage against my face, danger be damned.

We no longer chop corn at Morse Farm so it's a clear-cut case for nostalgia. We do, however, "flaunt" foliage season to the thousands of tourists who come here. I love the crispness of autumn and the beauty that surrounds us; it's almost nature at its absolute perfection. Like an expensive steak, however, there's always room for a little seasoning and from my point of view, autumn is only perfectly "seasoned" when you have a field of corn to chop.

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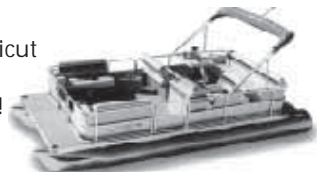
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# North Country Book News

Children's Book Reviews by Charles Sutton

## Pumpkins, Apples & Autumn Leaves—Fall is Here!

The change of seasons from summer to fall makes all outdoors look different. Fall harvest foods and events, and our stories have a new mood and everything is on the move.

Imagine a father and young daughter wandering around on a beautiful fall day, having a good time looking, even just asking questions: What else? How come? How about? and What do you like? In *Ask Me* by Bernard Waber and illustrated by Suzy Lee (\$16.99, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, [www.hmhc.com](http://www.hmhc.com)), you can enjoy every moment of the father-daughter team on their question-and-answer trek through the swirling fall leaves. In one memorable full two-page spread the two-some take the rest beneath tree under a blanket the colorful laves. You'll find much about the young girl, too. She likes dogs, cats, turtles, geese, frogs, butterflies and lightning bugs, bees and flowers, digging in the sand, an ice cream cone, and best of all at day's end she likes Dad putting her to bed with teddy and kangaroo and two good-night kisses. And Dad remembers to leave the door open. Their fall day in such a splash of colors will warm your heart.

This is still camping season, but suppose you park your camper in the middle of the 'Great Forest,' disturbing wildlife that are used to being alone in peace and harmony? Find out what these wild animals can do when their home at Howling Hill is invaded in *The Big Blue Thing on The Hill* by Yuval Zommer (\$16.99, Candlewick Press, [www.candlewick.com](http://www.candlewick.com)). Here's a book that one can't wait to turn the next page to see what happens. No, actually, you'll delay on each page to study the amazing animal drawings.

The Big Blue Thing is a vintage VW camper which the animals view as a terrifying sight, possibly a meteorite or spaceship or elephant. "It's trouble," said the foxes. And the foxes were right. As the story unfolds the foxes, weasels, boars, badgers, bears and wolves fail to remove the blue monster with their howls, pushing it downhill and trying to dig it out. In desperation they seek the advice of "Wisest Old Owl" who summons the smallest forest friends—the bees and wasps, midges and skitters, to form a big bug flying squad. They zoom inside the monster to whizz and buzz, and nip and sting, if necessary. The Wisest Old Owl had been right! With a roar and a rumble the Big Blue Thing turned tail and fled back down Howling Hill. And the animals' peaceful kingdom returns, but with a surprise ending. This is a book you'll enjoy again and again.

Giant pumpkins may win prizes every fall, but what about a giant apple? You'll be totally amused while following the life of one such apple in *Just One Apple* by Janosch (\$17.95, North/South, [www.northsouth.com](http://www.northsouth.com)). Our lonely hero Walter has his wish come true when his dormant apple tree finally

produces one apple. Walter lets the lone apple grow so big he has to struggle to get it to market, but then sadly nobody will buy it, believing it isn't real. "No one has ever seen such a huge apple. It can't possibly be real." The mean townsfolk change their tune, however, when a monstrous green dragon descends upon the kingship. Walter's giant apple saves the day when the dragon chokes to death trying to devour it. A much happier Walter now wishes his apple tree would give him two marketable-sized apples next year.

The German-born author-artist Janosch (real name Horst Eckert) who studied at the Academy of Art in Munich, has published over 100 books for children in 30 languages. His drawing are original, amusing, almost surrealistic.

Now's the time to check your chimneys to make sure there's a safe passage for all that smoke. Could be a chimney swift nest might be in the way. Just as the title suggests, *Spit & Stick—A Chimney Full of Swifts* by Marilyn Grohoske Evans and illustrated by Nicole Gsell (\$16.95, Charlesbridge, [www.charlesbridge.com](http://www.charlesbridge.com)), swifts do indeed make unique half-saucer shaped nests pasted together with small sticks and their own spit.

This is a delightful book about the family and farm and the stub-tailed, cigar-shaped swifts that call it home from early spring until late fall. We learn that the swifts winter over in the Amazon region of South America and migrate to North America and Canada in the spring. A declining species, they are protected by state and federal wildlife codes.

The pair of swifts and their babies are pictured here spending the season with the farm family who gladly share their chimney and love of these special guests.

Time is fast approaching to get pumpkins for Halloween. To learn more about this fascinating autumn vegetable – no, actually it's a 'fruit'—then read and enjoy *Pumpkins* by Jacqueline Farmer and illustrated by Phyllis Limbacher Tildes (\$7.95 paper, Charlesbridge, [www.charlesbridge.com](http://www.charlesbridge.com)).

We'll find out that the term jack-o-lantern actually came from an Irish folktale about a foolish man named Stingy Jack who lit his way with a burning coal inside a carved out turnip! People called him Jack-o'-Lantern or Jack of the Lantern, hence the name we use today for our pumpkins.

We'll see pictures of orange, red, white and even blue pumpkins including the Atlantic giant pumpkin that may weight more than your whole family. People in South America have been eating pumpkins for thousands of years and they have been grown for hundreds of years by native Americans for food and medicine. There's a recipe for pumpkin pie flavored with maple syrup. And as a bonus learn how to say pumpkin in 12 other languages including *pumpa* in Swedish, *calabaza* in Mexican, and *yucca* in Italian.

While you and your family are in the woods this fall admiring the foliage, be on the lookout for nut trees; maybe even those scarce butternut trees, if you are lucky. To help you and your children in such a quest, *Let's Go Nuts – Seeds We Eat* by April Pulley Sayre (\$16.99, Simon and Schuster, [www.simonandschuster.com](http://www.simonandschuster.com)), is an introduction to all kinds of edible nuts and also beans, grains, and even some spices. Full-page color eye-catching photographs identify many of the nuts we may see on the tree or in the market: Brazil nuts, butternuts, black walnuts, English walnuts, peanuts, pine nuts, macadamia, cashew nuts, pistachios, nutmeg, chestnuts, hickory nuts, hazelnuts, pecans and even coconuts. This will inspire us to 'lets go nuts' with our fall and holiday treats!



## Phoenix Books Rutland—New Bookstore Opens September 28

Phoenix Books Rutland, borne through a community-supported pre-buy program and local investment, will celebrate its grand opening September 28, followed two days later by an event with arguably Vermont's most successful author, Chris Bohjalian.

Rutland resident Tricia Huebner, who will manage the store, and with her husband, Tom, is a co-owner, said her excitement has been building for weeks as space was renovated and inventory began to arrive.

"We've created a spectacular space that will be welcoming and warm, and will fill a need not just for books, but for discussion and debate and connecting with one another," Huebner said. "This is a dream fulfilled for me personally, and for a lot of people in Rutland County."

Michael DeSanto, co-owner of Phoenix Books Rutland and founder of the first Phoenix Books in Essex, and later a branch in Burlington, VT, said, "We've been blessed with incredible community support."

Green Mountain Power, with support from the Downtown Rutland Partnership,

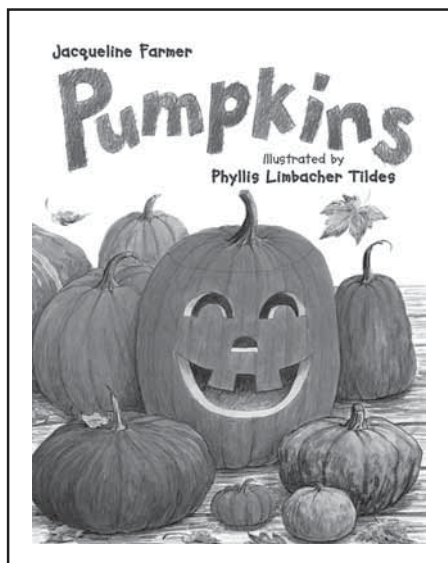
Mayor Chris Louras, and a variety of local residents, organizations and businesses, recruited Phoenix Books to open the store in Rutland. GMP Vice President Steve Costello enlisted more than 50 people and businesses to pre-buy \$1,000 worth of books each last fall to support the store.

"I thought he was kidding when we met for the first time and he said he already had \$30,000 committed," DeSanto said. "I've never seen a community rally like Rutland has rallied around us. It is humbling."

Phoenix Books Rutland will be hosting community and book & author events.

As part of the Grand Opening, Vermont author Chris Bohjalian will read from and answer questions about his new book, *Close your Eyes, Hold Hands*. The event is free at 7 pm, held at Green Mountain Power's Energy Innovation Center (EIC) at 68-70 Merchants Row.

Phoenix Books Rutland is located at 2 Center St. in Rutland, VT. Open 10-6, Mon-Sat. For more information, call (802) 855-8078 or visit [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz).



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# Putting Food By

## Collecting and Preserving the Harvest

This is the season when the kitchen replaces the garden as the place to be. The harvest is in—bake that apple pie, can or freeze those vegetables and cure that meat. Fall foods are here. Eat and enjoy! Here is some reading to help you along your way.

Ever wonder if you could do more in your kitchen, preserving, canning, even making artisan cheeses and homemade sourdough bread? Then *The Backyard Homestead—Book of Kitchen Know-How* by Andrea Chesman (\$19.95, Storey Publishing, [www.storey.com](http://www.storey.com)), will give you 350 pages of tempting food ideas for your kitchen.

As a starter here's a typical day in her homestead kitchen: "Kimchi may be fermenting in the cool spot under the sink. Bread may be rising on top the refrigerator where the heat collects. In the refrigerator, salt pork may be curing, and in the slow cooker, lard or chicken fat may be rendering. Attached to one of the cupboard handles, cheesecloth may be draining whey from cheese curds into a bowl on the counter. Yogurt may be culturing under a blanket by the wood stove or in a picnic cooler."

And she adds "When you are homesteading, working in the kitchen is a never-ending journey." She gives us intricate details and advice on preserving and preparing an amazing variety of food while living on a one-acre homestead in Ripton, VT.

"I make a few gallons of maple syrup every year from just five maple trees. I have harvested and preserved lots of different fruits and plenty of wild foods...I have managed to barter or buy raw milk, pastured meats, free-range eggs and honey for most of my adult life."

And "I have cooked woodchuck, venison, frog's legs, rabbit, guinea fowl, ducks, and geese, wild and farmed."

Be surprised and enjoy learning many of her skills preparing these and other foods. For an example, in addition to common meats, she shows how to cut up and prepare goat, rabbit, guinea fowl and how to spatchcock (remove backbone and flatten the bird) poultry including ducks, geese and turkey.

Living by the principle of 'waste not, want not,' Chesman shows how to handle, clean, package and freeze edible innards like gizzards, hearts and liver. With her meats there are also intricate drawings to show every primal and retail cut.

The author says each of her chapters could be expanded into a cookbook itself. She gives us a great deal of information. She writes about processing, preserving and especially preparing one's own home-grown fruits and vegetables, and she gives us plenty of bonus ideas. Among them is how to freeze eggs, making one's own beef jerky, pureeing fruit and drying it into a chewy leather, making apple cider syrup, extracting honey from the comb, creating fruit liqueurs, making aioli (a Cantonian garlic and oil spread), and preparing Swedish gravlax salmon.

The author provides us with detailed drawings of pots and pans, knives, and all kinds of cooking gear. She even shows the kettles needed to boil maple sap on your stove!

One of the most impressive gifts of this book are its comprehensive charts of information needed to preserve or to prepare various foods. Chesman shares homestead recipes using the very foods she has grown, processed or preserved. Some that might tempt you include: a Middle Eastern egg and

vegetable dish called Shakshuka; Sag Paneer, Indian creamed spinach and cheese; Berbere lentils, an Ethiopian dish; rabbit or chicken ragu with rigatoni; pimento-crusted pork chops; boiled tongue with mustard sauce; and orange-scented polenta honey cake.

The author's other cookbooks included *The Pickled Pantry—Recipes from the Root Cellar*, *Serving up The Harvest*, and *The New Vegetarian Grill*. She also gives cooking classes and demonstrations.

Chesman lived on a rural 'back-to-the-land' community in New York State before moving to Vermont in 1980. She is married and has two grown sons.

As a final note she thanks her readers for "letting her into their kitchens", but after reading this book, we should all thank her for letting us into her magical kitchen.

Ever go into an Italian deli or grocery store and been intrigued by those tightly-packaged meats (looking like small footballs) hanging from the ceiling. And with such interesting names. Now one can find out how they are made and of what meats and spices in *Drying Pork—Make Your Own Salami, Pancetta, Coppa, Prosciutto and More* by Hentor Kent (\$19.95, Countrymen Press, [www.countrymenpress.com](http://www.countrymenpress.com)).

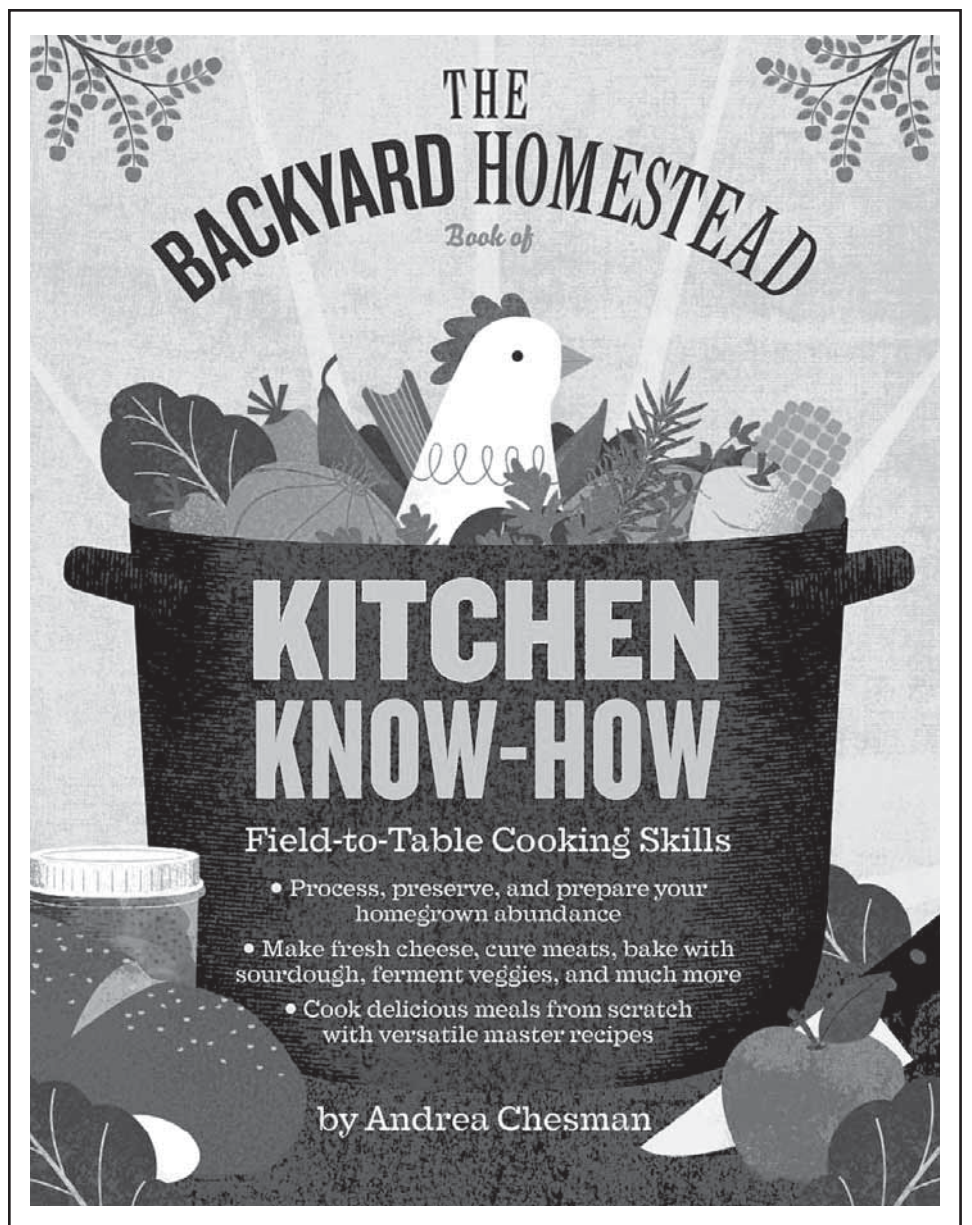
The author, a biology teacher, started experimenting with dry-curing after being given a couple of piglets by some friends while living in Portland, Oregon. He and his family now live in East Barnard, VT, where he continues to teach and dry-cure pork.

"As the last leaves fall off the maples, our extended family gathers and we begin the process of paying our respects to the recently killed pigs," he writes. "We do this not with band saws to put pork chops destined to end up in the depths of the freezer, but by carefully segmenting whole pieces of beautifully marbled, dark-red muscles into their natural forms. We continue the ode to pork by salting, drying, and finally thinly slicing meat on to a plate with a little cracked pepper and lemon."

His experience as a do-it-yourselfer plus having filtered through thousands of pages of research and data on dried-cured meats has led to this definitive textbook on dry-curing meats just as has been done in Italy and other Mediterranean countries for centuries. His instructions include preparing the meat, proper salting, drying conditions and times, packaging, and tips on safety. Then term 'cured' means the meats have been modified through the application of either salt, sugar or smoke and they are never cooked.

If you don't ever try dry-curing your own meat, then here's what to look for at that Italian deli, thanks to this author's guide: Copplette (long, thin slices of salted meat tied together in pairs); Pancetta (dry-cured pork belly); Jambons de Camont (cured and dry-smoked ham muscles); Carnitas (fatty pork scraps fried until crispy); Guanciale (dry-cured jowl of pig); Coppa (the best parts of the pig); Fiocco (made from shin meat of back leg); Culattlo (muscle mass from the back leg); Lardo (cured fat); Speck (skin-on, deboned butterfly ham, salted, cold smoked and dried); Prosciutto (whole bone-in, skin-on ham, salted, dried and aged).

The author gives us extra instructions for making salami, a type of sausage that goes through a fermentation process in addition to being dried. Included are making Genoa salami where the meat is finely ground; spicy



red pepper salami; and Nduja-inspired salami (meat and extra fat). Also covered in the book are instructions for bacon, dry-curing pork loin with juniper and garlic; and Mediterranean dry-cured hams.

Among the author's suggestions for eating your dry-cured meats are a breakfast sandwich with English muffin, fried egg, Alpine-style cheese, crispy spicy Coppa and avocado. For a farm sandwich, he recommends sourdough bread, salami, Monterey Jack cheese, fresh tomato and red torpedo onion. For your surplus of Brussels sprouts try adding Pancetta, garlic and red pepper flakes. It's one of his favorites.

Need help in deciding what to do with this fall's crop of apples? Then *The Apple Orchard Cookbook* by Janet M. Christensen and Betty Bergman Levin (\$12.95, *The Countrymen Press*, [www.countrymenpress.com](http://www.countrymenpress.com)) will give you more than 100 easy-to-follow and tasty recipes where the apple is center-stage in your kitchen and on your dining room table.

This cookbook is seasoned with some interesting quotes, quips, tips and unusual information about apples. We learn all apples consist of 85% water, all have 10 seeds, are members of the rose family, and that the crab apple is parent to all apple varieties now growing. A good tip is to add an apple to a bag of potatoes to keep them from sprouting. We learn there are 8,000 varieties of apples known throughout history and 2,500 of them can be found in America.

Considering 100 countries in the world now grow apples, this and other cookbooks are more frequently offering foreign recipes as well as ones reflecting ethnic and regional preferences. In *The Apple Orchard Cookbook*, bakers and cooks can try Swedish ham balls made with chopped apples, Scandina-

vian apple soup, chicken Pomme Florentine, Vermont apple butter, Danish aebleskage (apple cake), Dutch apple cake, Bavarian apple almond torte, Jewish apple kugel, and Viennese apple strudel.

If one would like baking a different apple pie than the traditional one, this cookbook has nine tempting recipes for apple cheese pie, apple custard cream pie, apple praline pie, caramel apple pie, cranberry-glazed cheese pie, grated apple meringue pie, honey apple pie and sour cream apple pie.

The *Apple Orchard Cookbook* also has a few suggestions eliciting remarks from family or guests of, "Well, what have we here?" These recipes include a curried apple and banana soup, an apple and sausage quiche, a shrimp and scallop apple casserole, and an appetizer of Danish marinated herring mixed with a Granny Smith apple.

The authors are food writers and editors in the Boston area. The first edition of *The Apple Orchard Cookbook* was printed 30 years ago. They hope this updated version retains the beloved 'homespun' taste of apples.

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Take a horse-drawn wagon ride to the Pumpkin Patch at Cedar Circle Farm in East Thetford, VT.

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**East Thetford, VT**

# 13th Annual Pumpkin Festival at Cedar Circle Farm

Pumpkin season is a special time of the year at Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center in East Thetford, VT. The 13th Annual Pumpkin Festival, always held on Columbus Day weekend at the height of fall foliage, takes place Sunday, October 11, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This popular, rain or shine harvest festival, attracting more than 1500 visitors each year, offers Fall family fun on the farm including pumpkin picking, horse-drawn wagon rides, engaging children's activities, cider pressing, visiting owls, live music from local bands, and plenty of good eats!

Throughout the day, hop on a horse-drawn wagon and take a ride to the pumpkin patch, with farm guides aboard to talk about organic agriculture on the farm. Taste some freshly-pressed apple cider, that you can even press yourself!

**Live music, food, and entertainment!**

Enjoy live music from talented local bands on the main stage, under the tent. The morning act from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Blind Squirrel, led by Thetford native Bill Shepard, draws on Irish, Appalachian, Canadian, and New England sounds. Jeanne & The Hi-Tops bring high-energy soul and roots music from 1 to 3 p.m.

Children's entertainment takes place in the "Enchanted Forest" in our circle of cedar trees, the farm's namesake. Musical acts feature the Swing Peepers, an interactive music duo, who perform at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2 p.m. The Revels Mumpers, part of the Norwich-based Revels North group, perform intermittently between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Other activities include face painting, crafts, and wreath making, as well as learning about the visiting owl from

Vermont Institute of Natural Science from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The "Good Food" Concession opens at 11 a.m. featuring delicious organic food grown and prepared on the farm, to include salads, hearty soups and desserts, as well as grilled local sausages and organic ice cream. Northeast Organic Farmers Association (NOFA-VT) returns with their wood-fired mobile pizza oven.

The farm's Hello Café will be serving coffee drinks during festival, and the farmstand, which features an abundance of organic produce, fall flowers, and farm-made sauces, jams, spreads, and pestos, will be open until 5 p.m.

**Lots of information and farm tours**

Gather information about food, farm equipment, and alternative energy sources by visiting our community educational displays. Take a stroll around the farm and follow our self-guided farm tour.

The Share the Harvest raffle features an array of prizes from local businesses, and proceeds go toward NOFA-VT's Farm Share Program. With this community supported raffle, the Farm Share Program can help more local families every year with a season of wholesome and organic fruits and vegetables from Cedar Circle Farm. Tickets for the raffle are available at the CCF table by the main tent, and the drawing takes place at 2 p.m.

Entry fee to the festival is \$10 per vehicle. Please leave pets at home. Guests are encouraged to bring their own serving ware, as the goal is to minimize waste and carry on our tradition of just two bags of trash generated at the festival.

"We could not host this festival without the generous

spirits of our more than 50 volunteers," says Lindsay Pattison, CCF's outreach and communications coordinator. "We have volunteers as young as seven helping out with our kid's activities and waste recovery stations, and some families volunteer for the entire day, including helping out with our set-up and tear-down. At our festivals, you will find the heart of our community. I'm honored to be a part of it."

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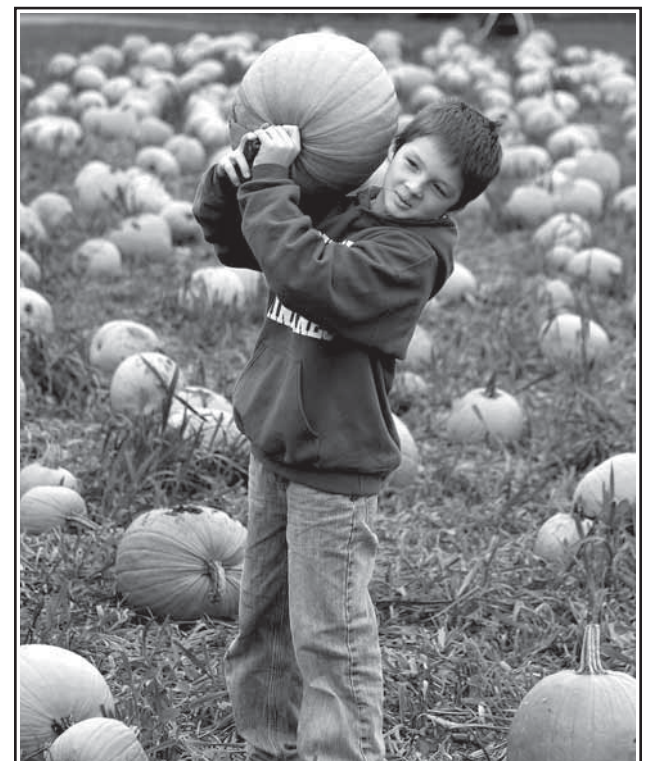
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**2094 Chelsea.** 30 acres of land – driveway and campsite on good trout brook – year-round gravel road – close to village.....**Price \$49,500.**

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