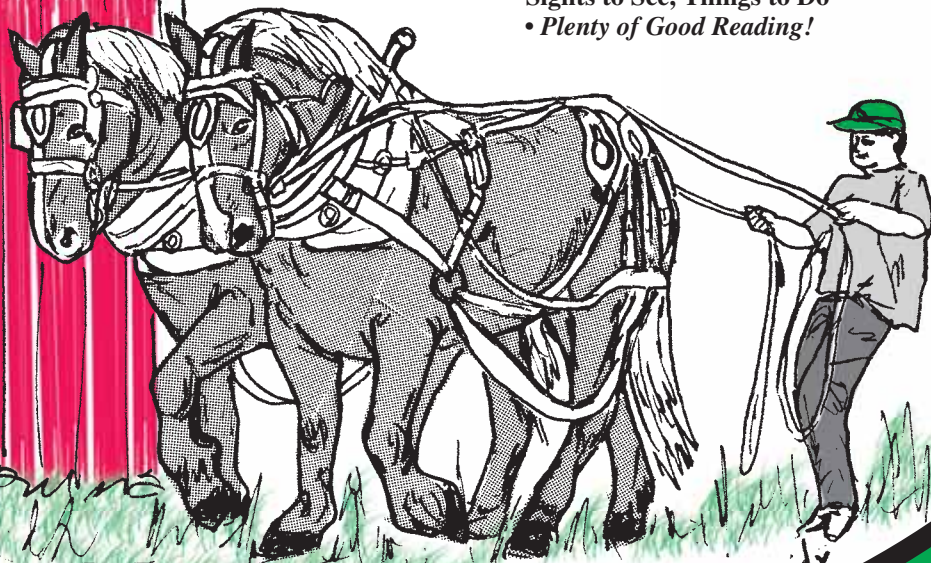


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Dogs and Frogs

The other morning, I was sitting by the garden pond, when the dogs across the street began to bark. Whatever it was that roused them must have been pretty exciting, because they kept up their yapping for several minutes. That was long enough to incite the bullfrog in the water beside me to bark too, to join their chorus.

And so, for maybe twenty or thirty seconds, I sat on my wooden bench and listened to the hounds and the frog sing together.

Now one might suppose that the frog was just hard of hearing or confused, and that the reason he started croaking was that he mistook the yowling of dogs for the gribit of other bullfrogs.

But let us, for a moment, assume that the frog knew what he was doing. Perhaps, he too was provoked by what was happening across the street, and wanted to pass along the alarm.

Perhaps he was lonely; no other frogs had answered his calls all spring long, and maybe he was willing to settle for talking to dogs.

People find that dogs are often better company than other people. Maybe my bullfrog thought the same thing. Perhaps frogs and dogs have a secret bond based on subtle commonalities in language that transcend their bodily differences.

Maybe frogs and dogs understand one another much better than people understand frogs or dogs or even each other.

For better or worse, I will never know the truth. That's not so bad. Like the rash of Jesus sightings described in grocery checkout tabloids, the question of frog and dog talk is something I can ruminate about at length and do it with a certain bizarre pleasure that proof would certainly spoil.

—Bill Felker



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Teamster Phil Warren is driving Billings Farm & Museum's Percheron draft horse, Lynne and Sue, with a wagon load of visitors in Woodstock, VT. Come for Wagon Ride Wednesdays each Wednesday in July.

Old-Fashioned Strawberry Supper in Dummerston Center

The Dummerston Congregational Church is holding its Old-Fashioned Strawberry Supper on Saturday, June 28 in the Evening Star Grange Hall in Dummerston Center from 5-7 p.m.

Enjoy ham, baked beans, potato salad, tuna-macaroni salad and coleslaw, with home-made breads, and various beverages. There will be large, old-fashioned, double-layered strawberry short-cakes made with fresh local strawberries and topped with real whipped cream. All you

can eat served family-style with continuous servings and no reservations needed. Adults \$10, children 12 and under \$5. Take-outs available by calling the Grange on June 28 at (802) 254-1138.

There is ample parking and the hall is handicapped accessible.

The Evening Star Grange Hall is at 1006 East-West Rd. in Dummerston Center, VT. For info call (802)257-0544 or visit www.dummerston-church.org. On Facebook.

Bellows Falls, VT

15th Annual Roots on the River Music Festival

Southern Vermont's premiere music festival, Roots on the River Festival, will be held in Bellows Falls, VT from June 5-8. The event features nearly two-dozen acts including headliner James McMurtry.

The four-day festival is held throughout the town at an old mill building at 33 Bridge St., locations around Bellows Falls, under the "Big Tent" at the Rodeway Inn, and at the landmark Rockingham Meeting House.

Thursday will see the opening of the festival with Hayley Reardon. Friday has free concerts in Bellows Falls during the day at Popolo and the farmers' market. On Friday night the "Big Tent," features Sean Rowe. Carolyn Wonderland and then James McMurtry.

Saturday kicks off with McMurtry's son Curtis taking the stage followed by the Bottle Rockets, and concert perennial Roger Marin. See a great mix of talent, from Heather Maloney and Poor Old Shine, to JD McPherson, Rev. Peyton's Big Damn Band, and The Black Lillies. McMurtry will round out the evening with his second appearance.

The series concludes on Sunday, beginning with an all-

acoustic show at the Rockingham Meeting House, featuring festival favorite Mary Gauthier. The Meadows Brothers and Holly Brewer close the festival at Pleasant Valley Brewing in Saxtons River. The festival is smoke-free and family- and dog-friendly, with a special staffed children's tent on Saturday. There is limited seating under the big tent, so plan to come early or bring a small lawn chair or blanket. Vendors will be on-site to provide food and beverages.

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.vermontfestivalsllc.com.



from My Mind To Me a Kingdom Is

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I little have, and seek no more.
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Summertime Fun in Vermont

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The Vermont Chamber has selected top events not to miss in Vermont this summer. For a comprehensive listing visit www.vermontvacation.com. Here are a few of the great summertime things to do in Vermont.

Strolling of the Heifers Weekend

Brattleboro, VT • June 6-8

This one-of-a-kind parade features beautiful heifer calves led by future farmers, followed by animals, tractors, bands and floats. Experience the 11-acre Slow Living Expo, a Friday evening street fair, Sunday farm-to-farm "Tour de Heifer" cycling, and farm tours. Friday 5:30-8:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (parade at 10 a.m.), Sunday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. (802) 258-9177 or (802) 380-0226. www.strollingoftheheifers.com.

LCI Father's Day Fishing Derby

Lake Champlain, VT • June 15-17

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Vermont History Expo

Tunbridge, VT • June 21-22

Catch the spirit of Vermont in a celebration of local heritage, traditional crafts, museums, and historical societies. Explore Vermont's rich traditions of painting, sculpture, craft, poetry, music, and more. History on Parade both days at 12:30 p.m. Heritage, rare breed animals, and Morgan horses on display. Two stages of music on both days. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission. At the Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 479-8500. www.vermonthistory.org/expo.

Battle of Hubbardton Living History Weekend

Hubbardton, VT • July 5-6

Full-scale history pageant presents the sights and sounds of the July 7, 1777, Revolutionary War battle, the only fought on Vermont soil. Reenactments portray American, British, and German soldiers and their families, offering military tacticals, artillery and craft demonstrations, camp life activities, music, and a picture of life in a colonial school. Tour camps and battlefields; special children's activities. Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. \$6/day, children under 15 free. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton.

36th Annual Middlebury Summer Festival-on-the-Green

Middlebury, VT • July 6-12

Enjoy the performances throughout the week culminating with a Street Dance on Saturday evening. Events this year will be held at the Middlebury Recreation Park. Rain or shine. Sunday 7-8:30 p.m., Monday - Friday 12-1 p.m. & 7-10 p.m., Saturday 7-10 p.m. Free admission. (802) 462-3555. www.festivalonthegreen.org.

6th Annual Blueberry Festival

Deerfield Valley • July 25-August 3

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Gail Billings from Randolph, VT with her team of oxen at the Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge, VT.

17th Annual Vermont Festival of the Arts

Mad River Valley • August 1 thru Labor Day Weekend

August is Art month in the Mad River Valley (Waitsfield, Warren, Fayston, Moretown, Middlesex, Granville, Rochester and Duxbury, VT). Over 120 event will entertain your soul, enlighten your mind and energize your spirit. Exhibits, demos and workshops, concerts and theater, lectures, tours and culinary experiences over the five-week period. Admission varies. (802) 496-6682. www.vermontartfest.com.

Lake Champlain Maritime Festival

Burlington, VT • August 7-10

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Randolph, VT • August 31, 12-11 pm

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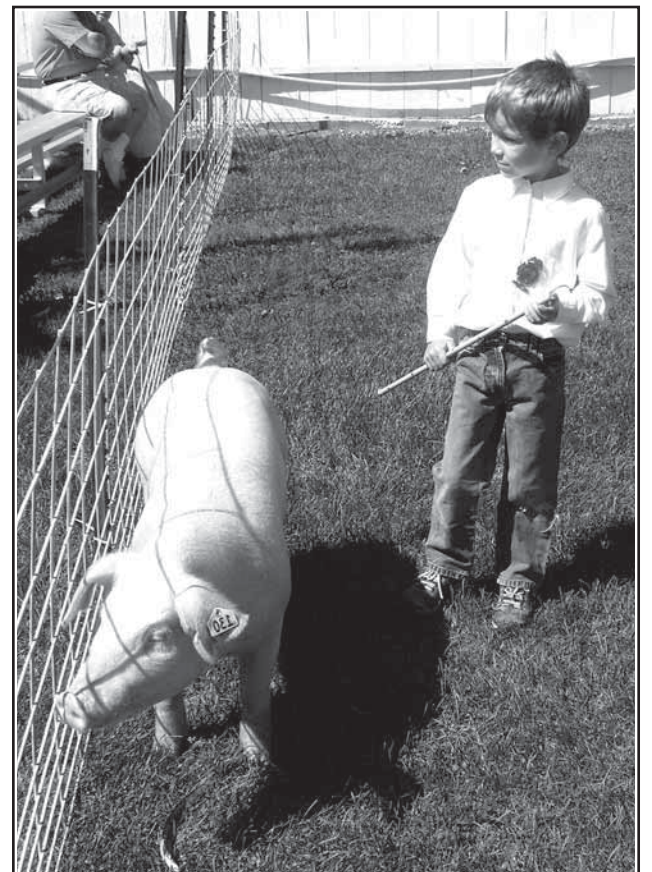


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A young exhibitor with his pig at the Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge, VT

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The Biscuit Basket Lady

by Burr Morse

It's strawberry time again in Vermont and I'm excited even though I do carry a bit of "baggage" about the season. The "baggage" dates back to the time we grew two acres of them on the farm and continually fought strawberry-growing enemies like witch grass, cedar wax wings, and deer. Then there's the universal strawberry gripe, picking (my personal record for a day was ninety quarts—in the rain!). There's one part of strawberry season, though, that's nothing but sweet for me...the biscuits...without the biscuits, there might as well be no strawberries.

Being both a farm boy and an avid eater, biscuits have always played an important role in my life. I'll never forget the times Grandpa and Grandma Morse invited me into their house at noon for dinner (in farm lingo, "dinner" is at noon and "supper" is in the evening). The finale for every one of those meals?—biscuits and maple syrup, of course! And my mother made biscuits like nobody else, that is except possibly a woman named Mary-Jo Hewitt, aka, the "Biscuit Basket Lady".

Mary-Jo came into our lives here at Morse Farm a long time ago when our retail business was young and strawberry fields trademarked our early summer. At that time she was a Vermont "summer person" from Connecticut with three small kids and a hankerin' to bake. She had the personality of a whirlwind, a good whirlwind; everywhere she "touched down", she spread love instead of destruction.

One day she came into our stand during strawberry season. We'd never seen the short, stocky woman with three kids in tow before but she went right to our strawberry area. "No biscuits?" she boomed. To us it was simple oversight; to her, blasphemy! "You'll have them by this afternoon" she announced, already heading to her car. She reappeared that afternoon with not only a huge supply of neatly packaged biscuits but fork-split English muffins and three types of cookies. My mother worried that it was too much stuff but said we'd give it a try. By five o'clock, she was calling Mary-Jo for another order!



That was the beginning of a long relationship. Mary-Jo not only served our customers for years with her delectable baked goods but "spread her wings" to other stores and farmers' markets. While her kids were young, she'd return to Connecticut winters where her husband Clayton taught at a college. Mary-Jo, however, was destined to become a full-time Vermonter. She also was destined to become "The Biscuit Basket Lady". Shortly after she started baking for us, a friend taught her the rudiments of basketmaking and instantly Mary-Jo the "whirlwind" was hooked. She soon became a master basketmaker with students of her own and the author of a book titled *The Biscuit Basket Lady, Recipes from a Vermont Kitchen*.

Ours was not only a business relationship but social as well. She'd come over to my parents' house for pot luck meals and sing-alongs. I'll never forget those sing-alongs...Dot Morse at the piano and Harry and Mary-Jo singing a potpourri from the sacred to the off-color. The only thing that carried more than her singing voice was her laughter; I'll always remember that laughter, oft and loud, following her everywhere she went.

She attended a few events that I played my trombone at

and came to me early on with a request...hell no, a demand: "You're going to play *When the Saints go Marching In* at my funeral." I never thought much about it because she was so vibrant and healthy—Mary-Jo Hewitt struck me as a person who would never die. Then one day I heard that she had cancer. She put up an amazing fight and beat the odds longer than anyone else would have but passed away one summer day. When her daughter Julia called to tell me, she also reminded me about the *Saints*. "She wants a rousing rendition," Julia said. Mary-Jo had put it in writing!

Her service was at the Old Meeting House. My aunt June and I were in the choir loft high above a huge congregation, she at the piano and me with my trombone, when I

made an impulsive decision to play a joke on Mary-Jo. The service was about to end with the *Saints* and I whispered to June "We're going to do the first strain as a dirge...trust me." June looked at me like I was crazy but there was no time to talk it over. We started playing anemically, like a batch of biscuits without the baking powder. Mary-Jo's family sat below with shocked, puzzled looks on their faces. Approaching the end of the first strain I put down my horn. "Wait a minute...stop the music," I boomed in my best Jimmy Durante voice. "Mary-Jo's sending me a message from heaven and she's saying 'Burr, get the lead outa your biscuits...MOVE THAT THING!'" I counted it off "One...two...one" and glissanded into a rousing rendition of *When the Saints go Marching In*.

The service ended that day with everyone grinning like maniacs and dancing in the aisles, even the preacher! I knew that Mary-Jo Hewitt, Biscuit Basket Lady, singer and saint, danced right along too.

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Strawberry Recipes from Now and Back Then

Mother's Strawberry Shortcake

I believe your household will agree with me in thinking Puck never ate any strawberry shortcake. We may be ancient, but don't we remember, as well as if it was but yesterday, the dear, delightful ones made by mother in our childhood. And don't we know just how they were made, too; we heard her tell so many times, as every one wanted her recipe.

She made them as follows: sour cream, 1 cup; cream of tartar, 1 teaspoonful; soda, 1/3 teaspoonful; with flour to make a suitable dough to roll 1/2 an inch thick. Baked nicely, split open and spread each piece with the sweetest, freshest butter. Then pour on to one of the halves, not 6 or 7 gritty, mussy berries, but 2 whole cups of those large, luscious ones from the south side of the garden. Put on the other half for a cover, and pour over sweetened cream when eaten.

Remarks—This is about as my own mother used to make it, so I know it will prove a good and worthy receipt to be followed by all who have the nice "sour cream" But good rich milk with soda—no cream of tartar—will also do very nicely. Of course, any berries, fresh or canned, may take the place of strawberries when they are not plenty.

—Aunt Lulu, Red Willow, Nebraska, 1884

Strawberry Cream Pie

9" graham cracker shell 2 cups strawberries
3 tablespoons honey 1/3 cup milk
1 envelope gelatin 1 cup cottage cheese
1 1/2 cup yoghurt

Combine milk with gelatin, dissolved in a bit of water. Warm and stir. Combine cottage cheese, yoghurt and honey with gelatin mixture in a blender. Whirl quickly. Chill 1/2 hour. Put strawberries, sliced, in graham cracker crust. Add mixture. Chill about 8 hours. Try a variety of crusts.

—Beatrice Ross Buszek, 1980

Jamming Berries

I also make lots of wild jam each year. Once you've tried making jams a few times, you'll discover it's remarkably easy and doesn't require any special equipment. The "traditional" American jams and jellies are intensely sweet, with ratios of sugar to fruit as high as 3:1. After making my own jams for years I cannot tolerate the sweetness of storebought jams.

The only special ingredient you'll need to make your own jams is pectin. There are several options to choose from these days, thankfully, as this didn't used to be the case. There are "regular" pectins, low-sugar pectins and now even no-sugar pectins. There is also a kind of pectin sold in health food stores called Pomona Universal pectin that allows you to use honey to sweeten your jams. I like to use both the Universal pectin and the no-sugar pectin. These allow me the freedom to sweeten the jams to taste. I like them just sweet enough to satisfy the sweet tooth, but not so much that I can't taste all the goodness of the fruits. When I make Black Raspberry jam (and most of my other jams), I generally use a proportion of 2 cups sugar: 5 cups fruit.

Sometimes I make honey-sweetened jams using the Universal Pomona pectin but I can't always get a good gel using honey. The honey also changes the flavor of the berries some, not to mention the price of honey these days!

All the instructions for making your jams and jellies are included inside every box of pectin.

—Rose Barlow, 1999

Strawberry Roll

One pint of flour sifted with one heaping teaspoonful of baking powder; mix into this one tablespoonful of butter and one-fourth teaspoonful of salt; add three-quarters of a cupful of milk and roll out one-third of an inch thick. Spread thickly with strawberries or any kind of berries, sift sugar over and roll. Bake one-half hour and serve hot with the following:

Sauce

Cream together one-half cupful of sugar and one tablespoonful of butter; one cupful of mashed berries and one cupful of boiling milk. Wet one teaspoonful of corn-starch in enough milk to dissolve it and stir in slowly. Let boil three minutes and serve.

—Aunt Carrie Long, 1902

To Preserve Berries Whole

Take the fruit when not over-ripe, pick over carefully, wash and put in glass jars, filling each one about three-fourths full. Make a syrup of a pound of granulated sugar and one cupful of water for every one and one-half pounds of fruit and let it boil slowly fifteen minutes. Pour syrup into the jars over the berries, filling them up to the top; then set the jars in a boiler of cold water with a generous amount of straw or excelsior in the bottom of the boiler to prevent the cans from falling against each other. Place on the stove and let the water boil until the fruit becomes scalding hot; add more syrup as the fruit settles. Now take out of the cans and seal tight. If these directions are followed the fruit will keep for years.

—Mrs. A. Peters, 1902

Fruit Batter Pudding

2 cups fresh strawberries 1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup sugar 2 cups flour
1/2 cup shortening 2 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 cup sugar 1/4 teaspoon salt
1 egg, well-beaten 1 cup milk

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix berries with 1/2 cup sugar and put in well-greased square pan. Prepare batter: cream shortening well, and add one cup of sugar. Add egg and vanilla. Beat until well blended. Sift dry ingredients together. Alternately add dry ingredients and milk to the batter. Pour batter over berry mixture. Bake about 45 minutes. This recipe can be used with strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, cranberries and red and black raspberries.

—Rose Barlow, 1999



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A box of freshly-picked ripe strawberries are sure to please.

Delicious Strawberry Dessert

Stew strawberries or any other berries and sweeten to taste and pour hot over thin slices of bakers' bread, buttered and with crust cutoff, making alternate layers of fruit and bread, leaving a thick layer of fruit for the last. Put a plate on top, and when cool set on ice. Serve with sweetened cream. Inexpensive.

—Luella Parsons, 1902

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—Mrs. L. A. Baker, 1902

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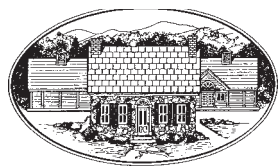


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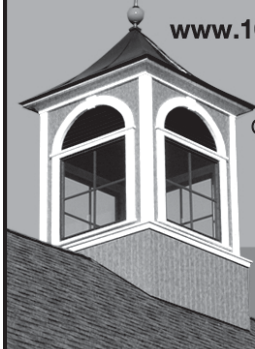
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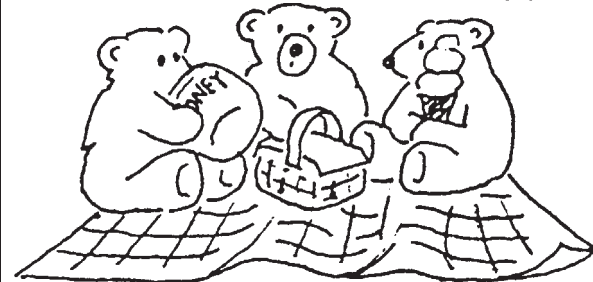
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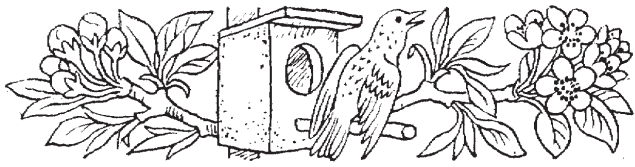


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The Seasons Of Early Summer

by Bill Felker

Canopy Closing Time

Then let us, one and all, be contented with our lot;
The June is here this morning, and the sun is shining hot!
—James Whitcomb Riley

Not long after peonies come in and the exotic flowers of the yellow poplar open, just past the prime of poppies, the last leaves of the canopy cover the land. When the high foliage is complete, then the wild multiflora roses and the domestic tea roses bloom, the last Osage and black walnut flowers fall, clustered snakeroot hangs with pollen in the shade, and parsnips, goatsbeard and sweet clovers take over the roadsides. Rare swamp valerian blossoms by the water, and common timothy pushes up from its sheaths in all the alleyways.

Delicate Miami mist, pink yarrow, yellow moneywort, silver lamb's ear and the rough Canadian thistle bloom. Wild onions and domestic garlic get their seed bulbs. Poison ivy and tiger lilies and catalpas are budding. Daisies, golden Alexander, groundsel, sweet rocket and common fleabane still hold in the pastures, but garlic mustard and ragwort are almost gone. The bright violet heads of chives droop and decay. Tall buttercups recede into the wetlands. Petals of mock orange, honeysuckle, scarlet pyrethrum, blue lupine and Dutch iris fall to the garden floor.

The Season of Golden Parsnips And Glow-worms

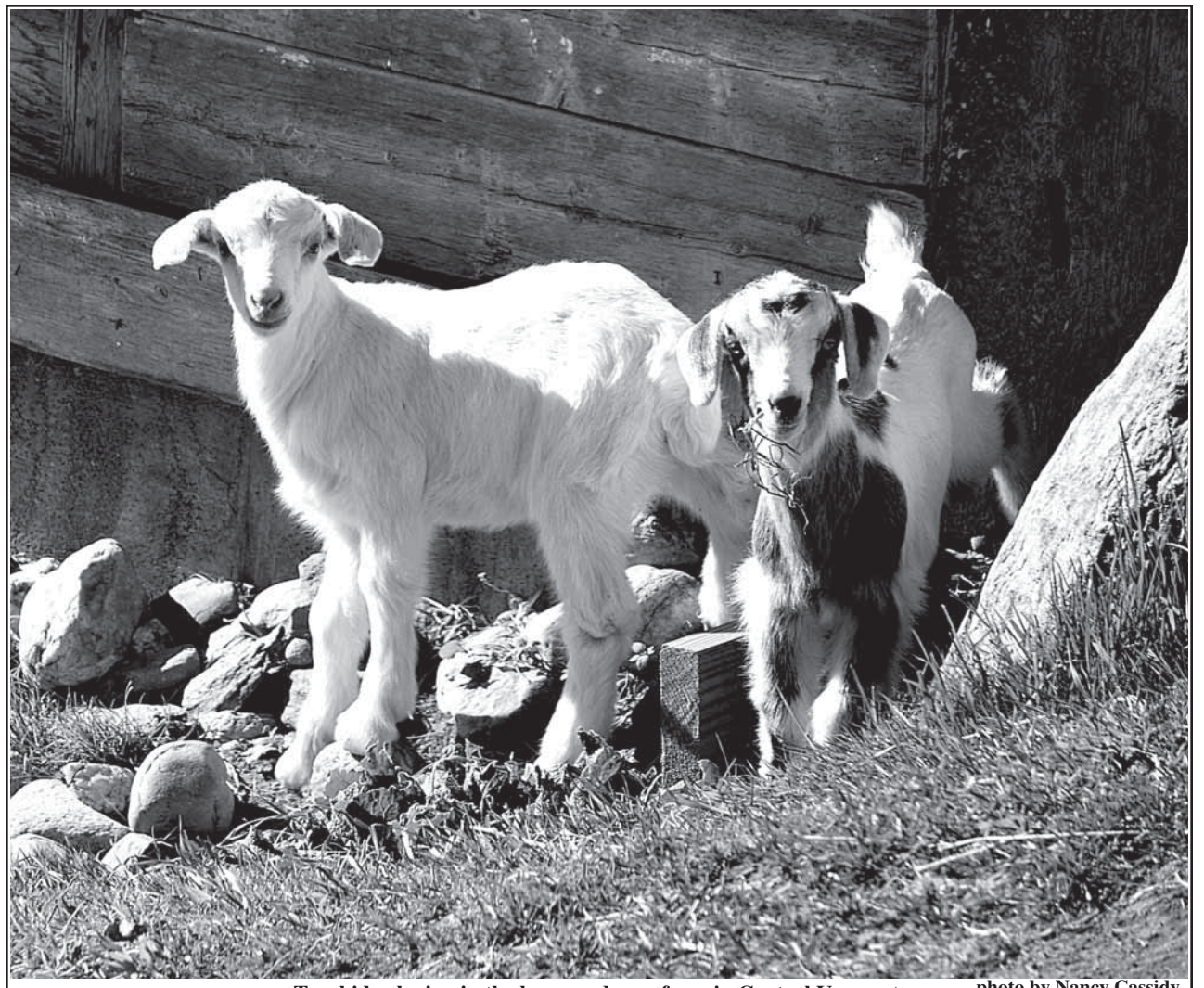
Among the crooked lanes, on every hedge,
The glow-worm lights his gems; and, through the dark,
A moving radiance twinkles.

—James Thomson

When the canopy has closed above the woodland wildflowers, when winter wheat is a soft pale green, and the clovers and vetches are all coming in, then it's the best time of year for golden parsnip blossoms throughout the countryside.

Privets and hawthorns and pink spirea bloom at parsnip time, and the number of fireflies grows in proportion to the flowers on the day lilies. The first nodding thistle, the first chicory, first daisy fleabane, the first great mullein, the first Asiatic lily, and the first tall meadow rue open. The first raspberry reddens, and the first orange trumpet creeper blows. Bindweeds and sweet peas color the fences with pastels.

The peak of the parsnips in the fields is the high time for the wetlands' poison hemlock and angelica. In the shade, poison ivy, fire pink, and honewort are flowering. At the edge of the forest, wild plants include blue-eyed grass, silver yarrow, yellow sedum, bright moneywort, fire pink, daisies, yellow sweet clover, wild roses, wild iris, dock, and smooth brome grass. In the garden, the blue veronica, yellow coreopsis,



Two kids playing in the barnyard on a farm in Central Vermont.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

deep purple loosestrife, and the first wave of the floribunda roses come into flower.

In the middle of parsnip time, oaks and black walnut trees and Osage orange have set their fruit. There are bud clusters on the milkweeds, buds on the delicate touch-me-nots, buds on the giant blue hostas, buds on the yucca, the purple coneflowers, the mallow, the balloon flower and the gayfeather. Wild strawberries are red.

As the morning birdsong quiets, young blackbirds join their parents to harvest the ripening cherries and mulberries. Cucumber beetles come to the pumpkins, squash, gourds and cucumbers. Painted turtles and box turtles are out laying eggs. The fearsome stag beetle waddles across your porch after dark.

Black Raspberry Time

Taste the sugar berry sugar purple berry
sugar wild hot sugar sunning sugar berry
sugar in the sun.

—Leon Quel

At the end of early summer, the days are the longest of the year, and mulberries and black raspberries are sweetest. Milkweed beetles look for milkweed flowers on the longest days; giant cecropia moths emerge. The first monarch butterfly caterpillars eat the carrot tops.

Damselflies and daddy longlegs are everywhere when black raspberries come in. Mosquitoes, chiggers, and ticks have reached their summer strength. Giant black cricket hunters hunt crickets in the garden.

Two out of three parsnips, angelicas, and hemlocks are going to seed. Some multiflora roses and Japanese honeysuckles are dropping petals. But wingstem and tall coneflower stalks are five feet high. Virginia creeper is flowering. Canadian thistles and nodding thistles are at their best. Blackberries have set fruit. The very first trumpet vines sport bright red-orange trumpets, and the first Deptford pink and first great mullein come into bloom.

Orchard grass is brown and old, English rye grass full bloom, exotic bottle grass late bloom, brome grass very late,

some timothy still tender. More Asiatic lilies are coming in now, first the orange, then the pink. Yellow primroses, foxglove, pink and yellow achillea, late daisies, purple spiderwort and speedwell shine in the garden.

The Week Sycamore Bark Falls

Now I may know the roughness of the tree trunks,
Rain on the willows, clover-sweet air.
Now I feel the life-burdened earth against my breast.
Now I may know the swift sweeping seasonal turn,
The four-quartered cycle of time.

—Janet Stevens

When the wheat harvest begins, then bright orange butterfly weed opens, and acorns become fully formed. Sycamore bark starts to shed, and thistle flowers change to down. Hemlock season is complete, stalks collapsing into the tall grasses. Clustered snakeroot has gone to seed like the waterleaf. Parsnip heads brown in the sun. Privet is done blooming.

Ground ivy has stopped flowering. Leafhoppers and Japanese beetles are reaching the economic threshold on the farm.

Daddy longlegs are mating. Katydid are silent but roving. The first woolly-bear caterpillars, harbingers of winter, cross the road. Some baby snappers and mud turtles are hatching.

Poison ivy has green berries. The first touch-me-nots and the first thimble plants are budding. Wild garlic and euonymus atropurpureus, the burning bush, are blooming.

Rugosa roses are coming in, accompanied by black-eyed Susans, wild petunias, and hobblebush. Stag horns have pushed out on the sumacs. The cattails are almost fully developed.

To Sum Up

Well may the aging poet yearn
To sum up all he's lived to learn
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Vermont Vacation Childhood Memories

by Janet Stangel

I grew up in Vermont (as my second home). My dad loved Vermont and he made us love it right along with him.

During my early childhood, we stayed at Emerald Lake just outside of Manchester. They had lean-to's on some of the camp sites and we also had a big tent. My grandparents would come stay with us and my father's sister and her family stayed in a nearby site. The lakes in Vermont had the best sandy footing and the water was crystal clear.

When I was a little older, we started going on our school summer break vacation to Vermont. My dad was a salesman for Anderson Windows and his territory covered the entire state of Vermont. During the summer, our family went with him and stayed all summer at Silver Lake State Park in Barnard, VT. We lived near Albany, NY the rest of the year. We made some wonderful and lasting friendships with some of the Rangers at the park who were natives of Vermont. It was a wonderful way to grow up.

Vermont is a beautiful state. My brother and I would ride our bikes down to the country store in Barnard. The store had a sweet fragrance made of ice cream, groceries, a small lunch counter and best of all Penny Candy!! Back then it was safe enough for us to bike around town without any supervision. We went swimming in the lake every day that it wasn't raining or too cold. My mom even paid us one penny for every 10 cigarette butts we picked up off of the grassy beach! When we were done combing the beach, it was completely clear of cigarette butts. I guess you know what we did with all those pennies.

Those were the good ole' days. We watched as Vermonters went through floods, heat waves and leaf peaking season! Just yesterday, I was telling a friend (I live in North Carolina now), about the fragrance of the fall leaves in all their bright colors that will be forever etched in my memory.

One time dad took us all the way to the top of Mount Equinox. Whew! That was a little bit scary with all of those hairpin turns and sharp drop-offs! The mountains in North Carolina are beautiful but the mountains in Vermont are majestic.

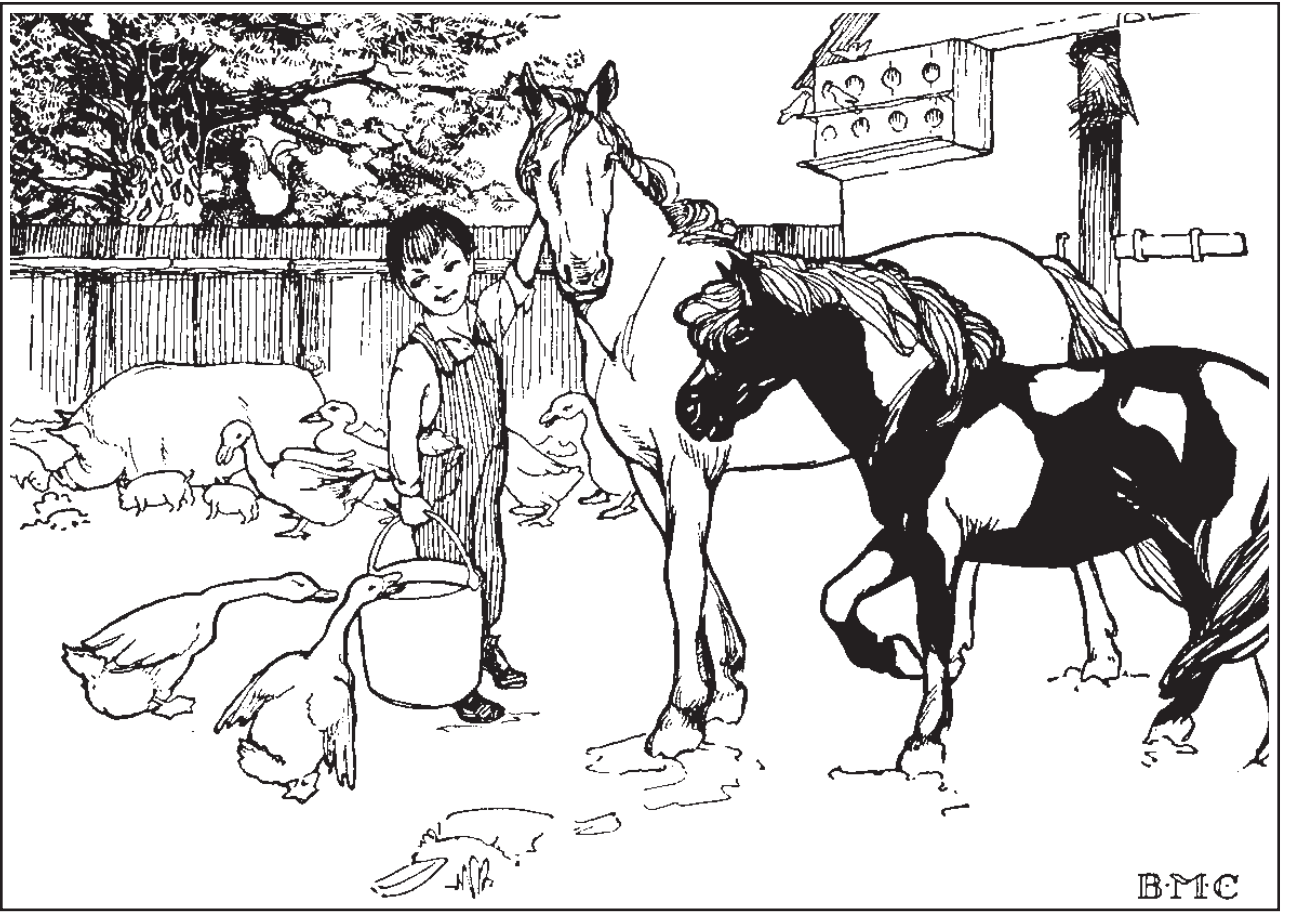
We hiked at Killington, Camel's Hump, Mt. Mansfield, Mendon Mt., Bromley, and Pico Peak. We also went for a ride on the Alpine Slide. Mom & dad stayed at the bottom though and took pictures of my brother and I as we slid down the mountainside.

We took picnic lunches to Burlington, and Arlington at the covered bridge. We visited the Von Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, saw Smugglers Notch, went tubing on the White River and went for ice cream at the White Cottage in Woodstock.

The river could never claim that sweet little place to eat! They posted pictures of a flood on their bulletin board in earlier years and then we watched them almost lose their cottage again when we were camping in Barnard. A few years ago, when hurricane Irene came marching through (which, by the way, is my mother's name), the first thing I checked on was the White Cottage in Woodstock. Even though it was wiped out, they have now totally rebuilt it. Somehow the "Cottage" has made it through again!

We also took other trips to Quechee Gorge, went to the Shelburne Museum, and the Morgan Horse Farm in Weybridge (where my very good friend whom I met at Silver Lake still lives). So many great memories.

One of the most exciting and inexpensive things we did



as a family is to go "deer hunting". That's what we called it, anyway. My dad would drive us down some of the back roads to see if we could catch a glimpse of the deer in the meadows at dusk. Once we even saw an albino deer! When we were not browsing for deer, we would sit next to the fire, make hot cocoa with marshmallows and watch the dancing sparks rise up into the cool, starlit night.

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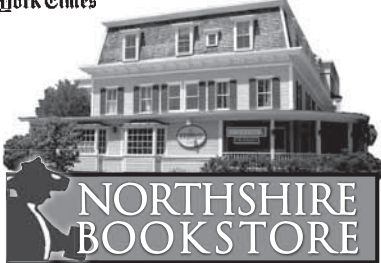
My dad's sister and her family would stay at Silver Lake with us on occasion. My uncle created some of the best "tales" while we sat by the fire. One in particular that I remember is the "Seaweed" monster that lived in the lake. At night, my uncle said, the monster would come out of the lake and visit some of the campsites. He told us we would know it was him because he would howl and shake his "chains" when he came to haunt you. Well, unknown to my little brother and I, he commissioned my cousins to come through the woods next to the campsite, shake the "chains" and howl. That scared the life right out of my brother and I!

I wouldn't trade these memories for anything. My dad is gone now but when I think of Vermont, I think of him. When I go outside here in North Carolina, my memories of Vermont are as real as if they were yesterday. The smell of the newly

mowed grass. The sweet songs of the birds. The slight breeze as it dances through the trees and the tall grasses.

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Sunday, June 15th—Middletown Springs, VT. 39th Annual Strawberry Festival. To benefit the Middletown Springs Historical Society. Museum exhibits and live music. Local crafts and artists. Museum will be open. Strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits, ice cream, and whipped cream for \$6 per person. Coffee, ice tea, and lemonade are included. 2-4 p.m. on the Green, Rt. 140. (802) 235-2376.

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Saturday, June 28th—East Burke, VT. Annual Strawberry Festival. A picnic supper (hot dogs, hamburgers, salads) ending with strawberry shortcake. Adults \$8, under 12 \$4, shortcake only, \$4. 5-7 p.m. on the lawn at the East Burke Congregational Church on Rt. 114. (802) 626-5584.

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as the deep, sunless bed
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North Country Reflections

From the Ground Up

by Judith Irven

The works of a person who builds begin immediately to decay; while those of him who plants begin directly to improve. In this, planting promises a more lasting pleasure than building.

—William Shenstone: 1764

This is the time of year when gardeners think about making a new flower bed, or perhaps remaking one that is unsatisfactory. You probably have a list of irresistible plants you are considering and a hosepipe laid out on the lawn defining the new shape.

Now you are ready to decide which plants to use and how to position them so that they will become a vibrant glorious whole and a 'more lasting pleasure'. Plants, like a building, grow from the ground up, adding that all-important third dimension to everything we see. But, unlike a static building, plants are always changing, both month by month and year by year, and this is both the challenge and the fun of gardening.

However, before you dash out to the nursery, I suggest you give a little thought to the personality of your new bed, as this will certainly affect your choice of plants. The style of any bed is partially in response to whether the area is sunny, shady or somewhere in between, but it is also very much a matter of personal preference.

For that sunny spot near the house you might want a cheery mixture of perennials for summer color against a backdrop of shrubs that will look nice in the winter. But out towards the edge of the garden a more informal approach will create a gentle transition from the cultivated environment of the garden to the natural world beyond. So here a meadow-inspired matrix of grasses that will dance in the wind, interspersed with some taller robust perennials would be more appropriate.

And finally, if the area for your new bed is shaded by trees, the result will be a layered garden-room with a leafy ceiling and a green carpet. Here you can plant some medium shrubs like azaleas for eye-level interest and a mix of shade-loving perennials to bloom in springtime while the sun can still reach the ground.

Designing with plants

Having decided on the personality of your intended bed, now you turn your attention to your choice of plants. I like to consider the four essential qualities— shape, texture, height and color—that every plant offers. I find oftentimes the most interesting creations occur when I deliberately combine plants for contrast. So let's take a look at these four qualities and how to use them in our garden creations.

Start by thinking about the shapes of the biggest and most permanent players, especially trees and shrubs, as well as how they wide they will grow over time.

There is a world of difference between the conical form of a dwarf spruce, the pointed silhouette of an arborvitae, the arching shape of a crab apple or the rounded effect created a group of spireas. As you contemplate which ones to use and how they should be positioned for best effect, consider different ways to combine contrasting shapes, so that the big picture will be nicely balanced both within the bed and between beds. Remember too, to position them so that they will just overlap as they mature. In the early years you can always fill in the gaps with perennials that can be moved later on.

Many perennials also have interesting flower shapes to add to our compositions. For instance daisy-like flowers make an array of flat discs whereas tall flowers are like distinctive exclamation points in the garden. Again it often works well to combine with flowers with contrasting shapes providing they bloom the same time. Good pairings are the tall spires of Monkshood (*Aconitum napellus*) amongst a sea of Shasta Daisies (*Leucanthemum 'Becky'*), or some fall flowering Bugbane (*Actaea 'Black Negligee'*) with lots of Black-eyed Susans (*Rudbeckia 'Goldstrum'*).

Texture plays a part

Next consider texture. Plant textures range from lacy to dramatic and putting plants together that have opposing textures always look stunning. Here are a few great combos:

In that shady bed create a ground-level picture with some large-leaved hostas, or alternatively the variegated leaves of *Brunnera 'Jack Frost'*, among with a large group of ferns and lacy astilbes.

Position plants with huge leaves, especially the Umbrella plant (*Darmera peltata*) and Rodgersia (*Rodgersia aescu-*



photo by Dick Conrad

Some delicate textured mugwort makes a lovely contrast against the huge Umbrella plant leaves in Judith's garden.

lifolia), with a delicate counterpart like Mugwort (*Artemisia lactiflora 'Guizhou'*).

Intermingle some diaphanous grasses like Tussock grass (*Deschampsia cespitosa*) among the daisy-like flowers of Rudbeckia or Echinacea. The result is beautiful when the plants are in flower, and it continues on late into the fall with the seedheads.

It goes without saying that the heights of our garden plants run the gamut, from a ground-hugging mound of blue fescue grass to a crab apple that tops twenty feet.

The old adage for designing a 'mixed border' was always to put the tallest plants at the back of the bed, medium height ones in the middle and the shortest at the front. Certainly the viewer can take in the whole bed at a single glance.

But rules are made to be broken and the results may well be more interesting! Experiment with putting a few bold tall perennials towards the front of the bed; they will break up the mundane and add some excitement to the whole composition. As a case in point, I used a few of the ramrod straight Feather Reed grass, *Clamagrostis 'Karl Foerster'* to draw attention to the outside shape of one of my beds.

Color in a summer garden

Maybe I saved the best to last, but color is surely the essence of the summer garden. Try converting some of your garden pictures to black and white, and you will see what I mean.

Whole books have been written on how to use color in the garden which make for wonderful reading. But even if you don't want to delve too deeply, experiment by combining plants with boldly contrasting colors that are in bloom at the same time. Yellows and blues, pinks and blue, reds and gold, all work beautifully together.

Of course the colors are always changing, as different plants come into flower. So, for a quick experiment to see what color combinations please you, over the coming summer take a few flower cuttings from one plant and place them beside other flowers in bloom elsewhere in the garden. You will soon see what works well and what is disappointing. Then, next fall you can make some judicious rearrangements of the positioning of your perennials.

And last but not least, remember that LEAVES come in colors other than green! I like to incorporate a few plants

with bronze or purple leaves, such as *Sambucus 'Black lace'* (which is really a deep bronze rather than black), *Physocarpus 'Diablo'*, *Cotinus 'Grace'* or *Weigelia 'Wine and Roses'*, alongside with plants with cream and green foliage like the *Cornus 'Ivory Halo'*, which gives me a color contrast all season long.

Now, as you artistically combine the shapes, textures, heights and colors of your plants, imagine you are creating a garden picture, one that will 'begin directly to improve, and promise a more lasting pleasure.'

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Saving the Columns At The Manse

by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

My husband and I live in The Manse, a much-photographed house on Castleton's Main Street. I've loved this showy place since I was a little girl, and I've lived here for decades. We open each summer for Colonial Day tours, and I tell visitors that the house isn't as big as it looks, and although the Federated Church, which once owned it and used it as a parsonage, thought it was impossible to heat and maintain, it really isn't.

But to be perfectly honest, I'm forgetting about the columns. Around its narrow front porch, The Manse has seventeen Ionic columns. They're largely what make the place look like a southern antebellum mansion. Built around 1840, I inform the Colonial Day crowd that this house was not constructed by the highly esteemed Castleton joiner/architect Thomas Dake, although he may have done the curved stairway which is identical to the staircase in Dake's home place at the end of South Street.

The Manse is just classic, generic Greek Revival, a style of architecture particularly popular in Vermont which identified strongly with Hellenistic ideals. As an aside and an example, my 19th century Hubbardton great-grandfather was Byron Delos Gibbs named after Lord Byron, the freedom-fighter-in-Greece English poet, and Delos, the Greek island that Byron particularly loved.

Time for action

Our columns had been deteriorating steadily for years, and my husband had been trying all kinds of temporary fixes, stuffing cavities with a plastic-wood filler and spot repainting annually. Going up into the attic of The Manse is like climbing into the hold of a clipper ship. Great cantilevered beams cross in the front of the house and bear the weight of the roof. The porch columns are, fortunately, just for show.

Finally, my husband saw that major work was no longer avoidable. A year ago, the restoration A-team arrived.

David Wright has done a lot of work for us over the years. A Harvard-educated carpenter who has a degree in architecture, lives in the 1908 former Middletown Springs Montvert Hotel bowling alley building, and is the president of the Middletown Springs Historical Society, David is up to, and particularly passionate about, fixing any difficulty



The Manse, home to Pamela Hayes Rehlen and John Rehlen, in Castleton, VT. photo by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

presented by seriously-troubled old buildings. For the last ten years he's worked on and off with fifth-generation carpenters George and Ken Krantz, George from Killington and Ken from Tinmouth.

Saving columns at The Manse was right up this trio's alley. For a week, they worked on the two in the worst shape, and George said that, surprisingly, it was not so much a big undertaking as a complicated one. His brother added that there aren't many of these kinds of jobs around. In fact, The Manse is the only house in Castleton with hollow, tapered, fluted columns.

How to proceed

Over the last century plus, as well as the bases rotting and weakening, everything in the front of the house had settled, and the three men had to consider how they were going to support twenty foot, 28" diameter columns while they worked underneath them. These tricky wooden behemoths were built from old growth pine. There was no pressure-treated wood at the time The Manse was constructed, but

old growth timber has unique strength, and for this reason the columns have stood more than a hundred and fifty years.

Once he got them up from the porch floor and could peer into the hollow bodies, David said that he was seeing, in the way the wood was tapered and then fitted together, the carpentry of a gifted, experienced "mill work guy."

At the time The Manse was built, there must have been a mill shop in the neighborhood. It was common to farm out the creation of fancy accessory parts such as interior stairways and fireplace mantles. Mill workers ranged over a wide territory, and David thought that the Manse column-maker had probably been from Rutland.

After futile years of trying to find someone who could do it in Vermont, my husband had ordered and stored in the barn made-to-measure, cedar bases from a specialist manufacturer in California. David, Ken and George had to figure out how to incorporate them. It was mostly a matter of creating under-filler, and then settling the new bases so that they held up the columns which didn't have to hold up the porch.

Final victory

It took more than a week. The weather was sunny and warm, David's golden retriever, Avery, lounged in the truck and watched the progress.

Ken said, "We figured this out. We talked about it. We thought about it. We had some coffee, threw Avery a dog treat, and thought about it some more. But once all of us agreed about how we were going to do it—then saving those columns was just-plain-old execution."

And so, here at The Manse, we're back in business.

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Anglers in Vermont can try for brook, brown or rainbow trout, landlocked salmon, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, yellow perch, walleye, and northern pike as well as other several other species.

At the same time, you will likely see several species of wildlife while fishing in Vermont. A bald eagle or osprey soaring overhead is an experience you will always remember. Whether you get out there alone, or take friends or family, a good day of fishing makes memories that will last a lifetime.

Vermont has 284 lakes and over 7,000 miles of clear streams offering the greatest variety of high quality fresh water fishing in the Northeast, according to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. Finding a place to fish in Vermont is easy.

The department hosts a special event especially for kids on Free Fishing Day in Grand Isle. The Grand Isle Fishing Festival will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Free Fishing Day at the Ed Weed Fish Culture Station in Grand Isle. Designed for young anglers, this free event offers basic fishing instruction and the chance for kids to catch big trout in a pond next to the hatchery.

To find out more about Vermont's great fishing opportunities and to plan your fishing trip, contact the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department at 802-828-1000 and ask for a copy of the "Hunting, Fishing & Trapping Laws and Guide." E-mail fwinformation@state.vt.us for any questions or discover more from the website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

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Vermont Fisheries biologist Shawn Good displays a stringer of bass caught on Kent Pond, Killington. The fishing excursion is featured in a segment of Outdoor Journal's new season.

Spring Kids' Fishing Events

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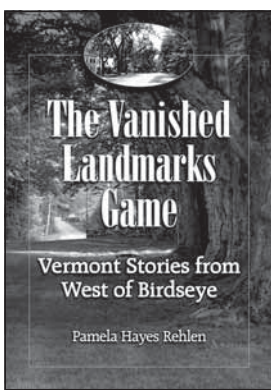
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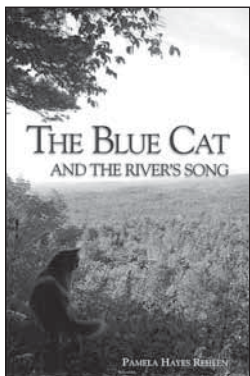
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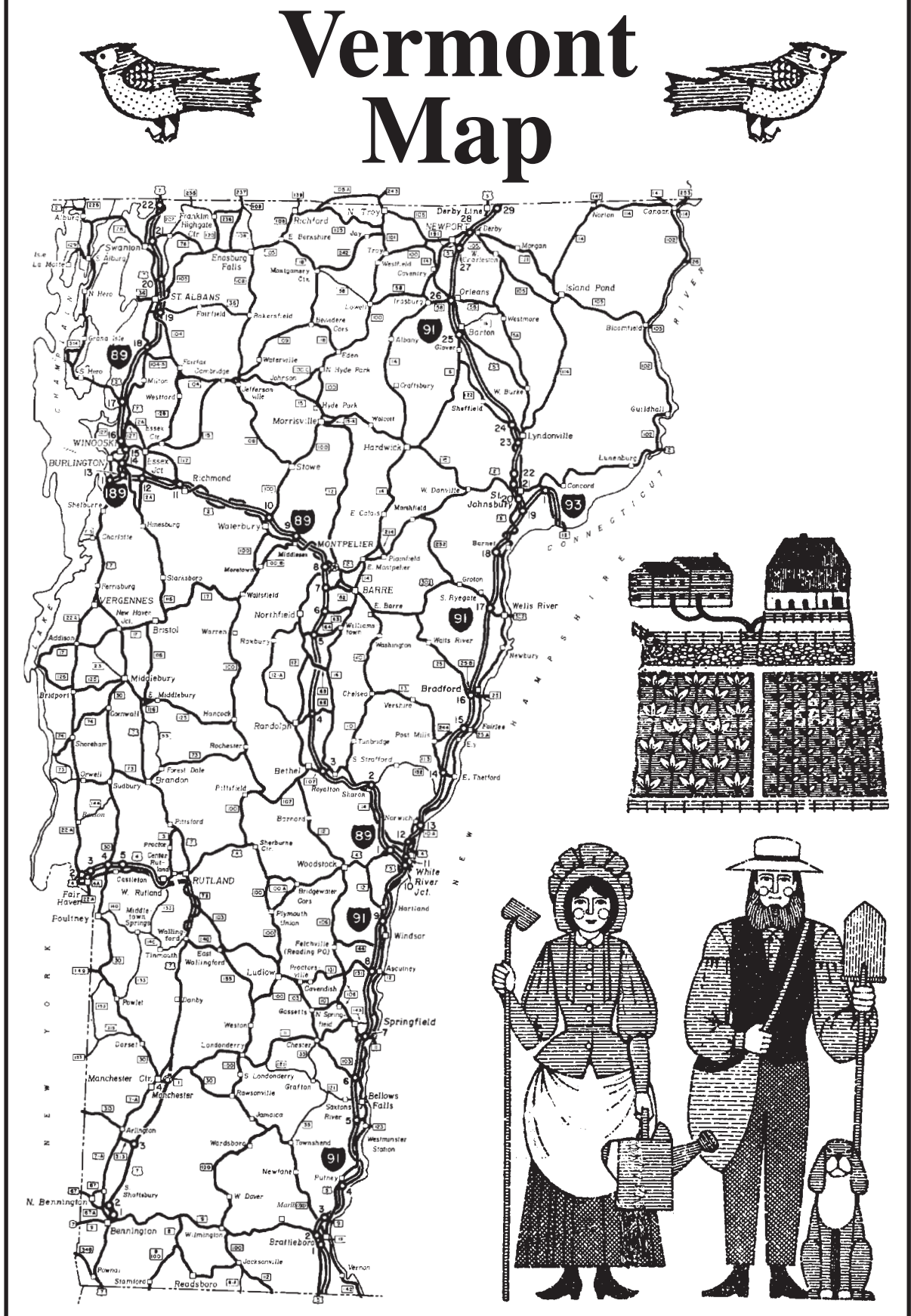
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CASTLETON. Castleton Farmers' Market, Main St., parking lot next to Cirizen's Bank, across from Castleton Library. Thursdays, 3:30-6 pm. Lori Barker. (802) 273-2241. June 5 - October 2.

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EAST THETFORD. Cedar Circle Farm and Education Center. Opening for the season. A certified organic, fifty-acre vegetable and berry farm. Farmstand and Hello Coffee Shop (with wireless internet). Hanging baskets, pottery, tender greens. Coffee Shop open 8-5, farm stand open daily 10-6, Sun till 5 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org.

FAIR HAVEN. Farmers' Market. Fridays 3-6 pm, rain or shine. Local produce. On the Green, downtown Fair Haven. (802) 753-7269. vtfarmersmarket.org. June 13 thru September 26.

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

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

HUBBARDTON. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site. Children's colonial dress-up basket. Bring your flag to be raised over the Hubbardton Battlefield and receive a certificate. Open 9:30 am - 5 pm. Thurs. - Sun., and Monday holidays. 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton. May 24 to October 13, 2014.

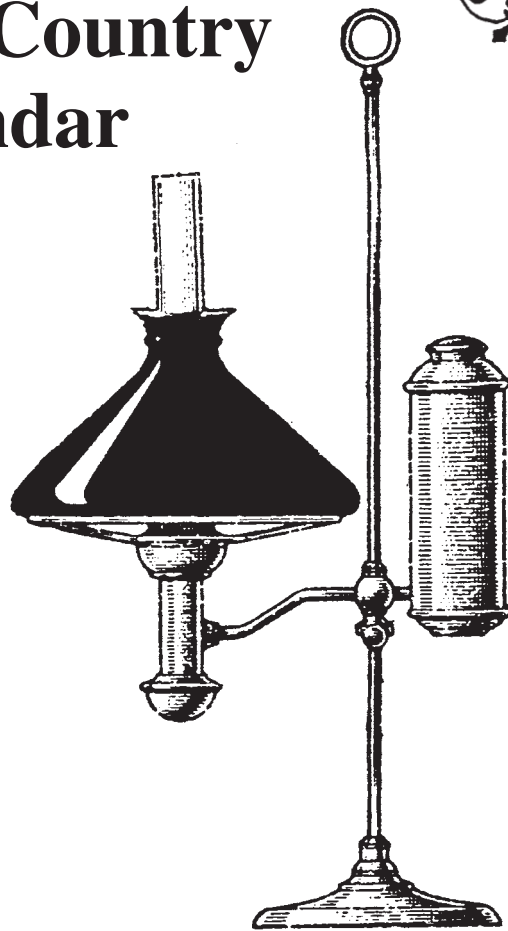
LUDLOW. Ludlow Farmers' Market. EBT and debit cards. Fridays 4-7 pm. Front lawn of Okemo Mountain School, 53 Main St. (802) 734-3829. lfmkt@tds.net. ludlowfarmersmarket.org. Thru October 10.

LUDLOW. Fletcher Farms School for the Arts and Crafts. Vermont's oldest residential arts and crafts school. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, 611 Rt. 103 South. (802) 228-8770. info@fletcherfarm.org. fletcherfarm.org.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Manchester Farmers Market. EBT and debit cards. Thursdays 3-6 pm. Adams Park, Rt. 7A. Krysta Piccoli. (505) 470-4237. mfmvermont@gmail.com. www.manchesterfarmers.org. May 29 - October 9.

NORWICH. Norwich Farmers' Market. 9 am - 1 pm. Rt. 5 South. (802) 384-7447. norwichfarmersmarket.org. Saturdays through October.

ORWELL. Mount Independence State Historic Site. Special Exhibit: *Things with Wings: Birds on the Mount*. See and learn about the birds of Mount Independence in the exciting photographs by expert birder Sue Wetmore of Brandon, VT. Children's Discovery Corner: children's colonial dress up basket, coloring, and haversack (soldier knapsack) activity. Outdoor history mystery clue hunt. Open daily, 9:30 - 5:30. Admission \$5 for adults, free for children under 15. 497 Mount Independence Rd, (802) 948-2000. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. May 24 through October 13.



PITTSFORD. Pittsford Farmers Market. Farm-to-Family coupons. Every Saturday June through October (weather permitting). 10 am - 2 pm. At the New England Maple Museum, 4578 Rt. 7. (802) 483-6351.

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PLYMOUTH NOTCH. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. New exhibition: *The Coolidges, Plymouth, and the Civil War*. Selected as a 2014 "Top 10 Event" by the Vermont Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission. Tuesday Tales of The Notch, 2 pm. Wednesday Afternoons with Farmer Fred, 1-5 pm beginning June 4. Summer Thursdays at Old Notch School, from June 26 on, 1-3 pm. Adults \$8, children 6 to 14 \$2, under 6 free. Family pass \$25. 9:30 am - 5 pm daily. 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicsites.vermont.gov. May 24 through October 19.

POULTNEY. Lakes Region Farmers Market. Thursdays from 9 am - 2 pm. Main St. (802) 287-9433. June 19 through October 2.

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. Saturdays, 10 am - 2 pm. Tuesday market 3-6 pm Downtown at Depot Park. (802) 753-7269. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. Through September 30.

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.

SPRINGFIELD. Springfield Farmer's Market. EBT and Farm to Family Coupons accepted. Saturdays 10 am to 1 pm. Downtown Springfield. Jim Fog (802) 738-5272. jfog@vermontel.net. springfieldcommunitymarket.com. May 31 through early October.

SPRINGFIELD. Stellafane. A place and an organization devoted to amateur astronomy, founded by Russell W. Porter in 1923, and considered by many to be the "Birthplace of Amateur Telescope Making." Home to The Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc., an active amateur astronomy and telescope-making club that sponsors many events, classes, activities, and a convention July 24-27. Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc., PO Box 601, Springfield, VT 05156. Webmaster@Stellafane.com. www.stellafane.com.

WELLS. Wells Village Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 am - 1 pm, Wells Country Store at the Wells Four Corner on Route 30. (802) 325-3478. May through October.

WEST RUTLAND. Vermont Herbal General Store. Tai' Chi Gung intro classes, Wed at 6 pm. Free intro classes. Reiki healings, Chinese ear coning, handmade herbal remedies, teas, and lotions. Crystals, stones, and books. All are welcome. Open Tues & Wed 1-6, Thurs-Sat 12-6, Sun 1-4, closed Fri. Vermont Herbal General Store, 518 Main St. (802) 438-2766. info@vermonthherbal.com. www.vermonthherbal.com.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Listen Community Dinner. Doors open at 3 pm. Nutritious free meals served from 5-5:30 pm every Monday through Friday. Take-home available. At Listen Community Dinner Hall, 42 Maple Ave. (603) 448-4553. www.listencs.org.

WINDSOR. Seed Library. Windsor Public Library gives patrons access to free, non-genetically modified seeds, gardening tips, and seed saving information. Patrons can "borrow" up to five packets of seeds, which are returned in kind in the fall from unharvested seeds from these plants. Open Mon. thru Sat. Call for hours Windsor Public Library, 43 State St. (802) 674-2556. windsorlibrary.org.

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WINDSOR. Old Constitution House. Exhibit opens June 14: *Bandboxes, Trunks, and Carpet Bags—Accoutrements of a Country Traveler*. This special exhibit examines some of the different types of luggage that early travelers used for carrying clothing and other possessions. Admission: adults \$3, 14 and under free. Open weekends and Monday holidays, 11 am - 5 pm. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 Main St. (802) 672-3773. www.historicsites.vermont.gov/constitution. May 24 through October 13.

MUSEUMS, EXHIBITS & GALLERIES

BARRE. Studio Place Arts. Classes, workshops, and artists' studios. Free. Tues, Wed & Fri 10 am - 5 pm, Thurs 11 am - 7 pm, Sat 9 am - 5 pm. 201 N. Main St. (802) 479-7069. info@studioplacearts.com. studioplacearts.com.

BARRE. Vermont History Center and Leahy Library. One admission fee for both the Vermont Heritage Galleries in Barre and the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier. Adults: \$5; families: \$12; students, children, seniors: \$3; members and children under 6: free. Monday through Friday, 9 am - 4 pm. Vermont Historical Society, 60 Washington St. (802) 479-8500. vermonthistory.org.

BELLOWS FALLS. BF3F—Third Friday Art Walk. Stores and galleries host special exhibits and events. 5-8 pm. Flyer available at Village Square Booksellers, 32 The Square. (802) 463-9404. villagesquarebooks.com. *Third Fridays*.

BENNINGTON. The Dollhouse and Toy Museum of Vermont. Dolls and dollhouses, puppets, trucks and trains, toys, and educational displays. Museum shop. Admission \$2 for children three and older, \$4 adults and \$10 families. Open Saturdays and Sundays 1-4 pm. 212 Union St. corner of Valentine St. dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com.

BENNINGTON. Art exhibits, theater productions, workshops. Admission: adults \$9, seniors/students \$8, families \$20, under 12 are free. Open Fri, Sat & Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Bennington Center for the Arts, 44 Gypsy Lane. (802) 442-7158. www.benningtoncenterforthearts.org.

BENNINGTON. Bennington Museum. Exhibits and public programs, Founding Documents, fine art, and more. Bennington Pottery, 1924 Wasp Touring Car, fine art, Vermont furniture, and the Bennington Flag—one of America's oldest flags. Lectures, workshops, concerts, films, and George Aiken Wildflower Trail. Admission \$10, children under 18 free. Also free admission to visit the Gift Shop. Open 10 am - 5 pm every day except Wednesdays. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. www.benningtonmuseum.org.

BRANDON. Compass Music and Arts Center. Exhibit—*Watercolors: The Artist's Story*, through June 30. Exhibits, arts businesses and studios, classes & workshops, concerts, and community events. Gift shop, art and music related books, collectibles, and the music of classical recording company, Divine Art Records. Café. 10 am - 5 pm daily. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Dr. 1.5 miles north of downtown Brandon. (802) 247-4295. cmavt.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Hooker-Dunham Theater & Gallery. Art exhibits, live music, photography, film, comedy, live theatre, film and literary festivals, and community events. 139 Main St. (802) 254-9276. www.hookerdunham.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. Exhibit: *"Flora—A Celebration of Flowers in Contemporary Art"*, through June 22. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$4 students, children under 6 free. First Fridays free after 5:30 pm. Sun, Mon, Weds, Thurs 11 am - 5 pm; Fri till 7 pm; Sat 10 am - 5 pm; closed Tuesdays. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. (802) 257-0124. www.brattleboromuseum.org.

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

BURLINGTON. The Ethan Allen Homestead Museum. Exhibits and activities. Adm. Thurs thru Mon 10 am - 4 pm, closed Tues & Wed. One Ethan Allen Homestead. (802) 865-4556. www.ethanallenhomestead.org.

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

CHESTER. Vermont Institute of Contemporary Arts. Exhibits, programs and music. Free admission. Wed thru Sun 11 am - 6 pm. 15 Depot St. (802) 875-1018. www.vtica.org.

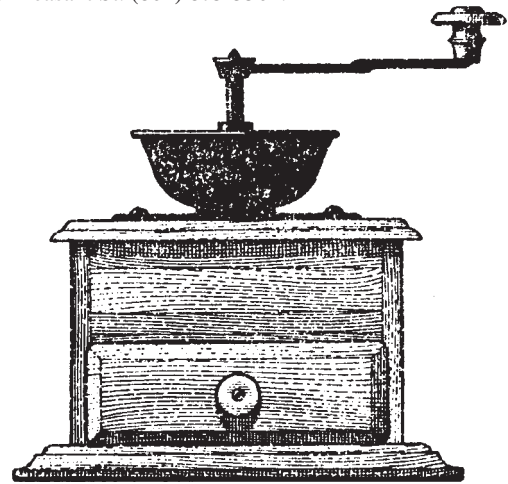
CHESTER. 103 Artisans Marketplace. (Formerly Gallery 103). Hand crafted gifts, decorative accessories, small batch Chocolates and Vermont Maple products. Owned by artists Elise & Payne Junker, exclusive showroom of Junker Studio metalwork. Open every day 10 am - 5 pm, closed Tuesday. Located on Rt. 103,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

ENOSBURG FALLS. Exhibit. Featured artist reception first Sunday of every month, 1-3 pm. Open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday 10-2 pm. Artist In Residence—a Cooperative Gallery, 321 Main St. (802) 933-6403. info@artistinresidencecoop.com. www.artistinresidencecoop.com.

FERRISBURGH. Rokeby Museum. Rokeby Museum and its new exhibit, *Free & Safe: The Underground Railroad in Vermont*, Exhibits, buildings to tour, grounds to explore. Guided tours of the house are available Friday through Monday, one at 11 am and one at 2 pm. Admission \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 students, children under 5 free. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. rokeby@comcast.net. rokeby.org. Open through October 26.

GLOVER. Bread & Puppet Museum. One of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world housed in a 100-foot-long converted dairy barn built in 1863. Events and exhibits. Free admission, donations welcome. Open 10 am - 6 pm daily summertime. By appointment off-season. Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. (802) 525-3031. www.breadandpuppet.org. Open through November 1.

GRAFTON. The Vermont Museum of Mining and Minerals features displays and specimens from all over the Green Mountain State and around the world. Open Saturdays, Sundays and major holidays, Memorial Day through mid-October, 10 am - 12 pm & 1-4 pm, or by appointment. 55 Pleasant St. (802) 875-3562.



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Killington Music Festival Celebrates 32 Years!

Now in its 32nd season of presenting fine chamber music the Killington Music Festival announces its concert schedule for 2014.

On Saturday evenings from June 28th through August 2nd over 20 internationally acclaimed musicians of the Killington Music Festival will perform Music in the Mountains Classical Concert Series at Rams Head Lodge at the Killington Resort at 7 p.m.

The musicians also teach, guide and mentor young aspiring musicians from around the country and abroad.

The June 28th opening night concert "An Evening with Philippe" features world renowned pianist Philippe Entremont presenting music of Mozart, Beethoven and others.

On July 5th "Killington Music Festival Chamber Orchestra" performs works of Bach, Britten, Mendelssohn, Elgar and Vivaldi with violinist Joseph Silverstein and conductor Alondra de la Parra.

The July 12th concert, "European Impressions", features works of Bach, Brahms, Debussy and Schoenberg.

Enjoy the works of Dvorak, Ullmann and Smetana on July 19th in "Killington Music Festival in Bohemia".

On July 26th the works of Foote, Schoenfeld and Sumners will be performed in "Fun in the Americas".

The season finale is on August 2nd, entitled "Killington Peak". Join us at the peak restaurant for an evening of spectacular music and breathtaking views.

The concerts are held at Rams Head Lodge at the Killington Ski Resort at 7 p.m. The season finale is held at Killington Peak.

Ticket prices are \$25, season finale \$30 and are available through the box office at (802) 422-1330. Advance tickets may be ordered by phone through the day prior to the performance. Tickets may be purchased the day of performance beginning at 6 p.m. at Ramshead Lodge.

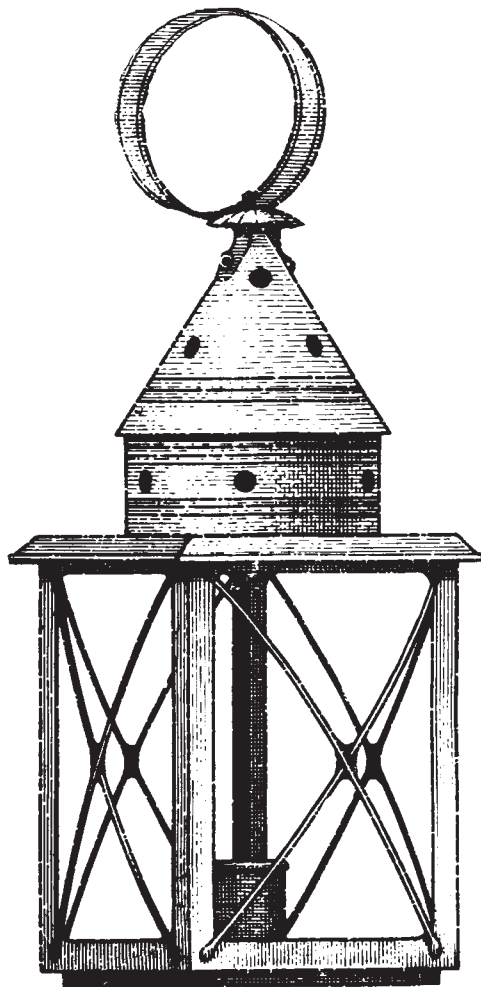
The Friday night performances of the Young Artists Series are held at the Rams Head Lodge at 7 p.m. and tickets are free.

The Killington Music Festival is not only about concerts on Saturday evenings. The Festival also runs a five-week residency program for students preparing for careers in music, an intensive combination of study, practice, rehearsal and performance.

The students give performances at the Rams Head Lodge and free noontime concerts at the Rutland Free Library on Wednesday, July 23rd and July 30th.

We are proud of our student outreach concerts. The primary audiences for this project are residents in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, Rutland Regional Medical Center and children who most often are deprived of music. Through these concerts the lives of hundreds of elderly and young Vermonters have been enriched.

For information call the Killington Music Festival at (802) 773-4003 or visit www.killingtonmusicfestival.org.



GRAFTON. The Nature Museum at Grafton. Hands-on exhibits, dioramas, mounted specimen, wildlife garden, hiking trails. Admission \$5 adults, \$4 seniors and students, \$3 children ages 3 to 12, 2 and under free, \$15 for families. Open Thurs and Sat 10 am - 4 pm. 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. info@nature-museum.org. *Memorial Day thru Columbus Day weekend.*

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

LUDLOW. Black River Academy Museum. Exhibits and programs. Admission \$2, seniors and students \$1. Winter hours by appointment. 14 High St. (802) 228-5050. nfo@bramvt.org. www.bramvt.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. Historic Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home. Celebration of Peonies the last two weeks of May and first two weeks of June—see 1000s of fragrant peonies in bloom. Visit the Rowland Agricultural Center or board the Pullman palace car, Sunbeam. Admission: \$16 adults, \$5 children 6 to 14, under 6 free. Grounds pass: \$5 adults, \$3 youth, children under 6 free. Open daily 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Historic Hildene, off Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 362-1788. info@hildene.org. www.hildene.org.

MARLBORO. Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. Perched on an overlook—on a clear day the horizon is 100 miles away! See mounted specimens of over 600 native New England birds and mammals, a Raptor Center with live hawks and owls, amphibian and reptile exhibit and fall wildflower exhibit. Hogback Mountain Gift Shop next door. Admission: adults \$5, seniors \$3, children 5-12 \$2, under 5 free. Open 10 am - 4 pm weekdays and 10 am - 5 pm weekends. Rt. 9, Hogback Mountain. (802) 464-0048. museum@sover.net. vermontmuseum.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont. The oldest chartered community history museum in the United States, welcoming visitors since 1882. Exhibits, research center, and museum shop. Admission: adults \$5, youth 6-18 \$3, senior \$4.50, family \$12, under 6 free. Open Tues-Sat 10 am - 5 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History, 1 Park St. (803) 388-2117. www.henrysheldonmuseum.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Vermont Folklife Center. Exhibit of Russell Snow's works, titled "Whirligigs—Imagination in Motion." Exhibits, gallery, archives & research center, programs, and Heritage Shop. Free admission. Open Tues-Sat 10 am - 5 pm. Vermont Folklife Center, 88 Main St., (802) 388-4964. info@vermontfolklifecenter.org. www.vermontfolklifecenter.org.

NORWICH. Montshire Museum of Science. Current exhibit: *A T. rex Named Sue*, on display through September 7. Exhibits, trails, programs, and museum store. Open 10 am - 5 pm daily. Admission \$14 adults, \$11 children 2-17, under 2 free. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. One Montshire Rd. (802) 649-2200. www.montshire.org.

PITTSFORD. New England Maple Museum. World's largest maple museum. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our gift shop. Admission: adults \$5, children \$1, under 6 free. Open 10 am - 4 pm daily, closed Tuesday. New England Maple Museum, 4578 Rt. 7, north of the village. (802) 483-9414. info@maplemuseum.com. www.maplemuseum.com.

READING. Exhibition by Danish-Icelandic artist Olafur Eliasson including *Waterfall*. Open weekends by appointment. At The Hall Art Foundation, 551 VT Rt. 106. To book a tour, please visit www.hallartfoundation.org/location/vermont. *May 3 through November 30.*

ROCHESTER. Exhibit: Marcus Ratliff, *Recent Collage*, through June 30. Wed-Fri 10-5, Sat 12-5, Sun-Tues by appointment. BigTown Gallery, 99 North Main St. (802) 767-9670. www.bigtowngallery.com.

RUTLAND. Chaffee Art Center—Rutland Area Art Association. Exhibits, classes, workshops, open studio evenings, gift shop. Gallery open Thursday and Friday 12-6 pm and Saturdays 12-5 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. info@chaffeeartcenter.org. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

RUTLAND. Chaffee Downtown Art Center. Exhibits, workshops, classes. Open Tuesday-Friday 12-6 pm, and Saturday 10 am - 5 pm. Chaffee Downtown, 75 Merchants Row. (802) 775-0356. info@chaffeeartcenter.org. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

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SHELBURNE. Shelburne Farms. Welcome Center, Farm and Farm Store. Family programs, walking trails, events, workshops. Open year round 10 am - 5 pm. Admission. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org.

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

SO. STRAFFORD. Artworks by Harlow Lent. On display in the cafe. Tuesday-Friday 6 am - 2 pm, Saturday 7 am - 2 pm, Sunday 8 am - 2 pm; spring dinner hours Thursday & Friday 5-8:30 pm; closed Monday. Free wif. Cafe 232, 232 Rt. 132. (802) 765-9232. (802) 885-6156. www.nlwatercolor.com. cafe232.com.

SPRINGFIELD. Exhibit. Local photographers Goldie May and John Sinclair. At Art on the River Gallery, 100 River Street. For info contact: Nancy Lanoue (802) 885-6156 or e-mail nlanoue@comcast.net. *Through August 19.*

SPRINGFIELD. Art Exhibit: *The Hale Street Gang—Portraits in Writing*. 9 am - 5 pm, Mon-Fri. Great Hall Public Art Showcase, 100 River St. (802) 258-3992. bobf@springfielddevelopment.org. Facebook. *Through October 10.*

SPRINGFIELD. Gallery at the VAULT. A Vermont State Craft Center. Fine art and hand-crafted gifts from over 125 artists and craftsmen. Exhibits, classes. Tues-Sat 11 am - 5 pm. 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. galleryvault.org.

ST. JOHNSBURY. Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium. Exhibits, programs, special events, wildflower table, collections. Adults \$8, seniors and under 17 \$6, under 5 free. 1302 Main St. (802) 748-2372. fairbanksmuseum.org.

ST. JOHNSBURY. The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain and Dog Chapel. Free. Thursday through Monday 11 am - 4 pm. Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. off Spaulding Rd. (800) 449-2580. www.dogmt.com.

VERGENNES. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Exhibits and activities. 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. (802) 475-2022. www.lcmm.org.

WINDSOR. Art Exhibition. See landscape paintings by Elizabeth Beliveau, photographs by Eli Burakian, and large-scale paintings and sculpture by Jamie Townsend, May 31 through July 12. Concurrent with the Luminaries Exhibition. Reception May 31, 4-6 pm. Admission free. Tues-Fri 11 am - 5 pm, Sat 11 am - 3 pm. Nuance Gallery, 85 Main St. (802) 674-9616. nancysilliman@myfairpoint.net.

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WOODSTOCK. ArtisTree Community Art Center. Exhibits, classes, music, special events. Tues 11 am - 8 pm, Wed-Sat 11 am - 4 pm. Mount Tom Building, 1206 Rt. 12. (802) 457-3500. info@artistreevt.org. www.artistreevt.org.

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum. Visit the Jersey herd, draft horses, oxen, and sheep and tour the restored and furnished 1890 Farm House. *A Place in the Land*, our Academy Award®-nominee film is shown on the hour. Special events. Adults \$12, age 62 & up \$11, children ages 5-15 \$6, 3-4 \$3, under 3 free. Daily 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org.

COMMUNITY DANCES AND MUSIC

BRATTLEBORO. Contra Dance. Caller Steve Zakon-Anderson. Music by Becky Tracy and Keith Murphy. Beginners at 6:45; dancing 7-10 pm. Admission \$10/\$7. The Stone Church, corner of Main/Grove St. (413) 320-2729. www.brattcontra.org. *2nd and 4th Sundays.*

BRATTLEBORO. 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. 3-5:30 pm. Centre Congregational Church, 193 Main St. Information: laurat@crocker.com. *Third Sundays.*

BURLINGTON. Burlington Discover Jazz Festival. Seven days a week, 12-10 pm. Flynn Center, Church Street Marketplace, Waterfront and City Hall Parks, clubs and restaurants. (802) 863-7992 x 7992. info@discoverjazz.com. www.discoverjazz.com. flyntix.org. *May 30 thru June 8.*

CHESTER. Green Mountain Express hosts Monthly Open Mike Country Jamboree. All musicians and singers, bands and singles welcome. Refreshments, raffles and 50/50 tickets on sale. \$5 donation. 1-4 pm. Gassetts Grange, junction of Rte 10 & 103N. (802) 875-2637. *2nd Sundays.*

FAIR HAVEN. Concerts in the Park. Have a picnic. Hot dogs, popcorn, water and soda available. Free ice cream June 19, July 10 & 31 and August 21. Free. 7 pm at the town park. Weather location: Fair Haven Baptist Church. (802) 265-3010. www.fairhavenvt.org/concerts. *Thursdays June 19 through August 21.*

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. Just fellowship in song. 7-9:30 pm. Hanover Friends Meeting House, 43 Lebanon St. Information: danhertzler@gmail.com. *Second Thursdays.*

LUDLOW. Jackson Gore Summer Music Series. Enjoy a summer evening with musical guests. Bring the lawn chairs and family and enjoy live music and an outdoor barbecue. Free. 6-9 pm. Jackson Gore Inn Courtyard, Okemo Ridge Rd. (802) 228-1600. *Fridays June 13 through August 29.*

NORWICH. Contradance with Northern Spy and caller David Millstone. No partner necessary. Beginners and singles always welcome. All dances taught and called. Please bring a change of clean shoes for the dance floor. Admission \$8 (Students \$5, under 16 free). 8 pm. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 785-4607. rbarrows@cs.dartmouth.edu. *Second Saturday dances continue through June 2014 and resume in September.*

NORWICH. Contradance. Music by Cuckoo's Nest, caller Ruth Sylvester. Please bring a pair of clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing. All dances taught. Beginners and singles welcome. Admission \$5, under 16 free. Sponsored by Muskeg Music. 8 pm. At Tracey Hall, 300 Main St. For information call (802) 785-4607. *Fourth Saturdays.*

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.*

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.

RUTLAND. Wednesday Concerts in the Park. Bring a picnic basket, family and friends and enjoy a summer evening of music. Free admission. 7-8:30 pm at the gazebo in Main Street Park at the corner of Main St. (Rt. 7) and West St. (802) 282-1092. www.rutlandrec.com. *Wednesdays June 18 through August 6.*

RUTLAND. The Rutland City Band Sunday Concerts. Free. 7-8:30 pm in the gazebo in Main Street Park, corner of Main St. (Rt. 7) and West St. (802) 773-1853. www.rutlandrec.com. *Sundays from June 15 through August 17.*

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. 7:30 pm at the Community Hall at 219 Tyler Farm Rd. (802) 429-2316 or adamrboyce@juno.com. *Fourth Saturdays.*

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BRATTLEBORO. Fair Winds Farm Wagon Rides. Half-hour reserved horse-drawn rides through fields and woods, and along a babbling brook. Adults \$10, kids 3-12 \$6, minimum \$50, after 5 pm \$80. Visit our farm store. Fair Winds Farm is a "Diversified, Horse Powered, Vermont Family Farm" at 511 Upper Dummerston Rd., off Rt. 30. (802) 254-9067. fairwind@sover.net. fairwindsfarm.org.

CHITTENDEN. Mountain Top Equestrian Center. Open daily for all riding abilities, English & Western. One, two and three hour trail rides from May through October. Lessons Mid-June through Labor Day. Children's Horsemanship Camp July & August. 40 miles of trails, two outdoor arenas, cross country jumping course. Friday and Sunday Specials. Mountain Top Inn & Resort, 195 Mountain Top Rd. Reservations required: (802) 483-2311. www.mountaintoppinn.com.

PUTNEY. Green Mountain Orchards. Horse-drawn 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.

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

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm Wagon Ride Wednesdays. Horse-drawn wagon rides featured each Wednesday from 11 am - 3 pm from July 2 through September 24. Visit the operating dairy farm featuring the Jersey herd, calf nursery, draft horse teams, sheep, and oxen, and restored farmhouse. Admission: \$14 adults, \$13 seniors, \$8 children 5-15, \$4 children 3 & 4. Open 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

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BENSON. Obstacle Race Training Center and Indoor Gym. Natural terrain with 50 man-made obstacles over five miles. Events and races. Monthly memberships. Iceberg footwear for sale. Shale Hill Adventure Farm, 517 Lake Rd. (802) 537-3561. shalehilladventure@aol.com. www.shalehilladventure.com.

EAST CHARLESTON. Northwoods Stewardship Center. Outdoor programs, outings, workshops, classes, and more. 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 723-6551 x 115. www.northwoodscenter.org.

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

HUNTINGTON. Monthly Bird Monitoring Walk. Help monitor bird populations in the different habitats at the Green Mountain Audubon Center. Donation appreciated. 8-10 am. Green Mountain Audubon Center, 255 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-3068. Vermont@audubon.org. www.vt.audubon.org.

HUNTINGTON. Early Birder Morning Walks. Led by experienced birders familiar with Vermont birds. Come to several walks to hear the changes in who calls and when! Finish the walk with coffee at the viewing window inside the Museum. Bring binoculars and good walking shoes. Don't forget bug spray/tick repellent! Free, donations welcome. Pre-register by phone or email. 7-9:30 am. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. www.birdsofvermont.org. *Sundays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.*

MONTPELIER. North Branch Nature Center. Programs and workshops for all ages, children's camps, hikes, bird counts, and birding activities. 713 Elm Street. (802) 229-6206. chip@northbranchnaturecenter.org. northbranchnaturecenter.org.

QUECHEE. Vermont Institute of Natural Science Nature Center. Exhibits, programs, nature trail, nature store. Admission: adults \$13, seniors \$12, youth (4-17) \$11. 10 am – 5 pm. VINS Nature Center, 6565 Woodstock Rd., Rt. 4. (802) 359-5000. info@vinsweb.org. www.vinsweb.org.

RUPERT. Merck Forest and Farmland. Camping, cabins, trails, farm, workshops and seasonal events. Family Fun Farm Chores Saturdays through June 14, \$2/per person. 10th Annual Sheepdog Trial and Farm Festival July 12 & 13. U-pick raspberries and blueberries late June through August, daily 8 am – 2 pm, call for updates. Visitor's Center and store. Free admission. Open year round, dawn to dusk. 3270 Rt. 315, west of Manchester. (802) 394-7836. merckforest.org.

SHELburne. Shelburne Farms. Welcome Center, Farm and Farm Store. Family programs, walking trails, workshops, events. Open year round 10 am – 5 pm. Walkers, check in with the Welcome Center. Admission. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. shelburnefarms.org.

DAILY EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 24

BELMONT. Open Studio Weekend at Stephanie Stouffer Studio and Gallery Gift Shop. Stephanie Stouffer's whimsical and decorative art is licensed on many products, including stoneware, rugs, pillows and Caspari Cards. These and much more are on display and for sale in the Gallery. Meet the artist and visit both studio and gallery. Free. 9 am to 5 pm. Stephanie Stouffer Studio and Gallery Gift Shop, 250 Maple Hill Rd. (802) 259-2686. stouffer@vermontel.net. www.stephaniestouffer.com. *Also May 25.*

BENNINGTON. 29th Annual Mayfest Juried Arts & Craft Festival. Over 125 arts and crafts vendors, ethnic food, family activities, live entertainment. Main Street closes down for the largest event of the year. Free. 10 am – 5 pm. (802) 442-5758. admin@betterbennington.com. www.betterbennington.com.

FAIR HAVEN. Fair Haven Spring Fling. A tradition for more than 23 years! The town green is abundant with vendors and great food, a wonderful event enjoyed by families and visitors. Outside on the Town green. Free. (802) 265-8600.

HUBBARDTON. Program: Meteor Storm Night. The Green Mountain Alliance of Amateur Astronomers invite you to observe this predicted meteor storm, as debris from Comet 209P/LINEAR, discovered in 2004, burn up in Earth's atmosphere. Bring blankets and flashlights. Call to confirm. 8-10 pm. Open 9:30 am – 5 pm, Thurs. – Sun., and Monday holidays. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton. *May 24 to October 13, 2013.*



HUBBARDTON. Memorial Day Remembrance. At noon battlefield flags will be raised to full-mast and tribute paid to the soldiers of Hubbardton at the battle monument. 2 pm. Open 9:30 am – 5 pm, Thurs. – Sun., and Monday holidays. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton. *May 24 to October 13.*

KILLINGTON. The Killington Stage Race. 62-mile "Queen Stage," challenging climb up East Mountain Road and finishing at Killington's K-1 Base area. To register visit bikereg.com. killingtonstagerace.com. *Thru May 26.*

ORWELL. Early Bird Nature Walk. Sue Wetmore introduces you to the birds of spring. No pets please. 8 am. \$5 adults, children under 13 free. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. historicsites.vermont.gov.

PLYMOUTH NOTCH. Opening Day of President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. Experience the excitement of the Killington Stage Race as hundreds of cyclists speed through the historic village! Exhibition: The Coolidges, Plymouth, and the Civil War. Adults \$8, children 6-14 \$2, under 6 free, family \$20. 9:30 am - 5 pm daily. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. historicsites.vermont.gov. (802) 672-3773. *May 24 – October 19.*

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WARDSBORO. The Friends of the Wardsboro Library Annual Spring Plant Sale. Large variety of hearty perennials, colorful annuals, shrubs, Gilfeather® turnip seedlings, vegetables, and herbs. VT Extension Master Gardeners information table. "Garden Talkback" by Erica Bowman at 10 am. Annual "Best Raffle Ever" featuring a hand-crafted "twig chair" by Albert Litchfield, owner of Litchfield Woodworks. Wardsboro Library trustees bake sale on the Town Common. Plant sale 9 am to 2 pm at 170 Main St. on the front lawn of the Wardsboro Library and the Wardsboro Town Common at Rt. 100 and Main St. Free admission and parking. Rain or shine. www.friendsofwardsborolibrary.org.

WATERBURY CENTER. Sugar-on-Snow Social. Sugar-on-Snow with donuts, pickles and hard boiled eggs. All-Maple Bake Sale with baked beans, candy, pies, breads & more. Book sale. Admission. Sat & Sun 1-5 pm. Waterbury Center Community Church, next to the Cold Hollow Cider Mill, Waterbury/Stowe Rd. Rt. 100. (802) 244-8089. bbtravelers@aol.com. *Also May 25.*

WINDSOR. Program: History Happens at OCH! 18th century reenactors Carl Malikowski and his wife Carolyn discuss early American life and demonstrate period activities including brewing, cooking, woodworking, and powder horn carving. Adults \$3, 14 and under free. 11 am - 5 pm. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 Main St. (802) 672-3773. historicites.vermont.gov. *Also May 25.*

WINDSOR. Memorial Day Weekend Sale at Cider Hill Gardens & Art Gallery. Featuring Cider Hill's usual selection of hard to find herbs and vegetables. Open 10 am - 6 pm daily. At 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. ciderhillgardens.com. garymilek.com. *Through May 26.*

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MONDAY, MAY 26

KILLINGTON. The Killington Stage Race. 11-mile timed trial from Long Trail Brewery to Killington Town Offices on River Rd. bikereg.com. killingtonstagerace.com.

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RUTLAND. Walk, Wag & Run. 5K walk/run. Bring your dog (or not) and help raise money for Rutland County Humane Society. All ages. \$5 per person, free for 12th grade and under. Walkers 6 pm and runners 6:30 pm. College of St. Joseph, 71 Clement Rd. (802) 773-1822. *Also June 24.*

FRIDAY, MAY 30

BURLINGTON. Burlington Discover Jazz Festival Concert. Regina Carter—Southern Comfort. Regina Carter, violin; Marvin Sewell, guitar; Will Holshouser, accordion; Jesse Murphy, Bass; TBD, drums. Tickets \$20-\$40. 8 pm. Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, 153 Main St. (802) 864-5741 x 10. flynncenter.org. reginacarter.com. *Festival through June 8.*

SWANTON. Open Door Dinner. Free. Everyone is welcome. 5:30-6:30 pm. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 28 Grand Ave. (802) 868-7185. *Also June 27.*

SATURDAY, MAY 31

BELLOWS FALLS. Annual Plant Sale. Houseplants, landscaping plants and shrubs, bulbs, perennials, annuals, vegetable starts, herbs, ground covers, trees and ornamental grasses! Sponsored by Friends of the Rockingham Library. 8 am - 12 noon. Rockingham Free Public Library, 65 Westminster St. (802) 463-4270. rockinghamlibrary.org.

BURLINGTON. Burlington Discover Jazz Festival. An Evening With Tony Bennett. Also, Antonia Bennett. Tony Bennett, vocals; Mike Renzi, piano, music director; Marshall Wood, bass; Gray Sargent, guitar; Harold Jones, drums. Tickets \$62-\$152. 8 pm. Flynn Center, 153 Main St. (802) 864-5741 x 10. flynncenter.org. tonybennett.com.

MIDDLEBURY. 5th Annual Rhubarb Festival. Sponsored by the Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society. All things rhubarb and more! Enjoy a springtime taste of rhubarb: lunch, rhubarb pies, other homemade pies, confections and savories. UU cookbooks, used books, jewelry, scarves, aprons, Dad's Day gifts, and plants for sale. Kids Carnival and all-day music. Free admission. 10 am - 2 pm. Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, Charles Ave. at 2 Duane Court. Parking in high school lot. (802) 388-8080. www.cvuus.net.

RUPERT. Family Fun Farm Chores. Join Merck staff for afternoon farm chores; learn about the farm routine and the animals. Groups are limited to ten people. Cost: \$2. 2-4 pm. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. www.merckforest.org. *Saturdays through June 14.*

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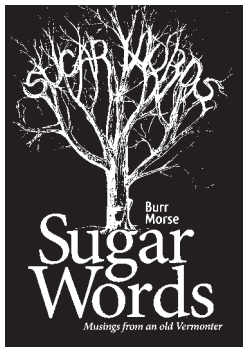
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—James Russell Lowell

The Phases of the Cherry Pie Moon And the Cicada Moon

As cherry picking reaches its best, the frogs and toads have found their mates (and quiet down some), and the first wave of the summer's major insect singers begins to chant, forecasting crickets and katydids to come.

June 2 - Apogee: The moon's weakest position, farthest from Earth. June 5 - The Cherry Pie Moon enters its second quarter at 3:39 p.m. June 12 - The moon is full at 11:11 p.m. June 14 - Perigee: The moon's most powerful position, closest to Earth. June 19 - The moon enters its final quarter at 1:39 p.m. June 27 - The Cicada Moon is new at 3:09 a.m. June 30 - Lunar apogee.

The Sun

Summer solstice for 2014 occurs on June 21, at 6:51 a.m. EDT. The sun enters the middle summer sign of Cancer at the same time. Between June 19 and 23, the sun remains at its solstice declination of 23 degrees 26 minutes, and the day's length remains virtually unchanged.

The Planets

Jupiter travels with Gemini as the evening star throughout June, sinking into the northwest not long after dark. Saturn stays in Libra, visible after dark along the center of the southern horizon. Venus continues to move retrograde this month, passing from Pisces into Aries, keeping its position as the morning star throughout June. Mars remains in Virgo, visible in the southwest well after sundown.

The Stars

Throughout the late evening, Arcturus is the brightest light directly above you in the constellation Bootes, the Corona Borealis, followed by Hercules. Scorpius is centered in the southern sky and dominates it until early July. Orion is overhead at noon, promising the Dog Days.

A Calendar of Holidays and Special Occasions For Gardeners, Ranchers & Homesteaders

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WALLINGFORD. Hike on Bear Mountain. Follow the Long Trail through old farm fields lined with stone walls, up to an overlook, then on past the infamous Patch Hollow to Spring Lake. A moderate four miles. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear and dress for the weather. Sponsored by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Newcomers and non-members welcome. 9:30 am. Call leaders Gerry & Cheryl Martin for meeting place. (802) 492-2244. greenmountainclub.org.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

BURLINGTON. Burlington Discover Jazz Festival. Concerts all over town. Noon til 10 pm. (802) 864-5741 x 10. info@discoverjazz.com. www.flyntix.org. *Through June 8.*

BURLINGTON. Organ Concert with Lynnette Combs. Inspired by Alexandre Guilmant, the French superstar who played 40 consecutive recitals by memory, without repeating a piece, at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904. Celebrating the historic 150-year-old organ. Admission by donation. 4 pm. First Baptist Church of Burlington, 81 St. Paul St. (802) 864-6515. fbc Burlingtonvt.com.

CHITTENDEN. 33rd Annual Teenie's Fishing Derby for Handicapped & Senior Citizens. Bring your own chair, bait & tackle. Food served at 11:30. Fishing starts at 1 pm. All free. 11 am - 3 pm. Teenie's Tiny Poultry Farm, Chittenden Rd./Teenie's Tiny Rd. (802) 773-2637. rdubin3@gmail.com.

LEBANON, NH. Concert: 12th Annual A Capella Showcase. Tickets \$10/\$7/\$5. 3 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. www.lebanonoperahouse.org.

WOODSTOCK. Ice Cream Sunday. In celebration of Dairy Month, lend a hand making, then tasting homemade ice cream. Learn the history and scientific facts about this dairy treat. Admission includes all programs and activities: adults \$14, 62 & over \$13, children 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, 2 & under free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, one-half mile north of the village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. *Every Sunday in June.*

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

WILLIAMSTOWN. Join the Williamstown Historical Society for a dessert potluck followed by a presentation on Civil War History by Philip Whitman of the Sullivan Museum at Norwich University. 6:30 pm dessert potluck, 7 pm program. The Gardens, South Main St. (802) 879-0849. essexcommunityhistoricalsociety@myfairpoint.net. www.williamstownvt.org/histsoc.html.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

BRATTLEBORO. Fourth Annual Slow Living Summit. A conference focused on the development of nurturing and mutually supportive communities, bioregions and economic systems. General registration \$225, spouse/SO rate \$179, one-day rate \$130, student rate \$105, limited means rate—stipended sliding scale from \$45 to \$169. Thursday 4 pm - Saturday 5 pm. Downtown Brattleboro. (802) 380-0226. newsafternewspapers@gmail.com. www.slowlivingsummit.org. *Through June 6.*

BURLINGTON. Third Annual Water Quality Conference. The Conference will address the on-going ramifications of the EPA's 2011 decision to withdraw their approval for the Vermont-portion of the 2002 Lake Champlain Phosphorus Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). Lunch included with pre-registration. 8:30 am - 5 pm. Main Street Landing, 60 Lake St. (802) 747-7900. info@vectogether.org. www.vectogether.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Lecture: "Redeemer President: The Significance of Jimmy Carter," By Dartmouth professor Randall Balmer. Free. 7 pm at Ilsley Public Library. For more information call (802) 388-4095. www.vermonthumanities.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

BELLOWS FALLS. 15th Annual Roots on the River Festival. Hosted by James McMurtry. 33 Bridge St. (802) 463-9595. info@vermontfestivalsllc.com. www.rootsontheriver.com. *Also June 6, 7, 8.*

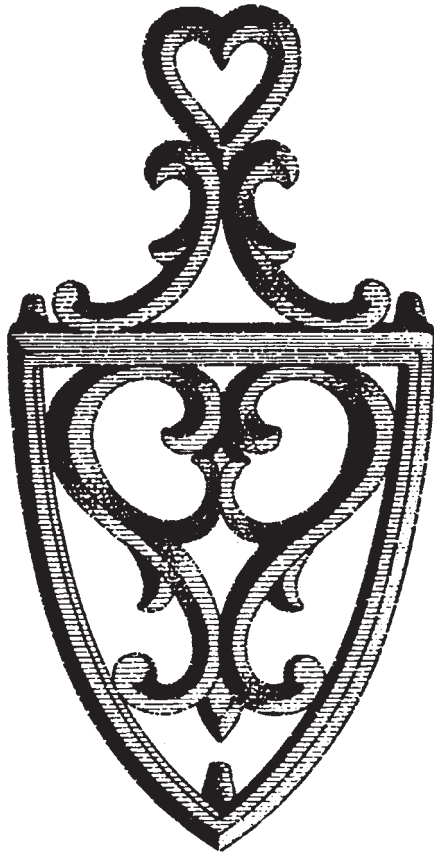
SHELBURNE. Peony Tea: A Garden Party at the Brick House. Tours, high tea, cocktails, lawn games, music, peony bouquets. Tickets \$55 or 2/\$100. Shelburne Museum, 6000 Shelburne Rd. (802) 985-0885. shelburnemuseum.org.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

BELLOWS FALLS. 15th Annual Roots on the River Festival. Downtown, at the Farmers Market and at the Big Tent at Rodeway Inn. (802) 463-9595. rootsontheriver.com. *Also June 7 & 8.*

BRATTLEBORO. Strolling of the Heifers Weekend. Friday evening street fair, Free. 5:30-8:30 pm. (802) 258-9177. www.strollingoftheheifers.com. *Through June 8.*

JERICHO. Family Program: Birds and Bears at Wolfrun. Join Susan Morse of Keeping Track and Steve Hagenbuch of Audubon Vermont for a day-long exploration at Wolfrun. Fee: \$55. 7:30 am - 3 pm. Jericho Town Green. Pre-registration required: (802) 434-3068. vermont@audubon.org. vt.audubon.org.



MANCHESTER. 28th Annual Manchester Antique & Classic Car Show. Great food, flea market, family fun. \$10 per person; children under 12 free. 8 am - 3 pm. Dorr Farm Show Field on Rt. 30. (802) 362-6313. www.visitmanchestervt.com. *Also June 8.*

SHELBURNE. Ben & Jerry's Annual Concerts on the Green. Tedeschi Trucks Band. Tickets on-line: highergroundmusic.com. By phone: (888) 512-7469. Gates open 7 pm; show at 8 pm. Shelburne Museum, 6000 Shelburne Rd. (802) 985-3346. shelburnemuseum.org.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

BELLOWS FALLS. 15th Annual Roots on the River Festival. Hosted by James McMurtry. At the Big Tent at Rodeway Inn. Tickets \$40. (802) 463-9595. info@vermontfestivalsllc.com. www.rootsontheriver.com. *Also June 8.*

BRANDON. Concert: Cellist Jari Piper performs 20th- and 21st-century music, as well as Baroque and Renaissance pieces. Tickets \$15; pre-concert dinner an additional \$20. Reservations required for dinner. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. info@brandon-music.net. www.brandon-music.net. www.jaripiper.com.

BRATTLEBORO. Concert: Tribute to George Shearing. George Shearing created a distinct sound in the 1940s that even today is instantly recognizable. Five venerable musicians, most of them members of his quintet, revisit that legacy. Tickets \$20/\$15. 8 pm. Vermont Jazz Center, 72 Cotton Mill Hill. (802) 254-9088 x 1. www.vtjazz.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Strolling of the Heifers Weekend. Features a one-of-a-kind parade at 10 am with beautiful heifer calves led by future farmers, followed by animals, tractors, bands and floats. Experience the 11-acre Slow Living Expo. Free. 9 am - 4 pm. (802) 258-9177. www.strollingoftheheifers.com. *Also June 8.*

COLCHESTER. D-Day 70th Anniversary Commemoration. Museum and outdoor military motor vehicle tours throughout the day, children events, speakers, a commemorative ceremony and much more. Free and open to the public. Donations welcome. 10 am - 5 pm. Vermont National Guard Library & Museum, Camp Johnson, on Rt. 15, just north of St. Michael's College. (802) 338-3360. museumadm@gmail.com.

EAST HARDWICK. The Swap Sisters Plant Swap! Everyone is welcome to take some plants home. If you have extra plants to bring along please make sure they are labeled and disease free. 10 am - 1 pm. On the lawn in front of the East Hardwick Grange, Hardwick St. (802) 533-9929.

EAST HARDWICK. Annual Children's Parade & Kid's Festival. Bring the kids or just come to watch! 10:30 am line-up; parade is from 11-11:30. From Hardwick Chiropractic (the old school) to the East Hardwick Congregational Church lawn. Decorated bikes, floats, wagons, pets and princesses. Afterwards, there will be fun activities and demonstrations, plus live music, and the plant swap. The church is having their sale the same day, and hot dog lunches will be available. Sponsored by Caledonia Grange #9 and the East Hardwick First Congregational Church.

EAST THETFORD. Cooking Class: Salt Brining the Spring Garden. Learn about the benefits of fermentation, plus go home with recipes and instructions for setting up a fermentation workshop at home (no special equipment required). Pre-registration required. Light lunch provided. \$45/person. 11 am - 2 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org.



Middlebury, VT

Sheldon Museum's Annual Spring Garden Tour

Spring has arrived in Addison County and gardens are blooming! Some are public gardens open for all to enjoy. Many more are private gardens, shared with family and friends. On Sunday, June 8 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Sheldon Museum presents its Third Annual Spring Garden Tour in Middlebury, VT. The tour offers a unique opportunity to visit nine intimate private garden settings rarely open to the public. From a beautiful terraced landscape with a Zen hut to a raucous, colorful, symphonic setting, most of the gardens are within walking distance of one another in the bucolic college village. The tour ends with a garden reception from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Sheldon Museum.

The gardens may be

viewed in any order and the tour is rain or shine. Be sure to wear walking shoes and be prepared for a variety of terrains.

Tickets for the Spring Garden Tour are \$25 and are available in advance at the Sheldon Museum and at www.henrysheldonmuseum.org or on the day of the tour at the Sheldon and at the featured gardens. Proceeds benefit the Sheldon Museum.

A copy of the tour brochure with a description of these incredible gardens and a map is available on the Sheldon's website.

The Henry Sheldon Museum is located at 1 Park St. in Middlebury, VT. For more information, call (802) 388-2117 or visit www.henrysheldonmuseum.org.

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EAST THETFORD. Class: Success! Succession Gardening—Making the Most of Your Veggie Plot. For intermediate gardeners who'd like to learn how to maximize the yield from their vegetable gardens, year after year. \$20/ person. 10:30 am - 12 noon. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. cedarcirclefarm.org.

HINESBURG. Sixth Annual Sweet Potato Slip Sale. Fundraiser for the Vermont Community Garden Network. They pot up thousands of sweet potato slips, then we take care of them until the sale, when they have roots and are ready to go into the warm soil in the garden. 8 am - 6 pm. Red Wagon Plants, 2408 Shelburne Falls Rd. (802) 482-4060. www.redwagonplants.com. Through June 8.

MANCHESTER. 27th Annual Manchester Antique & Classic Car Show. \$10 per person; children under 12 free. 8 am - 3 pm. Dorr Farm Show Field on Rt. 30. (802) 362-6313. Also June 8.

PAWLET. Roast Pork Supper. Menu: roast pork, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, coleslaw, rolls, jello and each month one of Rosalie's famous desserts, coffee, iced tea or lemonade. Adults \$10, children \$5. Takeouts available by calling the church the day of the dinner. Reservations not needed but come early as we fill up fast (often by 4:30). 5 pm. Pawlet Community Church, Rt. 133 in the village. (802) 325-3022. judycool049@vermontel.net. Also July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, and November 1.

POULTNEY. Annual Town Wide Yard Sale. Poultney Rotary International will hold its Chicken Barbeque in the Citizen's Bank parking lot. Fried bread dough will also be available. Sponsored by the Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce. 9 am - 4 pm, rain or shine! For information call (802) 287-4114, (802) 287-2010. poultneyvt@yahoo.com. Also October 11.

RANDOLPH. Feast of Singing. A day-long choral workshop for church and community choir leaders and singers led by Kim & Reggie Harris and Peter & Mary Alice Amidon. Cost: \$55 includes lunch. 9:30 am - 4 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 257-1006. amidonpeter@gmail.com. www.amidonmusic.com. feastsingsing.org.

RIPTON. Ripton Community Coffee House Concert. Greg Klyma, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and seasoned performer. Concert preceded by an open mic. Refreshments. Wheelchair accessible but the bathrooms are not. Admission \$10, \$8 seniors and teens, \$3 children. 7:30 pm. The Ripton Community House, 1305 Rt. 125. (802) 388-9782. rcch.org. klyma.com.

RUTLAND. National Trails Day—Long Trail Maintenance. Volunteers all over the country will be out clearing brush and waterbars, cutting blow-downs and painting blazes, readying trails for the summer hiking season. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes and lunch. Tools will be provided. Sponsored by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Leave at 9 am from Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station off Center St. in Rutland. Leader: Herb Ogden, (802) 293-2510. www.greenmountainclub.org.

RUTLAND. Longest Contra Dance Line—An Attempt on the Guinness Book of World Records. Free and open to the public; all participants will receive a free T-shirt. 3 pm followed by a massive potluck. On the campus of the College of St. Joseph. Evening contra dance in the college gym, 6-11:30 pm, tickets \$20. Updates on Facebook—Attempting the World's Longest Contra Dance Line.

ST. JOHNSBURY. 2nd Annual Spring Celebration. Tractor Raffle and CD Release Concert with Bob Amos and Catamount Crossing. One of the Northeast Kingdom's best-known bluegrass groups. Concert tickets \$12. Tractor raffle tickets \$100, includes free admission to the concert. 7 pm. North Congregational Church, 1325 Main St. (802) 748-2600 x 100. www.catamountarts.org.

WOODSTOCK. Annual Trek to Taste. A celebration of local food and local trails. Guided walks at 10:30 am and noon. Samples of delicious farm-fresh treats. Family-friendly arts and crafts, trail games, and demonstrations. NOFA's wood-fired pizza oven. Ice cream and music by Carter Glass from 1-3 pm. Free. 10 am - 3 pm. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, 54 Elm St. (802) 457-3368 x 22. christina_marts@nps.gov. www.trektotaste.info.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

BELLOWS FALLS. 15th Annual Roots on the River Festival. All-acoustic show with Mary Gauthier. At the Rockingham Meeting House. noon to 1:30 pm. (802) 463-9595. info@vermontfestivalsllc.com. www.rootsontheriver.com.

BRATTLEBORO. Strolling of The Heifers Farm Tour. Self-guided expedition to a group of unique farms with different specializations. Tours, product samples, and opportunities to meet farmers, animals, fields and woodlands. "Tour de Heifer" cycling tour geared for all abilities. 10 am - 4 pm. (802) 380-0226. newsafternewspapers@gmail.com. strollingoftheheifers.com.

BURLINGTON. Evening Prayer in the Manner of Taizé. 7:30 pm. Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 2 Cherry St. (802) 864-0471 x 15. mhowe@stpaulscathedralvt.org.

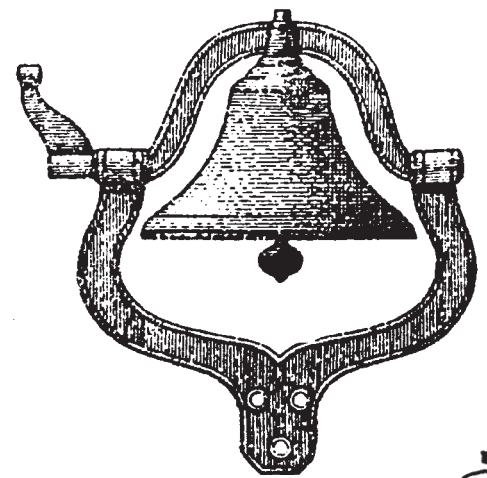
FAIR HAVEN. Breakfast Buffet at American Legion Post #49. Adults \$7 and children \$3.50. 8-11 am. 72 S. Main St. (802) 265-7983.

GLOVER. Bread & Puppet Museum Open House—39th Season! Music, small shows, sourdough rye—and one of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world housed in a 100-foot-long converted dairy barn built in 1863. Performance at 4 pm of a new work in the Paper Mache Cathedral. Free admission, donations welcome. 2-5 pm. Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. (802) 525-3031. www.breadandpuppet.org.

MANCHESTER. 28th Annual Manchester Antique & Classic Car Show. \$10 per person; children under 12 free. 8 am - 3 pm. Dorr Farm Show Field on Rt. 30. (802) 362-6313. 034f961.netsolhost.com/wordpress1.

MIDDLEBURY. Third Annual Spring Garden Tour. A unique opportunity to visit nine intimate private garden settings rarely open to the public. Wear walking shoes and be prepared for a variety of terrains. 12 noon - 5 pm garden tour; 4-6 pm garden reception. Tickets \$25. Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. (802) 388-2117. www.HenrySheldonMuseum.org.

TUNBRIDGE. Breakfast & Bake Sale. The Tunbridge Recreation Committee and the Tunbridge Central School 8th grade class will host a breakfast and a bake sale. 8 am - 12 pm. Tunbridge Town Hall, Rt. 110. (802) 889-3310. Second Sunday of each month.



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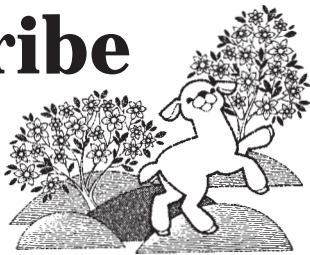
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Danish-Icelandic Artist Olafur Eliasson Exhibition

The Hall Art Foundation is pleased to announce an exhibition by Danish-Icelandic artist Olafur Eliasson to be held in its galleries in Reading, Vermont from 3 May - 30 November 2014. This survey brings a focused selection of Eliasson's sculptures, photo series, optical devices, and works on paper together with his major outdoor installation, *Waterfall* (2004), unveiled at the Hall Art Foundation last year.

Throughout the past two decades, Eliasson's installations, paintings, photography, films, and public projects have served as tools for exploring the cognitive and cultural conditions that inform our perception. Ranging from immersive environments of color, light, and movement to installations that recontextualize natural phenomena, his work defies the notion of art as an autonomous object and instead positions itself as part of an active exchange with the visitor and his or her individualized experience.

Described by the artist as "devices for the experience of reality," his individual works and projects prompt a greater sense of awareness about the ways we both interpret and co-produce the world. By recreating the natural through artificial means and capturing it in both time and space, Eliasson's work encourages the renegotiation of linear perceptions of space as well as the line between reality and representation.

Waterfall

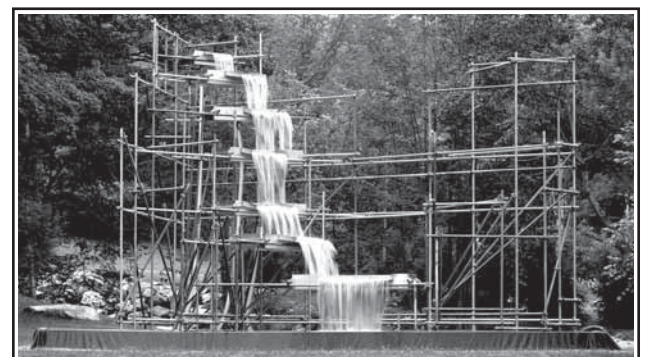
Eliasson's *Waterfall* confronts fundamental perceptions of nature while addressing notions of space and movement. Using everyday industrial scaffolding and a system of plastic pumps that cycle the water, the artist evokes the site, sounds and rhythms of a natural waterfall, while also exposing the mechanics behind its construction and movement. Blurring the lines between the natural and constructed, this work invites viewers to reconsider their own experiences of nature, contemplating not just what they see, but how they see.

Light ventilator mobile

Light ventilator mobile (2002) elaborates on the seeing and sensing processes through an experiment involving movement and light. Mimicking the traditional set up of a mobile, this work is composed of two elements—a spotlight and suspended electric fan—attached to opposite ends of a metal bar. Powered by the fan's blowing air, a beam of light glides across the gallery walls as the mobile rotates and the fan swings at eye level, guiding the viewer's own movements and shifting perspectives.

Yellow double kaleidoscope

Yellow double kaleidoscope (2005) allows the viewer to both consider and challenge the limits of visual perception. In this work, the artist presents two connected hexagonal



Courtesy Hall Art Foundation © Olafur Eliasson
Olafur Eliasson: *Waterfall* (2004)—scaffolding, wood, foil, aluminum, pump, hose, water installation dimensions variable—Hall Art Foundation.

kaleidoscopes—one made of mirrors, the other of yellow color-effect filter glass—that taper toward the point at which they meet. As viewers peer through either end, the structure works to temporarily reconfigure the surrounding space, presenting a series of perspectives that change with the viewer's own movement.

As Eliasson explains "the kaleidoscope makes us understand through experience that what we see through its mechanism is to a large extent negotiable, relative and open for engagement." In such works, as well as others presented in the exhibition, the active engagement and self-awareness of the spectator illustrates what Eliasson describes as "seeing yourself sensing."

Photography from Iceland

Along with sculpture and public projects, photography has also remained a vital part of Eliasson's practice and broader investigations of sight and perception. During his regular trips to Iceland over the years, the artist has created series of photographs documenting the country's unique landscape. Consisting of dozens of images arranged in precise grid formations, works like the *Spring puddle series* (2004) and *The volcano series* (2012) present small encyclopedias of a particular subject captured across different locations and times. Through this sequence and shifting perspectives, Eliasson's photographs project a new way of seeing and perceiving, one that is both dynamic and negotiable.

The Hall Art Foundation is located at 551 VT Rt. 106 in Reading, VT 05062. It is open weekends by appointment. To book a tour, please visit www.hallartfoundation.org/location/vermont.

Vermont Country Calendar

WEST BRATTLEBORO. Tour de Heifer. Scenic farm-to-farm, hilly dirt-road bicycle rides with routes of 15, 30 and 60 miles. Five-mile walking option. Registration \$15-\$60. 8 am - 4 pm. Begin and end at Lilac Ridge Farm, 30 Covey Rd. (802) 380-0226. newsafternewspapers@gmail.com. www.strollingoftheheifers.com.

WOODSTOCK. Ice Cream Sunday. In celebration of Dairy Month, lend a hand making, then tasting homemade ice cream. Learn the history and facts about this dairy treat. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & over \$13, children 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, 2 & under free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, half-mile north of the village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org. *Every Sunday in June.*

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

RUTLAND. Concert. Melissa Etheridge: *This is Me Solo*. Melissa will be playing acoustic guitar, electric guitar, harmonica and piano. Tickets \$79.75, \$89.75 & \$105.75 + tax. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

LEBANON, NH. Concert: Patty Griffin with special guest Parker Millsap. Tickets \$72/\$60/\$48. 7:30 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. www.lebanonoperahouse.org.

LYNDONVILLE. Downtown Street Festival. Music, food, fun, shopping and information. 6-9 pm. Depot Street. (802) 626-9696. www.lyndonvermont.com.

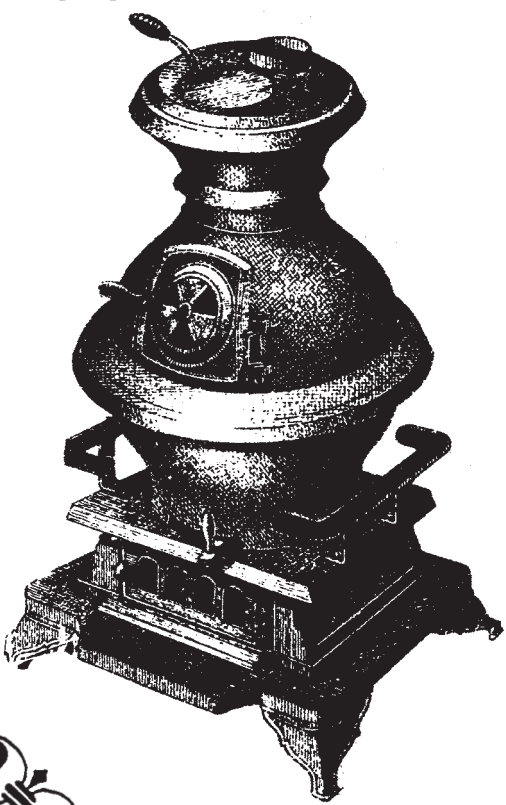
QUECHEE. 35th Annual Quechee Hot Air Balloon, Craft, and Music Festival. The longest continuously running Hot Air Balloon Festival in New England features more than 20 hot air balloons with flights at 6 pm on Friday. Purchase balloon rides. 60 craft artisans, vendors, music & entertainment. Kid's activities. Festival food and beer & wine garden. Admission, includes parking: \$15 adults, \$5 children ages 6-12 and free for 5 and under. Balloon Glow Friday evening. Gates open 3 pm. 70 Village Green Circle. (802) 295-7900. www.quecheeballoonfestival.com. www.hartfordvtchamber.com. *Through June 15.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

BENNINGTON. Presentation: Flags and History at Bennington. History and legend come together to tell the story of our of our nation's most enduring symbol, The United States Flag. Betsy Ross herself will be at the Monument to tell the story to children and adults. Activities for children include flag design and time. 1-3 pm. Bennington Battle Monument State Historic Site. (802) 447-0550. historicsites.vermont.gov.

BROWNINGTON. Antique Engine Show and Barbecue. Antique engines and classic cars on display. Blacksmithing demonstration. Bluegrass jam and chicken barbeque in the afternoon. Old Stone House Museum, 109 Old Stone House Rd. (802) 754-2022. oldstonehousemuseum.org.

FORESTDALE. Annual Baked Ham and Strawberry Shortcake Supper. Baked ham, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, homemade rolls, and beverages. Strawberry shortcake. 5-6:30 pm. Goodwill offering. Grace Episcopal Church on Rt. 73. (802) 247-6418.



HUBBARDTON. Flag Day. To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the "star-spangled banner," site interpreter Carl Fuller gives a short illustrated program on the history of the American flag, followed by children's activities. Free admission. Free admission. 1-3 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton.

MONTPELIER. Vermont History Weekend. Vermont Civil War Hemlocks are hosting an overnight encampment with period uniforms and equipment. Crafters, vendors, historical societies and Native American medicines. 10 am - 6 pm. At Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks, 1168 County Rd. dawnlandpromotions.com. www.hemlocks.vermontcivilwar.org. *Also June 15.*

MONTPELIER. Free Admission to Vermont History Museum. Bring the whole family! Summer Exhibit: One-Room Schools photo-documentary by Diana Mara Henry. 10 am - 4 pm. Vermont History Museum, 109 State St. (802) 828-2291. www.vermonthistory.org. *Also June 15.*

ORWELL. Annual J. Robert Maguire Lecture: The Court Martial of Major General Arthur St. Clair. 2-3:30 pm. Free admission. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. www.historicsites.vermont.gov.

QUECHEE. 35th Annual Quechee Hot Air Balloon, Craft, and Music Festival. More than 20 hot air balloons with flights at 6 am and 6 pm on Saturday. Purchase balloon rides. 60 craft artisans, vendors, music and entertainment. Kid's activities: train rides, a bungee jump, an inflatable climbing wall, slide and tunnel, craft activities and face painting. Festival food and beer & wine garden. Admission, includes parking: \$15 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 yrs-12 yrs and free for 5 yrs and under. Gates open 5:30 am. 70 Village Green Circle. (802) 295-7900. www.quecheeballoonfestival.com. *Also June 15.*

STATEWIDE. Free Day-Use at Vermont State Parks. Over 50 State Parks to choose from to spend time outdoors with your friends and family. Hiking, biking, boating, fishing, picnicking - or just relaxing with a good book! www.vtstateparks.com. *Also June 15.*

STATEWIDE. Vermont Days Weekend at the State Historic Sites. Free admission to all the Vermont State-owned Historic Sites. 9:30 am to 5 pm. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. www.vermontdays.com. *Also June 15.*

STATEWIDE. Vermont Free Fishing Day. Residents and nonresidents may go fishing in the Green Mountain State without a fishing license. Vermont has 284 lakes and over 7,000 miles of clear streams offering the greatest variety of high quality fresh water fishing in the Northeast. Ask for a copy of the "Hunting, Fishing & Trapping Laws and Guide" at (802) 828-1000. www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

WINDSOR. Peony Days. Selected peony sale. We have over 100 varieties. Peak peony season is June 1 through mid-July. The Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery at 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. Open daily from 10 am - 6 pm. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. ciderhillgardens.com. www.garymilek.com. *Also June 15.*

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

EAST THETFORD. Father's Day Organic Berry Brunch. Strawberries, farm-made pancakes. Hogwash Farm sausage, farm-fresh eggs, coffee, tea, smoothies and more. Free wagon rides to and from the pick-your-own berry patch. Live music. Average breakfast price \$12. 10 am - 12 noon. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN. LCI Father's Day Fishing Derby. Opens at 12 am on June 15, closes at 4 pm on June 17. The centerpiece of this celebration of family, friends, and fishing is Vermont's Lake Champlain, a world-renowned fishery and one of the most beautiful lakes in the country. Divisions for women, juniors, teams, and individuals competing in a variety of categories. Fees. (802) 879-3466. www.mychamplain.net. *Through June 17.*

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS. 39th Annual Strawberry Festival. To benefit the Middletown Springs Historical Society. Museum exhibits and live music by Paul Morgan and Friends. Local crafts and artists. Museum will be open. Strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits, ice cream, and whipped cream, coffee, ice tea, and lemonade. \$6 per person. 2-4 pm on the Green, Rt. 140. (802) 235-2376.

MONTPELIER. Free Admission to Vermont History Museum. 12-4 pm. Vermont History Museum, 109 State St. (802) 828-2291. www.vermonthistory.org.

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STRAFFORD. Open House at Justin Morrill Homestead. Free event includes tours of the historic house, gardens & musical performance by Spencer Lewis at 3 pm. Free. 2-4 pm. Justin Morrill Homestead, 214 Morrill Memorial Highway. (802) 765-4288. www.morrillhomestead.org. www.historicsites.vermont.gov.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 17

LEBANON, NH. Concert: Acoustic Hot Tuna and Leon Russell. Tickets \$54/\$44/\$34. 7:30 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. www.lebanonoperahouse.org.

RUTLAND. Concert. Ziggy Marley: The Fly Rasta Tour. Six-time Grammy winner, Emmy winner, humanitarian, singer, songwriter and producer. Tickets \$40.50 - \$60.50. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

PLYMOUTH. 61st Annual Strawberry Festival. Barbecue, crafts table, touch-a-truck(s), live music, and a huge Vermont raffle with many, many prizes. BBQ'd burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, baked beans, home made salads and beverages. Strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits, real whipped cream, and vanilla ice cream. Park entrance is free for the evening, food is a la carte. 5-8 pm, rain or shine. At Camp Plymouth State Park off Rt. 100 at Echo Lake. (802) 228-3308.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

CHESTER. 12th Annual Music-In-The-Meadow Benefit for Race for the Cure. Free admission. Saturday BBQ & music 12-6:30 pm, Sunday brunch & music 11 am - 3 pm. Motel-in-The-Meadow, 936 Rt. 11 West. (802) 875-2626. motelinthemeadow.com. Also June 22.

COLCHESTER. Sam Mazza's 19th Annual Strawberry Festival. Pony rides, petting zoo, face painting & Vermont specialty food samples. 11 am - 4 pm. Sam Mazza's, 277 Lavigne Rd. (802) 655-3440. sammazzafarms.com.

EAST DUMMERSTON. Vintage Camper Rally Open House. Visitors can enter around 40 restored campers, built 30-60 years ago including Air Streams, Scotty's, tear drops, and Shastas. No charge for the open house and cameras are welcome. Please leave dogs at home. 1-4 pm. Brattleboro North KOA Campground, 1238 Rt. 5. (802) 254-5908. jebkenney@gmail.com. www.brattleborokoa.com.

GUILFORD. Annual Guilford Community Church Strawberry Supper. Ham and homemade baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, deviled eggs, homemade rolls, beverages, and strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream. Seatings at 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$11 adults, \$5 children under 11, preschool \$3. At the Guilford Community Church, 38 Church Dr. off Bee Barn Rd. (802) 254-9019. guilfordchurchsupper@gmail.com.

HARTFORD. Strawberry Supper. Menu: baked ham, baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, cole slaw, sweet breads, and strawberries in a shortcake, sundae or plain, for dessert. Served family style. Handicapped accessible. Adults: \$10, children (6-12) \$4, pre-school free. 5 & 6 pm. Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, Route 14. (802) 295-2510.

HARTLAND. Third Annual JazzFest. Food, big tent, playground. Donation \$10, children under 12 free. 1-8 pm at Foster Meadow Field. hartlandcommunityarts.org.

HINESBURG. Summer Solstice Celebration. Irish-American Music with Green Corduroy: Katrina VanTye, fiddle, vocals; Joe Cribari, guitar, vocals; Owen Myers, pipes, whistle; John McKelvey, flute, whistle, bouzouki. 7 pm. Rain or shine! Outside under the canopy. Free and open to the public. Refreshments provided. Brown Dog Books & Gifts, 90 Mechanicsville Rd. #2. (802) 482-5189. www.browndogbooksandgifts.com.

TUNBRIDGE. Vermont History Expo. Over 150 local historical societies, museums, and heritage organizations, as well as musicians, authors, genealogists & crafters. Parade at 12:30 pm. Free vintage base ball game. Dinner at the Tunbridge Town Hall (adjacent to the fairgrounds); seatings at 5 pm and 6 pm, tickets \$8. Adults \$10, children \$5, under 5 free, family weekend pass \$20. Visitors in period costumes admitted for half-price. 10 am - 5 pm. Tunbridge World's Fairgrounds, Rt. 100. www.vermonthistory.org. Also June 22.

WELLS. 2nd Annual Pick-Your-Own Little Lake Orchard Strawberry Festival. Organic strawberries, local live music, strawberry shortcake, strawberry lemonade, and salads by Village Roots Catering. 12-5 pm at Little Lake Orchard, North St. Rain or shine. Free. (802) 783-8097.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

HUBBARDTON. Presentation: Battlefield Fourth Sunday. A Hubbardton resident from 1777 comes to life to talk with visitors about Ebenezer Fletcher, a 16 year old fifer in the battle who was captured by the British and escaped. Admission: adults \$3, children 14 years & under free. 1 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton.

TUNBRIDGE. Vermont History Expo. Over 150 local historical societies, museums, and heritage organizations, as well as musicians, authors, genealogists & crafters. Parade at 12:30 pm. Admission: adults \$10, children \$5, under 5 free, family weekend pass \$20. Visitors in period costumes admitted for half-price. 10 am - 5 pm. Tunbridge World's Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. www.vermonthistory.org.

MONDAY, JUNE 23

MONKTON. 28th Annual Strawberry Festival. Sponsored by Russell Memorial Library. At the Monkton Central School. Luncheon a la carte, hot dogs, and our famous strawberry shortcake! Live music. Huge book sale! 12-3 p.m. (802) 453-4471.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

ADDISON. Program: Porches of North America. Historic preservationist and author Thomas Durant Visser, director of the University of Vermont graduate program in historic preservation, presents an illustrated program on the history and architecture of porches in North America. Book-signing and refreshments afterwards on the Chimney Point porch. 7 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint.

ORWELL. Children's Revolutionary Morning Camp. Children ages 6-11 will enjoy Revolutionary times learning about Mount Independence, with hands-on activities, walks, and more. Pre-registration required. \$75. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Admission \$5 for adults, free for children under 13. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. historicsites.vermont.gov. Through June 27.

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Afterward

When I dissolve, I shall be twilight rain,
And some June evening, for a few brief hours,
Wade slowly through the meadow grass again,
Dusting my fingers in the languid flowers,
Then pass, after my last love of these,
Leaving a robin's song among the trees.

—CHARLES MALAM

RUTLAND. Tales to Tails Paws Party on the Library Lawn. Celebrating Tales to Tails, a monthly program to encourage beginning readers to practice their reading skills, where trained therapy dogs and their handlers are available for children to meet, greet, and read aloud to. Stay for a piece of cake or pupcake, too. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. rutlandfree.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

CHITTENDEN. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Tour: "Let's Dance." The 1812 Overture, marches, and fireworks conclude the show. Gates open 5:30 pm for picnicking; concert 7:30 pm. At Mountain Top Inn. For tickets call (800) 876-9293 x 10. www.vso.org.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

ADDISON. Amateur Radio Service Field Days. The Addison County Amateur Radio Association sets up a simulated emergency station, part of a nationwide event, using only emergency power supplies to practice emergency communications with no reliance on phone systems, internet, or commercial power sources. Public welcome. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicssites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint. Through June 29.

LUDLOW. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Tour: "Let's Dance." The 1812 Overture, marches, and fireworks conclude the show. Adults \$31 in advance, \$36 at the door; juniors (17 & under) free in advance, with adult purchase, \$12 at the door. Gates open 5:30 pm for picnicking; concert 7:30 pm. At Okemo Mountain Resort Jackson Gore Inn. (800) 876-9293 x 10. www.vso.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Annual Pops Concert and Fireworks. Broadway standards, pops and patriotic music performed by the Vermont Philharmonic. Bring lawn chairs, blankets for picnicking, and flashlights. Grounds open at 5:30 pm. Tickets: \$25 adults, \$10 youth (12-18), under 12 free. Mahaney Center for the Arts at Middlebury College. (802) 388-2117.henrysheldonmuseum.org.

WATERBURY. 38th Annual Strawberry Supper. Delicious buffet dinner at historic downtown church followed by strawberry shortcake (made with local berries!). Full meal includes drink & dessert, or you can get just desserts. Take-out too! \$12 adults, 12 and under \$8, dessert only, \$5, family of four \$30. 5-7 p.m. Waterbury Congregational Church, at the White Meeting House, 8 N. Main St. (802) 244-6606.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

ADDISON. Program: Blast from the Past—How They Did It in New France. Site interpreter Karl Crannell offers hands-on craft and skill demonstrations and programming about those living at Chimney Point, on the long-ago frontier of New France. 1:30-3:30 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicssites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint.

DUMMERSTON CENTER. Annual Old-Fashioned Strawberry Supper. Ham, baked beans, potato and macaroni salads, coleslaw, homemade breads, beverages, and 10" double-tiered old-fashioned strawberry shortcakes with fresh local strawberries and real whipped cream! Adults \$10, children \$5. Sponsored by the Dummerston Congregational Church. Held at Evening Star Grange Hall, 1008 East West Rd. 5 p.m. - 7 pm. (802) 254-2249. www.dummerstonchurch.org. www.dummerston.com. On Facebook.

EAST BURKE. Annual Strawberry Festival. A picnic supper (hot dogs, hamburgers, salads) ending with strawberry shortcake. Adults \$8, under 12 \$4, shortcake only, \$4. 5-7 p.m. on the lawn at the East Burke Congregational Church on Rt. 114. (802) 626-5584.

HINESBURG. Plant Swap. Bring a plant—take a plant. Plants should be healthy and garden-worthy. Any varieties are OK—annuals, perennials, vegetables. Bring a box to take your plants home in. You can also 'buy' a plant by making a donation to the Hinesburg food shelf instead—suggested donation \$3-\$10 per plant. Rain or shine! Bring a friend! Meet new people! 10 am. Brown Dog Books & Gifts, 90 Mechanicsville Rd. #2. (802) 482-5189. www.browndogbooksandgifts.com. On Facebook.

KILLINGTON. An Evening with Philippe—Music in the Mountains Classical Concert Series. Hosted by Killington Music Festival. World renowned pianist Philippe Entremont presents music of Mozart, Beethoven and others. Tickets \$25, available at (802) 422-1330 or may be purchased the day of performance beginning at 6 pm at Ramshead Lodge. 7 pm at Rams Head Lodge at Killington Resort. (802) 773-4003. www.killingtonmusicfestival.org.

LUNENBURG. Concert: Bill Staines. For more than 40 years, the legendary singer/songwriter from New Hampshire has criss-crossed America, delighting audiences with his unique blend of traditional and self-penned ballads. To benefit the Top of the Common restoration project. 7 pm. At the historic Congregational Church on Lunenburg common. Tickets \$12. For information call (802) 892-6654. topofthecommon.org.

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MANCHESTER CENTER. Annual Ham and Strawberry Supper. Baked pit hams with delicious special sauce, homemade baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, broccoli salad, homemade rolls, and beverages. Freshly-picked strawberries on homemade biscuits with real whipped cream. Served family-style. Handicap accessible. Reservations recommended. Adults \$12, children 8 and under \$5. One seating at 6 pm at the First Baptist Church, Rts. 7A & 30. For reservations call (802) 362-3473.

PLYMOUTH NOTCH. Reenactment: Civil War Day at The Notch. The Coolidge Site welcomes the Champlain Valley Historical Reenactors. Adults \$8, children 6-14 \$2, under 6 free; family pass \$20. 9:30 am - 4 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicssites.vermont.gov.

SOUTH POMFRET. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Tour: "Let's Dance." The 1812 Overture, marches, and fireworks conclude the show. Gates open 5 pm for picnicking; concert 7:30 pm. At Suicide Six Ski Area. For tickets call (800) 876-9293 x10. www.vso.org.

TUNBRIDGE. Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival. Music, classes, workshops. Admission. Camping. 10 am - 9 pm. At Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. jennybrookbluegrass.com. Also June 29.

WESTMINSTER. Westminster Cares 13th Annual Garden Tour. Five gardens, including the gardens of Mary and Gordon Hayward, garden designer, author and lecturer. Lunch and refreshments for purchase at Hayward's Gardens. Admission \$15 or 2/\$25. Tickets at Westminster Institute on Rt. 5 or Hayward's Garden. 10 am - 3 pm. (802) 722-3607. ww.westminstercare.org. Also June 29.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

ADDISON. Amateur Radio Service Field Days. The Addison County Amateur Radio Association sets up a simulated emergency station, part of a nationwide event. Public welcome. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicssites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint.

EAST THETFORD. 12th Annual Strawberry Festival. Free kids' activities include crafts, games, face painting, hula hoops, juggler Tony Duncan, puppeteer Gabriel Q. Music with The Stovepipe Mountain Band and The Wall Stiles. Self-guided farm tour, horse-drawn wagon rides, strawberry picking. Homemade strawberry shortcake, strawberry lemonade and popsicles, grilled local sausages, fresh salads, organic local ice cream, NOFA wood-fired pizza, and more! Hello Café and farmstand open, offering baked goods and products from our farm kitchen. Greenhouses open—annuals, perennials, certified organic bedding plant. \$10 per car for parking, free admission if you walk or bike. 10 am - 3 pm, rain or shine. Cedar Circle Farm and Education Center, Pavillion Rd, just off of Rt 5. (802) 785-4737. www.cedarcirclefarm.org.

PLYMOUTH NOTCH. Grace Coolidge Musicale #1. Cellist Matthew Laughlin, pianist Abigail Charbeneau and violinist Bozena O'Brien perform Felix Mendelssohn's epic Trio in D minor and music by Franz Joseph Haydn. Refreshments follow at the Wilder House Restaurant. Donation suggested. 4-5:30 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicssites.vermont.gov.

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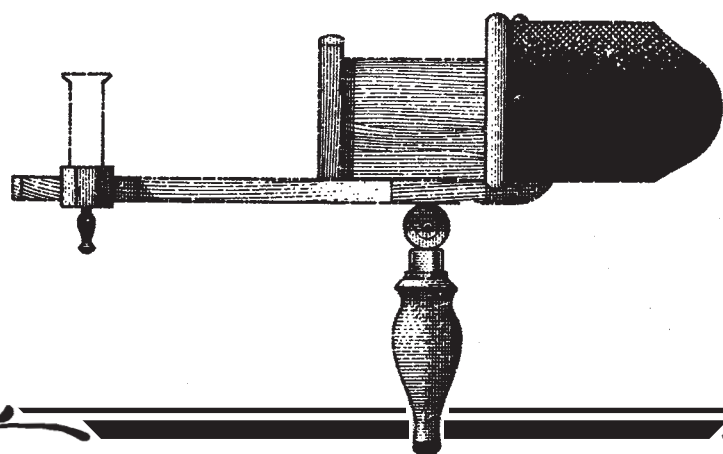
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South Strafford, VT

Artworks by Harlow Lent Come Home

by Nancy Lent Lanoue

Café 232 in South Strafford, Vermont surrounds its customers with a veritable feast of paintings by one artist: The late Harlow Lent. The artist lived and painted in South Strafford for 46 years. I have just returned from this small eatery having been surrounded by the swishes, lines, dapples, dashes, and scrapes of my father's brush strokes during the hanging the fourth exhibit of Harlow Lent paintings which will be up until Fall.

Cafe owner, Al Wright, became curious about the artist who brought his aging Toyota to be repaired at his auto shop located on Krivak Road in Sharon, VT just over the Hill from the Lent Home, "as the crow flies". Al's curiosity led him to an art show where he became the owner of Harlow Lent watercolors which he admired at home until he recently opened Café 232. An inquiry to another owner of Harlow's works, led to a unique restaurant-gallery combination nestled between Newton School and Coburn's Store in the old Temple Lodge #52 on 232 Main Street.

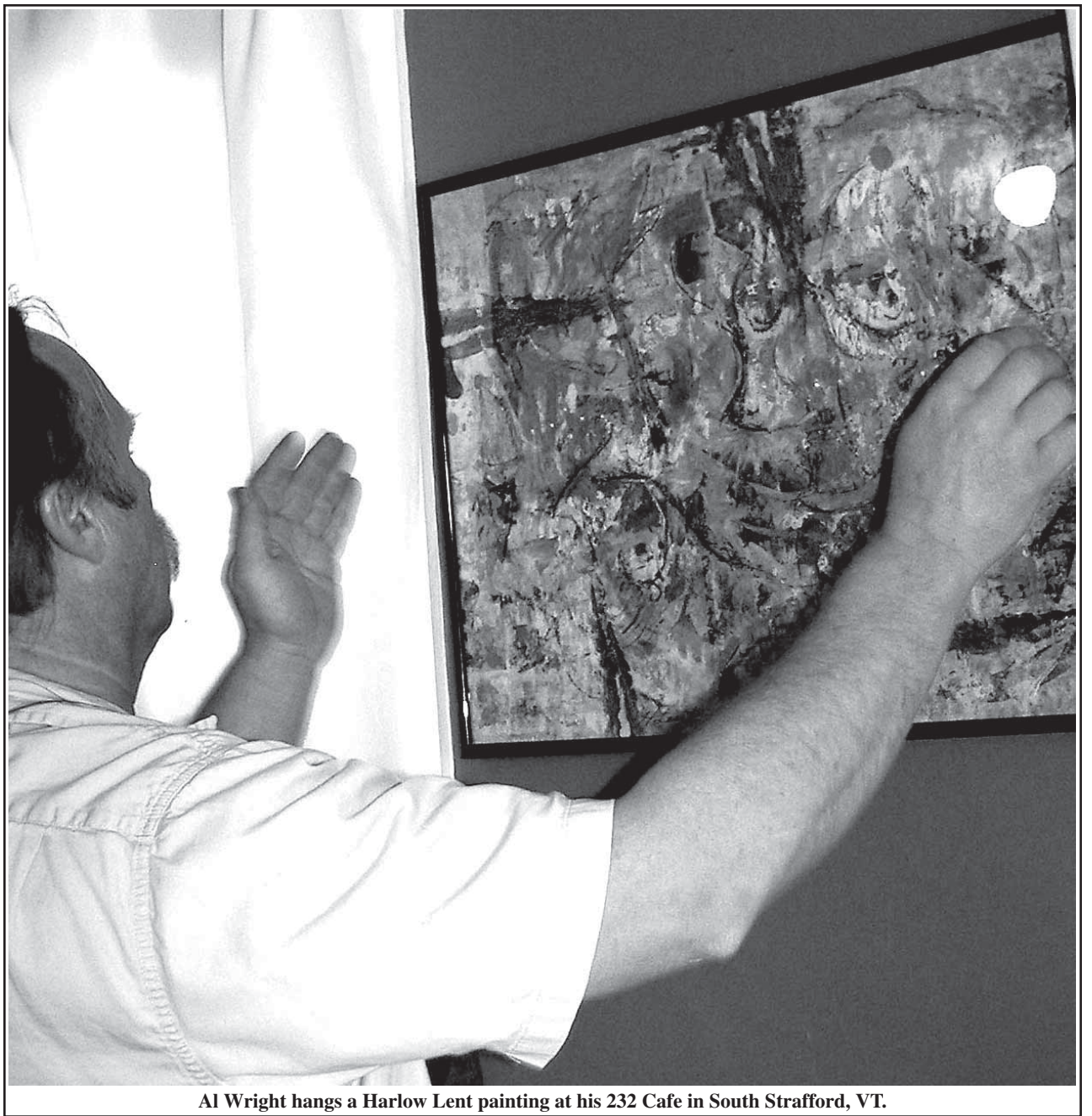
While Helping Al put up the exhibit (and decoration) for the café, we stand back musing over a watercolor called *Telephobia*. "This could only be a Harlow Lent title," I laughed. The mood conveys the endless flickering of the TV with its "talking heads." As the painting held our gaze, more and more faces emerged from the swirl of bright and snappy fuchsias, blues, and oranges. A young woman clearing tables in the café was charmed.

I felt right at home because my father's work is ageless. I was reminded that young and old respond to the images in so many different ways. "Look!" she said, "Horses!" as she took in the energy of the red, orange, and ruby swirls called *And Thus it is Destiny*. Personally, my eyes kept returning to the flames in the background, suggesting the destruction of battle.

Modern art and social commentary

While a curator would put him squarely in the Modern Art movement, Harlow experimented with mixed media, oils, watercolors, and acrylics, combining textures and executing endless moods and feelings through forms and color combinations. Many of his works contain social commentary with titles to match. Humor runs through other paintings, either hidden or obvious.

Harlow Lent greatly admired modern artists such as Picasso, Klee, Miro, Matisse, and Kandinsky. One can also



Al Wright hangs a Harlow Lent painting at his 232 Cafe in South Strafford, VT.

see Abstract Expressionism as a dominant influence. His contemporaries developed this style after the Depression and World War II and it is easy to see that he created through similar expression despite his growing originality into a style which he coined as "Suggestivism" (while his blue eyes were twinkling).

As World War II ended, Lent celebrated with other workers at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft in Connecticut, where he drafted aircraft engines. Putting down his T-square, he replayed a dream that he would one day be able to devote his life to making beautiful art, bathed in the north light of his own studio.

Always an artist

Born Ernest Harlow Lent on April 24, 1907, in Everett, Massachusetts, he always knew what he wanted to be. By age 12 he could draw just about anything and ten years later he would complete four years at the Massachusetts School of Art (now the Massachusetts College of Art). Little did he know that the Great Depression of 1929 would further his talents as an artist through the WPA and that one of his etchings documenting the life of the times would end up in a collection at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. (The Café 232 website asks, "What do Café 232 and the Metropolitan Museum of Art have in common?").

The move to Vermont

Lent achieved his vision of creating art after moving with his wife, Caroline and two children to an old farm house in South Strafford, VT at the end of a dirt road, on a hill overlooking the deep green pines of Downer State Forest. Cows grazed on a steep pasture behind a sagging barn where he kept chickens and goats. (The goats were a constant source of annoyance as they rummaged in the garden and ate clothes off the line.) I remember when the baby chicks would arrive by train in South Royalton. We carefully kept them warm behind the wood stove each spring until they were ready to join the hens in the hen house.

Like many in the town, Lent supported his family by

working in the Elizabeth Copper Mine at the end of Mine Road in South Strafford. When the mine closed in 1958 he worked in construction as a "hod carrier" and joined crews to build Interstate 91, the Wilder Dam, and Hopkins Center.

Harlow's watercolor years

In 1960 after a near fatal heart attack at age 50, when he could no longer do physical labor, he worked as a janitor in Baker Library at Dartmouth College. He enjoyed conversing with the young college students and instead of catching up on his sleep during the day, he chopped winter wood and stole as many hours as he could to paint. These were his "watercolor years", through which he brought to life an amazing array of moods and expressions from his imagination. All through the 60's, 70's and 80's he kept painting.

Acrylics and the foil period

During his final decade, oil paintings got bigger, more abstract, and bolder. When acrylics came in he took to them quickly because he loved the bright, clean colors. One such painting is now at Café 232. The working title, *Citrus Punch* is from his "foil period" in which he uses crumpled foil in strategically placed areas to create textures that catch the light. Should one take the time to contemplate the totality of the vibrant oranges, white, yellows, and accents of red and blue, one might feel another mood entirely. On a second look, I see the suggestion of a figure with a mask. Eyes and head begin to emerge as if a court jester or clown.

Harlow's paintings have come home

If I were asked how I feel about Harlow Lent paintings overlooking the patrons of Café 232, I can truly say that was meant to be, that Harlow's paintings have come home.

Curious, I asked Al what draws him to my father's paintings. He said that he is fascinated by the hidden forms in each of the paintings. "Every time I look at them I see something different."

The people of South Strafford, and beyond can enjoy the creations that were molded in part by the hills and valleys of the town Harlow Lent called home. He never tired of the beauty of the four seasons or became bored with the happenings in town until his last days in 1993.

As I left the café with my husband on that day in April, I turned to see Al, finally able to sit down after a busy breakfast and lunch. Now it was his turn to enjoy the paintings. "I just want to sit here and look at them" he said.

To contact Nancy Lent Lanoue call (802) 885-6156. To learn more about her "Watercolors Inspired by a Life in Vermont" visit www.nlwatercolor.com or "Like" her on Facebook at Watercolors by Nancy Lent Lanoue.

Café 232 is located at 232 VT Rt. 132, South Strafford, VT 05070. Open for breakfast and lunch Tuesday-Friday 6 am - 2 pm, Saturday 7 am - 2 pm, Sunday 8 am - 2 pm; spring dinner hours Thursday & Friday 5-8:30 pm; closed Monday. Free wifi. For information call (802) 765-9232. cafe232.com.



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Memorable Weddings at The Three Stallion Inn

by Charles Sutton

The perfect place for a wedding in Vermont may just be a country inn that can give privacy to the bride and groom yet offers lots of vacation activities for the bridal party and guests.

Such a place is the The Three Stallion Inn located in central Vermont with its own 18-hole golf course, miles of hiking, biking or horse-back riding trails, river-run activities, and unusually delicious food.

Delicious food prepared on premises

This Inn is also fortunate in having its own in-house caterer, Willy Walker of Travelin' Willy B's, known in the area for his delightful combinations of foods from traditional to ethnic. He and his partner Beth Umba have been catering hundreds of weddings ever since they met at The Three Stallion Inn in the early 1990s. They were on their own for a number of years, returning to the Inn this past winter to manage the restaurant and tavern.

One wedding they won't be catering will be their own this August as a friend will prepare the banquet with a Caribbean theme.

Willy said most of the wedding parties today stay with traditional meals of chicken, seafood, beef and vegetarian. These are prepared in a variety of gourmet ways: mango marinated salmon, lemon basil swordfish; sirloin tournedos or steak Diane; and chicken Marsala, Picatta, Dijonese among others. The banquet menu also could be a BBQ, clambake, Mexican fiesta, or Hawaiian Luau.

Willy likes baking wedding cakes and offers the bride and groom the "cake of their dreams." Among special cakes he has made for this momentous occasion were a tower of donuts with frosting in between, and one cake with a tire kicking up mud!

Help with all the arrangements

The Inn will make arrangements for all the incidentals including housing, flowers, transport, music, and a minister or pastor, and helping with any unforeseen problems.

The wedding party usually visits the Inn ahead of time to check out the facilities and to pick a site if they are to be married there. Many want to be married between two large maple trees bordering a horse paddock on the north side of the Inn.

Vermont is one of the most popular states in the country for weddings. More than a third of the marriages here are with out-of-staters who come back to Vermont to get married, having fallen in love with the state on skiing or vacation trips or having gone to school or college here.

Inn manager Charri Robinson recalls one such couple who were staying at the Inn for the Fourth of July weekend, whose car broke down with no garage open to fix it. The innkeeper shopped around and found someone to repair their car. The couple returned in the fall and got married at the Inn.

Three Stallion Inn owners Sam and Jinny Sammis's daughter Suzanne was married at the Inn to Jim Cabot in the late 1990s. Sammis recalls the bride, groom and entire wedding party came from "Stoneleigh", their home nearby to the Inn, in a large horse-drawn wagon.

Being in rural Vermont it is not uncommon for the bride and groom to arrive or leave in a horse and carriage. The Inn uses Karen J. Munson of Westford, VT, who provides a Victorian wedding carriage drawn either by a Morgan horse or a team of beautiful Percheron draft horses.

Accommodations for large or small weddings

For accommodations the Inn has seven private rooms with views that include the golf course, horse paddock, side or backyard gardens. Rates run from \$125-\$160 a night plus tax. The nearby Morgan House offers seven luxurious rooms, one of them pet friendly, ranging from \$98 to \$150 a night plus tax. All rooms have 32-inch flat screen TV's, wireless internet and air conditioning. There are steam showers, a hot tub, fitness center and outdoor swimming pool. The Inn also has stalls and facilities for boarding one's own horses.

Bluewater Floral in Randolph Center run by Sandy Malanchuk does the wedding flower arrangements.



Brendan Driscoll and Christa (White) Driscoll exchange vows in their wedding at the Three Stallion Inn. Jody Miller Photography

If the wedding party is large enough to require additional housing, Inn manager Robinson said the Inn can find up to 300 places to stay in nearby inns, hotels, and bed & breakfast accommodations.

Families who gather for the wedding sometimes enjoy staying on for a few more days, or longer, to relax and enjoy all the state has to offer.

A time to relax and renew

The Three Stallion Inn is centrally located for exploring any part of Vermont. Nearby is Woodstock with Billings Farm & Museum and the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park. Less than a 30-minute drive is Dartmouth College with the Hood Museum of Art and world-class entertainment at the Hopkins Center. The State capitol is just to the north and the Appalachian/Long Trail transverses Vermont nearby. The Inn itself is situated on 1300 acres with trails for hiking and mountain biking. And in addition to their own golf course, there are a number of excellent courses in the area.

The Inn Manager can help you with all the great things there are to see and do, making your stay one to remember.

The Three Stallion Inn is located at 655 Stock Farm Rd, in Randolph, VT. For information about a wedding or vacation lodging call (802) 728-5575. Visit threestallioninn.com.



Celebrating under the tent. Jody Miller Photography



Three Stallion Inn, Randolph, VT.

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Burlington, VT. Old North End Farmers' Market. Dewey Park, across from IAA/HO Wheeler. Tuesdays 3-6:30 pm, June 10 - October 28, 2014. EBT and debit cards. S'ra DeSantis. (802) 324-3073. oldnorthendfarmersmarket.org.

Johnson, VT. Johnson Farmers' Market. Village Green. Tuesdays 4-7 pm, June 3 - October 7, 2014. Larry Wegner. icecutting@gmail.com. www.townofjohnson.com.

Northfield, VT. Northfield Farmers' Market. Depot Square. Tuesdays 3-6 pm, May 13 - October 2, 2014. Judy Hewitt. (802) 485-8027. northfieldfarmersmarketvt.com.

Rutland, VT. Vermont Farmers' Market. At Depot Park. Tuesdays 3-6 pm. May 13 thru September 30., 2014. Doug Patac. (802) 753-7269. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org.

Rutland, VT. Rutland Downtown Farmers' Market. Depot Park. Tuesdays. 2-6 pm. May 13 - September 30, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Judy Dark/Paul Horton. (802) 773-4813; (802) 353-0893. info@rcfmvt.org. www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org.

Wednesdays

Brattleboro, VT. Brattleboro Area Farmers' Market. Brattleboro Food Co-op. Wednesdays 10 am - 2 pm, June 11 - October 15, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Martha Miller. (802) 254-8885. brattleborofarmersmarket.com.

Colchester, VT. Colchester Farmers' Market. Burnham Memorial Library Green. Wednesdays. 4-7 pm. June 11 - September 10, 2014. Kelly Tomaseski. (802) 264-5660.

Danville, VT. Caledonia Farmers' Market—Danville. Danville Village Green. Wednesdays 9 am - 1 pm, June 11 - October 1, 2014. Elizabeth Everts. (802) 592-3088. sites.google.com/site/caledoniafarmersmarket.

Enosburg Falls, VT. Enosburgh Farmers' Market. Lincoln Park, Main St. Wednesdays. 3-6:30 pm. May 17 - October 29, 2014. Jennifer Wright. (802) 285-6844. carmijen@franklinvt.net.

Jeffersonville, VT. Jeffersonville Farmers' and Artisans Market. Route 15 & 108N through roundabout behind the Smugglers' Notch Distillery. Wednesdays 4:30 pm-dusk with live music. June 11 - October 8, 2014. Deb Nevil. (802) 999-8486. www.jeffersonvillefarmersandartisanmarket.com.

Middlebury, VT. Middlebury Farmers' Market. The Marbleworks. Wednesdays. 9 am - 12:30 pm. June 11 - October 8, 2014. EBT and Debit Cards. Kelli Shuttleworth. (802) 673-4158. www.middleburyfarmersmarket.org.

Newport, VT. Newport Farmers' Market. Causeway between Gazebo & COC Info Center. Wednesdays. 9 am - 2 pm. June 4 - October 15, 2014. EBT and Debit Cards. Judy Szych. (802) 274-8206. newportvtfarmersmarket@gmail.com. discovernewportvt.com/events/newport-vermont-farmers-market.

South Hero, VT. Champlain Islands Farmers' Market. St. Rose of Lima Parish, 501 Rt. 2. Wednesdays 3-6 pm, May 28 - September 24, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Denise Bouton. champlainislandsfarmersmarket.com.

Williston, VT. Williston Farmers' Market. NEFCU Parking lot at 141 Harvest Lane and Rt. 2. Wednesdays 3:30-6:30 pm, June 4 - October 1, 2014. willistonfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Woodstock, VT. Woodstock Market on the Green. in the village, Rt. 4. Wednesdays 3-6 pm, June 11 - October 8, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Kathy Avelinno. (802) 0457-3555. mail@woodstockfarmersmarket.com. woodstockvt.com.

Thursdays

Burlington, VT. Fletcher Allen Farmers' Market. in the Davis Concourse of the hospital. Thursdays 2:30-5 pm, May 15 - October 16, 2013. EBT and debit cards. Tanya McDonald. (802) 847-0797. tanya.mcdonald@vtmednet.org. www.fletcherallen.org/services/administrative/nutrition_services/farmers_market.

Burlington, VT. New North End Farmers' Market. Elks Lodge, 925 North Ave. Thursdays 3-6:30 pm, May 22 - September 25, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Jim Holway. (802) 865-4471. newnorthendmarket@hotmail.com

Castleton, VT. Castleton Farmers' Market. Next to Citizens Bank parking lot on Main St. Thursdays. 3:30-6 pm. June 12 - October 2, 2014. Lori Barker. (802) 273-2241.

Hinesburg, VT. Hinesburg Lions Farmers' Market. United Church. Thursdays. 3-6:30 pm. June 5 - September 25, 2014. Margery Sharp. (802) 482-2651. info@hinesburglionsfarmersmarket.org. www.hinesburglionsfarmersmarket.org.

Jericho, VT. Jericho Farmers' Market. Mills Riverside Park. Thursdays 3-6:30 pm, May 29 - October 2, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Kelly King. (802) 343-9778.

Manchester, VT. Manchester Farmers' Market. Adams Park, Rt. 7A. Thursdays 3-6 pm, May 29 - October 2, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Krysta Piccoli. (505) 470-4237. mfmvermont@gmail.com. manchesterfarmers.org.

Middlebury, VT. Middlebury Farmers' Market. The Marbleworks. Saturdays. 9 am - 12:30 pm. May 3 - October 25, 2014. EBT and Debit Cards. Kelli Shuttleworth. (802) 673-4158. middleburyfarmersmkt@yahoo.com. www.middleburyfarmersmarket.org.

Milton, VT. Milton Grange Farmers' Market. Milton Hanneford. Thursdays 4-7 pm, June 5 - September 25, 2014. Hillary Boone. (802) 893-1009. farmersmarket@miltonyouth.org. www.miltonyouth.org/farmers.

Peacham, VT. Peacham Farmers' Market. town green. Thursdays 3-6 pm, June 12 - October 2, 2014. Jane Alper. (802) 592-3161. janealper@gmail.com. peachaem.net/market.

South Royalton, VT. Royalton Farmers' Market. on the town green. Thursdays. 3-6:30 pm, May 22 - October 9, 2014. Bushrod Powers. (802) 0763-8087. bushrod.powers@gmail.com.

Vergennes, VT. Vergennes Farmers' Market. Town Green. Thursdays. 3-6:30 pm. June 12-September 25, 2014. Rhonda Williams. (802) 377-8693. rhondawilliamsvt@gmail.com. vergennes.org/vergenes-farmers-market.

Waterbury, VT. Waterbury Farmers' Market. Rusty Parker Park, Main St. Thursdays. 3-7 pm. May 15 - October 9, 2014 EBT and Debit Cards. Lorelie Wyman. (802) 279-4371. vtwm@comcast.net. waterburyfarmersmarket.com.

Fridays

Bellows Falls, VT. Bellows Falls Farmers' Market. Waypoint Center. Fridays 4-7 pm, May 16 - Oct. 10, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Rachel Ware. bffarmersmarket.com.

Brandon, VT. Brandon Farmers' Market. Central Park, Rt. 7. Fridays 9 am - 2 pm, May 23 - October 10, 2014. Wendy Cijka. (802) 273-2655. cijka4@gmail.com.

Chelsea, VT. Chelsea Farmers' Market. North Common. Fridays 3-6 pm, May 16 - Oct. 3, 2014. Heidi Allen Goodrich. (802) 685-9987. chelseacommunitymarket@gmail.com.

Essex Junction, VT. Five Corners Farmers' Market. Lincoln Place. Fridays 3:30-7:30 pm, May 30 - October 17, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Diana Ferguson. (802) 878-6982. 5cornersfarmersmarket.com.

Fair Haven, VT. Fair Haven Farmers' Market. South end of the park. Fridays 3-6 pm. June 13 - October 10, 2014. Julie Patac. (828) 215-5858. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. vtfarmersmarket.org.

Hardwick, VT. Hardwick Farmers' Market. Atkins Field on Granite St. off Rt. 15. Fridays 3-6 pm, May 9 - September 26, 2014. EBT and debit cards. hardwickfarmersmarket@gmail.com. www.hardwickfarmersmarketvt.com.

Hartland, VT. Hartland Farmers' Market. Hartland Public Library fields at 153 Rt. 5. Fridays 4-7 pm, June 6 - September 12, 2014. Brian Stroffolino. (603) 252-1288. hartlandfarmersmarket.blogspot.com.

Ludlow, VT. Ludlow Farmers' Market. Front lawn of Okemo Mountain School, 53 Main St. Fridays 4-7 pm, May 23 - October 10, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Jerry Milligan. (802) 734-3829. lfmk@tds.net. ludlowfarmersmarket.org.

Lyndon, VT. Lyndon Farmers' Market. Bandstand Park Green. Fridays. 3-6pm. May 16 - October 10, 2014. Sally Heiser. (802) 535-7528. lyndonfarmersmarket.com.

Richmond, VT. Richmond Farmers' Market. Volunteers Green. Fridays 3-6:30 pm, May 30 - October 17, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Lauren Esserman. (802) 999-7514. rfmmmanager@gmail.com. richmondfarmersmarketvt.org.

Westford, VT. Westford Farmers' Market. Town Common, Rt. 128. Fridays 3:30-6:30 pm, June 20 - October 10, 2014. Heike Meyer. (802) 524-7317. info@westfordfarmersmarketvt.org. westfordfarmersmarketvt.org.

West Pawlet, VT. West Pawlet Community Farmers Market. West Pawlet Fish & Game Club (next to the Post Office), 2849 Rt. 153. Fridays from 4-7 pm, indoors and outdoors, year round. (802) 645-9928. wpcfmkt@gmail.com.

West Townshend, VT. Townshend Farmers' Market. West Townsend Country Store, 6573 Rt. 30 & Windham Hill Rd. Fridays 4-7 pm, June 6 - October 10, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Robert DuGrenier. (802) 869-2141. info@westtownshend.org. westtownshend.wix.com.

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Bennington, VT. Walloomsac Farmers' Market, Bennington Station at Riverwalk Park. Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm, May 3 - October 25, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Katherine Keys. (802) 681-3501. info@walloomsac.org. www.benningtonfarmersmarket.org.

Bradford, VT. Bradford Farmers' Market, Methodist Church, Main St., Rt. 5. Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm, April 26 - mid-October, 2014. Iris Johnson. (802) 222-4495. hellobradfordfarmers@gmail.com.

Brattleboro, VT. Brattleboro Area Farmers' Market, Rt. 9 near the covered bridge. Saturdays 9 am - 2 pm, May 3 - October 25, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Martha Miller. farmersmarket05301@yahoo.com. brattleborofarmersmarket.com.

Bristol, VT. Bristol Farmers' Market, Village Green (when school is out) and at Mt. Abe High School (when school in session). Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm, June 7 - October 4, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Evan Dale. bristolfarmersmarket@gmail.com. bristolfarmersmarket.org.

Burlington, VT. Burlington Farmers' Market, City Hall Park. Saturdays 8:30 am - 2 pm, May 10 - October 25, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Chris Wagner. (902) 310-5172. info@burlingtonfarmersmarket.org. burlingtonfarmersmarket.org.

Enosburg Falls, VT. Enosburgh Farmers' Market, Lincoln Park, Main St. Saturdays, 9 am - 1 pm, May 17 - October 29, 2014. Jennifer Wright. (802) 285-6844.

Grand Isle, VT. Champlain Islands Farmers' Market, St. Joseph's Church, 185 Rt. 2. Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm, May 24 - October 4, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Denise Bouton. champlainislandsfarmersmarket.com.

Groton, VT. Groton Growers Farmers' Market, Lawn at Community Building. Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm, May 24 - Sept. 27, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Sandi Adams. (802) 633-3031. grotongrowers@gmail.com. grotongrowers.org.

Johnson, VT. Johnson Farmers Market, Town green. 4-7 pm, June 3 - October 7. Jasmine Yuris. johnsonfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Jay, VT. Jay Village Farmers' Market, Jay Country Store. Saturdays 9:30 am - 2:30 pm, May 24 - October 11, 2014. Justin Hannington. (802) 723-6184. jayvillagefarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Londonderry, VT. West River Farmers' Market, intersection of Rt. 11 and Rt. 100. Saturdays 9-1 pm, May 24 - October 11, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Brooke Decker and Sharon Crossman. (802) 875-5004. wrfvmvt@yahoo.com. westriverfarmersmarket.com.

Middlebury, VT. Middlebury Farmers' Market, Marble Works. Saturdays 9 am - 12:30 pm, May 3 - October 25, 2014. Kelli Shuttleworth. www.middleburyfarmersmarket.org.

Montpelier, VT. Capital City Farmers' Market, 60 State St. Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm, May 3 - October 25, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Carolyn Grodinsky. (802) 223-2958. montpelierfarmersmarket.com.

Newport, VT. Newport Farmers' Market. Causeway between Gazebo & COC Info Center. Saturdays. 9 am - 2 pm, May 10 - October 18, 2014. EBT and Debit Cards. Judy Szych. (802) 274-8206. discovernewportvt.com/events/newport-vermonts-farmers-market.

Norwich, VT. Norwich Farmers' Market, Rt. 5, one mile south of Exit 13, I-91. Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm, April 26 - October 25, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Steve Hoffman. (802) 384-7447. manager@norwichfarmersmarket.org. www.norwichfarmersmarket.org.

Randolph, VT. Randolph Farmers' Market, 26 Central St. Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm, May 17 - October 18, 2013. EBT and debit cards. Barbara Meaney. (802) 728-6320.

Rutland, VT. Rutland Downtown Farmers' Market. Vermont Farmers Market and Rutland County Farmers Market together downtown in Depot Park. Saturdays 9 am - 2 pm through October 25. EBT and debit cards. Judy Dark (802) 773-4813, Paul Horton (802) 353-0893, Doug Patac (802) 753-7269. info@rcfmvt.org. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. vtfarmersmarket.org. rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org.

Shelburne, VT. Shelburne Farmers' Market, Shelburne Center on Rt. 7 and Church St. Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm, May 31 - October 11, 2014. Tod Whitaker. (802) 985-2472. tod.whitaker@gmail.com. sbpavt.org/farmers_market.php.

Springfield, VT. Springfield Community Market, People's Bank parking lot. Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm, May 24 - October 18, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Carol Lighthall. (802) 885-1527. springfieldcommunitymarket.com.

St. Albans, VT. Northwest Farmers' Market, Taylor Park. Saturdays 9 am - 2 pm, May 17 - October 25, 2014. Robin Morrill. (802) 827-3157. alavista@myfairpoint.net.

St. Johnsbury, VT. Caledonia Farmers' Market, Municipal parking lot behind Anthony's Diner. Saturdays, 9 am - 1 pm, May 10 - October 25, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Elizabeth Everts. (802) 592-3088. elizeverts@yahoo.com. sites.google.com/site/caledoniafarmersmarket.

Waitsfield, VT. Waitsfield Farmers' Market, Mad River Green. Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm, May 17 - Oct. 18, 2014. Barbara Conn. (802) 472-8027. marketmanager@waitsfieldfarmersmarket.com. www.waitsfieldfarmersmarket.com.

Woodstock, VT. Mt. Tom Farmers' Market, Mt. Tom parking lot, Rt. 12N. Saturdays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, May 24 - October 18, 2014. Neil Lamson. (802) 457-2070. foxxfarm@aol.com. mttomfarmersmarket.com.

Sundays

Bradford, VT. Bradford Farmers' Market. Bradford Academy Building, 172 N. Main St. Sundays 10 am - 2 pm, May 18 - October 19, 2014. Iris Johnson. (802) 222-1548.

Dorset, VT. Dorset Farmers' Market, H.N. Williams General Store lawn, Rt. 30. Sundays 10 am - 2 pm, May 4 - October 12, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Heather Thomas. (802) 768-1325. dorsetfarmersmarket.com.

Putney, VT. Putney Farmers Market. Carol Brown Way, next to Putney Co-op. Sundays 11 am - 2 pm, May 25 - Oct 12. EBT & debit cards. Marisa Miller. (802) 387-4052. Putney FarmersMarket@gmail.com. putneyfarmersmarket.org.

South Burlington, VT. South Burlington Farmers' Market, S. Burlington High School. Sundays 10 am - 1 pm, June 1 - October 12, 2014. Kindle Loomis. (207) 266-



8766. sbfm.manager@gmail.com. www.commonroots.org/programs/market.php.

Stowe, VT. Stowe Farmers' Market, Rt. 108, Mountain Rd. about two miles from Rt. 100 and Rt. 108. Sundays 10:30 am - 3 pm, May 18 - October 12, 2014. Barbara Conn. (802) 472-8027. info@stowefarmersmarket.com. stowefarmersmarket.com.

Windsor, VT. Windsor Farmers' Market, State St. on the Green. Sundays 11:30 am - 2:30 pm, May 25 - October 19, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Cecile Corr. (802) 359-2551. windsor.vt.farmers.market@gmail.com. windsorfarmersmarket.blogspot.com.

Winooski, VT. Winooski Farmers' Market, Champlain Mill Green. Sundays 10 am - 2 pm, June 1 - October 12, 2014. EBT and debit cards. Charlotte Roozkrans. (413) 446-4684. winooskimarket@gmail.com. downtownwinooski.org/farmersmarket.

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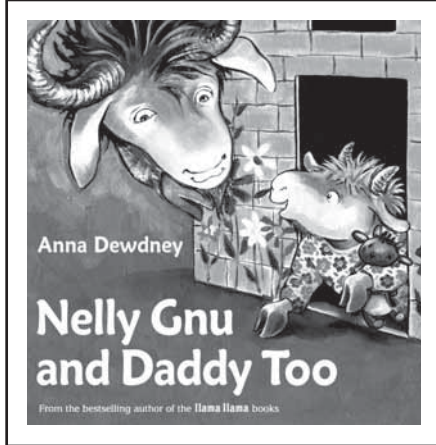
Children's Book Reviews

Tales to Honor Papa the Teacher, Daddy the Protector

Fathers may be in the limelight with Father's Day coming up, but the real celebration is for the bond between father, son and daughter or in the animal kingdom between papa and his offsprings.

This bond is delightfully portrayed in *Following Papa's Song* written and illustrated by Gianna Marino (*Penguin Young Readers*, \$16.99, www.penguin.com/youngreaders), as we follow little Blue Bell and father whale on the long migration to the summer feeding grounds.

The little one is told to always follow the sound of papa's song to stay on course. But Blue Bell, exploring the magical sea, is soon lost in the dark waters well below the surface. Fears are overcome at last when he remembers to listen for father's song, which leads the little whale back to the surface light. The journey is beautifully illustrated as whales, young and old, swim and soar, seemingly right out of the book!



Father—the indispensable—is portrayed in all his wonderful, caring ways in *Nelly Gnu and Daddy Too* by Anna Dewdney (*Penguin Young Readers*, \$17.99, www.penguin.com/youngreaders). Written and illustrated by the Vermont author of the bestselling *Llama Llama* series a new furry person, Nelly Gnu, illustrates the love between father and child.

The classic *Llama Llama* stories have a single mom and now Nelly Gnu's dad can play an important role, too. He's all that one child would want building a playhouse, shopping together, being comforted after being lost, and even getting a father-cooked dinner.

The author's captivating drawings accompany the story of Nelly Gnu's day with Daddy, told in rhymes.

Fathers may also be grandfathers who don't seem to have the get up and go they used to, but don't be surprised to see they can still play ball.

In *Mr. Putter & Tabby Drop the Ball* by Cynthia Rylant and illustrated by Arthur Howard, (*Harcourt Children's Books*, \$14.99, www.hmhbooks.com) Mr. Putter still makes the game-saving throw to home plate thanks to fellow player, the dog Zeke. His pet cat Tabby may just warm the bench, but is also part of the winning Yankee Doodle Dandies team. Mrs. Teaberry, Zeke's owner, and Mr. Putter's friend, is as supportive as ever.

This is a chapter book, perfect for early readers ages 6-9. The illustrations will keep anyone reading along completely entertained.

Book News

Easy, Instant Plans for Perfect Perennial Gardens

Spring is here and home and garden centers are bursting with beautiful plants that would look fabulous dressing up our yards and landscapes. Unfortunately, we don't all know how to design and plant those perfect borders and beds we dream about. Here to help is award-winning garden writer Nancy Ondra with her new book, *Five-Plant Gardens* (Storey Publishing, \$18.95, storey.com).

This book is for people who have little to no gardening experience but want to add color and texture to their yard, as well as for those who have already tried a few flowers but lack the confidence,

energy, or money to attempt a big bed or border. Just start with one of these five-plant plans for growing in sun, partial shade, or full shade, and you will find the process practically foolproof.

Each plan includes photos of the five plants, an illustrated planting map and drawing of the planted garden, season-by-season highlights, a shopping list with brief plant descriptions, what to expect as the planting matures, and tips on customizing the planting for different sites, climates, or themes.

This is a typically helpful book from a great gardening how-to publisher.



Meet Vermont Authors at the Vermont History Expo

From gripping historical novels to startling new discoveries made by history researchers to the adventures of fictional characters dashing through history, the Vermont History Expo will feature presentations from notable Vermont authors.

The Vermont Historical Society returns to the Tunbridge World's Fairgrounds with the History Expo on June 21 and 22, 2014. A topnotch collection of authors will give presentations throughout the Expo weekend.

- Author Peter Miller's books about Vermonters are a tribute to the simplicity and resolve embedded in the people of this state. His book, *A Lifetime of Vermont People*, was named best photography and art book of 2013 by the New England Book Festival.

- *Sugar Words* by Burr Morse recounts his many years of farming and sugaring in Vermont.

- From Judith Edwards, *At the Top of the Mountain*, all ages can learn about life as it was for Will, from ages 11 to 17, as he grew up working Civilian Conservation Corps through the Great Depression.

- *The Hunger Year* by Lee Conrad Kemsley will reflect upon the struggle of adventurous Magen Creed during the famine year after the War of 1812.

- *The Problem of Slavery in Early Vermont* will open your eyes as UVM professor Harvey Amani Whitfield describes the truth about the realities for blacks in the years following the Vermont Constitution of 1777.

- Bonnie Tocher Clause of South Royalton will share Hopper's singular interpretations of the Vermont landscape from her book *Edward Hopper in Vermont*.

- Glenn M. Andres and Curtis B. Johnson will look beyond the stereotypical Vermont to the architectural richness that is celebrated in their book *Buildings of Vermont*.

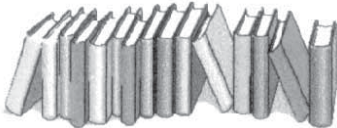
The Vermont History Expo returns to the Tunbridge Fairgrounds in Tunbridge, VT on June 21 and 22. It will feature over 150 local historical societies, museums, and heritage organizations, as well as authors, genealogists, and crafters.

The History Expo weekend is filled with family fun, parades, presentations, re-enactments, heritage animals, performances, and music, and is held every other year.

Tunbridge Fairgrounds is located on Rt. 100, in Tunbridge, VT. For more information about the History Expo and for author appearance times, visit www.vermonthistory.org.

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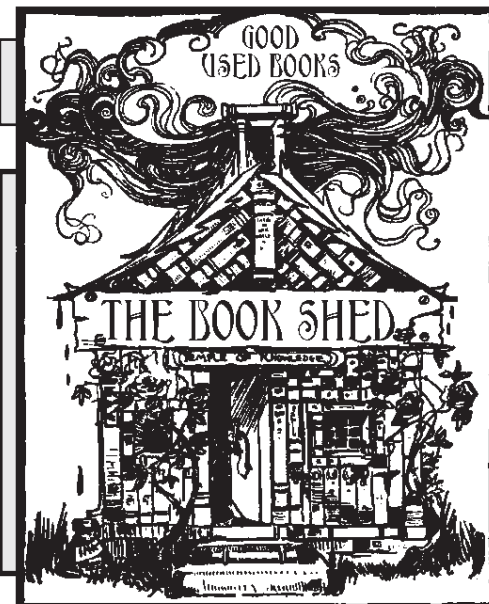
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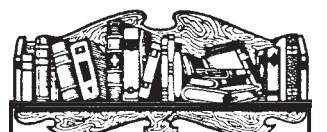
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The Organic Grain Grower

Small-Scale Holistic Grain Production for the Home and Market Producer

Back-to-the-land homesteaders Jack and Anne Lazor, traveling about the Eastern Townships of Quebec in the late 1970s, were amazed at so many fields of golden ripening grain like oats and barley growing only 10 miles across the border from northern Vermont. The couple decided if they can do it, why not us?

So began a 45-year adventure in growing grains organically in what the author describes as “the roof of New England.” Anyone who has ever thought that grains could only be grown on the vast open lands of the Midwest is in for a surprise. See how the author does it on his Butterworks Farm in Westfield, VT, described in his book, *The Organic Grain Grower—Small-Scale Holistic Grain Production for the Home and Market Producer* by Jack Lazor, forward by Eliot Coleman (Chelsea Green Publishers, \$45, www.chelseagreen.com).

And he writes: “And so we bought our first sixty acres in Westfield, Vermont, in 1976 and grew our first six acres of wheat, corn, and barley in 1977. Planting was done with an antique \$25 horse-drawn wooden grain drill pulled by a 1954 John Deere 40 tractor, and we bought a six-foot John Deere grain binder (reaper) and a Dion threshing machine in Coaticook, Quebec, for \$250.”

Book Review by Charles Sutton

And later: “Beginner’s luck was with us, and we successfully reaped and stooked all six acres of our wheat and barley. We powered the stationary thresher with a 60-foot endless flat belt attached to the belt pulley of our old Super M Farmall tractor.”

They then used a small grain cleaner and buhr mill grinder to make whole wheat flour for their first loaf of homegrown whole wheat bread. But it wasn’t the time yet for selling whole wheat flour at the local food co-op. The demand slowly grew from this “very humble beginnings.”

Encouraged by this success the farmers started growing other grains—corn, several varieties of wheat and barley, oats, rye, spelt and triticale, soybeans, dry beans, sunflowers, flax and canola, buckwheat, grass and legume seed.

The 431-page book has advice for the right seed, preparing soils, weed control, processing for human or animal use, insects and diseases, and cultivating, harvest and storage.

Machinery, unusual and cobbled together

If you are fascinated by machinery, especially the jury-rigged kind, you will admire the ingenuity of Lazor and his old-timer friends who created smaller versions of the huge combines, threshing machines, and processing equipment. Many of these devices are pictured in the book.

Lazor first became exposed to grain processing machinery when he worked as a costumed interpreter on the historical farm at Old Sturbridge Village. He rode an old combine for harvesting rye and later got to harvest rye by hand with a curved reaping sickle. “The hand-tied grain was tied off into bundles that stood up to dry in the field. Later I got to



Jack Lazor standing in his Early Riser corn.

photo by Jack Kittridge

thresh this grain out on the barn floor with a handheld flail.”

Intertwined with all the technical know-how for each grain, Lazor shares many stories and anecdotes reflecting his positive attitude and sense of humor—no matter the outcome.

Delicious beans worth the effort

Consider his adventure with dry beans. He currently plants about three acres of Jacobs cattle, soldiers, yellow eyes, and light red kidneys, and as much as seven acres of blacks. He recalls the trouble he had with the bean harvesting equipment that covered the beans with too much dirt. “Pods were popping open and beans were scattered all over the ground... “We limped along hand-pulling dry beans and putting them in hay wagons for transport to the now stationary bean combine.” Despite all these setbacks, beans are there to stay.

He likes cooking with them in different ways from baked beans to chili, soups, salads and Mexican dishes. He feels they are an ideal crop for the small organic gardener.

Tasty chicken feed

The farm’s goal also is to grow and combine the best grains for livestock and poultry. He recalls being given a recipe for poultry feed that surprised him it worked so well. The combination is of ground shell corn, ground roasted soybeans, ground oats, aragonite, crab or fish meal, poultry Nutri-Balancer from Fertrell, and kelp. And he writes:

“Chickens are carnivores in addition to being grain eaters. I once bought a whole tractor-trailer load of crab meal from Nova Scotia, and it doubled as a chicken feed additive and starter fertilizer for my field corn.”

Growing without chemicals

The author, who also is an agricultural historian, relates in a fascinating way the origins of all the grains he is growing today. Do any of us appreciate the fact that native American Indians were our first organic farmers growing flint corn, beans and squash—and without chemicals!

As a historian and farmer he is especially concerned about how industrialized farming, including the overuse of chemical herbicides like Roundup, is destroying the cropland.

“Soil organic matter levels on this continent once averaged between 5 and 10 percent; now the national average for soil organic matter in the United States has declined to the one per cent level because we have cropped our farmland way too hard with too much added synthetic nitrogen.”

Lazor rues the take-over of agriculture seed production by chemical and pharmaceutical companies which has resulted in the onslaught of genetically modified technology in corn,

soybeans, cotton and canola with transgenic dominance of the soybean crop in our country climbing to 93 per cent. He says many large seed companies still offer non-GMO seeds, but he adds: “The very best thing you can do to guarantee the purity of the seed you plant is to save your own seed.”

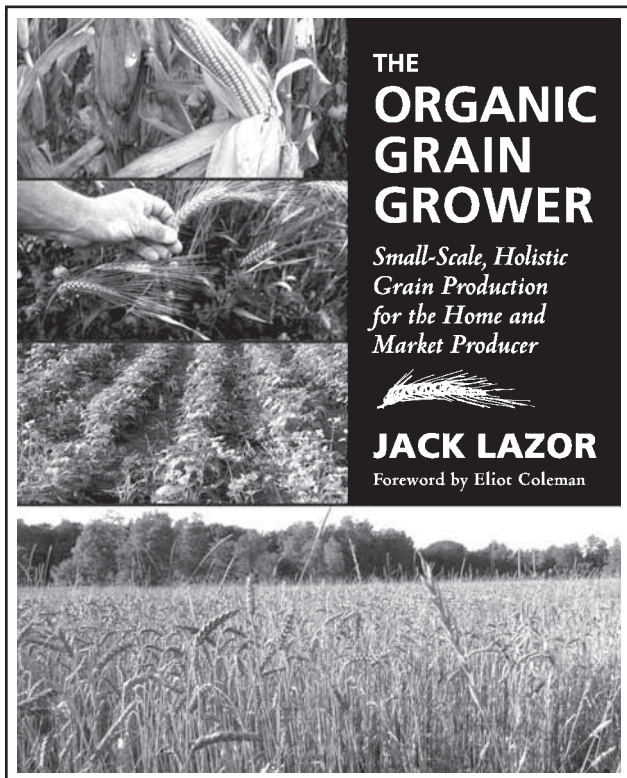
A legacy in organic products

Lazor’s Butterworks Farm, located in Westfield, VT, is widely known for its organic dairy products which are sold at throughout the Northeast. They offer cultured dairy products year round including whole milk, nonfat and maple sweetened yogurts, nonfat cultured buttermilk and reduced fat kefir in maple and plain, sweet Jersey cream, cheddar cheese, corn meal and whole wheat flours. Seasonal products such as dry beans, oats, spelt and sunflower oil may be available. Calling themselves Vermont’s Original Organic Dairy, their herd of Jersey dairy cows are all born on their farm and kept healthy without antibiotics or hormones.

Summing up his many years in grain: “I have to say it has been fun and exciting...Over the years, I’ve constantly pushed for perfection in my operation, but there have been many failed crops and flops. We are still a minority in the grand scheme of things, but our movement is rising fast. I say follow your dreams and passions and you will succeed.” This remarkable book can help you succeed, too.

The Organic Grain Grower by Jack Lazor is available at your bookseller or can be ordered from the publisher for \$45. www.chelseagreen.com.

Butterworks Farm is located at 421 Trumpass Rd., Westfield, VT 05874. For orders e-mail orders@butterworksfarm.com. To reach Jack Lazor, e-mail jack@butterworksfarm.com. Visit their website at www.butterworksfarm.com.



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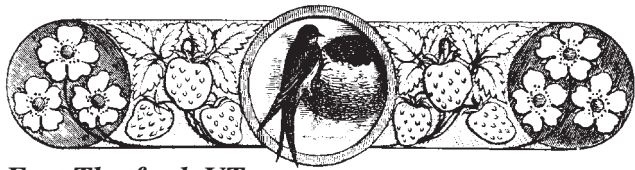
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Strawberry Festival At Cedar Circle Farm

The last Sunday in June offers the Upper Valley community a chance to celebrate the short, much-anticipated strawberry season at Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center in East Thetford, VT. Pack up the kids and come to the farm on Sunday, June 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to enjoy this special event, rain or shine! Now in its twelfth year, the Strawberry Festival offers fun for the whole family with kids' activities, storytelling, live music, horse-drawn wagon rides, strawberry picking, and an organic Good Food Concession.

Children's activities include award-winning juggler Tony Duncan from Nimble Arts Productions in Brattleboro, VT. Puppeteer Gabriel Q from White River Junction will be returning for two performances in the Circle of Cedars Enchanted Forest. Live music will feature two great Upper Valley bands: The Stovepipe Mountain Band from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and The Wall Stiles from 12:45 p.m. to 3 p.m.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the organic Good Food Concession offers strawberry shortcake with whipped cream or Stafford Organic Creamery ice cream, strawberry sundaes, and strawberry smoothies (dairy & dairy-free). Enjoy grilled Hogwash Farm sausages, veggie burgers, farm fresh salads with strawberry vinaigrette, café cookies, strawberry lemonade, kid-friendly strawberry-lemonade popsicles, and NOFA wood-fired pizza.

Throughout the day, visitors can enjoy a host of activities, such as ongoing horse-drawn wagon rides to and from the organic strawberry patch, berry picking, educational displays, children's activities, and self-guided farm tours.

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Picking a basket of organic beautiful red strawberries at Cedar Circle Farm in E. Thetford, VT. Ian Clark Photography

is to grow food in a way that nurtures the land. The festival is for the whole community to come together to celebrate the bounties of the soil" stated CCF's manager Kate Duesterberg.

Raffle tickets will be sold to raise funds for CSA shares for limited income Vermonters through the Farm Share Program subsidized by NOFA-VT and Cedar Circle Farm.

The Strawberry Festival is a "Green Event" with a waste recovery station, which has yielded only two bags of trash for more than 1500 visitors in previous years. Bring a plate, utensils and cup to help reduce waste.

The farmstand and coffee shop are also open. Parking is available in designated fields for \$10 per car, and carpooling

is encouraged. Come by bicycle or on foot and get in free!

Cedar Circle Farm is a forty-acre certified organic farm, dedicated to "growing for a sustainable future" through the production of certified organic vegetables and berries, bedding plants, and quality flowers and herbs. The farm offers a CSA program, harvest festivals, gardening workshops, cooking classes, and guided educational farm tours.

Cedar Circle Farm is located on Pavillion Rd. along the Connecticut River, just off of Rt. 5 in East Thetford, VT. For details and directions, visit www.CedarCircleFarm.org or call the farm at (802) 785-4737.



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Folk Legend Bill Staines To Perform in Lunenburg, VT

Legendary folk singer/songwriter Bill Staines will perform Saturday, June 28 at 7 p.m. at the historic Congregational Church on the common in Lunenburg, VT.

Anyone familiar with the music of Bill Staines is probably already a fan. Anyone who does not know his music will be in for a special treat.

For more than 40 years, beginning among the Boston-Cambridge folk scene of the 1960s, this New England native has traveled across North America, delighting audiences at festivals, concerts and coffeehouses with his blend of traditional and self-penned ballads, left-handed guitar picking, and easy-going humor. Logging nearly 200 concerts and 65,000 miles a year, he has proven one of the most popular and durable singers on the folk scene, and gained an international reputation as a gifted songwriter and performer.

During his career, Staines has played on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion," HBO's "Deadwood," and Public Radio's "Mountain Stage." He has recorded more than 25 albums, two of which won the "Parent's Choice Award."

Staines' prolific output as a writer includes such classics of the genre as "A Place In The Choir" and "Roseville Fair." His songs have been recorded by artists ranging from Peter, Paul & Mary to Makem & Clancy, and Grandpa Jones to Jerry Jeff Walker. His music has been described as "a slice of Americana, reflecting with the same ease his feelings for the prairie people of the Midwest or the adventurers of the Yukon..." As folk singer Sandy Paton once wrote, "his love for the land through which he wanders finds sure expression in his songs."

The program is sponsored by the Top of the Common Committee, and proceeds will benefit restoration of the Congregational Church and Old Town Hall on the Lunenburg common.

Lunenburg, VT is located in the Northeast Kingdom east of St. Johnsbury, VT on Rt. 2. The Congregational Church in Lunenburg is on the Common.

Tickets are \$12. For more information or for tickets, call Chris at (802) 892-6654, or visit www.topofthecommon.org.

For more about Bill Staines go to www.acousticmusic.com/staines.

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