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## Losing Innocence

In his essay, "On Number Numbness," mathematician Douglas R. Hofstadter makes fun of the casual way we treat the meganumbers which saturate our information networks. Hofstadter's point is that very few people know what those multiple zeros at the end of numbers really mean—even though they may talk about them all the time.

As I watch the season progress, I realize that my

own sense of numbers is even more primitive than Hofstadter suggests. In the middle of May, the 100 days of summer feel like a zillion days to me. My body senses a limitless promise in that span of time.

When I have just emerged from winter, I refuse to imagine the return of cold and snow, and I instinctively multiply the 100 days of summer by 1,000 or by 10,000,

and, faced with the number 100,000 or 1,000,000, I simply dismiss the idea all those days could ever be used up. "This warmth and sun will never leave," says my heart; and I believe it all.

Then, in just a few days, maybe 50 days or so, half-way through the summer, the mystery disappears. The mathematics of self-deception fails me. Only half the days of the season are gone,

but the veil of June magic has gone too.

Somewhere between the time the fireflies start to flicker and the cicadas start to sing, the illusion of an indeterminate 100 days unravels. At some point between the number 99 and the number 50, innocence is lost, and counting becomes a sobering exercise in measuring the fragility of time, the garden and my dreams.

—Bill Felker

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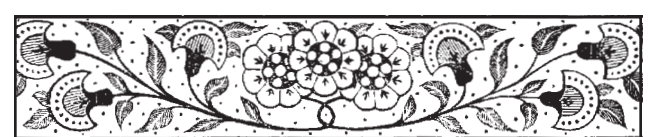
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**Woodstock, VT**

# A Fun-Filled Summer at Billings Farm & Museum

Billings Farm & Museum, gateway to Vermont's rural heritage, offers farm programs and historical exhibits that explore Vermont's heritage and values. Billings Farm is an operating dairy farm that continues a 141-year tradition of agricultural excellence. The authentically restored 1890 Farm House, 19th century barns, farm animals, museum exhibits, and special activities are included in the price of admission. Here are July's special events.

**"An Old Vermont 4th"**

Celebrate an "Old Vermont 4th" on Wednesday, July 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy traditional music, flag-making, hand-cranked strawberry ice cream, horse-drawn wagon rides, patriotic speeches, and debates. Make presidential silhouettes, fireworks stencils, and compete in sack races and the egg toss. There will be a continuous showing of *The Making of Liberty*, a film by Charles Guggenheim.

Debates and speeches played a key role in the Independence Day observance of 1890, as was the reading of the Declaration of Independence, which will occur at noon. Important 19th century topics will be presented in recreated men's debates at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Adults and older students can test their 19th century vocabulary skills in a spirited spelling bee at 12:30 p.m. The children's spelling bee will begin at 2:30 p.m.

**Celebrate National Ice Cream Day**

Celebrate National Ice Cream Day on Sunday, July 15, 2012, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Visitors can participate in making and tasting hand-cranked ice cream several times during the day, while learning the history and science of the "great American dessert." Have fun making an ice cream cone headband and playing 19th century historic games.

**Time Travel Tuesdays:  
Hands-on Discovery of the Past**

Experience 19th century chores and pastimes in the restored and furnished 1890 Farm House. Time Travel Tuesdays will be offered each Tuesday, July 10 through August 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and will feature a hands-on experience of daily life in 1890. Visitors can help prepare seasonal meals in the kitchen, help with laundry, copy into ledger books in the farm office, churn butter in the creamery, and more. Relax in the sitting room with popular pastimes of the era—dominoes, tiddley winks, and the stereoscope, plus needlework, photo albums, and games. No pre-registration is necessary. This program is for both children and adults.

**Wagon Ride Wednesdays**

Horse-drawn wagon rides will be offered each Wednesday, July 11th through September 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**"Foodways Fridays"**

Learn how heirloom vegetables are used in traditional late 19th and early 20th century Vermont recipes prepared in the 1890 Farm House kitchen. Foodways Fridays, a program for both children and adults, will be offered each Friday from July 13 through October 19, 2012, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Visitors can learn about the history, importance, and uses of old vegetable varieties, as they are prepared in the farmhouse kitchen. Each Friday will feature a different menu, which might include Ladies Cabbage, Flemish Carrots, Cymling Pudding and Pink Velvet Soup. Recipes will be available to take home. Head out to the heirloom garden to chat with the Billings Farm gardener or meet there to take a tour. No pre-registration is necessary.

**Hay Day at Billings Farm & Museum**

Hay Day, a new celebration for Billings Farm, is being offered on July 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will feature

traditional haying techniques including cutting, raking, and tedding with Billings Farm's draft horses. Draft horse teams will demonstrate 19th century haying techniques in the farm fields throughout the day.

Enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride and family activities for all ages. Try some switchel, the haymaker's drink.

Additional crafts and games will include penny-in-the-haystack, making clothespin horses and scarecrows puppets, and rope-making demonstrations.

*The Billings Farm & Museum is open daily May 1 through October 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekends Nov. – Feb., and Christmas & Presidents' weeks, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission: adults: \$12; 62 & over: \$11; children: 5-15: \$6; 3-4: \$3; 2 & under: free.*

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Sometimes when day after day we have cloudless blue skies, warm temperatures, colorful trees and brilliant sun, when it seems like all this will go on forever,

when I harvest vegetables from the garden all day, then drink tea and doze in the late afternoon sun, and in the evening one night make pickled beets and green tomato chutney, the next red tomato chutney, and the day after that pick the fruits of my arbor and make grape jam,

when we walk in the woods every evening over fallen leaves, through yellow light, when nights are cool, and days warm,

when I am so happy I am afraid I might explode or disappear or somehow be taken away from all this,

at those times when I feel so happy, so good, so alive, so in love with the world, with my own sensuous, beautiful life, suddenly

I think about all the suffering and pain in the world, the agony and dying. I think about all those people being tortured, right now, in my name. But I still feel happy and good, alive and in love with the world and with my lucky, guilty, sensuous, beautiful life because,

I know in the next minute or tomorrow all this may be taken from me, and therefore I've got to say, right now, what I feel and know and see, I've got to say, right now, how beautiful and sweet this world can be.

—DAVID BUDBILL



Two kids frolic on the rocks in the barnyard in Rochester, VT. photo by Nancy Cassidy

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The society also owns the former Yosemite Firehouse in Chester Depot, where there is an evolving collection of 19th-century firefighting equipment, including an 1849 Hunneman

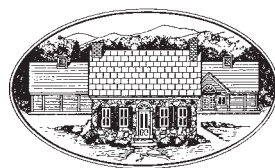
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## Outdoor Summer Music Concerts Return to Chester, VT

Chester's Summer Music Series returns to the Academy Building lawn in downtown Chester, VT with five summertime Thursday night concerts from 6:30–8 p.m. starting July 12, 2012.

Kicking off the series is the dynamic Dave Keller Band on July 12, followed by Chester's own Chris Kleeman and his band on July 19. New this year is an exciting trio from Putney, VT, Easy Street with Lisa Brande, Mark Trichka, and Jeff Potter on drums on July 26. The unforgettable Starline Rhythm Boys will be back on August 2, and the series concludes with Chester born-and-bred Rusty Belle out of Northampton, Mass on August 9.

Dave Keller is one of the finest blues and soul men of his generation. A first-class singer, guitarist, and songwriter, Keller has recorded with legendary guitarist Ronnie Earl, toured with Mississippi soul blues man Johnny Rawls, and been mentored by deep soul singer Mighty Sam McClain, who says, "He's the real deal. Y'all check him out!"

Often referred to as, "Vermont's Best-Kept Blues Secret," Chris Kleeman is an internationally acclaimed Blues artist, and has played and performed with such icons of the Blues as B.B. King, Buddy Guy, Taj Mahal, and many others. Along with virtuoso 12-String guitar instrumentals that will make your spirit soar and some stinging slide guitar, you've got all the ingredients to spice up an already simmering, soulful pot of music that's always on the boil!

Easy Street, from Putney, Vermont, includes Lisa Brande on guitar, fiddle and vocals, and Mark Trichka on mandolin, guitar and vocals. They will be joined by Northampton musician, Jeff Potter, on drums and percussion. Easy Street's

repertoire includes bluegrass, swing, Cajun, honky-tonk, American popular music and standards from the 30s to the 60s. They have toured in Italy, India, and the Virgin Islands and spend the winters in Florida playing around the state.

The Starline Rhythm Boys—Danny Coane on acoustic rhythm guitar, Big Al Lemery on electric lead guitar and Billy Bratcher—perform vintage country, honky-tonk and rockabilly music with very strong country harmony duet vocals. Their repertoire consists of many superb originals, mainly written by Bratcher, as well as great covers of both classic and obscure numbers. The Starline Rhythm Boys have appeared at almost every kind of venue, as well as radio and TV, and appeal to a wide age range.

Rusty Belle is one of the more interesting bands around—a little bit country, a little bit rock 'n roll, a little bit old-timey, and a little bit weird (enough). It's a unique brother-sister duo—Kate and Matt Lorenz—and "there's really not anything else exactly like Rusty Belle."

The Chester Summer Music Series is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chester, VT and other local patrons including Newsbank, TDBank, and Dakin & Benelli, PC. Additional support comes from (to date) sponsors Fullerton Inn, Motel in the Meadow, and The Message For The Week, co-sponsors Vermont Hardwoods, Compass Unlimited, Skygate Financial, Sarah Vail, and Lawrence & Wheeler, and friends Lilipad Properties, Misty Valley Books, Barrett & Valley, MacLaomainn's Scottish Pub, and Richard Crocker Builders.

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# Black Raspberry Season is Coming!

by Rose Barlow

July is the month for wild Blackcap Raspberries, which ripen around the same time as the farm-grown summer red raspberries. I have all the Blackcap patches in my neighborhood scoped out and make the rounds with the kids and the buckets at least every other day while they are in season.

Berries are fun, versatile, nutritious, and wonderful in every way. Every family should have a favorite berry patch and make summer berry harvest a family tradition. Kids just instinctively know what to do with berries, right down to the littlest one. I've seen babies not yet able to walk prove quite adept at picking ripened berries. It is a deeply instinctive act.

Berries are exceptionally high in Vitamin C (when eaten raw). They are also very high in potassium, magnesium, fiber, and fructose, as well as an excellent source of iron and other trace minerals. These nutrients tend to be very concentrated in the wild berries and readily assimilated by our bodies.

Black Raspberries are my absolute favorite wild berry! We harvest enough fresh berries for pies and desserts and plenty more for winter stores. The first thing we make every year to kick off the season is a luscious pie. And the berries really shine in cobblers and crisps as well.

## THE ULTIMATE BLACK RASPBERRY PIE

This is absolutely, hands-down, the best berry pie recipe in the world! The berries are raw and fresh, so none of the flavors and nutrients are lost in the cooking. It's a bit of a project to make, but once you have done it and get a routine down, it's worth every minute you spend in the kitchen. I use this recipe for any fresh, juicy berries and fruits.

### Crust

1½ cups white flour  
¾ tsp salt (if butter is unsalted)  
3 Tbsp sugar

½ cup butter  
4 Tbsp water

Mix the flour, sugar and butter together. (Note: I always make my pie crust in a food processor. It is fast and mixes so thoroughly, it makes the best crust). Add water 1 Tbsp at a time until it forms a soft dough. Make sure it is not too wet as it will be sticky, or too dry as it won't roll out well. If using a food processor, don't overmix it, stop as soon as it



forms a lump. Roll out into a 9" pie plate and bake the crust at 350° for 15 minutes or until golden brown. Roll the crust extra thick, it's almost like a cookie crust. You will have to put another pie plate on top of it or the crust will fold and buckle as it bakes. The second pie plate will help it hold its shape. Let it cool before removing the second pie plate from the top or it will tear the hot crust.

### Filling

You will need 7-8 cups of berries, about 2 quarts. First you have to make a glaze: Put 3 cups of the berries into a blender and whiz them into a paste. If you are using blackberries or raspberries that have a lot of little seeds you will have to strain them through a fine sieve to get rid of the seeds. You should end up with 1½ cups of berry sauce, more or less. In a small bowl or cup mix together 1 cup sugar (I've never tried honey, don't know if it would work) and 3 Tbsp cornstarch. Put the berry sauce in a pan and mix in the sugar/cornstarch mix. Heat gently until it reaches a boil. You must stir constantly as it will get very thick and could scorch easily. Let it cool. This is the berry glaze. When cool, mix the berry glaze with the rest of the fresh berries. Spread them evenly into the pre-baked pie shell. Chill for at least 3 hours before serving. Optional: you can spread a layer of vanilla yoghurt in the bottom of the crust before filling with the berries.

for 1 minute. (Be careful not to scorch it!) Turn off heat and stir in the butter and almond extract. Let cool while preparing the topping, then pour into a greased 9x13 pan.

### Topping

2 cups whole wheat flour  
¼ cup butter  
½ cup buttermilk

3 tsp baking powder  
½ cup almonds  
2 eggs

In a food processor, put flour, baking powder, and almonds. Whiz until almonds are chopped fine. Add butter and whiz again until it forms a crumbly mixture. Add eggs, buttermilk, and almond extract and whiz just until dough forms a lump. Shape into biscuits and set them over the fruit in the 9x13 baking pan. Try to cover all the fruit as best you can with the biscuit mixture. Bake at 400° for 25-30 minutes or until lightly brown. Serve hot or cold.

## BLACK RASPBERRY CRISP DELUXE

8 cups fresh black raspberries  
3 Tbsp flour

1 Tbsp lemon juice  
1 tsp cinnamon

Toss black raspberries with lemon juice, cinnamon, and flour. Place mixture in a 9x13 baking pan.

### Topping

1 cup Hickory nuts (or chopped walnuts)  
1 cup brown sugar  
2 tsp cinnamon

1 cup whole wheat flour  
1 cup rolled oats  
1 cup butter  
¼-½ cup Maple Syrup

Chop oats coarsely in a food processor or blender. Add flour, sugar, cinnamon and nuts and whiz until mixed together thoroughly. Add butter and mix until it resembles coarse bread crumbs. (Note: filling may get too wet, resembling a paste—don't get discouraged if this happens, just spread it as evenly as you can, it will be just fine!). Spread topping evenly over the black raspberries. Drizzle the maple syrup over the topping. Bake at 375° degrees for 45 minutes.

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# Delightful Blueberry & Raspberry Recipes

## ROYAL RASPBERRY CAKE

2 cups all-purpose flour ½ tsp. salt  
 1 Tbsp. baking powder ⅓ cup butter, room temperature  
 1 cup sugar  
 1 egg, room temperature 3½ cups fresh or frozen (unthawed) raspberries,  
 1 cup milk, room temperature whole, unsweetened  
 1 tsp. vanilla

### Glaze

1½ cups confectioners' sugar 2 Tbsp. cream or milk  
 1 tsp. vanilla

Stir together first three ingredients in a bowl with wire whisk; set aside. Cream softened butter with mixer; add sugar gradually, beating well after each addition until mixture is fluffy and light. Stir in egg; beat 1 minute. Combine milk and vanilla. Add dry ingredients alternately with milk/vanilla mixture, beating well after each addition. Spread cake batter in greased, floured 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Spread the berries evenly over top of batter. Bake at 350° for 30–35 minutes or until center of cake springs back when lightly touched. Cool 5 minutes. Combine glaze ingredients, spread over cake, leaving berries exposed. Serve warm, with vanilla ice cream. *Serves 16.*

## 1-2-3 RASPBERRY SHERBERT

4 cups fresh raspberries 2 cups sugar  
 2 cups buttermilk Garnish: fresh raspberries

Stir together 4 cups of fresh raspberries and sugar in a bowl and let stand for 30 minutes. Process raspberry mixture in a food processor or blender until smooth, stopping to scrape down the sides. Pour through a wire-mesh strainer into a 9-inch square pan, discarding solids; stir in buttermilk. Cover and freeze for 8 hours. Break frozen mixture into chunks and place in bowl; beat with electric mixer until smooth. Return to pan; cover and freeze again for 3 hours or until firm. Garnish with whole blackberries and/or blackberry syrup. Yield: 1 quart taking about 15 minutes plus 30 min. stand time and 11 hours freezer time. Ice cream maker alternative: double the ingredients and combine the raspberry process mixture with the buttermilk in a 4-quart electric or hand operated freezer. Pack in ice and rock salt mixture and stir till contents stiffen significantly. Add more salt and ice and let stand for 1 hour without stirring. Black raspberries can be substituted.

## PANNA COTTA WITH RASPBERRIES

2 cups buttermilk 1½ tsp. unflavored gelatin  
 ⅔ cup heavy cream ¾ cup sugar  
 2 cups fresh raspberries

Sprinkle gelatin over 1 cup of the buttermilk. Let stand to soften, about 5 minutes. Meanwhile, bring cream and scant 1/2 cup of sugar to a boil on top of a double boiler. Add gelatin mixture; place over simmering water and stir until gelatin is dissolved. Stir in remaining buttermilk; strain through a cheese cloth. Divide among 6 4-ounce ramekins or small bowls on a baking sheet. Cover, refrigerate until set, about 4 hours. Sprinkle berries with remaining sugar. Let stand for 1 hour. To serve, unmold onto plates and serve with berries and their juices. (To unmold, dip into hot water and run tip of a knife around the edge.) *Serves 6.*

## RASPBERRY MUFFINS

1 egg white 1 cup low-fat yogurt  
 ¼ cup oil ¼ tsp. vanilla  
 ¼ cup maple syrup or honey 1 cup whole wheat pastry flour  
 1 cup unbleached white flour ¼ cup dry sweetener (maple, cane, date) or sugar  
 ¼ tsp. salt 1½ tsp. baking powder  
 ½ tsp. baking soda 1½ cups raspberries

Preheat oven to 350° F. Whisk together the egg white, yogurt, oil, vanilla, and maple syrup. In a separate bowl, sift together the flours, dry sweetener, salt, baking soda, and baking powder.



Blueberries ripe for picking in Central Vermont.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

der. Form a well in the center of the dry ingredients. Pour in the wet ingredients and fold together with a spatula until moist but still slightly lumpy. Fold in the berries. Pour into greased muffin tins and bake for about 30 minutes.

## MELT-IN-YOUR-MOUTH BLUEBERRY CAKE

2 eggs, separated ¼ tsp salt (optional)  
 1 tsp baking powder 1 cup sugar  
 1 tsp vanilla ½ cup milk  
 ½ cup shortening 1½ cup flour  
 1½ cup blueberries

Beat egg whites until stiff. Add ¼ cup sugar. Cream shortening; add salt and vanilla. Add ¾ cup sugar gradually. Add egg yolks; beat until light and creamy. Set aside a small amount of flour. Sift remaining flour and baking powder; add alternately with milk to egg yolk mixture. Fold in beaten egg whites. Dredge blueberries in flour. Fold into batter. Turn into a greased 8-inch square pan. Sprinkle top of batter lightly with sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes.

## BLUEBERRY MAPLE BREAKFAST BAKE

1 loaf egg challah 4 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese  
 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries, divided 8 eggs beaten  
 ¼ cup maple syrup 1½ cups milk  
 ¼ cup melted butter

Preheat oven to 350°F. Remove crusts from bread. Cut in 1-inch cubes (about 10 cups). Cut cream cheese in small cubes (about 1 cup). Grease 9-x-9-2-inch baking dish. Place half the bread cubes in the dish. Scatter cream cheese cubes and 1 cup of blueberries over the bread. Top with remaining bread cubes and blueberries. In a bowl, combine eggs, milk, maple syrup and butter. Pour over bread mixture. Bake until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, about 1 hour. Cover with aluminum foil if edges brown too much. To serve, cut in squares. Accompany with additional maple syrup.

## BLUEBERRY POLENTA CAKE

1 cup cake flour (or 1 cup minus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour) ¾ cup yellow cornmeal  
 ¾ cup sugar 1 teaspoon baking powder  
 1 large egg ¼ teaspoon salt  
 2 tablespoons lemon juice ½ cup vegetable oil  
 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries ⅓ cup plain low-fat yogurt  
 Blueberry Compote, optional ¼ teaspoon grated lemon rind, packed  
 1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar, optional

Preheat oven to 350°F. With parchment or wax paper, line the bottom of a 9-inch cake pan and spray well with cooking spray. In a small bowl, stir together flour, cornmeal, baking powder, and salt. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the granulated sugar, oil, egg, yogurt, lemon juice and rind. Fold in flour mixture until just combined, then fold in blueberries. Transfer to prepared pan. Bake until cake springs back when gently pressed in the center, about 35 minutes. Cool pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes. With a knife, loosen edges before inverting cake onto a cake plate to cool to room temperature. Just before serving, sift confectioners' sugar over the top or serve with Blueberry Compote, if desired. *Serves 8.*

## Blueberry Compote

In a small pan, combine 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries and ¼ cup maple syrup. Over high heat, bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer just until the first berry pops, 1 to 2 minutes. In a cup, combine 2 tablespoons water and 2 teaspoons cornstarch. Stir mixture into blueberries. Cook and stir until thickened. Remove from heat and stir in 1 teaspoon lemon juice or 1 teaspoon vanilla.



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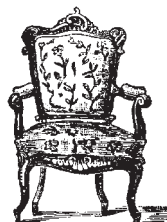
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[Thanks to Robert Frost]

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 By any fence or wall along the sides.  
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 Or, maybe, several farms whose owners use  
 Their lands up to the wheel-tracks as they please,  
 Pasture, potato-patches, rows of corn.  
 I wouldn't run the car at forty per:  
 You might get a bad bump, or break an "ex";  
 And often sad-eyed cows will lurch in front,  
 This way or that, flaunting indifferent tails.  
 Toot! but they'll take their time. I recollect  
 One high pent-road that lastly sidles through  
 An orchard, past a pile of maple wood  
 For winter, corded in a tidy shed,  
 The ends all even. You put up the bars  
 Behind you, and the track comes out beside  
 A front-door step, half buried in the sod,—  
 A gray discarded mill-stone, sharp enough  
 Along its radiating ridges yet  
 To scrape your shoes on, if you'll care to call.

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A friendly road, say nothing of the view.

—WENDELL PHILLIPS STAFFORD  
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Jack Thurber, the six year old son of Emily Russell and Russell Thurber, whose collection of current and vintage model trains is now on exhibit at the Dollhouse and Toy Museum of Vermont.

## New Exhibit at Bennington's Dollhouse and Toy Museum

There's a new exhibit of current and vintage model trains at the Dollhouse and Toy Museum in Bennington, VT which will stay on display through the summer.

In addition to the permanent collection of dollhouses, dolls and antique toys, the museum provides space for others to display their personal collections for the community for a period of time. These have included the Tedi Petrellis collection of black dolls, the Arlene Sanders collection of baby dolls, and the Helen Greene collection of vintage Valentines.

The new exhibit is the model train collection of Jack Thurber, the son of Emily Russell and Russell Thurber. He's six years old and has been collecting trains, books about trains and videos about trains since he was three. Some were passed down to him from his father. Some were gifts from Santa. Many were brought at local yard sales and tag sales, but several came from far away. When his maternal grandmother, Yumiko Russell, came back from a visit with relatives in Japan, she brought him two models of the "Shinkansen," the famous Japanese "Bullet Train" that routinely travels at speeds of between 149 and 185 miles per hour.

"This is not just a dollhouse museum but also a museum of collections," said Jackie Marro, the owner. "We want it to be a place where people can share their collections with everyone in the community. The collections don't have to be antique or valuable, but they do have to be interesting." Anyone who has a personal collection they would like to share should stop by the museum or phone Jackie at (802) 447-2496.

Admission is \$2 for children over three, \$4 for adults, and \$10 for families. It includes many fully-furnished dollhouses including Colonial, Victorian, Cape Cod, Tudor and urban townhouse models. There is a large collection of Madam

Alexander international dolls, and vintage toys for boys that include antique trains, planes, trucks, cap pistols and toy soldiers.

The museum also has a shop selling dollhouse kits, dollhouse furniture, tea sets, paper dolls and related items.

*The Dollhouse and Toy Museum of Vermont is located at 212 Union St. in Bennington, VT at the corner of Valentine St. It is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m.*

*For more information contact Jackie Marro at (802) 447-2496. Visit [www.dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com](http://www.dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com).*

## Summertime Events and Exhibits At The Dorset Historical Society

The Dorset Historical Society and Bley House Museum feature interesting farm and household items, maps, photographs, paintings, and a collection of Jessica Bond stencil art.

Current exhibits include: A Retrospective of Artist John Lillie, Dorset in the Civil War, Theatre in Dorset 1878-2012, Fenton Stoneware Pottery, Marble Diorama locating all the marble quarries of Dorset, local currency, and other surprises. The Dorset Historical Society is a valuable resource for genealogists.

The museum also sponsors talks and other special events. On July 14 you're invited to the Annual Ice Cream Social from 1-4 p.m. on the lawn at Bley House. The Vermont Stoneware Pottery Festival also takes place there the same day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring lectures on historic New England stoneware pottery and Vermont

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Gloria Jordan will be talking about Fly Fishing and Rod Making on July 19 from 12-1 p.m. as part of the Lunchtime Lecture Series.

And on July 21 the museum hosts a Quarry Walk with Art Gilbert to the Freedlyville Quarry. Meet at 9 a.m. at Bley House Museum.

The Lunchtime Lecture Series continues through November on the third Thursday of each month.

*Bley House Museum is on Rt. 30 at Kent Hill Rd. in Dorset, VT. Summer hours (April 15 - November 30) are Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call (802) 867-0331. [info@dorsetvthistory.org](mailto:info@dorsetvthistory.org). [www.dorsetvthistory.org](http://www.dorsetvthistory.org).*

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# Dog Talk

by Burr Morse

It's Sunday morning and I sit here at the keyboard waiting for the coffee to sink in and pondering ideas about my next story; what to do—tractors, seasons, trees—I “plug” in the ideas one word at a time like I built the woodpile yesterday, one block at a time, but the single words remain scattered, alas, random chunks of wood all over the ground. “Gosh this is hard work” I think, ready to don my gloves and go back to the woodpile. Out the window I see Betsy returning from her early morning jaunt with the dogs. Yesterday she was commenting on her schedule of late, “like a farmer” she said, in bed by eight and up at five. She said something else interesting: “I’m raising those dogs like I wish I’d brought up the boys—light, loose, happy.” I suddenly had my subject, “the dogs,” our current children.

Parents always think theirs are the best kids in the world. Dog owners think the same way about their dogs; we’re no exception on both counts. Our boys, Robby and Tommy, remain “the best” as young men but are both a bit too “serious.” Betsy continually questions her style of parenting when they were young—“Was I too rough on them?” she asks. I carry regrets about my role as their father as well but, unfortunately, we can’t go back and “do it again”—or can we?

The dogs, Averill and Fern, are black Labs. Black Labs are, of course, the best, the most lovable—is there any other kind of dog? In a way, Betsy has started a bad thing with them because, again like a farmer, there’s never a morning

*“Their message time and time again is clear: “Isn’t today wonderful, isn’t all this just perfect?”*

off. They’re both up at the crack of dawn clamoring for their walk. She gets up. They follow her, sulking when she closes them out of the bathroom. She goes to the coffee pot, they’re there. She sits to get the first sip—four beautiful brown eyes shout “C’mon Betsy, let’s go!” And when she finally dons her rain slicker, heavy jacket, or whatever attire is appropriate for that Vermont day and puts on her shoes, they’re like race horses at the gate.

The three of them head out for the woods. Each dog has something—a carrot, a tennis ball, a bone. Fern, the younger one, thinks they’re all balls but Averill knows the difference. Their first stop these days is the woodland pond up at the top of the hill. Splash! They’re both in faster’n a bolt of lightning. They wildly paddle for a stick—“Can you believe that? That’s awesome—a STICK!” they say. One time Betsy called me out there just to watch them handle a long stick. Both dogs clamped on each end, paddling in tandem toward the shore! The other day she came back bragging about her dogs. “We ran into a huge herd of deer” she said. “There were white flags everywhere and those dogs were off!” She said they came back immediately, though, when she called, tails between their legs. They know right from wrong for Mom.

A while back, I was the morning person with the dogs. Betsy had worked all night and was still out when “nature called” for Averill and Fern. We followed the usual routine, up the woods ski trail, a stop at the pond for stick time, and then we went out into the open pasture. Although the dogs were totally “into” their walk, they acted a bit like school kids do with a substitute. All of a sudden they disappeared over a hill. I worried because the one time they got in trouble with the neighbors was on a “solo” jaunt. I started hollering “Averill, Fern...c’mon...Averill, Fern...c’mere!” I hollered and hollered but, five minutes, ten minutes—those two brats were gone. My final utterance came routinely and out of sheer frustration—“Sons-a-bitches!” I shouted. The humor of it struck at the same time two black heads appeared on the



Tom Morse, eighth generation Vermont sugarmaker with the family’s black labs Averill and Fern at Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks in Montpelier, VT. photo by Claude Stone

horizon. I started laughing like I was a ten-year-old again and they joined in—yes they did—and we three headed home laughing our heads off.

Dogs talk. They talk with their eyes and their tails and their running leaps. Their message time and time again is clear: “Isn’t today wonderful, isn’t all this just perfect?” I wish we all could be like that.

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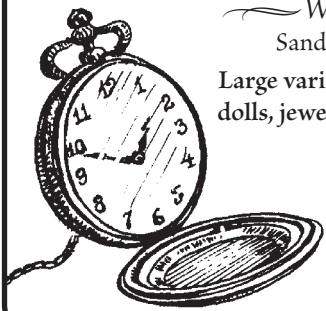
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Reenactors will portray American and British soldiers and their families. Visit the tent camps, talk with reenactors, watch the tactical and artillery demonstrations, see camp life activities, learn how to drill, and go on guided camp and

battlefield tours. Mistress Davenport will set up her popular school and storytelling. Hands-on activities for children are offered in a tent near the museum. Sutlers (traveling storekeepers of the time) will offer their wares, for a colonial shopping experience. There is a food stand both days and the museum shop has an excellent selection of books.

Saturday afternoon a military tactical is staged on the slope of Monument Hill, weather permitting. The Seth Warner Mount Independence Fife & Drum Corps plays at 2:45 p.m. The weekend highlight is the Sunday battle, with troops starting formations about 7:30 a.m. The extended tactical demonstration begins at 8 a.m. as muskets sound in the distance before the soldiers emerge over Monument Hill.

In the Battle of Hubbardton Vermont, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire soldiers fought in a decisive rear guard action to halt the British army, allowing the main American army under Maj. Gen. Arthur St. Clair to withdraw southward to safety from Mount Independence and Fort Ticonderoga. The battle saved St. Clair's troops, lead to the stunning American victory in October 1777 at the Battle of Saratoga, considered a turning point in the Revolutionary War and in world history.

The site opens at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. Sunday's events start about 7:30 a.m. Admission daily is \$5.00 for adults and free for children under 15. There will be plenty of nearby parking and a "people mover" from the parking area to the central location for those who wish to ride. The event is offered by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, Living History Association, and the Hubbardton Historical Society with support from other Hubbardton organizations.

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# St. Albans Heritage Weekend July 20-22

On Oct. 19, 1864, St. Albans, VT became the northernmost site of military action during the Civil War. Confederate rebels waged a raid on three banks and a mission of terror carried out in retribution for Union Army actions in the South.

The town of St. Albans celebrates its Civil War history with a full weekend of authentic displays and presentations during the St. Albans Civil War Heritage Weekend, July 21-22, 2012.

There will be a full Civil War encampment in Taylor Park featuring units portraying both the North and South. See unit maneuvers, firing and camp life demonstrations, artillery drills, and battle skirmishes. Champlain Valley Historical Re-enactors and St. Albans Historical Museum volunteers will be on hand to discuss the famous St. Albans Raid and the Civil War period. Nearby shops and restaurants will be open downtown. Visit vendors all weekend and the large Northwest Farmer's Market on the park on Saturday.

The St. Albans Historical Museum, located just steps from the center of the action, will be open all weekend and offers an impressive collection of historical artifacts—an interesting and educational opportunity for people of all ages. Take a walking tour of nearly 60 historical sites, including places and buildings that were integral to the Confederate soldiers' raid on St. Albans and the robbing of its banks.

All events are located in downtown St. Albans City. The St. Albans Historical Museum is at the top of the park.

This year's second annual living-history weekend is sponsored by the Champlain Valley Historical Re-enactors and the St. Albans Historical Museum.

Plans are also underway for the St. Albans Raid 150th Anniversary reenactment set for Sept. 18-21, 2014.

Check out [www.stalbansraid.com](http://www.stalbansraid.com) for updates regarding this July's event and more about the Sept. 18-21, 2014 celebration for the St. Albans Raid Sesquicentennial.

Information about the St. Albans Historical Museum can be found at [www.stamuseum.com](http://www.stamuseum.com). For more St. Albans information, visit the Chamber of Commerce website at [www.stalbanschamber.com](http://www.stalbanschamber.com).



St. Albans Historical Museum photo  
Some of the St. Albans Confederate raiders in February 1865 as they faced an extradition trial in Montreal. From left to right, first row, are raiders William H. Huntley, Marcus A. Spurr and the leader, Lt. Bennett H. Young. In second row, same order, are Confederate sympathizer Stephen F. Cameron and two other raiders, Charles M. Swager and Squire T. Tevis.

## The St. Albans Raid

by Jim Fouts,

Curator, Military Room and Raid Display

St. Albans Historical Society Museum, St. Albans, Vermont

The northern-most Confederate action during the Civil War took place in St. Albans, VT on October 19, 1864 when Confederate soldiers in civilian clothing, under the command of Lt. Bennett Young robbed the three banks in town, killed one man, wounded several others, terrified the citizens, stole horses and tried, unsuccessfully, to set fire to the town. Pursued by two posses, the Raiders made good their escape across the border into Canada where they felt they were safe.

The Raiders hadn't considered that the posses would pursue them across the neutral border but they did and 14 of the 21 Raiders were apprehended during that night and the following day. Released into the custody of Canadian officials, the Raiders stood trial, not once but three times. With the close of the war, the arrest warrants and rewards were eventually withdrawn, the Raiders were released on bond and the Canadian government gradually lost interest in the case. The attack in Vermont and sensational trials in its wake have been known ever since as The St. Albans Raid.

The Raid was one of the most successful Confederate secret service operations conducted during the Civil War. Encouraged and funded by Confederate commissioners in Canada, a band of armed Confederate soldiers was organized to conduct raids all along the Canadian-U.S. border in an attempt to secure funds to support the southern war effort, to draw northern troops away from the besieged Confederate capital, to stir up anti-war feelings in the north, to terrify the northern citizenry, and possibly as revenge for the destruction of southern property by Union troops.

St. Albans was the chosen target but the results of the Raid

were mixed. An estimated \$208,000 was stolen but whether any of the money made it into the Confederate treasury is an open question.

The war-weary northern public was caught off guard and shocked, but strengthened their resolve to see the war through to the end. Instead of drawing troops away from the front, convalescent soldiers from Vermont's three military hospitals were armed and stationed in St. Albans. Drawing upon its deep pool of available manpower, the Federal military created the Frontier Cavalry to patrol the U.S. side of the Canadian border. Confederate agents in Canada had hoped covert operations in the north might provoke the United States and the British Empire into conflict and it very nearly did. The resulting international tension between the two countries was defused by skillful diplomacy.


In the final analysis, the Raid failed to save the Confederacy, but it directly influenced the provinces of Canada to unite, creating a new nation on July 1, 1867, the Dominion of Canada, within the British Empire.

St. Albans Historical Society Museum is located at the corner of Church & Bishop Streets in St. Albans, VT. For information call (802) 527-7933. [www.stamuseum.com](http://www.stamuseum.com).

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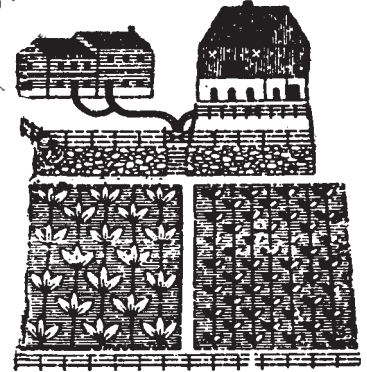
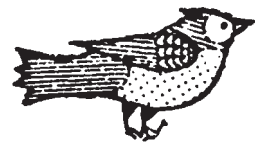
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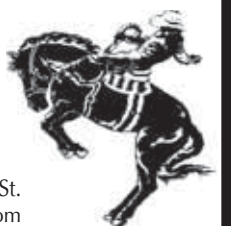
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**BARRE.** Exhibits, classes, workshops, and artists' studios. Free. Tues-Fri 10-5, Sat 12-4. Studio Place Arts, 201 N. Main St. (802) 479-7069. [info@studioplacearts.com](mailto:info@studioplacearts.com). [www.studioplacearts.com](http://www.studioplacearts.com).

**BARRE.** Vermont History Center and Leahy Library. Thousands of books, manuscripts, photographs, broadsides, maps, audio, video and film recordings, and many other items of ephemera which shed light on the lives and times of past Vermonters. Vermont Historical Society, 60 Washington St. (802) 479-8500. [vermonthistory.org](http://vermonthistory.org).

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Farmers Market. Local produce, meats, eggs, cheese, prepared foods, and entertainment. Open mic night every fourth Friday. On Fridays 4-7 pm at the Waypoint Center. (802) 463-2018. [www.bffarmersmarket.com](http://www.bffarmersmarket.com). Through October 19.

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

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

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

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington-Walloomsac Outdoor Farmers Market. Fresh local vegetables, fruits, baked goods, jams & jellies. Entertainment and prepared foods. Saturdays 10 am – 1 pm at the scenic Riverwalk Park along the Walloomsac River at Bennington Station on Depot Street. Tuesdays 3-6 pm at Greenberg's, 321 Main St. Market manager: Katherine Keys. (802) 688-7210. [info@walloomsac.org](mailto:info@walloomsac.org). [www.walloomsac.org](http://www.walloomsac.org). Saturday mornings and Tuesday afternoons through October.

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

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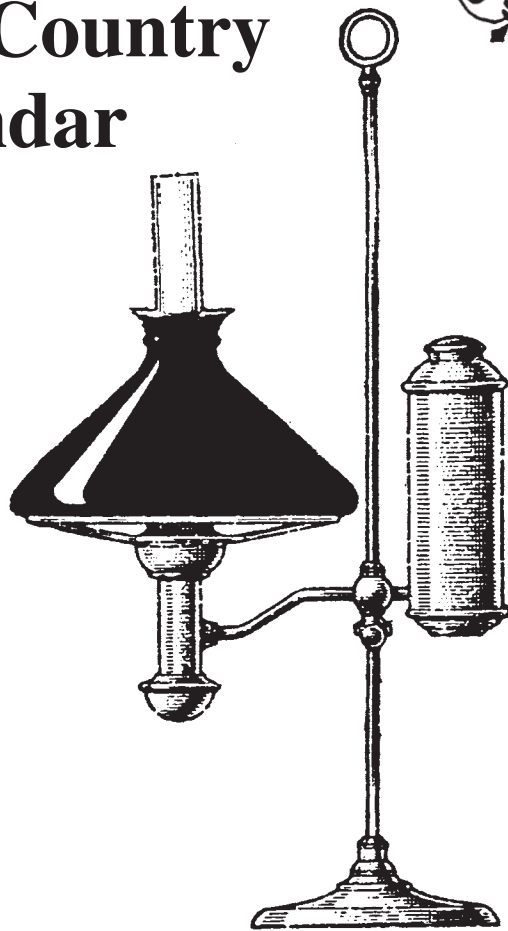
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**BURLINGTON.** Exhibits, workshops, programs, café, gift shop, story hour. Admission: \$9.50 adults, \$7 ages 3 - 17, \$8 seniors and students, under 3 free. Monday-Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm. ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center, Leahy Center for Lake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

**BURLINGTON.** First Friday Art Walk. Visit over 30 galleries, studios, and interesting venues all around town. Free. 5-8 pm. Map available. (802) 264-4839. [www.artmapburlington.com](http://www.artmapburlington.com).

**CASTLETON.** The Historic Higley House. Open for guided tours and historical research on Thursdays from 2-4 pm. Part of the Castleton Historical Society. 407 Main St. (802) 265-3208. [mfeeney3@aol.com](mailto:mfeeney3@aol.com).

**CASTLETON.** Annual Summer Concert Series Outdoors on the Village Green. Bring your chairs, blankets, and families. At 7 pm. Free admission. Rain site: Castleton State College, Casella Theater. Each Tuesday.

**CASTLETON.** Castleton Village Farmers Market. Main Street. Thursdays 3:30-6. Market manager: Lori Barker. (802) 273-2241. Through October 5.

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**CHESTER.** Vermont Institute of Contemporary Arts. Free. Open Wednesday through Sunday 11 am – 6 pm. 15 Depot St. (802) 875-1018. [info@vtica.org](mailto:info@vtica.org). [www.vtica.org](http://www.vtica.org). Through June 17.

**CHESTER.** Art Exhibit. See the mixed media sculptures of curator, Bryce LeVan Cushing. Wednesday thru Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm and by appointment. At BLCARTGRP Gallery, in the rear of the MoonDog Cafe Building, 297 Main St. For info contact (802) 843-1162 or visit [www.brycelevancushing.com](http://www.brycelevancushing.com).

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

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**CHESTER.** High Tea at Inn Victoria. Afternoon savories, sweets, fruit, and a variety of teas. \$19.99 per person. Open by reservation on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 3-4:30 pm. Inn Victoria, 321 Main St. (802) 875-4288. [innkeeper@innvictoria.com](mailto:innkeeper@innvictoria.com). [www.innvictoria.com](http://www.innvictoria.com).

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(Ongoing events continued)

**CHESTER.** Gallery 103. Dedicated to promoting fine American Craft and Design, with an exclusive showroom of Junker Studio Ironwork. Monthly "Featured Artists." Owned and operated by Elise & Payne Junker. Gallery is open every day 10-5 pm, closed Tuesdays. On Rt. 103, just south of town. (802) 875-7400. Gallery103.com.

**DANBY.** Mountain View Ranch & Sun Bowl Ranch. Horse-drawn wagon rides, all-season trail rides, lessons, boarding, special events. 502 Easy St. off Brook Rd. Call to reserve. (802) 293-5837. www.mountainviewranch.biz.

**DANBY.** Free Summer Food Service Program for Children 18 and Younger. Meals will be provided to all children without charge Monday through Friday. Breakfast 8-8:30 am, lunch 11:30-12 pm. Children must be supervised. Adults can purchase breakfast for \$2 and lunch for \$3.50. Open to anyone from any town. Funded by the USDA. Currier Memorial School, 234 North Main St. (802) 293-5191. Through August 17.

**DANBY FOUR CORNERS.** Danby Dog Art Studio. Folk Art, Primitive Paintings & Reproductions by Susan Houghton Debus. Open most days—but please call ahead. Studio is located at 1764 Tinnmouth Rd, 1.5 miles north of the Four Corners Store. (802) 293-2489.

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

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

**EAST HARDWICK.** Pleasures Nursery and Tea Garden. Tea Garden Café 11:30 am - 4 pm every day but Mon. Free garden skillshops Sun. mornings at 10:30. Free Sun. garden tours at 12 pm. Phlox Fest July 29 through August 12. Perennial Pleasures Nursery and Tea Garden, 63 Brick House Rd. (802) 472-5104. perennialpleasures.net.

**EAST THETFORD.** Cedar Circle Farm and Education Center. A certified organic, fifty-acre vegetable and berry farm. Farmstand and Hello Coffee Shop (with wifi). PYO blueberries and flowers in July. Open Mon-Sat 10 am - 6 pm, Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org.  
Open through October.

**FAIR HAVEN.** Thursday Concerts in the Park. 7 pm. Free admission. Rain site: Fair Haven Baptist Church.

**FERRISBURGH.** Rokeby Museum, a National Historic Landmark, one of the best-documented Underground Railroad sites in the country. The farm was home to a family of Quakers, farmers, abolitionists, authors, and artists. Furnished house and outbuildings, exhibits, tours, hiking trails, and special events. Tours Thurs-Sun 11 am, 12:30 pm, 2 pm. Fee: \$6 adults, \$4 seniors/students, \$2 children 12 and under. Open Tues-Sun, 10 am - 4 pm. Rokeby Museum, Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. rokeby.org. Through October 14.

**GLOVER.** Bread & Puppet Museum, Rt. 122. One of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world. Events and exhibits. Performances during the summer. Free admission, donations welcome. (802) 525-3031. www.breadandpuppet.org.

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

**GRAFTON.** Grafton Ponds Outdoor Center. A year-round recreation center. Enjoy mountain biking, bike terrain park, hiking, canoeing, swimming and kids camps in summer. 783 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2400. graftonponds.com.

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

**GRAFTON.** The Nature Museum at Grafton. Exhibits, gift shop, family activities, and special events. Admission: adults \$5, seniors/student \$4, children 3-12 \$3, family \$15. Open everyday 10 am - 4 pm through Labor Day weekend, then Wed. & Sat. 10 am - 4 pm and Sun. 10 am - 1 pm through October. The Nature Museum, 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. www.nature-museum.org.

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

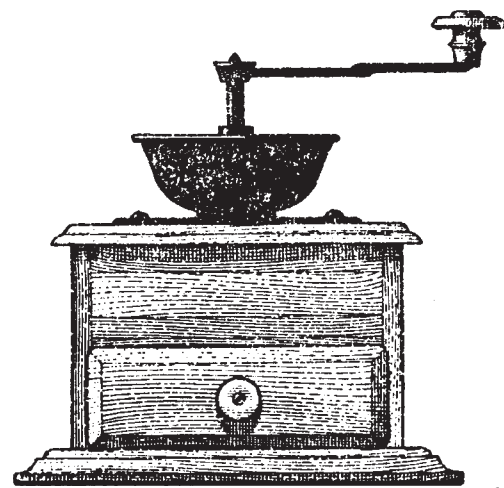
**HANOVER, NH.** Hands On Pianos. 50 colorfully decorated pianos will be turning up at bus stops, parks, sidewalk plazas, farm stands, general stores and other unexpected places around the region available for people of all ages and skill levels to explore, enjoy and engage in impromptu music-making. Go ahead: play! Free. You can check the website for locations. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu. July 1-31.

**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. The only Revolutionary War battle fought entirely in Vermont. Adults \$2, 14 and under free. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd, seven miles north of Rt 4. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov. Thru October 8.

**HUNTINGTON.** Birds of Vermont Museum. Features over 500 carved wooden birds, representing 259 species. Museum, special events, bird walks, children's programs, gift shop, video, restrooms, refreshments, and trails with maps. Fee: adult \$6, senior \$5, child 3-17 \$3. 10 am - 4 pm. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. birdsofvermont.org. Through October 31.

**ISLE LA MOTTE.** St. Anne's Shrine. Historic shrine built in 1893 commemorating the French fort and chapel built in 1666. Mass, summer reflection, rustic grottos, grounds to explore, picnic area. Buffet breakfast at the café in July and August, snacks and ice cream daily. Gift shop. 92 St. Anne's Rd. (802) 928-3362. saintannesshrine.org. Thru October 8.



## Birding Hot Spots in Rutland County

Located in the heart of the Green Mountains, Kent Pond, Gifford Woods State Park, and the Appalachian Trail along Rt. 100 in Killington offer a variety of birds in a beautiful setting.

Common Merganser, Mallard, Common Loon and Spotted Sandpiper are often present on Kent Pond. Sometimes Osprey are seen and, on more rare occasions, Bald Eagle. Spotted Sandpipers nest here. In the summer of 2009 a pair of loons unsuccessfully attempted to nest on one of the islands in the pond. The pond is a particularly good place to visit after stormy weather in spring or fall. On May 31, 2011, ob-

servers there to check on the nesting loons were startled to find an American White Pelican perched on one of the rocks near the loon nest.

There are two options for viewing Kent Pond. One is the fishing access on Rt. 100 (on the west side of the pond). The second is along the impoundment on Thundering Brook Rd. (the east side of the pond). The area is heavily used by fishermen and kayakers especially on summer weekends.

The Appalachian Trail runs through Gifford Woods State Park west of Kent Pond and passes along the south side of the pond. The trail in either direction offers the

opportunity to see a wide variety of warblers including Nashville, Northern Parula, Chestnut-sided, Magnolia, Black-throated Blue, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green, Blackburnian, Blackpoll, Black-and-white, American Redstart, Ovenbird and Canada warblers. Brown Creepers, Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers and Winter Wrens are present in good numbers.

A pleasant hike is to take the Appalachian Trail south of the parking lot and continue east along Kent Pond and across Thundering Brook Road. This route will take you over a ridge to the bottom of Thundering Brook Road. You can then return the way you came or walk up Thundering Brook Road to the pond and then back along the trail to the fishing access parking lot. Alternately you can turn east, cross Route



100 (traffic moves quickly so use caution) and take the Appalachian Trail through Gifford Woods State Park. Birding is best mid-May through summer and well into September. The pond is usually frozen in winter through mid-April.

**Directions:** take Rt. 100 north from the intersection with Rt. 4 in Killington. The fishing access and parking lot are about ¼ mile on the right. To view the pond from the east side, take Thundering Brook Rd. north from Rt. 4 (the first road east of the intersection of Rt. 100).

For more information visit Rutland County Audubon Society's website at [www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org](http://www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org).

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**KILLINGTON.** The Killington Summer Concert Series. Free outdoor evening concert on the lawn at the Sherburne Library, River Rd. 6 - 7:30 pm, open to all. Bring a blanket, pack a picnic and enjoy. (802) 422-3932. *Each Thursday.*

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

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

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

**LUDLOW.** Fletcher Farms School for the Arts and Crafts. Vermont's oldest residential arts and crafts school. Register for our arts and crafts classes. Monday-Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, 611 Rt. 103 South. (802) 228-8770. [www.fletcherfarm.org](http://www.fletcherfarm.org).

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

**MANCHESTER.** Revolutionary War Tour. Visit historic sites from Manchester to Bennington. 8-passenger tour vehicle. Fee. Daily 9:30-11:45 am. (802) 362-4997. [backroaddiscovery.com](http://backroaddiscovery.com). *Through September 28.*

**MANCHESTER.** Monday Evening Young Artists Concert Series. Featuring gifted young musicians from around the world. 7 pm. Burr and Burton's Riley Center for the Arts, Seminary Rd. For tickets call (802) 362-1956. [mmfvt@comcast.net](mailto:mmfvt@comcast.net). [www.mmfvt.org](http://www.mmfvt.org). *July 9 through August 13.*

**MANCHESTER.** Boswell Botany Trail. A bucolic wildflower walk, stately white birches, native orchids, grasses and moss, and most of the 67 varieties of fern found in Vermont, all in a unique glacial microclimate. Explored at a leisurely pace by most walkers in a half-hour or less. At Southern Vermont Art Center, off West Rd. (802) 362-1405. [www.svac.org](http://www.svac.org).

**MANCHESTER.** Visit Historic Hildene, the summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln. Special activities, lectures, bird walks, museum store, visitor's center, and walking trails. Tickets: \$16 adults, \$5 youth under 14, children under 6 free. Grounds pass: \$5 adults, \$3 youth, children under 6 free. Open daily 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Historic Hildene is off Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 362-1788. [info@hildene.org](mailto:info@hildene.org). [www.hildene.org](http://www.hildene.org).

**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 seven days a week through October, 10 am - 5 pm. Rt. 9, Hogback Mountain. (802) 464-0048. [museum@sover.net](mailto:museum@sover.net). [www.vermontmuseum.org](http://www.vermontmuseum.org).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Middlebury Arts Walk. Join us on the second Friday of the month through October. More than 40 venues will be displaying art. Stores remain open, becoming galleries displaying the work of dozens of area artists. 5-7 pm. Free. Downtown Middlebury. (802) 388-7951 x 2. [info@middleburyartswalk.com](mailto:info@middleburyartswalk.com). [www.middleburyartswalk.com](http://www.middleburyartswalk.com).

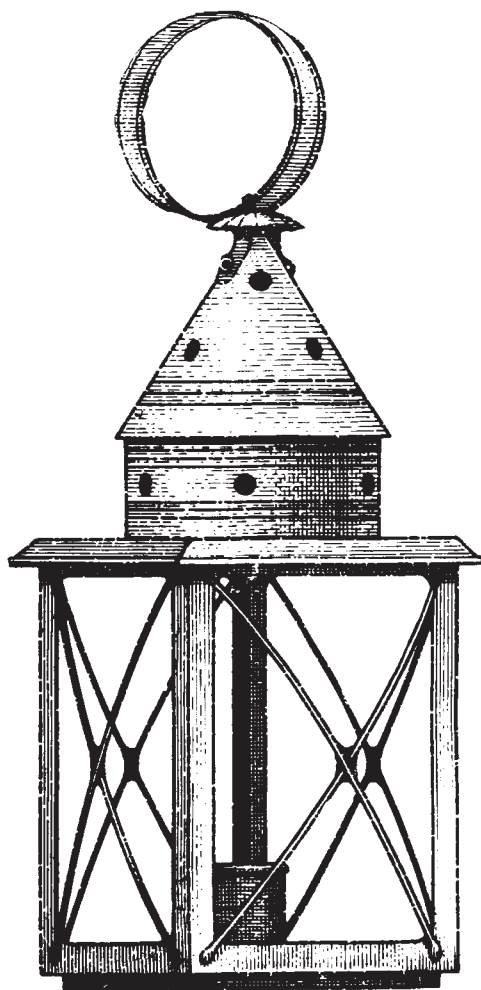
**MIDDLEBURY.** Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont. The oldest chartered community history museum in the United States, welcoming visitors since 1882. Exhibits, research center, and museum shop. Saturdays 10 am - 5 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History, 1 Park St. (803) 388-2117. [www.henrysheldonmuseum.org](http://www.henrysheldonmuseum.org).

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

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

**ORWELL.** Mount Independence State Historic Site. In 1776, this military complex was one of the largest communities in North America. 300 acres of pasture, woodlands, spectacular vistas of Lake Champlain and trails, some wheelchair accessible. Visitor's Center and Museum with archaeological artifacts. Open daily 9:30 am - 5 pm. Admission: adults \$5, children 14 and under free. On Mount Independence Rd., off Rt. 73. (802) 948-2000. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). *Through October 8.*

**PERU.** The Mountain Adventure Park and Aerial Adventure Park. Open 10:30 am - 5 pm., till 7:30 pm on Fridays, and 5:30 on Saturdays. Bromley Mountain, 3984 Rt. 11, six miles east of Manchester. [www.bromley.com](http://www.bromley.com).



**PITTSFORD.** New England Maple Museum. World's largest maple museum. Antiques, paintings, slide show, folk art exhibits, maple syrup samples. A simulated boiling process, "sap to syrup" is presented all year. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our gift shop. Maple Sugar making demonstration, no charge, from 10:30 am - 3 pm, Wednesdays July 11 through October 10. Admission adults \$2.50, children under 12 years 75¢, under 6 free. Open 8:30 am - 5:30 pm daily. New England Maple Museum, 4578 Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. [info@maplemuseum.com](mailto:info@maplemuseum.com). [www.maplemuseum.com](http://www.maplemuseum.com).

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

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

**POULTNEY.** Farmers Market. Everything from fresh fruits and veggies to local baked goods, homemade crafts, foods. Thursdays 9 am - 2 pm along Main St. (802) 468-5805. [vtfarmersmarket.org](http://vtfarmersmarket.org). *Through late October.*

**QUECHEE.** Vermont Institute of Natural Science Nature Center. Exhibits, programs, nature trail, nature store. Admission: adults \$10.50, seniors \$9.50, youth (3-18) \$8.50, children 3 and under free. 10 am - 5:30 pm, 7 days a week. VINS Nature Center, 6565 Woodstock Rd., Rt. 4. (802) 359-5000. [info@vinsweb.org](mailto:info@vinsweb.org). [www.vinsweb.org](http://www.vinsweb.org).

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

**ROCHESTER.** Exhibit: "Hey Joe"—an homage to Joseph Cornell featuring the work of New England artists, through July 29. Summer Reading Series July 15 through September 2; and Celebration Weekend for the 25th Anniversary of Green Mountain Bikes, August 24-26. Big Town Gallery, 99 N. Main St. (802) 767-9670. [www.bigtowngallery.com](http://www.bigtowngallery.com).

**RUPERT.** Merck Forest and Farmland. Camping, cabins, trails, farm, workshops and seasonal events. Visitor's Center and store with certified organic maple syrup, our own 100% wool blankets, and more. Open year round, dawn to dusk. 3270 Rt. 315, west of Manchester. (802) 394-7836. [info@merckforest.org](mailto:info@merckforest.org). [www.merckforest.org](http://www.merckforest.org).

**RUTLAND.** Poetry Workshop Series. Coming Home: The Poetry, Diaries and Letters of the Romantics. The workshops will take place Tuesdays in July from 2-3 pm. Free. Trinity Church, 85 West St. (802) 775-4368. [trinity2@sover.net](mailto:trinity2@sover.net). *July 3-31.*

**RUTLAND.** Summer Monday Night Book Sales. Sponsored by the Friends of the Rutland Free Library. New books added weekly. All proceeds go to support library activities and collections, 4-8 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. *July 9, 16, 23 & 30, August 6 & 13.*

## BURDOCKS

The burdocks by the pasture bar  
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The rugs were Persian ones, I think,  
All purple, green and white;  
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Were really my delight.

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Until they're ugly brown;  
I used to think that they were old  
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**RUTLAND.** The Rutland City Band performs a concert every Sunday in Main Street Park, 7-8:30 pm. Another free summer concert with various musicians takes place each Wednesday 7-8:30 pm. Free admission. Located at the corner of Main St. and West Street.

**RUTLAND.** Rutland Downtown Farmers Market. The largest in the state with over 90 vendors—a great place to shop, eat and visit. Live entertainment. Depot Park across from Walmart at Merchants Row. Saturdays 9 am – 2 pm and Tuesdays 3-6 pm. Market manager, Doug Patac, (802) 753-7269. [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org). [www.rutlandcountymarket.org](http://www.rutlandcountymarket.org). Saturdays through October 27 and Tuesdays through September 25.

**RUTLAND.** Chaffee Art Center. Exhibits, classes, workshops, open studio evenings, gift shop. Vermont Watercolor Society Annual Show through August 4. Gallery open Tues-Sat 10 am to 5 pm. 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. [www.chaffeeartcenter.org](http://www.chaffeeartcenter.org).

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

**SAXTONS RIVER.** Main Street Arts. Concerts, workshops, lectures, and classes for adults, teens & children. (802) 869-2960. [www.mainstreetarts.org](http://www.mainstreetarts.org).

**SHELBURNE.** Shelburne Farms. Welcome Center, Farm and Farm Store. Family programs, workshops, special events. Open year round 10 am – 5 pm. Enjoy eight miles of walking trails in woodlands and meadows. Walkers, check in with the Welcome Center. Admission. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org).

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

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

**SPRINGFIELD.** Eleanor Ellis/Springweather Nature Area. Overlooks North Springfield Lake. Trails meander through 70 acres of fields and forests, and provide many opportunities to enjoy the natural world. Reservoir Rd, off Rt 106 (Exit 7, I-91), turn at the sign for North Springfield Lake. Free to the public. (802) 263-5321. [www.weathersfieldvt.org](http://www.weathersfieldvt.org).

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain and Dog Chapel. Summer Dog Party August 5. Free. Open Mon-Sat 10 am – 4 pm and Sun 11 am – 4 pm. The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. off Spaulding Rd. (802) 748-2700. [dogmt.com](http://dogmt.com).

**VERGENNES.** Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Field trips, shipwreck tours, programs, special events, museum store. Something for all ages and interests. Step aboard replica 1776 gunboat Philadelphia II, Nautical Archeology Center, Key to Liberty exhibit, replica 1862 Lois McClure schooner, Steam to Gasoline exhibit. Admission: adult \$10, seniors \$8, students 5-17 \$6, under 5 free. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. (802) 475-2022. [www.lcmm.org](http://www.lcmm.org).

**WELLS.** Wells Village Farmers Market. Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm. At the Wells Country Store on Rt. 30. (802) 325-3478.

**WEST BRATTLEBORO.** Tasha Tudor Museum. Current Exhibit: For the Love of Frocks: Tasha Tudor's Favourite Dresses. Admission: adults \$5, children 6-12 and seniors over 65 \$3. Children under 5 free. Wednesday-Saturday 11 am - 4 pm, through October 20, 2012. Also open free the first Friday of the month for Gallery Walk 4-7 pm. Located in the Jeremiah Beal House at 974 Western Ave. For more information call (802) 258-6564. [tashatudormuseum.org](http://tashatudormuseum.org).

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

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

**WEST RUTLAND.** Home Buyer Education Classes. Call for schedule. NeighborWorks office at 110 Marble St. (802) 438-2303 x 216. [www.nwvt.org](http://www.nwvt.org).

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

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Main Street Museum. A small, public collection of curiosities and artifacts, each one significant and telling a story. Open Thurs-Sun 1-6 pm. 58 Bridge St. (802) 356-2776. [www.mainstreetmuseum.org](http://www.mainstreetmuseum.org).

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

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

**WINDSOR.** Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery. Daylily Days July 21-22 and Sculpture in the Garden Show July 13- Oct. 28. Potted herbs, unusual perennials, large collections of primroses, wildflowers & woodlanders, peonies, daylilies and hostas. Meander through well-established display gardens nestled within our wild apple orchard, woodlands and fields. Open Thurs-Sun 10 am – 6 pm, July through October. At 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. [garmylek.com](http://garmylek.com). [ciderhillgardens.com](http://ciderhillgardens.com).

**WINDSOR.** Old Constitution House State Historic Site. The restored Old Constitution House looks as it did more than 200 years ago. See an exhibit recounting the writing of the most progressive constitution of its time. Open 11 am – 5 pm, Sat-Sun. Admission: adults \$2.50, children 14 & under are free. 16 N. Main St. (802) 672-3773. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). Through October 8.

**WINDSOR.** American Precision Museum. Peruse many historical and interesting exhibits and collections. Admission: adults \$6, students \$4, under 6 free, family \$18. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. 196 Main St. (802) 674-5781. [www.americanprecision.org](http://www.americanprecision.org). Through October 31.

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

**WOODSTOCK.** Billings Farm & Museum. Premiere Jersey dairy farm, restored 1890 farmhouse, wagon rides, family programs, special events and museum. Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. Open daily. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org). [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org).

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# Vermont Country Calendar



## SATURDAY, JULY 7

**BENNINGTON.** Guided Tour: "Best of the Greenberg Reserve—Wetland, Woodland and Meadow." Marcus Charetto leads guided tours. Free. 10-11 am. One World Conservation Center, 413 US Rt. 7 South. (802) 447-7419. [oneworldconservationcenter.org](http://oneworldconservationcenter.org). *Also July 21 and August 4.*

**BRANDON.** Independence Day Celebration. The largest Independence Day Parade in Vermont at 1 pm. Music, activities, parade, and fireworks at dusk. Parade is at 1 pm. Fireworks at dusk at Park Village, the old Brandon Training School (one mile north of town). Free. Parks open at 10 am. Central Park. (802) 247-6401. [info@brandon.org](mailto:info@brandon.org). [www.brandon.org](http://www.brandon.org).

**BURLINGTON.** Burlap Coffee Bag Benefit Sale. Burlap coffee bags in 20-bag bundles @ just \$20 a bundle! Mulch your garden and support a great cause when you pick up these hard-to-find food grade 24" x 36" burlap coffee bags! Parking is free and volunteers will be on hand to serve up free cups of Green Mountain Coffee Roasters iced coffee. Sponsored by Friends of Burlington Gardens to benefit the Healthy City Youth Farm. 9 am - 12 noon. Friends of Burlington Gardens, 180 Flynn Ave. (802) 861-4769. [www.burlingtongardens.org](http://www.burlingtongardens.org).

**HUBBARDTON.** Battle of Hubbardton Revolutionary War Encampment. Commemorate the 235th anniversary of the only Revolutionary War battle fought in Vermont. Activities for everyone. Reenactors portray soldiers who fought here. Tactical military demonstrations, drilling lessons, guided camp and battlefield tours, camp life activities, Mistress Davenport's Schoolroom, history scavenger hunt, colonial games, children's activities, music, and shopping on sutler's row. Revolutionary War battle maneuvers Sunday morning. Food stand both days. Admission: Adults \$2, 14 and under free. 9:30 am - 5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd, seven miles north of Rt 4. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). *Also July 8.*

**KILLINGTON.** Killington Music Festival presents the Best of Beethoven. The KMF faculty artists perform three Beethoven chamber masterpieces. At Rams Head Lodge at 7 pm. Tickets \$20. Call (802) 442-1330. For more information please call (802) 773-4003 or visit [www.killingtonmusicfestival.org](http://www.killingtonmusicfestival.org).

**LUDLOW.** Annual Craft Fair. Over 90 of New England's finest artists and craftsmen exhibiting top quality wares. Free. 10 am - 4 pm. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, 611 Rt. 103 South. (802) 228-8770. [info@fletcherfarm.org](mailto:info@fletcherfarm.org). [www.fletcherfarm.org](http://www.fletcherfarm.org).

**MANCHESTER.** Hills Alive!—A Festival of the Arts in Southern Vermont. World-class stage productions, concerts, art and photography exhibitions at the Dorset Theatre Festival, Manchester Music Festival, Southern Vermont Arts Center and Weston playhouse Theatre Company. Admission. (802) 558-7055. [info@hillsalive.org](mailto:info@hillsalive.org). [www.hillsalive.org](http://www.hillsalive.org). *Through July 15.*

**NORTH POMFRET.** Annual Strawberry Supper. Baked ham and baked beans, potato salad, tossed salad, deviled eggs, rolls, dark breads, coffee, punch, strawberry shortcake & whipped cream. Ladies Circle Bazaar and quilt raffle tickets. Supper benefits the North Pomfret Congregational Church. \$12 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. Seatings at 5, 6:15 & 7:30 pm at the Pomfret Town Hall. Call for reservations! (802) 457-1014.

**POULTNEY.** Poultney Public Library Book Sale. 8 am - 4 pm. (802) 287-5556. [www.poultneyvt.com](http://www.poultneyvt.com).

**RANDOLPH.** Summer Festival Tour Concert. The Vermont Symphony Orchestra presents an evening of musical smiles concluding with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and fireworks! Tickets \$10 advance, \$14 at the gate; under 18 free in advance, \$11 at the gate. Gates open at 5 pm for picnicking, concert at 7:30 pm. At Three Stallion Inn, Stock Farm Rd. off Rt. 66. For info or tickets call (802) 870-9293 x 25. [www.vso.org](http://www.vso.org).

**RUTLAND.** Rutland Downtown Farmers Market. The largest in the state with over 90 vendors. Local fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, dog biscuits, meats, maple, jam & jellies, crafts, flowers, and more. A great place to shop, eat and visit. Live entertainment. Depot Park across from Walmart at Merchants Row. 9 am-2 pm. (802) 753-7269. [rutlandcountyfarmers-market.org](http://rutlandcountyfarmers-market.org). *Saturdays through October 27.*

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

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

## SUNDAY, JULY 1

**EAST POULTNEY.** 3rd Annual Strawberry Social. Strawberry shortcake. Town band plays. Bring your own chairs. \$5 adult, \$3 children. On the Green at 6 pm. (802) 287-2405.

**NORWICH.** Sunday Craft Fair. Outdoor craft fair with food and live music—open rain or shine. Free. 10 am - 3 pm. Norwich Farmers Market, Rt. 5 south of town. (802) 356-2082. [dhremote@earthlink.net](mailto:dhremote@earthlink.net). [www.norwichcrafts.org](http://www.norwichcrafts.org).

**WILMINGTON.** Garden Conservancy's Open Days Program. Visit North Forte Garden, 71 Top of Hill Rd., 10 am - 4 pm. Rain or shine, no reservations required. Admission \$5. (845) 265-5384. [www.opendaysprogram.org](http://www.opendaysprogram.org). *Also August 11.*

## MONDAY, JULY 2

**MANCHESTER.** Summer Festival Tour Concert by The Vermont Symphony Orchestra. Concluding with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and fireworks! Tickets \$32 advance, \$35 at the gate; under 18 free in advance, \$11 at the gate. Open at 5:30 pm, concert at 7:30 pm. At Hildene Meadowlands. (802) 870-9293 x 25. [www.vso.org](http://www.vso.org).

## TUESDAY, JULY 3

**BURLINGTON.** Independence Day Waterfront Celebration. All day festivities. Fireworks at Burlington Harbor at 9:30 pm. (802) 864-0123. [enjoyburlington.com](http://enjoyburlington.com).

**MONTPELIER.** 13th Annual Independence Day Celebration. One of the biggest, most exciting events in Central Vermont this summer. Pancake breakfast, library lawn dance party, family entertainment, water carnival, road race, street party, lots of music, fireworks! (802) 223-9604. [www.montpelierlive.org](http://www.montpelierlive.org).

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

**BENNINGTON.** Reading of the Declaration of Independence. An annual tradition, the Reading of the Declaration of Independence with local actor Willy Jones will take place at 1 pm. Discussion and audience input will follow. The event is free and open to the public. Bennington Monument. (802) 447-0550. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

**KILLINGTON.** July 4th Celebration and Fireman's BBQ. Parade at 10 am from the Killington Events Hall down River Rd. to Johnson's Rec. Center. Fireman's BBQ and pool opening at 11 am. Auction at 12 noon. Field games and belly flop contests. music at 7 pm. Spectacular fireworks display at 9:30 pm. (802) 422-3241.

**POULTNEY.** 4th of July Celebration. Fun run in the morning, family activities, food. Parade step-off at 10 am from the East Poultney Church. (802) 287-9751. [www.poultneyvt.com](http://www.poultneyvt.com).

**PEACHAM.** Peacham Fourth of July Celebration. Historical House and Blacksmith Shop will be open. The Peacham Historical Association Ghost Walk will feature Peacham women and their families during the Civil War. The program starts at 2 pm at the entrance to the Peacham Cemetery. Tickets: \$4 per person. [peachamhistorical.org](http://peachamhistorical.org).

**PITTSFORD.** Maple Candy Making at the New England Maple Museum. Crystallizing pure Vermont Maple Syrup into Maple Sugar is demonstrated. Visitors can sample the final product fresh from the mold without touring the Museum on these Wednesdays. No charge. 10:30 am - 3 pm. Admission to the museum is: adults \$2.50, children under 12 years 75¢, under 6 free. Open 8:30 am - 5:30 pm daily. New England Maple Museum, 4578 Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. [info@maplemuseum.com](mailto:info@maplemuseum.com). [www.maplemuseum.com](http://www.maplemuseum.com). *Also July 11, 18, 25; August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; September 5, 12, 19, 26; October 3 & 10.*

**PLYMOUTH.** President Calvin Coolidge Birthday Celebration. A very special July 4th commemorating the Nation's birth, as well as Plymouth's most famous resident. At 12 noon, march from the village green to the cemetery where a wreath from the White House is laid at the President's gravesite. A chicken barbecue follows at the Wilder House Restaurant. At 2 pm, guests are invited to another Coolidge Foundation event—a live VPR interview with nationally known commentator and author Amity Shlaes, about her latest book, *Coolidge*. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

**RUTLAND.** Summer Smash 2012. Gates and concessions open at 4:30 pm. Stoney Roberts Demolition Derby begins at 6:30 pm. Fourth of July fireworks extravaganza at 9:45 pm. At Vermont State Fairgrounds, 175 S. Main St. Free parking. For ticket information call (802) 775-5200.

**SHELBURNE.** Summer Festival Tour Concert by The Vermont Symphony Orchestra. An evening of musical smiles concluding with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and fireworks! Tickets \$34 advance, \$38 at the gate; under 18 free in advance, \$11 at the gate. Gates open at 5:15 pm for picnicking, concert at 7:30 pm. At Shelburne Farms. For info or tickets call (802) 870-9293 x 25. [www.vso.org](http://www.vso.org).

**SOUTH STRAFFORD.** Summer Concert Series. Join Jeremiah McLane, Bob Murray, and Susannah Blachly for songs on guitar, piano, accordion and fiddle that spring from their individual work in Archetypal Dreamwork. Free admission, suggested donation \$15. 7:30 pm. Unitarian Universalist Church, Rt. 132 across from Barret Hall. (802) 765-4295. [www.jeremiahmclane.com](http://www.jeremiahmclane.com). [www.susannahblachly.com](http://www.susannahblachly.com). [www.strafforduuchurch.org](http://www.strafforduuchurch.org).

**WARREN.** Warren 4th of July Parade and Celebration. Plan to be swept up by the enthusiasm of a small town celebrating the 4th of July with a parade people remember long after. [www.madrivervalley.com](http://www.madrivervalley.com)

**WILLISTON.** Friends of the Dorothy Alling Memorial Library Book Sale. 9 am - 2 pm. Williston Central School, 195 Central School Dr. (802) 878-4918. [williston.lib.vt.us](http://williston.lib.vt.us).

**WOODSTOCK.** Old Vermont 4th. A patriotic family celebration featuring the reading of the Declaration of Independence, traditional music, historic debates, horse-drawn wagon rides, making 1890 flags, a spelling bee, the egg toss, and lots more. Crank strawberry ice cream! Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. Open 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [billingsfarm.org](http://billingsfarm.org).

## THURSDAY, JULY 5

**BRANDON.** Jazz Night at Brandon Music: Teri Roiger, jazz vocalist. 7:30 pm. Call for tickets. Brandon Music Café at Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. [brandon-music.net](http://brandon-music.net).

**CHESTER.** Movie Night—Jean-Michel Basquiat: The Radiant Child. Hosted by Jack Dowd. A viewing and discussion about this controversial, charismatic artist. 8 pm. Vermont Institute of Contemporary Arts, 15 Depot St. (802) 875-1018. [VTica.org](http://VTica.org).

**MANCHESTER.** Music Under the Stars—Manchester Music Festival Summer Concert Series. The highly-acclaimed Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio plays the music of Haydn, Mendelssohn and Schumann. 7:30 pm. Southern Vermont Arts Center, Arkell Pavilion. West Road. For tickets call (802) 362-1956. [mmfvt@comcast.net](mailto:mmfvt@comcast.net). [www.mmfvt.org](http://www.mmfvt.org).

**NORTHFIELD.** Concert: 500 Years of Music for Guitar. Guitarist/composer Peter Griggs performs music by Gaspar Sanz, Johann Sebastian Bach, Bartolome Calatuyud, Django Rhe. Donation. United Church of Northfield, 58 South Main St. (802) 485-4431. [www.unitedchurchofnorthfield.org](http://www.unitedchurchofnorthfield.org).

**ORWELL.** Retreat from Mount Independence. Intrepid reenactors follow the footsteps of history, retreating from the Mount for a 26-mile hike to wind up at Hubbardton the day before the Battle of Hubbardton. Watch for them along the roads and byways and imagine the thousands of soldiers doing this exactly 235 years ago! Admission: adults \$5, children under 15 free. 1 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site on Mount Independence Rd., off Rt. 73. (802) 948-2000. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). *Also July 6.*

**RANDOLPH.** Performance: Peter Pan. An all-star cast of more than 125 youth presents a fully-staged production of this beloved family musical. Thurs.-Sat. 7 pm, Sun. 2 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. For tickets call (802) 728-6464. [director@chandler-arts.org](mailto:director@chandler-arts.org). [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org). *Through July 8.*

## FRIDAY, JULY 6

**BRADFORD.** Fourth of July Weekend Concert and Strawberry Festival. Strawberry Festival by Masonic Lodge/Eastern Star from 12 noon on. Lawn of Bradford Academy Building, Rain location: BA Auditorium. 172 N. Main St. Concert by Banjo Dan and the Midnite Plowboys at 7 pm by donation. (802) 222-4423. [lccoffin@charter.net](mailto:lccoffin@charter.net).

**BRANDON.** Benefit Concert with Woodchuck's Revenge, a Vermont Folk Quartet. Tickets are \$15, proceeds benefit the Compass Music and Arts Foundation 7 pm at Brandon Music at 62 Country Club. (802) 465-4071. [net.brandon-music.net](http://net.brandon-music.net).

**BRANDON.** Independence Day Celebration—The Night Before. Festivities, music, and celebrations from morning to night all over Brandon, in Central Park. Food vendors 5 pm. Street dance 6-10 pm. (802) 247-6401.

**CHESTER.** Artist Talk with Jack Dowd. Join Jack as he discusses this very personal exhibit. 27's iconic musicians created the music of Jacks generation. They were Jack's idols, his hero's, and his friends. They may be gone but their music remains. 7 pm. Vermont Institute of Contemporary Arts, 15 Depot St. (802) 875-1018. [VTica.org](http://VTica.org).

**DUMMERSTON.** Northern Roots Weekend. Traditional music three-day workshop. Hosted by Keith Murphy & Becky Tracy with Shanon Heaton, Irish flute and Tina Lech, Irish fiddle. Fee: \$240 includes all workshops, meals, and cabin lodging. At Green Mountain Camp. (802) 257-4523. [www.bmcv.org](http://www.bmcv.org). [www.windhamorchestra.org](http://www.windhamorchestra.org). *Thru July 8.*

**SOUTH POMFRET.** Summer Festival Tour Concert. The Vermont Symphony Orchestra presents an evening of musical smiles concluding with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and fireworks! Tickets \$31 advance, \$34 at the gate; under 18 free in advance, \$11 at the gate. Gates open at 5:15 pm for picnicking, concert at 7:30 pm. At Suicide Six. For info or tickets call (802) 870-9293 x 25. [www.vso.org](http://www.vso.org).

**STOWE.** 26th Anniversary Stoweflake Hot Air Balloon Festival. Children's corner, live band, great food, beer and wine. Admission. Gates open Fri. and Sat. at 4 pm for the night. Balloon Launches: Fri. 6:30 pm, Sat. 6:30 am and 6:30 pm, Sun 6:30 am. Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa, 1746 Mountain Rd. (800) 253-2232. [www.stoweflake.com/balloon](http://www.stoweflake.com/balloon). *Through July 8.*



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(July 7, continued)

**WINDSOR.** 1777 Constitution Day Celebration. Join reenactors, traditional artisans, and costumed guides in this festive tribute to Vermont's first constitution, held where it all began—the tavern now known as Old Constitution House. Finale includes Vermont's Revolutionary Trek—a symbolic relay from Hubbardton Battlefield to Windsor's constitutional convention. 11 am - 4 pm. Admission: adults \$2.50, children 14 & under are free. Old Constitution House, 16 N. Main St. (802) 672-3773. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

## SUNDAY, JULY 8

**BRISTOL.** Winona Lake Summer Outing. Canoe or kayak on this beautiful, small lake (a/k/a Bristol Pond), with abundant bird life. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Bring water and a snack or lunch. Sponsored by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Call leaders for start time: Vivian Bebee & Larry Walter (802) 775-3855. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**CHESTER.** A painting demo by Robert Sydorowich. 12 pm. Vermont Institute of Contemporary Arts, 15 Depot St. (802) 875-1018. [VTica.org](http://VTica.org).

**FERRISBURGH.** Book & Author Event. Cynthia Bittinger talk about her new book, *Vermont Women, Native Americans & African Americans—Out of the Shadows of History*. Books will be available for sale and signing. 2 pm. Rokeyby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. [rokeyby@comcast.net](mailto:rokeyby@comcast.net). [rokeyby.org](http://rokeyby.org).

**HUBBARDTON.** Battle of Hubbardton Revolutionary War Encampment. Commemorate the 235th anniversary of the only Revolutionary War battle fought in Vermont. Activities for everyone. Reenactors portray soldiers who fought here. Revolutionary War battle maneuvers Sunday morning. Food stand. Admission: adults \$2, 14 and under free. 8 am - 5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd, seven miles north of Rt. 4. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Book & Author Family Event. Rob Mermin and Rob Gurwitt present *Circus Smirkus: 25 Years of Running Home to the Circus*. Free. 5 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. [northshire.com](http://northshire.com).

**MIDDLEBURY.** 34th Annual Middlebury Festival-on-the-Green. Brown bag specials Mon-Fri 12-1 pm. Evening performances Sun. 7-9 pm, Mon-Fri 7-10 pm. Street Dance Sat. 7-9 pm. (802) 462-3555. [www.festivalonthegreen.com](http://www.festivalonthegreen.com). Through July 14.

**NORTH TUNBRIDGE.** North Tunbridge Grange Open House. Co-hosted with the Historical Society. The Grange will show its painted stage curtain and other exhibits. The society will be next door at the North Tunbridge Baptist Church with artifacts, documents and photos of local interest. 1-3 pm at the North Tunbridge Grange. Also July 29.

**ROCHESTER.** Rochester Chamber Music Society Concert. Helian Trio with composer Padma Newsome. Vermont premier of Newsome's "With Eyes Cast Down" for women's voices, bassoon, and double keyboard. 4 pm. Federated Church, 15 N. Main St. (802) 767-9234. [rcmsvt.org](http://rcmsvt.org).

## MONDAY, JULY 9

**RUTLAND.** Summer Monday Night Book Sales. Sponsored by the Friends of the Rutland Free Library. New books added weekly. All proceeds go to support library activities and collections, 4-8 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. Also July 16, 23 & 30, August 6 & 13.

## TUESDAY, JULY 10

**RUTLAND.** Rutland Downtown Farmers Market. A great place to shop, eat and visit. Depot Park at Merchants Row. 3-6 pm. Market manager, Doug Patac. (802) 753-7269. [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org). [www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org](http://www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org). Tuesdays through September 25.

**SO. BURLINGTON.** Weeding Bee at the Burlington Community Tree Nursery. The Burlington Community Tree Nursery was established in May 2001 to provide a sustained source of low-cost trees to plant along Burlington's streets by Branch Out Burlington! 5:30-7:30 pm. 65 Green Mountain Dr. (802) 862-2930. [branchoutburlington.org](http://branchoutburlington.org).

**STOWE.** Stowe Free Library Annual Giant Book Sale. Sponsored by the Friends of Stowe Free Library. Free. Daily, 9 am to dusk. Stowe Free Library porch and grounds, 90 Pond St. (802) 253-6145. [info@stowelibrary.org](mailto:info@stowelibrary.org). [www.stowelibrary.org](http://www.stowelibrary.org). Through July 30.

**TUNBRIDGE.** The Tunbridge Church Ice Cream Social. 6:30-7:30 pm on the Parish House Lawn. At 7:30, following the Ice Cream Social, the Tunbridge Historical Society will present Tunbridge Speaks, at which letters and writings from and about Tunbridge residents will be read by costumed presenters.

**WOODSTOCK.** Time Travel Tuesdays. Experience late 19th century chores and pastimes in the farmhouse firsthand. Fee: \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org). Also July 17, 24, 31.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

**PITTSFORD.** Maple Candy Making at the New England Maple Museum. Crystallizing pure Vermont Maple Syrup into Maple Sugar is demonstrated. Visitors can sample the final product fresh from the mold without touring the Museum on these Wednesdays. No charge. 10:30 am - 3 pm. Admission to the museum is: adults \$2.50, children under 12 years 75¢, under 6 free. Open 8:30 am - 5:30 pm daily. New England Maple Museum, 4578 Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. [info@maplemuseum.com](mailto:info@maplemuseum.com). [www.maplemuseum.com](http://www.maplemuseum.com). Also July 18, 25; August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; September 5, 12, 19, 26; October 3 & 10.

**SO. STRAFFORD.** Summer Concert Series. Samantha Moffatt returns with fiddler/guitarist Jean-Pierre LeDuc and singer and accordionist Mireille Girard. Free admission, suggested donation \$15. 7:30 pm. Unitarian Universalist Church, Rt. 132 across from Barrett Hall. (802) 765-4295. [www.sammoffatt.com](http://www.sammoffatt.com). [www.strafforduuchurch.org](http://www.strafforduuchurch.org).

**WOODSTOCK.** Wagon Ride Wednesdays. Horse-drawn wagon rides. Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 11 am - 2 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org). Also July 18 & 25.

## THURSDAY, JULY 12

**BRANDON.** Jazz Night at Brandon Music: Eugene Uman, jazz piano trio. 7:30 pm. Call for tickets. Brandon Music Café at Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. [brandon-music.net](http://brandon-music.net).

**BRANDON.** The 18th Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival. A family event, lots of activities and music, many kinds of workshops and more. Camping all week. Day and weekend ticket prices. Spaghetti supper 5 pm (\$8) followed by Cannonball Express Classic Country Concert, \$5. (802) 247-3275. [basinbluegrass@yahoo.com](mailto:basinbluegrass@yahoo.com). [basinbluegrassfestival.com](http://basinbluegrassfestival.com). Through July 15.

**CHESTER.** Summer Music Series—Dave Keller Band. 6:30-8 pm on the Academy Building lawn. In case of inclement weather, concerts will move to The Stone Hearth Inn on Route 11 West. All concerts are free. For more information call (802) 875-3400. Also July 19 & 26, August 2 & 9.

**DORSET.** Play: "Boeing-Boeing." French farce at its best! Wednesday - Sunday, 8 pm, matinees at 3 pm. Dorset Playhouse, 104 Cheney Rd. For tickets call (802) 867-2223. [www.dorsettheatrefestival.org](http://www.dorsettheatrefestival.org). Through July 28.

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Thurs, July 12, 5:00 pm, \$8  
Followed by a concert with  
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Gospel Sing:  
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Cannonball Express (FL) Th • Dave Nichols & Spare Change (NY) F • Cedar Ridge (NY) F • Wildwood (VT) F  
Atkinson Family (NY) F • CPS Express (ME) F • Acoustic Blue (MA) F & S • Dyer Switch (NY) F & S  
Blistered Fingers (ME) S • Smokey Greene (FL & NY) S & S • Southern Rail (MA) S & S  
Cabin Fever (NY) S & S • Digger Davis & Tombstone (TX) S & S  
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The festival is held at the end of Basin Road, about 3 miles east of Brandon off McConnell Rd. The area will be well signed from Brandon. Tickets: Weekend at the Gate \$50. Day ticket prices: Friday or Saturday \$23 (after 5:00 pm \$12), Sunday \$12. Children 15 and under free with an adult. Free Rough Camping Thurs thru Sun only with a weekend ticket (Early birds \$10 per unit if you come Sun, Mon, Tues, or Wed). Early bird camping fee to be paid at gate, do not send with ticket request.

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For more info call (802) 247-3275, visit [www.basinbluegrassfestival.com](http://www.basinbluegrassfestival.com) or e-mail [basinbluegrass@yahoo.com](mailto:basinbluegrass@yahoo.com)

After July 7, 2012, call (802) 236-1096 (festival grounds). Emergency Number for you to be contacted during the festival: (802) 247-5723 (Brandon Police)





# Vermont Country Calendar

**HARTLAND.** Upper Valley Seed Savers meet on the second Thursday of the month at 5 pm at member's gardens. You're welcome to join us. 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.

**MANCHESTER.** Manchester Music Festival Music Under the Stars. Acclaimed guitarist Oren Fader and cellist Yehuda Hanani playing music by Castelnuovo-Tedesco, deFalla and Smetena. Southern Vermont Arts Center, Arkell Pavilion, West Rd. For tickets call (802) 362-1956. mmfvt@comcast.net. www.mmfvt.org.

**TUNBRIDGE.** Vermont Scenic Circuit—Four Days of Dog Shows! Woodstock Dog Club and Green Mountain Dog Club will be sponsoring an official AKC event with Conformation Classes for AKC breeds and Companion Events, Obedience & Rally for purebred and mixed breed dogs. Vendors and good food!. Free admission. Thurs-Sunday, 8 am - 6 pm. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, off Rt. 110. (802) 479-9843. louise.rauh@comcast.net. www.greenmountaindogclub.org. *Through July 15.*

**WESTON.** Performance: Ella. This enchanting musical examines the little-known offstage life of Ella Fitzgerald, set to her hit songs. Tues thru Sun various times. Weston Playhouse MainStage, 12 Park St. For tickets call (802) 824-5288. klarsen@westonplayhouse.org. www.westonplayhouse.org. *Through July 28.*

## FRIDAY, JULY 13

**BRANDON.** The 18th Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival. A family event, lots of events, activities and music, workshops and more, day and weekend ticket prices. (802) 247-3275. basinbluegrass@yahoo.com. www.basinbluegrassfestival.com. *Through July 15.*

**CHESTER.** Music Performance: "Forever 27 Unplugged." VTica, in conjunction with the Jack Dowd's 27 exhibition, has assembled an eight-member ensemble for a live performance of the songs of Hendrix, Joplin, Grateful Dead, Morrison, Canned Heat, Winehouse and others. Tickets \$15. 8 pm. Vermont Institute of Contemporary Arts, 15 Depot St. (802) 875-1018. VTica.org. *Also July 14.*

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Book & Author Event. Leslie Carroll presents the book, *Days of Splendor, Days of Sorrow*. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. northshire.com.

**RANDOLPH.** *Still Fighting It*. Summer Pride presents a staged reading of this new work by Cassie Keet followed by audience discussion and a reception. 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. For tickets call (802) 728-6464. director@chandler-arts.org. www.chandler-arts.org.

**ROCHESTER.** Green Mountain Suzuki Institute Student Chamber Recital. Free. 1:15 pm. Rochester School, 222 S. Main St. (802) 767-9234. lesley@rcmsvt.org. gmsi.org.

**SOUTH HERO.** 50th Anniversary Islands Antique Show and Sale. Over 20 different vendors. Admission \$3. Fri 9 am - 5 pm and Sat 10 am - 4 pm. Held at Folsom School, 75 South St. (802) 372-6425. cidervt.org. *Also July 14.*

**TUNBRIDGE.** Ed Larkin Contra Dancers. With live music. All dances taught. \$5 donation. 7:30-9:30 pm. Tunbridge Town Hall. *Also August 10.*

## SATURDAY, JULY 14

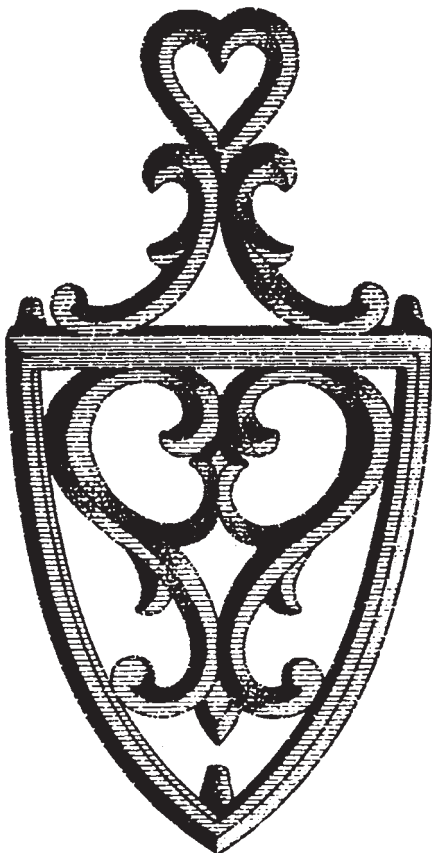
**BELMONT.** Baked Ham Supper. Menu: baked ham with all the fixings and home-baked pies for dessert. At the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont with settings starting at 5 pm and 6 pm. Served family style. Admission \$10 adults and \$5 children 11 years and under. For more information call (802) 259-3445.

**BENNINGTON.** Stepping Up. For the third consecutive year the steps inside the Bennington Monument will be open to public for guided tours. Learn the history as you walk the unique steps to the top. 10 am - 4:30 pm. Admission. Bennington Monument. (802) 447-0550. historicssites.vermont.gov.

**BRANDON.** The 18th Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival. A family event, lots of activities, music, food and workshops. Performances by Cabin Fever, Blistered Fingers, Smokey Greene, Southern Rail and many more. Day and weekend ticket prices. (802) 247-3275. basinbluegrass@yahoo.com. www.basinbluegrassfestival.com. *Also July 15.*

**BURLINGTON.** Book & Author Event. Local VT author Nessa Flax will read from her new book *Voices in the Hills* and will discuss and answer questions about the writing/publishing experience. Free, public invited., Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. www.phoenixbooks.biz. www.bunkerhillpublishing.com.

**CHELSEA.** Annual Chelsea Flea Market. Browse the treasures of 125 vendors on the picturesque twin town greens at Chelsea's annual flea market. Antiques, crafts, tools, collectibles, toys, china, glass, jewelry, furniture. Great food on both Commons. Book sale. Free admission. 9 am - 3 pm. Twin Town Greens at the junction of Rts. 110 & 113. (800) 837-6668. judy@safelinevt.org.



**CHESTER.** Animal Communication Class. With Linda Carley. Fee: \$60. 7-8 pm. Peace of Paradise, 78 the Common. Call to pre-register. (802) 875-8008. www.peaceofparadisevt.com. *Also September 15.*

**CRAFTSBURY COMMON.** 42nd Annual Antiques and Uniques. Over 100 vendors of antiques, collectibles, wood working, pottery, plants, jewelry, artwork. Visit the bake sale tent and the grill, listen to all day great live music. \$5 parking benefits the Craftsbury Fire Depart. 10 am - 4 pm. Craftsbury Common, N. Craftsbury Rd. (802) 586-7596. antiquesanduniques2012@gmail.com. www.townofcraftsbury.com.

**DORSET.** Annual Ice Cream Social. 1-4 pm on the Bley House lawn. Also The Vermont Stoneware Pottery Festival from 10 am to 4 pm featuring lectures on historic New England stoneware pottery and Vermont artisans demonstrating the art of making stoneware pottery. Admission to both events is free. Dorset Historical Society's Bley House Museum is on Rt. 30 at Kent Hill Rd. (802) 867-0331. info@dorsetvhistory.org. www.dorsetvhistory.org.

**EAST THETFORD.** Gardening Class: "Bloom & Buzz—Weeds and Insect Guests and Pests." With Cat Buxton and Will Allen. Fee: \$20. 10:30 am - 12:30 pm at Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org.

**GRANVILLE, NY.** Quarry Dog Day. Celebrate the past and present quarry dogs of the Slate Valley by bringing your dog to SVM. Enjoy dog friendly activities and vendors on our grounds. 10 am - 4 pm. Slate Valley Museum, 17 Water St. (518) 642-1417. www.slatevalleymuseum.org.

**GRANVILLE.** 14th Annual Bach Bash. Sponsored by the Rochester Chamber Music Society. Celebrate the music of Bach and others. Donation. 7 pm. Granville Town Hall, 4157 Rt. 100. (802) 767-9234. lesley@rcmsvt.org. www.rcmsvt.org.

**JAMAICA.** Bread Baking Workshop. Join Irene Glazer, owner of Cold Moon Farm, for a fun-filled lesson in making bread dough that can be used many different ways. Fee: \$75 per person, includes lunch. Inquire about our luxury overnight B&B accommodations. 11 am - 3 pm. Cold Moon Farm Bed & Breakfast, 251 Pratt Bridge Rd. For more information or to register please call Irene Glazer at (802) 297-3258. info@coldmoonfarm.com. www.coldmoonfarm.com.

**KILLINGTON.** Killington Music Festival presents "Spanning the Centuries—Works of Bach, Mozart, Dvorak & Ravel." With guest artist Joseph Silverstein. At Rams Head Lodge at 7 pm. Tickets \$20. To purchase please call (802) 442-1330. For more information please call (802) 773-4003 or visit www.killingtonmusicfestival.org.

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Book & Author Event. David Rynick presents *Truth Never Fails: A Zen Memoir in Four Seasons*. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. northshire.com.

**MIDDLEBURY.** 34th Annual Middlebury Festival-on-the-Green. Street Dance 7-9 pm. (802) 462-3555. www.festivalonthegreen.com.

**RUTLAND.** 33rd Annual RAVE Car Show & Flea Market. 31 classes, large auto-related flea market, car corral, craft vendors, new item vendors, food, music, model car contest, kid's coloring contest, 50/50, silent auction. Sat. night benefit dance at the Holiday Inn open to the public. Show admission \$5 per adult, under 12 free. 9 am - 4:30 pm. Vermont State Fairgrounds, Rt. 7. (802) 265-8026. *Also July 15.*

Mary

Elizabeth can wash and paint,  
And Isabel can cook,  
While Annabel will sweep and dust  
Out every little nook  
In all the great house on the hill;  
Good Martha scrubs the floors  
At times when Helen is at work  
At something out of doors;  
And mother either sits and mends  
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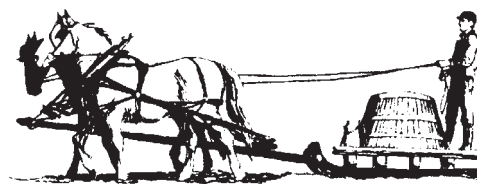
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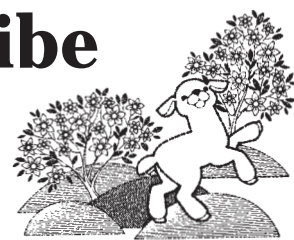
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# Vermont Country Calendar

(July 14, continued)

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## SUNDAY, JULY 15

**BRANDON.** The 18th Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival. A family event, lots of activities and music. (802) 247-3275. basinbluegrass@yahoo.com. basinbluegrassfestival.com.

**GRAND ISLE.** Concert—Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys. The Lake Champlain setting of this classic hotel provides a wonderful backdrop for our Vermont-flavored bluegrass. Bring a picnic, relax and take it all in. 6 pm. Lake House Hotel, 34 East Shore North. Ticket info at www.islandarts.org or call (802) 318-6229. www.banjodan.com.

**HUBBARDTON.** Battle Third Sunday. A Hubbardton resident from 1777 comes to life to tell you about life in the path of the Revolutionary War and what happened in Hubbardton after the battle. Admission: Adults \$2, 14 and under free. 1 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd, seven miles north of Rt 4. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov. Also August 19.

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Book & Author Event. Irini Rockwell presents *Natural Brilliance—A Buddhist System for Uncovering Your Strengths and Letting Them Shine*. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. northshire.com.

**RANDOLPH.** Staged Reading of the Play: *The Children's Hour*. Summer Pride at Chandler presents this classic drama by Lillian Hellman. 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. For tickets call (802) 728-6464. director@chandler-arts.org. www.chandler-arts.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** National Ice Cream Day. Help make and sample four flavors of ice cream as we celebrate "the great American dessert." Admission \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

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**SOUTH HERO.** Chicken Pie Supper. Enjoy a good old-fashioned chicken pie supper in the Champlain Islands. Adults \$10, children under 12, \$5. 5-6:30 pm. South Hero Congregational Church, 24 South St. (802) 372-4962. ceshvt@gmail.com.

**SOUTH STRAFFORD.** Summer Concert Series. Bradford Bog People. Enjoy historic music from the Appalachian Mountains—lively banjo and fiddle tunes, unusual tunings, beautiful harmonies, and some clogging too. Free admission, suggested donation \$15. 7:30 pm. Unitarian Universalist Church, Rt. 132 across from Barrett Hall. (802) 765-4295. www.bradfordbogpeople.com. strafforduuchurch.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** Program: Junior Farm Vet for a Day. For ages 10-15. Spend the day at the farm and learn the anatomy of farm animals. Participate in grooming, and learn how to do a physical exam, working alongside a large animal vet. Wear barn clothes. Fee: \$75 includes stethoscope and workbook to take home. Call to register. 9 am - 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. Also August 8.

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## THURSDAY, JULY 19

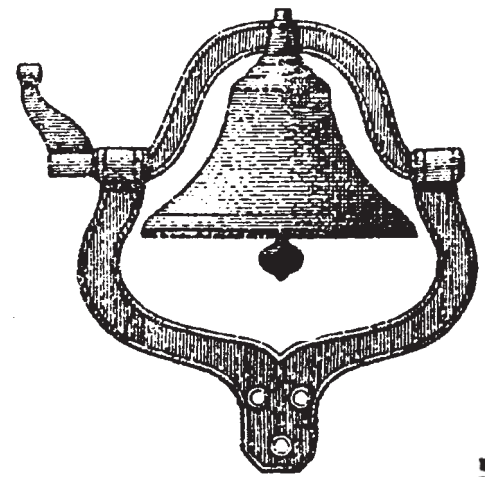
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**CHESTER.** Film Screening and Discussion: *Exit Through the Gift Shop*. Projections—Reel to Real Conversation hosted by Jon Bliss. The inside story of street art, a brutal and revealing account of what happens when fame, money and vandalism collide. 8 pm. Vermont Institute of Contemporary Arts, 15 Depot St. (802) 875-1018. www.VTica.org.

**DORSET.** Lunchtime Lecture Series. Gloria Jordan will be talking about Fly Fishing and Rod Making. 12-1 pm. Dorset Historical Society's Bley House Museum, Rt. 30 at Kent Hill Rd. (802) 867-0331. info@dorsetvhistory.org. www.dorsetvhistory.org.

**BRANDON.** Jazz Night at Brandon Music. John Abercrombie entertains. 7:30 pm. Call for tickets. Brandon Music Café at Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. brandon-music.net.

**HUBBARDTON.** Star Light, Star Bright Star Night. This deep sky show stars the constellations, planets, meteor showers, and satellites. Experienced stargazers from the Green Mountain Alliance of Amateur Astronomers share their telescopes and knowledge. Bring blankets, flashlights, and your own binoculars or telescopes if you like. The marshmallows are on us. If inclement weather, inside illustrated program with exciting photos from deep space. Call to confirm. Free, donations appreciated. 8-10 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd, seven miles north of Rt 4. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov.



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## Sheldon Museum, Middlebury, VT

### Take Me to the Fair: An Addison County Tradition

It is nearly time for summer weather and county fairs in Vermont. The Sheldon Museum in Middlebury, VT is pleased to present a new exhibit, *Take Me To the Fair: An Addison County Tradition* in partnership with Historic New England, a Boston non-profit organization, and Connecticut photographer Markham Starr.

The exhibition celebrates the rich history of the Addison County Fair and how it has reflected the importance of agriculture in our county for well over 100 years.

In August of 2011, Starr took hundreds of photographs of the people and scenes at the 63rd Addison County Fair and Field Days. Over sixty of these photographs and a number of accompanying oral history interviews will be featured in the exhibition. Starr's keen but unobtrusive gaze offers a unique look into the world of fair-goers engaged in a multitude of agricultural, entertainment and culinary activities. Starr describes his work: "...as a series of extended portraits of specific groups of people as they go about their daily lives. My projects document industries, particularly agriculture, once commonly found throughout the New England states. They are now, however, rapidly disappearing—victims of our globalized economy."

The photographs are exhibited along with 19th and 20th century colorful fair posters, ribbons, historic photographs and all manner of fair ephemera from the Sheldon Museum's collection. These materials will complement Starr's photographs and provide historical context—the first fair in Addison County was held in 1844.

*Take Me to the Fair: An Addison County Tradition* will

appeal to people interested in Vermont history, agricultural history and New England culture.

The Sheldon Museum has an established connection to the Field Days site in New Haven as a number of the Museum's historic carriages are stored on the property and are on view each year during the Addison County Fair and Field Days fair as examples of early transportation in Addison County. The exhibition is designed to be family-friendly and will no doubt bring many happy memories of the fair to visitors of all ages. Several programs and events are planned to take place throughout the run of the exhibition.

*Take Me to the Fair: An Addison County Tradition* has received generous sponsorship from National Bank of Middlebury, Broughton's Big Country Hardware, Martin's Hardware and Monument Farms Dairy. The exhibition is part of Historic New England's ongoing 100 Years, 100 Communities initiative to document and share the region's twentieth-century history before it is lost. The exhibit will be on view through November 2012.

This year's Addison County Fair and Field Days takes place August 7-11, 2012 at 1790 Field Days Rd. in New Haven, VT. It is the largest agricultural fair in Vermont. For more information and schedules go to [www.addisoncountyfielddays.com](http://www.addisoncountyfielddays.com).

*The Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History is located at 1 Park St. in Middlebury, VT. Open Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun. 1-5 p.m. For information call (802) 388-2117. info@HenrySheldonMuseum.org. www.henrysheldonmuseum.org.*

*Museum admission: adult \$5, youth (6-18) \$3, under 6 free, student with ID \$3.50, senior \$4.50, family \$12.*



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**MANCHESTER.** Manchester Music Festival—Music Under the Stars. Classical music ensemble, Imani Winds, 7:30 pm. Southern Vermont Arts Center, Arkell Pavilion, West Rd. For tickets call (802) 362-1956.

## FRIDAY, JULY 20

**HANOVER, NH.** HopFest. A two-day free festival on the Green and inside the Hopkins Center featuring great music on two stages, a "dance-in," a late-night outdoor movie, and family-friendly activities. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu. *Also July 21.*

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Benefit Book & Author Event and Pup Party! Hy Conrad and Jeff Johnson present *Things Your Dog Doesn't Want You to Know*. Sourcebooks will donate \$1 per book sold at the event to Second Chance Animal Center. Book lovers and their furry friends can submit unusual/funny habits/behaviors for the authors to analyze. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. northshire.com.

**NEWBURY.** 61st Annual Cracker Barrel Festival. Chicken pie supper from 4:30 to 7 pm. Adults are \$10, children under 10, \$4.50. At the Newbury Congregational Church Vestry. Take-out available, call (802) 866-5540. Fiddlers Contest at 7 pm at the Bandstand. Tickets \$6, children are free. Beer Garden and other refreshments. For info call (802) 866-5917. www.crackerbarrelbazaar.org. *Also July 21.*

**RUTLAND.** Concert: The Machine Performs Pink Floyd. Tickets \$24.50/\$29.50. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

**TINMOUTH.** SolarFest—New England's Renewable Energy Festival. Three days of educational workshops, world-class musical performances, renewable energy vendors, local food, dedicated kids activities, Theater-in-the Woods and more. Admission: \$15 and up, kids under 13 free. Forget-Me-Not-Farm, 12 McNamara Rd. (802)235-1513. www.solarfest.org. *Also July 21 & 22.*

**WEST RUTLAND.** Vermont Herbal General Store Hosts Self Awareness Day. Healing practitioners and store specials all day. Herbal remedies and alternatives, spiritual and psychic readings, massage, Reiki and many other healing modalities. Learn how to increase your personal care in all aspects of the mind, body and spirit connection. Herbal walk at 2 pm for \$10. 11 am - 4 pm. The Vermont Herbal General Store, 578 Main St. (802) 438-2766. www.vermontherbal.com.

## SATURDAY, JULY 21

**ALBANY.** Peace of Earth Farm Hands-on Skill Share. Check out our experiments and results from two years of no-till farming. Enjoy a meal with us at the end of the day. Free. 2-5 pm. Peace of Earth Farm, 43 West Griggs Rd. (802) 755-6336. peaceofearthfarmalbanyp.wordpress.com.

**BRATTLEBORO.** Presentation: Dressing an Historical Lady Presented by Mary and Adam Spencer. Mistress Mary will come dressed in the basic undergarments of colonial women and Master Adam will help her dress layer by layer, in an authentic reproduction of a 18th century gown. The audience will come away with a real appreciation for how a colonial woman would dress, and still perform chores and duties. Sponsored by the Tasha Tudor Museum. Tickets: \$10, children 6-12 \$3. At All Souls Church, 29 South St. (802) 258-6564. www.tashatudormuseum.org.

**DORSET.** Quarry Walk with Art Gilbert to the Freedleyville Quarry. Meet at 9 am at Dorset Historical Society's Bley House Museum, Rt. 30 at Kent Hill Rd. (802) 867-0331. info@dorsetvthistory.org. www.dorsetvthistory.org.

**EAST THETFORD.** Kitchen Table. Cedar Circle chef Alison Baker reunites with Piecemeal founder/chef Justin Barrett for a dinner for 25 guests using the finest organic, foraged, and sustainably sourced ingredients. Reconnect with the pleasures of good food, good friends and good conversation in an intimate celebration of seasonal dining at its best. Reservations required. \$65 per person, reservations required. 6 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org.

**JERICHO CENTER.** 2nd Annual Jericho Plein Air Festival. Watch 75 artists painting out of doors. Free. Sat. 8 am - 3 pm, Sun 10 am - 3 pm. Emile A Gruppe Gallery Inc, 22 Barber Farm Rd. (802) 8993211. www.emilegruppegallery.com. *Through August 12.*

**KILLINGTON.** Killington Music Festival presents The Art of Ensemble. Mozart, Brahms & Mendelssohn with the Boston Trio & Jupiter Quartet. At Rams Head Lodge at 7 pm. Tickets \$20, please call (802) 442-1330. For more information please call (802) 773-4003 or visit www.killingtonmusicfestival.org.

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Book & Author Event. David Sanger presents *Confront and Conceal*. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. northshire.com.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Benefit Craft Fair—Art on the Green. Pottery, photography, jewelry, fiber artists, wood artists, rug hooking, silk painters, and more. Free. 9 am - 4 pm. Middlebury Town Green, next to St. Steven's Church. (802) 247-3702. ewaldewald@aol.com. middleburystudioschool.org.

**NEWBURY.** 61st Annual Cracker Barrel Festival. Fun for the whole family from 9 am to 4 pm. Bazaar and craft fair, live donkeys from a non-profit donkey rescue, farmer's market, hay rides, scavenger hunt, live music, children's ballet, silent auction, raptor encounter, clown tricks, book sale, children's games, and great foods. Scenic 50-minute boat cruises on the Connecticut River from 10 am to 4 pm, departing every half-hour. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$5 for children under 10. Chicken barbecue 6-8 pm for \$10, children under 10, \$4.50. festival Free dance from 7-11 p.m. On the Common. www.crackerbarrelbazaar.org.

**NEWFANE.** Annual Rock River Artists Studio Tour. Painting, pottery, prints, fabric art, collage, photography, sculpture & furniture in the studios of 18 artists. Free. 10 am - 6 pm. Old Schoolhouse, Auger Hole Rd. & Dover Rd. (802) 348-7865. rs@rogersandes.com. www.rockriverartists.com. *Also July 22.*

**RUTLAND.** Rutland Downtown Farmers Market. The largest in the state with over 90 vendors. A great place to shop, eat and visit. Live entertainment. Depot Park across from Walmart at Merchants Row. 9 am - 2 pm. Market manager, Doug Patac, (802) 753-7269. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through October 27.*

**ST. ALBANS.** 2nd Annual St. Albans Civil Heritage Weekend. Civil War encampment featuring North and South living history re-enactors. Witness camp life demonstrations and battle skirmishes. Northwest Farmer's Market on Saturday. St. Albans Historical Museum open all weekend. Free. Taylor Park, downtown. (802) 527-7933. stalbansraid@gmail.com. stalbansraid.com. *Also July 22.*

**TINMOUTH.** SolarFest—New England's Renewable Energy Festival. Admission: \$15 and up, kids under 13 free. Forget-Me-Not-Farm, 12 McNamara Rd. (802)235-1513. www.solarfest.org. *Also July 22.*

**VERGENNES.** Annual Small Boat Festival. Lake Champlain Challenge Race at 11 am. More than 50 boaters and kayakers compete. Featuring the new exhibit *Outboard Motors: The First Hundred Years* inspired by the recent gift to LCMM of more than 50 vintage outboard motors. Admission: adult \$10, seniors \$8, students 5-17 \$6, under 5 free. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. (802) 475-2022. www.lcmm.org. *Also July 22.*

**VERGENNES.** Concert: Commander Cody Band. 8 pm. Tickets \$25/\$40. 8 pm. Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. (802) 453-5213. www.vergennesoperahouse.org.

**WINDSOR.** A Sumptuous Celebration of Summer—Daylily Days. Talk and tour 10:30-11:30 am. See more than 100 varieties in a wide range of shapes. Free. Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery, 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. www.ciderhillgardens.com. *Also July 22.*

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Concert: Chris Smither. Tickets \$25. 8 pm. Tupelo Music Hall, 188 S. Main St. (802) 698-8341. www.tupelohallvermont.com.

## SUNDAY, JULY 22

**CHESTER.** Reiki Share. 2-4 pm. No charge, everyone welcome. At Peace of Paradise, 78 the Common. Call to register. (802) 875-8008. www.peaceofparadisevt.com.

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Children's Book & Author Event. Tom Angleberger presents *The Secret of the Fortune Wookiee*. Free. 1 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. www.northshire.com.

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**ORWELL.** Program: An Investigation into the Revolutionary Mind—What Were You Thinking Col. John Brown? Modern day historian Paul Andrischin turns the time machine back to the Revolutionary War to interview American Lt. Col. John Brown, a British officer, and an American soldier about their roles in the American attempt to retake Mount Independence from September 18 to 21, 1777—235 years ago! Admission: adults \$5, children under 15 free. 2 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site on Mount Independence Rd., off Rt. 73. (802) 948-2000. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

**ROCHESTER.** Rochester Chamber Music Society Concert. Byron Schenkman and Cynthia Huard, piano duo performs Mozart, Schubert, Satie. Donation. 4 pm. Rochester Church, 15 N. Main St. (802) 767-9234. [www.rcmsvt.org](http://www.rcmsvt.org).

**SHELBURNE.** Annual Vermont Cheesemakers' Festival. Over 200 Vermont cheeses will be the centerpiece of the festival along with dozens of specialty foods, fine wines, and locally crafted beer. 11 am - 4 pm. Coach Barn, Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. For tickets call (800) 884-6287. [info@vermontcreamery.com](mailto:info@vermontcreamery.com). [www.vtcheesefest.com](http://www.vtcheesefest.com).

**TINMOUTH.** SolarFest—New England's Renewable Energy Festival. Admission: \$15 and up, kids under 13 free. Forget-Me-Not-Farm, 12 McNamara Rd. (802)235-1513. [www.solarfest.org](http://www.solarfest.org).

**VERGENNES.** Small Boat Festival. Kids Duct Tape Regatta. Build and launch a boat using only cardboard and duct tape! Adult \$10, seniors \$8, students 5-17 \$6, under 5 free. 1-3 pm. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. (802) 475-2022. [lcmm.org](http://lcmm.org).

**WINDSOR.** Mount Ascutney Hike. Climb to the summit of this 3,150-foot monadnock for spectacular views from the fire tower. Difficult, 6 miles, 2,520 feet of elevation gain. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Carpool from Rutland's Main St. Park at 8 am. Leader: Sue Thomas (802) 773-2185. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

## TUESDAY, JULY 24

**BRANDON.** 24th Annual Great Brandon Auction. Offering quality goods and services, attic treasures and barn bargains, new art, merchandise, gift certificates, antiques, furniture and lots of surprises. Terms: cash or good check. Auctioneer: Barb Watters. Free admission. 2 pm preview with 4 pm auction. Rain or shine under the tent, Brandon's Central Park. (802) 247-6401.

**RUTLAND.** Rutland Downtown Farmers Market. A great place to shop, eat and visit. Depot Park across from Walmart at Merchants Row. 3-6 pm. Market manager, Doug Patac, (802) 753-7269. [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org). [www.rutlandcountymarket.org](http://www.rutlandcountymarket.org). *Tuesdays through September 25.*

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

**CORWELL.** Morning Day Camp for Children. Children will have fun learning about the American Revolution and Mount Independence, with hands-on activities, walks, and more. For ages 6 to 11. Space is limited, pre-registration required. Fee: \$50. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site on Mount Independence Rd., off Rt. 73. (802) 948-2000. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). *Through July 27.*

**PITTSFORD.** Maple Candy Making at the New England Maple Museum. Crystallizing pure Vermont Maple Syrup into Maple Sugar is demonstrated. Visitors can sample the final product fresh from the mold without touring the Museum on these Wednesdays. No charge. 10:30 am - 3 pm. Admission to the museum is: adults \$2.50, children under 12 years 75¢, under 6 free. Open 8:30 am - 5:30 pm daily. New England Maple Museum, 4578 Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. [info@maplemuseum.com](mailto:info@maplemuseum.com). [www.maplemuseum.com](http://www.maplemuseum.com). *Also August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; September 5, 12, 19, 26; October 3 & 10.*

**SOUTH STRAFFORD.** Summer Concert Series. David Surette and Susie Burke. Susie and David have made a name for themselves as one of the finest acts on the lively New England folk scene. Opening for Dave & Susie will be guitarist Chris Schoelen, who plays Flamenco, Sevillian, classical and blues guitar. David and Susie will offer a Songfest workshop before the concert, from 4:30 to 6 pm. Instruction will also be given for stringed instrument accompaniment. To register contact Lee Funston at (802) 765-4065. Free concert admission, suggested donation \$15. 7:30 pm. Unitarian Universalist Church, Rt. 132 across from Barrett Hall. (802) 765-4295. [www.burkesurette.com](http://www.burkesurette.com). [www.strafforduuchurch.org](http://www.strafforduuchurch.org).

**WOODSTOCK.** Wagon Ride Wednesdays. Horse-drawn wagon rides. Admission \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 11 am - 2 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).

## THURSDAY, JULY 26

**BRANDON.** Jazz Night at Brandon Music. John Menegon Trio. 7:30 pm. Call for tickets. Brandon Music Café at Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. [brandon-music.net](http://brandon-music.net).

**CHESTER.** Summer Music Series—Easy Street with Lisa Brande, Mark Trichka, and Jeff Potter on drums. 6:30-8 pm on the Academy Building lawn. In case of inclement weather, concerts will move to The Stone Hearth Inn on Route 11 West. All concerts are free. For more information call (802) 875-3400. *Also August 2 & 9.*

**MANCHESTER.** Manchester Music Festival—Music Under the Stars. Manchester Music Festival Orchestra conducted by artistic director Ariel Rudiakov with violinist Joana Genova, cellist Benjamin Capps and pianist Julio Elizalde. Southern Vermont Arts Center, Arkell Pavilion, West Rd. For tickets call (802) 362-1956. [mmfvt@comcast.net](mailto:mmfvt@comcast.net). [www.mmfvt.org](http://www.mmfvt.org).

## FRIDAY, JULY 27

**BRANDON.** 5th Annual SOAR Summerfest Pig Roast & Concert. Barbeque pork on a bun, baked beans, corn, cole slaw for \$8. Kids activities 5:15-6:15 pm. Free concert at 6:30 pm featuring Gene Childers and the Jubilee Jazz Band. Free. 5-9 pm. Central Park. (802) 247-6422. [dbratton@mesu.org](mailto:dbratton@mesu.org). [www.soarsummerfest.org](http://www.soarsummerfest.org).

**BRANDON.** Concert on the Green. Gene Childers and the Jubilee Jazz Band perform a free outdoor concert. 6:30 pm, bring a lawn chair and enjoy entertainment by local musicians, rain location as needed. (802) 247-6401.

**GRAND ISLE.** Vermont's Festival of the Islands. The five towns of Grand Isle County are hosting this festival to present the best of the Champlain Islands. Concerts, flea markets, retail events, galleries, wine tastings, farm stands, & yard sales. Free. 9 am - 9 pm. (802) 999-5862. E-mail for schedule: [imtherightplace@gmail.com](mailto:imtherightplace@gmail.com). *Through July 29.*

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Book & Author Event. Rebecca Rupp presents How Carrots Won The Trojan War. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. [northshire.com](http://northshire.com).

**RANDOLPH.** Piano Recital. Alexandre Moutouzkine performs works by Kirchner, Haydn, Corigliano, and Scriabin. 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. For tickets call (802) 728-6464. [director@chandler-arts.org](mailto:director@chandler-arts.org). [www.lyrasummermusic.com](http://www.lyrasummermusic.com).

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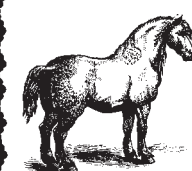


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**WILMINGTON.** Field of Blue at Boyd Family Farm. Celebrate blueberry season! Outdoor Art Walk, pick-your-own berries. The Boyd Family Farm, 125 East Dover Rd. (802) 464-5618. [www.boydfamilyfarm.com](http://www.boydfamilyfarm.com)

**WILMINGTON.** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival. Opening Day festivities. Berries, vintage cars, music and food if it's blue, it's probably happening in the Mount Snow area towns of Wilmington, Whitingham and Dover in late July and early August. Check our website for schedule. [www.vermontblueberry.com](http://www.vermontblueberry.com). *Through August 5.*

**WOODSTOCK.** 4th Annual Bookstock—The Green Mountain Festival of Words. Reception at 5:30 pm at the ArtisTree Gallery for the opening of "Unbound II," a juried exhibition of Book Arts co-presented by Pentangle Arts Council. Huge second hand book sale 9 am to 5 pm. Free workshops on poetry and publishing from 12-4 pm. Poetry Slam, in the private dining room above Bentley's at 8 pm. For more information call (802) 457-9149. [pfr@rousmaniere.com](mailto:pfr@rousmaniere.com). [bookstockvt.org](http://bookstockvt.org). *Through July 29.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Program: Foodways Friday. Discover how we use seasonal vegetable and herbs from our heirloom garden in historic recipes. Different take-home recipes each week! Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).

## SATURDAY, JULY 28

**BENNINGTON.** 2nd Annual Shelter Fest. Demonstrations, food, crafts & more to benefit Second Chance Animal Shelter in Shaftsbury, VT. 11 am - 4 pm at Willow Park. (802) 375-2898. [www.secondchanceanimalcenter.org](http://www.secondchanceanimalcenter.org).

**BOMOSEEN.** 5th Annual Really Big Basket Party. The \$5 admission gives you 25 tickets to win the basket of your choice and a chance at a door prize. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$2. Lunch and snacks will be available. Sponsored by the Castleton Community Center. 11 am - 3 pm at the (air conditioned) Castleton American Legion Hall on Rt. 4A. (802) 468-3093.

**BRANDON.** Concert. Snake Mountain Bluegrass performs at Brandon Town Hall at 7:30 pm. Tickets \$10 adults and \$5 seniors and children 17 and under. Tickets available at Carr's Florist & Gifts and at the door.

**EAST THETFORD.** Gardening Class: "Extend!—Cover Crops, Fall Crops, and Season Extension." With Cat Buxton and Megan Baxter. Fee: \$20. 10:30 am - 12:30 pm at Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. [growing@cedarcirclefarm.org](mailto:growing@cedarcirclefarm.org). [www.cedarcirclefarm.org](http://www.cedarcirclefarm.org).

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**LYME, NH.** Flea Market on the Lyme Common. Find Bargains or set up your booth. Sponsored by the Lyme Boy Scout Troop 273. 9 am - 4 pm. (603) 795-2897. *Also August 25 and September 29.*

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Book & Author Event. James Howard Kunstler presents It's All Good. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. [northshire.com](http://northshire.com).

**MONTPELIER.** 9th Annual Onion River Century Ride. Presented by Onion River Sports and Kellogg-Hubbard Library. It is not too early to secure a spot in this scene. Registration fee. (802) 223-3338. [csimpson@kellogghubbard.org](mailto:csimpson@kellogghubbard.org).

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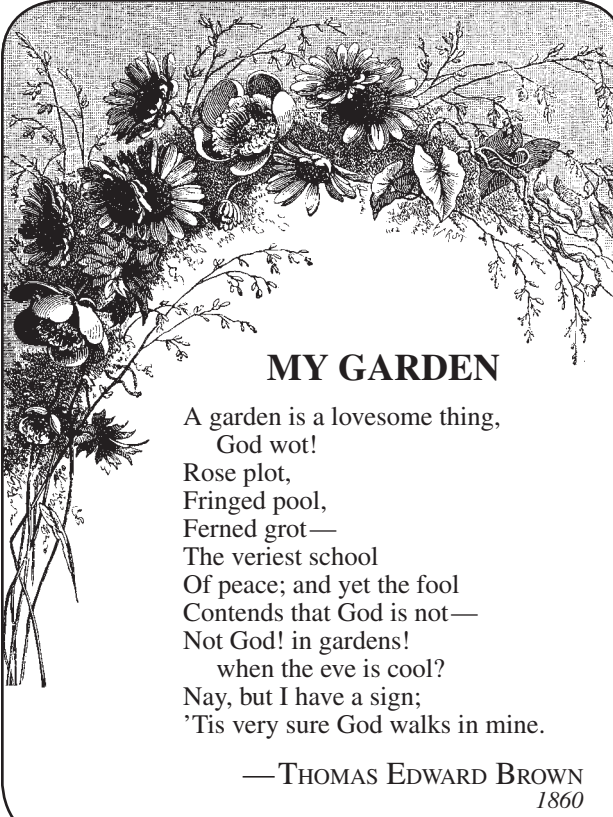
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**RANDOLPH.** Concert: Violinist Sibbi Bernhardsson with pianist Akiko Sasaki. Performing works by Thorkell Sigurbjornsson, Augusta Reed Thomas, Dvorak, Janacek, and Brahms. Donation. Sunday 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. [director@chandler-arts.org](mailto:director@chandler-arts.org). [www.lyrasummermusic.com](http://www.lyrasummermusic.com).

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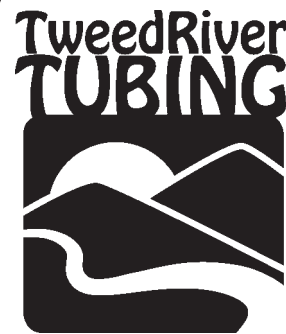
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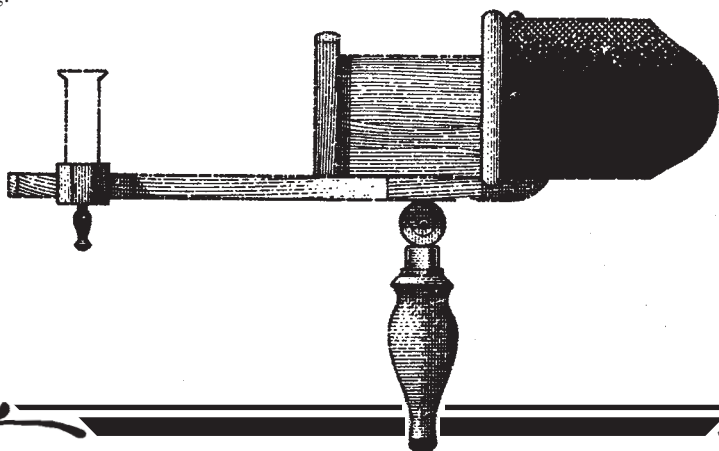
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A monarch butterfly rests in Randolph, VT from its northward migration. photo by Nancy Cassidy

## A Vermont Almanack for Middle Summer 2012

by Bill Felker

*Summer reaches critical mass: so much color, so much new life, so much perfection that the weight of one more insect or the exotic scent of one more milkweed, or the ecstasy of one more butterfly suddenly pierces the spinning ascension of time, and the season topples over of its own weight, the last infinitesimal addition pulling the vast earth over into full Middle Summer, tilting it top heavy toward equinox.*

—B.F.

### The Firefly Moon And the Monarch Butterfly Moon

If fireflies mark the halfway time of the calendar year, the arrival of monarch butterflies signals the turn of summertime and the ripening of the crops. *July 3:* The Firefly Moon is full at 1:52 p.m. *July 10:* The moon enters its final quarter at 8:48 p.m. *July 18:* The Monarch Butterfly Moon is new at 11:24 p.m. *July 26:* The moon enters its second quarter.

### Lunar Influence

Tidal and lunar influences have been shown to be greater at full moon and new moon times. You might expect more trouble with your pets, herd, spouse, parents or children, therefore, on or about July 3 and 18. Since the moon may exert less influence on ocean tides and on human and animal behavior when it comes into its 2nd and 4th quarters, it might make more sense to transport your animals or perform routine maintenance on your livestock on or about July 10 and 26. And these periods of lighter lunar force often make life easier for parents and public service workers.

### The Planets

Continuing their residency in Taurus, Venus and Jupiter share the role of morning stars of Middle Summer, well up in the east before sunrise. Mars moves retrograde into Virgo and joins Saturn this month, continuing to glow during the evening in the western sky.

### The Sun's Progress

Aphelion, the point at which Earth is farthest from the sun, occurs at 11:00 p.m. on July 4. Throughout the month, the sun moves steadily from its solstice declination of 23 degrees 26 minutes to a Late-Summer declination of 18 and a half degrees. That distance is approximately a fourth of the way toward autumn equinox. The sun traditionally enters the sign of Leo on July 22.

### The Stars

Winter's Orion and Summer's Triangle are inextricably balanced and connected by the Milky Way. Each pulls the other to its appointed place, keeping perfect equilibrium, compressing infinity into an annual cycle visible on the small, round dome of heaven.

Orion is the easy gauge of winter, rising with the Milky Way on November evenings, filling the southern sky throughout the night all winter, finally disappearing late in April. As Orion waxes, all of the pieces of summer recede; as that constellation wanes, each piece returns.

The Summer Triangle is the stellar gauge of summer. It is a parallel marker to Orion that clocks the unfolding of the leaves and flowers. Accompanied by the opposite end of the Milky Way, it appears on the evenings of May. Its triple constellations, Lyra, Cygnus and Aquila, contain three prominent capstone stars, Vega, Deneb and Altair, which form a giant triangle.

When all these stars come up after dark, the canopy of leaves is complete. Mock orange and peonies and iris blossom in the gardens, morning birdsong swells, strawberries ripen, sweet clover is open by the roadsides, and goslings enter adolescence along the Little Miami.

When Vega, Deneb and Altair are positioned overhead at midnight, then the birds are quiet, ragweed pollen is in the air, blackberries are sweet, hickory nuts and black walnuts are falling, katydids and cicadas and late crickets are singing, rose of Sharon colors the garden.

When leaves are turning throughout town and the last wildflowers have completed their cycles, then Lyra, Cygnus and Aquila set in the west after sundown, leading the Milky Way through Cassiopeia and Perseus, dividing the heavens into equal halves, for an instant holding in balance summer and winter, linking the Summer Triangle with Orion rising again in the east.

### The Shooting Stars

The Southern Delta Aquarid meteor shower begins on July 18 and continues through August 19. The meteors of this shower cross the sky at the rate of about 20 per hour, so the chances of your spotting at least one are fairly good. To find these shooting stars, look due south in the vicinity of Aquarius and Pisces after midnight when the moon is dark.

### Meteorology

Tornadoes, hurricanes, floods or prolonged periods of soggy pasture are most likely to occur within the weather windows of July 3 through 7 and July 18 through 23. Full moon on July 3 and new moon on July 18 may increase the chance of tornadoes in the South and Midwest and the landing of a hurricane in the Gulf region near those dates.

*Bill Felker's Poor Will's Almanack for 2012 is available. Send \$20 (includes s/h) to Poor Will, P.O. Box 431, Yellow Springs, OH 45387. Bill's weekly radio essays are broadcast on National Public Radio's WYSO Ohio (available by podcast at [www.wyso.org](http://www.wyso.org)). His websites, [www.poorwillsalmanack.com](http://www.poorwillsalmanack.com) or [www.poorwillsalmanack.net](http://www.poorwillsalmanack.net) provide excerpts from his daybook and weekly Almanack updates.*



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# My Own Amanuensis

by Sally O'Kane McClintock

Recently I saw an interview with Françoise Gilot, 90, who lived with Picasso from 1946–1953. They had two children, Paloma and Claude. Gilot was a painter in her own right, but when she moved in with Picasso, she did not set up her easel there because it would take up too much space. She said he was a person who would want to have all the attention on his own work. So she changed her art to works on paper because, unlike an easel, paper could easily be put away in a portfolio, out of sight.

My mother was an artist too, and her easel was always up. My father did not feel threatened by her painting, as long as she did not also write. "I'm the writer in the family," he claimed. Writing was his domain. Adapting to his ego, she wrote long descriptive letters instead of the creative

writing she had begun. Years later, alone and in her 80s, she wrote personal essays for a monthly periodical. And kept on painting.

Like my mother, I painted too, and was an aspiring writer when I married. I soon found out that my husband, a writer and an English professor, also had an ego to protect. Although he was not bothered by my painting—even when I covered the walls with my murals—he did not encourage my writing, as if there was just so much psychic space for creativity.

So I stopped my own writing and concentrated instead on his stories. I became his amanuensis, his scribe, taking dictation from him at the typewriter. When I suggested changes, he would argue hotly with me, then ask for my advice. I then edited the stories, sent them out, and charted their progress.

My husband was also at work on a scholarly article and I encouraged him to give a

lecture to the faculty on his discoveries. But as the date approached, he became more and more agitated, worried that he might not do a good job.

In daily diatribes in the shower, he would blame me for encouraging him, coming forth with angry remarks that I found amusing. I would sit on the stairs and record ones like these:

"You have the mind of a two-year-old."

"I know you're writing all this down."

"I got important things to do, you got games to play."

"Is my shirt ready?"

With that last remark I would switch from amanuensis to housewife, put aside my notebook, and iron his shirt at the last possible moment. Dashing downstairs, he'd pick up the shirt, finish dressing, and

leave to teach his class. I could have ironed his shirt earlier and gone for a walk while he showered, but the notes I might miss kept me there.

I always remember two pieces of advice my mother gave me. The first was, "If you wash the pots and pans right after you use them, they won't stick." Over the years I tried to follow that advice. Her second piece of advice was to read *A Room of One's Own* by Virginia Woolf. My mother was 55, embarking on a new career after staying home for 32 years with four children and a possessive husband. I was 30, busy at home with small children and a demanding husband.

But I gave the book a try. It seemed to be a long essay on women and fiction and the conditions necessary for creating works of art. I didn't see how that related to me and soon gave up on it.

Five decades later, I finally read *A Room*



*of One's Own*. I had found a copy of it at a retreat and, curious to see why my mother recommended it, I decided to give it another try. I read it till late every night, absorbed.

This time the book made sense to me. I had been unaware of the dynamics of my own situation when I was living in it. The book gave me a better understanding of what we were up against—and what we lost—in

adapting to our partners' egos. Now when I stand at the kitchen sink washing pots and pans right away, I can't help wondering what would have happened if I had washed away my husband's expectations too, just rinsed off the role he assigned me.

But I didn't. And it wasn't until my 70s, living alone with a room of my own, that I began writing again, my own amanuensis.

## 61st Annual Cracker Barrel Festival in Newbury, VT

Family entertainment for all ages, musical events and community meals will highlight the 61st Annual Cracker Barrel Festival On the Common in Newbury, VT on July 20 and 21.

The two-day event begins with a chicken pie supper from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. (continuous serving) on Friday, July 20 at the Newbury Congregational Church Vestry on Main Street. Adults are \$10, and children under 10 are \$4.50. Take-out available, call (802) 866-5540.

Also on July 20, a Fiddlers Contest will begin at 7 p.m. at the Bandstand. Tickets are \$6, children are free. Beer Garden and other refreshments available. For info call (802) 866-5917.

Most Saturday events run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a Bazaar and Craft Fair, live donkeys from a non-profit donkey rescue, a farmer's market, and more. Enjoy scenic 50-minute boat cruises on the Connecticut River from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., departing every half-hour.

Tickets are \$8 adults, \$5 for children under 10.

Bring the family for hay rides, scavenger hunt, live music at the Gazebo, children's ballet, silent auction, raptor encounter, clown tricks, book sale, children's games, great foods, demonstrations and arts and crafts.

A chicken barbecue runs from 6-8 p.m. for \$10, children under 10, \$4.50. And the festival ends with a free dance from 7-11 p.m. on the common with a professional DJ, Don Sackett.

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## The Museum of Everyday Life In Glover, VT Now Open

The Museum of Everyday Life in Glover, VT is open for the summer season with a new exhibition, "Healing Engine of Emergency—the incredible story of the Safety Pin."

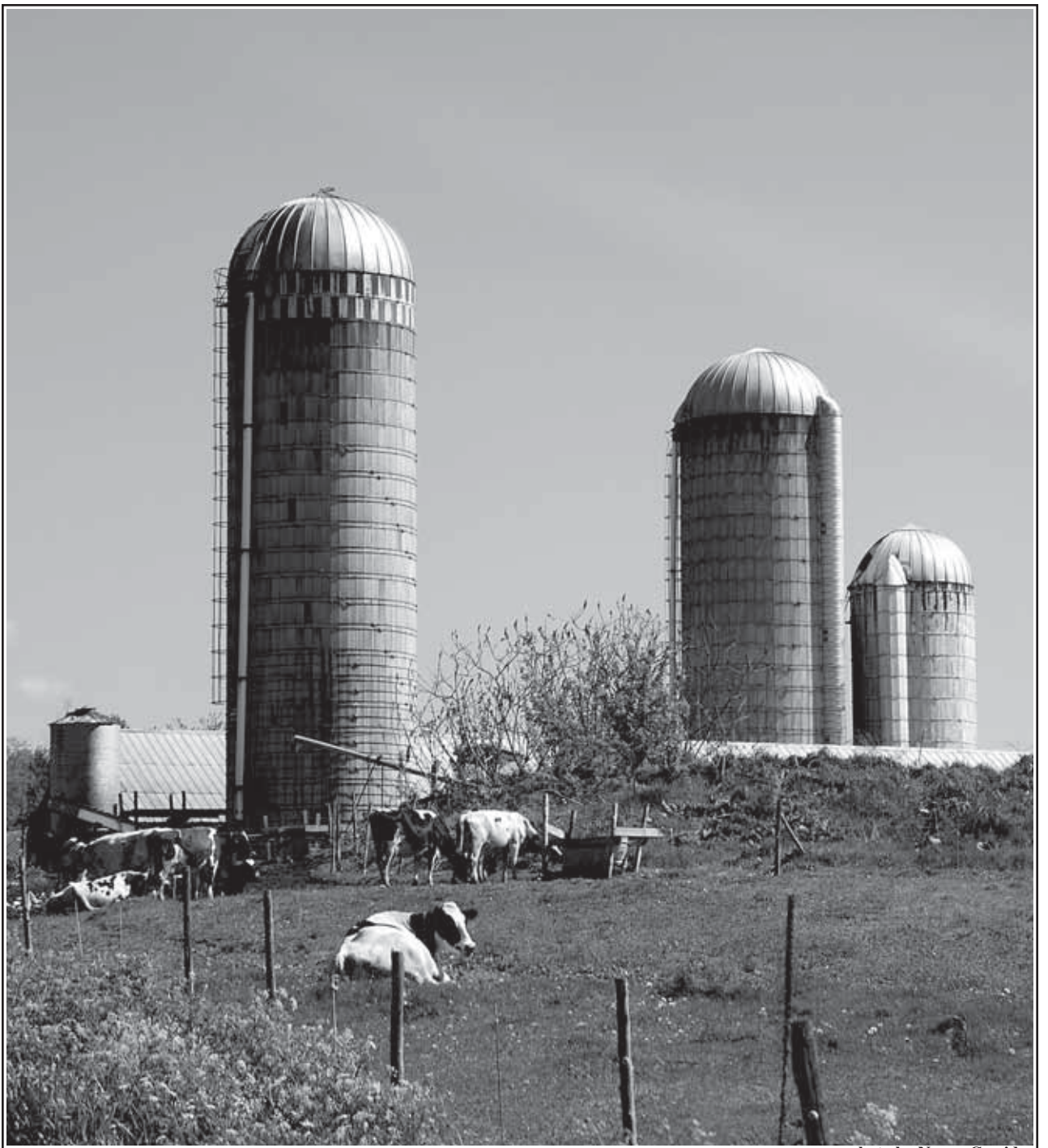
The Museum is a new venture whose goal is to explore, analyze and celebrate everyday life objects. The creation of the museum grew out of the following questions: What would it be like to imagine a museum filled not with exotic objects, but with perfectly familiar ones? What would it look like to defy the commodity-based, market-based model of collection and display? This museum is the co-creation of all of us who live ordinary lives and have relationships with ordinary objects. Its purpose is a heroic, slow-motion cataloging of life via objects of no monetary value and immense consequence. The museum is a detailed, theatrical expression of gratitude and love for mundanity, and the mysterious delight embedded in the banal but beloved objects we touch everyday.

The Museum has three components. The first is The Museum of Everyday Life Philosophy Department, involving the production and publication of theoretical writing about people and

their relationship to objects, and about curatorial methodologies and encyclopedism. Then there is The Museum of Everyday Life Performance Company, which creates puppet shows and performances in an effort to examine and analyze everyday life. And lastly, but most important, The Museum of Everyday Life Exhibitions and Collections.

The title of the museum's latest exhibit comes from Christopher Morley's 1920 essay on the safety pin. It embodies the spirit of the exhibit, which offers unique views of the safety pin, including unlikely objects made from safety pins, a miniature safety pin menagerie, and a special collection of ancient roman fibula, the precursor to the safety pin. A lively visual history recounts the invention of the modern safety pin, and unique safety pins from around the world will also be on display.

*The Museum of Everyday Life is located on Rt. 16 about 5.5 miles south of Glover village in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. The museum is self-service, open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Don't forget to turn out the lights when you leave! Visit [www.museumofeverydaylife.org](http://www.museumofeverydaylife.org).*



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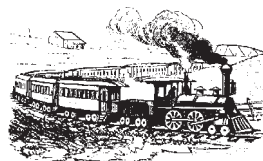
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# Big Divas

Once seen...never forgotten

by Judith Irven

A plant with enormous leaves hovered over the pond at Chartwell, Sir Winston Churchill's home in Kent, England. More than twenty years has passed, but I can recall that plant as if I saw it yesterday.

It was a *Gunnera* (most probably *Gunnera manicata* which is sometimes called the Giant Rhubarb) and at the time I really coveted it. However *Gunnera* is only hardy to Zone 7—no good for my Zone 4 Vermont garden.

But I can and do grow big-leaved plants in my Vermont garden!

Plants with huge leaves may not suit the timid, but for the adventurous gardener they deliver texture, punch and drama. And, unlike flowering perennials that put on their display for perhaps a month, bold leaved plants will be a presence in the garden all season.

We are all familiar with *hostas*, and plant hybridists have obliged our desire for foliage plants by creating hundreds of hosta cultivars in a dizzying array of sizes and leaf patterns... and a few, like H. Sum and Substance, certainly produce extremely large leaves.

Most big-leaved plants are typically associated with the humidity and low light of a rain forest, where their leaf size allows them to gather more light for photosynthesis. But there are several large leaved beauties other than hostas that will thrive in a cool climate garden.

Here I will focus on four of the largest players that also behave well in a garden setting—no thugs please—and how to combine them with contrasting companions to create beautiful, long-lasting garden pictures.

## Astilboides tabularis

In my garden the prize for the largest leaves goes to *Astilboides tabularis*, a plant that hails from Korea and Northern China. Its flat floating discs are more than two feet in diameter and supported, slightly angled, on relatively short stubby stems. Thus the overall height of the leaves is only about 30 inches, making them excellent companions for low growing plants.

*Astilboides* appreciates consistent moisture and partial shade. Also be sure to choose a sheltered spot for your plants, as gusty winds will rip the leaves to shreds.

I grow *Astilboides* strictly for its leaves. Its small plumed flowers seem to pop up as an afterthought on 5 foot stems, way above the leaves, and I usually cut them down in short order.

But for a lovely pairing of opposites, try growing some *Astilboides* near the fringed bleeding heart, *Dicentra eximia*, with its delicate leaves and pink flowers, or the Japanese Painted Fern *Athyrium niponicum* var. *pictum*, with its finely-textured gray tinted leaves.

## Darmera peltatum

Visitors to my garden always admire the umbrella plant, *Darmera peltatum*, which originates in northern California and Oregon. Each twenty-inch leaf rides solo at the top of the tall straight stem—hence its common name 'umbrella plant.' And the center of the leaf forms a little hollow which intriguingly holds a small a puddle of water where the occasional bird will take a sip.

*Darmera* grows best where it will get constant moisture and dappled shade. About ten years ago I started out with a single plant. I chose a spot behind our gazebo where the rain running off the roof provides that little bit of extra moisture and a small crabapple tree casts some shade. Over the years, it has rewarded me by expanding as a single clump which is now about 7 feet across, and with the leaves over five feet high. It's still growing strong, but for all its size, it is well behaved, with no running roots in a garden setting.

## Rodgersia aesculifolia

The crinkled palmate leaves of Rodger's Flower, *Rodgersia aesculifolia* are different and delightful. Their overall



photo by Judith Irven

*Astilboides tabularis* with *Dicentra eximia* growing in Judith Irven's garden in Goshen, VT.

diameter is over 12 inches, and they are reminiscent of the leaves of a horse chestnut tree—thus the name.

The leaf stalks come directly from the base of the clump, giving the plant a sturdy grounded look and a pleasing sense of presence in the garden. The flowers—attractive creamy plumes that arise in late spring and last a long time—also contribute to the overall effect.

Like *Astilboides*, Rodger's Flower originates in Northern China, and it too needs moisture to do well. Under really wet conditions, such as at the edge of a pond, a single plant will grow over five feet wide, and eventually naturalize via spreading rhizomes. However in normal garden situations I have not found it to be overly aggressive.

There are other *Rodgersia* species, especially *R. podophylla* and *R. pinnata*, which offer bronzy leaves. However they are somewhat more expansionist spreaders, so only grow them if you can afford to give them the space they need.

## Ligularia dentata

My fourth choice goes to the striking rounded foliage of *Ligularia dentata*, another plant coming to us from China. *Ligularia dentata* also puts on a prolific display of yellow

daisy-like flowers in early fall, and the progeny from my one original plant have created a large colony in a difficult spot under the cherry tree on the north side of our house. However it is neither weedy nor difficult to keep in bounds.

Three cultivars worth seeking out for the coloration of their leaves are *L. 'Desdemona'* or the very similar *L. Othello*, and *L. Britt-Marie Crawford*, which has leaves that are described as chocolate colored.

Like other plants with good-sized leaves, *Ligularia* grows well in the shade, where it will produce larger leaves, and is far less prone to the ravages of voracious grasshoppers. Moist—but not wet—soil is also a plus.

I am always on the look-out for plants with interesting foliage—whether large or small, fine leaved or big leaved, and leaves in colors other than green. Against each month's changing parade of flowers, great leaves go along way to spice up the garden all season long.

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# North Country Book News

## Children's Book Reviews

### Children's Summertime Books about Bugs & Gardening

Summertime is an especially enchanting time for children to explore the great outdoors. This includes seeing and hearing an immense array of bugs and insects that range from beautiful butterflies and glowing fireflies to honey-making bees and most-appreciated ladybugs. There are exotic bugs, too, like the praying mantis, damsel fly, and the familiar sound-making katydid. This insect world is explored in many children's books, often in the most intriguing way.

Consider *My First Root Children* by Sibylle von Olfers ([florisbooks.co.uk](http://florisbooks.co.uk), \$9.95). This is a board book edition of the title was originally published in Germany in 1906. Von Olfers was a German author and nun, whose fantasy was about roots portrayed as children that live underground all winter and come out in the spring. We see these children helping beetles, bumblebees and ladybugs get ready for the trip above ground. Insects are their playmates in summer scenes in the forests, meadows, and by a stream. The drawings are so magical that readers will want to get her other nine books that include the *Snow Children*, *The Butterfly Children*, *Children of the Wind*, and *The Rabbit Children*.

*Ladybugs* by Gail Gibbons ([www.holidayhouse.com](http://www.holidayhouse.com), \$17.95) will make you want to find some in your garden as we learn that one ladybug alone can eat 100 aphids and other destructive tiny insects a day. We learn, too, that it takes 1,000 ladybugs to protect one acre of plants. Most of us recognize them by the black spots on their backs. There may be two, four or seven spots or none at all. Also, there are 5,000 different kinds of ladybugs around the world and about 475 kinds in North America.

As with all of Gail Gibbons books about the natural world (now over 50!), large, detailed and colorful drawings show the beetles life cycle from egg to adult ladybug. We see how ladybugs protect themselves by pretending to be dead or by emitting a yellow fluid from leg joints that smells so terrible it wards off predators. Some ladybugs even fly south for the winter; others remain in the north and hibernate. Appreciate these friendlies wherever you seen them.

If one's reaction to most insects is to quickly shoo them off, *Step Gently Out* by Helen Frost and Rick Lieder ([www.candlewickpress.com](http://www.candlewickpress.com), \$15.99) could change your mind. This book of exquisite and amazing photographs illuminates the tiny creature that may live right outside your door. Among the close-ups are a spider and its web, a yellow jacket, honeybee, chickweed moth, a caterpillar and a black carpenter ant.

Poet Helen Frost adds inviting lyrical messages to these tiny insects such as "...the creatures shine with stardust, they're splashed with morning dew. In song and dance and stillness, they share the world with you."

"Line up every kind of plant and animal on Earth...and one of every four will be a beetle!" That's how we are introduced to *The Beetle Book* by Steve Jenkins (*Houghton Mifflin Books for Children*, [www.hmhbks.com](http://www.hmhbks.com) \$16.99) This book could well answer any question you might ever have about beetles and what's special about them. We learn about battling beetles, hunter and scavenger beetles, and plant eating beetles. Also, how they employ chemical warfare to protect themselves and use clever disguises. Large, accurately detailed drawings show a great array of these beetles. Some we may have seen or wondered what they were. Take your pick: deathwatch beetle, bombardier beetle, stink beetle, dung beetle, violin beetle, leaf beetle, and many more. The seemingly endless list runs the gamut from fireflies to cockroaches. An amazing book!

Bugs also are no stranger to the fantasy world. In *'Twas the Night Before Summer* by Anne Margaret Lewis and illustrated by Wendy Popko, ([www.mackinacislandpress.com](http://www.mackinacislandpress.com), \$16.95) one goes on a miraculous journey with a young girl and her brother as guests of the talking-bug Luna Lee May on her ship "Summer Discover," powered by flapping dragonfly wings. The journey shows that summer is fun and full of whimsy. Large, double-page drawings capture the excitement that even a bug can create. The book has a special glow-in-the-dark cover.



## Children's Book News

### The Coming of the Unicorn

*Scottish Folk Tales for Children*  
by Duncan Williamson

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—Duncan Williamson

Duncan Williamson came from a family of Travelling People in Scotland, who told stories around the campfire for entertainment and for teaching. In this collection, he passes on some of their wonderful children's folk and fairy tales.

Includes are tales about cunning foxes and storytelling cats, hunchbacked ogres and beautiful unicorns, helpful broonies and mysterious fairies, rich kings and fearsome warriors, as well as those about ordinary folk trying to make their way in the world. The stories have been written down as faithfully as possible in Duncan's unique storytelling voice, full of color, humor and life.

Duncan Williamson was born in 1928 on the shores

of Loch Fyne, Scotland, the seventh of sixteen children. He left home at the age of fifteen and spent the next sixty years travelling, continuing the traditional trades of his people, and collecting tales from the travellers, crofters, farmers and shepherds he met along the way.

First he travelled on foot, then with horse and cart, and when the roads got too busy he sold the horse and bought a van. But still he travelled on.

Williamson died in 2007, leaving behind a worldwide reputation. His stories for adults have been published by Canongate and Penguin, among others.

*The Coming of the Unicorn—Scottish Folk Tales for Children* by Duncan Williamson is published by Floris Books in Edinburg, Scotland. For more books with a Scottish connection, visit [discoverkelpies.co.uk](http://discoverkelpies.co.uk).

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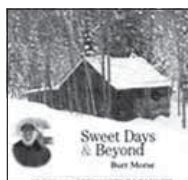
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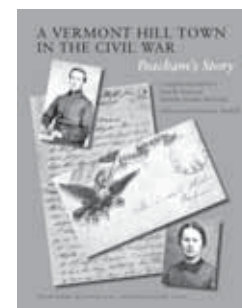
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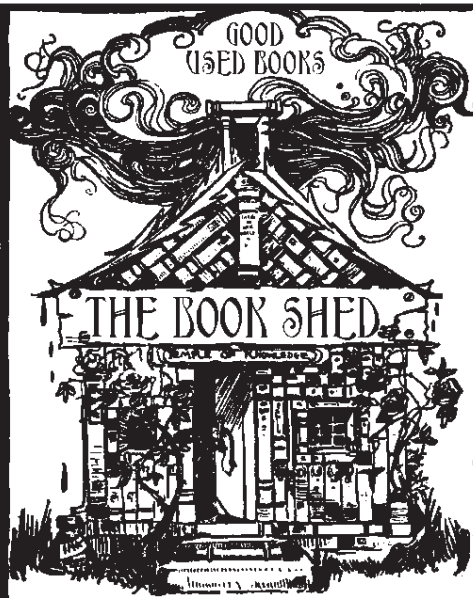


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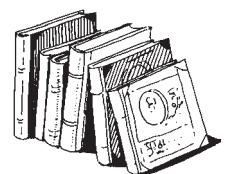
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# 4th Annual Bookstock Comes to Woodstock, VT

The 4th Annual Bookstock, a Green Mountain Festival of Words, will take place in Woodstock, VT on Friday and Saturday, July 27–29, 2012.

The community-sponsored festival celebrates the diverse ways that books and authors, especially those connected with Vermont and the Upper Valley, help us explore a wide range of human experience. All events are free to the public.

On Saturday visit the exhibitor tent On the Green with over 25 publishers and self-published authors. Enjoy art exhibits and musical performances including *The Break Maids*, Samantha Moffatt with Kerry DeWolfe and Gumbo Loco. And, of course, there will be food concessions.

Authors of national and local renown will speak, read from their work, offer interactive programs and mingle with the public. Fiction, non-fiction and poetry authors are included. Events for children, young adults and adults are planned.

A massive second hand book sale On the Green runs from Friday at 9 a.m. through Saturday at 5 p.m. A vintage book sale is open the same hours at Norman Williams Public Library. This is a traditional event in Woodstock.

## ArtisTree Reception and Exhibit

Bookstock begins on Friday, July 27 at 5:30 p.m. with a reception at the ArtisTree Gallery for the opening of “Unbound II,” a juried exhibition of Book Arts co-presented by Pentangle Arts Council. ArtisTree, the community art center and gallery, is located at the Mount Tom Building, 281 Barnard Rd. (Rt. 12N). Later that evening there will be a Poetry Slam, in the private dining room above Bentley’s at 8 pm.

## Keynote

On Saturday morning, July 28, Sue Miller, the noted novelist, will give a keynote presentation, “Writing Like the Wind,” at Town Hall Theater at 10 a.m. Her books have been published in 20 countries around the world. *The Good Mother*, the first of her nine novels, was an immediate bestseller.

## Writers in Attendance

Book and author events will take place Saturday, July 28, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at various venues around town. Some of the favorites include:

**Red Wing Puppet Theater**—10:30–11:30 p.m. Norman Williams Public Library Mezzanine. A fast-paced blend of puppetry, music, juggling and physical comedy.

**Ed Koren**—11–11:45 a.m. Town Hall Auditorium. “One Thousand Cartoons and Counting: Passion, Neuroses and Silliness.” New Yorker cartoonist and children’s book illustrator Ed Koren talks about his wild scribble career.

**David Beronä**—12–12:45 p.m. Town Hall 1st Floor Meeting Room. “Reading Pictures: The Language of Wordless Books.” David is a historian of the illustrated book and the recognized authority on the woodcut novel.

**Joseph Olshan and Philip Ginsburg**—1–1:45 p.m. Norman Williams Public Library Mezzanine. “Just the Facts, Ma’am, or Not: The Connecticut Valley Murders in Fiction and Non-fiction.” An exploration of actual events through Olshan’s *Cloudland* and Ginsburg’s *Shadow of Death*.

**Bernd Heinrich**—2–2:45 p.m. Town Hall 1st Floor Meeting Room. “The Nesting Season: Cuckoos, Cuckolds, and the Invention of Monogamy.” Heinrich blends art, photography and text from courtship to fledgling to every activity in-between. Bernd is one of Vermont’s leading naturalists.

**Larry Minear, Nate Lewis and Jon Turner**—3–4:30 p.m., Town Hall 1st Floor Meeting Room. “Healing From the Battlefield: Re-Entry Into Life Back in the States.” A conversation and reading about soldiering in Iraq and Afghanistan, the impacts on veterans, their families, and communities and the challenges following deployment.

**Ellen Sousa and Sarah Pinneo**—3–3:45 p.m. Norman Williams Public Library Mezzanine. “A Leap of Faith: From Business to Birds, Butterflies and Beans with Bacon.” Two women who leave the world of business to live more simple and personally meaningful lives in earth-friendly careers.

**Theater with the Parish Players**—4–4:45 p.m. Norman Williams Public Library Mezzanine. The Upper Valley’s famous theater troupe, founded in 1966, performs one of its humorous ten-minute plays, with tips on how to write ultra-short productions.

**Poetry on the Land**—An exhibition of sculpture and sound pieces, open 4–7 p.m. at the King Farm. The event will honor the naming of “The Poet’s Trail” which begins at the King Farm and leads into the wider trail system of the Marsh Billings Rockefeller National Park trails of Mount Tom.

## Friday Workshops

These workshops are free and open to the public, but space is limited. Re-registration strongly encouraged. Contact Peter Rousmaniere at pfr@rousmaniere.com

**April Ossmann**—12–2 p.m., Norman Williams Public Library History Room. “Pen and Shovel: A Generative Poetry Workshop.” Poet and former executive director of Alice James Books, April will help you germinate two new poems.

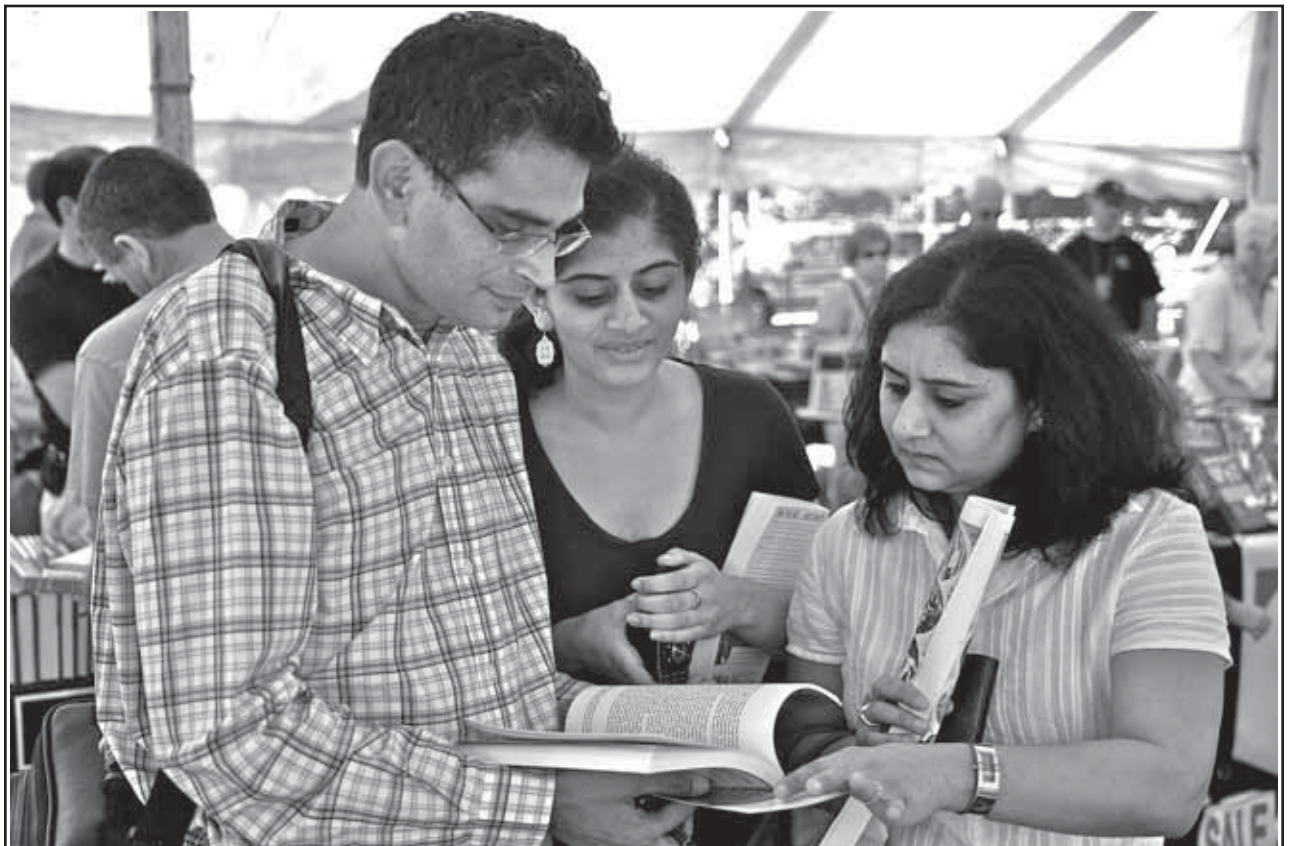


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Book lovers examine the wares under the tent at Bookstock in Woodstock, VT.

**Sonja Hakala**—2–4 p.m. Norman Williams Public Library History Room. “Your Book Your Way.” Sonja Hakala will guide you through the publishing jungle to success.

pediatrician is the author of *Life in a Jar*, the heartbreaking true story of children rescued from the Warsaw Ghetto in World War II.

## Four Poets

Poetry Readings will take place on Saturday, July 28, in Saint James Church Parish Hall, On the Green.

**Dara Wier**—12–12:40 p.m. Dara Wier is the author of many collections of poetry, and her work has been included in recent volumes of Best American Poetry and the Pushcart Prize Anthology. She directs the MFA program for poets and writers at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

**Sidney Lea**—1–1:40 p.m. Poet Laureate of Vermont, Lea’s most recent collection of poems is *Six Sundays Toward a Seventh: Selected Spiritual Poems*. His stories, poems, essays and criticism have appeared many periodicals, as well as in more than forty anthologies. He lives in Newbury, Vermont.

**Marie Howe**—2–2:40 p.m. Stanley Kunitz has described Howe’s poetry as “luminous, intense, and eloquent, rooted in an abundant inner life.”

**James Tate**—3–3:40 p.m. A Pulitzer Prize winning poet, Jim’s first collection of poems, *The Lost Pilot* (1967), was selected for the Yale Series of Younger Poets while Tate was still a student at the University of Iowa Writers’ Workshop, making him one of the youngest poets to receive the honor.

## Vermont History Center Presentations

These five historical presentations take place on Saturday, July 28 at the Woodstock History Center, 26 Elm St.

**Donald Wickman**—12–12:45 p.m. “Portrait of the War that Still Defines Us.” Vermont historian and author Donald Wickman presents his book, *A Very Fine Appearance*, featuring the photos of Brattleboro photographer, George Houghton that captured Vermont soldiers’ experiences during the Civil War, paired with excerpts of diaries and letters.

**Nicholas Clifford**—1–1:45 p.m. “A Timely Look at the Vermont Flood of 1927.” Professor emeritus of Middlebury College, Nicholas will recount the story of the 1927 flood, which killed 100 Vermonters in less than 48 hours, within the larger context of early twentieth-century American history.

**April Bernard**—2–2:45 p.m. “The Most Famous Woman in America.” Bennington poet and novelist April Bernard presents her novel, *Miss Fuller*, a fictional account of one of America’s great women, Margaret Fuller, who was a friend of Emerson’s and an early advocate of the equality of genders.

**Willard Sterne Randall**—3–3:45 p.m. Willard’s new book, *Ethan Allen: His Life and Times*, is the first biography of Ethan Allen in half a century. He is a professor of history at Champlain College and resides in Burlington, Vermont.

**Jack Mayer**—4–4:45 p.m. “In The Warsaw Ghetto: Talking Parents Out Of Their Children.” This Middlebury-based

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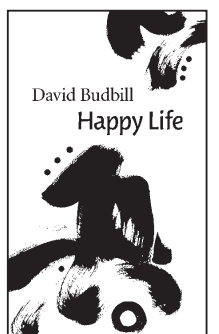
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