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Autumn Notebook

by Bill Felker

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

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

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

street and the silver maple where I stood.

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

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



Debbie Lazar greets visitors to her studio during the Putney Craft Tour during Thanksgiving weekend. photo by Lynn Barrett

Welcome to the Brattleboro Winter Farmers' Market!

Visitors to the Winter Farmers' Market in the River Garden in downtown Brattleboro will find more farms and more local produce than ever before. Starting on Saturday, November 3, come to the market and dazzle your senses at the seventh season of the Winter Farmers' Market.

Each week the beautiful River Garden is transformed into a warm welcoming indoor marketplace. You'll find over 30 vendors including favorites from past seasons such as Dwight Miller Orchards, Fertile Fields Farm, Deep Meadows Farm, Wild Shepherd Farm, Higley Hill Farm, Susan Dunning Pot-

tery, Orchard Hill Bread, Vermont Wild Flour Bakery, Putney Mountain Winery, One World Soap and many more. A number of new farms are on the list too. Look for Walnut Ridge Farm, Guerrilla Grown Produce and Hickin's Mountain Mowings to name a few.

Along with all your produce, you'll find yummy sweets or savory breakfast treats, great lunch offerings, delicious pies, preserves and much more. Come for the local farm produce, homemade foods, and beautiful handmade gifts and stay for a tasty lunch and live music. There is something at the market for everyone.

Sherry Maher, Market Manager, says, "I am so thrilled to see how this market has grown and developed over the past six years. We now have more area farmers planting more winter storage crops and using season extension strategies for fresh local winter greens."

The Winter Farmers' Market welcomes EBT and Debit cards. And each week, EBT customers can turn \$10 into

\$20 with our Market Match Coupons. This is supported through grants and fundraising done by market organizers, in conjunction with our commitment to making more and more local food accessible to more local people. Anyone interested in contributing to that effort can contact us to find out more.

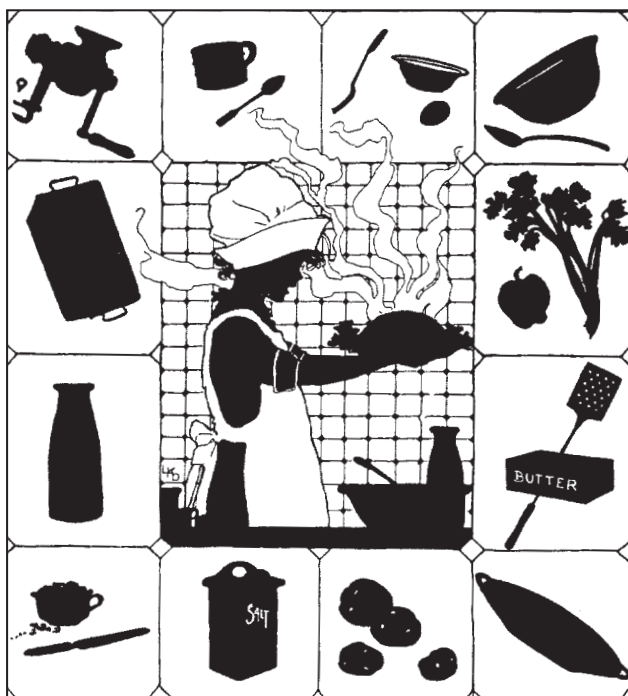
The Winter Farmers' Market is sponsored by Post Oil Solutions, a nonprofit sustainability organization actively working to build a viable community-based food system. The market is open every Saturday through March 30, 2013. Hours are generally 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with extended hours till 3 p.m. between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Winter Farmers' Market is located at the Robert H. Gibson River Garden, 153 Main St., Brattleboro, VT. Watch calendar listings for weekly musical talent and special market happenings. Contact us at (802) 869-2141. farmersmarket@postoilsolutions.org. Visit www.postoilsolutions.org.

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34th Annual Putney Craft Tour

Twenty-eight artists and craftspeople will open their studios to the public November 23–25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the 34th annual Putney Craft Tour.

Part of the fun of the tour, held during the long Thanksgiving weekend, is meandering through the beautiful Vermont countryside, following the map to find these craftspeople and view their works where they are conceived and created; in some cases, the settings showcase how to incorporate original pieces into a home.

Liz Hawkes deNiord, a painter and ceramic artist from Putney, says to expect the usual and the unusual when you visit her studio in November. She could be talking about the tour itself, whose organizers are always striving to add something new and different to the venerable arts tour.

Start at the Welcome Center

This year there will be a welcome center at The Putney Inn, where visitors can stop to get maps, coffee, directions, information, and to view the participating artists' work, some of which will be on exhibit at the Inn. Someone will be on hand to answer your questions about where to stay or dine in Putney, and anything else you need help with.

Shoppers, visitors and collectors get to visit blacksmiths, glass blowers, potters, jewelers, weavers, woodworkers—even artisan cheesemakers—who invite you to come in, discover, ask questions, sip hot cider and find that one-of-a-kind gift.

Expect the strange, the elegant, funky and unusual, says Liz Hawkes deNiord. A potter and painter, she will have pots that carry three-dimensional paintings. Also in her studio will be candelabras, goblets, unusual vases, tiny, medium and large “painted” bowls, covered boxes, mugs, espresso sets, plates, coolers, pitchers, and hand-carved stoppers for vessels. “I also make sculptural installations, painted textured clay wall pieces and pots that marry form and function,” she says.

Her studio in Westminster West “is two simple structures of rough local pine and hickory wood. In one space there is the wheel with the kiln in the other. The two buildings are connected by a spacious open deck that looks north to the woods and south to the gardens and meadow. It is 50 steps from the house, where I also have the painting studio. I mention ‘50 steps’ because in winter I often carry ware boards loaded with pots along the snowy, slippery path into the house to dry by the wood stove and then later to carry them back out to finish and fire them.”

Artists and crafters invite you to come visit

Returning to the tour this year is Carol Keiser of Putney, who creates vivid painted tiles and paintings. Perhaps better known for her evocative tiles with their lush landscapes, dreamy figures, fanciful images, and colorful still-lives, she says she has been concentrating more on painting recently. “My paintings are more expressionistic; magical realism. I try to put in things like stars, moons, the sun; things suggesting the cosmos and iconic elements.” She will also have small drawings of nudes, done in gouache and Japanese brush ink in her studio, which is “like a small cottage,” she says. “People always go ‘wow! What a great place to work!’ There’s lots of light and color from the paintings and tiles.”

New to the tour is John Labine, who is also new to the area—he and his wife moved to Putney from Southern California a year and a half ago—but whose connections to the area go back to when he attended The Putney School in the early 1980s. A furniture and metalwork designer-builder, he will be introducing tour visitors to his lighting pieces, steel tables with blown-glass inserts, and some metal jewelry. His studio is an old horse barn that he converted part of into work space, pouring a slab floor, installing wood stove and adding more windows.



Noriko Isogai works on a wood carving piece in her studio in Putney, VT. photo by Lynn Barrett

Connecting with the artists

Connections are what the tour is all about, both for the artists and the people who visit their studios. Hundreds of visitors move through the studios over the course of three days and engage with the artists. Silver jeweler Jeanne Bennett, who has been on the tour for over 10 years, says, “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, she said, the tour is great entertainment. Driving the back roads and finding these places is an adventure in itself.

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

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New Exhibit at the Great Hall

The Great Hall, Vermont’s newest showcase for the arts in Springfield, VT, is opening a new exhibit on November 9 to run through May 10. It is aptly named “Light and Space” courtesy of exhibiting artist Sabra Field from South Royalton, VT. The public is invited to an artists’ reception on Friday, November 9, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. Wine and light refreshments will be served.

Sabra Field talks about the Great Hall: “The Great Hall, at the distinguished old Fellows Gear Shaper building in Springfield, is the space Vermont artists have been waiting for. It is bright and light and spacious and welcoming. Think Mass MOCA on a Vermont scale located on a lovely little river in an historic town.”

“Sabra Field’s choices are very fitting to the Great Hall space,” says Nina Jamison, coordinator for the Great Hall. Sabra will exhibit five large pieces including Water Planet a 4’ x 5’ piece that is made up of 6 panels 18’ x 24’ each. Also featured is Cosmic Geometry, a suite of sixteen prints that depict an array of cellular, plant, animal and architectural patterns in a grid and grouped in themed quartets.

Joining Sabra Field will be fiber artist Karen Madden from Poughquag, NY, sculptor Pat Musick from Manchester, VT and painter Dan O’Donnell from Springfield, VT.

Pat Musick says that her art is a reflection of the tensions that exist between mankind and the natural environment. “My work is about creating a conversation of peace and spiritual quiet to promote healing and harmony with the havoc that mankind has done to the natural world,” she says.

Fiber artist Karen Madden will be exhibiting major new work that depicts The Five Seasons of Vermont—winter, mud, spring, summer and autumn. Each piece is created from fiber and framed in copper, though not quite square. The added curvature shows the flow of one season to the next.

About the Great Hall, Karen says: “The Great Hall is an exciting, soaring space that provides an environment for artists to nurture their creativity and create works of a large and engaging nature.”

With a soaring 25-foot ceiling and clerestory windows, the 150-foot-long by 45-foot-wide world-class public art space is unique in the region and will accommodate and compliment very large artwork and sculpture. The Great Hall is open to all artists working in large format mediums.

The Great Hall is located at One Hundred River Street in Springfield, VT. The main entrance is off Pearl St., although the entire complex is called One Hundred River Street. It is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There are docents at Great Hall on Thursdays and Fridays from 12-4 p.m. They can explain the history of the building.

For more information, please go to www.facebook.com/GreatHallSpringfield or call (802) 885-3061.



photo courtesy Billings Farm & Museum
Visitors enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride around the farm at Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT.

Celebrate November at Billings Farm & Museum

Wagon Ride Weekends

Billings Farm & Museum will feature Wagon Ride Weekends each Saturday and Sunday in November, beginning November 3 & 4. Board the farm wagon pulled by a team of Percheron draft horses for a brisk ride through the fields and around the farm. Rides will be offered from 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. each day and are included in the cost of admission.

Celebrate a 19th Century Thanksgiving

Billings Farm & Museum will be open for Thanksgiving Weekend, Friday–Sunday, November 23–25 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Voted a Top 10 Winter Event by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the weekend will feature traditional cooking in the farmhouse, pressing cider, horse-drawn wagon rides, farm tours, and hands-on harvest and food preservation activities and programs for every age.

You’ll be welcomed to Frederick Billings’ farmhouse, where farm manager George Aitken and his family lived and worked in 1890. Visit with costumed interpreters as they demonstrate preparing traditional Thanksgiving fare in the kitchen. Relax in the Victorian parlor and learn how our American Thanksgiving traditions have evolved. Enjoy a cup of hot cider and a freshly baked treat before touring the farm and boarding the wagon pulled by a team of draft horses for a ride around the farm.

In the education room, participate in cooking down pumpkins and apples for soup and applesauce. Help with the steps of gutting a pumpkin, saving the seeds, and pureeing pumpkins and apples.

3rd Annual Woodstock Vermont Film Series

Billings Farm & Museum will host the 3rd Annual Woodstock Vermont Film Series, beginning on Sat., October 27,

2012 and continuing on alternate Saturday afternoons at 3 p.m. through April 6, 2013. Fourteen films and documentaries from around the world have been selected for the big screen in the museum’s theater, with high definition digital projection and Dolby™ surround-sound. These diverse films reflect the museum’s founding philosophy of an appreciation for nature, beauty, and place as essential to culture, community, and personal wellbeing. All films are open to the public and accessible to people with disabilities.

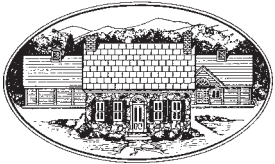
2012/2013 Film Series Schedule: Incendies – November 10; Moonrise Kingdom – November 24; North Face – December 1; Town of Runners – December 15; Disco and the Atomic War – December 29; Cave of Forgotten Dreams – January 5; Man on Wire – January 12; Le Havre – January 26; The Station Agent – February 9; Baraka – February 23; A Separation – March 9; The Man Nobody Knew: In Search of My Father, CIA Spymaster William Colby – April 6.

Tickets prices: Adults 16 & up \$132 for 14-film package or \$11 per film. Children ages 3-15 \$6 per film.

For a complete list of screenings and ticket information go to www.billingsfarm.org/filmfest or call (802) 457-2355.

The Billings Farm & Museum is owned and operated by The Woodstock Foundation, Inc. Billings Farm is an operating dairy farm with a 141-year tradition of agricultural excellence, offering farm programs and exhibits.

Open weekends November – February, and Christmas week, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission: adults \$12; 62 & over \$11; children 5-15 \$6; 3-4 \$3; 2 & under are free. The dairy farm, exhibits, and farmhouse, plus programs and activities, are all included in the entrance fee. Billings Farm & Museum is located north of the Woodstock village green on VT Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. Visit www.billingsfarm.org.



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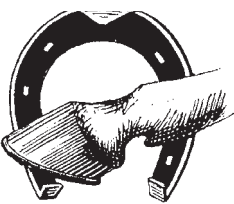
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— Drafts to Minis —

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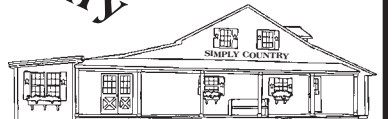


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My Mom's Folks

by Burr Morse

We're smack-dab in the middle of political season and I think most of us are getting a bit punchy with all the put-downs, puffy bravadoes, and blatant mistruths—heck if I advertised my business like these guys advertise themselves, nobody would come here! I shut 'em out as much as I can but they have affected my thinking a bit on one subject, the plight of women.

I'll agree there are times that women take the backseat to men. I'm talking genealogy here and I'm an accomplice to this problem: Morse is my surname and I'm righteous about it. I work at Morse Farm, boast about my seven-generation Morse maple sugarin' roots, and know all my Morse grandpas by name way back to 1635! Ask about my mother's folks the Aikens, however, and it seems they sank into obscurity the day my mother married Mr. Morse back in 1937. So, with a "where's the fairness in that" attitude, I've recently been studying the other half of my heritage, my mom's folks.

My mom grew up "way down south", that is, southern Vermont, where colonists arrived much earlier than here in northern Vermont. In fact, according to Mim Herwig of Randolph Center (a distant cousin on my mother's side), a maternal ancestor of mine is documented as Vermont's first maple sugarmaker. My multi-great uncle, Mr. Alexander Kathan of Dummerston, boiled up his first batch in 1754, at least thirty years before my Morse ancestors even thought of making the stuff! That takes my Vermont maple roots back nine generations—chalk one up for the ladies!

A couple days ago I traveled down to southern Vermont for a little investigation. All remnants of uncle Alex' operation went away with the last virgin maple trees close to one

"Ed's loyalties always lay in making his small farm produce like the Garden of Eden."

hundred years ago but I did find a story in Putney, my mom's hometown. My aunt Tot is now matriarch of the Aiken family and lives in the same homestead where her grandfather, Edward Aiken, lived. She was quite young when Ed Aiken passed away but recalls him as a very friendly and memorable old man.

Edward Webster Aiken was a born fruit and vegetable farmer down in southern Vermont's Connecticut Valley "banana belt". Although his son, my grandfather George Aiken, reached relative fame as Vermont's governor (1937-1941) and US senator (1941-1975), Ed's loyalties always lay in making his small farm produce like the Garden of Eden. Even more spectacular than his crops was his way of marketing—he was a peddler.

Right up into the 1940s, long after Vermont roads became populated by cars and trucks, and George Aiken had climbed the political ladder to national fame, Ed was peddling fruits and vegetables in Putney village from a horse-drawn wagon! This was so unusual, in fact, that "Life Magazine" planned



Edward Webster Aiken peddling his vegetables in Putney, VT in the 1940s.

photo courtesy of Barbara Jones

to do a story on him. The story, no doubt trumped by things "war", never got published but Aunt Tot ended up with some professional photographs of old Ed making his rounds.

Tot showed me those photos that day and they sure did capture the unique old character that was Ed Aiken. After we viewed the pictures, she beckoned me outside where we walked across the road and down to her lower barn. When we opened the large, creaking door, there stood Gramp Aiken's peddler's wagon, covered by a thick film of dust and listing to one side, but unmistakably the same old wagon portrayed in the "Life" photos!

I felt a strong sense of déjà vu as I examined the wagon's built-in storage drawers and fabric-covered roof. I knew that my great grandfather had taken great pride in its design and from it, he had spent the best of his lifetime, rain or shine, plying his trade. Tot, approaching ninety, said she'd give me that wagon if I would pledge to keep it under cover and in the family. I left her that day saying I'd think about her offer—"under a roof, keep it in the family"—I considered the huge responsibility all the way home.

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a great way to honor the family of my father's "better half", Dorothy Aiken Morse.

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Scotch Highland cow and her calf contemplate the coming winter in Central Vermont. photo by Nancy Cassidy

The Cow

'Let it be winter now,' says the cow.
'I am all haired in for cold weather
The grass is all dried up,
I'm getting tired of moseying around the pasture.
Let the cold come.'

'Let the cold come,' says the cow.
'Everything is ready for it.
I see where the mow is all full of clover
and cornstalks for me to eat,
And the barnyard is all full of straw
for me to sleep on.
I smell chopfeed and oilmeal in the feeding aisle.
Let her come cold.'

'What's keeping the winter, anyhow?
By this time of year
you'd expect every morning to be frosty
And you'd expect to see the sky hanging
over the world
Like a pewter bowl over an old plate.
Something's gone wrong somewhere.
I hope it gets straightened out before there's
another generation of flies.'

'I remember last spring how sick and tired I was
of the barn.
All you can do in a stable is stand a while
and lie down a while.
It got to be so that it was a pleasure

To go out into the cold in the evening in the ice.
And drink water out of a hole chopped
Next spring, if I'm still living, I'll feel the same way.
Now I wish it would freeze in.

'If it could always be summer,' says the cow,
'That would be fine.
I would like it when the grass grows high
So I can get me a bellyful in an hour.
That leaves the cream of the day
For standing under the tree
with your feet in the water.
Listening to birds, watching the snake-feeders,
Thinking things over.'

'Summer is all right.
Spring is good for awhile, because you're
sick of winter,
Fall is no good at all. Fall is just waiting for winter.
The flies bite hardest in fall
And the grass gets toughest.'

'At night in winter, after the lantern goes
And the lights go out in the house,
After the old dog rounds a nest in the hay-pile,
There will be feelings to feel.
'Feelings that make the hair prick
where it sticks in the hide—
Feelings that make the old dog growl out
And the horses stamp in the stable.
When I was a heifer I bawled
when the cold ghosts came.
Now I am old, and I get so I like the feeling.'

'Let it get cold,' says the cow.
'What's keeping winter?'
The world has been biding its dread like a man
coming down with sickness,
Let the cold come, so we know what we're in for.'

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Workshop Explores Leasing Your Land to a Farmer

Are you interested in finding out more about leasing your land for agricultural production? A workshop presented by Land for Good answers your questions. It will be presented in W. Lebanon, NH and Rutland, VT in November.

The first workshop is on Saturday, November 3 from 1-4 p.m. at the Kilton Library, 80 Main St., W. Lebanon, NH. The panel includes members from UNH Extension, the Upper Valley Land Trust, Land For Good, and Vital Communities.

The second workshop is on Saturday, November 10 from 1-4 p.m. at the Rutland Area Farm and Food Link (RAFFL) office, 67 Merchants Row, 3rd floor, Rutland, VT.

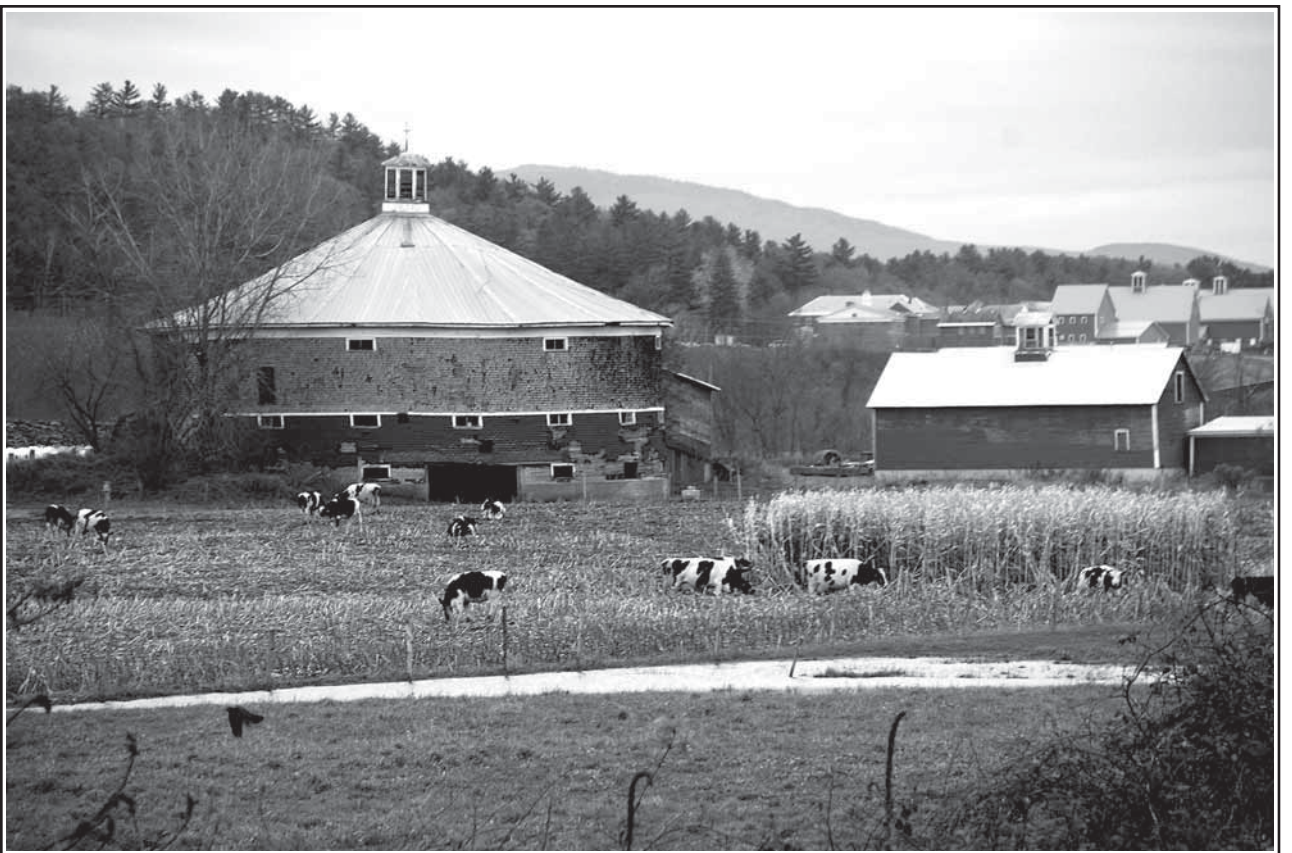
These workshops are for private landowners interested in making their land available to farmers for agricultural production, for members of community organizations interested in assisting local farmland owners to keep agricultural land in active production, and farmers interested in leasing issues.

The workshops will help landowners understand how they can assess their land, find a compatible farmer, consider issues such as liability and taxes and craft a lease agreement. While most leases between landowners and farmers are sealed with a handshake, having a written agreement can ensure both parties' expectations are met, providing the security a farmer needs and land stewardship a property owner seeks.

A land leasing partnership can be a win-win arrangement for farmers and landowners. Access to leased land is critical to seasoned farmers and the many new farmers eager to enter into the surging market for locally-grown, produced or value-added agricultural goods. For landowners, the lease arrangement can facilitate enrollment of their land in the state's Current Use Program, which offers significant property tax relief.

A new handbook, "A Landowner's Guide to Leasing Land for Farming," prepared by Land For Good will be released at the workshop. To sign up for the workshop go to www.landforgood.org.

For more information about these workshops contact Barb Jackson at Land For Good at (603) 357-1600 or barb@landforgood.org



Holsteins graze in the corn field by Paul Knox's round barn in Wells River, VT. photo by Nancy Cassidy

landforgood.org. Visit www.landforgood.org.

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For information about farming and food in the Upper Valley area in Eastern Vermont, and for information about Local First Alliance, contact Vital Communities at (802) 291-9100 x 115 or e-mail emily@vitalcommunities.org. Visit www.vitalcommunities.org.



Book News

Vermont Fresh: A Fruit and Vegetable Handbook

A new resource is available providing information on produce grown in Vermont including topics like nutritional value, storage, preparation and simple tasty recipes.

Vermont Fresh: A Fruit and Vegetable Handbook is published by Salvation Farms, the Vermont non-profit statewide gleaning collective, in partnership with Sterling College, and the Vermont Foodbank.

Salvation Farms has been active in organizing groups to go to farms after their

harvests and gather (glean) Vermont's surplus fruits and vegetables, packing and sometimes freezing, and distributing it through places like the Vermont Foodbank.

Vermont's surplus is estimated to be two million pounds a year, Salvation Farms helps make food that would otherwise go to waste available to those in need. A great program all around!

Within the first pages of the new handbook they speak about why eating fresh foods is important, what crops are available when, and what

other resources are available for those with limited access to fresh regionally produced foods. The remaining 80 pages are dedicated to providing information and many recipes on forty different fruits, vegetables and herbs that are typically produced in the Vermont region.

Vermont Fresh: A Fruit and Vegetable Handbook is available for free download or for purchase (\$20 plus shipping and handling when applicable) on our web/

blog-site. To download go to: salvationfarms.wordpress.com/resources/

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Recipes from a Century Past

A New England Thanksgiving Dinner

by Ella Shannon Bowles
and Dorothy S. Towle

VERMONT ROASTED TURKEY

Here is a way to prepare that once native but now more or less domesticated bird—the ruler of the New England Holiday table.

Select a young medium-sized turkey with a rather short body. Wash thoroughly and drain. Just before filling the bird with stuffing, rub the inside with salt. A good general rule to follow for the amount of stuffing needed is one cup to one pound of turkey and the stuffing should be warm, placed in the bird just before it goes in the oven.

Put enough stuffing in the bird's neck to round it out nicely, but don't over pack the body, as too much filling will crack the skin. Fasten the loose skin of the neck back to the body to keep the stuffing in. If you do not have the proper equipment to sew up the body vent, place an end crust of bread against the opening to hold the stuffing in place. Truss the bird by tying the wings and legs closely to the body.

Now place the turkey on a rack in a shallow pan without a cover and with no water in the pan. Brush the body with melted fat or lard it with thin slices of salt pork. Roasting at constant low heat gives the best results. A turkey which weighs from eight to fourteen pounds should be roasted in a slow oven, 325°F. The time required for this size is from twenty to twenty-five minutes to a pound. Birds weighing under twelve pounds should be turned every forty-five minutes, and at the time of turning they should be basted with melted butter or pan drippings. Be careful not to break the skin in turning, so the juices will not escape.

When you think the turkey is done, remove it to a warm platter, and untie the wings and legs. A perfectly roasted turkey is tender, but is not cooked until the meat falls off the bones. Let the bird stand for about half an hour before serving so the meat can absorb the juices.



Two well-dressed hunters come to Vermont to bag their deer, circa 1940.

photo courtesy of John Griffith

OYSTER STUFFING

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| 1 1/2 pints oysters | 3/4 cup butter |
| 1 Tbsp. chopped parsley | 1 Tbsp. chopped onion |
| 2 teaspoons salt | 2 quarts bread crumbs |
| 1 teaspoon poultry dressing | 1/2 teaspoon celery seed |

Heat the oysters for a few minutes, drain off the liquor, and chop the oysters in small pieces. Melt the butter and cook the parsley and onion in it. Stir the seasonings into bread crumbs. Mix the oysters with the butter. Combine the mixtures, stirring together thoroughly. Add a little of the oyster liquid, if the stuffing seems too dry.

GRAVY

While the turkey is roasting, cover the giblets with boiling water and simmer for about one hour. Good gravy is important in serving good roast turkey. It should be made in the proportion of three tablespoons melted fat, three tablespoons flour, and two cups liquid. Drain the drippings, fat, and juices from the roasting pan, and skim off the three tablespoons of fat. Blend the flour thoroughly with the fat. If you need more liquid to make the required amount, use the water in which the giblets were cooked. Chop the giblets and add. Cook the gravy over low heat for five minutes, or longer, stirring constantly to prevent lumping. Season with salt and pepper. Serve the turkey with a large dish of cranberry sauce. Allow three-fourths to one pound of turkey for each person.

There are many ways to make stuffing for turkey, but here is one that adds a particularly fine flavor to the bird.

GOLDEN-GLOW RAISED BISCUIT

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| 1/2 yeast cake | 3/4 cups brown sugar |
| 1/2 cup lukewarm water | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 1/2 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°F. Makes two dozen biscuits.

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:

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| 2 tablespoons butter | 1 egg yolk, beaten |
| 1 tablespoon cream | Salt and pepper to taste |
| 1 teaspoon maple sugar | 1/2 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°F. Serves four to six.

CRANBERRY PIE

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| 1 1/2 cups cranberries | 2 tablespoons flour or fine cracker crumbs |
| 1 cup sugar | 1 tablespoon butter |
| 2/3 cup water | |

Cook the cranberries and sugar in the water for ten minutes. They may be either strained or used whole for the pie. Mix with the flour and butter. Cool before putting into the crust. Cover with strips of crust and bake until crust is brown.

From Secrets of New England Cooking by Ella Shannon Bowles and Dorothy S. Towle. The recipes are from the 1900s and earlier.

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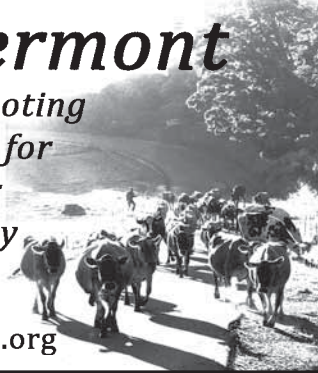
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A Vermont Almanack for Late Fall 2012

by Bill Felker

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like all of the cycles:
Even the tides,
the days and the nights,
the summers and winters,
the yins and the yangs.
Do not believe
their message of passage.
Presence is sticky.
All is a haunting.
Everything stays.*

—BF

The Robin Migration Moon And the Deer Mating Moon

By the time most bird migrations are complete, the rutting season for white-tailed deer begins, often lasting through the middle of December. One marker for the commencement of this season is the collapse of the high canopy; another is the close of aster season in the city and country.

November 6: The Robin Migration Moon enters its final quarter at 7:36 p.m. November 13: The Deer Mating Moon is new at 5:08 p.m. November 20: The moon enters its second quarter at 9:31 a.m. November 28: The moon is full at 9:46 a.m.

The Planets

Now in Virgo, Venus is still the morning star. Mars, in Sagittarius, disappears beneath the western horizon just after sunset. Jupiter in Taurus, leads Orion out of the east after dark, moving with that constellation across the sky throughout the night. In the second week of the month, Saturn appears in the east with Virgo several hours before dawn.

The Sun

November's sunrise in the North occurs near 6:00 a.m. after Halloween, progressing to about 7:00 a.m. by the end of the month. Northern sunset in November becomes considerably earlier than it was in October, taking place between around 4:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. In the South, the sun rises between about 6:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., and sunset is consistently close to 5:30 p.m.

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. November 4. Set your clocks back one hour.

The Stars

By ten o'clock at night, the Pleiades have moved almost overhead, leading on the Hyades, Taurus and Aldebaran. Orion towers in the southeast, followed by Sirius and Procyon. Castor and Pollux, the rulers of January, stand above Orion's hounds. Shooting Stars: watch for the Leonids in the east on after midnight on the 17th and 18th.

The Seasons of Late Fall

Week 1—The first week of the eleventh month brings the close of Mum Season, Autumn Violet Season, Aster Season, Goldenrod Season and Katydid Season. Magnolia Leafdrop Season and Late Sugar Maple Leafdrop Season darken the woodlots. Korean Lilac Leafdrop Season ends in the garden. White Mulberry Leafturn Season and Ginkgo Leafturn Season brighten the canopy for a few days, then the foliage of those trees shatters overnight. But early November marks the center of the Season of Second Spring: garlic mustard, sweet Cicely, Virginia creeper, burdock, red clover, waterleaf, ground ivy, celandine, sweet rocket, dock, and leafcup have revived and look ahead six months to April. In the greenhouse, Jade Tree Flowering Season complements the gathering tide of Christmas Cactus Flowering Season.

Week 2—Across the fields and hillsides, Grazing Season draws to a close as the pasture growth slows in the cold. Thinning Season beginning for Forsythia, their steady leafdrop measuring the last days of autumn. The Season of Winter



Curly-horned ram has thoughts of autumn, Bethel, VT.

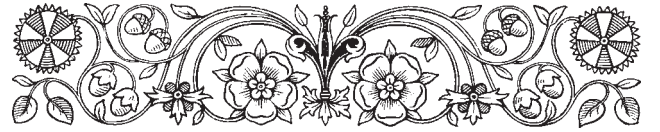
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Clouds arrives from the west as the average percentage of cloud cover doubles over summer and early autumn's average. This week brings the Season of Tufted Gray Goldenrod and Thimbleweed Seeding Season, Beech Leafturn Season and Silver Maple Leafturn Season, Sweet Gum Shedding Season, and Rose of Sharon Leafdrop Season. Deer Mating Season in the woods coincides with Witch Hazel Blooming Season in the villages, and the Season of Red Berries throughout the parks as hawthorns, bayberry, and flowering crabs reveal their color.

Week 3—The third week of November is Skunk Cabbage Budding Season, a season of the wetlands that lasts until Skunk Cabbage Blooming Season in February. Now Winter Wheat Greening Season greens the fields as Bluebird Migrating Season and Cricketsong Season close. Throughout town, Silver Maple Leafdrop Season foretells next week's Beech Leafdrop Season. At bird feeders, Junco Season adds juncos to the sparrows and cardinals. On the high wires Sparrow Hawk Season arrives. Bittersweet Fruit Dropping

Season comes to the bittersweet vines, and Decorative Pear Leafturn Season transforms suburban avenues. Poinsettia Season begins in Vermont as Crawdad Season starts in Louisiana, crawdads moving into flooded rice fields to feed on the remnants of that crop.

Week 4—Sandhill Crane Migrating Season (listen for them flying high overhead) passes through parts of the nation as November fades. Crow Gathering Season approaches as thousands of crows congregate to spend the winter, their advent announced by the conclusion of Witch Hazel Flowering Season, by Beech Tree Shedding Season, New England Aster Foliage Yellowing Season, early Bulb Forcing Season, the final cabbage butterfly of Cabbage Butterfly Season, and Christmas Tree Harvest Season.



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Edwin B. and Emma (Alizabeth Graves) Moody with sons Clarence, Edwin and Lewis in front of the Moody farm outside Waterbury Center on the Stowe Road., circa 1890. Lewis wrote poetry, including the poem below.

THANKSGIVING

I can see my mother stand,
Tallow candle in her hand,
As some fifty years ago she used to be;
"Now wake up, boys," she is saying,
"It has snowed enough for sleighing";
Then we rub our eyes and listen, Bert and me.

"Baby Ernest is asleep,
Very quiet you must keep
As you dress and come to breakfast right away;
You remember it's Thanksgiving,
And sure as you are living
We will drive to 'little grandpa's' in the sleigh."

Now I hear the sleigh bells ring,
Keeping tune with hearts that sing,
As we smoothly glide along the pathless road.
While our hearts are beating wildly,
We express the truth but mildly,
As we boys exclaim, "I'm awful glad it snowed."

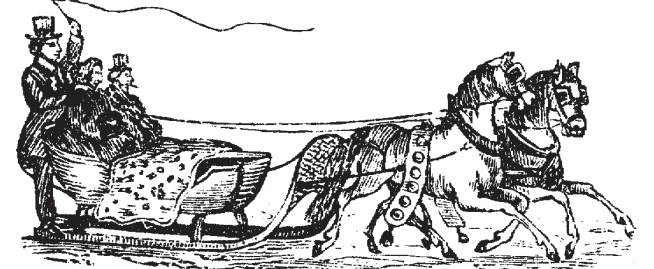
Now I see my grandma stand,
Signs of flour on her hand,
And I guess she's just been making chicken pie;
Grandpa, too, with hearty greeting,
Uncles, aunts, and cousins meeting;
And the dinner will be coming by and by.

Now the longed-for time is here:
"You may sit right there, my dear"—
Such a feast as this was never seen before.
O, I never shall be able
To describe that loaded table,
Everything you ever heard of and some more.

"I'll bet I'll eat more than you!
We will weigh when we are through,
To discover who the champion may be."
Now at last the meal is over,
And we give the bones to Rover;
"Guess the dog is most as glad as you and me."

Grandpa shows his pigs and cows,
And the hay that fills the mows;
Then we play and visit till we have to go.
Once again the bells are jingling,
Frosty air sets faces tingling;
Then we fall asleep beneath the buffalo.

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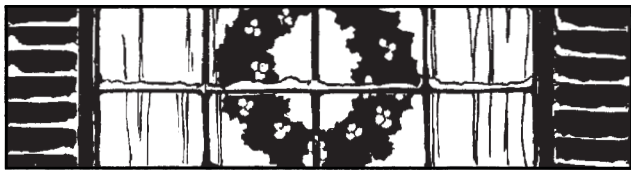
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Bennington-Walloomsac Holiday and Winter Farmers Markets at First Baptist Church, 601 Main St. Holiday Markets Nov. 17, Dec. 1, and Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Regular Winter Markets the first and third Saturdays: January 5 & 19, February 2 & 16, March 12 & 16 & April 16 & 20 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (802) 688-7210. info@walloomsac.org. www.walloomsac.org.

Bradford Farmers Market, Grace United Methodist Church. Holiday Markets: November 21 and December 8. Second and fourth Saturdays October 27 through April 27. Iris Johnson, (802) 222-5434. hellobradfordfarmers@gmail.com. facebook.com/bradfordfarmersmarket.

Brattleboro Winter Farmers' Market at River Garden, 153 Main St. Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., November 2012 through March 2013. Open 'til 3 p.m. from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Accepts EBT and debit cards. Sherry Maher, (802) 869-2141. farmersmarket@postoilolutions.org. www.postoilolutions.org.

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 through March. Accepts EBT and debit cards. Chris Wagner, (802) 310-5172. chriswag31@gmail.com. burlingtonfarmersmarket.org.

Champlain Islands—South Hero Winter Farmers' Market at South Hero Congregational Church. Third Fridays November through March. 4-7 p.m. Denise Boutin, (802) 372-3291. deniseboutin@gmail.com. www.champlainislandsfarmersmarket.blogspot.com.

Craftsbury Winter Farmers Market at Sterling College, Simpson Hall, Craftsbury Common. Third Saturdays, 4-7 p.m., November through April. Kristin Urie (802) 755-6878.

Dorset Winter Farmers' Market at J.K. Adams Kitchen Store and Factory on Rt. 30. Third Sundays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., October through May. Nicole Henry (802) 353-3539. marketmanager@dorsetfarmersmarket.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. Jennifer Bone, (802) 584-4067. grotongrowers@gmail.com.

Hartland Winter Farmers' Market at Damon Hall, Rts. 5 & 12, Hartland Three Corners. November 16 and December 14, 4-7 pm. Allison Bembe, (802) 436-3399. hartlandfarmersmarket@gmail.com. www.hartlandfarmersmarket.com.

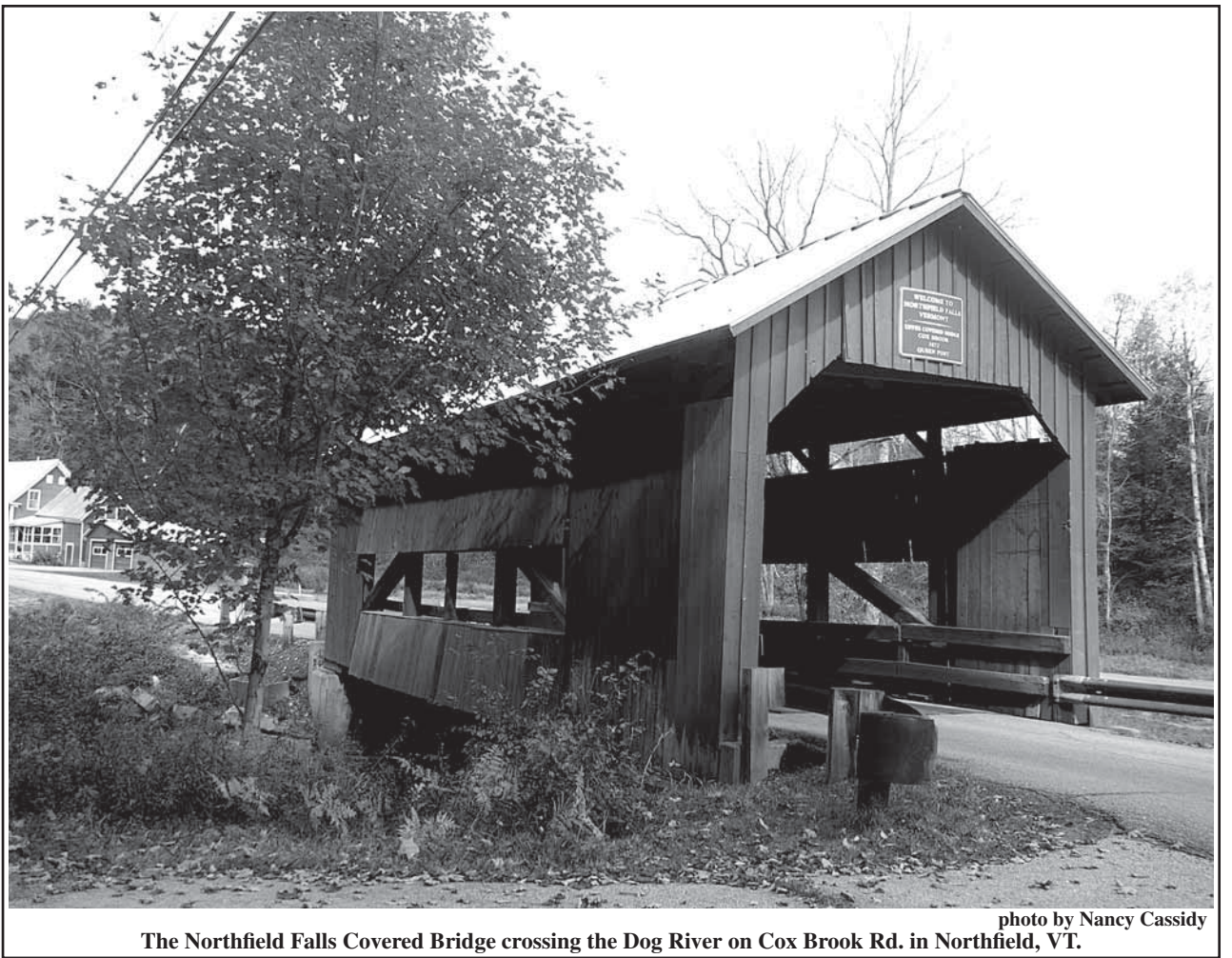
Hinesburg Winter Farmer's Market at Hinesburg Town Hall, corner of Rt. 116 and Charlotte Rd. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 17, and December 15. Wendy Ordway, (802) 482-3848. wendyatthecobble@yahoo.com.

Ludlow Winter Farmers' Market at the corner of Main and Andover Streets. Every Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. November 17 through March 2. Jerry Milligan, (802) 734-3829. lfmkt@tds.net. www.ludlowfarmersmarket.org.

Lyndonville Winter Farmers' Market, location tba. Second Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., November through March. Brian Titus, (802) 533-7455. lyndonfarmersmarket@gmail.com. www.lyndonfarmersmarket.com.

Middlebury Farmer's Market at Mary Hogan Elementary School, 201 Mary Hogan Dr. Every Saturday in November & December, and March & April, from 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Special Holiday Market Dec. 1 in the Municipal Gym downtown (contact: orangecatsoaps@yahoo.com). Second and fourth Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., January through May. Jeremy Gildrien, (802) 247-4699. gildrienfarm@gmail.com. www.middleburyfarmersmarket.org.

Montpelier Capital City Winter Farmers' Market. Thanksgiving Market, Nov. 17, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Montpelier H.S. gym on Bailey St. All other markets at Vermont College of Fine Arts gym, 36 College St., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



The Northfield Falls Covered Bridge crossing the Dog River on Cox Brook Rd. in Northfield, VT. photo by Nancy Cassidy

First and third Saturdays in December, January & March; second and third Saturdays in February; first and fourth Saturdays in 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. – 2 p.m. 1st & 3rd Saturdays in November and December. 1st Saturday in February, March and April. Steve Hoffman, (802) 384-7447. manager@norwichfarmersmarket.org. www.norwichfarmersmarket.org.

Poultney Holiday Market at Poultney High School Gym, Main St. Friday & Saturday, Nov. 23-24, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Jamie Condrill, (802) 287-9570. jdc71203@aol.com. www.vtfarmersmarket.org.

Putney Holiday Market at Green Mountain Orchards, 130 West Hill Rd. Sundays, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Nov. 18, Dec. 16, Dec. 23. Annie DeCoteau, info@harmonicirclefarm.com. www.putneyfarmersmarket.org.

Rutland Holiday Fairs of Vermont, at Holiday Inn, Rt. 7. Sunday, Nov. 10, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Accepting EBT and debit cards. Sponsored by the Vermont Farmers Market. Jamie Condrill, (802) 287-9570. jdc71203@aol.com. www.vtfarmersmarket.org.

Rutland County Farmers Market Christmas Fair at College of St. Joseph. Friday, Nov. 30, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Saturday Dec. 1, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org.

Rutland Winter Farmers' Market. New location at 251 West St. Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., November 3 through April 27. Doug Patac, (802) 753-7269. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org

Sharon Sprouts Farmers' Markets at Sharon Elementary School. Holiday Craft Fair, Nov. 10. Winter Festival, Feb. 9. Chili Cookoff, Mar. 9. Garden Workday, May 11. 10 am – 1 pm, local lunch 11:30 am – 1 pm. Donna Foster, (802) 763-8280. vtfoster@myfairpoint.net.

St. Johnsbury Winter Markets at St. Johnsbury Welcome Center, Railroad St. First and third Saturdays, November and December. First Saturdays, January through April. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Elizabeth Everts, (802) 592-3088. elizabethverts@yahoo.com. sites.google.com/site/caledoniafarmersmarket.

Waterbury Winter Farmers' Market at Thatch Brook Primary School Gym, Stowe St. Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., November 10 through April 13. Michele Boucher, (802) 522-5965. waterburyfarmersmarket.com.

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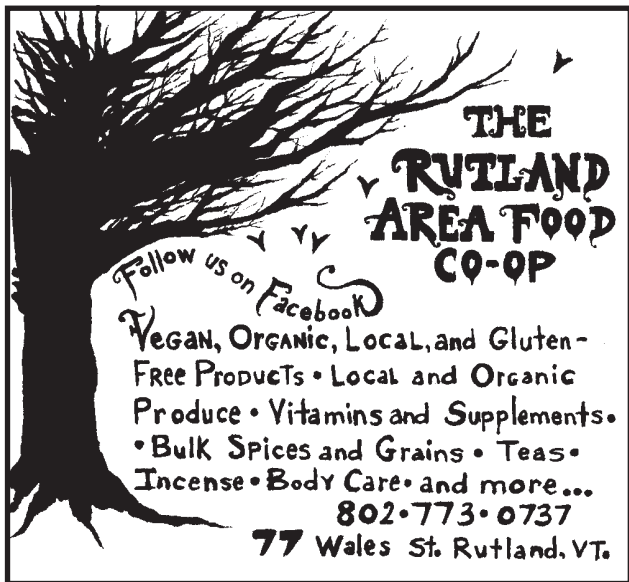
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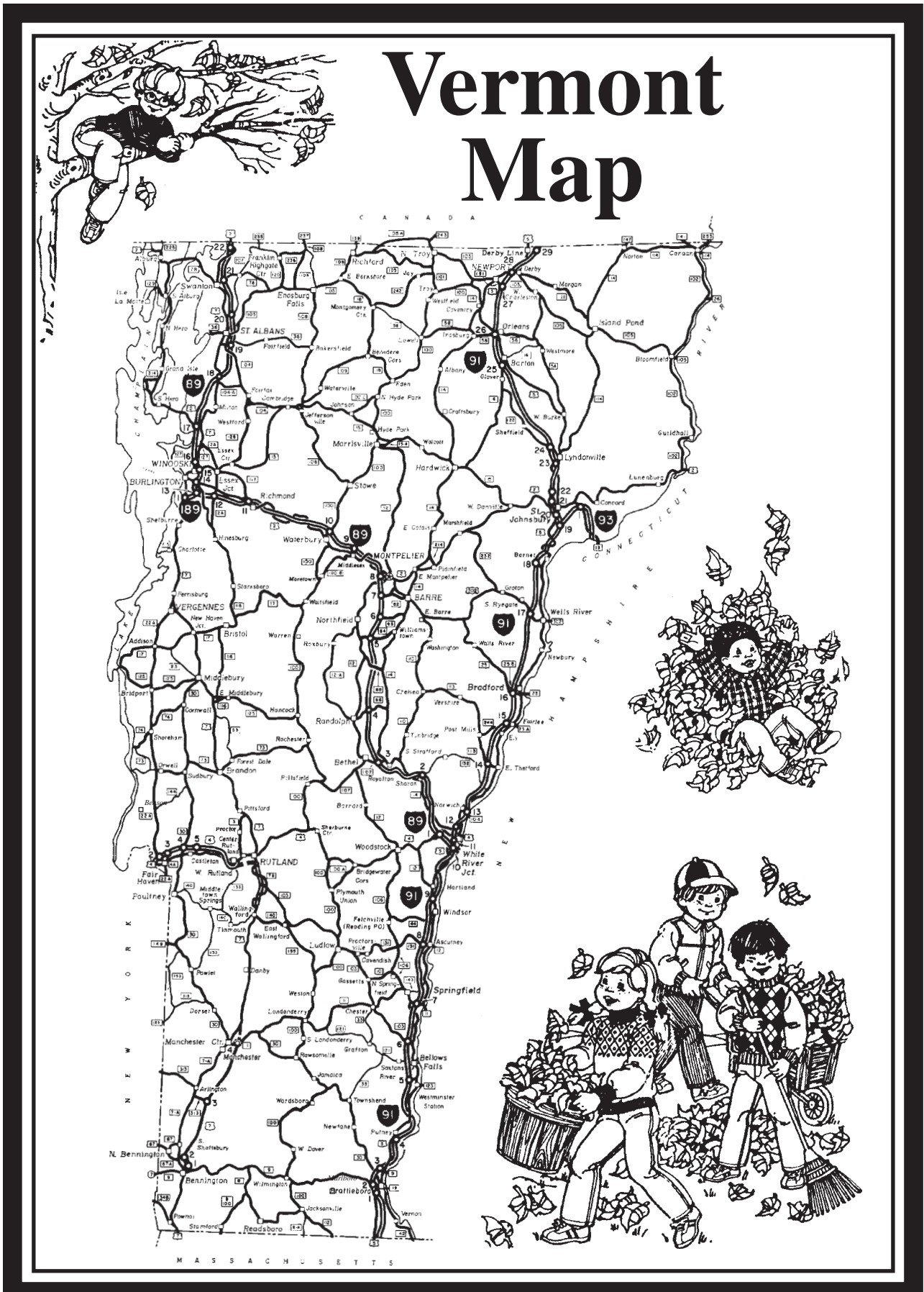


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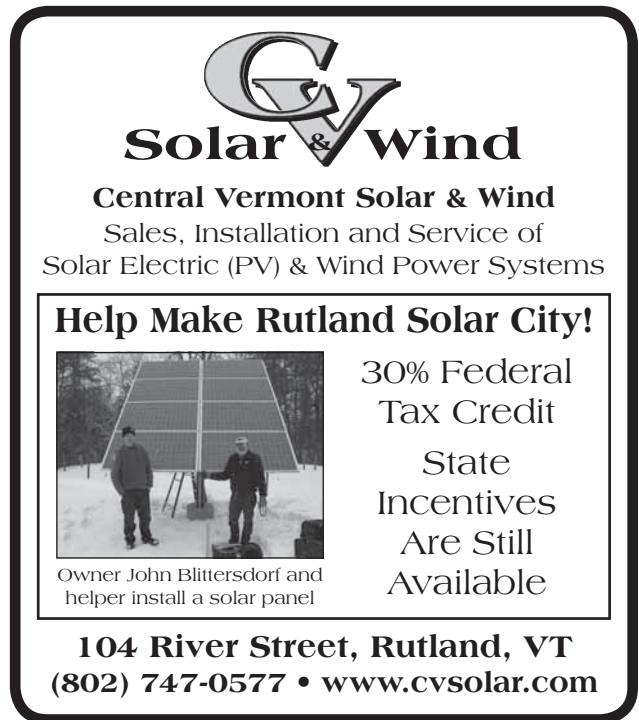


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BELLOWS FALLS. Third Friday Art Walk. Stores and galleries in town and in the surrounding area host special exhibits and events. 5-8 pm. Flyer available at Village Square Booksellers, 32 The Square. (802) 463-9404. villagesquarebooks.com. *Monthly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

BENNINGTON. The Dollhouse and Toy Museum of Vermont. Admission is \$2 for children three and older, \$4 for adults and \$10 for families. Open Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 pm. 212 Union St. at the corner of Valentine St. dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com.

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

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BENNINGTON. Bennington-Walloomsac Winter Farmers Market. Fresh winter vegetables, baked goods, dairy products, meats, crafts, and more. Entertainment and prepared foods. Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm. Holiday Markets on November 17, December 1 & 15. Winter Market every two weeks starting January 5 through April. At the First Baptist Church on Main St. (802) 688-7210. www.walloomsac.org.

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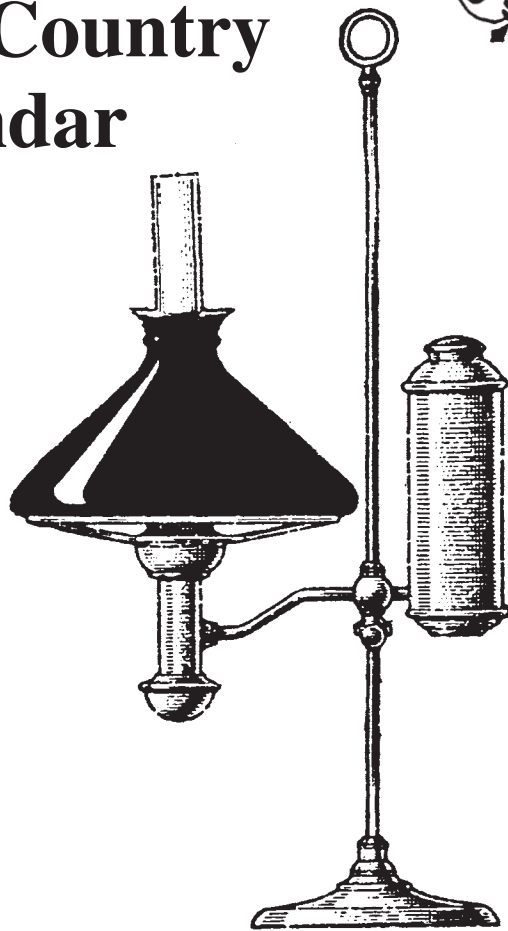
BRATTLEBORO. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. Exhibits and programs. Open 11-5. Closed Tues & Wed. Admission \$6/\$4/\$3. 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. www.brattleboromuseum.org.

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

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

CHESTER. Gallery 103—an Artisan Marketplace. Hand crafted gifts, decorative accessories, small batch Chocolates and VT Maple products. Owned by artists Elise & Payne Junker, exclusive showroom of Junker Studio metalwork. Our Christmas room is open and filled with holiday cheer! Weekends—free hot mulled cider, tastings. Annual Open House November 23-25 with raffles, door prizes, and chocolate tastings. We look forward to seeing you soon! Open every day but Tuesday 10 am - 5 pm. Located on Rt. 103, south of town—look for the life-size moose! (802) 875-7400. Gallery103.com.

CRAFTSBURY COMMON. Free Community Dinner. On the third Wednesday of every month, The food is great; the fellowship is wonderful. 6 pm. United Church of Craftsbury, 7 Church Lane. (802) 586-8028.

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

DORSET. Dorset Winter Farmers' Market at J.K. Adams Kitchen Store and Factory on Rt. 30. Third Sundays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., October through February. Nicole Henry (802) 353-3539. www.dorsetfarmersmarket.com.

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

GLOVER. Bread & Puppet Museum, Rt. 122. One of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world. Open in the winter by appointment. Free admission, donations welcome. (802) 525-3031. breadandpuppet.org.

GLOVER. The Museum of Everyday Life. New exhibition, "Healing Engine of Emergency—the incredible story of the Safety Pin." A self-service museum, open 8 am-8 pm. At 3482 Dry Pond Rd. (Rt. 16) just south of Shadow Lake Rd. (802) 626-4409. museumofeverydaylife.org.

GRAFTON. Grafton Ponds Outdoor Center. Mountain biking, bike terrain park, hiking, canoeing, Cross country skiing with snowmaking, snowshoeing, and snowtubing. 783 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2400. graftonponds.com.

GRAFTON. Cricketers Gallery. Open Thursday thru Sunday from 10 am - 4 pm. Grafton Valley Arts Guild, 45 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-4824. graftonvalleyartsguild.com.

GRANVILLE, NY. The Slate Valley Museum. Exhibits, events, programs, First Fridays, and gift shop. Tues-Fri 1-5 pm, Sat 10 am - 4 pm. Admission \$5, under 12 free. 17 Water St. (518) 642-1417. slatevalleymuseum.org.

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

HUNTINGTON. Monthly Bird Monitoring Walk. Help monitor bird populations at the Green Mountain Audubon Center. Our monthly walks gather long-term data on the bird species and changes in populations. Donation appreciated. 8-10 am. Green Mountain Audubon Center, 255 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-3068. vt.audubon.org.

HUNTINGTON. Birds of Vermont Museum. Over 500 carved wooden birds, representing 259 species. Museum, special events and bird walks, children's programs, gift shop, video, restrooms and trails with maps. Admission: adult \$6, senior \$5, child 3-17 \$3. Open by appointment November 1 through April 30. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. birdsofvermont.org.

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

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

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

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

LUDLOW. Ludlow Winter Farmers' Market. At the corner of Main and Andover Streets. Every Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm, November 17 through March 2. Jerry Milligan, (802) 734-3829. lfmkt@tds.net. www.ludlowfarmersmarket.org.

LUDLOW. Fletcher Farms School for the Arts and Crafts. Christmas Craft Shoppe open 7 days a week November 24th through January 1st. Vermont's oldest residential arts and crafts school. Register for our arts and crafts classes. Winter classes start January 17. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, 611 Rt. 103 South. (802) 228-8770. info@fletcherfarm.org. www.fletcherfarm.org.

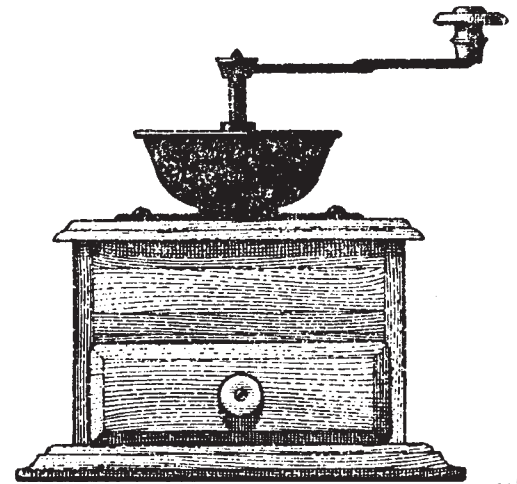
MANCHESTER. Southern Vermont Art Center. Galleries, exhibits, classes, performances, gift shop, café, botany trail. Free admission to some exhibits. Open Tues-Sat 10 am - 5 pm. Yester House Galleries, Southern Vermont Arts Center, West Rd. (802) 362-1405. www.svac.org.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Southern Vermont Sampler Guided Tour. Enjoy the beauty of late fall on the backroads of Vermont in an eight-passenger vehicle. Daily 1-4 pm. Tour meets at Adams Park, 5080 Main St. Please reserve. Also Revolutionary War Tour Nov. 7-30. Call (802) 362-4997. www.backroaddiscovery.com. Through November 18.

MANCHESTER. Boswell Botany Trail. A bucolic wildflower walk, stately white birches, grasses and moss, and most of the 67 varieties of fern found in Vermont. Explored by most walkers in a half-hour or less. At Southern Vermont Art Center, off West Rd. (802) 362-1405. svac.org.

MANCHESTER. Visit Historic Hildene, the summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln. 1912 Victorian Christmas. Holiday Celebration at the Museum Store, December 1 & 2. Special activities, museum store, visitor's center, and walking trails. Tickets: \$16 adults, \$5 youth under 14, children under 6 free. Grounds pass: \$5 adults, \$3 youth, children under 6 free. Open daily 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Historic Hildene is off Rt. 7A, south of the village. (802) 362-1788. hildene.org.

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



Rutland's Newest Downtown Cafe—Liquid Motivation

Hilary Adams, The Domestic Diva, and Gene Schubert of Gene's Beans have teamed up to create the Rutland area's newest cafe—Liquid Motivation.

Located in the Pyramid Holistic Wellness Center at 120 Merchants Row, the duo is offering delicious and nutritious food and beverages of all types. Hilary Adams' Domestic Diva focuses on food from local farms, and offers amazing gluten-free

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

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

MONTPELIER. Bethany Bowl. A community meal that is free to all. 9 am – 2 pm. At the Fellowship Hall, Bethany Church, 115 Main St. (802) 223-2424. bethanychurchvt.org. *Every Tuesday.*

MONTPELIER. Capital City Winter Farmers' Market. 9 am – 1 pm. November 17, then weekly on Saturdays from December 1 on. Montpelier High School Gym on Bailey St. (802) 223-2958. montpelierfarmersmarket.com.

MONTPELIER. 7th Annual Montpelier Antiques Market. Up to 24 Dealers in a relaxed setting offering primitives, furniture, art, toys, books, photos, and ephemera from the New England area. The Elks provide breakfast and lunch for sale. Admission: early buyers \$5 (7:30 am), general public \$2 (9 am). Open 7:30 am - 1:30 pm. Montpelier Elks County Club, 1 Country Club Rd., just off Rt. 2. (802) 751-6138. www.montpelierantiquesmarket.com. *2nd & 4th Sundays November through March.*

MONTPELIER. Library Book Sale. Thousands of books, CDs, DVDs, maps, sheet music and more. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, 135 Main St. (802) 223-3338. kellogghubbard.org. *December 10 – January 12.*

NORWICH. Social Singing from The Sacred Harp. Early American hymns in the shape note tradition. Free and open to the public, no experience necessary, loaner books provided. Not a performance or church function, just fellowship in song. 1:30-4:30 pm. Parish Hall of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 262 Main St. For information contact Daniel Hertzler at danhertzler@gmail.com. *Fourth Sundays.*

NORWICH. Winter Farmers' Market. 10 am – 1 pm at Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 384-7447. manager@norwichfarmersmarket.org. www.norwichfarmersmarket.org. *November 3 & 17, December 1 & 15, January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13.*

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

PITTSFORD. New England Maple Museum. World's largest maple museum. Antiques, paintings, slide show, folk art exhibits, maple syrup samples. A simulated boiling process, "sap to syrup" is presented all year. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our gift shop. Admission adults \$2.50, children under 12 years 75¢, under 6 free. Open November 1 through December 23, 10 am – 4 pm daily. New England Maple Museum, 4578 Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. info@maplemuseum.com. www.maplemuseum.com. *Through December 23.*

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

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

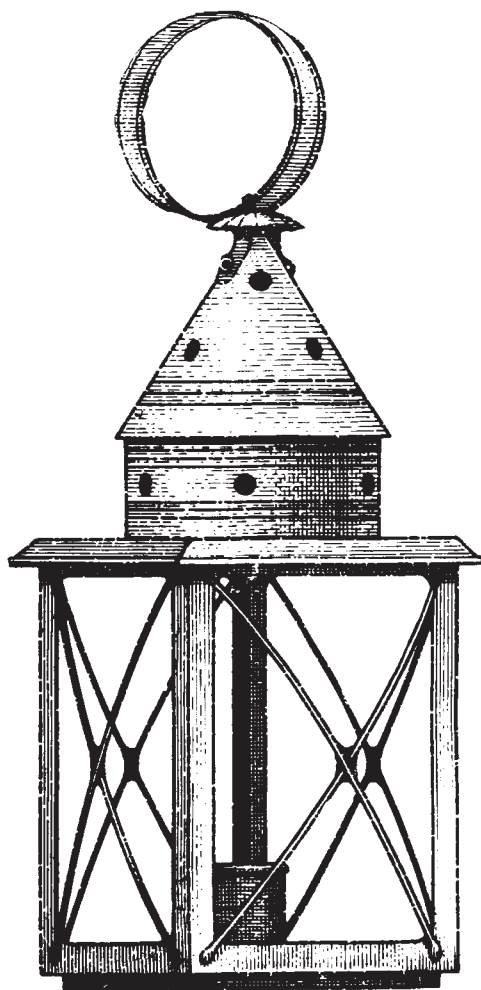
PUTNEY. Green Mountain Orchards Farm Store. Apples and cider year round. Order your apple and pumpkin pies now for the holidays. Christmas trees including cut-your-own, wreaths and roping starting late November. Horse-drawn sleigh and wagon rides year-round by reservation. 130 West Hill Rd. (exit 4, I-91), look for signs in Putney Village. (802) 387-5851. www.greenmtorchards.com.

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

RANDOLPH. Annual Holiday Artisans' Bazaar. Choose from the work of nearly 40 artisans. Thursdays & Fridays from 12-6 pm and Saturdays & Sundays from 10-4 pm, November 23 through December 21. Winter Solstice celebration December 21. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-9878. www.chandler-arts.org.

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

ROCHESTER. Art Exhibits. BigTown Gallery, 99 N. Main St. (802) 767-9670. www.bigtowngallery.com.



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

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

RUTLAND. Rutland Winter Farmers Market. Over 45 vendors selling everything from fresh salad greens all winter to grass-fed meats, cheeses, homemade baked goods, cider and apples. Winter vegetables, jellies, jams, maple, delicious hot foods, wines, arts and crafts—a great place to shop, eat and visit. Saturdays 10 am – 2 pm. New location at 251 West St. *Directions:* in the old Mintzer Building, across the railroad tracks on West St. and right across from Smalley Square. Market manager: Doug Patac, (802) 753-7269. www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays November 3 through May 11.*

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

RUTLAND. Online Farmers Market for Vermont Country Store Employees. Rutland Area Farm and Food Link is working with Vermont Country Store to operate an on-line market for employees of VCS. Farmers, bakers, meat producers list their available products, employees purchase, and food is delivered to North Clarendon on a weekly basis. (802) 417-7331. tara@rutlandfarmandfood.org. www.rutlandfarmandfood.org.

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

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

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

SPRINGFIELD. Exhibition: Light & Space at The Great Hall. Featuring art by Sabra Field, South Royalton, VT; Karen Mullen, Poughquag, NY; Pat Musick, Manchester VT; Dan O'Donnell, Springfield, VT. At The Great Hall, entrance off Pearl St. or One Hundred River Street. (802) 885-3061. www.facebook.com/GreatHallSpringfield. *Nov. 9 thru May 10.*



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While no commitment is

required, participants are encouraged to volunteer to help The Staying Connected Initiative verify important wildlife road crossings in Rutland County, to be explained at the workshop.

There is no cost, but pre-registration is required, as space is limited.

Please contact Monica Erhart for additional information or to pre-register. Call (802) 431-5061. E-mail: monica.erhart@gmail.com. www.stayingconnectedinitiative.org. www.nature.org.

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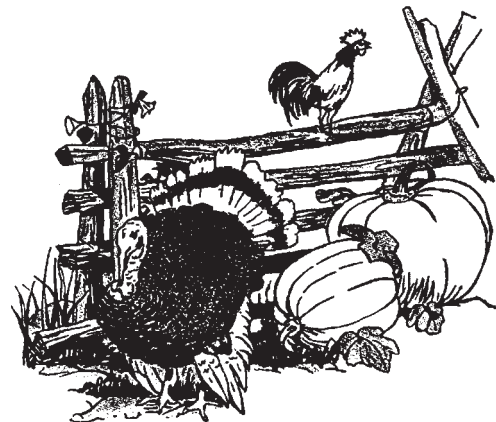
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SPRINGFIELD. Stellafane. A place and an organization devoted to amateur astronomy, founded in 1923, and considered to be the "Birthplace of Amateur Telescope Making." Home to The Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc., an astronomy and telescope-making club that sponsors activities and a convention. Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc., PO Box 601, Springfield, VT 05156. stellafane.com.

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

SWANTON. Taize Evening Prayer. Meditative Prayer service with music. Free. 6:30-7:30 pm. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 38 Grand Ave. (802) 868-7185. holytrintyswanton.org. 1st Wednesdays thru March 6.

ST. JOHNSBURY. The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain and Dog Chapel. Free. Mon-Sat 10 am - 4 pm and Sun 11 am - 4 pm. 143 Parks Rd. (802) 748-2700. dogmt.com.

TINMOUTH. Contra Dance every fourth Friday. Adults \$8, \$6 for teens, \$3 for children 5-12, under 5 free. Refreshments available. 8 pm at Tinmouth Community Center, Rt. 140. (802) 235-2718. Tinmouthvt.org.

WEST BRATTLEBORO. Cai's Dim Sum Teahouse at C.X. Silver Gallery. Dine with art all around. More than 30 authentic unique dishes, la carte with many vegan, gluten-free, and wheat-free options. Walk-ins welcome on second Sundays from 10 am - 8 pm or evenings throughout the month with reservations—call in advance. C.X. Silver Gallery, 814 Western Ave. (802) 579-9088. dimsumvt.com.

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

WEST PAWLET. West Pawlet Community Farmers Market. Fresh, honest food and goodies brought to you from your local farmers, chefs, and crafters. Good food, good hospitality, good neighbors. Every Friday from 4-7 pm, indoors and outdoors, year-round. West Pawlet Fish & Game Club (next to the Post Office), 2849 Rt. 153. "Like" us on Facebook and watch for weekly market menus and specials. wpcfmkt@gmail.com.

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

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

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

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Upper Valley Seed Savers meet on the second Thursday of the month at 5 pm at the Upper Valley Food Coop during the winter months. Our mission is to further knowledge about seed saving and to work on projects that will help develop a body of locally-adapted open-pollinated vegetable seeds. For information, or if you can't come to meetings but would like to receive a monthly email with our minutes which contain information on our projects, please call Sylvia Davatz at (802) 436-3262. E-mail sdav@valley.net.

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

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Upper Valley Co-op's First Friday Celebration. Live music by local artists, samples of local foods. 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. www.listencs.org.

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

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

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

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

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

WOODSTOCK. Third Friday Contra Dance and Dinner. Music by Old Sam Peabody, calling by Delia Clark. All dances are taught and no partner is necessary. Dinner (soup, cheese and bread, coffee and tea) 5:30-7:30 pm; family dance 6 pm; potluck dessert 7:30 pm; contra dance 8-10:30 pm. \$8 suggested donation includes dinner, under 18 free. At The Little Theater, 54 River St. (802) 785-4039. hoffmanathome@gmail.com. Third Fridays thru May 2013.

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

WOODSTOCK. Hand-in-Hand Community Meal. All are welcome. Free, donations accepted. Every Thursday, 5-7 pm in the Social Hall of the Unitarian Church, 7 Church St. (802) 457-2557.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

MONTPELIER. Lecture: Climate Change in Vermont with Dr. Alan K. Betts. Dr. Alan K. Betts is Vermont's leading climate scientist and is the founder of Atmospheric Research in Pittsford. Donations welcome. 7-8:30 pm. North Branch Nature Center, 713 Elm St. (802) 229-6206. northbranchnaturecenter.org.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

BARRE. Annual Craft Fair & Lasagna Dinner. Adults \$10, children under 8 \$5. Craft fair 4-8 pm, dinner 5-7 pm. Barre Congregational Church, 35 Church St. For reservations call (802) 476-3065.

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BELLOWS FALLS. Concert with Audrey Auld. The Tasmanian sweetheart via Nashville, kicks off the Readmore Concert Series. Tickets \$15. 7:30 pm. Readmore, 1 Hapgood St. (802) 463-9415. dorothy@vermontfestivalsllc.com.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Archer Mayor presents his new mystery, *Paradise City*. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. northshire.com.

SAXTONS RIVER. Performance: The Green Gold Tree —A Multimedia Marionette Show. 7 pm. Main Street Arts, Rt. 121. (802) 869-2960. mainstreetarts.org. *Also Nov. 3.*

RUTLAND. Hearts of Rutland Live Auction. 28 locally hand-painted and embellished 4-ft. fiberglass hearts will go to new homes! Also handmade items and artwork. Tickets: \$10 includes hors d'oeuvres. 6:30 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

RUTLAND. Library Book Sale. Sponsored by the Friends of the Rutland Free Library. 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. www.rutlandfree.org. *Also November 3.*

WEST RUTLAND. *Baby the Musical.* Presented by Marble Valley Players. Three couples on a college campus deal with the painful, rewarding, and even comical consequences of conceiving a baby. Directed by Mitch Rosengarten. Tickets: \$18. 7:30 pm. West Rutland Town Hall. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org. *Also November 3, 9, & 10.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

BARRE. Annual Craft Fair & Shepard's Pie Lunch. Adults \$5, children under 8 \$5. Craft fair from 9 am – 2 pm, lunch from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. 9 am – 2 pm. Barre Congregational Church, 35 Church St. (802) 476-3065.

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

BRATTLEBORO. Winter Farmers Market. Over 30 vendors in a warm, welcoming indoor marketplace. Farm products, fresh baked goods, crafts, lunch, live music. Saturdays, 10 am – 2 pm; till 3 pm from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Accepts EBT and debit cards. In the beautiful River Garden at 153 Main St. Sherry Maher, (802) 869-2141. farmersmarket@postoilutions.org. www.postoilutions.org. *November through March.*

BURLINGTON. Joint Urban Ministry Project (JUMP) Benefit Supper. A wonderful church supper, coordinating the efforts of 25 supporting congregations. All proceeds go helping 55 to 60 households each week in our area who need assistance. Seatings 5 & 6 pm. First United Methodist Church, 21 Buell St. jumpvt@yahoo.com.

CHESTER. The Fifth 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 Buckley Center, St. Joseph Parish Hall, 96 S. Main St. (802) 875-3889. *Also November 10.*

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

DERBY LINE. Annual Christmas Bazaar. Crafts, quilt and watercolor raffle. Lunch 11:30 am – 1 pm, soup, sandwich, and dessert for \$5. 9 am - 3 pm. St. Edward's Parish Center, Elm St. For more information call (802) 334-7843.

EAST MONTPELIER. Concert: Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas. Tickets are \$20 in advance, at Bear Pond Books in Montpelier. 7:30 pm. Old Meeting House, Center Rd. (802) 229-0774.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Julia Alvarez presents her new non-fiction book, *A Wedding in Haiti*. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. northshire.com.

MIDDLEBURY. 88th Annual Holiday Bazaar. Lots of wonderful gifts for sale. Horse-drawn wagon rides 10 am – 2 pm. Lunch 11 am - 1 pm—soup, sandwich, and dessert. Soup-to-go. Also coffee or tea and a slice of pie. 9 am - 3 pm at Congregational Church of Middlebury, Fellowship Hall, Seymour St. (802) 388-7634.

ORWELL. Turkey Supper. Turkey, gravy and all the fixings including homemade rolls and pies. To benefit the First Congregational Church. Adults \$10, children under 12 \$5. 5-7 pm. Orwell Town Hall, Main St. (802) 989-3322.

PROCTOR. 43rd Annual Holiday Bazaar of the Union Church. Handcrafted gifts, Christmas ornaments and holiday items. Pink Pachyderm Gift Boutique, White Elephant Sale, dried flower arrangements and wreaths, jewelry, antiques & collectibles. Sweets, baked goods, jams, pickles. Luncheon of soups, sandwiches, and desserts. Raffle! 10 am - 2 pm. Union Church Parish House, 5 Church St. (802) 459-3624.

RANDOLPH. Annual Harvest Supper. Chicken and biscuits, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables and coleslaw, A variety of homemade pies. \$12 for adults, under 6 free. 5 pm. Our Lady of the Angels Roman Catholic Church, 43 Hebard Hill Rd. (802) 728-5251.

RANDOLPH. Sixth Annual Mini-Mud. Celebrating young talent from across the region. Tickets \$16. 7 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.

RUTLAND. Rutland Winter Farmers Market. Opening celebration at our new location! Over 45 vendors selling everything from fresh salad greens all winter to grass-fed meats, winter vegetables, cheeses, homemade baked goods, cider and apples. Jellies, jams, maple, delicious hot foods, wines, arts and crafts—a great place to shop, eat and visit. 10 am – 2 pm. New location at 251 West St. *Directions:* in the old Mintzer Building, across the railroad tracks on West St. and right across from Smalley Square. Market manager: Doug Patac, (802) 753-7269. www.rutlandcountymarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through May 11.*

RUTLAND. Library Book Sale. Sponsored by the Friends of the Rutland Free Library. 9:30 am – 2 pm. In the basement. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. www.rutlandfree.org. *Also December 5.*

RUTLAND. Chili Dinner. A fun evening with six different homemade chilis to sample. \$5 includes chili, home made breads, beverage and ice cream for dessert. \$5 per person. 5-7 pm. All Saints' Anglican Church Parish Hall, 42 Woodstock Ave. (802) 282-1472.

RUTLAND. The Really Big Show XVII. Rutland County's largest talent showcase benefits United Way. Tickets: \$15. 7 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

RUTLAND. Rummage and Bake Sale. Fill a bag with clothing for \$3. Childrens books, toys, trash and treasures. 9 am - 1 pm. Trinity Episcopal Church, 85 West St.

SHARON. Church Dinner. Roast pork, mashed potaoes, squash, applesauce, breads, homemade pies. Sponsored by the Sharon Congregational Church. Adults \$9, children 5-12 \$5, under 5 free. 5-6:30 pm at Sharon Elementary School, 75 VT Rt. 132. (802) 763-2007.

SHELBURNE. Moonlit Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides. Light snacks and activities at the education center before and after the ride. \$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. Pre-register. (802) 985-8686. shelburnefarms.org.

SPRINGFIELD. 10th Annual Quilt Show and Harvest Bazaar. 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 for "Floral Fantasy" quilt, 90"x109". Free admission. 9 am - 4 pm at the First Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main St. (802) 885-5728. fccucc@vermontel.net. fccuccspfdvt.org.

SUDBURY. Workshop: Paneer, Ricotta, & Chevre Making. Taught by Troy Peabody using raw goats milk. Fee \$50. Complimentary lunch of hearty soup, bread, homemade chutneys, fruit, cider, and of course cheese! Benefits Rural Vermont. 11 am – 3 pm at Trevin Farm. Call to register. (802) 223-7222. shelby@ruralvermont.org.

WEST DUMMERSTON. Long Trail Work Weekend. Bring pack frames, shovels, hoes, clippers. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Meet Saturday at 7 am. at the West Dummerston Covered Bridge or 8 am in the parking lot on the Long Trail on Rt. 30. Free. Sponsored by the Brattleboro Section of the Green Mountain Club. Mark Brown, (802) 258-0832. greenmountainclub.org. *Also November 4.*

WEST RUTLAND. *Baby the Musical.* Presented by Marble Valley Players. Tickets: \$18. 1:30 & 7:30 pm. West Rutland Town Hall. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org. *Also November 9 & 10.*

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Weekend at Billings Farm & Museum. Take a horse-drawn wagon ride and enjoy the dairy farm, farmhouse, and farm life exhibits during late fall. Daily programs and activities. Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. billingsfarm.org. *Also November 4, 10 & 11, 17 & 18.*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

BARRE. Concert: Pianist Diane Huling. Tickets: \$15/\$10. 3 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. (802) 476-8188. www.barreoperahouse.org.

BERLIN. Berlin Pond Waterfowl Walk. Fall migration isn't over yet! We'll look for lingering loons, waterfowl and more on Berlin Pond. We may find American Coot, scoters or some other surprise at this birding hotspot. Fee: \$15, free for kids. 7:30-10 am. Call for meeting place. North Branch Nature Center. (802) 229-6206. northbranchnaturecenter.org.

CHESTER. Vermont Voices. Author Archer Mayor will read from his new detective book, *Paradise City*. Free, everyone is welcome. 2 pm. Sponsored by Misty Valley Books. At the First Universalist Church in Stone Village. (802) 875-3400. mvbooks@vermontel.net. www.mvbooks.com. *Also November 11 & 18.*

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

GREENSBORO. First Annual Harvest Swap. Bring items that you have grown and/or preserved to swap. Items will be swapped on a one-for-one basis. Bring items with an estimated value of \$5 or \$5 increments. For example: a quart of canned tomatoes, a jar of jelly, a loaf of bread, a large winter squash, etc. 2-4 pm at Lakeview Elementary School, 189 Lauredon Ave. (802) 755-6336.

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.

RUTLAND. Annual Fall Rummage Sale. This is a huge indoor sale with lots of clothing, household goods, toys, books, etc. Sunday 10 am - 4 pm. Bag Sale Monday, November 5, 9 am - 12 noon. Sponsored by the Sisterhood of the Rutland Jewish Center, 96 Grove St. (802) 773-3455. rutlandjewishcenter.org.

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

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Weekend at Billings Farm & Museum. Take a horse-drawn wagon ride around the farm fields when the brilliance of foliage has softened and the weather is still pleasant. Enjoy the dairy farm, farmhouse, and farm life exhibits. Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. *Also November 10 & 11, 17 & 18.*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

BELLOWS FALLS. Cooking Class: Quick and Easy Weeknight Meals. Chef John Marston is excited about conducting this informal class and sharing his experience with others. We'll provide knives and aprons to assist your hands on preparation. 6-8:30 pm. Fee, call to register. Leslie's Tavern, 660 Rockingham Rd. (802) 463-4929. www.leslietavern.com.

RUTLAND. Annual Fall Rummage Sale. This is a huge indoor sale with lots of clothing, household goods, toys, books, etc. Bag Sale, 9 am - 12 noon. Sponsored by the Sisterhood of the Rutland Jewish Center, 96 Grove St. (802) 773-3455. rutlandjewishcenter.org.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

CHESTER. Chester-Andover Family Center Bake Sale. Stop by after you cast your ballot and purchase some homemade goodies to have with your coffee or share with your family. 9 am on. Town Hall, upstairs, 556 Elm St. (802) 875-3236. chesterandoverfamilycenter.weebly.com.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

RUTLAND. Concert: Keb'Mo'. Blues playing singer-songwriter and guitarist. Tickets: \$54.50/\$49.50/\$39.50. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

RUTLAND. The Understudy presented by Vermont Actors Repertory Theatre. Tickets: \$15. 7:30 pm. The Brick Box at Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org. *Through November 11 and 15-17.*

SWANTON. Community Breakfast at Holy Trinity. Fee: \$2.50. 7-9 am. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 38 Grand Ave. (802) 868-7185. holytrinityswanton.org. *Also Nov. 21, and Dec. 5 & 19.*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

BRANDON. Jazz Concert: Lenore Raphael & Jack Wilkins. Renowned jazz pianist and Steinway artist Lenore Raphael performs with guitarist Jack Wilkins. Tickets \$15, BYOB. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. info@brandon-music.net. brandon-music.net.

CRAFTSBURY COMMON. David Budbill Reads and Talk at Sterling College. David reads from *From Down to the Village* and more recent work and talks about the changes he's seen in this area over the past 40 years, at Dick Smyth's and Jody Stoddard's Environmental Humanities Class. Free. 1-4 pm. Sterling College. For information contact Jody Stoddard, jstoddard@sterlingcollege.edu. davidbudbill.com.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Hilary Jordan presents *When She Woke*. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. northshire.com.

Vermont Country Calendar

(November 8, continued)

MONTPELIER. Lecture: Climate Change in Vermont with Roger Hill. Meteorologist Roger Hill has over 25 years of experience in forecasting the weather all over the country. Roger is best known for explaining complicated weather phenomena in terms that anyone can understand. Donations welcome. 7-8:30 pm. North Branch Nature Center, 713 Elm St. (802) 229-6206. www.northbranchnaturecenter.org.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

MIDDLEBURY. Concert: Iris Dement, country folk performer. Tickets \$30. 7:30 pm. Town Hall Theater, Merchants Row/South Pleasant St. For tickets call (802) 388-0216. afdark@sover.net. afterdarkmusicseries.com.

RUTLAND. Performance: Richard the III. Shakespeare's tragedy presented by Middlebury Actor's Workshop. Tickets: \$20/\$15. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

SHREWSBURY. Spaghetti Supper. Sponsored by Shrewsbury Community Church United of Christ. Adults \$8, children under 12 \$5. Eat-in or take-out. 5-7 pm at the Shrewsbury Town Hall. (802) 492-3402.

SPRINGFIELD. Exhibition Opening: Light & Space. Featuring Sabra Field (South Royalton, VT); Karen Mullen, (Poughquag, NY); Pat Musick (Manchester VT); Dan O'Donnell (Springfield, VT). At The Great Hall. Reception 5:30-7:30 pm. Entrance off Pearl St. or One Hundred River Street. (802) 885-3061. www.facebook.com/GreatHallSpringfield. *Through May 10.*

STOWE. Vermont Humanities Council 2012 Annual Fall Conference: "Sacred Spaces, Sacred Places—Religious Architecture and Sites." At Stowe Lake Mountain Resort & Spa. (802) 262-2626 x 304. www.vermonthumanities.org. *Also November 10.*

STOWE. Concert: Itzak Perlman and the Perlman Music Program Concerts. 7:30 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, Rt. 108N. For tickets call (802) 760-4634. www.sprucepeakarts.org. *Also November 10.*

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 at the break. Admission \$5. 7:30-10:30 pm at the Tunbridge Town Hall, 271 Rt. 110. (802) 436-2444. Clydo46@gmail.com. *Second Fridays (excluding December, June & September).*

WATERBURY. Santa's Workshop Sale. Browse through our Christmas items, crafts, food, gifts, cookie sale. Friday 9 am - 6 pm, Saturday till 3 pm. Waterbury Center Community Church, Rt. 100. (802) 244-8089. *Also November 10.*

WEST RUTLAND. *Baby the Musical.* Presented by Marble Valley Players. Tickets: \$18. 7:30 pm. West Rutland Town Hall. (802) 775-0903. paramountvt.org. *Also November 10.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

BELLOWS FALLS. Concert: Stone Church Arts presents James D'Leon, Classical Pianist. Tickets \$20. 7:30 pm. Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 463-3100.

BENNINGTON. Postcard Making Workshop. 11 am - 2 pm. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 108 School St. (802) 440-9816. info@uubennington.org. www.uubennington.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Winter Farmers Market. Over 30 vendors. Farm products, fresh baked goods, crafts, lunch, live music. Saturdays, 10 am - 2 pm; till 3 pm from Thanksgiving to Christmas. In the River Garden at 153 Main St. Sherry Maher, (802) 869-2141. farmersmarket@postoilssolutions.org. www.postoilssolutions.org. *November through March.*

BROOKFIELD. 8th Annual Hunters' Breakfast & Christmas Fair. Different tables as well as a bake table will be featured at the Christmas Fair. Breakfast \$10. Serving 5-11 am. Fair is 5 am - 12 pm. First Congregational Church, 49 Ridge Rd., Pond Village. (802) 276-3376.

EAST CHARLESTON. Kingdom Coffeehouse: Wind that Shakes the Barley. Fee: \$10 includes refreshments. 7 pm. Northwoods Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 723-6551. www.northwoodscenter.org.

LUDLOW. "Look at it This Way" Comedy Program. Nine new skits written by Stan and Jane Hart. Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium, 37 Depot St. (802) 228-7239. www.fola.us.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Julie Klam presents *Friendkeeping: A Field Guide to the People You Love, Hate and Can't Live Without*. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. www.northshire.com.

MANCHESTER. Celebration at Garden Arts Fresh Market. Join us for a community event in support of family education around growing foods for the home table. Meet our vendors and learn about their crafts, sample local food products, enjoy live music and children's activities! Petting zoo by Chipman Stables, weather permitting. 10 am - 4 pm. Garden Arts Fresh Market, 557 Depot St. (802) 362-0448. www.gardenartsstore.com.

NORTH TUNBRIDGE. Tunbridge Grange Hunter's Breakfast. Eggs, home fries, ham, sausage, toast, pancakes, coffee & juice. \$7 all-you-can-eat. 4 am - 9 am. Tunbridge Grange, Rt. 110. For info call Mert Vesper at (802) 889-5595. www.tunbridgevt.com.

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

RICHMOND. Third Annual Community Harvest Festival. Loads of activities including grinding grain, making corn cakes, seed art, blending bike-powered smoothies, climbing on hay bales and much more. Lunch and dessert, live music. Silent auction. Free of charge and open to children of all ages. 11 am - 3 pm. West Monitor Barn, 1949 East Main St. (802) 434-5853.

RICHMOND. Richmond Historical Society Potluck Supper and Fall Meeting. Slide show: *Early Automobile Travel in Vermont*. \$2 per person to cover the cost of salad, beverage and dessert. 6 pm at the Richmond Congregational Church. (802) 434-6453. rhs@oldroundchurch.com.

RUTLAND. Roast Turkey Dinner. Adults \$10, children 5-12 \$5, under age 5 free. 5-7 pm. Rutland United Methodist Church, 71 Williams St. (802) 773-2460.

RUTLAND. Rutland Holiday Fair of Vermont. Handmade crafts, jams, jewelry, paintings, wreaths, candies, and more! Sponsored by the Vermont Farmers Market. Accepting EBT and debit cards. 9 am - 4 pm at Holiday Inn, Rt. 7. For info contact Jamie Condrill, (802) 287-9570, (802) 325-3203. jdc71203@aol.com. vtfarmersmarket.org. *Also December 8.*

RUTLAND. Rutland Winter Farmers Market. Over 45 vendors selling everything from fresh salad greens all winter to grass-fed meats, winter vegetables, cheeses, homemade baked goods, cider and apples. Jellies, jams, maple, hot foods, wines, arts and crafts—a great place to shop, eat and visit. 10 am - 2 pm. New location at 251 West St. in the old Mintzer Building. Market manager: Doug Patac, (802) 753-7269. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through May 11.*

SHELBURNE. Raptor Romp. Meet a raptor in its natural environment. Come prepared for a moderate walk and all November's weather has to offer. Fee: \$6. 10 am - 1 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. Pre-registration required. (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org.

Rutland Celebrates It's New Winter Farmers Market Headquarters

Big news! The Vermont Farmers Market has moved the Winter Market into the new Vermont Farm and Food Center on West Street in downtown Rutland. It will no longer be in the old Strand Theater behind the Rutland Co-op. The new location, still in downtown Rutland, is in the old Mintzer Building, across the railroad tracks on West Street and right across from Smalley Square. Hours are 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. every Saturday.

The opening is November 3rd with a big celebration, ribbon cutting and visits from the Governor and other VIPs. There is plenty of free parking, lots of space and yes, some heat!

There will be at least 45 vendors, the same vendors as last year, with hopefully at least ten more.

Lots of winter vegetables are available; and thanks to advances in farming, vendors also offer fresh, local salad

greens all year round. There are so many choices in root vegetables, greens, mushrooms, meats, and cheeses that any master or beginning chef will not run out of menu choices.

The winter market offers this season's apples and fresh cider. Mendon Mountain Orchard will have hot cider, bottled cider, fresh apples, pies and pastries. Charlie Brown from Brown's Orchard stays downtown in Depot Park for the month of November and sells out of his truck stand. He'll be back at the new winter market the first week of December.

The market offers freshly baked breads, honey, jellies & jams, maple syrup & maple products, amazing hot foods, wines, local wools, and crafts and is a great place to shop, eat, and visit. You can find a lot of what you need for your holiday table, and many, many great gifts, all made locally.

Cris Phelps-Brown, Vermont Farmers' Market President and owner of Good Dog Cookies, says one of her favorite cookbooks is *Cooking Close to Home, A Year of Seasonal Recipes*, written by Diane Imrie, a registered Dietitian and Richard Jarmusz, an Executive Chef for twenty-five years. If you are a farmers' market regular or just someone who comes in once in a while to see what's happening, the winter recipes in this book are perfect, especially if you are at a loss

on how to use parsnips, brussels sprouts, or rutabagas. Cold weather always says soup, and this recipe from *Cooking Close to Home* is delicious.

Hearty Root Vegetable Chowder

½ cup white onions, chopped
2 tablespoons fresh garlic, chopped
1 tablespoon of butter
1 cup rutabaga, peeled and finely chopped
1 cup peeled and finely chopped parsnips
¾ cup white potato, peeled and finely chopped
3 cups milk
1 tablespoon dried parsley, ½ teaspoon dried thyme, ¼ teaspoon salt, ¼ teaspoon fresh ground black pepper, 1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper
¼ cup heavy cream

Heat a soup pot over medium heat, and add the onion, garlic and butter, sauté' for approximately 5 minutes, or until soft.

Add the rutabaga, carrot, parsnips and potato and cook for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add the milk, parsley, thyme, salt, black pepper and red pepper. Cover and simmer for 45 minutes.

Add cream and simmer, uncovered, for an additional 15 minutes. Serve.

Pick up a loaf of crusty French bread from Oh La La Bakery, a dessert from one of our many bakers and you have a perfect Winter Market meal.

The Rutland Winter Market is located at 251 West St., Rutland, VT. It is open every Saturday starting November 3 and running through May 11. After that the Summer Market starts back up downtown in Depot Park. For questions about the market, contact Doug Patac at (802) 753-7269 or dpatac@gmail.com. Like us on facebook or visit us on the web at www.vtfarmersmarket.org.



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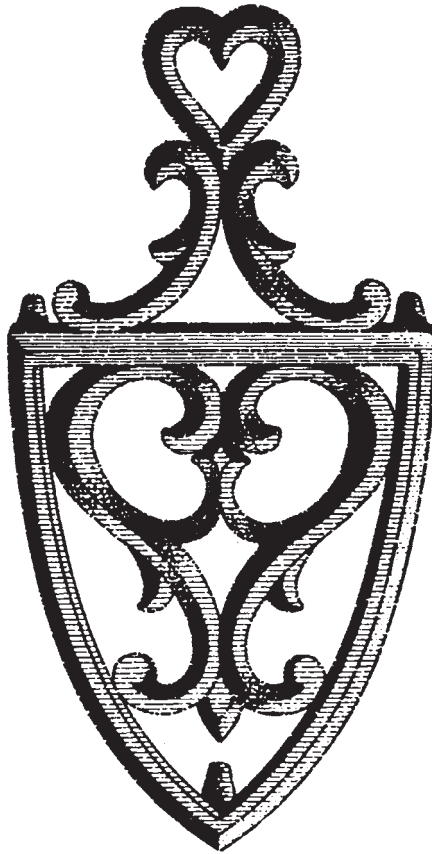
Across the board wall, mellowed brown,
Light from the windowed loft slants down
Through the trap door where hay is thrown;

The dusky stable facing east
Rustles with many a munching beast,
Smelling of out-of-doors, snow-fleeced.

How low in light of all the sky
The space here covered dim and dry—
And yet so generous, so high,

One tenant more would cause no cramp
If I should make a corner-camp
In here tonight—no bed, no lamp.

—JAMES HAYFORD
Orleans, VT, 1951



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. Advance tickets only—call (802) 897-2780. vtcat@shoreham.net.

SHREWSBURY. Book & Author Event. Archer Mayor will read from his new crime novel, *Paradise City*, and talk about his work as an EMT and medical examiner. 7:30-9:30 pm. Shrewsbury Town Hall. (802) 492-3550.

SOUTH WOODBURY. Annual Outdoor Clothing Give-Away. Free. No income guidelines, anyone is eligible, this is simply a redistribution. 9 am - 1 pm. At Calais-Woodbury United Church. (802) 456-8161.

WATERBURY. Santa's Workshop Sale. Browse through our Christmas items, crafts, food, gifts, cookie sale. 9 am - 3 pm. Waterbury Center Community Church, Rt. 100 next to the Cold Hollow Cider Mill. (802) 244-8089.

WEST RUTLAND. *Baby the Musical*. Presented by Marble Valley Players. Tickets: \$18. 7:30 pm. West Rutland Town Hall. (802) 775-0903. paramountvt.org.

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

WINDSOR. Church and Community Holiday Bazaar. Handcrafts, baked goods and the famous "Christmas Attic" with new and gently used Christmas items and gifts. Soup luncheon 11 am - 1 pm. 9:30 am - 2 pm. Old South Church, 146 Main St. (802) 674-5087.

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Weekend at Billings Farm & Museum. Take a horse-drawn wagon ride around the late autumn farm fields. Admission \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. Also November 11, 17 & 18.

WORCESTER. Outting on Hunger Mountain and White Rocks. We'll be past the foliage season but the temps should still be nice. Six miles. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Contact leader, Robynn Albert, by Nov. 8. Call (802) 878-4036. robynnalbert@hotmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

BRANDON. Concert: Local Music Sunday Series—Snake Mountain Bluegrass. Tickets \$15. 4 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. info@brandon-music.net. brandon-music.net.

CHESTER. Vermont Voices. Author Willard Sterne Randall will read from his new book, *Ethan Allen*. Free, everyone is welcome. 2 pm. Sponsored by Misty Valley Books. At the First Universalist Church in Stone Village. (802) 875-3400. www.mvbooks.com. Also November 18.

MONTPELIER. 7th Annual Montpelier Antiques Market. Up to 24 Dealers in a relaxed setting offering primitives, furniture, art, toys, books, photos, and ephemera from the New England area. The Elks provide breakfast and lunch for sale. Admission: early buyers \$5 (7:30 am), general public \$2 (9 am). Open 7:30 am - 1:30 pm. Montpelier Elks County Club, 1 Country Club Rd., off Rt. 2. (802) 751-6138. montpelierantiquesmarket.com. 2nd & 4th Sundays November through March.

PUTNEY. Book & Author Event. Vermont author Jessie Haas will be reading from her book, *Sugaring*, and signing copies. Free hot chocolate! Everyone is welcome. 3:30 pm. Hidden Springs Maple, 162 Westminster Rd. (802) 387-5200. hiddenspringsmaple.com.

RUTLAND. Here Comes the Kid—A Tribute to Woody Guthrie's 100th Birthday. Celebrated with a concert by Arlo Guthrie. Tickets: \$54.50/\$49.50/\$44.50. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. paramountvt.org.

RUTLAND. *The Understudy* presented by Vermont Actors Repertory Theatre. Tickets: \$15. 2 pm. The Brick Box at Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org. Also November 15-17.

TUNBRIDGE. MountainFolk Concert: Bill Staines Performs. Folk troubadour with four decades of touring and songwriting experience! \$15/\$20. 7:30 pm. Tunbridge Town Hall, Rt. 110. (802) 431-3433. mtfolk.org.

TUNBRIDGE. Breakfast & Bake Sale. Hosted by the Tunbridge Recreation Committee and the Tunbridge Central School 8th Grade Class. 8 am - 12 pm at the Tunbridge Town Hall, Rt. 110. (802) 889-5521. www.tunbridgevt.com. Also December 9.

WEST BRATTLEBORO. Cai's Dim Sum Teahouse at C.X. Silver Gallery. Dine with art all around. More than 30 authentic unique dishes, la carte with many vegan, and gluten-free options. Walk-ins welcome on second Sundays from 10 am - 8 pm or evenings throughout the month with reservations—call one or two days in advance. C.X. Silver Gallery, 814 Western Ave. (802) 579-9088. www.dimsumvt.com. Also December 9.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Seasonal Clothing Swap. Stop by to donate non-perishable food items and find free clothes for the whole family! You don't need to donate to receive! 10 am - 2 pm. Bugbee Senior Center, 262 N Main St. (802) 295-9068. www.bugbeecenter.org.

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Weekend at Billings Farm & Museum. Take a wagon ride pulled by Percheron draft horses around the late autumn farm fields. Enjoy the Jersey dairy farm, restored farmhouse, and farm life exhibits. Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. Also November 17 & 18.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

BELLOWS FALLS. Cooking Class: Thanksgiving—Turkey Tips and Side Dishes. Chef John Marston is excited about conducting this informal class and sharing his experience with others. We'll provide knives and aprons to assist your hands on preparation. 6-8 pm. Fee, call to register. Leslie's Tavern, 660 Rockingham Rd. (802) 463-4929. www.lesliestavern.com.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

MIDDLEBURY. Brown Bag Lunch Talk: Black Hawk Weathervane by Bill Brooks. Bring a brown bag lunch; beverages and dessert are provided. Fee: \$2. Noon at Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. (802) 388-2117. www.henrysheldonmuseum.org.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

BENNINGTON. Meetinghouse Café Concert: Woods Tea Company. Admission \$15. Coffee and desserts available. Doors open at 7 pm, concert 8 pm. Meetinghouse Cafe of Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 108 School St. (802) 440-9816. info@uubennington.org. www.uubennington.org.

RUTLAND. Performance: Ron White. Blue-collar comedy phenomenon. Tickets: \$75.50/\$55.50/\$45.50. 7 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

SHREWSBURY. Workshop: Butter, Mozzarella, & Camembert Making. Taught by cheesemaker Connie Youngstrom with raw cows' milk from Red Wing Farm. Class fee is \$50. Complimentary lunch of hearty soup, bread, fruit, cider, and of course cheese! All proceeds benefit Rural Vermont. 10 am - 2 pm, at Red Wing Farm. Call to register. (802) 223-7222. shelby@ruralvermont.org.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

BRANDON. Jazz Concert: Andrea Wolper. Versatile jazz vocalist performs. Tickets \$15, BYOB. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. info@brandon-music.net. brandon-music.net.

DANVILLE. 91st Annual Game Supper. Meat pies are featured, typically venison, moose, bear, coon, beaver, rabbit, and chicken. The tables groan with side dishes, squash, potato, glazed carrots, green beans, cranberry sauce, coleslaw, and pickles, topped off with dinner rolls, coffee, and homemade dessert pies. Tickets \$15; under 12, \$9. Seatings at 5, 6, 7 pm. Danville United Methodist Church, on the Green. Reservations required. Call (802) 684-3666.

DORSET. Luncheon Lecture Series: Vermont's Civil War Regiments with Gary Roosma. 12-1 pm. Dorset Historical Society's Bley House Museum, Rt. 30 at Kent Hill Rd. (802) 867-0331. www.dorsetvhistory.org.

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MONTPELIER. Lecture: Climate Change in Vermont with Chip Darmstadt, Donations welcome. 7-8:30 pm. North Branch Nature Center, 713 Elm St. (802) 229-6206. www.northbranchnaturecenter.org.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

BENNINGTON. Meetinghouse Café Concert. Chris Shaw, Adirondack singer-songwriter and storyteller. Admission \$15. Coffee and desserts. 8 pm. Meetinghouse Cafe of Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 108 School St. (802) 440-9816. uubennington.org.

LUDLOW. Okemo Mountain School Benefit Ski & Snowboard Swap. Okemo Mountain Resort, 77 Okemo Ridge Rd. (802) 228-1513. *Through November 18.*

RUTLAND. Holiday Craft Fair. In addition to Grace Church crafts this will be a juried show. Christmas wreaths and treasures in the Pink Pachyderm room, African crafts and baked goods table. Food for sale. 5-9 pm. Grace Congregational United Church of Christ, 8 Court St. (802) 775-4301. *Also November 17.*

SAXTONS RIVER. Concert: Windham Orchestra British Jubilee. Music of Elgar, Delius and Britten. Admission by donation. 7:30 pm at Vermont Academy. (802) 257-4523. (802) 896-6200. www.bmvt.org.

WOODSTOCK. Third Friday Contra Dance and Dinner. Music by Old Sam Peabody, calling by Delia Clark. Dinner (soup, cheese and bread, coffee and tea) 5:30-7:30 pm; family dance 6 pm; potluck dessert 7:30 pm; contra dance 8-10:30 pm. \$8 donation includes dinner, under 18 free. The Little Theater, 54 River St. (802) 785-4039. *Third Fridays through May 2013.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

BENNINGTON. Bennington-Walloomsac Holiday Farmers Market. Winter vegetables, baked goods, meats, dairy products, crafts. Entertainment and prepared foods. 10 am - 2 pm. First Baptist Church on Main St. (802) 688-7210. walloomsac.org. *Also December 1 & 15.*

BRADFORD. 57th 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. Over 30 vendors. Farm products, fresh baked goods, crafts, lunch, live music. Saturdays, 10 am - 2 pm; till 3 pm from Thanksgiving to Christmas. River Garden at 153 Main St. Sherry Maher. (802) 869-2141. postsoilsolutions.org. *November through March.*

BRATTLEBORO. Jazz Concert: Louis Hayes Quartet. Hayes' hard-swinging, in-the-pocket grooves can be found on seminal recordings with many jazz greats including sax giant, John Coltrane. Tickets \$20. 8 pm. Vermont Jazz Center, 72 Cotton Mill Hill. (802) 254-9088. www.vtjazz.org.

BROWNINGTON. Holiday Open House. Old-fashioned Christmas decorations, holiday treats. Decorate your own balsam wreath. Help decorate our tree. Also selling old-fashioned toys, books, fine local crafts. Live music! 8 am - 5 pm. Old Stone House Museum, 109 Old Stone House Rd. (802) 754-2022. www.oldstonehousemuseum.org.

CRAFTSBURY. Concert: Spencer Lewis. 7:30 pm. Tickets \$10, \$8 students and seniors. The Music Box, 143 Creek Rd. (802) 586-7533. www.themusicboxvt.org.

LUDLOW. Ludlow Winter Farmers' Market. Locally grown produce, artisanal food products and well made crafts. At the corner of Main and Andover Streets. Every Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm through March 2. Jerry Milligan, (802) 734-3829. lfmkt@tds.net. www.ludlowfarmersmarket.org.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Off the Shelf Program: Writers in Conversation. Jeffrey Toobin presents *The Oath: The Obama White House and the Supreme Court*. Admission \$8, \$31 with book. Sponsored by Northshire Bookstore. 7 pm. At Maple Street School. (802) 362-2200. northshire.com.

MANCHESTER. Free 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 info call Randy Schmidt at (802) 362-2270 or email randy@thevermontbirdplace.com. Meet at 8 am at the Welcome Center parking lot. Hildene, Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 367-7961. www.hildene.org. *Also December 8.*

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.

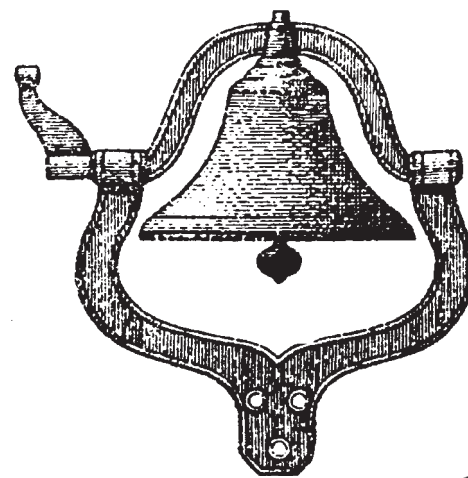
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RUPERT. Monthly Knitting Circle. Join fellow knitters for a social knitting club from. All skill levels welcome. Ideal for those who want to get started on a project, continue a project or have a question and need advice. Just show up! Open to all ages. Free. 1-4 pm. Meet at the Joy Green Visitor Center. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. info@merckforest.org. www.merckforest.org. *Also January 19, February 16, March 23 and April 20.*

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SHELBURNE. Workshop: Felt Pouch Making. Learn about wool and felting, and make your own pouch using wool from our sheep. The finished pouch is yours to keep! Fee: \$6. 9:30-11:30 am. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. Pre-register. (802) 985-8686. shelburnefarms.org.



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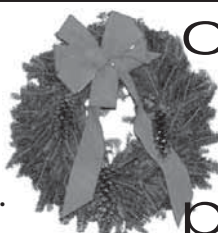
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Now in its seventh season, the market runs on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from November through

March with only one show in December on the 9th.

The Montpelier Antiques Market is centrally located with easy access from I-89 as well as Rtes. 2 & 302. The Club is a large well-lit space that has three entrances for ease of unloading, and a

large parking area. The great thing about this market is the strong early buying crowd that comes when the doors open at 7:30 a.m. for dealers and buyers alike. Everyone has a fair shot at the fresh merchandise coming out of the boxes. It is very brisk selling that first hour but then steadies out as the general public comes at 9 a.m.

While there is a core of dealers that set up for the season there are also new dealers that come in on a weekly basis.

The dealers offer old furniture, primitives, art, ephemera, postcards, photographs, books, bottles, jewelry, tools, toys, Steiff animals and bears, and other fresh merchandise picked from the New England area.

There is a limit of 24 dealer spaces, a nice number. The weather sometimes does

have an affect but the show is always going no matter the storm.

The Elks Club provides delicious home cooking for both breakfast and lunch.

The 2012-13 antique market dates are: November 11 & 25, December 9, January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24, March 10 & 24. Show time is 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Admission: early buyers \$5 (7:30 a.m.), general public \$2 (9 a.m.).

The Montpelier Elks Club is located at 1 Country Club Rd., just off Rt. 2 in Montpelier, VT. For questions or to set up as a dealer, contact Cindy or Don Willis at (802) 751-6138. buysellold@yahoo.com. Also visit www.montpelierantiquesmarket.com. The website has a link to Mapquest if you're looking for directions.



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SOUTH WOODBURY. Church Supper. Roast turkey and family favorites. Followed by concert with Brethren—Larry and Lynne Beaudry & Friends. Dinner \$7, under 6 free. Reservations not required. Dinner 4:30-6:30 pm. Free concert 7 pm. Calais Woodbury United Church. Call Mary at (802) 456-8161.

TINMOUTH. 43rd Annual Tinnmouth 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 marinated roasts, smoked moose, and wild Italian meatballs. Also chicken pie, mashed potatoes and squash, salads, rolls, beans, and all the fixin's. Over 100 homemade pies made by loggers, farmers and homemakers all over Tinnmouth provide a sweet ending to your meal. All you can eat. Takeouts available. Hosted by the Tinnmouth Volunteer Fire Department. Tickets adults \$15, 12 and under \$10, six and under free. No waiting outside and continuous seating of over 200. 4 pm at Tinnmouth Community Center, Rt. 140. (802) 235-2718.

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Weekend at Billings Farm & Museum. Take a horse-drawn wagon ride around the late autumn farm fields. Enjoy the dairy farm, farmhouse, and farm life exhibits. Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. Also November 18.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

BRANDON. Concert: Local Music Sunday Series—Wiley Dobbs. Vermont-based folk group, playing an acoustic blend of different genres and influences, drawing from the sounds of Dave Grisman, Béla Fleck, Jimi Hendrix and many others. Tickets \$15. 4 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. info@brandon-music.net. brandon-music.net.

BRATTLEBORO. Concert: Windham Orchestra British Jubilee. Music of Elgar, Delius and Britten. Admission by Donation. 3 pm at Latchis Theater, Main St. For advance tickets call the Brattleboro Music Center at (802) 257-4523. www.bmvt.org.

BURLINGTON. Autumn Walk. On the Burlington Bike Path from Echo Center to the Colchester municipal line across the Winooski River Bridge and return. Easy. Sponsored by the Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club. Non-members and newcomers welcome. Free. Call leader, Michael Chernick, at (802) 249-0520 or chernick5@comcast.net for meeting time and place. www.greenmountainclub.org.

CHESTER. Vermont Voices. Gov. Madeline Kunin will read from her new book, *The New Feminist Agenda: Defining the Next Revolution for Women, Work, and Family*. Free, everyone is welcome. 2 pm. Sponsored by Misty Valley Books. At the First Universalist Church in Stone Village. (802) 875-3400. mvbooks@vermontel.net. www.mvbooks.com.

DORSET. Dorset Winter Farmers' Market at J.K. Adams Kitchen Store and Factory on Rt. 30. Third Sundays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., October through February. Nicole Henry (802) 353-3539. marketmanager@dorsetfarmersmarket.com. www.dorsetfarmersmarket.com.

PUTNEY. Thanksgiving Farmers' Market. Locally grown winter produce, beautiful crafts, delicious foods, jams, jellies. Come for a delightful afternoon. Sundays 11 am - 2 pm. At Green Mountain Orchards, 130 West Hill Rd. info@harmonycirclefarm.com. putneyfarmersmarket.org. Also December 16 & 23.

RUTLAND. Capital Cities Concert. A 25-piece chamber orchestra comprised of players from the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, NY City Ballet Orchestra, New Jersey, and Vermont Symphony Orchestras will perform Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante in E flat, Wagner's Siegfried Idyll, Mendelssohn's Scherzo from A Midsummer Night's Dream, and Samuel Barber's Adagio for strings. Tickets: \$20/\$10. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

WILLISTON. Outting to Mud Pond: Kid- and Dog-Friendly. Easy, leisurely walk through woods and rolling hills. About three miles. Limit three dogs. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. For meeting time and place, please contact leader, Kelley Christie, by Nov. 16 at (802) 999-7839. kelleychristie@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

SWANTON. Community Breakfast at Holy Trinity. Fee: \$2.50. 7-9 am. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 38 Grand Ave. (802) 868-7185. holytrinityswanton.org. Also December 5 & 19.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

MONTPELIER. 40th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Free. Served from 11:30 am to 2 pm at Bethany Church, 115 Main St. (Wheelchair accessible.) Call (802) 229-9151 for home-bound delivery or to volunteer.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

CHESTER. 5th Annual Open House at Gallery 103—an Artisans Marketplace. Instant raffles, door prizes, chocolate tastings and more! Huge selection of beautiful handcrafted gifts for the holidays. Our Christmas room is filled with cheer to decorate for the season. Free hot mulled cider, cookies, tastings of locally made dips & spreads. Open every day but Tuesday 10 am - 5 pm (often later). Located on Rt. 103, south of town. (802) 875-7400. gallery103.com. Through November 25.

MANCHESTER. Children's Mini-Art Camps. For children grades K-5. Come make handmade holiday gifts. 10 am - 4 pm. Southern Vermont Arts Center, West Rd. (802) 362-1405. www.svac.org. Also November 24.

POULTNEY. The Vermont Farmers Market Presents the Annual Poultney Christmas Fair. Traditional and unique handmade holiday gifts, crafts, folk art. Baked goods, gourmet specialty foods, maple, jams & jellies, prepared goods, apples, cider & fall veggies, fresh balsam wreaths. Gift boxes—ready-made or you make. Mail order available. Free admission. 10 am - 4 pm. At Poultney High Gym, East Main St. Info: Jamie (802) 287-9570. vtfarmersmarket.org. Also November 24.

PUTNEY. 34th Annual Putney Craft Tour. Meander the back roads of S.E. Vermont in search of art & craft. Visit the studios of 28 artists. The Putney Inn has assistance, and maps or visit our website for a map. 10 am - 5 pm. (802) 387-4032. www.putneycrafts.com. Through November 25.

TINMOUTH. Contra Dance. Come to an exuberant contra dance with Mary Wesley calling and toe-tapping live music with Pete Sutherland on fiddle and Brendan Taaffe on guitar. Admission \$9, \$7 teens, free for children 12 and under. Refreshments. 8-11 pm. Tinnmouth Community Center, Rt. 140, (802) 235-2718. tinnmouthvt.org. Every fourth Friday.

WOODSTOCK. Thanksgiving Weekend at Billings Farm & Museum. Discover how Thanksgiving was observed in the 1890 Farm House at the Billings Farm. Admission \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org. Also November 24-25.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

BELLOWS FALLS. Concert: Stone Church Arts Presents Elizabeth Rogers, Singer-Songwriter. Tickets \$20. 7:30 pm. Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 463-3100. www.stonechurcharts.org.

BERLIN. Traditional Contra Dance—"Homegrown in the Tradition." David Kaynor, caller. Music by Homegrown Chestnuts. Dessert potluck at the break. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for dancing kids 15 and younger, \$4 for first time dancers! 7:30 pm. Capital City Grange, 6612 VT Rt. 12, Northfield Rd. (802) 225-8921. capitalcitygrange.org.



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Thus would I pass, that men where I went by
Would have their silence touched, yet scarcely broken,
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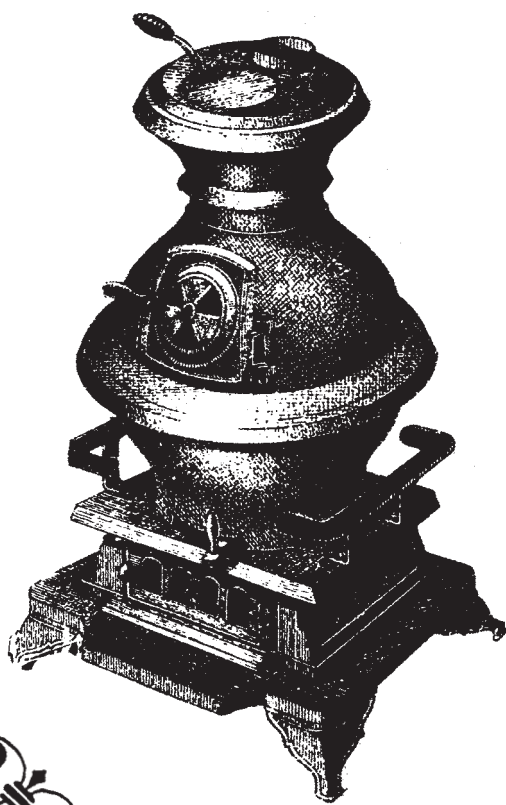
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BRANDON. Maple View Farm Alpacas Ninth Annual Holiday Open House. Free admission. 9 am - 4 pm. Maple View Farm, 185 Adams Rd. (802) 247-5412. mvfalpacas@earthlink.net. www.mapleviewfarmalpacas.com. Also November 25.

BRATTLEBORO. Winter Farmers Market. Over 30 vendors in a warm, welcoming indoor marketplace. Farm products, fresh baked goods, crafts, lunch, live music. Saturdays, 10 am - 3 pm till Christmas, then 10 am - 2 pm. Accepts EBT and debit cards. In the beautiful River Garden at 153 Main St. Sherry Maher, (802) 869-2141. farmersmarket@postsoilsolutions.org. www.postsoilsolutions.org. November through March.

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DORSET. Manchester Music Festival—Thanksgiving Concert. Tickets \$25, students \$10. 4 pm at United Church of Dorset and East Rupert. (802) 362-1956. Info@mmfvt.org. www.mmfvt.org.

NORWICH. Contra Dance with Cuckoo's Nest. Special Muskeg benefit dance with Wild Asparagus, George Marshall calling. All dances taught. Beginners welcome. No partner necessary. Please bring a separate pair of soft-soled shoes for dancing. 8 pm. Admission \$8 (students \$5, under 16 free, seniors by donation). Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 785-4607. Fourth Saturdays through May 2013.

PITTSFORD. Pittsford Winter Farmers Market. Local food, preserves, maple products, artwork, jewelry and crafts. 9:30 am - 2 pm. Lothrop Elementary School, 3447 US Rt. 7. (802) 483-2218. Saturdays through December 15.

POULTNEY. The Vermont Farmers Market Presents the Annual Poultney Christmas Fair. Traditional and unique handmade holiday gifts, crafts, folk art. Baked goods, gourmet specialty foods, maple, jams & jellies, prepared goods, apples, cider & fall veggies, fresh balsam wreaths. Gift boxes—ready-made or you make. Mail order available. Free admission. 10 am - 4 pm. At Poultney High Gym, East Main St. Info: Jamiee (802) 287-9570. vtfarmersmarket.org.

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RUTLAND. Brew Ha Ha. A comedy club with up-and-coming faces from the Boston comedy scene! \$25 gets you four 4-oz samples from Long Trail Brewing Company, a souvenir pint glass and a whole lot of laughs! Cash bar with Long Trail products, wine and soft drinks. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. paramountvt.org.

RUTLAND. Rutland Winter Farmers Market. Over 45 vendors selling everything from fresh salad greens all winter to grass-fed meats, winter vegetables, cheeses, homemade baked goods, cider and apples. Jellies, jams, maple, delicious hot foods, wines, wool & crafts—a great place to shop, eat and visit. 10 am - 2 pm. New location at 251 West St. in the old Mintzer Building. Market manager: Doug Patac, (802) 753-7269. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. Saturdays through May 11.

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

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Vermont Gun & Knife Show. Antiques & collectibles, free appraisals, buying, selling trading. Admission. Open to the public. Free parking. Sat 9 am - 5 pm, Sun 9 am - 3 pm. American Legion #26, 129 S. Main St. (802) 875-4540, (802) 380-8351. www.greenmtgunshowtrail.com. Also November 25.

WOODSTOCK. 3rd Annual Woodstock Vermont Film Series. Screening: Moonrise Kingdom. Tickets: adults \$11, children ages 3-15, \$6. 3 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org/filmfest. Continues on alternate Saturdays through April 6.

WOODSTOCK. Thanksgiving Weekend at Billings Farm & Museum. Discover how Thanksgiving was observed in the 1890 Farm House at the Billings Farm and the demanding work of harvesting crops each fall. Admission \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. Also November 25.

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MONTPELIER. 7th Annual Montpelier Antiques Market. Up to 24 Dealers offering primitives, furniture, art, toys, books, photos, and ephemera from the New England area. The Elks provide breakfast and lunch for sale. Admission: early buyers \$5 (7:30 am), general public \$2 (9 am). Open 7:30 am - 1:30 pm. Montpelier Elks County Club, 1 Country Club Rd., just off Rt. 2. (802) 751-6138. www.montpelierantiquesmarket.com. 2nd & 4th Sundays November through March.

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UNDERHILL. Thanksgiving Weekend Hike. Nebraska Notch: Butler Lodge Trail and Long Trail to Mansfield Forehead. 7.5 miles, 3940' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Contact leader, Robynn Albert, by November 23 at (802) 878-4036. robynalbert@hotmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Vermont Gun & Knife Show. Antiques & collectibles, free appraisals, buying, selling trading. Admission. Open to the public. Free parking. 9 am - 3 pm. American Legion #26, 129 S. Main St. (802) 875-4540, (802) 380-8351. greenmtgunshowtrail.com.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

CASTLETON. Performance: Paul Taylor 2. Modern Dance troupe from New York City. 7 pm. Casella Theater, Castleton State College. For tickets call (802) 468-1119. www.castleton.edu.



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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

BRANDON. Jazz Concert: Violette. Jazz influenced singer songwriter performs. Tickets \$15, BYOB. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. info@brandon-music.net. brandon-music.net.

MIDDLEBURY. Lecture. Jane Beck will present *Alec Turner: A Trek from Slavery to Freedom*. Admission free, donations accepted. 7 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. (802) 388-2117. www.henrysheldonmuseum.org.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

LEBANON, NH. Concert: The Temptations. Tickets: \$59.50/\$39.50. 7:30 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. www.lebanonoperahouse.org.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Nancy Marie Brown presents *Song of the Vikings*. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. northshire.com.

RUTLAND. Rutland County Farmers Market Christmas Fair. Holiday baked goods, winter produce, sauces, jam & jellies, cheeses, wide varieties of crafts, and wreaths. Live music. Refreshments for sale from the kitchen. 10 am - 6 pm. At the College of St. Joseph. rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org. Also December 1.

RUTLAND. Performance: The Nutcracker. Presented by the New York Theatre Ballet. Tickets: \$28.50/\$18.50. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

SWANTON. Free Open Door Community Dinner. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Memorial United Methodist Church, 23 Grand Ave. (802) 868-7185. www.holytrinityswanton.org.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

BELLOWS FALLS. Concert: Stone Church Arts presents Possum Haw, Folk & Bluegrass Quintet. Tickets \$20. 7:30 pm. Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 463-3100. www.stonechurcharts.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Winter Farmers Market. Over 30 vendors. Farm products, baked goods, crafts, lunch, live music. Saturdays, 10 am - 3 pm till Christmas, then 10 am - 2 pm. River Garden at 153 Main St. Sherry Maher, (802) 869-2141. posttoilsolutions.org. November through March.

CHESTER. Annual Christmas Tea & Sale. Sweets, treats, homemade crafts. Enjoy shopping, lunch and sit to sip tea or coffee with delicious sandwiches and sweets. Quilted items, ornaments, painted gifts, candles and baked goodies as well as treasures from Grandma's Attic are for sale. Lunch is \$6. Adm. 11 am - 3 pm. Willard Hall at St. Luke's Church, 313 Main St. (802) 875-6000. ourchester.org.

CHESTER. 27th Annual Overture to Christmas. Visits with Santa Claus, tree lighting ceremony, parade, puppet show, musical entertainment, arts & crafts, caroling, story telling and more! Throughout the village. (802) 875-2626. Through December 8.

LUNENBURG. Gingerbread Bazaar. Festive event to ring in the Christmas season. Amazing gift items, cookie walk, fudge table. Soup & sandwich luncheon 11 am - 2 pm. Free door prizes and contests, free face painting. 10 am - 3 pm. Lunenburg Primary School, 48 Bobbin Mill Rd., off Rt. 2 in the center of town. (802) 892-6654. www.topofthecommon.org.

MANCHESTER. The Hildene Museum Store Holiday Celebration. Dressed in holiday finery, the spirit of the season abounds in our 100 year-old Carriage Barn! Apple cider, Vermont tastings & fresh cider doughnuts. The crisp fragrance of pine boughs & sounds of the season. 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Historic Hildene is off Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 362-1788. info@hildene. www.hildene.org. Also December 2.

MONTPELIER. Capital City Winter Farmers' Market. 9 am - 1 pm. Weekly on Saturdays from December 1 on. Held in the Montpelier High School Gym on Bailey St. (802) 223-2958. montpelierfarmersmarket.com.

MORRISVILLE. Annual Christmas Tour. Celebrate Christmas with Dickens. Donation. 1-5 pm. Noyes House Museum, 122 Lower Main St. (802) 888-7617. www.noyeshousemuseum.org.

NORWICH. Holiday Farmers' Market. 10 am - 2 pm at Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 384-7447. manager@norwichfarmersmarket.org. www.norwichfarmersmarket.org.

RUTLAND. Rutland County Farmers Market Christmas Fair. Holiday baked goods, winter produce, sauces, jam & jellies, cheeses, wide varieties of crafts, and wreaths. Live music. Refreshments for sale from the kitchen. 9 am - 4 pm. At College of St. Joseph. www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org.

RUTLAND. 10th Annual Festival of Trees Benefit Auction. This event is catered and will feature a cash bar. Tickets \$10. 6 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountlive.org.

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STOWE. Stowe Community Church Christmas Fair. Free. 9:30 am - 2 pm. Stowe Community Church, Main St. (802) 253-7257. www.stowechurch.org.

VERGENNES. Holiday Stroll. Children of all ages visit & stroll w/Santa, holiday activities, craft show, Christmas shopping, and holiday music.. Schedule at: www.addisoncounty.com. 7:30 am - 5:30 pm. (802) 388-7951

WELLS. Christmas Craft Sale. Crafts, farm produce, and baked goods. Sponsored by Our Neighbors Table Food Pantry. 9 am - 3 pm. At the Modern Woodmen metal building, Rt. 30. (802) 783-8036.

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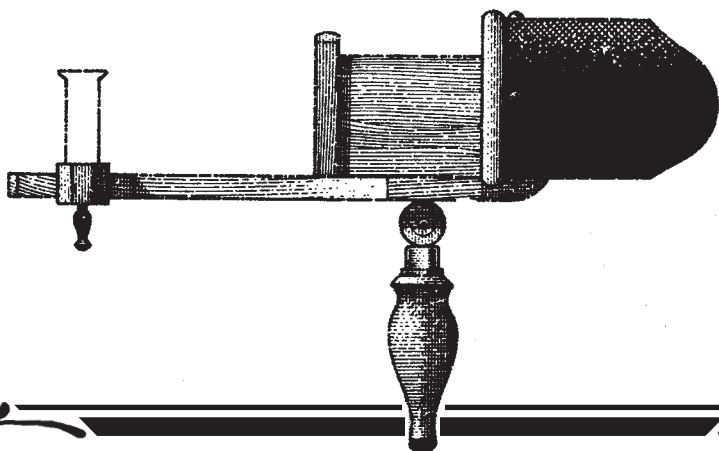
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And the velvet owls that peek and peer.

So leave the brush upon this slope
And clear elsewhere; he needs a place
Where he may delve in cool sweet rocks
Or make a path through Queen Anne's Lace.

Then watch next spring from the other slope,
From the tilted rock that's tall and bare;
In the fluted light of the setting sun
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Randolph, VT

Bluegrass Legend Tim O'Brien Performs At Chandler Music Hall, November 9

Tim O'Brien lends his distinctive voice and expert musicianship to both traditional and original songs in a performance at Chandler Music Hall in Randolph, VT on Friday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m.

O'Brien, of bluegrass band Hot Rize fame, is also known to dig into his Irish roots for a traditional tune, cover Bob Dylan songs, and perform his own finely-crafted compositions. His proficiency on five instruments combines with amazing vocals.

In Tim O'Brien's music, things come together. The intersection of traditional and contemporary elements in his songwriting, his dedication to an ever-expanding array of instruments, and his commitment to place himself in unique and challenging musical scenarios has made him a key figure in today's roots music scene.

O'Brien's presence as a bandleader, songwriter, mentor, instrumentalist, or vocalist has been felt not only in his own music, but in the many recordings of his songs by such artists as the Dixie Chicks, Garth Brooks, Dierks Bentley, Nickel Creek, Kathy Mattea, the New Grass Revival, and the Seldom Scene. He has recorded in collaboration with Steve Martin, the Chieftains, and many others.

Most recently, O'Brien has been performing in the band of Mark Knopfler, who described O'Brien as "a master of American folk music, Irish music, Scottish music—a fine songwriter and one of my favorite singers."

Tim O'Brien has a host of recordings to his credit. His most recent recording, *Chicken & Egg*, like much of his best music, exists in the spaces between: between genres, between genera-

tions, between the everyday chores that most musicians see as impediments, but which O'Brien continues to draw inspiration from. His work, born of wonder and experience, transcends circumstance while never pretending to be anything but one man's story.

"I'm a folk musician," he says humbly. "I gravitate towards the old sounds and I still sing a good bit of traditional material. My songs come out of that well of folk music. If you do it long enough, you can't always tell the old from the new—it blends together. It becomes what happens between the chicken and the egg: I don't know which came first, but it contains the whole of life."

Reserved tickets for this performance are \$30 advance and \$35 at the door. A limited number of \$15 seats are available through the box office only. Order tickets online at www.chandler-arts.org or by calling the box office between 3 and 6 p.m. weekdays at (802) 728-6464. Chandler Music Hall is handicap accessible.

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



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Once again the Holiday Artisans' Bazaar at Chandler Center for the Arts in Randolph, VT will offer area shoppers a wide array of affordable, beautiful fine gifts for the holidays.

The Bazaar runs from November 23 through December 21, Thursdays & Fridays from 12-6 p.m. and Saturdays & Sundays from 10-4 p.m.

This year's show has attracted nearly 40 artisans. The wide range of gifts include pottery, weaving, glass work, innovative jewelry, tree ornaments, gourmet food items, prints, original paint-

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You can join the members of the Green Mountain Club on one of their many outings. There is no charge and newcomers and non-members are welcome. Here are some excursions sponsored by the Outaouquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Call the leaders listed below for details. For more information visit www.greenmountainclub.org.

Saturday, November 3

Mount Ascutney, Brownsville, VT

Hike on Mt. Ascutney (3150') via Brownsville Trail. Visit an old quarry and observation tower w/360 degree views. 6.4 miles., 2400' ascent. Moderate to strenuous at a moderate pace. *Leader: Dick Andrews, (802) 885-3201.*

Sunday, November 4

Road Walk, Orfordville, NH

Mourn the end of Daylight Saving Time together with GMC friends in Orfordville, NH. Strawberry Hill Rd. to Acorn Hill Rd., all dirt backroads. Four miles, easy, car spot. *Leader: Marcia Dunning, (802) 333-4340.*

Tuesday, November 6

Election Day Hike, Barnard, VT

Hike. Election Day Hike in Barnard, VT. Old logging roads, ¼ - ½ mile bushwhack, eight miles. Hilly, steep in parts. Moderate to strenuous. *Leader: Dick Ruben, (802) 333-3707.*

Thursday, November 8

Cross Rivendell Trail, Orford, NH

Hike on Schoolhouse Rd. to old Orford Academy and on some less used trail. Sunday Mountain, views. 9.3 mi, 1200' ascent, parts will be steep. Strenuous, due to distance. Car spot. *Leader: Peter Hope, (603) 863-6456.*

Saturday, November 10

Hurricane Wildlife Refuge, White River Junction, VT

Hike in Hurricane Wildlife Refuge (hunting prohibited.) Several loops possible, nice trails but no views. Approximately three miles, 600' ascent, easy. *Leader: Dick Andrews, (802) 885-3201.*

Sunday, November 11

Veterans Day Walk/Hike, Lyme, NH

Loop on paved & dirt roads & trails. A variety of interesting scenery. Some steep sections. About six to seven miles. Moderate. *Leaders: Heinz and Inge Trebitz, (802) 785-2129.*

Tuesday, November 13

Storrs Pond Hike, Hanover, NH

Hike on Storrs Pond Ring Trail. One mile loop, very short ups and downs, easy. *Leader: Inge Brown, (802) 296-5777.*

Saturday, November 17

Road Walk, Hartland, VT

Afternoon dirt road walk, then chocolate fondue at leader's home. Bring food to dip & share; chocolate provided. Five miles, hilly (part steep downhill). Easy to moderate. *Leader: Katie Rawson, (802) 436-1125.*



Out for a hike on Mount Mansfield, the highest mountain in Vermont. VT Dept. of Parks & Recreation photo

Sunday, November 18

Hike in Paradise Park, Windsor, VT

Explore trails in this attractive town park. Two to four miles, some small hills, easy. *Leader: Annie Janeway, (413) 374-0988. ajaneway@gmail.com.*

Tuesday, November 20

Crossingham Trail Hike, Norwich, VT

Hike on the Cossingham Trail. Loop designed by John Morton; lots of trail in little space. Very steep & hilly but good footing (X-C running trail). 3.2 miles, moderate. *Leader: Kathy Astraukas, (802) 785-4311.*

Sunday, November 25

Lake Morey Road Walk, Fairlee, VT

Walk around Lake Morey. Six miles, easy, with a couple of small hills. *Leader: Kathy Astraukas, (802) 785-4311.*

Tuesday, November 27

Autumn Hike, Wilder, VT

Hike on the Hazen Trail. Three-mile loop, easy. *Leader: Inge Brown, (802) 296-5777.*

Thursday, November 29

Hike on Mt. Tom, Woodstock, VT

Leader's choice of loop to North & South Peaks, depending on conditions. Four to five miles, a few hundred feet elev. gain. Easy to moderate. *Leader: Peter Hope (603) 863-6456.*

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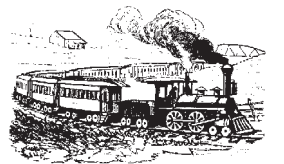
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Here are some suggestions for hiking safely this hunting season:

Be Fashionable. Wear blaze orange in the woods during hunting season, particularly in November. Blaze-orange clothing should be visible from both front and back. A blaze-orange hat is recommended. Put some orange on your dog! Many outdoor and hardware stores

stock items in blaze orange.

Be Heard. You can increase the likelihood you will be heard before you are seen by whistling, singing, or loud conversation. Be especially cautious near roads, in valleys, and within 1/2 mile of trailheads and roads.

Be Aware. Hunters are active just before dawn and just after dusk as well as in broad daylight.

Be Safe. Suggest to your favorite local outfitter that they post this information to inform hikers that hunters are out there. GMC is helping our agency partners raise awareness among all woods-walkers during hunting season, but we need all the help we can get.

2012 Vermont Big Game Hunting Seasons

Black Bear Season—Sept. 1 - Nov. 14

Deer Archery—Oct. 6 - Oct. 28, Dec. 1 - Dec. 9

Moose season, Archery—Oct. 1 - Oct. 7

Moose season, Regular—Oct. 20 - Oct. 25

Youth Deer Weekend—Nov. 3 - Nov. 4

Deer Rifle Season—Nov. 10 - Nov. 25

Deer Muzzleloader and Archery—Dec. 1 - Dec. 9

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Getting a Jumpstart On Spring

by Judith Irven

Gardens are built on the past. In large part, the garden we enjoy today is determined by what we did months or even years ago. And likewise what we do in the garden today sets the table for the garden of the tomorrow.

With this in mind I would like to suggest that late fall is the perfect time to ready your garden for spring.

Adding compost: a rite of fall

Compost is the elixir of a productive garden. It is that magic ingredient which enriches every kind of soil.

Here is just a partial list of compost's benefits for the garden:

- It provides both macro- and micro- nutrients that promote good plant growth, releasing these nutrients gradually throughout the growing season.
- It improves the soil structure, enabling a clay soil to drain properly while helping a sandy soil hold valuable water.
- It acts as a chemical buffer, neutralizing both overly acidic and overly alkaline soils
- It fosters diverse forms of soil life—including earthworms, bacteria and other micro-organisms—all facilitating healthy plant growth.

Composting is also nature's recycling system. All my herbaceous garden clippings are consigned to four large compost 'cubes'—4-foot square by 3-foot high wire enclosures. Here, in its own good time, this garden 'waste' rots down to form that rich organic soil additive we call 'compost'. Kitchen left-overs (vegetable scraps, paper products etc), plus coffee grounds from the friendly local coffee shop in Brandon, go into four smaller enclosed plastic cubes, conveniently set near the house.

Here in Vermont I find autumn is the most opportune time to give my garden the gift of nutritious compost. I know that in winter the ground, and my compost cubes, will freeze deeply, and come spring I must wait until they are both unfrozen and warm before digging—which up here in the mountains is not until mid-May.

But all too often in May I find reality thwarts my best intentions. The weather can be chilly and uncooperative, sometimes raining for days on end. And on the days when the sun is out I am typically off helping clients plan THEIR gardens. So by the time June arrives all the weeds are growing mightily and definitely winning the war.

Last November, long after a killing frost had halted the growing season, we enjoyed a spell of pleasant mild weather, when I was able to completely prepare my vegetable garden for the coming of spring. And this summer my efforts were rewarded with the most wonderfully productive, and essentially weed-free, garden.

Fall clean-up recipe for the kitchen garden

First gather your ingredients:

- Lots of reasonably well-aged compost (any final breakdown will occur over the winter)
- A big stack of old newspapers (discarding all the colored inserts)
- Enough mulch hay to cover your entire veggie garden to a depth of 3-4 inches (about 1 bale per 100 square-feet)

Now follow these simple steps:

- Cut and remove all ANNUAL weeds that are setting seed. For any with mature seed-heads, gently cut the plant tops without spilling the seed on the soil (which also should not go into compost pile). However, since annual plants themselves will not make it through the winter, you can leave those that have not yet started to set seed.

- Remove ALL PERENNIAL weeds...dandelions, field



A rite of fall: adding compost to the garden in Goshen, VT.

photo by Judith Irven

grasses, ground ivy and the like. Try to remove the entire root system; otherwise next summer the offending weed will surely re-grow from its roots and return to haunt you.

- Spread up to four inches of compost over the whole surface of the bed.
- Using a garden fork, gently incorporate the compost into the top few inches of soil and rake it smooth.
- Cover the entire bed with about six layers of newspaper... overlapping the sections somewhat. If you use boards for a path, tuck the newspaper under them too. If the wind insists on blowing the newspaper about, a quick douse of water will keep it in place.
- Mulch everything with several inches of hay.

Hay as mulch??

Hay is readily available from the farms around here and makes an inexpensive mulch for the veggie garden. By next fall the hay will have decomposed to create additional compost.

However hay sometimes includes unwanted weed seeds. So check that the hay you are getting does not contain visible seed heads from field grasses or other undesirables.

Straw, which should not contain weed seeds, is a somewhat more expensive alternative.

Why the newspaper??

The main purpose of the newspaper is to keep the light away from the soil, which in turn stops weed seeds already in the soil from germinating. It also prevents any weed seeds, either in the hay or out of the air, from getting a foothold in the soil.

I find my 6 layers of newspaper remain reasonably intact throughout the summer, but by this time of year they can be dug back into the soil.

Next spring: reap the benefits!

Your bed can sit without any further attention until YOU are ready to plant it out. No more worrying about the spring-time race against the germinating weeds.

Select the best planting time for any particular crop—for instance: peas in April, salad greens and spinach in early May, and Memorial Day for heat-lovers like beans, tomatoes and squash!

To plant individual seedlings: pull back the hay, with a trowel cut a hole through the newspaper and plop your seedling into the nice fluffy soil beneath. Water well and reposition the hay.

To plant a row of seeds: pull back the hay and along the length of the row cut a slot through the newspaper and down into the soil. Plant the seeds in the furrow.

And for warm-weather crops: If you are concerned that the mulch is preventing the soil from warming up enough for crops like tomatoes, just pull the entire mulch sandwich to one side for a week or so to expose the soil to the sun. After you actually get around to planting, tuck everything back around your young plants.

What could be easier??!!

Judith Irven is a landscape and garden designer. She and her husband Dick Conrad live in Goshen, VT. Visit her sites outdoorspacesvermont.com & northcountryreflections.com.

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Bring items that you have grown and/or preserved to swap. Items will be swapped on a one-for-one basis. Bring items with an estimated value of \$5 or \$5 increments. For example: a quart of canned tomatoes, a jar of jelly, a

loaf of bread, a large winter squash, a bag of dried vegetables or a tea blend. Bring an extra item for sharing a taste at the event if you like. For this first event we will try to swap without too much planned structure and see how it goes.

Lakeview Elementary School is located at 189 Lauredon Ave. in Greensboro, VT. For more information call (802) 755-6336. swapsisters@gmail.com.

Welcome to the Gingerbread Bazaar in Lunenburg, VT

The Top of the Common Committee invites you to welcome in the Christmas season with a visit to their annual Gingerbread Bazaar, December 1st, at the Lunenburg Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You'll be able to find something for everyone!

As is the hallmark of Top of the Common events, there will be the opportunity to sign up for free door prizes and to participate in free games and contests offering great prizes to the winners. This year you'll find vendors offering a wide range of high quality Christmas theme and gift items in a full price range—photography, birdhouses, ornaments, wreaths, fly fishing ties and paraphernalia, and much more.

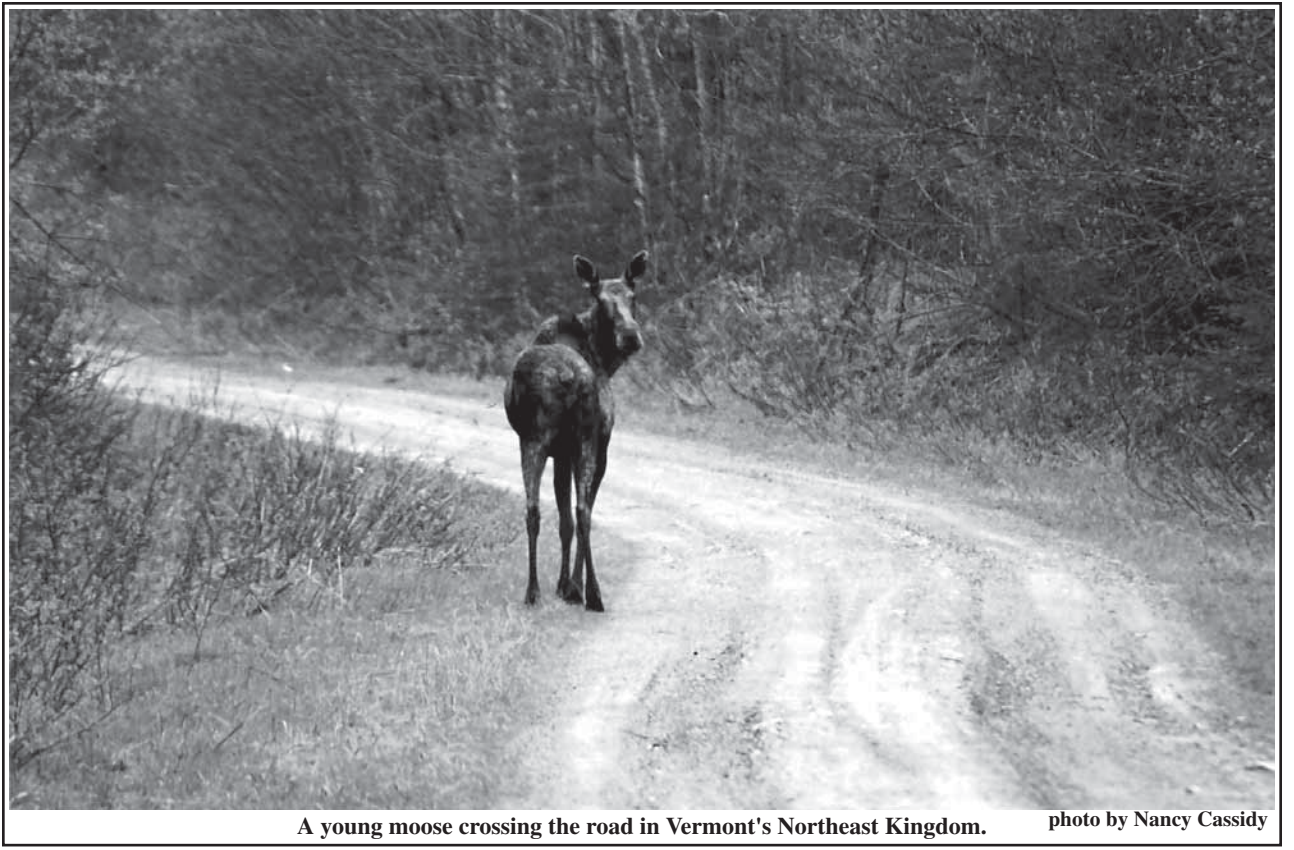
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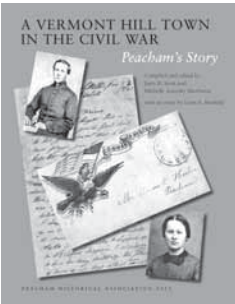
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The Saga of the Boxcar Children

The Boxcar Children Beginning
by Patricia MacLachlan

The Boxcar Children (Vols. 1-18)
by Gertrude Chandler Warner
(Albert Whitman & Co. Publishers)

More than 70 years ago a young schoolteacher started writing a series of books about four forsaken children, who fearful they could be separated and put in an orphanage, run away from their parentless home and make a new life for themselves in an abandoned boxcar in the woods.

The success of her first inspirational story about the children prompted author Gertrude Chandler Warner to launch a series of boxcar children mysteries that would span 137 titles with 50 million copies in print.

Fans of these stories may have wondered what the circumstances were and how her four delightful and resourceful children were orphaned in the first place and what happened to them before their boxcar life began.

Now Patricia MacLachlan, a Newbury Medal-winning children's book author, takes the reader to the "beginning before the beginning" in a prequel to the boxcar series.

Written in the heart-felt and nonjudgemental style of the original works, the author takes us to the Alden Meadow Farm where the four children—Henry, Jessie, Violet and Benny—have busy and happy lives on the family farm even though they are in economic hard times (this was Depression-era) with people out of work and many losing their homes.

The good-hearted Aldens help others in need before their death in a car accident. A sheriff brings the sad news and warns the distraught children that they must go live with a relative, or else! The children know of a grandfather whom they have never seen as he is estranged from the family. With

no one else to rescue them and facing the thought of being separated or of ending up in a Children's Home, the children decide to go it on their own. They take a few clothes, some bread, cheese and fruit, a sewing kit, one screwdriver, and little boy Benny's teddy bear. And we read:

"They walked past the sign that said Fair Meadow Farm and down the road, Henry and Jessie in front, Violet and Benny behind them. Four lambs." The story ends with a pen and ink drawing of the foursome bravely on their way. Quite a future awaits them and the reader!

In first volume of the original Boxcar Children series written by Gertrude Chandler Warner in 1942, we follow the children as they look after one another, and they are very resourceful, inventive and brave. They create a perfect home in the abandoned boxcar they find while hiding out in the woods, rough as it may seem. They appreciate what they have and make do with good cheer. A doctor befriends them and helps with a reconciliation with the mysterious grandfather. Now new adventures begin with enough suspense to keep the reader and the four children living "never a dull moment."

The books can be easily read and enjoyed by children ages 7 to 10, and can be read to younger children, too. The grown-up reader will get caught up in these stories. Everyone appreciates an archetypal tale of children having a good time and going about their adventures with as little adult supervision as possible. And with 18 of the original 137 books in the series still available young readers will be kept busy finding out what happens next.

Boxcar Children enthusiasts should visit the Gertrude Chandler Warner Boxcar Children Museum in Putnam, CT, the hometown of the author. Open weekends from May through October, visitors will find a collection of original signed books, photos, and artifacts from the author's life and career as a teacher in the same school in Putnam for 32 years. Housed there is her father's desk where she penned her first story, "Gollywag at the Zoo," at age 9. The museum is in an authentic 1920s New Haven R.R. boxcar. To find out more go to www.boxcarchildrenmuseum.com.

We learn that one day when Gertrude was sick and had to stay home from teaching, she thought up the story of the boxcar children. As a child she had spent hours watching trains go by, and she could glimpse through the windows of a caboose and see a small stove, a little table, cracked cups with no saucers and a tin coffee pot boiling on the stove. The sight fascinated her and made her dream about how much fun it would be to live and keep house in a boxcar or caboose. She wrote the story and read it to her classes and rewrote it many times. It was first published in 1942.

The Boxcar Children Beginning by Patricia MacLachlan (\$16.99) and *Gertrude Chandler Warner's Boxcar Children series* (\$5.99 paper) are available at bookstores or can be ordered from the publisher, Albert Whitman Co. www.albertwhitman.com.



Chester, VT

Archer Mayor Kicks Off Misty Valley Books' Vermont Voices

Each year in November, Chester's Misty Valley Books invites Vermont writers to come to the First Universalist Church in Chetser's Stone Village on Sundays at 2 pm to share their work.

As has been the case since the beginning of Vermont Voices eleven years ago, Archer Mayor, Vermont's favorite mystery writer and raconteur, returns this year on Sunday, November 4, with his new—and 23rd—Joe Gunther tale, *Paradise City*, which unfolds this time in Vermont, Boston and Northampton, MA.

Joe Gunther and his team at the Vermont Bureau of Investigation are alerted to a string of unrelated burglaries across Vermont. Someone has been stealing antiques and jewelry.

Meanwhile, in Boston, an elderly woman surprises some thieves in her Beacon Hill home and is viciously murdered. The Boston police find that not only is the loot similar to what's being stolen in Vermont, but it may have the same destination. Word is out that someone powerful is purchasing these particular kinds of items in the "Paradise City" of Northampton,

MA. Gunther, the Boston Police, and the vengeful niece of the murdered old lady convene on Northampton.

Author Archer Mayor is a medical examiner, EMT, lab technician, fireman, policeman, scholar, editor, researcher, photographer, medical illustrator and Newfane resident, as well as a novelist and winner of the New England Booksellers Association award for fiction.

On Sunday, November 11, also at 2 pm, Willard Sterne Randall, historian, investigative journalist and biographer will present his latest book, *Ethan Allen, His Life and Times*.

On Sunday, November 18, former Vermont Governor Madeleine Kunin will be at the Stone Church at 2 pm with her new book, *The New Feminist Agenda: Defining the Next Revolution for Women, Work, and Family*.

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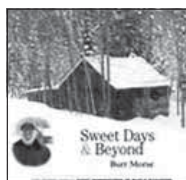
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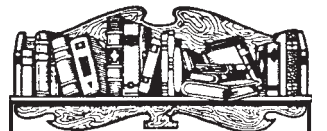
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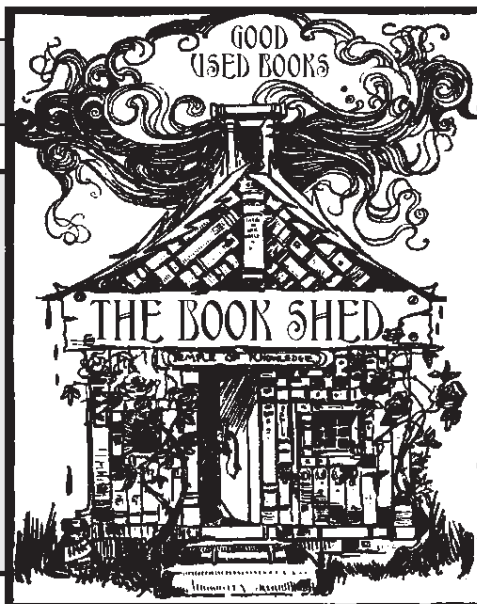
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The Appalachian Trail: Celebrating America's Hiking Trail

by Brian B. King, The Appalachian Trail Conservancy
forward by Bill Bryson

published by Rizzoli International Publications, New York, NY

This remarkable collection of historical information, old and new photos, anecdotes, and essays covering day-to-day hiking experiences is bound to entice the reader into finding the nearest trailhead for some late fall hiking. Its publication celebrates the Appalachian Trail's 75th anniversary.

One will be amazed (and tempted to say "let's go there right now") when viewing the more than 230 full-page color photographs of sights along the trail from Georgia to the top of Maine. Each state has its own section of photos.

Spectacular photographs from Vermont show the Big Branch River near Danby, two wilderness scenes, and a beautiful sight of Grout Pond south of Stratton Mountain.

As may be expected, the New Hampshire 'portfolio' puts the viewer-would-be-hiker right into the mountains. There are wonderful scenes of Mount Washington, Mount Pierce/Clinton, Little Haystack, South Kinsman Mountain, and the unusually-shaped Mt. Moosilauke. Take a rest then with an inviting view of Lonesome Lake.

Thru-hikers start either in Maine or Georgia for the 2,000 mile trek, estimated to take one million steps and four-five months. (An estimated 2,000 people of all ages attempt each year to earn the distinction of "thru-hiker.") The Georgia photos has one at the entrance to Springer Mountain where a sign lets one know Mount Katahdin, Maine is but 2,108.5 miles away. This is where to begin!

Being in a different environment than the rugged terrain that we are used to in the Northeast, the collection of photographs from the southern end of the trek are different in their beauty and subtleness. There are more paths through fields, farmlands, and countryside. See Highland cattle grazing and sheep resting. Colorful flowers and flowering trees abound. Pathways shown throughout the photo display appear beautifully kept which makes them even more inviting.

This leads the reader-viewer to one of the major points of the book—that this huge and wonderful trail system wouldn't exist if it weren't for the thousands of volunteers since its inception who look after their particular section. Storms with strong winds and heavy rains, as well as ice storms, take a toll on these fragile paths and trails, so there is continuing maintenance to be done. This includes removing downed trees, repairing foot bridges, and looking after shelters and privies.

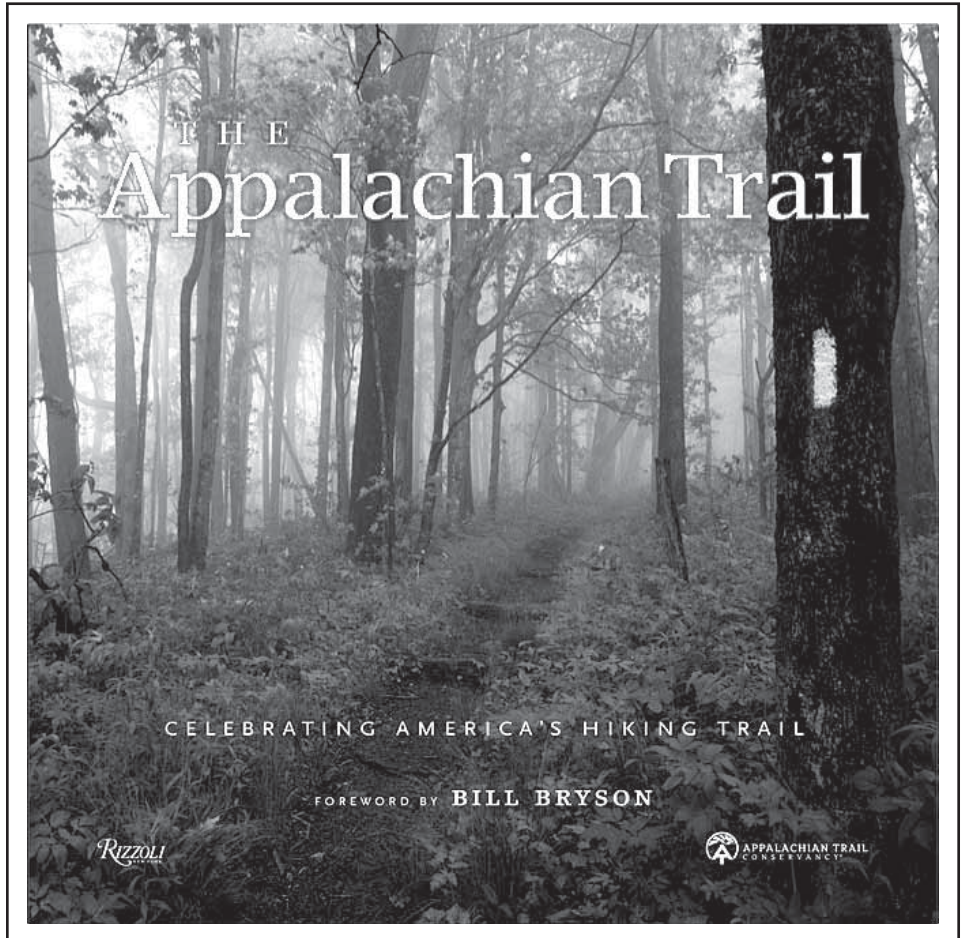
Those worried about the impact of global warming on the Appalachian Trail learn that warmer weather may extend and benefit the hiking season, but it could well bring on problems of drought, more insects like pine borers, more ice-storms and hurricane-force winds, and a greater danger of forest fires. The author notes that the A.T. may create a corridor for plant

and animal migration to avoid warming temperatures, but not a guarantee they will find suitable habitats due to human development or other impassable barriers.

It is interesting to learn that one of the founders of the Appalachian Trail, Benton MacKaye, envisioned the trail as a baseline for self-sufficient, separate camps and communities developed to meet their economic and social needs as a counter to creeping industrialization and the advent of automobiles. His proposal for a "Great Trail from Maine to Georgia" got a good spread in the New York Times (April 7, 1922 edition) including a map of the proposed route. (These are reproduced in the book). We learn that as the years followed many influential and caring people (who just liked to hike in the woods) joined the effort for the trail with crusade zeal. Foresters, architects, regional planners, state and national park officials, and leaders of hiking and mountain clubs, joined in the effort to make the vision a reality.

Of particular mention was a police-court Judge G. Arthur Perkins who bankrolled

Book Review by Charles Sutton



what was to become the official Trail emblem, a copper and later galvanized square with a painted monogram "Appalachian Trail - Maine to Georgia." The talisman was devised by ATC Chairman William Welch. We also see a photo of Judge Perkins nailing the A.T. sign to a tree in Maine in 1927.

Today 31 trail or hiking clubs help maintain portions of the Appalachian Trail that run through their states. The Maine Appalachian Club has the longest section—267.2 miles of trail from Mount Katahdin to Grafton Notch at Maine Rt. 26.

Founded in 1910, the Green Mountain Club looks after 149.8 miles in Vermont from the Connecticut River on the New Hampshire border to the Massachusetts border near North Adams. The trail coincides with the Long Trail for 105 miles through southern Vermont. Founded in 1876 the Appalachian Mountain Club has always promoted the

wise use of mountains, rivers and trails of the region and today maintains several sections of the trail in New Hampshire.

The book ends on a note that economic and political responses could well determine what the Appalachian Trail becomes in its second 75 years. "We need to know more about the causes of changes to wildlife habitat and air and water quality to properly protect the resources behind the hiking experience... and what is at stake is honestly primeval: the magic of the Eastern mountains."

The Appalachian Trail: Celebrating America's Hiking Trail by Brian B. King, The Appalachian Trail Conservancy, with forward by Bill Bryson, is available at bookstores for \$50. Or it can be ordered from the publisher, Rizzoli International Publications. Call the Rizzoli Bookstore at (212) 759-2424. Visit www.rizzoliusa.com.

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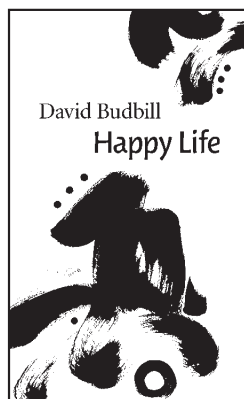
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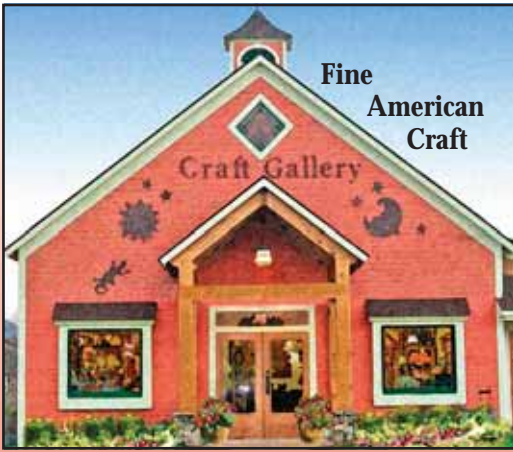
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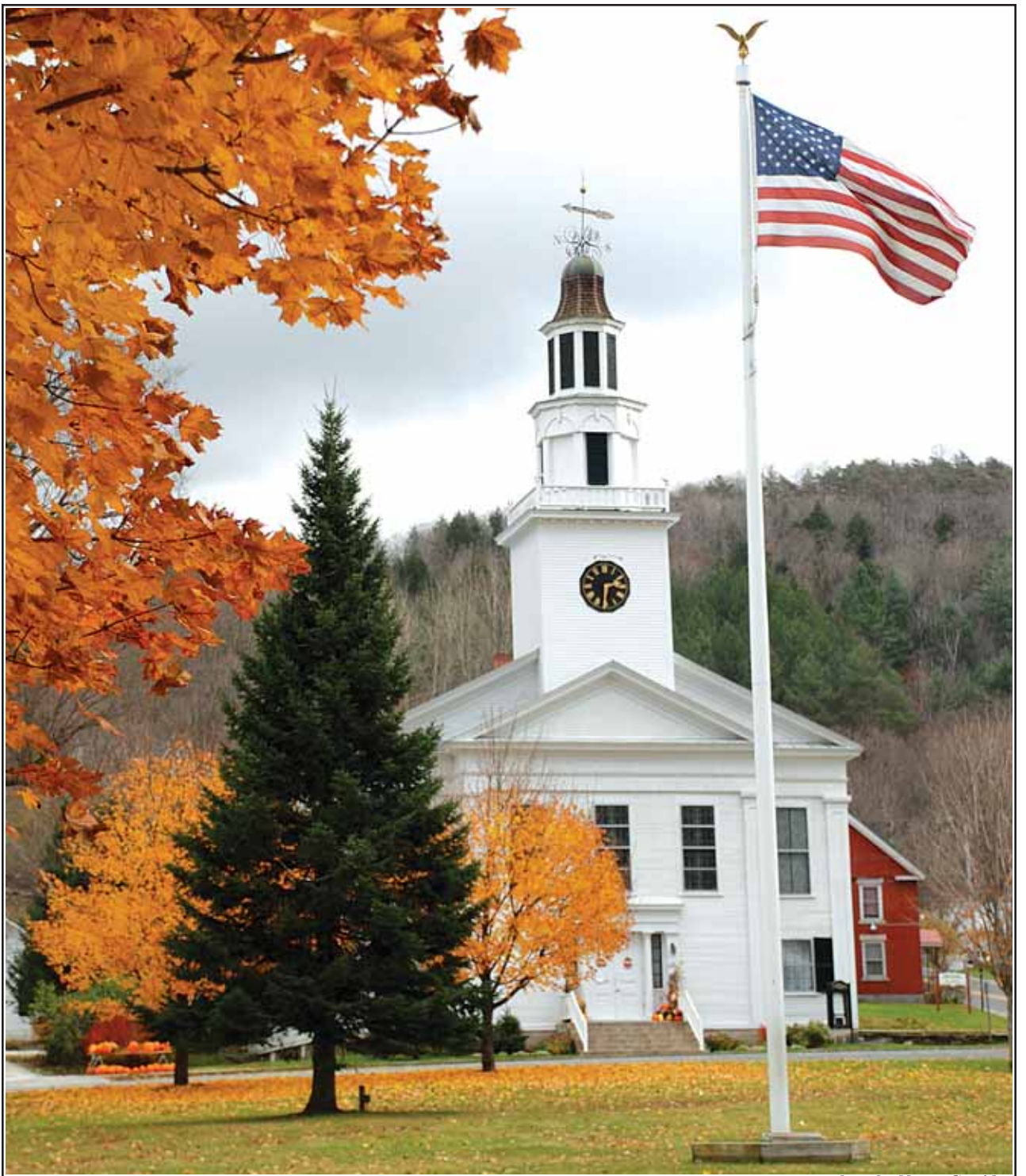
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