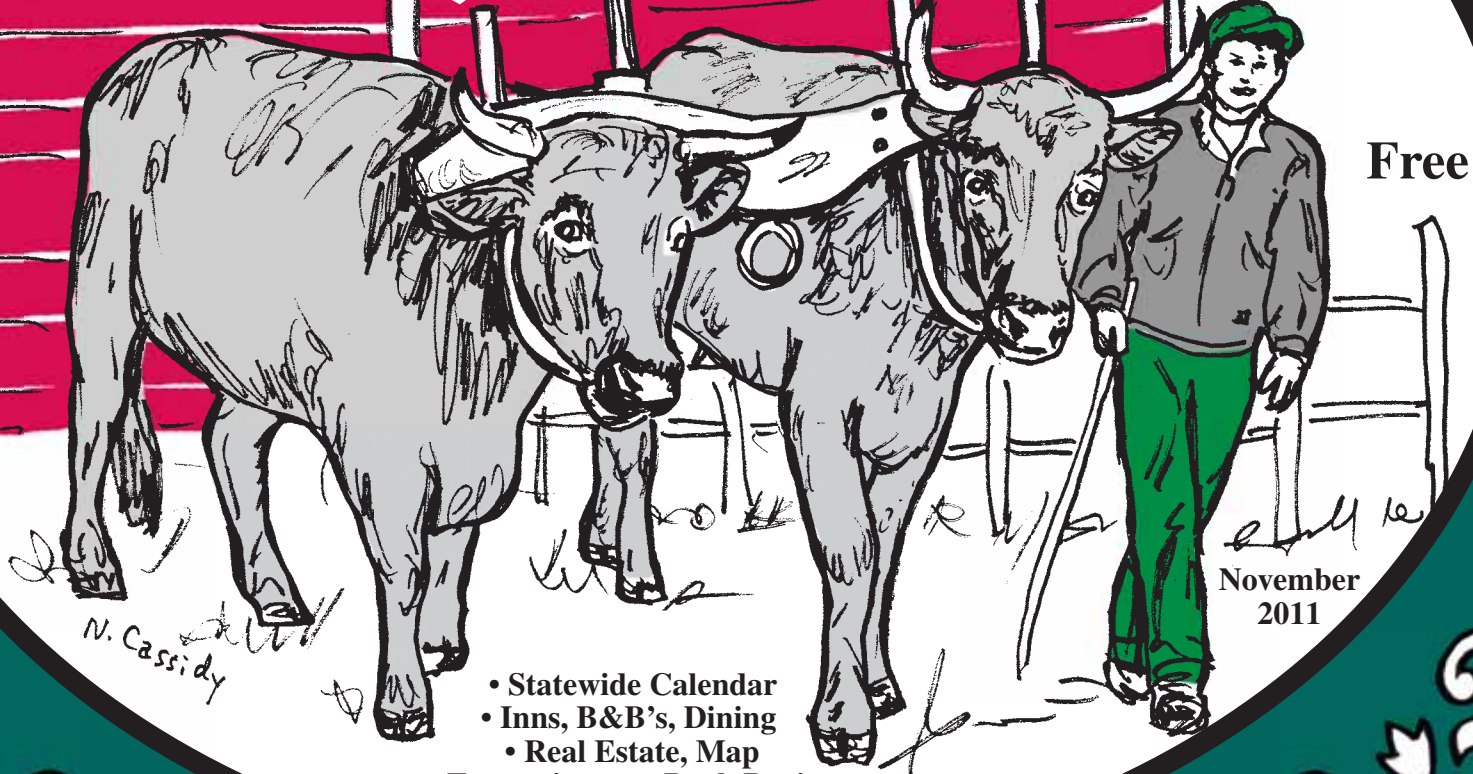


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Autumn Restlessness

by Bill Felker

Readers of almanacs are, for the most part, domestic people; untamed nomads know their stars and seasons; they buy no statistics or predictions. It is the industrious but stationary middle class of town and country, not the free spirit, which has patronized the Poor Richards and Poor Wills and Poor Robins faithfully since the 17th century.

But even almanackers feel the tug of autumn restlessness which pulls the wanderer south to other pastures. They do not follow that call, but they ponder its timing and meaning, forecasting its waxing intensity through the full of the November moon.

Modern survival demands a sedentary expertise which must deny and mortify the migratory instinct. But that instinct goes deep, nonetheless. A twist in the weather can rouse it, September fogs, long flocks of blackbirds, harvest, frost, the turning leaves.

Geese always remind us we are pilgrims, even though they themselves winter over on our ponds. Quiet with their young through the summer, they suddenly take to the air at the end of August. The cry of a goose defines new responsibilities: the world to discover and remake.

Robins pass through at the end of October; if you find their corridor, the flock seems prehistoric in dimension. It takes weeks to pass Glen Helen. And its sound evokes the collective past; it is the talk of the ancestors. The buzzards along the flightway hear it, wings spread to the sun, watching the infinite redbreasts. They know the world is still not too old or polluted, and that there is time left.

The trees send signals clear enough for any creature to understand. The canopy is gone, and now it is time for



A lone moose looks back at a visitor in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. photo by Nancy Cassidy

something else. There is a plain message in the drop of the last mulberry leaves. It is time to be off. The smell of decaying plants and fallen apples, and the short cool afternoons are universal words, and we understand them without the aid of mentors.

The fields are places for nostalgia now. There is a poignancy in the bloom of the last asters. They remind us what will happen to us. The end of the year tells the future simply enough. Against the fear of death or the fear of being left behind, migration seems to offer compensation.

If we join the flocks that follow their hearts purely, we will escape with them the predetermined advance of Winter. Against the sadness at overwhelming change, we want to obey the higher laws of vagabondage, instead of the stiff, artificial constructs of society.

In the destruction of the garden by the frost, there is a loosening of bonds, a new freedom, and when the canopy is off the woodlot, it is easier to see beyond the black branches into the open sky south. Then the first light snow accelerates a sense of panic and excitement, and deepens the need to move on before it's too late.

This is what Thoreau called the eleventh hour of the year. When we think about "the life we might have lived" had we followed the robin's flyway corridor, and we wonder about what Sir Thomas Browne said—that the world itself might be "in the wane," that "time may be too short for our designs."

But finally, in the quiet aftermath of December, we overcome the crisis, ignore it or deny it; reason, habit or economic necessity convincing us that in just four months it will be Spring again, and that there is barely time to be ready.

We believe the Almanack. The more ancient voice is suppressed, and we stay behind.

AUTUMN RAFTERS

Now rafters in the attic and the shed
 And smokehouse hold the magic stored away:
 The silvery green of sage, and peppers, red
 As sunset embers on the hills today,
 And golden rows of seed corn hung to dry,
 And hams and bacon, russet-brown, with beads
 Of salty flavor, and the dill, swung high,
 To peek from bundles with bright eyes of seeds.

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

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A Vermont Almanack for Late Fall

by Bill Felker

Keenly observed, the world is transformed. The landscape is gorged with detail, every movement on it chillingly sharp. The air between people is charged. Days unfold, bathed in their own music. Nights come hallucinatory; dreams prescient.

—Gretel Erlich

The Phases of the The Second Spring Moon And the Sandhill Crane Migration Moon.

Leaf fall coincides with the first days of second spring, which are actually the first days of next spring. March's purple deadnettle comes up in the garden. Wood mint produces new stalks. Watercress revives in the sloughs. Next May's sweet rockets and next July's avens send up fresh basal leaves. When Second Spring slows in the colder weather, sandhill cranes move south, and the haunting cries of the cranes bring in Early Winter.

October 26: The Second Spring Moon is new at 2:56 p.m.

November 2: The Second Spring Moon enters its second quarter at 11:38 a.m.

November 10: The moon is full at 3:16 p.m.

November 18: The moon enters final quarter at 10:09 a.m.

November 25: The Sandhill Crane Migration Moon is new at 1:10 a.m.

The Sun's Progress

On Sunday, November 6, Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. Set clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 5. On November 22, the sun enters Sagittarius.

The Shooting Stars

The Leonid meteors fall after midnight on November 17-18. The rising moon could complicate finding these meteors, but the Leonids are usually numerous and bright enough to make it worth your while to stay up to watch them.

The Planets

November: Venus in Ophiuchus flirts with the eastern horizon before dawn, and with the western horizon around sundown. Find Mars in Leo (east of Cancer) about 3 a.m. Jupiter in Aries will be setting into the west at that time. Saturn in Virgo rises just before sunup.

The Stars

An hour before sunrise, before the first color gives the time of day away, look south, and imagine it is still evening instead of close to dawn. Then you'll see the sky has moved into its evening position for spring equinox. Regulus, centered overhead, announces the first bloom of crocus. June's Arcturus is well up in the east. Warm Spica lies along the horizon. The Corona Borealis, the crown of peonies and iris and lily-of-the-valley, rises nearby. Vega has come full circle, is guiding Deneb and the Swan back from the northeast.

Meteorology

If strong storms occur in November, weather patterns suggest that they will happen during the following periods: November 2-5, 14-16 and November 21-27. New moon on November 25 and full moon is likely to intensify the weather system due around that date.

Do your Thanksgiving travel early and plan to stay at Grandma's a little longer. Full moon on November 10 will increase the likelihood of a late hurricane coming ashore along the East Coast or of a powerful, snow-bearing cold wave moving across the Plains.

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Hunter's Moon

Hang lazy and amorous, hunter's moon.
Over a world racked and rifled
Like a bride after childbearing:
Hang low and friendly, toper's moon,
Drunk on the autumn juices.

Lonesome and warm the hunter walks in the night,
His gun in the hollow of his elbow.
His grave dog at his side.
The toper sits by the stove with a mug of cider.

The sign of autumn is V.
The wild geese, crying, crying,
Wild geese flying by night
Across the moon's old red mirror,
Will you return in spring, will you, returning,
Tell the roan brooklets to swell, bursting the ice-walls,
Tell the roan brooklets to leap, winging the floodgates?

It will be long, wild geese, long, long.
Long as the day after death, longer than loneliness;
The hunter will find what he hunts,
And the toper will sleep,
But it will be long until April
Marches along this road,
With the wild-geese V on her forehead.

Nights in autumn are gold, old gold new-minted.
Like an old man who has waited too long,

The old world spends it,
Running ahead of the horse, tossing largesse.

(The fruit that waited in vain for its plucking
Fell from the trees, and under the crust of the ground
The good fruit waits for its rot.
The household gardens,
Trim and precise in the spring, and matronly
In the summer,
Are blowsy and gaudy now, blowsy and lavish,
Taken in middle age with unseemliness.)

Hang amorous over them, hunter's moon;
Hang long over the lonely hunter;
Hang like giant grapes over the head of the toper;
Hang like a pumpkin over the wide-walking skunks.

There has been wind (and rain on the wind) already.
There will be nights when the clouds will fly in frenzy.
There will be nights when the clouds
Will gather and marry.
There will be a blizzard.

It will be long to the end of this night
And long to the end of this winter,
Hang low, hunter's moon.



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33rd Annual Putney Open Studio Craft Tour

The 33rd Annual Putney Craft Tour will be held November 25-27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thanksgiving weekend. With an eclectic variety of artists and craftspeople nestled among the hills and valleys of this charming Vermont town, the annual tour stands out among art excursions.

Blacksmiths, glass blowers, potters, jewelers, weavers, woodworkers—even artisan cheese makers—invite visitors to come in, ask questions, sip hot cider and find that one-of-a-kind gift. With 27 artists and craftspeople spread out over a 12-mile radius, it's worth making a weekend of it, suggests Ken Pick, who creates sculptural pottery and is one of the original members of the tour.

Josh Letourneau, a glass blower who has been part of the tour for 10 years, enjoys the interaction with visitors. He says, "More than half of my crowd comes to buy a piece, but a lot of people come back for Christmas gifts, hire me for commissions, or just grab a business card for a future birthday present or wedding gift."

Silver jeweler Jeanne Bennett, has been on the tour for 10 years. "It's nice to get the work out in public. I'm up in the woods and I love hearing everyone's feedback." In addition to first-timers, Bennett, like most of the artists, has repeat customers that come back "to see what's new and add to their collection." More than anything, the tour is great entertainment. Driving through the Vermont countryside and finding these places is an adventure in itself, she said.

"Enjoying the ambiance of the studio and the outside sculpture garden are all part of the experience," said Ken Pick. "Of course, the annual smells of hot cider steaming on the wood stove are not to be missed." Pick's studio and gallery are in an old tobacco barn surrounded by gardens and fields as well as a 200-year-old maple. Sculptures and ceramic benches grace the garden.

Landscape painter Judy Hawkins thrives on the excitement generated by visitors to her studio in Westminster West, just outside Putney. She has loyal customers who return every year—one couple from Connecticut has been coming every year for almost 20 years. She loves it when newcomers wander into her studio set out in her garden and "chock full of work," she said, "with paintings stacked three and four deep, floor to ceiling." For Hawkins, the bond that develops between the artists and the visitors is what makes the Putney Craft Tour so meaningful.

For information on the craftspeople, a map, and links to accommodations and restaurants, go to putneycrafts.com.



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Visitors enjoy an autumn wagon ride at Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT.

Woodstock, VT

November Wagon Ride Weekends at Billings Farm & Museum

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tions. The Farm & Museum celebrates Thanksgiving Weekend, Friday through Sunday, November 25 to 27, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The event will feature costumed guides cooking traditional Thanksgiving fare in the restored 1890 farm house, holiday programs, and includes horse-drawn wagon rides. The operating dairy farm, farm life exhibits, and farmhouse plus programs and activities are included in the entrance fee.

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Billings Farm & Museum is open daily May 1 through

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Admission: adults: \$12; 62 & over: \$11; children 5-15: \$6; 3-4: \$3; 2 & under: free.

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Painter and musical impresario Charlie Hunter continues the Fourth Annual Taste of the Arts series at Main Street Arts in Saxtons River, VT on Nov. 10 at 6 p.m.

Taste of the Arts features local personalities with interesting stories to tell over a catered meal in an informal setting.

Hunter will share pieces of his creative philosophy that have given life to a vibrant musical and artistic scene in Bellows Falls and southeastern Vermont. He is creator of the Flying Under Radar performance series and the Roots on the Rails musical series that takes place on trains all over the country. In 2000, he put together the first Roots on the River weekend in Bellows Falls featuring Canadian musician Fred Eaglesmith, a yearly event that brings in fans from all over the country and beyond.

Hunter's iconic paintings of local landmarks have culminated in the painting of the Lower Bartonville covered bridge that was lost to tropical storm Irene. Hunter is donating a portion of the sale of prints of the painting to the

bridge restoration fund. "My goal is to paint beautifully that which is not traditionally considered beautiful," Hunter explains on his Web site. "Sorta like a less-grotesque Anselm Keifer in a considerably better mood. It's my hope that these paintings maybe move you even a little bit as much as the way the real thing moves me."

This year's Taste of the Arts series will also feature Bob Wilson, author of Vermont Curiosities (Jan. 12), and travelers Eric and David Robinson (Feb. 9).

The series is offered as a fundraiser for Main Street Arts. The cost is \$15 per event. Children accompanied by an adult are \$5. Tickets are available at Main Street Arts or through PayPal at www.MainStreetArts.org. Reservations are requested at least three days before each event.

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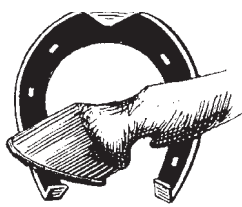
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Rick Hearn, Sloane Dawson and Bryce LeVan Cushing at the Grafton Valley Arts Guild's Cricketers Gallery. photo by Art Coates

Autumnal Tumble at Grafton Valley Arts Guild

The Grafton Valley Arts Guild is pleased to announce the opening of their new show, Autumnal Tumble, featuring accomplished guild artists: Rick Hearn (Vermont farm paintings), Asok Patnaik (vivid photography) and Bryce LeVan Cushing (mixed media sculpture).

The show is now open at the Cricketers Gallery in Grafton village and runs through November 15.

After one of the most intense months on record in Southern Vermont, the Guild has resumed business as usual in historic Grafton Village at the Cricketers Gallery, 45 Townshend Rd.. The Gallery is open Wednesday thru Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rick Hearn a prominent Vermont painter based in

Chester, Vermont, has a vast catalogue of works in variant styles which the guild will be featuring in upcoming months. This show focuses on his classic Vermont farm paintings, each depicting a local working farm and celebrating the essence of what it is to live in this beautiful area.

Visitors to the gallery can view the vivid works of photographer Asok Patnaik (aka Ash), a world traveler with an exceptional eye for capturing sunsets, spectacular ocean views and urban settings.

Finally, the guild will be featuring the new dynamic collaborative sculptures of founding members Bryce LeVan Cushing and Guild President Adam Howard. The mixed media sculp-

ture has been a dream for Cushing and Howard, of Grafton Forge. The sculptors executed their first pair of pieces this summer. They are signature LeVan Cushing bird bodies with long, hand-forged legs. A must see!

Autumnal Tumble is one of many wonderful offerings in Grafton Village. Despite the challenges born of the Irene deluge, Grafton is open

for business and everyone is welcome to come visit.

Grafton Valley Arts Guild's Cricketers Gallery is located at 45 Townshend Rd. in Grafton, VT. For more information contact Bryce LeVan Cushing at (802) 843-4824 or bryceleavancushing@grafftonvalleyartsguild.com. Visit www.grafftonvalleyartsguild.com.

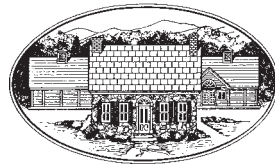
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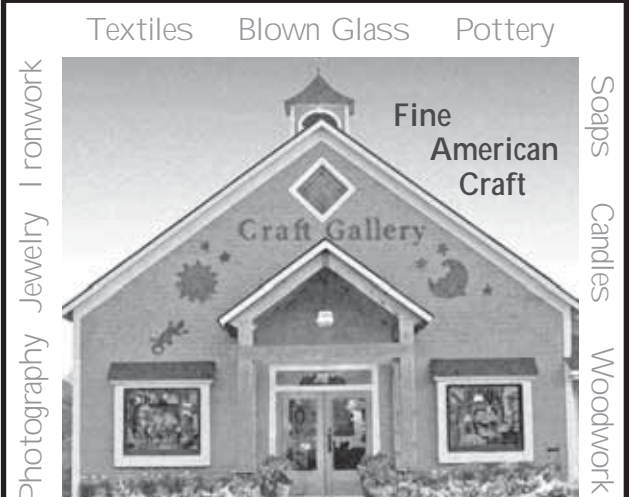
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The Last Clove of Garlic

by Susan Farrow

It sits in the palm of my hand, the last clove of the last bulb of last summer's garlic. Surrounded by its pearly white skin, a green sprout pokes out. What amazes me is that the clove in my hand and those in the ground know spring is coming. In the dark under a thick layer of earth then mulch then snow, they know to point towards the sky and start to grow long before any light has reached them.

If I were to trace the genealogy of this clove, it would go directly back to Dutchess Farm and then into the history of the world. Opening our front door, walking or bicycling across the wide main street in Castleton and under the pine trees, we would get to their old barn behind their house that has provided so many of us with perfect vegetables. It was 1997 when they first offered their farm shares at their new home and my husband and I bought one. It was a gift to ourselves that kept on giving. At the end of each season we would order our winter vegetables and the highlight of this time was ordering an extraordinary amount of garlic. My husband thought of it as a food until, because of health, he no longer could, but he continued to love it no matter the quantity he could eat. I would say it was his tonic, his personal healer, and his contact with mother earth.

In the fall of 2008 I decided to plant some of Steve's cloves in the cool of the fall, just before the snowflakes arrived. My husband, who had never had much interest in planting, asked to do it with me. We planted it deep, covering it with earth and mulch and we wished it a good winter's sleep. Early last spring, as the sun grew warmer, we decided to peek. Just under the mulch green shoots were pointing upward. It was for us one of those mini miracles of life.

But a few months before we could harvest our first crop my husband died. So it was with great ceremony and love that I cared for it into the summer. With guidance from Adam Stevenson of Old Gates Farm, I was told when to clip and eat the garlic scapes and finally, when the leaves were brown enough, to dig the bulbs. So I harvested it and tied it to dry from my husband's kayak hanging in our shed. I cooked it as he had and shared it with our friends and family, saving enough for fall planting and winter eating. Our daughter who lives in Rutland also planted some of the cloves last fall. The bounty multiplies.

But as I write this, the very last clove that we planted together sits in my hand and I am going to chop it, gently brown it in olive oil, put it on hearty bread and eat it. When the bulbs are ready in seven months I am going to harvest our second crop. And so it goes: life, death, the planting, the growing, and the eating of food. It is what we have been given, what nurtures us, what we share with each other and all have in common.

Susan Farrow owns and operates the Farrow Gallery in Castleton, VT. She is a long-time Rutland Area Food Co-op supporter, and recently served a two-year term on the Co-op's board of directors. (All rights reserved, may not be reproduced without the author's permission.)

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Be brave. Change does not matter. None are wise,
But all are fortunate, and fortune falls
Least on the careful mind, most on the heart
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—RAYMOND HOLDEN



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Old-Time Autumn Squash Recipes

Deep-Dish Baked Squash

Cut a Hubbard squash in pieces and steam for thirty to forty minutes, or until tender. Drain and remove the pulp from the shell. Mash the pulp and put it through a strainer. For every two cups of pulp, add the following ingredients:

2 tablespoons butter	1 egg yolk, beaten
1 tablespoon cream	Salt and pepper to taste
1 teaspoon maple sugar	½ cup buttered cracker crumbs

Mix the first five ingredients with the pulp, and turn it into a buttered baking dish. Cover with the cracker crumbs. Bake thirty minutes in a hot oven, 400 degrees F. Serves four to six.

Squash Muffins

2 cups flour	1 egg
2 teaspoons baking powder	⅔ cup milk
2 tablespoons sugar	1 tbsp. melted shortening
¾ teaspoon salt	1 cup sieved cooked squash

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

Golden-Glow Raised Biscuit

½ yeast cake	¾ cups brown sugar
½ cup lukewarm water	1 teaspoon salt
½ cup shortening	1 cup sieved cooked squash
1 cup scalded milk	6 cups sifted flour

Dissolve the half yeast cake in the lukewarm water. Melt the shortening in the scalded milk. When the milk is lukewarm, add the yeast. Mix the brown sugar and salt with the squash and stir into the milk. Add flour enough to make a dough that can be handled. Turn on a floured board and knead. Put the dough in a greased bowl and let it rise overnight. In the morning, knead again and roll to one inch thick. Use a round cutter to shape the biscuits. Set them close together on a round baking pan and let them rise until very light. Brush with melted butter and bake twenty minutes in a hot oven, 400 degrees F. Makes two dozen biscuits.



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To Keep Track of the Seasons: Just Watch the Sun

by Von Del Chamberlain

One of the most highly valued skills in all human history has been the ability to predict climate, and individuals with knowledge of how to keep the calendar have been among the most powerful of all people. Entire nations have depended on such knowledge for survival. No king, emperor, chief or president could maintain political power without the assistance of keepers of the calendar. Calendars have always been at the foundation of culture: hunting and gathering, planting and harvesting, worshiping and celebrating are all calendrically controlled activities.

There are several ways of keeping a functional calendar. One could make critical observations of changes occurring in living things; one could watch weather patterns and divide time by the onset of major changes, such as the first thunderstorms, frosts, and snowstorms; one could observe the changing patterns of stars at a particular time of night; one could follow the cycles of the Moon, keeping track of changing relationships of lunar cycles and seasons; and one could monitor the migrations of the Sun in the sky. The most successful calendars integrated all of these, but the easiest and most reliable method, indeed the key to a climatic calendar, is to watch the Sun.

If you wish to really understand the seasons and the calendar, you can perform an enjoyable scientific activity and experience a sense of the ages at the same time.

Start by locating a convenient place, your sunwatching station, where you can observe either the rising or setting Sun against a distant range of mountains with lots of peaks and valleys, and with no nearby obstructions such as houses and trees. This must be a precisely defined spot—an exact place to sit or stand, marked in such a way that your location is the same each time you observe. Your calendar will consist of recording and remembering the places on the horizon where the Sun makes its entrances into your days or its departures into evenings.

Always be cautious when observing the Sun! When the ball of the Sun near the horizon is deep red and easy to look at without any stress upon your eyes, it is safe, but when it is the least bit brilliant do not stare at it: glance at it quickly, then turn your eyes away. The observations you want to make are



A gathering of many kinds of pumpkins at a central Vermont farmstand. photo by Nancy Cassidy

the very first gleam of sunlight at sunrise or the last gleam at sunset and it is the places on the landscape where these occur that compose your horizon calendar. You can either make a careful tracing of the horizon and label the dates upon it, or you can take photographs to compose your calendar. If you take photographs, be reminded of the danger of looking at the Sun through lenses and filters as well as directly. Do not take chances that could endanger eyesight!

For many centuries the pueblos of the American southwest have had individuals who watched the movements of the Sun. These sunwatchers still exist at many pueblos. They are in charge of the calendar, monitoring the beats of the pulse of being Hopi, Zuni, Jemez or any of the other Puebloan groups.

Today they might keep their observations as notes on one of our modern calendars, but they believe in the principal of making the observations that have been part of their traditional and religious lives as long as they have existed. This maintains ties to their ancestors, who first learned the art of sunwatching, and it empowers them as participants in the cycles of nature.

Noticing which houses Sun Father comes out of and goes into informs them of the activities they must engage in to remain the people they are and want to be.

From your own sunwatching station, you can define the

solar houses for whatever dates might be most important in your life: birthdays, anniversaries, religious days and holidays can be marked as well as solstices and equinoxes. As we approach the Winter Solstice, it is easy to notice that the Sun comes in and exits a different "house" each day. The changes governing life are extreme right now: sunrise and sunset times and directions are changing rapidly as days shorten and nights lengthen, and the elevation of the Sun at mid-day is descending each day.

Instead of actually watching the Sun on the horizon at the beginning or end of the day, you can monitor changing shadows of things in your vicinity, you can study the play of first or last rays of sunlight through windows into a room of your home, or you can use a sundial or other construct of your own design.

All of these methods of looking around are interactive experiences, the most powerful mode of learning through participation. Whether you call it science, or think of it as your personal method of interacting with the universe, you will be rewarded by a depth of understanding that is not achievable in other ways.

Throughout human history, at various places around the world, sunwatchers have been engaged in keeping calendars to establish the heartbeats of world cultures. Mostly, they have believed they were tracking the Sun. Actually, they were tracking Earth in an annual orbit that is tilted to its rotation axis. Always, they were aware of crucial relationships between Earth, Sun and themselves, an awareness of great importance that we should not lose.

Von Del Chamberlain is an astronomer who has served as director of Albert Einstein Planetarium at the Smithsonian and as director of the Hansen Planetarium in Salt Lake City.

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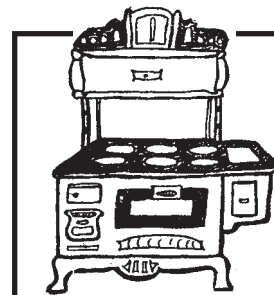
House Blend brought down the house with their last show in Tinmouth. It's joy, artistry, passion, and beauty all pouring out of their throats. The most fun you can have on a Friday night, anywhere. And they're coming to do it again on Friday, November 4 at 7 p.m.

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Of all old memories that cluster round my heart,
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 The quaintest is linked to the old brindle cow
 With sly and mysterious ways.
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 A sentinel by night and by day,
 Watching for the hour when all eyes were asleep,
 To start on her predatory way.
 The old brush fence she would scorn in her course,
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Drying Apples

Dr. Leonard Perry

Extension Professor, University of Vermont

Visiting an orchard either to buy pre-picked or pick-your-own apples makes a great fall outing. Even if you can't visit an orchard, fresh local apples can be found in farmstands, farmers' markets, and many grocers. Drying is an easy way to stock up on fresh apples, in several forms, to enjoy through the long winter months.

Drying is simply removing the water from fruit that food-spoiling microorganisms and enzymes require. It is one of the simplest, and oldest, means of food preservation. It is much less precise than canning, allowing more flexibility. Unlike canning, containers or food storage bags of dried produce can be opened and closed repeatedly.

There are three main methods of drying. Solar drying is just that, using the heat from the sun. Unless you use the back window ledge of a closed car for three or four days, this likely won't dry fast enough in the fall. Oven drying works if your oven can be set below 200 degrees (F), preferably 130 to 150 degrees. If you plan to dry many fruits or vegetables in this and coming years, you may wish to invest in (or make) a dehydrator.

A dehydrator is simply a box unit with many solid mesh shelves (usually plastic) to allow air to flow. They have a fan and a gentle source of heat that is adjustable on better units. They are much more efficient than ovens, requiring much less energy and drying in half the time or less, so saving money. Food from a dehydrator is less brittle, lighter, and more flavorful than that dried in an oven.

Preparing to dry

Start by choosing ripe fruit, then wash and cut off any blemishes. Don't oversize as this will lead to some nutrient loss, and fruits will be water-soaked and take longer to dry. Peels may be left on, but they may become bitter or discolor upon drying. Then core, and cut the fruit as you wish into sections or slices.

Pre-drying treatments aren't necessary as they are for some vegetables, as fruits have higher levels of sugar and acid that prevent decomposition by enzymes. However, pretreating can prevent discoloring in some varieties of apples, and can lower losses of flavor and vitamins A and C. Just realize if you soak apples in a solution, plan on longer times for drying.

A common dip for apples is ascorbic (also known as citric) acid, which also increases the vitamin C content. You can find this commonly among canning supplies in stores. Follow directions for mixing with water, stir the fruit until evenly coated, then remove after about 5 minutes. If you don't find such a product, you can make your own dip by dissolving three crushed tablets (500-milligram) of vitamin C in a quart of water. Some use the juice from citrus fruits, but this is weaker and less effective.

Sweetening the fruit

For sweet fruit, you may wish to pretreat with sugar syrup or honey. You can use up to one part sugar to two parts water, bringing this to a boil. Add the fruit, simmer for five minutes, then drain. A honey dip, in addition to sweetness, can lessen browning and softening. Use one part honey to four parts water, soak the fruit, then drain well. Obviously these apples will taste of honey.

Place apple slices or sections in a single layer on trays, and dry until leathery or crisp with no moist centers. Figure on six to twelve hours, but check periodically. Since some pieces may be drier than others, it is a good idea to "condition" fruits prior to storage. Fruits have higher moisture than vegetables when dry, so need to be conditioned for best storage. This distributes moisture evenly among fruit, minimizing the chance for spoilage, and gives you a check to make sure they are sufficiently dry.

Conditioning after drying

To condition apples, as with any fruits, loosely pack the cooled and dried fruit into plastic or glass containers, filling about two-thirds full. Cover containers tightly, and shake daily for about two to four days. This allows moisture from wetter pieces to be absorbed by drier ones. If water forms on the lid inside, the fruit aren't dry enough and should be placed back in the dehydrator.

Place dry and conditioned fruit in containers or freezer bags. Even if not freezing, the latter are more resistant to moisture than normal plastic bags. Store in dark, cool and dry, such as an unheated closet or garage, or even a refrigerator if space.

Making fruit leathers

Another fun option for apples is to make fruit leathers—great for small quantities, bruised or overripe fruit, and popular with children. They can be made from cooked or



uncooked fruit. Wash and prepare fruit as for drying, then if cooking use a double boiler or microwave until fruit are soft, stirring occasionally.

Once cooked, or if uncooked once cut into sections or slices, add one tablespoon of lemon or citrus juice per quart of fruit. Prepare a thick puree in a food processor or blender. You may add spices or sweeteners to taste. Pour the puree onto special trays for this, or else a lightly oiled piece of heavy plastic, spreading to about one-quarter inch thick. Make sure the tray isn't covered totally with the plastic so air can circulate.

Dry until the fruit leather is sticky, about six to eight hours at 140 degrees (F). If properly dried it will peel away readily from the plastic. If too dry it will be brittle, but is still

edible. Leave whole, or cut into slices or strips that can be rolled up. Store cool, dark, and dry in airtight containers as you would for dried fruit.

For more articles by Dr. Leonard Perry, visit Perry's Perennial Pages at www.uvm.edu/~pass/perry.

More details on drying apples and information on drying other fruits and vegetables can be found in a publication available online from Pacific Northwest Extension: PNW397 at info.ag.uidaho.edu.

The University of Maine has an excellent series of 13 publications on preserving apples and many other fruits and vegetables, including details of canning at www.umext.maine.edu under the food and health section.

Old Dr. Carlin's Time-Honored Recipes For Dried Apples—circa 1820

Dried Apples—Cooking and Wholesomeness

The *Indiana Farmer* made a lengthy plea for dried apples:

"Dried apples are not only a cheap article of food, but very wholesome; and if you will pay attention, I will tell you how to cook them."

Cook just what you can use, as they become stale by long standing. Take only 1/3 as much bulk as you need when cooked, as they swell very much. Carefully examine every piece to see there are no worms in them, especially so if they were dried upon strings. Put them into a pan

of milk or warm water 10 to 15 minutes; then mash thoroughly, and rinse nicely.

Place in a porcelain kettle, or in a tin pan, and cover handsomely with cold water; cover tightly and slowly bring to a boil, having hot water to replenish with if needed. When tender, but not mushy, add sugar to taste. If stewed too long they shrink and turn dark. Have plenty of juice, and sugar to make them rich, but not to deaden the flavor of the apples.

The Juice of Dried Apples—A Great Beverage

"I must not omit to mention that the juice off of

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Dr. Carlin fully endorses this, having always been very fond of sauce made of dried apples, having plenty of juice. It is preferable to most other sauces, which are often much more expensive, but not half so palatable.

For a beverage for the

sick, a dozen quarters will be enough for a quart of water, with simple sugar to taste, as the flavoring needs no doctoring.

The evaporated apples are still so expensive, that most families having an orchard, should continue the practice of drying a good supply for themselves.

Dr. William Carlin was born in Bedford, England in 1780. His advice and recipes were published in 1881.



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

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

BENNINGTON. Bennington Museum—Exhibits and Public Programs, Founding Documents, Fine Art, Grandma Moses, and more. See Bennington Pottery, the 1924 Wasp Touring Car, Fine Art, Vermont Furniture, and the Bennington Flag – one of America's oldest flags. Lectures, workshops, concerts, films Admission \$10, children under 18 free. Open 10 am to 5 pm everyday, closed Wednesdays. 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. www.benningtonmuseum.org.

BENNINGTON. Art Exhibit: Impressions of New England. This nationwide annual exhibition includes images captured in paint and bronze. Seashores, rolling hills, foliage, and New England wildlife are depicted in over seventy fine works of art. Admission: adults \$9, seniors/students \$8, families \$20, under 12 are free. Bennington Center for the Arts, 44 Gypsy Lane. (802) 442-7158. *Through December 18.*

BERLIN. West African Dance. Dance instructor Pape Ba from Senegal teaches a variety of dances to live drumming. Every Wednesday from 6:30-8 pm. All levels welcome. Capital City Grange Potluck—share delicious food with your friends and future friends, starting about 6:30 each First Saturday, all are welcome, no charge. Capital City Grange, 6612 VT Rt. 12, Northfield Rd. (802) 225-8921. capitalcitygrange.org.

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

BRATTLEBORO. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. Exhibits and programs. Open 11-5. Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Admission \$6/\$4/\$3. 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. www.brattleboromuseum.org.

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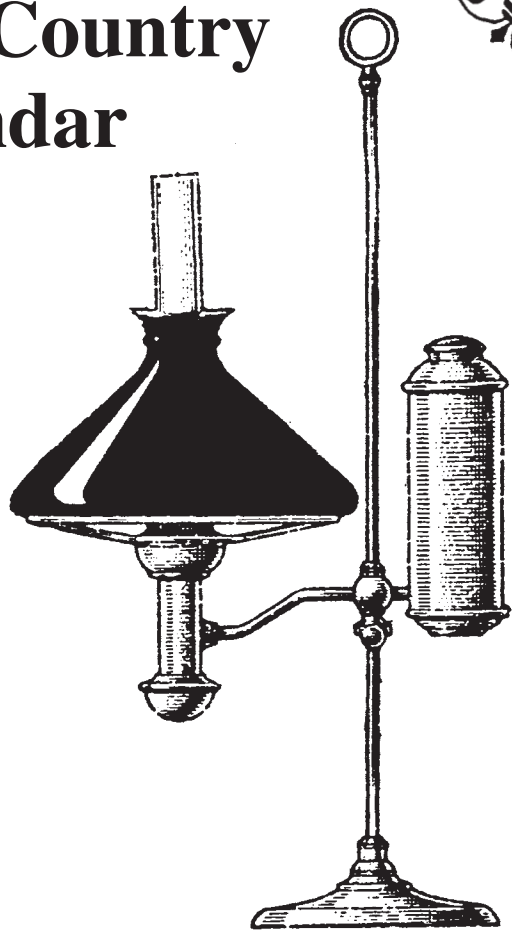
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BURLINGTON. Exhibit. "Grossology—The Science of the Human Body," through Jan. 8. Workshops, programs, café, gift shop, story hour. Admission: \$9.50 adults, \$7 ages 3 - 17, \$8 seniors and students, under 3 free. Monday-Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm. ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center, Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, One College St. (877) 324-6385. www.echovermont.org.

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

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



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

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GRAFTON. Grafton Valley Arts Guild invites you to visit the Cricketers Gallery in historic Grafton Village at 45 Townshend Road. Current exhibit, Autumnal Tumble, through November 15. Open Wed-Sun from 10 am - 4 pm. (802) 843-4824. brycelevancushing@graffonvalleyartsguild.com. www.graffonvalleyartsguild.com.

GRAFTON. The Nature Museum at Grafton. Exhibits, gift shop, family activities, and special events. Admission: adults \$5, seniors/student \$4, children 3-12 \$3, family \$15. Saturdays 10-4 and Sundays 1-4. 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. www.nature-museum.org.

GRANVILLE, NY. The Slate Valley Museum. Exhibits, events, programs, and gift shop. Museum open Tues-Fri 1-5 pm, and Sat 10 am - 4 pm. Admission \$5. Located downtown at 17 Water St. (518) 642-1417. slatevalleymuseum.org.



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The Rutland Area Art Association's Chaffee Art Center is located at 16 South Main St., Rt. 7, across from Main Street Park near the intersection of Rts. 4 & 7, in Rutland, VT. (802) 775-0356. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

Protecting Vermont's Endangered Bats

The little brown bat and the northern long-eared bat are now listed as Vermont state endangered due to the devastating impact of a disease known as White-nose Syndrome on their populations. The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department estimates that as much as 90 percent of the populations of both species have been lost to the disease.

Two species of bats were recently added to Vermont's endangered species list, and measures are in place to help protect the bats and still respond to public health concerns.

"What is unique and particularly challenging for the listing of the little brown bat is that it is one of two bat species found in residences, places of work and public buildings," said Scott Darling, Fish and Wildlife's bat expert.

"Vermonters are very aware of the tenuous circumstances facing our bat populations, and have demonstrated their concern and sensitivity for the situation when responding to encounters with bats," Darling says.

One of the measures approved by the Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources includes a General Permit for the taking of endangered bats when a

potential exposure to rabies has occurred. Citizens are allowed to kill up to four listed bats per year to collect the bats for rabies testing. If bats are killed for this purpose, they must be reported on the department website at: www.vtfishandwildlife.com or by calling (802) 241-3700 (work hours) or (802) 786-0040 (anytime), within five days.

"This measure will allow citizens to protect themselves for health purposes, but killing endangered bats for any other purpose would be a violation of Vermont endangered species law," adds Darling.

The second measure includes Best Management Practices for excluding bats from a house or other building. The practices are available on the department's website and describe methods to remove bats from a building without harming them.

The department's website also includes information on the bats of Vermont and White-nose Syndrome and ways for Vermonters to report on bat colonies at their residence or place of work.

For more information call The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department at (802) 241-3700. Visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

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

LEICESTER. Addison County Farm Animal Homeopathy Study Group. Learn how other farmers are applying homeopathy to their herds or flocks. Meets the first Thursday of each month and is open to all levels. 1-3 pm at Taconic End Farm. For more info call Annie Claghorn, (802) 247-3979. foxclag@gmavt.net.

LUDLOW. Ludlow Farmers' Market at Ludlow Teen Center at Goodman's American Pie, 106 Main St. Every Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Jerry Milligan, (802) 734-3829. lfmk@tds.net. www.ludlowfarmersmarket.org. November 19 through March 3.

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

MANCHESTER. Southern Vermont Arts Center. Gallery, special events, concerts, gift shop, and café. 17th Annual Little Picture Show—works in paint, mixed media and photography on a smaller-than-usual scale, no more than 8" x 10" in size, Yester House Galleries, Nov. 19 through Jan. 8. Open Tues-Sat 10 am - 5 pm, Sun 12-5 pm. SVAC, West Rd. (802) 362-1405. www.svac.org.

MANCHESTER. Visit Historic Hildene, the summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln. Special activities, lectures, bird walks, museum store. Tickets: \$13 adults, \$5 youth under 14, children under 6 free. Grounds pass: \$5 adults, \$3 youth, children under 6 free. Open daily 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Historic Hildene is off Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 362-1788. info@hildene.com. www.hildene.org.

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MIDDLEBURY. Middlebury Arts Walk. Join us on the second Friday of every month. Look for the pink boot at designated locations. More than 40 venues will be displaying art. Stores will remain open, becoming galleries displaying the work of dozens of area artists. 5-7 pm. Free. Downtown Middlebury. (802) 388-7951 x 2. info@middleburyartswalk.com. www.middleburyartswalk.com.

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NORWICH. Norwich Farmers Market. Local/organic produce, meats, cheeses, eggs, handicrafts, baked goods, prepared foods, and live music. Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm. Winter Markets start on Nov. 5. There is a pre-Thanksgiving Market on Nov. 19, a Holiday Market on Dec. 10, and another Winter Market on Dec. 17. After that the Winter Markets are the Second Saturday of each month, from Jan. 14 through April 14. Rt. 5, one mile south of Norwich village. (802) 384-7447. norwichfarmersmarket.org.

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

PITTSFORD. New England Maple Museum. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our gift shop. Halloween & Fall Celebration Sept. 16-Oct. 31. Exhibits turn into colorful array of autumn colors celebrating the harvest. Decorations demonstrate the Vermont tradition of scaring off evil spirits during this wonderful time of year. Open daily May 20 - October 31, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm; then November 1 - December 23, 10 am - 4 pm. On Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. info@maplemuseum.com. www.maplemuseum.com.

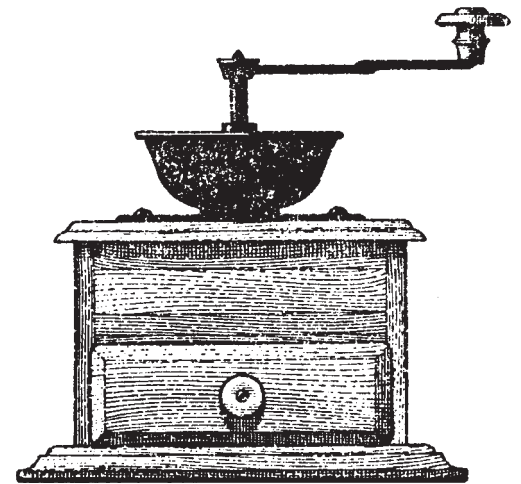
PLAINFIELD. Monthly Sacred Harp Sing. A free event, with beginners and loaner books available. The second Sunday of every month at 3 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center above the Co-op in Plainfield. For more information, contact Lynnette Combs at (802) 426-3850. lynnnetcombs@gmail.com.

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

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

PUTNEY. Holiday Farmers' Markets. Sundays, 11 am - 2 pm, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 11 & Dec. 18 at Green Mountain Orchards, 130 West Hill Rd. For info contact Kristina Israel, (802) 387-4234. pcoopmarketing@gmail.com. www.putneyfarmersmarket.org.

PUTNEY. Green Mountain Orchards Farm Store open all year with local apples and cider. 130 West Hill Rd. (exit 4, I-91), look for signs in Putney Village. (802) 387-5851. www.greenmtorchards.com.



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Vermont Country Calendar

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

RANDOLPH. PAWS for Reading. Families looking for a friendly, furry experience are invited to visit the library. Specially-trained owners and their specially-trained dogs will be here the first Saturday of each month, to share a relaxing reading experience with interested children. Kimball Public Library, 67 Main St. (802) 728-5073. www.kimballlibrary.org.

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

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RUTLAND. Fifth Annual Winter Farmers Market. The downtown Rutland Winter Farmers Market is indoors on Saturdays November 5 through April 28! Over 40 vendors, selling everything from fresh salad greens to locally-grown apples. Local grass-fed meats, artisan cheeses, freshly baked organic breads, honey, jellies & jams, pickles, maple syrup & maple products, hot foods, wines, wools, glasswork and jewelry—a great place to shop, eat and visit. Prepared foods. Live entertainment. Come have lunch and meet your friends. 10 am to 2 pm. Located in the Old Strand Theater (enter through the Rutland Natural Food Co-Op at 77 Wales St.). For more info call Greg Cox (802) 683-4606. vtfarmersmarket.org. Saturdays November 5 through April 28.

RUTLAND. Trinity Episcopal Church invites everyone to join us for a hot meal every second Saturday of the month. By donation, if able. 11:30 am – 1 pm. 85 West St., Nourse Hall. (802) 775-4368.

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

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

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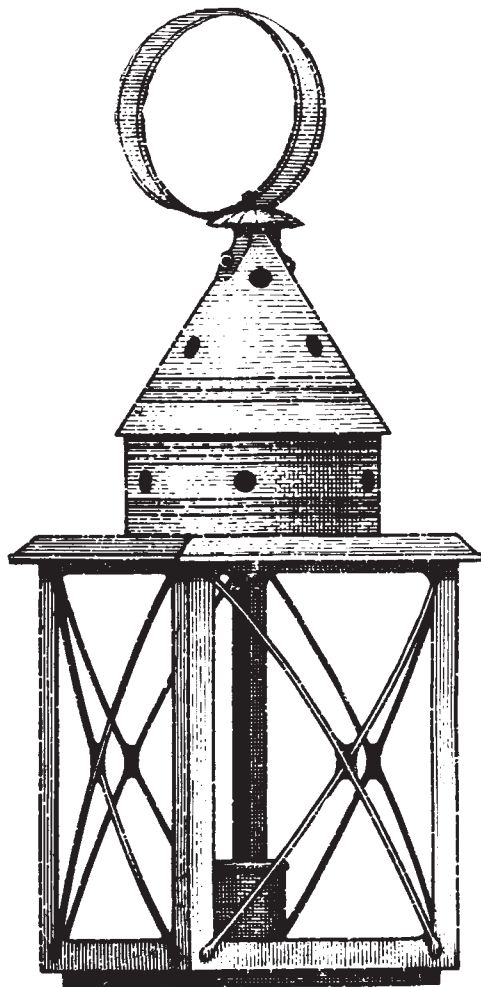
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SPRINGFIELD. Shape Note Singing. Come and join us. 7 pm on the first and third Fridays at Pat and Walt Colteryahn's, 8 Lincoln St. For more info please call (802) 885-9521.

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ST. JOHNSBURY. The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain and Dog Chapel. Free. Open Mon-Sat 10 am – 5 pm and Sun 11 am – 4 pm. The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. off Spaulding Rd. (802) 748-2700. info@dogmt.com. www.dogmt.com.

TINMOUTH. Contra Dance every fourth Friday. Admission \$8, \$6 for teens, \$3 for children 5-12, under 5 free. Refreshments available. 8 pm at Tinmouth Community Center, Rt. 140, 5 miles west of Wallingford. For info or directions call (802) 235-2718. Tinmouthvt.org.

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

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

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

WEST RUTLAND. Reiki Experience. Classes at 11 am with Sivia Lio and open-share healings at 3 pm. All are welcome. Herbal remedies and teas, crystals and stones. Vermont Herbal General Store, 518 Main St. (802) 438-2766. www.vermonthherbal.com. The last Sunday of each month.

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

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Public Sitting Meditation. Free meditation instruction is available at most of these times. Noon to 1 pm. Shambhala Meditation Center of White River, 158 S. Main St. (802) 785-4304. www.whiteriver.shambhala.org.

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

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

WINDSOR. Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery. Winter hours for the Gallery only: November, Fri-Sun 10 am – 5 pm; December – April by appointment. At 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. ciderhillgardens.com. garymilek.com. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com.

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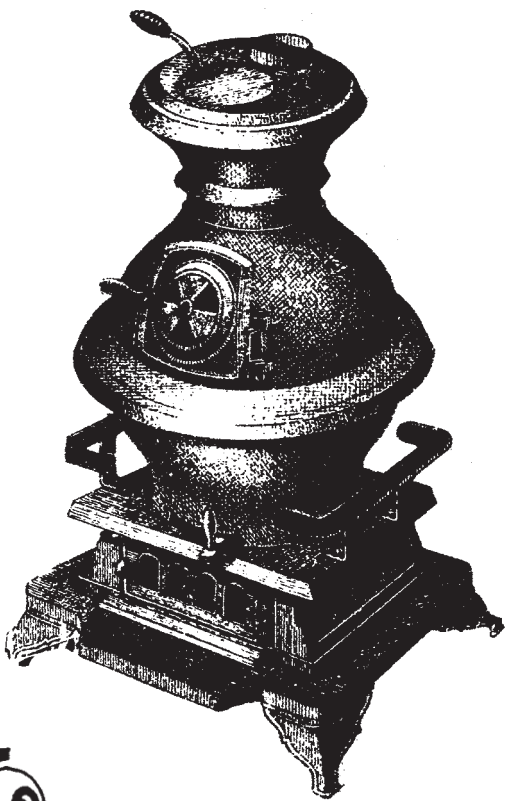
WOODSTOCK. Hand-in-Hand Community Meal. All are welcome. Free, donations accepted. Every Thursday, 5-7 pm in the Social Hall of the Unitarian Church, 7 Church St. (802) 457-9272.

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum. Premiere Jersey dairy farm, restored 1890 farmhouse, family programs, festivities and museum. Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. Open weekends November through February 10 am to 3:30 pm and Christmas and February vacation weeks. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

CASTLETON. Roast Turkey Supper. Admission: \$9 adults \$5 children under 12. 5-6:30 pm at the Castleton Federated Church on Main St. (802) 468-5105.

CHESTER. The Fourth Annual Chester-Andover Blanket and Outerwear Give-Away. Donors may drop off blankets, jackets, coats, snowsuits, gloves, hats, etc., at area churches, Chester-Andover Elementary School, Green Mountain Union High School and the Chester and Andover Town Offices. Distribution will be from 10 am - 1 pm at St. Joseph Parish Hall, Rt. 11 & Rt. 103. (802) 875-2610. *Also November 5.*



DANBY. Haunted Orchard. A mysterious graveyard has appeared in a field of Danby. Tour guides lead you on a half-hour outdoor walk and bring you back safely back to Emma's Restaurant, where you can enjoy hot cocoa, home-baked goodies, and warm conversation. Tickets: \$7 per person or a 4-pack for \$22. 6-9 pm at Silas Griffith Inn, 178 South Main St. (802) 293-5567. stay@silasgriffith.com. www.silasgriffith.com.

MANCHESTER. Halloween on the Hill. Join us for an old-time family costume party. Admission \$5, kids 16 and under free. 6:30-10 pm. Yester House Galleries at Southern Vermont Arts Center. For tickets call (802) 362-1405. www.svac.org.

MIDDLEBURY. 4th Annual Middlebury Spooktacular. Kick-off party for Middlebury's 250th Celebration. 2-4 pm, rain or shine. On the Town Green. (802) 388-4126. info@bettermiddleburypartnership.org. bettermiddleburypartnership.org.

PITTSFORD. New England Maple Museum. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our gift shop. Halloween & Fall Celebration. Exhibits turn into colorful array of autumn colors celebrating the harvest. Decorations demonstrate the Vermont tradition of scaring off evil spirits during this wonderful time of year. Open daily May 20 - October 31, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm. On Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. info@maplemuseum.com. www.maplemuseum.com.

PITTSFORD. 31st Annual Pittsford Haunted House. Sponsored by the Pittsford Fire Dept. Tickets \$8 adults, \$4 children 12 & under (not recommended for children under 6). 6-9 pm. 426 Plains Rd. (802) 236-0048 or (802) 483-2281.

PROCTOR. Fright Night at the Haunted Castle. Self-guided tour through a dozen rooms in a real castle. See the Creepy Zoo, the Glow Room, Jack Attack, the Torture Chamber, and many costumed creeps. Flashlights OK. PG-13, not for children, very scary. Rain or shine. Fee: adults \$8. 7-11 pm. Wilson Castle, West Proctor Rd. (802) 773-3284. wilsoncastle.com.

QUECHEE. 7th Annual Hoots & Howls Halloween. Fun, non-scary Halloween event, great for all ages, with storytelling walk on pumpkin-lit trail, puppet show, tasty treats. Admission: \$7 adults, \$5 youth; children 3 and under free. Rain or shine. 5:30-8 pm. Vermont Institute of Natural Science, 6565 Woodstock Rd. For reservations call (802) 359-5000 x 223. www.vinsweb.org.

RUTLAND. Halloween 5K Running Scared Race. Starts from the CVPS parking lot downtown next to the train station, Depot Park. 9:15 am - 12:15 pm. (802) 282-1092.

RUTLAND. 4th Annual Duathlon. Run & bike throughout the Pine Hill Park Trails, a 5K loop for running and a 10K loop for mountain biking. Low key and fun for all levels of competitors whether 8 or 80. 9:15 am - 12:15 pm. (802) 282-1092.

RUTLAND. The 52nd Annual Halloween Parade. Begins at 6:30 pm winding through downtown Rutland. Fireworks follow parade. rutlandhalloween.com.

RUTLAND. Deadnberry Mortuary Haunted House. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 10 years old. 7-10 pm. At Garden Time, Rt. 7 N. (802) 747-0700. *Through October 30.*

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

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

MANCHESTER. Halloween on the Hill. Family crafts, treats, hay rides, and storytelling. Free admission. 1-4 pm. Yester House Galleries at Southern Vermont Arts Center. For tickets call (802) 362-1405. www.svac.org.

WOODSTOCK. Annual Family Halloween. Horse-drawn wagon rides and cranking pumpkin ice cream, plus pumpkin carving, doughnuts-on-a-string, not-so-scary Halloween stories, pumpkin games, and animal programs. Costume parades at noon and 2 pm led by one of the farm's friendly Southdown ewes. Admission: adults age 16-61, \$12; seniors age 62 and older, \$11; Children in costume will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm and Museum, 5302 River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

BURLINGTON. Annual Halloween Organ Concert. University Organist Professor David Neiweem performs on the Chapel Organ. Spooky pieces for organ accompanied by lighting artist Rachael Bischoff and assisted by singers from the University Concert Choir and Catamount Singers. Costumes encouraged. Free. 7:30-9 pm. Ira Allen Chapel, 26 University Place, University of Vermont. www.uvm.edu/music.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

HANOVER, NH. Fall Hike in the Rinker-Steele Natural Area. Loop above Storrs and Rinker Ponds on the side of Cook Hill. Easy to moderate, 3-4 miles with a few short steep parts. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Leader: Peter Hope, (603) 863-6456. www.greenmountainclub.org.

RUTLAND. Concert: The Jazz Ambassadors. America's Big Band and the official touring big band of the United States Army. Tickets free at the Paramount box office. 7 pm. The Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

CHESTER. Where the Heart Lies—A Poetry Seminar on Robert Browning. Presented by Michael Palma. Free, everyone is welcome. 7 pm. Misty Valley Books, on the Green. (802) 875-3400. mvbooks@vermontel.net. www.mvbooks.com.

SWANTON. Community Breakfast. \$2.50 per person. 7-9 am. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 38 Grand Ave. (802) 868-7195. holytrinityepi@myfairpoint.net. www.holytrinityswanton.org. *Also November 16 and December 7.*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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SHELBURNE. The 5th Farm-Based Education Conference. Meet with nearly 200 farm-based education practitioners, partners, and community leaders including farmers, teachers, non-formal educators, philanthropists, chefs, historians, land conservationists, journalists, health care specialists, and food system and farm advocates. Fee. At Shelburne Farms. To register contact Tre McCarney, (802) 985-0381. tmccarney@shelburnefarms.org. *Through November 5.*

SPRINGFIELD. Nature Program—What Are Those Purple Boxes? Learn about invasive insects and how they impact our region and the trees we love. Jim Esden of Vermont Forests, Parks and Recreation will speak about the mysterious purple boxes, why they are here, and what people can do to help. Free. 6:30-7:30 pm. Springfield Public Library, 43 Main St. (802) 843-2111. lillianwillis@nature-museum.org. www.nature-museum.org.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

BARRE. Concert: Crazy 'Bout Patsy. An incredible recreation of Patsy Cline in concert. Tickets: \$30/\$15. 7:30 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. (802) 476-8188. www.barreoperahouse.org.

BENNINGTON. Viva Quetzal in Concert. An eclectic mixture of traditional, folkloric and pop themes performed on ancient and modern instruments. Admission \$15. Coffee and desserts available for purchase. 8 pm. Meetinghouse Cafe of Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 108 School St. (802) 440-9816. www.uubennington.org.

HARTLAND. Winter Farmer's Market. We feature locally grown produce and hand-picked music. 4-7 pm at Damon Hall, Rts. 5 & 12, Hartland Three Corners. For info call Sharon Irwin, (802) 436-2500. www.hartlandfarmersmarket.com. *Also December 16.*

RUTLAND. Performance: The Wizard of Oz. A lavish production featuring breathtaking special effects, dazzling choreography, and classic songs. Tickets: \$54.50-\$69.50 + tax. 7 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

RANDOLPH. Concert: They Might Be Gypsies. Inspired by the 1930s Gypsy Jazz of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli. Tickets \$11. Cash bar. 7:30 pm. In the Chandler Upper Gallery, Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. For tickets call (802) 728-6464. director@chandler-arts.org. www.chandler-arts.org. www.theymightbegypsies.com

RUTLAND. Library Book Sale. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. In the library basement. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. rutlandfree.org.

TINMOUTH. The Old Firehouse Stage Concert features House Blend. An assembly of 23 veteran singers from Vermont and New Hampshire, devoted to the collective exploration of the many styles of mostly a cappella songs. \$9 donation. Refreshments for sale. 7:30 pm at The Old Firehouse Stage in beautiful downtown Tinmouth. For more information contact Colleen at (802) 414-0011. www.tinmouthvt.org. celibalch@comcast.net.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

BELLOWS FALLS. Stone Church Arts presents Aine Minogue, Celtic harper. Tickets in advance: \$17 adults, \$13 seniors over 60 and children under 12. At the door \$20, \$15 seniors & children. Tickets at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls, online at www.brattleborotix.com or at the door. Concert 7:30 pm, doors open at 7 pm. In the Chapel of Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 463-3100. immanuelepiscopal.org.

BRADFORD. Holiday Bazaar. Attic treasures, baked goods, Christmas jewelry, crafts, plants and more. Lunch available from 11 am to 1 pm. Bazaar 9 am to 3 pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 113 Upper Plain. (802) 222-9391.

BRANDON. Roast Pork Church Supper. Menu: roast pork, potatoes, squash, coleslaw and pies. \$9 adults; \$5 children under 12. 5-7 pm. St. Mary's Church, 38 Carver St. For reservations, call Terry at (802) 247-3677 or Carolyn at (802) 345-8762.

BRATTLEBORO. Winter Farmers Market. Indoor market featuring local farms products including produce, apples, eggs, grass-fed meats, cider, syrup, preserves, locally grown house plants, baked goods, local wines, pottery, jewelry, handmade soaps, hats, scarves and more. Delicious lunches featuring locally grown foods, and live music in the lunch cafe. A project of Post Oil Solutions. 10 am - 2 pm at the River Garden, 153 Main St. For more information call (802) 869-2141. farmersmarket@postoilsolutions.org. www.postoilsolutions.org. *Open every Saturday through March.*

CABOT. 7th Annual Gourmet Buffet. Served buffet style. The meal features linen table clothes and a wide choice of gourmet cuisine ranging from cider-braised pork with caramelized onions to pear and cranberry crisp. Cabot chef David Hale works with culinary students—in their best chef garb, they help fill the plates for the diners. Tickets: adults, \$12; senior \$10; children 12 or under \$6. Take-out available. Seatings at 5, 6:15 & 7:30 pm. United Church of Cabot, 2 Common Way. Reservations requested, call (802) 426-3281.

CHESTER. The fourth Annual Chester-Andover Blanket and Outerwear Give-Away. Donors may drop off blankets, jackets, coats, snowsuits, gloves, hats, etc., at area churches, Chester-Andover Elementary School, Green Mountain Union High School and the Chester and Andover Town Offices. Distribution will be from 10 am - 1 pm at St. Joseph Parish Hall, Rt. 11 & Rt. 103. (802) 875-2610.

DERBY LINE. Christmas Bazaar. 9 am - 3 pm. St. Edward's Parish Center, Elm St. For more information call (802) 334-7843.

DUXBURY. Fall Work Hike. Walk-thru to Long Trail/Bamforth Ridge Shelter. All abilities, 3-4 miles round trip. Bring lunch. Wear sturdy boots, work clothes and gloves. Meet at Montpelier High School at 8 am. Sponsored by the Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Leader: Eric Seidel, (802) 223-1406 or ericseidel1@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

ESSEX JUNCTION. Community Breakfast. \$7 adults, \$3 children. 9-11 am. VFW Post #6689, 73 Pearl St. For more information call (802) 878-0700.

ESSEX CENTER. Holiday Bazaar. Crafts, Christmas ornaments, hand-sewn & knitted articles, baked goods (including cookie walk), candies, plants & white elephants. Lunch starting at 11 am. 9 am - 2:30 pm. United Methodist Church, 119 Center Rd. (802) 363-5932.

FAIRLEE. Autumn Road Walk. An easy time with a few small hills, approximately six miles on a paved loop around Lake Morey. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Leader: Kathy Astraukas, (802) 785-4311. www.greenmountainclub.org.

KILLINGTON. Long Trail Work Party. Help put the trails to bed for the winter. Wear sturdy shoes and bring work gloves. Tools will be provided. 9 am. (Rain date November 6.) Sponsored by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Leader: Herb Ogden, (802) 293-2510. www.greenmountainclub.org.

MIDDLEBURY. 87th Annual Holiday Bazaar. Including quilts and crafts, garden center, "Ten Thousand Villages" Room to support crafters in third world countries, winter warmth table, toy box, kids' craft table, handmade wreaths, attic treasures, handmade quilt raffle. Christmas trees from Sinclair Tree Farm. Food served 9 am - 2 pm. Lunch will be soup, salad, sandwich, and dessert. Soup-to-go will be offered. Also coffee or tea and a slice of pie. 9 am - 3 pm at Middlebury Congregational Church, Fellowship Hall, Seymour St. (802) 388-7634.

MIDDLEBURY. Henry Sheldon Museum Appraisal Day. Expert appraisers Greg Hamilton, Joan Korda, Lori Scotnicki, Ralph Shepard, Jean Tudhope, and John Wallace will offer verbal appraisals of antiques including furniture, art, jewelry, military items, sports memorabilia, glass, toys, books, and ephemera. Photographs of large objects will be accepted. \$7/item or \$25/4 items. 10 am - 2 pm at the Courtyard Marriott. For more information call the Museum at (802) 388-2117.

MONTPELIER. Barre Opera House Annual Gala—"Celebrate the 70s." A four-course meal, silent auction, entertainment and dancing to the music of the acclaimed Vermont band, "The Hitmen." Tickets: \$65. Cocktails 6 pm, dinner 7 pm. Capitol Plaza Hotel. (802) 476-8188. www.barreoperahouse.org.

PROCTOR. 42nd Annual Holiday Bazaar of the Union Church. Get a start on your holiday shopping with the fabulous selection of handcrafted gifts, Christmas ornaments and holiday items that you've come to expect from the Union Church crafters over the last 42 years. Two full floors of treasures to choose from. Pink pachyderm gift boutique, dried flower arrangements and wreaths, jewelry, baked goods, jams, pickles, antiques & collectibles, white elephants. Luncheon of soups, sandwiches, and desserts. 10 am to 2 pm. At the Union Church Parish House, 5 Church St. (802) 459-3624.

RANDOLPH. Fifth Annual Mini-Mud Youth Variety Show. Tickets \$14/\$6. 7 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. For tickets call (802) 728-6464. director@chandler-arts.org. www.chandler-arts.org.

RANDOLPH. Harvest Supper. Roast pork, oven-roasted potatoes, maple-glazed carrots, cole slaw, rolls, beverage, and apple crisp. Cost: \$10, children under 5 free. Come one, come all! 5 pm. Our Lady of the Angels Roman Catholic Church, 43 Hebard Hill Rd. (802) 728-5251. parish@ourladyvt.org.

RANDOLPH CENTER. 2nd Annual Turducken Cooking Class. Think Thanksgiving! Join Margaret Osha and Linda Doane from Maple Ridge Sheep Farm in The Farmers Kitchen to learn how to debone a locally raised turkey, duck and chicken, and combine them with a savory dressing into "One Big Tasty Bird." \$75 includes a class prepared feast. 10:30 am - 3 pm. Turkey Hill Farm, 55 Turkey Hill Rd. To register call (802) 728-7064. localfood@turkeyhillfarmvt.com. turkeyhillfarmvt.com.

READING. Leaf Peeper Pancake Party. \$5 per person, \$15 per family and 5 and under are free. 8-10 am at Reading Elementary School. For more information e-mail mconnor@rvtc.org.



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(November 5, continued)

RICHMOND. Richmond Historical Society Potluck Supper and Fall Meeting. Slide show: *Downtown Richmond—A Look Back in Time*. Bring a main dish to share and join your neighbors for an evening of entertainment. \$2 per person at the door to cover the cost of salad, beverage and dessert. 6 pm at the Richmond Congregational Church. For more info contact Martha Turner at (802) 434-6453. rhs@oldroundchurch.com.

RUTLAND. Library Book Sale. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. 9:30 am - 2 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. rutlandfree.org.

SAXTONS RIVER. Concert: Michael Tarbox. Tickets \$10. Advance tickets on sale at Main Street Arts as well as Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls. Tickets at the door until sold out. Doors 6:30 pm; show 7 pm. At Main Street Arts, Rt. 121. (802) 869-2960. info@mainstreetarts.org. www.mainstreetarts.org.

SPRINGFIELD. 9th Annual Quilt Show and Harvest Bazaar. Harvest Bazaar with tables of handmade crafts, books, jewelry, attic treasures, a quilter's table and baked goods and a luncheon on the ground floor. The Quilt show is held upstairs in the sanctuary. Raffle tickets are available for the "Centennial Star" quilt, a 93-inch square. Admission to the event is free. 9 am - 4 pm at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main St. For more info call (802) 885-5728. fccucc@vermontel.net. www.fccuccspfdvt.org.

STOWE. Stowe Recreation Path Walk. Walk on Stowe Recreation Path with lunch at the Shed Restaurant. Sponsored by the Bread Loaf Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. If planning to attend, contact Jan Abbott at jabbott4111@myfairpoint.net or (802) 878.4873. www.greenmountainclub.org.

TINMOUTH. Exploring Our Landscape—A Geology Walk to Tinmouth Mountain. Join Helen Mango, Castleton State College professor, for a two-hour exploration of local geologic history. We'll head to a viewpoint on Tinmouth Mountain including some off-trail bits up a somewhat steep slope. Sponsored by Staying Connected Initiative. Free. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Leave from Tinmouth Community Center, Rt. 140. (802) 446-7030.

TUNBRIDGE. Shindig with The Shugarmakers. Cover charge is \$8. 8-11 pm at the Tunbridge Town Hall, Rt. 110. (802) 889-5521. www.tunbridgevt.com. www.shindigsvt.com.

WEST DUMMERSTON. Long Trail Work Weekend. Bring pack frames, shovels, hoes, clippers. Meet on Saturday at the West Dummerston Covered Bridge at 7am or at the Long Trail parking lot on Rt. 30 at 8 am. Sponsored by the Brattleboro Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Leader: Mark Brown. (802) 254-4647. www.greenmountainclub.org. Also November 6.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Scottish Dinner and Dance. The Scottish Club of the Twin States celebrates the poet Robert Burns with a dinner and dance. Music provided by Robert Resnick and Marty Morrissey. Admission \$42. Limited space. 6 pm. Hotel Coolidge, 39 South Main St. Call for reservations: (603) 277-9525.

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Weekend. Enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride around the farm fields. Premiere Jersey dairy farm, restored 1890 farmhouse, family programs and activities. Admission \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. Open 10 am to 3:30 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. Also November 6, 12 & 13, 19 & 20.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

BENNINGTON. CROP Hunger Walk. Help children and families worldwide—and right here in the U.S.—to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow. 12 pm, registration. 1 pm, walk. Second Congregational Church, Hillside St. jlerrigo@hotmail.com. bennsc@sover.net.

CHESTER. Tenth Annual Vermont Voices. Archer Mayor, Vermont's favorite mystery writer and raconteur will present his new Joe Gunther tale, *Tag Man*, followed by a reception and book signing. Free, everyone is welcome. 2 pm. At the First Baptist Church of Chester, 162 Main St. (802) 875-3400. www.mvbooks.com.

MIDDLESEX. Road Walk in Middlesex. East Hill Road to Route 2 via Barnett Hill Rd. Car Spot required. A moderate six miles. Meet at 12 noon. Sponsored by the Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Leaders: John Buddington and Kathy Gohl, (802) 229-0725, orwebmaster@gmcmontpelier.org. greenmountainclub.org.

NEW HAVEN. Annual Turkey Buffet. Turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, potatoes, rolls, squash, beverages, and pie! Adults \$10, 6-12 yrs \$5, under 5 free. Seating's at 11:30 am 12:30 & 1:30 pm. Take out by reservations. New Haven Congregational Church, UCC, Town Hill Rd. Reservations recommended but walk-ins welcome. Please call (802) 545-2422.

POMFRET. Autumn Road Walk in Pomfret. On Skyline Drive, Webster Hill Road, Turkey Hollow, State Road and Wild Apple Road. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Leader: Vic McGee, victor.e.mcgee@dartmouth.edu. www.greenmountainclub.org.

RUTLAND. Annual Fall Rummage Sale. Huge indoor sale with clothing, household goods, toys, books, etc. Sunday 10 am - 4 pm. Bag Sale Monday, Nov. 7, 9 am - 12 noon. Sponsored by the Sisterhood of the Rutland Jewish Center, 96 Grove St. (802) 773-3455. rutlandjewishcenter.org.

SAXTONS RIVER. Concert: Steel Wheels. An electrifying American band rooted in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Tickets \$15 at the door. Advance tickets on sale at Main Street Arts, Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls, and www.brattleborotix.com. Doors 7 pm; show 7:30 pm. A production of Flying Under Radar, hosted at Main Street Arts. (802) 869-2960. info@mainstreetarts.org. www.mainstreetarts.org.

SAXTONS RIVER. Spanish Language Potluck. Brush up on your languages. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the conversation. Donations welcome. 6-8 pm at Main Street Arts, Rt. 121. (802) 869-2960. info@mainstreetarts.org. www.mainstreetarts.org.

TUNBRIDGE. Hike of the Month. 1-3 pm. Curtis Hill, start from Tunbridge Central School, Rt. 110. (802) 889-5521. www.tunbridgevt.com.

UNDERHILL CENTER. Knights of Columbus Country Breakfast. The buffet style breakfast will include juice, fruit, eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, and coffee or tea. Cost is by donation. The proceeds go to our Christmas Food and Fruit Baskets. All are welcome! Please come and bring the whole family to this delicious Country Breakfast. 8-11 am in the Parish Hall, St. Thomas Church, 6 Green St. (802) 899-4632.

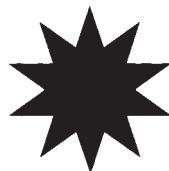
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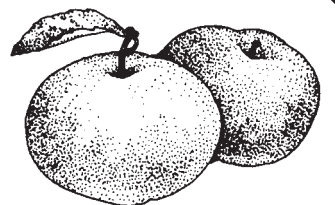
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Vermont Country Calendar

WEST BRATTLEBORO. Brattleboro Music Center Faculty Recital Presents "An Afternoon of Songs from the Hills of Vermont: The 1919 Piano Arrangements by Robert Hughes." Played by Susan Dedell and sung by Tony Barrand and Keith Murphy. Tickets: \$15, \$8 students, free to BMC students under 18 and their companion. 3 pm at All Souls Church. (802) 257-4523. www.bmcvt.org.

WEST DUMMERSTON. Long Trail Work Weekend. We'll be doing Long Trail maintenance. Bring pack frames, shovels, hoes, clippers. Meet on Saturday at the West Dummerston Covered Bridge at 7 am or at the Long Trail parking lot on Rt. 30 at 8 am. Sponsored by the Brattleboro Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Leader: Mark Brown, (802) 254-4647. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WINDSOR. All-You-Can-Eat Brunch Buffet. Menu includes pancakes and eggs, sausage, fruit salad, homemade bread, desserts and more. Books and seasonal items also for sale. \$3 and \$7.50, under 8 free. 11 am to 1 pm. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 27 State St. (802) 674-6461.

WOODSTOCK. Classical Music Concert. Russian violinist Anna Shemetyeva plays music by Faure, Debussy and Ravel. Donations. 2-3 pm., Woodstock UU Church, 7 Church St. (802) 457-2557.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

BENNINGTON. Carbon Cycle Workshop. Learn why soil organic matter is the key to climate, food, and water issues, and what people can do about it. Presented by Peter Donovan. Fee: \$10. 6-9 pm. One World Conservation Center, 413 US Rt. 7. (802) 447-7419. www.netrop.org.

GRAFTON. Mondays at the Chapel Fundraising Dinner. Benefits the Grafton Valley Arts Guild Cricketers Gallery. All natural gourmet food with a local focus prepared by Chef Bryce LeVan Cushing. Dinner includes fresh soup, salad, choice of entree and dessert! The menu perennially includes Grafton Cheese mac & cheese, Southwest tacos and burritos with LeVan special fresh salsa, black beans, and Spanish rice, fresh Italian pasta dishes and homemade desserts by local pastry hero, Anne Brown. Suggested donation \$15. Dinners each first and third Monday. 5-9 pm at the White Chapel, 4 Main St. (802) 843-1162. brycelevancushing@gmail.com.

TUNBRIDGE. Concert: Harry Manx Performs. A fusion of Mississippi blues and traditional Indian ragas. \$20/\$25. 7:30 pm. Tunbridge Town Hall, Rt. 110. (802) 431-3433. mtfolk.org.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

HANOVER, NH. Hike on Storrs Pond Ring Trail. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Leader: Inge Brown, (802) 296-5777. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

BELLOWS FALLS. Program: Are Our Rivers Healthy?—Water Quality of the Saxtons and Williams Rivers. Laurie Callahan, Coordinator for the Southeastern Vermont Watershed Alliance monitoring program, will lead a discussion with members of the Rockingham community. Free. 7 pm. Rockingham Free Public Library, 65 Westminster St. (802) 843-2111. www.nature-museum.org.

CASTLETON. Performance: A Winter's Tale. Shakespeare's story of love and jealousy and the woes that these can create. Presented by Castleton Theatre Arts. Tickets \$12. 8 pm evening performance. At Casella Theater. (802) 468-1119. Through November 13.

RUTLAND. Masters of Illusion. This exciting magic show features headlining illusionists, comedic magicians, daring escape artists, rare tigers, exotic birds, beautiful dancers, and a cast of 25. Tickets: \$45.50-\$55.50 + tax. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

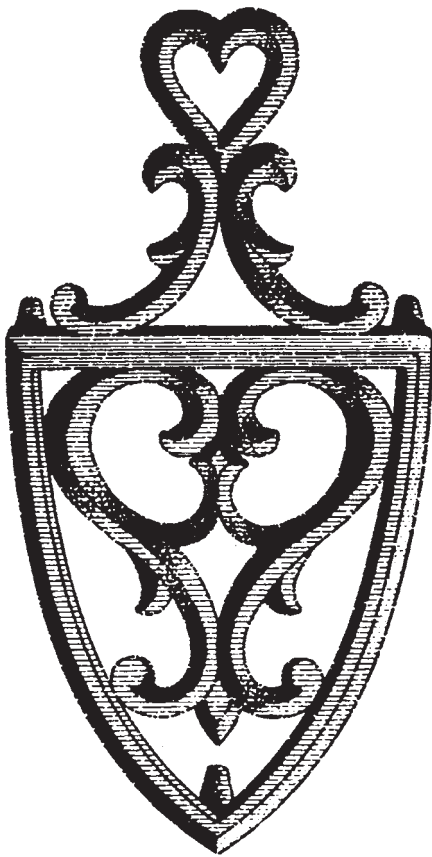
BARRE. Performance: Comedian Bob Marley. Tickets: \$24.50. 7:30 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. (802) 476-8188. www.barreoperahouse.org.

RUTLAND. Vermont Actors' Repertory Theatre presents the Broadway hit comedy, 'Art' by Yasmina Reza, the winner of the 1998 Tony Award for Best Play. Tickets \$15. 7:30 pm Nov. 10-12 and 2 pm Nov. 13. The Brick Box at the Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org. Through November 13.

SAXTONS RIVER. 4th Annual Taste of the Arts—Tales from a Community. Bellows Falls painter and impresario, Charlie Hunter, will share pieces of his creative philosophy. Enjoy "good eats" from Harvest Moon. Tickets \$15, children \$5, at Main Street Arts or through PayPal at www.mainstreetarts.org. 6 pm at Main Street Arts, Rt. 121. (802) 869-2960. info@mainstreetarts.org. www.mainstreetarts.org.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

BURLINGTON. Special Double Bill Concert: Winterpills featuring Philip Price & Flora Reed with Sarah Lee Guthrie and Johnny Irion. Tickets \$12. 8 pm. At Enter, 294 North Winooski Ave. (802) 665-4563. flora@signaturesounds.com. winterpills.com.



NORTH TUNBRIDGE. Contra Dance. Traditional contras and quadrilles. Hosted by the Ed Larkin Contra Dancers. Open to the public, all dances taught, no partner necessary, children welcome. Refreshments available. Admission \$5. 7:30-10:30 pm at the North Tunbridge Grange. (802) 436-2444. Clydo46@gmail.com. edlarkincontradancers.org. Second Fridays through May.

RANDOLPH. Concert: The Music of Bill Monroe, the Undisputed Father of Bluegrass Music. Featuring bluegrass masters the Travelin' McCourys, Peter Rowan and Tony Rice. Tickets \$47.50. 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. For tickets call (802) 728-6464. director@chandler-arts.org. www.chandler-arts.org.

WATERBURY CENTER. Santa's Workshop Christmas Sale. Christmas shop, craft shop, plant shop, children's shop, food shop and cookie sale. 9 am - 6 pm. Waterbury Center Community Church next to the Cold Hollow Cider Mill on Rt. 100. (802) 244-8089. btravelers@aol.com. Also November 12.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

BARRE. Concert: 1964—The Tribute. Recreation of a Sixties live Beatles concert. Tickets: \$28/\$32. 8 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. (802) 476-8188. www.barreoperahouse.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Winter Farmers Market. Indoor market featuring local farms products including produce, apples, eggs, grass-fed meats, cider, syrup, preserves, locally grown house plants, baked goods, local wines, pottery, jewelry, handmade soaps, hats, scarves and more. Delicious lunches featuring locally grown foods, and live music in the lunch cafe. A project of Post Oil Solutions. 10 am - 2 pm at the River Garden, 153 Main St. For more information call (802) 869-2141. farmersmarket@postoilsolutions.org. www.postoilsolutions.org. Every Saturday through March.

BRATTLEBORO. Concert: Miguel Zenón Quartet. A saxophonist "at the forefront of a generation of musicians constructing their own dialects." Tickets \$16. 8 pm. Vermont Jazz Center, 72 Cotton Mill Hill. (802) 254-9088. www.vtjazz.org.

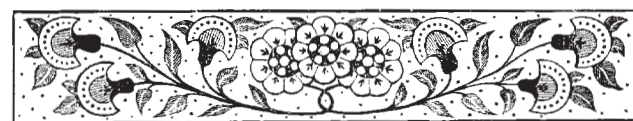
BROOKFIELD. 8th Annual Hunters' Breakfast & Christmas Fair. Different tables as well as a bake table will be featured at the Christmas Fair. The meal is by donation. Serving 4-11 am. First Congregational Church, 49 Ridge Rd., Pond Village. (802) 276-3376.

EAST BROOKFIELD. Christmas Bazaar. 9 am - 3 pm. East Brookfield Congregational Church, 6907 VT Rt. 14. For info contact Gen Wentworth (802) 276-3312.

EAST CHARLESTON. Kingdom Coffeehouse: The Wind that Shakes the Barley. This Vermont-based quartet presents a delightful mixture of traditional music and folklore from the Celtic lands of Ireland, Scotland, Brittany and beyond. \$10/adults \$5/children (includes refreshments). 7 pm. Northwoods Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 723-6551. www.northwoodscenter.org.

HARTLAND. Dirt Road Walk and Fondue. Walk five miles on dirt roads followed by chocolate fondue at the leader's home. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Leader: Katie Rawson, (802) 436-1125. www.greenmountainclub.org.

NORTH TUNBRIDGE. Tunbridge Grange Hunter's Breakfast. Eggs, home fries, ham, sausage, toast, pancakes, coffee & juice for a reasonable cost. 4 am - 9 am. Tunbridge Grange, Rt. 110. For info call Mert Vesper at (802) 889-5595. www.tunbridgevt.com.



Fragrant Paperwhites

by Dr. Leonard Perry,
Extension Professor, University of Vermont

A popular and easy-to-flower bulb for late fall and the holidays is the paperwhite narcissus. Sweet smelling paperwhites can be coaxed into bloom with very little effort. Pre-potted paperwhites can be purchased at many garden stores. All you do is add water! These potted bulbs make a nice gift, or a fun activity for children.

The correct term is actually "forcing" as you are forcing the spring-flowering bulbs to fast-forward their natural growth cycles and bloom in winter instead. Paperwhites produce small, star-shaped white or yellow and white flowers that will last for several weeks.

If purchasing locally, choose healthy bulbs with no soft spots. Store in a cool, dry place. Paperwhites will bloom about four to six weeks after planting, so plan accordingly if you want flowers for the holidays or other special occasions. For continuous bloom throughout the winter, plant bulbs every two weeks from late fall through February.

Use shallow containers, about three to four inches deep, without drainage holes. You can find these specially designed containers for forcing at many garden centers. Add about two inches of washed pebbles, or large glass beads similar to marbles (available at craft stores and some garden stores) in the bottom of the container. If using the colorful glass beads, use a clear container so they can be seen. Or, similar to other forcing bulbs, you can plant in pots with soil.

Gently place the bulbs, pointed side up on the gravel or beads. They should be close, but not touching. (Five bulbs will fit nicely in a six-inch pot.) Then add enough pebbles around the bulbs to hold them in place. If using soil, make sure the bulb tops are at or above the surface.

The tricky part is watering the bulbs if not in soil. You want to add just enough water so it reaches the base of the bulbs. You don't want the bulbs to sit in water as this will cause rot. Maintain this level of water throughout the growing period. Don't fertilize—the bulb already contains the nutrients it needs.

Place the container in a cool, dark place (about 50 degrees F) for a few weeks until green shoots appear (but don't forget about them). Then move to full, bright light (generally, a window with southern exposure). Too little light, and the plants will grow leggy as they stretch to reach the light. Initially, room temperature should be 60 to 65 degrees.

To prolong bloom, after the plants begin to flower, remove them from direct sunlight and place in a cooler, less sunny part of your home. They provide easy, inexpensive, cheery, and long-lasting flowers.

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(November 12, continued)

NORWICH. Second Saturday Contradance with Northern Spy. David Millstone, calling. All dances taught, no partner necessary, beginners welcome. Bring a change of clean shoes for the dance floor. Admission \$8, students \$5, under 16 free. 8 pm. At Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 785-4607. rbarrows@cs.dartmouth.edu. Next dance December 10, and second Saturdays through June 2012.

RANDOLPH. Concert: Antje Duvekot & Cheryl Wheeler. Singer-songwriters entertain. Tickets \$30. 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. For tickets call (802) 728-6464. director@chandler-arts.org. www.chandler-arts.org.

RUTLAND. Roast Turkey Dinner. Served family-style with dressing, cranberry sauce, potatoes, vegetable and homemade pie. \$10 adults, \$5 children 5-12, under 5 free. 5-7 pm. Rutland United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 71 Williams St. (802) 773-2460. rutlandumc@aol.com.

RUTLAND. Rutland Holiday Fairs of Vermont. Handmade crafts, jams, jewelry, paintings, wreaths, candies, and more! Sponsored by the Vermont Farmers Market. Accepting EBT and debit cards. 9 am - 5 pm at Holiday Inn, Rt. 7. For info contact Jamie Condrill, (802) 287-9570. jdc71203@aol.com. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. Also December 10.

RUTLAND. Craft Sale and Flea Market. 10 am - 2 pm. Hosted by the The Rutland American Legion Auxiliary Unit #31, 33 Washington St. (802) 747-1649.

ST. JOHNSBURY. Holiday Market. Sponsored by Caledonia Farmers Market. 10 am - 1 pm at St. Johnsbury Welcome Center, Railroad St. For info call Elizabeth Everts, (802) 592-3088. elizabethverts@yahoo.com. Also December 17.

SHELburne. Owl Crafts for Kids. Learn about the owl's "Tools of the trade" from a live bird then make your own arts & crafts project. Presented in partnership with Outreach for Earth Stewardship. Fee: \$12 parent and child, \$6 each additional child. 10 am - 12 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. Call to register, (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org.

SHOREHAM. Lazyman's Lobster and Baked Ham Dinner. With baked potato, tossed salad, rolls, beverages, and homemade desserts. \$20 for lobster; \$10 for ham. Seatings at 5 & 6:30 pm. Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School Rd. (Rte. 74 and School Rd.) Advanced tickets only. To order please call (802) 897-2780. vtcatt@shoreham.net.

SWANTON. Annual Christmas Bazaar. 8 am - 4 pm. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 38 Grand Ave. (802) 868-7195. holytrinityepi@myfairpoint.net. www.holytrinityswanton.org.

WATERBURY. Autumn Outing on Mt. Hunger. Hike to a beautiful summit—maybe even some white stuff! Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Please contact leader by 11/10: Robynn Albert, (802) 878-4036 or robynnaalbert@hotmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Weekend. Horse-drawn wagon ride around the farm fields. Premiere Jersey dairy farm, restored 1890 farmhouse, family programs and activities. Admission \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. 10 am to 3:30 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. Also November 13, 19 & 20.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

BRATTLEBORO. Windham Orchestra Concert—Dance of the Titans! Riegger Dance Rhythms and Mahler Symphony No. 1 in D, Titan. Tickets \$15, students and seniors \$7. Purchase tickets by visiting www.bmcvt.org or by calling the Brattleboro Music Center at (802) 257-4523. Concert at 3 pm at The Latchis Theatre, 50 Main St. (802) 254-1109. www.latchis.com.

CHESTER. Tenth Annual Vermont Voices. Yannick Murphy presents her book, *The Call*, followed by a reception and book signing. Free. 2 pm. At Misty Valley Book, on the Green. (802) 875-3400. www.mvbooks.com.

GREENSBORO. Road Walk in Greensboro. Walk on dirt and paved roads around beautiful Caspian Lake. Bring water and lunch. A moderate seven miles. Sponsored by the Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For meeting time and place call leaders: Reidun and Andrew Nuquist, (802) 223-3550. www.greenmountainclub.org.

SAXTONS RIVER. French Language Potluck. Brush up on your languages. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the conversation. Donations welcome. 6-8 pm at Main Street Arts, Rt. 121. (802) 869-2960. info@mainstreetarts.org. www.mainstreetarts.org.

THETFORD. Autumn Road Walk—Campbell Flats Loop. Six miles mostly on dirt roads along the Ompompanoosuc River and Union Village Dam. Easy to moderate, some steep parts. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Leader: Kathy Astruckas, (802) 785-4311. www.greenmountainclub.org.

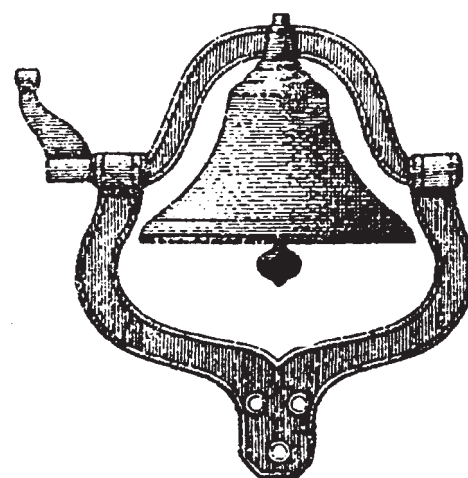
TUNBRIDGE. Monthly Breakfast & Bake Sale. On the second Sunday of each month the Tunbridge Recreation Committee and the Tunbridge Central School 8th Grade Class will host a breakfast and a bake sale. 8 am - 12 pm at the Tunbridge Town Hall, Rt. 110. (802) 889-5521. www.tunbridgevt.com. *Continues monthly.*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

BELLOWS FALLS. Nature Program—Weather Proverbs. Do cows really lie down when it is going to rain? What do woolly bear caterpillars tell us about the coming winter? Bruce Parks, high-school science teacher and professor of meteorology, will speak about weather and old wives' tales. Free, everyone welcome. 7-8 pm. Rockingham Free Public Library, 65 Westminster St. (802) 843-2111. lillianwillis@nature-museum.org. www.nature-museum.org.

BELLOWS FALLS. Bellows Falls Winter Holiday Farmers' Market. Winter produce, great crafts, prepared foods, entertainment. At Boccelli's on the Canal in downtown Bellows Falls. Wednesday, November 16 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Friday, December 16 from 4 to 7 p.m. For more info contact Mandy Walsh at (802) 376-5784. ffarmersmarket@gmail.com. www.bffarmersmarket.com.

RUTLAND. Tales to Tails—Kids Reading to Dogs. Children meet, greet, and read to our friendly, fabulous therapy dogs. Free and open to all. Collect each dog's bookmark. 4-4:45 pm. Fox Room, Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. rutlandfree.org.



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SO. BURLINGTON. Workshop: Herbs for The Holidays: Folklore, Culinary & Health. Led by Laura Brown of Purple Shutter Herbs. Fee: \$20. 6-8pm. UVM Horticulture Research Center, 65 Green Mountain Dr. Please RSVP info@friendsofthehortfarm.org. friendsofthehortfarm.org.

SWANTON. Community Breakfast. \$2.50 per person. 7-9 am. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 38 Grand Ave. (802) 868-7195. holytrinityepi@myfairpoint.net. www.holytrinityswanton.org. Also December 7.

WOODSTOCK. Fall Hike in No-Hunting Area. Moderate loop on carriage roads on Mt. Tom. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Leader: Peter Hope, (603) 863-6456. www.greenmountainclub.org.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

DANVILLE. 90th Annual Game Supper. Meat pies, typically venison, moose, bear, coon, beaver, rabbit, and chicken. Side dishes, squash, potato, glazed carrots, green beans, cranberry sauce, coleslaw, and pickles, topped off with dinner rolls, coffee, and homemade dessert pies. Tickets \$14; under 12, \$8. Seatings at 5, 6, 7 pm. Danville United Methodist Church, on the Green. Reservations required. Call (802) 684-3666.

EAST CHARLESTON. Film and Presentation: Cree Hunters of Mistassini. Follows three families as they travel north to their winter hunting grounds in Northern Quebec. Northwoods' Jon Cox will introduce the film, sharing his experience of visiting the Cree community of Ouje Bougoumou. Fee: \$10 includes refreshments. 7 pm. Northwoods Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 723-6551. www.northwoodscenter.org.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

GRAFTON. Holiday Wreath-Decorating Workshops. \$35 per wreath includes a wide variety of special natural materials to use in decorating a fresh, pre-made evergreen wreath about 22" across, plus bows, ribbons, glue guns, and delicious goodies to make the sessions festive. 9:30-11 am, 1-2:30 pm, and 7-8:30 pm. The Nature Museum at Grafton, 186 Townshend Rd. Please call to pre-register: (802) 843-2111. lillianwillis@nature-museum.org. www.nature-museum.org. Also November 19.

SAXTONS RIVER. Windham Orchestra Concert. Dance of the Titans!—Riegger Dance Rhythms and Mahler Symphony No. 1 in D, Titan. Tickets \$15, students and seniors \$7. 7:30 pm at the Vermont Academy. To purchase tickets call (802) 257-4523. www.bmcvt.org

WILLISTON. Brick Church Music Series Concert: Crowfoot, with Phineas Gage opening. Advance tickets: \$8, \$6 for seniors and children; \$10/\$8 at the door. Children under 6 free. Purchase tickets from the Williston Town Clerk's Office, online at Municipal-Payments.com, or at the door. 7 pm. At The Old Brick Church in the village. (802) 764-1141. willistonvt.govoffice3.com.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

BARRE. Concert: Dan Zanes & Friends. 21st-century handmade all-ages family music. Tickets: \$25/\$20. 3 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. (802) 476-8188. www.barreoperahouse.org.

BELLOWS FALLS. Stone Church Arts presents Cody Michaels—Solo pianist blending classical, jazz and nature. Tickets in advance: \$17 adults, \$13 seniors over 60 and children under 12. At the door \$20, \$15 seniors & children. Tickets at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls, online at www.brattleborotix.com or at the door. Concert 7:30 pm, doors open at 7 pm. In the Chapel of Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 463-3100. immanuelepiscopal.org.

BENNINGTON. Bennington-Walloomsac Holiday Farmers Market. Stock up on winter produce, baked goods, fresh meats, roaster chickens, eggs, jams, teas, soaps, crafts! Soup and sandwiches. Live music. 10 am - 2 pm. At St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 200 Pleasant St. Info: Sarah Sanfilippo. (802) 688-7210. www.walloomsac.org. Also Holiday Market December 17.

BRANDON. Second Holiday Extravaganza. Delicious food, door prizes, silent auction, kid's activities and a nice selection of local, unique gifts. Sponsored by the Neshobe PTO. Noon to 4 pm. Neshobe School. For info contact hazel.wood@hostplanet.us. www.neshobepeto.com.

BRADFORD. 56th Annual Wild Game Supper. Bear, moose, buffalo, elk, venison, wild boar, rabbit, pheasant with wild rice, emu sausage. Also potato, squash, homemade rolls, cabbage salad, gingerbread with real whipped cream. Adults \$25, children under 10 \$12. 2:30 pm at the Bradford United Church of Christ, 245 N Main St. For tickets call (802) 222-4480.

BRATTLEBORO. Winter Farmers Market. Indoor market featuring local farms products including produce, apples, eggs, grass-fed meats, cider, syrup, preserves, locally grown house plants, baked goods, local wines, pottery, jewelry, handmade soaps, hats, scarves and more. Delicious lunches featuring locally grown foods, and live music in the lunch cafe. A project of Post Oil Solutions. 10 am - 2 pm at the River Garden, 153 Main St. For more information call (802) 869-2141. farmersmarket@postoilsolutions.org. postoisolutions.org. Open every Saturday through March.

CRAFTSBURY. Concert: Crowfoot. A Canadian and American group playing Celtic music. \$10 general, \$5 students & seniors, kids free. 7:30 pm. The Music Box, 147 Creek Rd. (802) 586-7533. www.themusicboxvt.org. www.crowfootmusic.com.

GRAFTON. Holiday Wreath-Decorating Workshop. \$35 per wreath includes a wide variety of special natural materials to use in decorating a fresh, pre-made evergreen wreath about 22" across, plus bows, ribbons, glue guns, and delicious goodies to make the sessions festive. 9-10:30 am. The Nature Museum at Grafton, 186 Townshend Rd. Call to pre-register. (802) 843-2111. nature-museum.org. lillianwillis@nature-museum.org.

HINESBURG. Winter Farmer's Market. Great vegetables, pasture raised chicken, fantastic breads, honey, jam, pickles, and more. Books, bags, birdhouses, cupcakes, crafts and beautiful pottery. Locally spent dollars build community and connections. Make the choice for craftsmanship, quality, and flavor. 9 am - 2 pm at Hinesburg Town Hall, corner of Rt. 116 and Charlotte Rd. (802) 482-3848. wendyathecobble@yahoo.com. Also December 17.

HUNTINGTON. Autumn Hike on The Hump via Forest City Trail. Alternate trail for great views atop Vermont's most popular mountain! Moderate 6-mile hike at a strong pace, 2200' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. To attend, contact leader Robynn Albert by 11/17: (802) 878-4036, robynnalbert@hotmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

LUDLOW. Ludlow Farmers' Market. Locally grown and raised produce, artisanal food products and well made crafts. 10 am - 1 pm at Ludlow Teen Center at Goodman's American Pie, 106 Main St. For more info contact Jerry Milligan, (802) 734-3829. www.ludlowfarmersmarket.org. Every Saturday through March 3.

MANCHESTER. Solo Exhibition Opening Reception. Meet the artists, mingle with friends. Enjoy live music, hors d'oeuvres and supervised children's activities. Free and open to the public. Featuring the work of: Jane Bloodgood-Abrams, Susan Houghton Debus, John MacDonald, Suh Park, Leslie Peck, Craig Stockwell, Jenny Swanson, Brian Sweetland, and Frank Vurraro. 2-4 pm. Yester House Galleries at Southern Vermont Arts Center. (802) 362-1405. www.svac.org. Exhibition open through January 28.

MANCHESTER. Bird Walk. The Vermont Bird Place & Sky Watch and local birders meet to conduct a survey of the wild birds present on the grounds of Hildene. For more info, please call Randy Schmidt at (802) 362-2270 or e-mail randy@thevermontbirdplace.com. Free. Meet at 8 am the Welcome Center parking lot at Hildene, off Rt. 7A south of the village. (802) 367-7960. www.hildene.org.

MANCHESTER. Christmas Decoration Making Gala. Help make ornaments to trim the trees of five needy local families this holiday season. Free. 2-5 pm in the Hay Madeira Studios, Southern Vermont Arts Center. Walk-ins welcome. RSVP to Mr. Kim-Scott Miller at (802) 297-2662. www.svac.org.

MONTPELIER. Capital City Thanksgiving Farmers' Market. 9 am - 1 pm. Held in the Montpelier High School Gym on Bailey St. Accepts EBT and debit cards. (802) 223-2958. manager@montpelierfarmersmarket.com. www.montpelierfarmersmarket.com.

NORWICH. Thanksgiving Farmers' Market. 10 am - 1 pm at Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. For info call Steve Hoffman, (802) 384-7447. manager@norwichfarmersmarket.org. www.norwichfarmersmarket.org. Holiday Market also on December 10.

PITTSFORD. Craft Fair. Baked goods, jellies, jams, pickles, fudge, crocheted & knitted items, jewelry, wooden items, homemade cooking oils & vinegars, homemade tea, sewn items, recycled art, and more. Benefit basket raffle. Luncheon: sandwiches, goulash, etc. 10 am - 3 pm. Lothrop Elementary School Gym.

POULTNEY. Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon. Handcrafted items. Come do your Christmas shopping at leisure and enjoy a lunch from 11 am - 2 pm of homemade soups, sandwiches, beverages and dessert. 9 am - 2 pm. Methodist Church, 108 Main St. For info call Nancy Boden at (802) 287-9689.

PUTNEY. Wild Night on the Catwalk. Runway show of designer re-imagined and re-purposed wearable art fashions. Benefits the Brattleboro Area Hospice. Food, drink, music, not-so-silent auction. Tickets \$35/\$50. 7-11 pm. Currier Center, Putney School. (802) 257-0775. experiencedgoodshome.blogspot.com. prime@svcable.net.

RUTLAND. Concert: Bela Fleck and The Original Flecktones. The groundbreaking banjoist, composer & bandleader has reconvened his initial line-up. Tickets: \$36.50-\$56.50 + tax. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

SHELBURNE. Moonlit Wagon Rides. A moonlit evening is a great time to enjoy Shelburne Farms by horse-drawn wagon ride! Celebrate this magical time of year with light snacks and activities back at the education center before or after your ride. Fee: \$10 adults, \$7 children under 12. 5:15 pm, 6 pm, 6:45 pm, 7:30 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. Call to register, (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org.

Upper Valley Seed Savers Meet in White River Junction

Saving seeds is an ancient skill, preserved over the centuries by farmers and backyard gardeners. Thanks to their hard work and dedication we now have a stunning variety of vegetables available to us. However, given the consolidation that has recently taken place in the seed industry, and with the rise in popularity of hybrids, this diversity is at great risk of being lost.

It is up to our generation to keep the knowledge of seed saving alive and to preserve these varieties for future generations.

To this end, the Upper Valley Seed Savers meets on the second Thursday of every month.

Our mission is to further knowledge about seed sav-

ing and to work on projects that will help develop a body of locally-adapted open-pollinated vegetable seeds.

The next meeting, on November 10, will be at the Upper Valley Food Coop, 193 North Main St. in White River Junction, VT. The meeting space at the Coop is quite pleasant, and the group informative and welcoming. Everyone is invited to come.

During the summer we meet at various members' gardens. In the winter we meet at their houses. The meetings are at 5 pm.

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(November 19, continued)

SHELBURNE. Wake Robin Trail Walk. Meet at Wake Robin Community Center at 10 am. Easy walk will be either on Wake Robin trails and/or nearby farm roads, depending on trail conditions. Sponsored by the Bread Loaf Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. To attend, contact leader Mary Hoffman at (802) 985-8741 or mvhoff2@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

TINMOUTH. 42nd Annual Tinmouth Game Supper. One of Vermont's largest and most delicious game suppers. Venison and Moose Sauerbraten, Cornbread Chili, our acclaimed venison, moose and bear roast, our secret marinated roasts, Alan's smoked moose, and Grandma Birdsall's wild Italian meatballs. Also chicken pie, endless potatoes and squash, salads, rolls, beans, and all the fixin's. Over 100 homemade pies made by loggers, farmers and homemakers from all over Tinmouth provide a sweet ending to your meal. This is one of the only "all you'd like to eat" dinners. Takeouts available. Hosted by the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 12 and under, six and under free. No waiting outside and continuous seating of over 200. 4 pm at Tinmouth Community Center, Rt. 140. (802) 235-2718.

WARREN. Course: Composting Toilet Basics. This course is for anyone that is interested in building or purchasing and using a composting toilet. Fee: \$320. 9 am - 5 pm. Yestermorrow Design/Build School. To register contact Shannon Donovan at (888) 496-5541. novart.org. Also November 20.

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Weekend. Enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride around the farm fields. Premiere Jersey dairy farm, restored 1890 farmhouse, family programs and activities. Admission \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. 10 am to 3:30 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. Also November 20.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

CASTLETON. Concert: The Collegiate Chorale and Castleton Chambers Singers present a variety of works celebrating the end of fall and upcoming Holidays. Free. 3 pm. Casella Theater, Castleton State College. (802) 468-1119. www.castleton.edu.

CHESTER. Tenth Annual Vermont Voices. Sally Ryder Brady shares her new book, *A Box of Darkness: The Story of a Marriage*, followed by a reception and book signing. Free. 2 pm. At Misty Valley Book, on the Green. (802) 875-3400. www.mvbooks.com.

FAIR HAVEN. Fair Haven Holiday Craft Show. Fair Haven American Legion (or High School). For info contact Sherry Smith, (518) 282-9781. sherry12887@yahoo.com.

PUTNEY. Holiday Farmers' Market. Beautiful locally-made crafts, pottery and jewelry. Delicious prepared foods, Local winter produce, apples, cider, baked goods, pickles, jams, jellies, live music. A delightful afternoon. Sundays 11 am - 2 pm, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 11 & Dec. 18 at Green Mountain Orchards, 130 West Hill Rd. For info contact Kristina Israel, (802) 387-4234. pcoopmarketing@gmail.com. www.putneyfarmersmarket.org.

RUTLAND. Vermont Dining Train. Board an authentic Pullman Dining Car and experience a tasty four-course dinner served as the train rolls through scenic Vermont countryside. Fare \$59-\$79. (800) 292-7245. VermontDiningTrain.com. Also November 27.

SAXTONS RIVER. German Language Potluck. Brush up on your languages. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the conversation. Donations welcome. 6-8 pm at Main Street Arts, Rt. 121. (802) 869-2960. info@mainstreetarts.org. www.mainstreetarts.org.

SHELBURNE. Bionutrient Rich Crop Production Course. A four-session course designed to teach the basic principles and practices of this form of biological and energetic farming and gardening. Led by Dan Kittredge, Executive Director of the Real Food Campaign. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. Register at www.realfoodcampaign.org. (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org. Also March 4, May 6 & July 1.

WOODSTOCK. Road Walk in Woodstock. Starts and ends at Billings Farm. Moderate, eight miles, 400' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Leader: Vic McGee, victor.e.mcgee@dartmouth.edu. www.greenmountainclub.org.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

GRAFTON. Chapel Fundraising Dinner for the Grafton Valley Arts Guild. All natural gourmet food with a local focus prepared by Chef Bryce LeVan Cushing. Dinner includes a fresh soup, salad, choice of entree and dessert! The menu perennially includes Grafton Cheese mac & cheese, Southwest tacos and burritos with LeVan special fresh salsa, black beans, and Spanish rice, fresh Italian pasta dishes and homemade desserts by local pastry hero, Anne Brown. Suggested donation \$15. Proceeds benefit Cricketers Gallery. Dinners each first and third Monday, 5-9 pm at the White Chapel, 4 Main St. For info call (802) 843-1162. brycelevancushing@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

LYME CENTER, NH. Autumn Walk on Dirt Roads. An easy four miles, out and back from Dartmouth Skiway Base Lodge. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Leader: Inge Brown, (802) 296-5777. www.greenmountainclub.org.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

BELLOWS FALLS. Stone Church Arts presents "Final Friday" Open Mic & Coffeehouse. Hosted by Elizabeth Rogers. Great music and a scrumptious buffet of cakes, treats, and coffee. \$5 cover charge, refreshments by donation. 7:30 pm (7 pm open mic sign-up). In the Chapel of Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 463-3100. immanuelepiscopal.org. Last Fridays through April.

BONDVILLE. 17th Annual Christmas in the Country Boutique and Artisan Craft Fair. The northeast's premier artisans and vendors, Santa Claus, hay rides, Christmas cafe, gift wrapping and shipping. 10 am - 3 pm. At The Mountain School on Rt. 30. (802) 297-2662. themountainschool.org. Also November 26.

MANCHESTER. Black Friday and Saturday Children's Mini Art Camp. Drop the kids off while you shop. For grades K-5. Fee: \$24 including materials. 10 am - noon and 2-4 pm. At the Hay Madeira Studios, Southern Vermont Arts Center. (802) 362-1405. www.svac.org. Also November 26.

POULTNEY. The Annual Poultney Christmas Fair. Traditional and unique handmade holiday gifts, crafts, folk art, gourmet foods and more. Sponsored by the Vermont Farmers Market. Open 10 am - 4 pm at Poultney High School Gym. For more information call (802) 325-3203 or (802) 287-2010. Also November 26.

PUTNEY. 33rd Annual Putney Craft Tour. Meander the back roads of SE Vermont in search of art & craft. (802) 387-4032. putneycrafts.com. Through November 27.

SHELBURNE. Thanksgiving Weekend at Shelburne Farms Welcome Center. Cheese tasting, hot cider, lots of local products to sample and a Farm Store full of great gifts! Shop early, ship easily. 10 am - 5 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. Call to register, (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org. Through November 27.

TINMOUTH. Contra Dance. Admission is \$9, \$7 for teens and \$3 for children 5-12, under 5 free. Refreshments. 8 pm at the Tinmouth Community Center, Rt. 140 in the center of town. For info call (802) 235-2718. msquier@vermontel.net. www.Tinmouthvt.org. Continues every fourth Friday.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

BERLIN. Traditional Contra Dance—"Homegrown in the Tradition." Callers: Dudley and Jacqueline Laufman. Band—our own "house band" of friends and neighbors. Dessert potluck at the break. Come do the dances that entertained generations of rural New England people on winter nights! All levels of dancing welcome. No partner needed. Bring soft-soled shoes to save the floor. 8-11 pm. Capital City Grange, 6612 VT Rt. 12, Northfield Rd. (802) 225-8921. capitalcitygrange.org.

BONDVILLE. 17th Annual Christmas in the Country Boutique and Artisan Craft Fair. Santa Claus, hay rides, Christmas cafe, gift wrapping and shipping. 10 am - 3 pm. At The Mountain School at Winhall, on Rt. 30, one mile north of Stratton Access Rd. (802) 297-2662. themountainschool.org.

BRANDON. Maple View Farm Alpacas Ninth Annual Holiday Open House. Guests are invited to learn about alpacas, raised for breeding as well as their luxurious fiber. See carding and spinning demonstrations. Fiber products made from luxurious alpaca will be on display and for sale. Free admission. 9 am - 4 pm. Maple View Farm, 185 Adams Rd. (802) 247-5412. mvfalpacas@earthlink.net. www.mapleviewfarmalpacas.com. Also November 27.

BRATTLEBORO. Winter Farmers Market. Indoor market featuring local farm products including winter produce, apples, eggs, grass-fed meats, cider, maple syrup, honey, preserves, locally grown house plants, baked goods, local wines. Pottery, jewelry, handmade soaps, hats, scarves and more. Delicious lunches featuring locally-grown foods, and live music in the lunch cafe. A project of Post Oil Solutions. 10 am - 2 pm at the River Garden, 153 Main St. For more information call (802) 869-2141. farmersmarket@postoilsolutions.org. www.postoilsolutions.org. Open every Saturday through March.

NORWICH. Fourth Saturday Contradance with Wild Asparagus. George Marshall calling. Sponsored by Muskeg Music. Enjoy live music and experience these traditional social dances easily learned by young and old alike. All dances taught, no partner necessary, beginners welcome. Please bring a change of clean shoes for the dance floor. Admission \$10. 8 pm. At Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 785-4607. rbarrows@cs.dartmouth.edu. Continues fourth Saturdays through May 2012.

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RANDOLPH. Performance: The Snowmaiden. No-Strings Marionette Company brings the land of the midnight sun to Chandler in their adaptation of a well-loved Russian folk tale. Tickets \$6. 11 am. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. Tickets: (802) 728-6464. director@chandler-arts.org. www.chandler-arts.org.

SHELBURNE. Shelburne Farms Welcome Center Thanksgiving Weekend. Cheese tasting, hot cider, lots of local products to sample and a Farm Store full of great gifts! Shop early, ship easily. 10 am - 5 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. Call to register, (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org. Also November 27.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

DORSET. Manchester Music Festival Concert—An Afternoon of String Quartets. Works by Villa Lobos, Haydn, and Dvorak. Performed by Joana Genova and Heather Braun, violins; Ariel Rudiakov, viola; Benjamin Elton Capps, cello. 4 pm at Dorset Union Church. (802) 362-1956. Info@mmfvt.org. www.mmfvt.org.

FAIRLEE. Late Fall Road Walk. An easy, 6.5 miles. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Leader: Patty Spencer. (802) 333-3571. greenmountainclub.org.

MONTGOMERY CENTER. Autumn Hike on Tillotson Peak & Belvidere Mountain. We'll loop up the Frank Post Trail to Tillotson Camp and on to Tillotson Peak, go back south on the Long Trail to Belvidere Mountain, and return on the Forester's Trail. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Contact leader David Hathaway by 11/25: (802) 899-9982 or David.Hathaway.78@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

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SHELBURNE. After-Thanksgiving Walk at Shelburne Farms. An easy four+ miles. Enjoy farm vistas and a peek at the lake. Dress for the weather. Meet at 12 noon. Sponsored by the Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. If coming, please call leader Steve Lightholder in advance at (802) 479-2304 or steve.lightholder@yahoo.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

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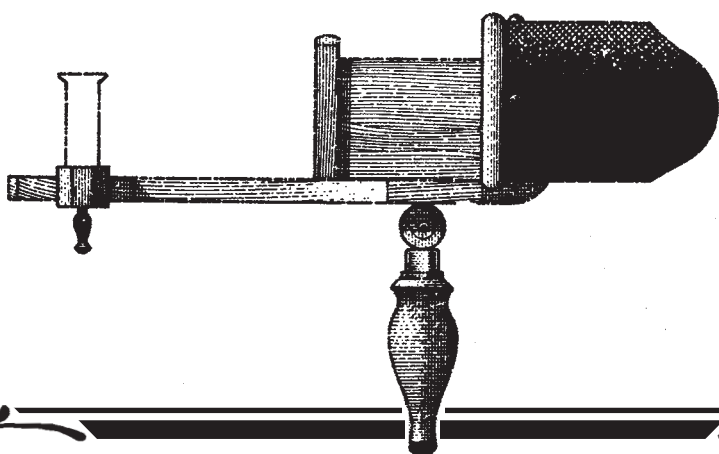
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

FAIRLEE. Road Walk in Fairlee. Destination is leader's choice. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Leader: Patty Spencer, (802) 333-3571.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

BERLIN. Flood Recovery for Vegetable Farms. Practical information for growers on post-flood production, financial planning, tax implications, insurance coverage and site evaluation. 9 am - 2 pm. UVM Extension Office. Free, but please register by contacting Vern Grubinger at (802) 257-7967 x 303. vern.grubinger@uvm.edu. nofavt.org.

CASTLETON. Ragamala Dance: Sacred Earth. The vibrant dance form of Bharatanatyam accompanies the visual majesty of Southern Indian traditions to celebrate the harmony between humans and nature. Adults \$15, seniors/students \$12, children \$10. 7 pm. Casella Theater, Castleton State College. (802) 468-1119. www.castleton.edu.



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Start your holiday shopping with a trip to a Farmer's Market and you'll be pleased at how much of your holiday table can be from Vermont, locally-grown and better tasting.

Bellows Falls Winter Farmers' Market at Boccelli's on the Canal in downtown Bellows Falls. Wednesday, November 16 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Friday, December 16 from 4 to 7 p.m. Mandy Walsh, (802) 376-5784. ffarmersmarket@gmail.com. www.bffarmersmarket.com.

Bennington-Walloomsac Holiday and Winter Farmers Markets at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 200 Pleasant Street. Holiday Markets Nov. 19 and Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Winter Markets every third Saturday, January 21, February 18, March 17 & April 21 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Katherine Keys, (802) 688-7210. info@walloomsac.org. www.walloomsac.org.

Brattleboro Winter Farmers' Market at River Garden, 153 Main St. Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., November 2011 through March 2012. Accepts EBT and debit cards. Sherry Maher, (802) 869-2141. farmersmarket@postilsolutions.org. For special events check the calendar at: www.postilsolutions.org/farmersmarkets.

Burlington Winter Farmers' Market at Memorial Auditorium, corner of Main St. and S. Union. Every third Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. from November 2011 through March, 2012. Accepts EBT and debit cards. Chris Wagner, (802) 310-5172. chriswag31@gmail.com. www.burlingtonfarmersmarket.org.

Champlain Islands—South Hero Winter Farmers' Market at South Hero Congregational Church. Saturdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Nov. 5, Nov. 19, Dec. 3 & Dec. 17. Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Feb. 4, March 4, April 7. Denise Boutin, (802) 372-3291. cmdecker@myfairpoint.net. www.champlainislandsfarmersmarket.blogspot.com.

Craftsbury Winter Market at Sterling College, Simpson Hall, Craftsbury Common. Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., November through March. Carole Drury, (802) 533-235.9

Dorset Winter Farmers' Market at J.K. Adams Kitchen Store and Factory on Rt. 30. Sundays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., October 16 through February 19. Nicole Henry (802) 867-7080. marketmanager@dorsetfarmersmarket.com. www.dorsetfarmersmarket.com.

Fair Haven Holiday Craft Show, Fair Haven American Legion (or High School). Sunday November 20. Sherry Smith, (518) 282-9781. sherry12887@yahoo.com. www.dorsetfarmersmarket.com.

Groton Growers' Winter Farmers Market at Groton Community Building Gym. Every third Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., from October through May. Mary Berlejung, (802) 584-3595. grotongrowers@gmail.com

Hartland Winter Farmers' Market at Damon Hall, Rts. 5 & 12, Hartland Three Corners. Fri. 4-7 p.m., November 4 & December 16. Sharon Irwin, (802) 436-2500. hartlandfarmersmarket@gmail.com. www.hartlandfarmersmarket.com.

Hinesburg Winter Farmer's Market at Hinesburg Town Hall, corner of Rt. 116 and Charlotte Rd. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, Nov. 19, and Dec. 17. Wendy Ordway, (802) 482-3848. wendyatthecobble@yahoo.com.

Lamoille Valley Farmers' Artisan Market at River Arts Center on Pleasant St., in Morrisville. Second Sats., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., October through April (no January). Amy Walker, FAMmanager@gmail.com. farmersartisanmarket.com.



Inquisitive heifers in an autumn field in Addison, VT. photo by Nancy Cassidy

Ludlow Farmers' Market at Ludlow Teen Center, 106 Main St. Every Saturday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. November 19 through March 3. Jerry Milligan, (802) 734-3829. LFMKT@TDS.net. www.ludlowfarmersmarket.org.

Lunenburg Winter Farmers' Market at Lunenburg Community Room (above the Post Office - enter via staircase on South Lunenburg Rd.) Weekly on Sundays 12-3 p.m. except Christmas Day and New Year's Day. EBT purchases welcome. Lance Roberts (802) 892-1262, evenings. questions@topofthecommon.org. www.topofthecommon.org/6.html

Lyndonville Winter Farmers' Market at Tom Breslin Community Center on Main St. (Rt. 5) Second Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., November through April. Brian Titus, (802) 533-7455. info@woodedgefarm.com. www.lyndonfarmersmarket.com.

Middlebury Farmer's Market at American Flatbread Restaurant in the Marbleworks. Every Saturday in November & December from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Second and fourth Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., January through May. Pam Taylor, (802) 388-0178. middleburyfm@yahoo.com. www.middleburyfarmersmarket.org.

Montpelier Capital City Winter Farmers' Market. Thanksgiving Market, Nov. 19, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Montpelier H.S. gym on Bailey St. All other markets at Vermont College of Fine Arts gym, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on first and third Saturdays, December through April. Carolyn Grodinsky, (802) 223-2958. manager@montpelierfarmersmarket.com. www.montpelierfarmersmarket.com.

Norwich Farmers' Winter Market at Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Starts on Nov. 5. Pre-Thanksgiving Market on Nov. 19, a Holiday Market on Dec. 10, and another Winter Market on Dec. 17. After that the Winter Markets are the Second Saturday of each month, from Jan. 14 through April 14. Steve Hoffman, (802) 384-7447. manager@norwichfarmersmarket.org. www.norwichfarmersmarket.org.

Poultney Holiday Market at Poultney High School Gym, Main St. Friday & Saturday, Nov. 25-26, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Jamie Condrill, (802) 287-9570. jdc71203@aol.com. www.vtfarmersmarket.org.

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St. Albans Northwest Farmers' Market at St. Albans City Hall. Saturdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on November 19 & December 10. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on January 21, February 11, and a day TBD in March. Marnie Barry, (802) 373-5821. www.nwvtfarmersmarket.org.

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When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock,
 And you hear the kyouck and gobble of the struttin' turkey-cock,
 And the clackin' of the guineys, and the cluckin' of the hens,
 And the rooster's hallylooyer as he tiptoes on the fence;
 O, it's then the time a feller is a-feelin' at his best,
 With the risin' sun to greet him from a night of peaceful rest,
 As he leaves the house, bareheaded, and goes out to feed the stock,
 When the frost in on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

They's something kindo' harty-like about the atmsufere
 When the heat of summer's over and the coolin' fall is here—
 Of course we miss the flowers, and the blossoms on the trees,
 And the mumble of the hummin'-birds and buzzin' of the bees;
 But the air's so appetizin'; and the landscape through the haze
 Of a crisp and sunny morning of the airy autumn days
 Is a pictur' that no painter has the colorin' to mock—
 When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

The husky, rusty russel of the tossels of the corn,
 And the raspin' of the tangled leaves as golden as the morn;
 The stubble in the furries—kindo' lonesome-like, but still
 A-preachin' sermons to us of the barns they growed to fill;
 The strawstack in the medder, and the reaper in the shed;
 The hosses in theyr stalls below—the clover overhead;—
 O, it sets my hart a-clickin' like the tickin' of a clock,
 When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

Then your apples all is gethered, and the ones a feller keeps
 Is poured around the cellar-floor in red and yaller heaps;
 And your cider-makin's over, and your wimmern-folks is through
 With theyr mince and apple-butter, and theyr souse and sausage too!...
 I don't know how to tell it—but ef such a thing could be
 As the angels wantin' boardin', and they'd call around on *me*—
 I'd want to 'commodate 'em—all the whole-indurin' flock—
 When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

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Candied Quinces

Select firm quinces, rub them over with a damp cloth, peel, core and cut each one into several pieces. The peels and cores should be tied in a muslin bag and boiled with the quinces. Place all in a preserving kettle on the stove, pour over them enough boiling water to nearly cover, and allow them to boil slowly until they are tender; then drain off the water and let cool. Weigh the quinces and allow an equal weight of sugar. When cold put them into glass jars in alternate layers, first sugar, then quinces, and so on, and seal. The juice in which they are boiled should be saved; add to it its weight in sugar and make into jelly.

—Blanche

Quince And Apple Jelly

Tart apples to which have been added the cores and paring of quinces make a delightful jelly. Make as apple jelly.

—Margaret McNulty

Crab Apples Preserved

Select good sound ones and take the blows off the ends but leave on the stems. Then wash them and put into preserving kettle with plenty of water to cover. When boiling push them gently down so that they may be under the water all the time. When skin begins to crack, skim them out on a dish. Allow one and one-half pounds of sugar to each pint of juice letting boil fifteen to twenty minutes, skimming till clear. Then return the fruit to the juice, part at a time, and boil fifteen minutes. Then lift out the apples again on a dish and add the rest of the fruit to the juice, boiling them the same length of time. Fill cans with apples to the top. Boil down the juice that is left in the kettle about ten minutes and pour it over the fruit in the jars. Fasten up tight and set away.

If some of the fruit be grubby, cut out the grubs taking off stems and cook them in water enough to boil like apple sauce. Strain through a colander: and put all back with juice in the kettle, adding sugar, pound for pound, cooking fifteen minutes and skimming constantly. Put the fruit in a jar and it makes a nice marmalade.

—Miss Clara White

Preserved Pears

If the seckle pear can be obtained select that on account of its size and flavor but if not to be had then any other pear will answer. Pare off the peeling with a thin knife so as not to waste the fruit. If a seckle leave it whole; if another variety, separate it in halves. Make a syrup of sugar and water, using three-fourths of a pound of sugar to every pound of fruit to be preserved and one cupful of water to a pound of sugar. Drop in the fruit and carefully cook. Just before taking from the stove drop in a few whole cloves, about two to every pear. Cloves are a great addition as they help bring out the flavor of the pear.

—Mrs. R. A.

Quince Jelly

Do not pare but polish quinces smooth with a flannel cloth. Cut in small pieces, core and put all in a kettle. Pour over cold water to cover and boil until soft. Pour all into a flannel bag and hang up to drain carefully, pressing occasionally to make the juice run more freely. To one pint of the juice add three-fourths of a pound of sugar and boil fifteen minutes. Pour into tumblers.

—Elsie Mackenzie

Preserved Pippins

Twelve pounds of apples pared, cored and quartered, six pounds of sugar, one quart of water; make syrup of sugar and water; drop apples in this syrup and cook until tender; cloves and lemon peel may be added; stew till clear and seal.

—Amy Collins

Mixed Marmalade

This recipe is unsurpassed. Take equal quantities of white apples, yellow pears and white plums; pare and cut in small bits, stew in a little water till tender, then strain through a hair sieve. Now weigh the pulp and add to it, its own weight in sugar. Put on the stove and cook carefully three hours in a thick-lined granite kettle. Stir often the first two hours and continually the last hour. It is hard to make because it is easily burned but it always pays for the trouble. When thick turn into shallow pans and tic down. When desired for use slice off in slices and put on plate like cheese.

—Hilda

Fresh Mixed Pickles

Cut equal quantities of young onions, sour apples and fresh cucumbers into thin slices. With these fill an unglazed earthen jar which will hold a quart. Shake in with the vegetables a dessert-spoonful of salt and a teaspoonful of cayenne pepper. Pour in four tablespoonfuls of sherry and four tablespoonfuls of soy, as much vinegar as the jar will hold, and cover closely until wanted. If it is wished to make this pickle in the autumn or winter finely-minced celery may be substituted for the cucumbers. The pickle can be used the day it is made.

—Mrs. Fanny Martin

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;
There was ice on the pond last night.

The city is miles away.
The quince in your hand
Is warm as a grandmother's cheek.

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A Dog Tale

by Burr Morse

I just went out the door toward the paper box with seven year old Averill. She went right to a darkish blob of something awful and rolled in it. "Gosh darn it Averill" I said. "That's disgusting!" You guessed it—Averill's a dog, not just any dog, mind you, but my dog! We go back a long way—well, seven years—but it seems much longer than that. When dogs come into our lives, we know we've only got twelve or so years with them so we start maximizing the love right away.

As Betsy reminds me, it hasn't always been that way. "Would your Grandpa Morse have been as silly with a dog as you are?" she chided in an "if th' old collar fits, put it on" sort of tone. "Would he have let a dog on his bed, 'cooed' like to a baby, with a dog, snuggled with a dog while driving?" I had to admit guilt to all of the above. My grandpa would sit and scratch a dog's ears and talk to it but that's as intimate as it would ever get. And don't get me wrong—Sidney Morse loved dogs. He always had 'em around the farm and, no, they weren't work dogs. They didn't herd cows, power machinery or even fetch his slippers. They were just dumb dogs who followed him around, an inexplicable part of life for a Vermont farmer.

These days it's downright uncanny how canines have climbed the social ladder. For many couples they're the substitute-of-the-day for babies who bring too many complications. No, many folks are choosing the twelve-year cycle of family planning—pick him from a litter, housebreak him, and lay on the love.

Betsy and I had two of the human variety but they're grown and on their own. Now it's just us, Averill, and our son's dog Fern who gets babysat often at "grandpa's and granny's." Yes, I'm a fool with dogs but there's one little area where

"We know we've only got twelve or so years with them so we start maximizing the love right away."

I'm more a holdover from the old days: I don't believe in exercising dogs. Betsy, on the other hand, is out daily with those two black Labs. The three always leave our house on a positive note but an hour and several miles later, they may return one bedraggled woman with a hair-raising tale to tell and two lusty Labs ready to go again. On those jaunts where Betsy is not pulled over or knocked down, she gets to ponder a little dog psychology. Just up the road lives Bear, a healthy young Rottweiler. Bear, in the interest of domain protection, never lets Betsy and her charges pass that section of County Road without an "investigative" appearance. The three, in fact have "mixed it up" on occasion but our two Labs quickly learned that Rottweilers are the canine equivalent of Mohammed Ali. Betsy said when they near Bear's domain these days, Averill and Fern revert back to a primal survival-of-the-fittest mentality—they both compete for the inside flank which leaves aging, osteoporosis prone Betsy on the outside to fend for the "pack."

After they pass the "Bear hurdle," the three turn right onto Barns Road where lives Kit, a docile Golden Retriever. Kit's life is narrowed by an underground invisible fence, a situation that Averill and Fern are more than happy to take advantage of. As they approach Kit's place, they switch back into primal attack mode. "Awh-Hawh" they seem to say, "We can take this bloke!" Poor Betsy still bears welts where she was just recently snapped to a full face-plant on Barns Road gravel. She told of the ensuing whirlwind which quickly involved not only three snarling dogs but three frantic dog owners. She said Kit's humans, Barbara and Allen, were more than cordial under the circumstances. I somehow think that's not what old Robert Frost had in mind with his expression about good fences and good neighbors!

I keep telling Betsy to quit with the exercising. "Lets turn these rascals into lazy rug dogs," I say, but she keeps returning to the daily battle zone. My style with dogs is strictly domestic. I love the safety of my bed with a good book and two black dogs who jump aboard, circle three times, and find their nests in the perfect place.

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The Farmer's Field

The branches are bare and a sodden sky
Hangs over the field where furrows lie
In long straight lines of grey black soil,
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In the snug warm stable munching hay
The old plow horses are tied away...
The cows are milked and the barn closed tight,
For the farmer says it will freeze to-night.

He eats his supper with a relish keen
And talks to the family in between...
"The fall's work is finished, the plowing done,

To-morrow I'll take my dog and gun
And a whole day off, if the weather is fair,
To chase the red foxes away to their lair."
Then he goes to bed for a well earned rest
And the clouds roll back from a star decked west.

Before the rising of the tardy sun
The farmer is off with his dog and gun...
A neighbor's boy his chores will do,
In fact the neighbor goes hunting too.
On the grey black furrows in the morning light
The frost lies heavy...It glistens white...
A herald of promise...The Farmer knows
He welcomes the shield of winter snows.

—ELLA WARNER FISHER



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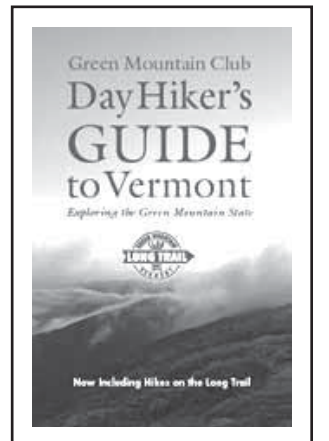
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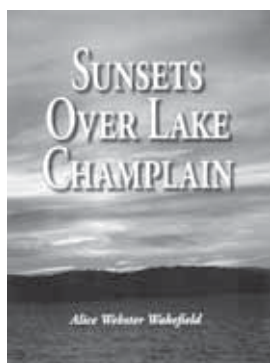
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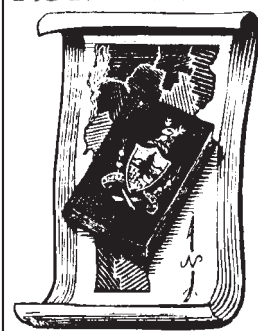
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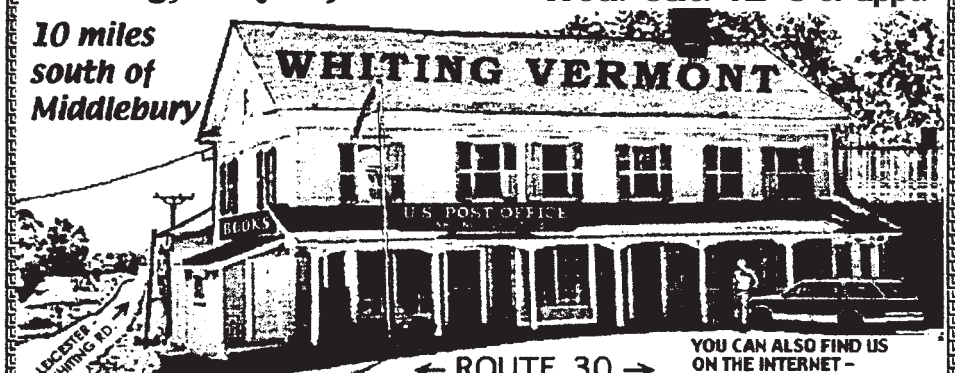
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Sunday, November 13. Yannick Murphy presents her book, *The Call*. The daily rhythm of a veterinarian's family in rural New England is shaken when a hunting accident leaves their eldest son in a coma. With the lives of his loved ones unhinged, the veterinarian struggles to maintain stability while searching for the man responsible. But in the midst of their great trial an unexpected visitor arrives, requesting a favor that will have profound consequences—testing a loving father's patience, humor, and resolve and

of the love-of-her-life, Sally Brady stumbled on a tangle of secrets. Her husband, with whom she had shared her bed, her body, her heart and soul, had had another life, a sex life with men.

As she threaded back to their first dance at the Boston Cotillion in 1956 when she



Sally Ryder Brady

was seventeen and Upton eighteen, through a glamorous courtship with champagne and waltzes, incense and confession, commitment and promise, she reviewed their forty-six year marriage, alive with children and careers, rife with conflicting passions, glorious and dangerous. She looked for mis-read clues as she traced Upton's alcoholism, homophobia, homosexuality and shame. This bittersweet journey is for her a valentine, a testament to the universal challenges and joys of enduring love.

Archer Mayor will speak at the First Baptist Church of Chester, 162 Main St., as the First Universalist Church, Vermont Voices usual site, is under renovation. Yannick Murphy and Sally Ryder Brady will be speaking at Misty Valley Books, on the Green next to the Fullerton Inn. The events are all at 2 p.m.

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forcing husband and wife to come to terms with what "family" truly means.

Sunday, November 20. Sally Ryder Brady shares her new book, *A Box of Darkness: The Story of a Marriage*. Awash in grief three weeks after the sudden death

Willem Lange to Speak at Annual Meeting of VT League of Local Historical Societies and Museums

The Vermont Historical Society announces its Annual Meeting of the League of Local Historical Societies and Museums, which will be held on Friday, November 4, 2011 from 8:30 am until 5 pm at the Vermont State House in Montpelier, VT.

This year's conference, "Telling Your Stories," will feature keynote speaker Willem Lange, a beloved New England writer and master storyteller. Lange's weekly column, *A Yankee Notebook*, appears in several New England newspapers. He is also a commentator for Vermont Public Radio.

Following the keynote address, attendees can choose from 10 educational workshops. Topics include Training Docents to Tell Your Stories, Disaster Planning, Effective Marketing and Publicity, and Artifact Labeling.

The daylong conference generally has more than 150 attendees—local historical society members, museum professionals and the interested public.

The registration fee is \$35 for Vermont Historical Society members and \$50 for non-members. The fee covers all programs, lunch, and the awards ceremony. Reservations are requested by October 24.

The Vermont Historical Society operates the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier, the Leahy Library in Barre, and programming throughout the state. Established in 1838, The Vermont Historical Society believes that an understanding of the past changes lives and builds better communities.

For more information and to register contact Lisa Evans, lisa.evans@state.vt.us.

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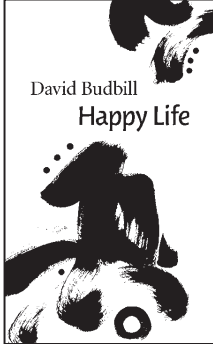
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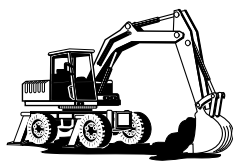
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