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Art Show and Sale

The Friends of the Wardsboro Library is sponsoring their Annual Art Show and Sale on the front lawn in of the Wardsboro Library at 170 Main St. in Wardsboro, VT on Friday, July 4th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. a featured part of the 65th Annual Wardsboro July 4th Street Fair and Parade.

Art show and sale

Featured this year will be one of a kind works of art on 100 year old Vermont roofing slates. All of the art work will be for sale. The impressive collection of slates will be displayed along with other outdoor, original handwork items including decorative sculpture, garden art and outdoor furniture. Admission is free for this event.

Art auction preview

After visiting the Friends' outdoor Art Show and Sale fair visitors are invited to go inside the library to see the Art Auction Preview of 45 special 10" x 10" works of art by 45 well known artists from Vermont, New Hamp-

shire, Connecticut, and New York, that will be auctioned off at a fundraiser for Friends of the Wardsboro Library on Saturday, August 9th.

The works of art will be on display from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 4th and for the month of July during library hours.

On Saturday, August 9th the silent auction will begin at 5 p.m. and the live auction at 6:30 p.m. at the library, rain or shine.

Mixed media and all genres are represented—landscapes, animals, flowers, abstracts, primitives, en plein air, folk, cartoon, hooked rug and textile art.

Admission to the auction is \$12 with complimentary light fare, cash beer and wine bar, all under the big tent on the library lawn.

The proceeds of both art events benefit the Gloria Danforth Memorial Building, the home of the Wardsboro Public Library.

Visit www.friendsofwardsborolibrary.org and 4thofJulyWardsboro.com.



Visitors ride around the fields watching haying with horse teams at Billings Farm & Museum VT. This year Hay Day is on July 27. photo courtesy of Billings Farm & Museum

July Journal

Memory Lapse Taxonomy, The Platonic Fallacy, and Common Sense

by Bill Felker

Talk of mysteries! Think of our life in nature,—daily to be shown matter, to come in contact with it,—rocks, trees, wind on our cheeks! the solid earth! the actual world! the common sense!

—Henry David Thoreau

Lately I've been forgetting the names of some of the wildflowers I've identified through the years. I've also been forgetting the names of a few of my old acquaintances.

"Hey, how ya doin'," I greet them, adding a soft mumble for the person's name. Sometimes the other people remember who I am. Sometimes they mumble the same way I do. Sometimes a bob of the head is part of the ritual as though the person were choking on something or were about to cough.

It's easy to look up the forgotten flowers in my botanical references. Since I don't have a people reference with photos, however, it often takes me a while to figure out the name of the man or woman I have just encountered. And even the momentary loss of a name is disconcerting in that the cerebral landscape suddenly becomes less familiar than it was seconds before. In some ways, the experience is like one of my repeating dreams in which I walk lost down a familiar childhood street on which everything has changed.

As I am accustomed to making much out of little, I worry that I'm losing my grip. After all, the process of taxonomy (naming things) is the way of the scientific world, the business world, the academic world, the broad world of social intercourse. I remind myself that without names, there is no language and no human identity.

I weigh options and choices. Should I really bother to take the time to distinguish between silverweed and a flower that looks a little like wild strawberry? I always have. Is my acquaintance with what's-his-face superficial, and that's

why I don't recognize who he is? It's possible. Am I simply forgetting, with good reason, the unimportant people in my life? That is also possible. Perhaps I do not recognize so-and-so because I really have no need or desire for significant intimacy with her. That is likely.

Or maybe these aren't the real issues at all. Maybe my organism is simply shedding its skin and preparing me for the great winnowing, the long oblivion. Is this intermittent forgetfulness, I wonder, the anteroom of a final metaphysical and psychological journey, the onset of dementia, incipience of Alzheimer's? I ruminate and pick the scab of my memory lapses, trying to make sense of my aging.

Then, finally, I have it. I conclude that my anguish is merely a kind of disorientation caused by the perfidious Platonic Fallacy. That philosophic error was spawned by several of Plato's dialogues in which Socrates encouraged people to think that ideas and their names were more permanent and ultimately more important than material objects, that the idea of a chair, for example, was more durable than the transitory, material chair from which the idea came.

Silly Plato! Silly Socrates! The truth is that any theory of ideas is useful only if you can remember. Once you forget the name of what's-her-name, then her physical presence is much more significant than any conceptual shenanigans. My body, then, is simply telling me to get real. It is telling me that what's-her-name simply is, and that, as Sartre said over half a century ago, existence indeed precedes essence. In my case, maybe existence actually replaces essence.

And so I embrace the existential wisdom brought on by changes in my brain, allowing expedient insight to shatter arrogant and youthful concepts about high reasoning and subtle wordsmithing. I embrace the consolation of my friend, Henry what's-his name, his talk of mysteries, "daily to be shown matter, to come in contact with it,—rocks, trees, wind on our cheeks! the solid earth! the actual world! the common sense!"

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Teamsters bring in a load of hay in a wagon pulled by Percheron draft horses at Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT. photo courtesy of Billings Farm & Museum

Woodstock, VT

July Festivities at Billings Farm & Museum

Billings Farm is an operating Jersey dairy farm that continues a 143-year tradition of agricultural excellence and offers farm programs and historical exhibits that explore Vermont's rural heritage and values. Billings Farm & Museum is celebrating its 31st Anniversary this year. Over one million visitors—hailing from every state in the U.S. and over 40 foreign countries—have made the farm an important part of their visit to Vermont. Whether you are a visitor or make Vermont your home, plan a trip to Billings Farm this summer. You'll have a great time!

"An Old Vermont 4th"

Celebrate Billings Farm & Museum's "Old Vermont 4th" on Friday, July 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., featuring traditional music, flag-making, hand cranked strawberry ice cream, horse-drawn wagon rides, patriotic speeches, and debates. There will be a continuous showing of *The Making of Liberty*, a 55-minute documentary by filmmaker Charles Guggenheim, on the hour in the visitor center theater.

There will be a reading of the Declaration of Independence, at noon. At 1 p.m., we'll have a debate on "Will there come a time when the Earth's population will be limited by the Earth's capacity of food production?" Adults and older students can compete in 19th century spelling bees.

Time Travel Tuesdays

Billings Farm & Museum announces a program designed for children and adults to experience 19th century chores and pastimes in the restored and furnished 1890 Farm House.

Each Tuesday, July 1 through August 19, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. experience daily life in 1890. Help prepare seasonal meals in the kitchen, copy into ledger books in the farm office, churn butter in the creamery, and help with laundry. Relax in the sitting room with popular pastimes—dominoes, tiddley winks, and the stereoscope, plus needlework, photo albums, and games. No pre-registration is necessary.

Wagon Ride Wednesdays

Horse-drawn wagon rides are offered at Billings Farm & Museum each Wednesday, July 2nd through September 24th, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Foodways Fridays

Come for this program designed for children and adults and learn how heirloom vegetables are used in historic recipes prepared in the 1890 Farm House kitchen. Offered each Friday, July 11 through October 17, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Foodways Friday will feature traditional late 19th and early 20th century recipes. No pre-registration is necessary.

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, or Pink Velvet Soup. Take home recipes. Visit the heirloom garden to chat or tour with the gardener.

Celebrate National Ice Cream Day

Billings Farm & Museum will celebrate National Ice Cream Day on Sunday, July 20, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Make and sample hand-cranked ice cream made from Billings Farm cream while learning the history and science of the "great American dessert." Enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides. Children may join in making an ice cream cone headband and playing 19th century historic games.

Hay Day

Hay Day is coming up on Sunday, July 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will feature traditional 19th century haying techniques using horse-drawn equipment, including cutting, raking, and tedding with draft horses. There will be narrated horse-drawn wagon rides, family activities, plus switchel, the

haymaker's drink will be available to try..Additional activities include: penny-in-the-haystack, making clothespin horses and scarecrows puppets, and rope making demonstrations.

The Billings Farm & Museum is owned and operated by The Woodstock Foundation Inc., a charitable non-profit institution, founded by Mary French and Laurance Spelman Rockefeller.

Admission includes all activities and programs, plus the operating dairy farm, farm life exhibits, and the restored and furnished 1890 Farm House. Admission: adults: \$14; 62 & over: \$13; children 5-15: \$8; 3-4: \$4; 2 & under: free.

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 4 p.m.

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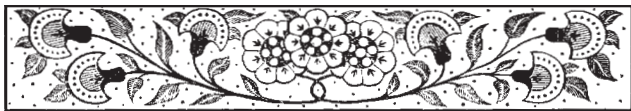
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North Country Reflections

Cultivating Scents Gardening for the Nose

by Judith Irven

Last week an unexpected package was delivered to our doorstep. As I carefully began to unwrap it, a mesmerizing fragrance spread through the room. And there, nestled between layers of damp newspaper, I discovered a delightful gift from a gardening friend—two Star Jasmine plants (*Trachelospermum jasminoides*) direct from a specialty nursery in Raleigh, NC where she lives.

Star Jasmine is an exuberant vine from Southeast Asia that can grow up to 20 feet high. Its countless small white flowers exude the classic jasmine scent that has been used in lotions and potions for countless years.

Today my new plants, fully recovered from their journey, are off and climbing up the tall supports I anchored inside their two large pots. However, since I know full well that jasmine will never survive Vermont's cold season, come September, I will move them, pot and all, to winter in our cool greenhouse. Here they will be joined by various herbs, including a large bay laurel shrub, plus some rosemary and sage—which all goes to show the lengths to which we gardeners will go to satisfy our sense of smell, as well as that related sense, taste.

An herb-scented garden walk

Many of our culinary herbs—including the classic parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme—release their scent on contact, particularly when you crush or rub their leaves. Each time I walk across our fieldstone patio, I am rewarded by a whiff of the thyme that grows between the stones. Other garden plants like bee balm, catnip, sweet alyssum and hyssop also release their fragrance when you brush past them, so it is nice plant them along the edge of a walkway.

But with some of our most beloved flowers—especially lilacs, peonies and roses—to fully experience their perfume you need to get up close and personal, and sink your nose right into to the blossom itself. These are truly plants to delight not only the eye but also the nose.

Lilacs and roses

Here in my Goshen garden, 'lilac season', with its the magical fragrance, starts in mid-May with the common lilacs,



Every year around the first week of June a pair of azaleas, 'Bright Lights' and 'White Lights', brighten this corner of Judith's Garden with their color and fragrance. photo by Dick Conrad

followed by the Dwarf Korean Lilac, then the Miss Kim Lilac and finally the late Preston Lilacs towards the end of June.

Then, somewhere around mid-June, the roses spring to life. I grow several hardy shrub roses that offer flowers with a pronounced 'rose fragrance,' including the low-growing (around 3' high) pink Rosa 'Charles Albanel' and its counterpart, the pure white Rosa 'Blanc Double de Coubert'. Another of my favorites is the taller 'Therese Bugnet' with fully double ruffled pink flowers and a delicate scent. Finally there are the oddly named duo, the pink 'Foxy Pavement' and its white counterpart 'Snow Pavement' with flowers, scent and later lovely rosehips.

The incomparable peony

June is also 'peony time' in Vermont and I feel that no garden can have enough peonies. But beware, some but not every peony is fragrant; so, if scent is important to you, check the description before you buy. I grow two beautiful varieties also renowned for their fragrance; one is 'Gold Standard' with two rows of crinkled white petals enclosing a center of frothy yellow stamens. The other goes by the fanciful name of 'Raspberry Sherbet'; its deliciously scented flowers are a mass of pink petals merging to yellow in the center. I also grow two lovely old-fashioned varieties 'Sarah Bernhardt' and 'Festiva Maxima' which too have an intoxicating fragrance; their only drawback is that you need to support their heavy blooms with individual stakes before a heavy rain knocks them to the ground.

Scented shrubs

And finally there are those shrubs that are large enough and substantial enough that their flowers distribute their perfume far and wide in the garden. Plant a few of these near your gazebo or deck and your nose will be delighted.

For me the arrival of spring is heralded by the amazing fragrance of a Korean Spice Viburnum bush. Its flowers may

be small but, for a week or more, they fill the garden with their perfume.

Fragrant azaleas

Then come summer-flowering azaleas which also provide a sumptuous feast for both the nose and the eye. Often, mention of the word 'azalea' triggers images of magenta types that flower in April and are not particularly fragrant. But many people are less familiar with the extended clan of summer azaleas, with their beautiful delicately-colored blossoms, that radiate an amazing fragrance that fills the garden. And, by choosing different varieties, you can have one or another azalea tickle your senses for a full two months.

Azaleas are actually members of the Rhododendron genus. But, unlike the better-known evergreen rhododendrons with their large glossy leaves, azaleas lose their leaves in winter, making them especially well suited to our Vermont climate. Indeed most of the azaleas I grow in my garden are bred from one of our two native azaleas: the Mountain Pink (*Rhododendron prinophyllum*) that I find growing on Mount Moosalamoo and the Swamp Azalea (*Rhododendron vicosum*).

My azalea season starts out at the end of May or early June when the super-hardy 'Lights Series' azaleas bloom. I am especially partial to the delightfully scented 'White Lights' which has white flowers with delicate pink overtones. Next to come is the pure white Weston's Innocence' with an intoxicating scent that drifts around our gazebo. The fragrant azalea season continues with the varieties 'Jane Abbott' and 'Parade', finally coming to a close at the end of July with 'Lemon Drop' and 'Golden Showers'.

Summer's finale

But even then my scented season is not quite over. In August the native shrub Summersweet, with its bottle-brush flowers, dominates my garden for a full two weeks or longer.

So as you stroll the nursery or peruse the Internet looking for new plants to please your eyes, give some thought to those that will give equal pleasure to your nose. You will find plenty of choices!

Judith Irven and Dick Conrad live in Goshen, VT where together they nurture a large garden. Judith is a Vermont Certified Horticulturist and teaches Sustainable Home Landscaping for the Vermont Master Gardener program. You can subscribe to her blog about her Vermont gardening life at www.northcountryreflections.com. Dick is a landscape and garden photographer; you can see more of his photographs at www.northcountryimpressions.com.

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22nd Annual Rock River Open Studio Tour

Seventeen artists will be participating in the 22nd Annual Rock River Artists Studio Tour in South Newfane, VT on Saturday and Sunday, July 19 & 20, 2014. Come for a little history and a lot of art that is fresh, local and handmade. Their works have been featured in exhibits in countless prestigious venues and represented in fine galleries and public and private collections all over the world, but the artists of Vermont's Rock River Valley can only be seen altogether in their natural habitats one weekend a year.

Equal parts journey and destination, the artists welcome friends and neighbors and visitors from all over the country into their studio spaces. The tour takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., both days, and is free and open to the public.

Getting there is at least half the fun, as visitors enjoy navigating country roads that reveal the inspiring beauty of Southern Vermont at its glorious best. Along the way, they find studios where artists create their work, and there visitors can purchase artwork directly from the artists, talk with them about their work and witness the happy intersections of place, passion, inspiration and perspiration reflected in their work.

Through good times and bad

The work celebrates not only the beauty of their surroundings but the harder moments as well. The Rock River Valley was at the epicenter of the ravages of Tropical Storm Irene on Aug. 28, 2011. Flooding from Tropical Storm Irene severely damaged large swaths of the Rock River Valley, sweeping away houses, decimating roadways and isolating many sections of the community. The river that connected people here, threatened to tear them apart, but in the end, "the catastrophe did the opposite and connected us more closely after all," says Deidre Scherer, fabric portraitist on the tour.

All the studios are within a short drive of South Newfane, and visitors are invited to stop at the 19th Century Old Schoolhouse in South Newfane for its annual exhibit of the Rock River Artists Tour. The old one-room schoolhouse is transformed into a high-end, contemporary gallery for the weekend. This is a chance to see all of the artists work, plan your self-guided tour, pick up maps, purchase a ticket to the art raffle and ask questions.

The Old Schoolhouse itself has quite a history. It was used as the one-room village school until the early 1950s, and was then sold to the local community for \$1. Since then it has served as South Newfane's community center and meeting place—hosting art shows, potlucks, lectures, story-telling, music events, yoga classes and more. It has been carefully maintained and upgraded over the years by a local group of committed residents. It is one of only a few original one-room schoolhouse buildings left in the state that still function as a public space, as most have been converted to private residences.

Artists of every discipline

There will be demonstrations at some studios. Visitors are encouraged to ask questions and follow the artists' process.

This year's Rock River tour features the following artists: Pete Novick, Hayama Cabinetmakers; metal worker Rich Gillis; Ellen Darrow, incised, carved, and painted pottery; Lauri Richardson, mosaics from the shattered remains of china and pottery; wood workers Dan DeWalt and Rob Cramp; Roger Sandes, Georgie, and Caryn King paintings distinctive to each artist; Mary Welsh, densely pieced, luminous collages; Leonard Ragouzeos, large-scale ink on paper works; potter Richard Foye; Matt Tell, wood fired pots; Print maker Kim Hartman-Colligan; Rob Cartelli, functional porcelain pottery; Deidre Scherer, thread-on-layered-fabric; and photographer Chris Triebert.



photo by Lynn Barrett
 Roger Sandes and Mary Welsh have learned to share their cozy, cluttered 432-square-foot studio with each other and with the ghosts of oxen past. Set in an old barn build around 1810, their studio, perched on a small hill overlooking the Rock River in Williamsville, was once part of a wool-carding mill that served local farmers during Vermont's sheep-shearing heyday in the early 19th century. In the summer, when the river slowed to a trickle, oxen were used to power the mill. To shoe them, the oxen needed to be lifted by sling. Mary Welsh loves to point out the place where the ox slinging used to take place.

Community Barbeque

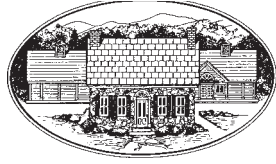
In addition to the tour, South Newfane offers a variety of other sites—a new café that will be open for lunch during the tour, as well as Amazing Planet Farm, an organic vegetable farm. There's also Olallie Daylily Gardens at Ellen Darrow's studio stop and the inspiring gardens of many of the artists on the tour.

Everyone is welcome to attend the community barbecue in the historic Williamsville Hall. The BBQ starts at 6 p.m. on Saturday evening and is a fundraiser for the Hall. The menu includes pulled pork & BBQ chicken plate with cole slaw, baked beans and corn bread. Tickets are \$12, kids under 10 are \$8.

Originally the Hall was the meeting place of the Williamsville Grange and was sold to the Town of Newfane in 1964 for \$1. A group of interested citizens has and continues to keep the use of the Hall open to the community both by

sponsoring various events and making the hall available for private functions at a reasonable price.

The Rock River Open Studio Tour starts at the Old School House in South Newfane. Pickup a map, and visit the artists' studios and homes. For more information, please go to www.rockriverartists.com.



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A shepherd and his border collie bring in a flock of sheep at the Border Collie Trials at Merck Forest & Farmland. photo by Merck Forest & Farmland.

The Seasons of Middle Summer

by Bill Felker

Thistledown Time

The air is full of drifting thistledown. Gray pointed sprites, that on the breezes ride.

—Vita Sackville-West

When thistles come undone, then middle summer has arrived, and all the middle-summer flowers are in bloom. Purple loosestrife, lizard's tail, Queen Anne's lace, purple coneflower, wild petunia, bouncing bet, dayflower, sow thistle, white vervain, dogbane, black-eyed Susan, leatherflower, figwort, lesser stitchwort, square-stemmed germander, pokeweed, St. John's wort, teasel, wild lettuce, wood mint, wood nettle, leafcup, touch-me-not, loquod and avens are all blossoming in the woods and fields.

The number of vegetable varieties increases at the farmers' market, and locally grown sweet corn appears on roadside stands throughout the East.

The first of the midsummer hostas show in the garden as the thistledown unravels. Asiatic lilies enter full bloom. The rose of Sharon and the phlox are getting ready to open.

Maroon seedpods have formed on the locusts. The bright yellow primroses and spring daisies are in decline, their departure marking the close of black raspberry and mulberry seasons. Green wild cherries hang in clusters. Elderberry bushes and everbearing strawberries are setting fruit.

May's goslings and ducklings are almost grown. Tiny waterstriders hatch in the ponds just as alewives head back to the Atlantic from their estuaries.

The behavior of raccoons, opossums and groundhogs becomes erratic in the heat. Young robins, blackbirds and blue jays are in the honeysuckle bushes eating red and orange berries. Cicadas have emerged (but won't sing for a week or so). Young great blue herons leave their rookeries. Soon the rough-winged swallows will lead the fall migrations south.

When Cicadas Sing

Is it not the height of summer when the locust is heard?

—Henry David Thoreau, July 30, 1860

When the first cicadas (or harvest flies) of the year sing at noon, then lanky ichneumons get into your house and sit on the walls like gargantuan mosquitoes. Black raspberry season ends when you hear cicadas; middle summer primroses open.

Corn tassels and corn pollen are more plentiful when cicadas sing. Goldenrod can be four feet tall. White snakeroot, ironweed, boneset, wingstem, tall coneflowers are budding as the pink large-flowered mallow comes to an end. Midseason hostas open. Throughout the whole country, more wildflowers blossom now than at any other time of year.

Blueweed flowers are at the top of their spikes when cicadas call for their mates, just when lamb's-ear season closes, just as the first burdock blooms. That is the time when avens and thimble plants are forming seed heads under the canopy, and all the early honeysuckles have their berries, red and orange. Blackberries are August-size, but still green. Milkweed pods emerge; they will burst their shells at the approach of middle fall.

Oats are a fourth ripe by the time the harvest flies sing. A third of the soybeans should be in bloom. The early tomatoes redden.

The Turn of Summertime

Nothing that is can pause or stay;
The moon will wax, the moon will wane,
The mist and cloud will turn to rain,
The rain to mist and cloud again,
Tomorrow be today.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Deep in July, the tide of summer reaches as far north as it can go then starts to slip away back toward the Gulf of Mexico. The rate of advance or retreat varies with each year,

but the balance has always shifted by the seventh month. The day's length becomes one to two minutes shorter every twenty-four hours, and countryside responds with changing color and sound.

At the start of summer ebb tide, the land is on the early side of cicada song and fireflies are vigorous. The first katydids begin to chant after dark, and crickets intensify their calls. Woolly bear caterpillars and Japanese beetles become more common. Thistledown unravels more dramatically when summer's tide has turned. Catalpa beans are fat and long.

Farmers and gardeners now count the days: sixty to ninety frost-free mornings remain in the season, and about two to three months of growing weather are left for cool-weather crops like cabbages, kale, collards, beets, turnips and carrots. Out in the field, the second cut of alfalfa is often underway. Blueberries and elderberries are ripening.

The Retreat of Middle Summer

Summer's robe grows
Dusky, and like an oft-dyed garment shows.

—John Donne

By the last week of middle summer, the yellowing locust and buckeye leaves and the brown garlic mustard give a sense of fall to the woods. A few Judas maples and Virginia creeper leaves redden. Shiny spicebush, boxwood, greenbrier, and poison ivy berries have formed. Wild cherries darken. Buckeyes and black walnuts are fully developed.

Mallow, Asiatic lilies and day lilies disappear in the garden as red, white and purple phlox time unfolds. Lizard's tail and wood nettle go to seed along the riverbanks. Blueweed, white vervain and white sweet clover end their seasons. Petals of the hobblebush darken. Parsnip heads, honewort pods and sweet cicely pods are dry enough to split and spill their seeds.

Late summer's burdock and Jerusalem artichokes bloom now. Wild lettuce opens at nine o'clock in the morning facing the sun and closes by noon. Tall blue bellflowers, pale violet bouncing bets, gray coneflowers and pink germander color the waysides. Water hemlock blossom sin the swamps.

The best morning chorus of birds is over for the year. The cardinals still greet the dawn, but they stop singing early. Swallows are beginning their fall migrations. When the mornings are cool, fog hangs in the hollows before dawn.

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A Vermont Almanack for Middle Summer

by Bill Felker

Look at this beautiful world, and read the truth
In her fair page; see every season brings
New change to her of everlasting youth—
Still the green soil, with joyous living things
Swarms—the wide air is full of joyous wings.

—William Cullen Bryant

The Cicada Moon And the Katydid and Cricket Moon

As birdsong quiets at the peak of middle summer, cicadas fill the warmer mornings and afternoons with their high buzzing whine. When the Cicada Moon turns dark, the katydids and crickets call through the night under the waxing Katydid and Cricket Moon.

July 5: The Cicada moon enters its second quarter at 6:59 a.m. *July 12:* The Cicada Moon is full at 6:25 a.m. *July 13:* Today is lunar perigee, the moon's position closest to Earth. *July 18:* The moon enters its final phase at 9:08 p.m. *July 26:* The Katydid and Cricket Moon is new at 5:42 p.m. *July 28:* Today the moon reaches apogee, its position farthest from Earth.

The Sun

Aphelion, the point at which Earth is farthest from the sun, occurs 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 Planets

Venus in Taurus is the morning star that leads Orion and the Dog Star into the noon sky. Mars in Virgo, is an evening star through the remainder of the year. Jupiter in Cancer is the brightest evening star until July 11, then it is too close to the sun and reappears as a morning star, right behind Venus. Saturn in Libra shines in the evening through the remainder of the summer.

The Stars

Late at night, July brings Hercules almost overhead, bearing ripening tomatoes, sweet corn from the Sweet Corn Moon, green beans, and summer squash. Cygnus (the Northern Cross), Lyra with bright Vega, and Aquila with its anchor star, Altair, are rising in the middle of the Milky Way, presiding over preparations for autumn breeding of ewes and does.

The Stars

In the late evenings of middle summer, the teapot-like star formation of Libra lies in the south, followed by Scorpius and its red center, Antares. Sagittarius, the Archer, follows the Scorpion in the southeast. Above the Archer, the Milky Way sweeps up toward Cassiopeia in the north.

By the end of July, the Big Dipper is moving into the far northwest by 10:00 p.m., and it will lie along the northern

The Mirror of My Realm

In the corner back beyond,
Where the brook enters the spruces,
I have a little pond;
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And it has several uses.

The cattle come to drink,
A frog lives in the brink,
It is my swimming pool;
I take there what I think
Is the only sport that's cool.



On the cool grass I sit
At dusk and look at it,
Composing clouds and the elm
That rises opposite—
The mirror of my realm.

It takes far things and tall
And lays them at my feet
While sleepy thrushes call.
I haven't to leave my seat
To have my world complete.

—JAMES HAYFORD
Orleans, VT, 1953

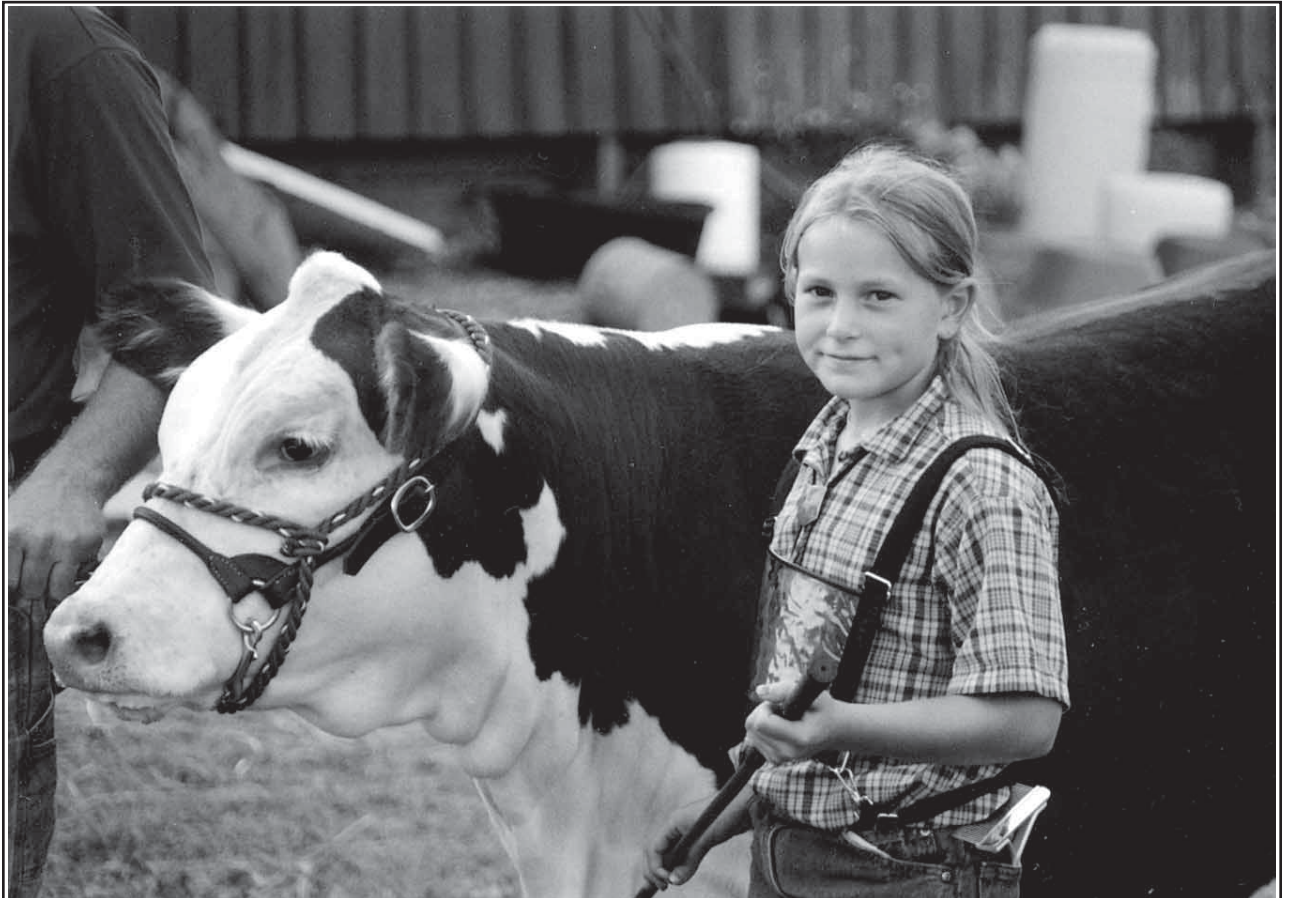
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Fair season begins in Vermont in late July. Here, a young exhibitor prepares her Hereford steer for competition at the Addison County Fair in New Haven, VT. photo by Nancy Cassidy

horizon after midnight. June's planting star, Arcturus, has shifted deep into the western sky a few hours after sundown, and Pegasus, outrider of October, fills the east.

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 22 and new moon on July 8 may increase the chance of tornadoes in the South and the Middle Atlantic region and the landing of a hurricane in the Gulf near those dates.

The Shooting Stars

The Southern Delta Aquarid meteor shower begins on July 18, peaks on the 28th and 29th, 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 late in July.

Meteorology

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Fish, game, livestock and people tend to feed more and are more active as the barometer is falling one to three days before the weather systems that arrive near the following dates, dates on which cold fronts normally approach Vermont on July 6, 14, 21, & 28. Seek fish and game as barometric pressure declines (or be especially careful of food, if you are dieting) at midday when the moon is new, in the afternoon and evening when the moon is in its first quarter, at night when the moon is full and in its third quarter, in the morning when the moon is in its fourth quarter.

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Vermont America's Most Unique State

by Bill Clark, Pawlet, VT

Some say that Vermont is a museum of the past, as life once was across America. Some say that it's a state of mind, attracting artists and writers. Some say it's a place of peace and quiet, attracting retirees such as journalists, diplomats, ambassadors and others from fast pace of life careers. Some say that it's a home for refugees from all over the world. Some say it's a place to leave for greener pastures or better income.

It's a story that started long ago; however, we'll fast forward to the 1700s when 13 colonies had settled on the east coast of North America under British rule.

There was this strip of land, in the north between the colony of New York and New Hampshire, known as the Wilderness. Around 1760, Governor Benning Wentworth of New Hampshire started granting town charters to settlers who were moving in from southern New England. New York's Governor contested this and tried to take over this territory. At this point, one Ethan Allen organized the settlers into a militia known as the Green Mountain Boys and drove the New York sheriffs off, and so this wilderness became known as the Hampshire Grants.

In the meantime, from 1761 until 1775, unrest continued to grow in the colonies. Feelings grew to get rid of British rule. The Boston Tea Party occurred when the colonists refused to pay increased tax on shipments of tea from England.

In 1775, the English were in control of Lake Champlain with soldiers at Fort Ticonderoga. Allen saw this as a possible threat to the Hampshire Grants and so before daylight on the morning of May 10th, 1775, the Green Mountain Boys crossed the lake. With a surprise attack on Fort Ti the British Commander surrendered without firing a shot. Later, many cannons were able to be moved from Fort Ti to much needed defenses in Boston.

The revolution begins

Fourteen months later on July 4, 1776, the 13 colonies wrote and signed the Declaration of Independence. Thus began America's struggle for freedom and the Revolutionary War.

The New Hampshire Grants (what was to eventually become Vermont) had been interested in becoming another colony; however, New York made it clear they were not welcome. In the fall of 1776 the British sent a fleet down the lake, hoping they could split the colonies. A surprise attack by Benedict Arnold at Valcour Island upset those plans and the British retreated back to Canada to wait out the winter, a big advantage for the colonies.

By now the Hampshire Grants pretty much decided that this wasn't going to be their war. They weren't going to be part of this new America. On January 15, 1777, the Grants declared their own independence from any and all subjects.

The independent Republic of Vermont

Plans went forward to create a new independent republic, with a new name, *Vermont*. Delegates were picked and a convention was to convene on July 2, 1777.



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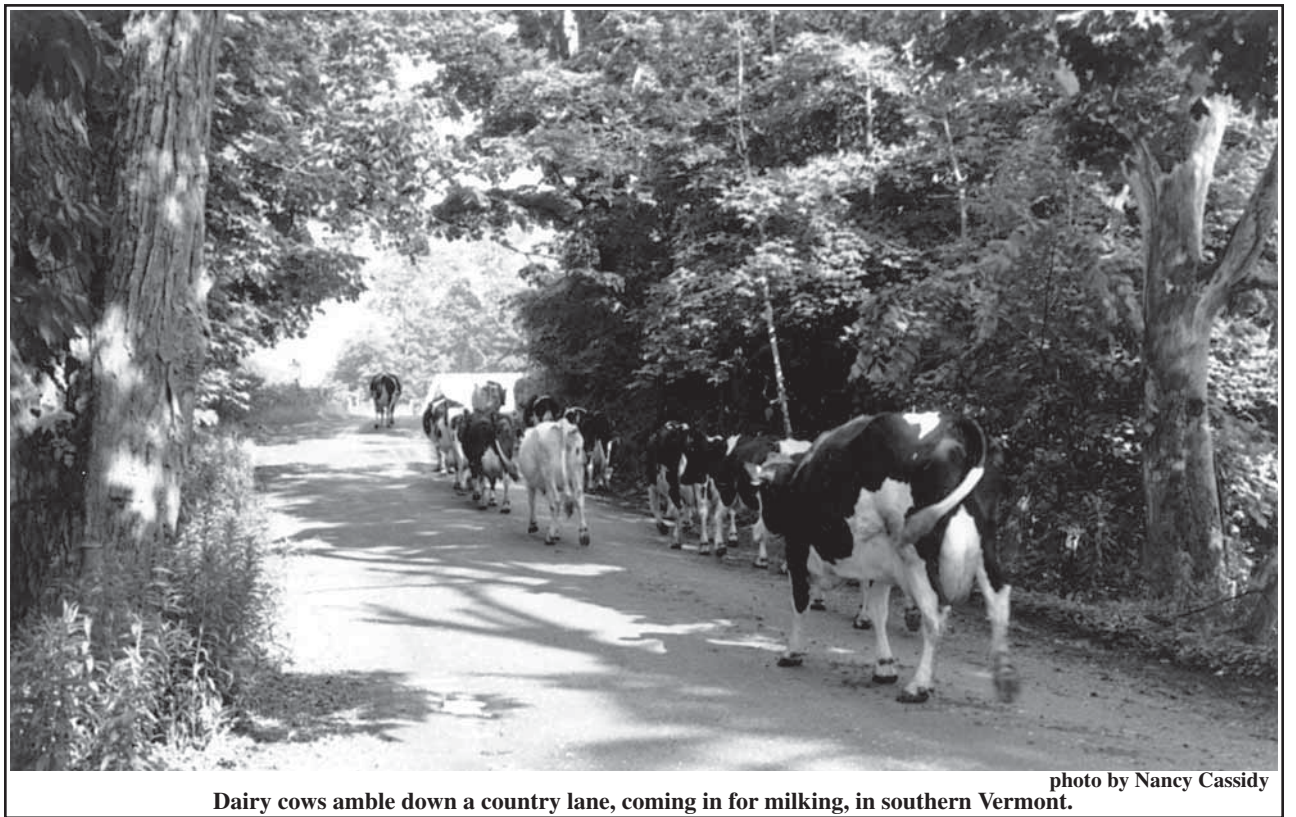
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The delegates came together at a tavern owned by Elijah West in Windsor, VT and began writing the most freedom giving document in the history of mankind. It contained three special provisions not found in any other. First, that all persons, man or woman regardless of color, could not be held as a slave or servant or even an apprentice against their will; second, that all men would have the right to vote whether they owned property or not (preventing the rich from dominating the poor); and third, that a public education system would be established for all children, to be paid for by the public domain. This would be a *citizen's government* run by a town meeting once a year and it would have total authority over legislative, executive, judicial and militia matters.

July 8th was the seventh day of the convention and the document was nearing completion, *when suddenly the door burst open...*

The Battle of Hubbardton intervenes

By the spring of 1777, the British knew they had a serious war on their hands, so they devised a grand scheme to end it once and for all. The plan was to cut the colonies completely in two. Armies would come up the Hudson and down Lake Champlain, meet somewhere near Albany, NY. With the colonies split, the war would soon end in their defeat.

John Burgoyne led the British Armada down Lake Champlain. Colonial troops stationed at Fort Ti saw that they would be no match so they abandoned the Fort and headed south. New England regiments and the Green Mountain Boys under Seth Warner left Mount Independence on the east shore and headed east into the hills. However, Burgoyne's troops followed them in hot pursuit to a lonely hilltop in a place called Hubbardton.

On the 7th hour of the 7th day of the 7th month, 1777, the battle began. There was much causality, but in the end, Burgoyne's troops retreated to Fort Ti. The New Englanders moved south toward Manchester. (This was the beginning of a turning point for America with later wins at Bennington and Saratoga.)

The Vermont Constitution is signed

...and in rushed a weary messenger and told them of the fierce battle of the day before at Hubbardton. Delegates from Champlain Valley, fearing for their family's safety, asked to adjourn the conferences so they might leave for home. Just as they were about to leave, divine providence intervened. A massive electrical storm with cloud burst rain and down burst winds washed out trails and blew down trees. With no way out, the delegates returned to the table and completed and signed the Vermont Constitution—creating America's first democracy.

Nearly ten years later, slave owning delegates were meeting in Philadelphia to write the great American Constitution, proclaiming Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness for all as long as "all" were white. Blacks were not considered people, rather they were merely property to be bought and sold, as buildings, animals or wagons. So, this new United States started out with a black cloud hanging over it. The

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Vermont Republic existed for 14 years until 1791 when it became the 14th state.

Over the next 80 years, as America grew, it continued to promote slavery, primarily in the south. Every time a new free state was added, it had to be matched with a slave state.

A final battle with Great Britain

About 20 years later, once again, the British decided to make war on this new country, the United States, known as the War of 1812. Once again, Lake Champlain became a major route of attack. There were skirmishes for the next two years until finally there would be a major naval battle. It took place on September 11, 1814.

Captain McDonough was Commander of the American Fleet, now stationed in Plattsburg Bay. The mighty British Armada rounded Cumberland Head and came face to face with the American Fleet. In the battle that followed, the Americans, with their uniquely built ships from Vergennes, Vermont, were able to out shoot the mighty British. Badly beaten, the British Fleet retreated back to Canada as McDonough had won one of the greatest naval battles of all time. That afternoon, as the sun set over the Adirondack Mountains the sun also set on England's dominance over America forever.

Vermont and the Civil War

In the mid-1800s, Horace Greeley, the great newspaperman and social justice crusader, who grew up in New Haven, Vermont and worked for a paper in East Poultney, Vermont before moving to New York City, started the New York Tribune, and began promoting a little known backwoods legislator from Illinois by the name of Abraham Lincoln. With Greeley's efforts through the press, Lincoln won the nomination and the Presidency. Greeley had strived to end slavery in America all his life by peaceful means; however this was not to be. Within a year, a deadly Civil War broke out between the Union and the Confederacy. The first two years went badly for the north (*one tenth* of Vermont's population joined the conflict and played key roles in many battles, especially at Gettysburg) before the north finally triumphed over the south. Greeley continued to push Lincoln to *free the slaves*. His lifelong wish came true on September 26, 1862: Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.

Tiny Vermont, with the second smallest population, has had more influence in shaping America than any other state per capita. Even today, with Sen. Patrick Leahy and Sen. Bernie Sanders, the longest serving independent, Vermont has more political clout per capita in Congress than any other state.

Vermont has been home to such greats as Ethan Allen, Seth Warner, George Marsh, John Deere, Frederick Billings, Horace Greeley, Joseph Smith, Justin Smith Morrill, Horatio Jackson and Calvin Coolidge to mention only a few. Many more have followed since.

This place called Vermont

Vermont is listed as the number one *greenest* state in America, also as the number one *healthiest* state in America with one of the lowest crime rates. Some say Vermont is America's most conservative state in protecting its resources and its lifestyle. Some say its America's most liberal state for the past over 200 years in granting equal rights of freedom, equality and justice to *all* of its citizens. Some say that Vermont is *America's most unique state*.



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9th Annual French Heritage Day takes place on Saturday, July 12th in Vergennes, VT. Free, family-friendly event recognizes region's French-Canadian heritage but can be enjoyed by all, regardless of family descent. The day is hosted by the Addison County Chamber of Commerce, with the support of a grant from the Vermont Community Foundation and individual and business sponsors.

Activities on Saturday, July 12th run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vergennes City Park will be full of colorful reenactors, Franco-American music and French-Canadian fiddling. Learn French response songs and enjoy step dancing. Hear a Native American storyteller and watch traditional craft demonstrations. Take a horse and carriage ride. See interactive exhibits ranging from French artistry to historical information and tools to antique vehicles and engines.

Take part in hands-on fun like pumping water and old-time games. There will be children's educational activities and plenty of French food! Shopping discounts will be offered by several area businesses.

Trace your roots with the Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society or practice your French with any number of people including local French conversational groups. Visit with Samuel de Champlain (re-enacted by Don Thompson) who will provide a first-person historical interpretation using maps, trade goods and navigational equipment.

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Performances at the Vergennes bandstand include the Deja Nous (jazz and cabaret music), Va-et-Vient (French, Quebecois, and Cajun music), Gitane (gypsy) and Erick & Ericka Andrus (fiddle & accordion).

At 11 a.m. there will be the French Heritage Day Waiters' Races for professionals and amateur adult and children waiters.

At Vergennes Opera House there will be a screening of "Champlain: The Lake Between," a documentary that explores French diplomacy and trade with Native nations. Filmmaker Caro Thompson will be available for Q&A.

At Otter Creek basin at the base of the falls, the Lois



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Visitors enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride at the Annual French Heritage Days in Vergennes, VT.

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French-Canadian music on the Green, Vergennes, VT.



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Re-enactors at French Heritage Days in Vergennes, VT.

Robin in the Berry-Patch

He scolds me, as if it were
His berries I took, I dare not look,
So furiously does he "jaw." I saw
Berries in need of harvest—so did he—
And all he sought was just to be
Partly rewarded for picking off the bugs,
Catching the beetle, killing the slugs
That would hurt my crop. He does not stop
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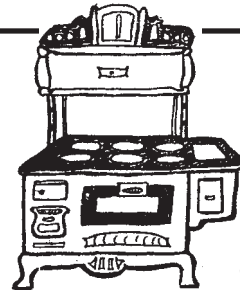
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This year there will be some special presentations:

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Each of the above presentations will be about 45 minutes. Times will be announced or you can call (802) 325-3203. The presenters will have a booth at the fair.

And there are other things to do. How about the Sawdust Pile Treasure Hunt for

youth of all ages? The youngest will start about 10 a.m. with older youth to follow. See how many coins you can find!

Don't forget your appetite! The Vermont Food Court will have your mouth watering with Cabot cheese and macaroni, maple baked beans, potato salad, fruit salads and strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream. Yum! Then there is the burger stand with dogs, burgers and Italian sausages. Also, a variety of favorite beverages. Top it all off at the Ice Cream Booth with some of Stewarts favorites, in dish or sundaes.

Then there are the games! Tug-of-war, bag race, 3-legged race and several others. Winners get prizes. Enjoy special entertainment. Karaoke takes place at 11 a.m. (For sign-up call Gina Mason at (802) 325-2280.) There will be dancing in the street, all ages, from 2:30-4 p.m.

This event is presented by the Wells United Methodist Church and is held rain or shine, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Village Green and Wells United Methodist Church lawn, Main St., Rt. 30 in Wells, VT. Always free admission and parking.

For information call (802) 645-0804 or (802) 645-0422.

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Lori Barker offers her homemade pickles, relish and jellies at the Castleton Farmers Market, open Thursdays 3:30 to 6 pm.

Battle of Hubbardton Anniversary Weekend, July 5 & 6

The only American Revolution battle fought on Vermont soil returns to life on Saturday and Sunday, July 5 and 6, 2014, at the Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site in Hubbardton, VT. This colorful full scale history pageant pays tribute to the July 7, 1777, Revolutionary War battle, and this year is a Top Ten Summer Vermont event chosen by the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce.

Reenactors portraying American, British, and German units are encamped all weekend to offer the sights and sounds of the Revolutionary War and colonial times. At least seven American colonial units, six British units, one German unit, and several sutlers (traveling storekeepers of the time) will be on hand to interact and talk with visitors.

The weekend has activities for all ages and interests. Visit the tent camps, talk with reenactors, watch the tactical and artillery demonstrations, see camp life activities, learn how to drill, and take in guided camp and battlefield tours. Hands-on activities for children are offered near the museum. Sutlers offer a colonial shopping experience. The museum is open both days, with a shop that has an excellent selection of books and other items relating to the American Revolution. Local groups provide a food stand both days.

Representatives from Veterans Affairs New England Health Care System also will be on hand to offer information and show support for our country's veterans, past and present.

Saturday afternoon is a military tactical on the slope of Monument Hill, weather permitting, at 3:30 p.m. The week-

end highlight is the Sunday battle, also weather permitting, 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.

On Thursday, July 3, see the roots of the battle by visiting the Mount Independence State Historic Site in Orwell, VT, at 10 a.m. to send off a small group of intrepid reenactors who are tracing the route of the 1777 withdrawal from Mount Independence to the Hubbardton Battlefield. They will arrive at the Hubbardton Battlefield the afternoon of July 4.

The battle saved Maj. Gen. Arthur St. Clair's troops and led 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 \$6 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 Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site is located on Monument Hill Rd. 6 miles off Rt. 30 in Hubbardton or 7 miles off exit 5 on Rt. 4 in Castleton. Open Thurs thru Sun and Mon holidays through Oct. 13, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information about the Battlefield this event, or to confirm tactical times, call (802) 273-2282. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. Join the Vermont State Historic Sites on Facebook.

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Re-enacting the Battle of Hubbardton, July 7, 1777

by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

For many years now, a re-enactment of the Revolutionary War Battle of Hubbardton has been staged July 7th on the historic field of combat which is six mostly-uphill miles from the village of Castleton, VT.

Below the rock ledges of Mount Zion, with a misty view south to distant bluish mountain peaks, the Hubbardton battlefield is a glorious spot which has changed little since 1777.

I started driving up to see this spectacle years ago, before the crowds it draws now, and I remember thinking then that I'd wandered into a some kind of warp, or curve back, in the continuum of time.

I still go most years, and I talk to people. I remember Eric Schatzel and Cameron Green, young men who got hooked on historical theater after seeing a re-enactment. Eric was a blacksmith who worked at the 1840 Living History Farmers' Museum in Cooperstown, NY. His not-much-younger fellow re-enactor Cameron went to Sienna College and was about to enter a Colonial Williamsburg Historic Internship program.

When they were still kids, they watched the restaged Burning of Kingston. Right afterward, they joined a re-enactment unit. When I saw them, they'd come to Hubbardton as part of a band of light infantry Loyalists.

For these two, and the group of ten with whom they arrived, re-enactment was the path to a meaningful life. "Every aspect of what we do is connected," Eric stressed. True historic authenticity was their holy grail.

I was impressed because I remembered a time when Hubbardton re-enactments featured participants wearing what looked like the same, home-sewn, Butterick pattern, Colonial Williamstown costumes on which the Castleton Colonial Day docents relied.

That all changed on the battle's two hundredth anniversary. That's when I first saw the dark, sinewy, noble savage Red Hawke, dressed in an alarmingly-minimal deerskin loin cloth. Red Hawk at that time worked as a Fort Ticonderoga re-enactor/docent, and it doesn't surprise me to learn that he has since gone on to television and movie roles.

After Red Hawke blazed the way, there was a lot of competition for dazzling historic authenticity. Re-enactors came up with sophisticated, exact portrayals of the often-picturesque individuals who had become their week-end alter egos.

The last time I went up to the battlefield encampment, I



photo by Nancy Cassidy

Reenactors fight in the Battle of Hubbardton. This year the event takes place July 5 & 6, 2014.

wanted to gauge this shift. I saw Hussars and fur trappers, Green Mountain Boys and camp followers, loose women and loyal wives, Iroquois and Algonquin, generals and infantrymen, and I saw that clumsy costuming had become a thing of the past.

Sweating in a linen shirt, red wool pants, a green coat, and heavy shoes made for him by a cobbler in Canada, Bruce Lieder, a shopping mall manager at home in Lexington, MA, but that week-end a light infantryman in McAlpins Corps of Loyal American Volunteers, told me that "History can be very dry."

Historical theater, in contrast, can be electrifying. Bruce wanted to have spectators come to events like the Hubbardton re-enactment and

get a true feeling for how people once lived and thought.

The scene around me that day was just what Bruce had in mind. I was for all intents and purposes in a late 18th century military encampment. Roaming fife and drum groups supplied Barry Lyndon-type background music. The field was swampy underfoot, hay thrown down over standing rain water. Camping conditions were brutal. The temperature was in the 90s, but the air was sweet and stifling with the smoke of many small camp fires.

Cindy and Alan Legacy from Randolph, VT were sitting with family and friends, roasting a turkey on a spit, their tent flaps pulled up in an attempt to catch a breeze. Alan was one of the thirty-nine members of the Green Mountain Rangers, Herrick's Regiment.

They told me that two years before the whole family had jumped into historic re-enactment. Cindy Legacy sewed everyone's clothing. Alan learned Revolutionary War soldier skills, and bought a \$700 reproduction Brown Bess rifle. "This is an expensive hobby," Alan confided.

It became more than a hobby. The previous summer, the Legacys went to seventeen historical events and re-enactments. "We're a re-enactment family," Cindy proudly told me.

I thought about some of the children sitting in the tent that day. They would grow up in these facsimile world 18th century encampments.



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Tending the cook fire at the Battle of Hubbardton.

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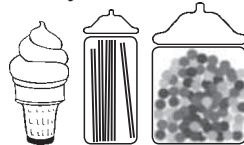
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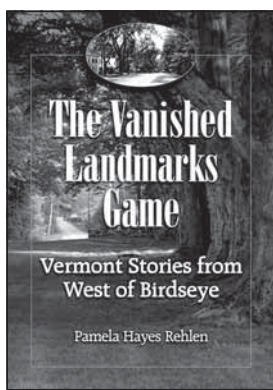
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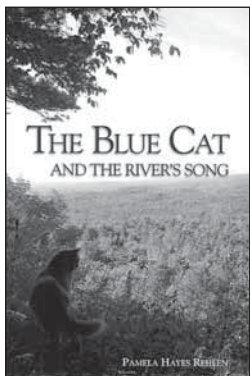
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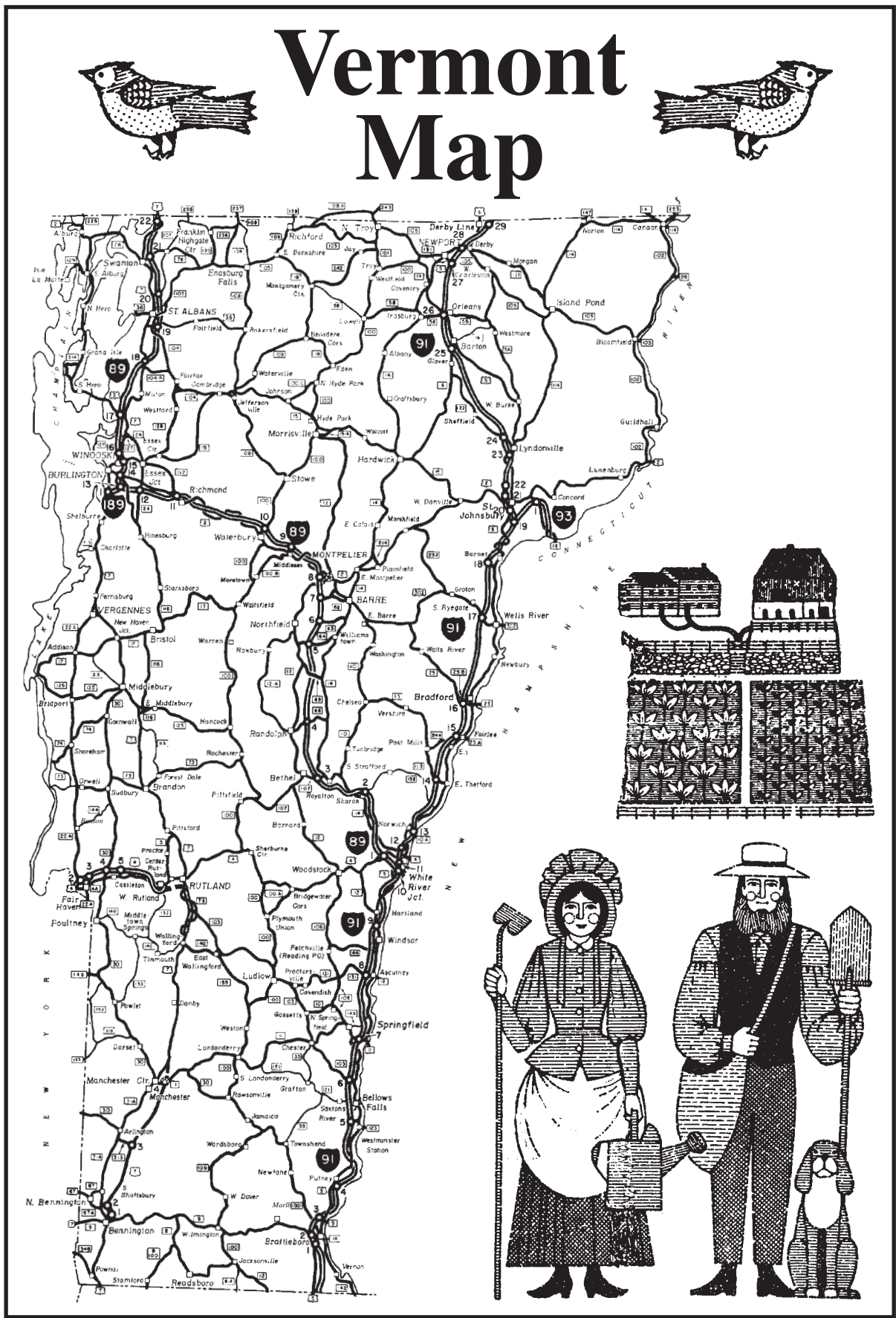
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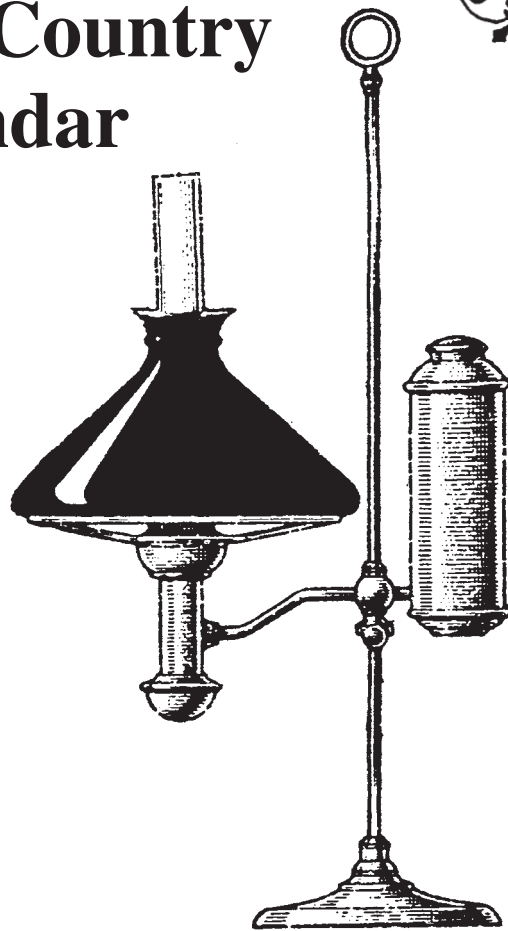
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ORWELL. Mount Independence State Historic Site. Special Exhibit: Things with Wings: Birds on the Mount. See and learn about the birds of Mount Independence in the exciting photographs by expert birder Sue Wetmore of Brandon, VT. Children's Discovery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

PITTSFORD. Pittsford Farmers Market. Every Saturday June 14 through October (weather permitting). 10 am - 2 pm. On the Green by the Pittsford Congregational Church. (802) 483-2829.

PITTSFORD. New England Maple Museum Open House Weekend. World's largest maple museum. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our unique gift shop. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. New England Maple Museum, 4578 Rt.7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. info@maplemuseum.com. www.maplemuseum.com.

PLYMOUTH NOTCH. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. New exhibition: The Coolidges, Plymouth, and the Civil War. Part of the 150th anniversary commemorations of the American Civil War, this special exhibit examines this monumental event from the perspective of the Coolidge family and their neighbors. Featuring period documents, graphics, and artifacts it reveals President Coolidge's own keen interest in the subject. Selected as a 2014 "Top 10 Event" by the Vermont Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission. Tuesday Tales of The Notch, 2 pm. Wednesday Afternoons with Farmer Fred, 1-5 pm beginning June 4. Summer Thursdays at Old Notch School, from June 26 on, 1-3 pm. Adults \$8, children 6 to 14 \$2, under 6 free. Family pass \$25. 9:30 am - 5 pm daily. 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicsites.vermont.gov. May 24 - Oct 19.

POULTNEY. Lakes Region Farmers Market. Local produce, seasonal fruits, jams & jellies, maple products, crafts, prepared foods. Thursdays from 9 am - 2 pm. Main St. (802) 287-9433. Through October 2.

PROCTOR. Wilson Castle Guided Historic Tours. Daily 9 am - 5 pm. Adults \$10; children ages 6-12, \$6; ages 6 and under free. Murder Mystery tours. Haunted Castle tours in October. Wilson Castle, 2708 West St. (802) 773-3284. www.wilsoncastle.com. Through mid-October.

RUPERT. Merck Forest and Farmland. Camping, cabins, trails, farm, workshops and seasonal events. Visitor's Center. Family fun farm chores Thursdays through September 4, 2-4 pm. You-pick raspberries and blueberries not sprayed with any chemicals. Quart and pint containers at the Visitor Center, or bring your own. Berries are \$3/lb, 8 am - 2 pm. Open year round, dawn to dusk. 3270 Rt. 315, west of Manchester. (802) 394-7836. merckforest.org.

RUTLAND. Rutland Downtown Farmers' Market. Saturdays 9 am - 2 pm downtown in Depot Park. Judy Dark (802) 773-4813, Paul Horton (802) 353-0893, Doug Patac (802) 753-7269. info@rcfmvt.org. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org. Through October 25.

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

SPRINGFIELD. Springfield Farmer's Market. Saturdays 10-1 through early October. Downtown. Jim Fog (802) 738-5272. jfog@vermontel.net. springfieldcommunitymarket.com.

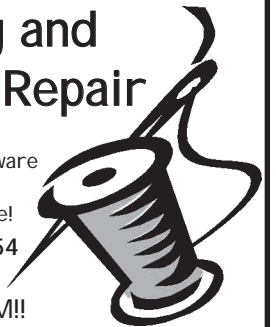
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SPRINGFIELD. Stellafane. A place and an organization devoted to amateur astronomy, founded by Russell W. Porter in 1923, and considered by many to be the "Birthplace of Amateur Telescope Making." Home to The Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc., an active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

STRAFFORD. Justin Morrill Homestead. Exhibits include a Gothic Revival home, formal gardens, art and walking trail. Admission \$6. 11 am - 5 pm. Wednesday-Sunday. 214 Justin Morrill Highway. (802) 765-4288. www.morrillhomestead.org. historicites.vermont.gov.

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

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Listen Community Dinner. Doors open at 3 pm. Nutritious free meals served from 5-5:30 pm every Monday through Friday. Take-home available. At Listen Community Dinner Hall, River Point Plaza, 44 Maple Ave. (603) 448-4553. www.listencs.org.

WINDSOR. Cider Hill Gardens & Art Gallery. Open May-June 10 am - 6 pm daily; July-October Thursday-Sunday 10 am - 5 pm daily. At 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. ciderhillgardens.com. garymilek.com.

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

WINDSOR. Windsor Farmers' Market. State Street on the Green. Sundays 11:30 am - 2:30 pm. EBT and debit cards. Timothy Cary. (802) 359-2551. windsor.vt.farmers.market@gmail.com. windsorfarmersmarket.blogspot.com. May 25 - October 19.

MUSEUMS, EXHIBITS & GALLERIES

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

BARRE. Vermont History Center and Leahy Library. Thousands of books, manuscripts, photographs, maps, audio, video and film recordings. One admission fee for both the Vermont Heritage Galleries in Barre and the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier. Mon-Fri, 9-4. 60 Washington St. (802) 479-8500. vermonthhistory.org.

BELLOWS FALLS. BF3F—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. *Third Fridays.*

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

BENNINGTON. First Fridays. Gallery walk, artist openings, live performances, later store hours with in-store specials, and children's activities. Free. 5-8pm. All throughout downtown, Main St. (802) 442-5758. www.betterbennington.com. *First Fridays July 4 through October 3.*

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

BENNINGTON. Annual Wildlife Art Exhibit: *Art of the Animal Kingdom XIX.* Special guest artist is Rosetta. Over 65 pieces are included and all work will be for sale, through August 24. Permanent collections, theater productions, workshops. *Small Works Show* with fine art 11" x 14" and smaller, through December 21. Admission: adults \$9, seniors & students \$8, families \$20, under 12 are free. Open Wed-Mon, 10 am - 5 pm. Bennington Center for the Arts, 44 Gypsy Lane. (802) 442-7158. jthebennington.org.

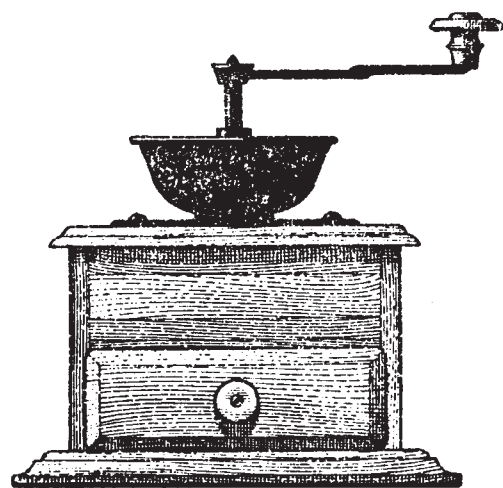
BENNINGTON. Bennington Museum. Exhibits and Public Programs, Founding Documents, Fine Art. See Bennington Pottery, the 1924 Wasp Touring Car, Vermont Furniture, and the Bennington Flag—one of America's oldest flags. Lectures, workshops, concerts, films, and the George Aiken Wildflower Trail. \$10, children under 18 free. Also free to visit the Gift Shop. Open 10 am - 5 pm every day except Wed. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571.

BRANDON. Compass Music and Arts Center. On exhibit: The Roots of Rock 'n' Roll through August. Arts businesses and studios, classes & workshops, concerts, and community events. A gift shop features art and music related books, collectibles, and the music of the classical recording company, Divine Art Records. 10 am - 5 pm daily. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Drive, located in the old Brandon Training School, now known as Park Village, 1.5 miles north of downtown. (802) 247-4295. cmacvt.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. Programs and exhibits. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$4 students, children under 6 free. First Fridays free after 5:30 pm. Hours: Sun, Mon, Weds, Thurs 11 am - 5 pm; Fri till 7 pm; Sat 10 am - 5 pm; closed Tuesdays. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. (802) 257-0124. www.brattleboromuseum.org.

BROWNINGTON. Old Stone House Museum. Located on 55 acres of farmland. Bring a picnic lunch; take a walk on the grounds or a self-guided walking tour through the Brownington Historic District. Exhibits, events, workshops, museum store. Admission \$8, students \$5. Open May 15 - October 15, Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. 109 Old Stone House Rd. (802) 754-2022. information@oldstonehousemuseum.org. oldstonehousemuseum.org.

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



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

FERRISBURGH. Rokeby Museum. Learn about the abolitionist Robinson family who called Rokeby home for nearly 200 years. On exhibit: *Rachael's New York Postcards at 100*. Robinson family exhibits, buildings to tour, grounds to explore. Admission \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 students, children under 5 free. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. rokeby@comcast.net. www.rokeby.org. Open through October 26.

GLOVER. Bread & Puppet Museum. One of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world housed in a 100-foot-long converted dairy barn built in 1863. Events and exhibits. Performance every Friday at 7:30 pm July 11 – August 22. Saturday afternoon Community Rehearsals at 2 pm, July 12 – August 23. *Nothing is Not Ready Circus and Pageant* at 2 pm Sundays July 13 – August 24. Shape-Note/Sacred Harp Sings Tuesdays at 7:30 pm July 1 – August 26. Free admission, donations welcome. Open 10 am – 6 pm daily summertime. By appointment off-season. Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. (802) 525-3031. www.breadandpuppet.org. Open through November 1.

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

GRAFTON. The Nature Museum at Grafton. Programs for all ages. Hands-on exhibits, dioramas, mounted specimen, wildlife garden. Hiking trails in the Village Park behind the Museum. Admission \$5 adults, \$4 seniors and students, \$3 children ages 3 to 12, 2 and under free, \$15 for families. Open Thursdays and Saturdays 10 am – 4 pm. 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. info@nature-museum.org. www.nature-museum.org. *Memorial Day through Columbus Day weekend.*

GRAFTON. Grafton Valley Arts Guild invites you to visit the Cricketers Gallery in historic Grafton Village at 45 Townshend Road. Open Thursday thru Sunday from 10 am – 4 pm. (802) 843-4824. www.graftonvalleyartsguild.com.

GRAFTON. Art Exhibit. "Mixing It Up", a mixed media show featuring the works of Mariella Bisson, Brenad Cirioni and Kate McGloughlin. Each of these artists portrays the beauty of the New England landscape and rural environment. An Opening Reception will be held Saturday July 12 from 5:30-7:30 pm and all are welcome. Gallery North Star, 151 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2465. gnsgraffton.com. *July 12 through August 10.*

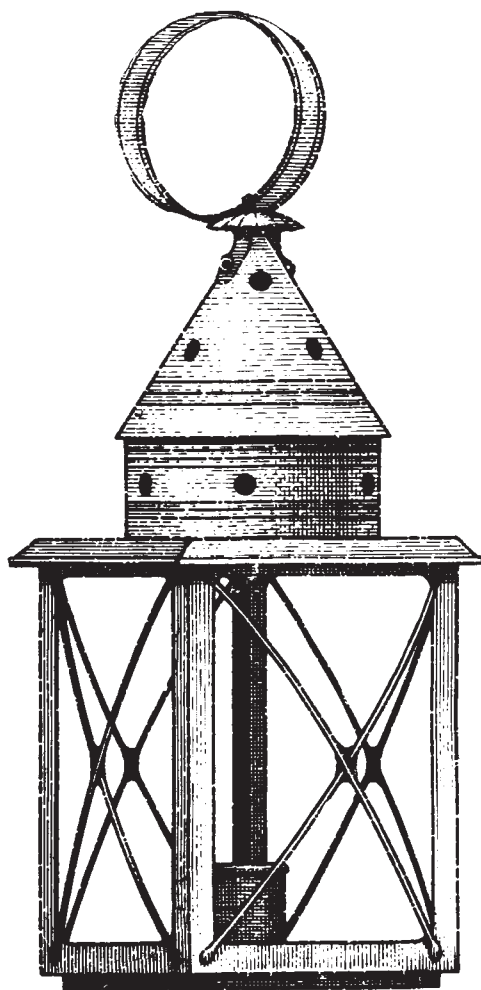
HUNTINGTON. Birds of Vermont Museum. Features over 500 carved wooden birds, representing 259 species. *Perilous Passages* and *Wings of Clay* exhibits through October 31. Museum, special events and bird walks, children's programs, gift shop, video, restrooms and trails with maps available. Monthly bird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

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

MANCHESTER. Historic Hildene. The summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln. Special activities, house tours, lectures, bird walks, museum store, visitor's center, and walking trails. Visit the Rowland Agricultural Center at Hildene Farm or board the Pullman palace car, Sunbeam. Admission: \$16 adults, \$5 children 6 to 14, under 6 free. Grounds pass: \$5 adults, \$3 youth, children under 6 free. Open daily 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Historic Hildene, off Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 362-1788. info@hildene. www.hildene.org.

MARLBORO. Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. Hogback Mountain Gift Shop next door. Admission: adults \$5, seniors \$3, children 5-12 \$2, under 5 free. Open 10 am – 4 pm weekdays and 10 am – 5 pm weekends. Rt. 9, Hogback Mountain. (802) 464-0048. vermontmuseum.org. *Memorial Day through October 31.*

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. Current exhibits: *Lost Gardens of New England* and *Creative Carvings by Norton Latourelle*, through August 10. Admission: adults \$5, youth 6-18 \$3, senior \$4.50, family \$12, under 6 free. Open Tues-Sat 10 am – 5 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History, One Park St. (803) 388-2117. henrysheldonmuseum.org.



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

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

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

PROCTOR. The Vermont Marble Museum. The world's largest marble exhibit. Learn the history of the Vermont marble industry. Onsite sculptor, marble and geology exhibits. Visit our gift shop. View the original Sutherland Falls quarry site. Bus tours welcome. Adults \$7, seniors \$5, under 18 free. Open daily from 10 am - 5 pm. The Vermont Marble Museum, 52 Main St. (800) 427-1396. www.vermont-marble.com. *Through October 14.*

READING. Exhibition by Danish-Icelandic artist Olafur Eliasson including *Waterfall*. Also currently on view, works by Georg Baselitz and Neil Jenny. Open weekends by appointment. Free admission. At The Hall Art Foundation, 551 Rt. 106. To book a tour, visit www.hallartfoundation.org/location/vermont. *Through Nov 30.*

ROCHESTER. Art Exhibit: *Peter Thomashow—A World of Wonder*, July 2-August 24. Wed-Fri 10-5, Sat 12-5, Sun-Tues by appointment. BigTown Gallery, 99 North Main St. (802) 767-9670. info@bigtowngallery.com. bigtowngallery.com.

RUTLAND. 7th Annual Photography Contest: Farm & Food, through July 25. *Pulsation* Exhibit through July 18. Exhibits, classes, workshops, open studio evenings, gift shop. The gallery open Thursday and Friday 12-6 pm and Saturdays 12-5 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

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

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SHELBURNE. Shelburne Museum. Home to the finest museum collections of 19th-century American folk art, quilts, 19th- and 20th-century decoys, and carriages. Admission: adults \$22, children \$11 (5-12), \$14 (13-17), family day pass \$55. VT residents half price. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Shelburne Museum, 6000 Shelburne Rd. (802) 985-3346. shelburnemuseum.org.



Rutland Recreation Thursday Hikes, Outings at an EasyPace

The Rutland Rec and Parks Dept. sponsors a series of hikes at a less strenuous pace. Meet Thursdays at 9 a.m. at Godnick Center on Deer St. in Rutland, VT to car pool. Bring water and a lunch.

July 10 – Middletown Springs, VT. We'll find new trails in the area to explore. *Leader: Natalie Casco, (802) 235-2457.*

July 24 – Kent Pond to Thundering Brook Falls, Killington, VT. Follow this pleasant trail to the Falls. *Leader: Gerry Stanton, (843) 368-3376.*

August 7 – Cookout at Camp Plymouth State Park, Plymouth, VT. Bring something to cook on our campfire and something to share. *Leader: Lyn Drigert, (802) 775-7038.*

August 21 – Little Rock Pond, Mt. Tabor, VT. One of the most beautiful spots on the Long Trail. *Leader: Bob Perkins, (802) 773-0184.*

September 4 – Mt. Independence, Orwell, VT. Views of Ft. Ticonderoga and Lake Champlain. *Leader: George Butts (802) 483-2891.*

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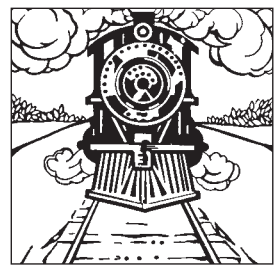
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SHOREHAM. Shoreham Bell Museum. See 5-6,000 bells collected from all over the world. Open most afternoons by appointment or chance year round. Free admission, donations accepted. 127 Smith St. off Rt. 74 west. For information call Judy Blake at (802)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

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

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

SPRINGFIELD. Gallery at the VAULT. A Vermont State Craft Center. 6th Annual Flower Show presented by VAULT and Springfield Garden Club through August 16. Tuesday - Saturday 11 am – 5 pm. 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. galleryvault.org.

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

STRAFFORD. Statues of Liberty: Sesquicentennial Exhibit & Celebration. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm. Justin Morrill Homestead State Historic Site, 214 Justin Morrill State Highway. (802) 765-4484. john.dumville@state.vt.us. historicsites.vermont.gov. *July 23 through October 13*.

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

WESTMINSTER. On Exhibit: The William Czar Bradley Law Office. A wonderful, tiny, two room law office furnished just as it was when Mr. Bradley closed it in 1858. It is a gem in the crown of Vermont Historic sights. Presented by Westminster Historical Society. Open to the public this summer Sundays 2-4 pm, July 6 through August 31. Free admission. (802) 387-5778.

WINDSOR. Art Exhibition. Landscape paintings by Elizabeth Beliveau, photographs by Eli Burakian, and large-scale paintings and sculpture by Jamie Townsend through July 12. Runs concurrent with the Luminaries Exhibition. Admission free. Tuesday-Friday 11 am – 5 pm, Saturday 11 am – 3 pm, and by appointment. Nuance Gallery, 85 Main St. (802) 674-9616. nancysilliman@myfairpoint.net.

WINDSOR. American Precision Museum. Collection of historically significant machine tools. Exhibits, lectures and programs. Admission \$5-\$8, family \$20. Free on Sunday. 10 am - 5 pm daily. 196 Main St. (802) 674-5781. www.americanprecision.org.

WINDSOR. Cider Hill Art Gallery. Free. Fri-Sun, 10 am - 5 pm. Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery. 1747 Hunt Rd. (802) 674-6825. www.ciderhillgardens.com. www.garymilek.com.

WOODSTOCK. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park. Trails, carriage roads, gardens and a mansion at Vermont's only national park. Admission: \$4 or \$8, under 15 free. Walk the grounds for free. Guided tours, reservations available. 10 am - 5 pm daily. 54 Elm St. (802) 457-3368. www.nps.gov/mabi/index.htm.

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum. Visit the Jersey herd, draft horses, oxen, and sheep and tour the restored and furnished 1890 Farm House. Special events. Time Travel Tuesdays July 1 through August 19— experience late 19th-century chores and pastimes. Wagon Ride Wednesdays July 2 through September 24. Foodways Friday, July 11 through October 17. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. Admission: adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. billingsfarm.org.

COMMUNITY DANCES AND MUSIC

CASTLETON. Castleton State College Summer Concerts. Free. 7 pm. Rain or shine. At the Castleton State College Pavilion, 62 Alumni Dr. (802) 468-5611. www.castleton.edu/concerts. *Tuesdays through August 21*.

FAIR HAVEN. Concerts in the Park. Bring your chairs, have a picnic, hot dogs, popcorn, water and soda available. Free ice cream July 10 & 31 and August 21. Free. 7 pm at the town park. Bad weather location: Fair Haven Baptist Church. (802) 265-3010. www.fairhavenvt.org/concerts. *Each Thursday*

GLOVER. Shape Note/Sacred Harp Sing. American four-part hymns in the fa-so-la tradition. Easy to learn, all welcome! 7:30 pm. Paper Maché Cathedral/Dirt Floor Theater, Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. (802) 525-3031. www.breadandpuppet.org. *Every Tuesday night July 1 through August 26*.

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

MANCHESTER. Hills Alive! A Festival of the Arts in Southern Vermont. World-class stage productions and concerts in southern Vermont venues. A dozen presenters from Bennington north to Weston will be on stage with drama, comedies, classical and bluegrass music performances. Admission. (802) 362-6313. info@hillsalive.org. www.hillsalive.org. *June 27 thru August 2*.

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.

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

SOUTH ROYALTON. South Royalton Town Band. Bring your lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather go to So. Royalton H.S. 7:30 pm on the Green Thursday evenings. *Starting June 19, July & August*.

TUNBRIDGE. Ed Larkin Contra Dancers Open House. Music by Harold Luce and others. \$8 per person. Refreshments at intermission. Second Friday's through May then second Friday's of July and August. 7:30-10 pm at the Tunbridge Town Hall, Rt. 110. Info.clydo46@gmail.com.

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BELLOWS FALLS. Bellows Falls Fish Ladder Visitor Center. Admission and programs are free. 10 am - 4 pm. Bellows Falls Fish Ladder Visitor Center, Bridge St. www.nature-museum.org/Fish-Ladder.html. Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

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

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

POULTNEY. Friday Night Bikes Workshop. Learn and practice the skills of bicycle maintenance/repair and safe riding. Meet at either Johnson and Sons Bikeworks shop in Hampton, NY or the Poultney Elementary School parking lot depending on the event. Free. 7-8 pm. For questions call Tim at (518) 282-9089. www.johnsonandsonbikeworks.com. 2nd and 4th Fridays monthly through September.

QUECHEE. Vermont Institute of Natural Science Nature Center. Exhibits, programs, nature trail, live bird programs and animal feeding time, nature store. Admission: adults \$13, seniors \$12, youth (4-17) \$11. 10 am - 5 pm. VINS Nature Center, 6565 Woodstock Rd., Rt. 4, 1/4 mile west of Quechee Gorge. (802) 359-5000. info@vinsweb.org. www.vinsweb.org.

DAILY EVENTS

TUESDAY, JULY 1

GLOVER. Shape Note/Sacred Harp Sing. American four-part hymns in the FA-SO-LA tradition. Easy to learn, all welcome! 7:30 pm. Paper Maché Cathedral/Dirt Floor Theater, Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. For more information call Elka at (802) 525-6872. www.breadandpuppet.org. Every Tuesday night July 1 through August 26.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

BARRE. Summer Author Series Book & Author Reading. Alex Hastings will read from his novel *Otter St. Onge and the Bootleggers*. Free. 6-7 pm. The Aldrich Public Library, 6 Washington Street. (802) 476-7550. www.aldrichpubliclibrary.org.

EAST DORSET. Vermont Summer Special Horse Show. Admission: Wed, Thurs, Fri adults \$5, children \$3; Grand Prix Sat and Sun adults \$7, children \$5. Wed thru Sun 8 am - 4 pm. Harold Beebe Farm, Rt. 7. (802) 489-4945. www.vt-summerfestival.com. Through July 6, then each Wed thru Sun through August 10.

MANCHESTER. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Tour: "Let's Dance." Toe-tapping melodies by Strauss, Delibes, Borodin, and Gershwin will put you "in the mood" for dance hits from Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller. The 1812 Overture, marches, and fireworks conclude the show. Gates open 5 pm for picnicking; concert 7:30 pm. At Riley Rink at Hunter Park, off Rt. 7A. For tickets call (800) 876-9293 x 10. www.vso.org.

SHOREHAM. Shoreham Historical Society Presentation. Margaret R. Nocca will talk about her book, *The Red Brick Pantry*. It tells of her family's experience moving to Bridport in 1961. Free. 7 pm at the Old Stone Schoolhouse, 3130 Rt. 22A. (802) 897-5254. www.steve-world.com/ShorehamHS/SHShome.htm.

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Wednesdays at Billings Farm & Museum. Horse-drawn wagon rides each Wednesday from 11 am - 3 pm. Admission (includes all exhibits and activities): adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. Every Wednesday through September 24.

THURSDAY, JULY 3

BURLINGTON. "Celebrate the Lake" 3rd of July Party at ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center. View the fireworks at 9:30 pm at this memorable party which includes dinner (American BBQ-style), live music, cash bar, face painting, airbrush tattoos and access to ECHO. Tickets: adults: \$60, youth (3-12 years old) \$25. 5:30-11 pm. ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center, One College St. For tickets and more information call (802) 488-5430. info@echovermont.org. echovermont.org.

BRISTOL. Independence Day Fireworks at Dusk. Events starting at 6 pm at the ballpark include music, vendors, crafts, food, kids games. (802) 453-2278. bristol4th.com. Also July 4.

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GREENSBORO. The Funky 4th of July. Parade 9:30 am. Chicken BBQ after the parade until 1 pm (to reserve call (802) 533-2223). Music and games in front of the town hall after the parade. Library book sale 10 am - 2 pm. Tours of the new firehouse. Fireworks at dusk. (802) 533-7723.

MONTPELIER. Independence Day Celebration. Full day of festivities! Parade at 6 pm. Food & craft vendors, kid's zone, performers and local talent. Montpelier Mile road race. Lowell Thompson & Crown Pilot perform at 7:30 pm on the State House lawn. Fireworks 9:30 pm. Most activities free. 3 pm on. Downtown. (802) 223-9604. montpelierlive.org.

NORTH HERO. Fireworks Extravaganza. 5-10 pm at Knight Point State Park. Music, food vendors and fabulous fireworks at dusk. Free. (802) 372-8400. www.vtstateparks.com/htm/knightpoint.htm

ORWELL. Reenactment: Withdrawal from Mount Independence. Intrepid reenactors follow the footsteps of history, retreating from the Mount for a 26-mile hike to win up at Hubbardton the day before the Battle of Hubbardton. Gather at the Mount to send them off or watch for them along the roads and byways. Departing about 10 am. Admission \$5 for adults, free for children under 13. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. www.historicsites.vermont.gov.



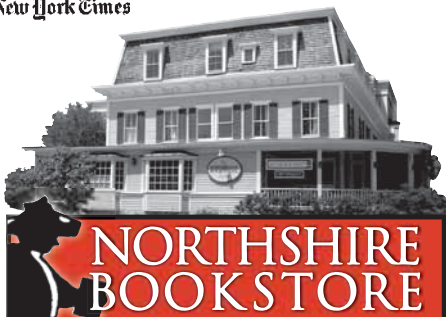
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RANDOLPH. 16th Annual Chandler 4th of July Youth Musical—*Fiddler on the Roof*. For tickets go to the box office 3-6 pm weekdays or call (802) 728-6464. 7 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-9878. www.chandler-arts.org. Also July 4, 5, 6.

WILLISTON. Fourth of July Celebration. Firecracker 5K fun run starting at 6 pm at Williston Community Park Field House. Book sale at the Library 4-6 pm. Ice cream social at Village Green, 7 pm. (802) 878-0919. www.town.williston.vt.us.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

BELMONT. 4th of July Parade. 11 am. The Odd Fellows will be barbecuing chicken. Mount Holly Library Book Sale 10 am - 4 pm, rain or shine, 26 Maple Hill Rd. (802) 259-3707. Book sale also July 5 & 6.

BENNINGTON. A Reading of the Declaration of Independence. With local actor Willy Jones. Discussion will follow. Activities for children, including a flag demonstration, before and after the reading. Free. 1-2 pm. Bennington Battle Monument State Historic Site. (802) 447-0550. historicites.vermont.gov.

BRANDON. The Great Brandon 4th of July Street Dance Under the Stars. Food vendors including hot dogs, hamburgers, pig roast, cotton candy, popcorn, BBQ, bread dough, strawberry shortcake, fruit & drinks! In Central Park at 5 pm. (802) 247-6401. bidcc@yahoo.com.

BRISTOL. Fourth of July Celebration. The Bristol parade is one of the longest-running parades in the Vermont with fire trucks, floats, National Guard units, scouts and marching bands, begins 10:30 am. 5k road race at 7:30 am. Great Bristol outhouse race at 9:30. Starline Rhythm Boys at noon on the green. Food and craft vendors, pony rides, bouncy house. (802) 453-2278. www.bristol4th.com.

CABOT. Fourth of July Celebration. Parade at 11 am including Bread and Puppet Theater.

CASTLETON. Fourth of July Samba & Puppet Parade. Giant puppets, a samba band comprised of students and staff, costumes, drums, streamers, stilts, and more. 10:30-11:30 am. Main St. (802) 505-9442.

EAST BURKE. 4th of July Celebration! BBQ, scenic chairlift rides and live music. Fireworks at 9:30 pm. Outdoor BBQ & chairlift rides until 8 pm. Outside music on the patio at 9:30 pm. QBurke Mountain Resort, 223 Sherburne Lodge Rd. (802) 626-7300. www.skiburke.com.

EAST CORNITH. Fourth of July Celebration. Parade through this historic village to the fairground at 10 am. Chicken barbecue 11 am. Live music from the Wall-Stiles. Bingo, face painting, kiddie fish tank, snack bar, wagon rides. Free. (802) 439-5766. www.corinthvt.org.

HUBBARDTON. Reenactment: Soldiers Arrive from Mount Independence. A small group of intrepid reenactors, who began a 26-mile retreat from Mount Independence in Orwell on July 3, arrive at Hubbardton July 4. Watch for them along the roads and byways, and greet them on their arrival mid to late afternoon. Adults \$3, children under 15 free. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov/hubbardton.

JEFFERSONVILLE. Smugglers' Notch Resort 4th of July Celebration. Parade, carnival, food, live entertainment, reggae and rock bands. Firemen's Barbecue on the Green and music by the National Guard's 40th Army Band. Spectacular fireworks. Smugglers' Notch Resort, 4323 Rt. 108 South. (800) 451-8752. www.smuggs.com.

KILLINGTON. The 4th of July Celebration and Fireman's BBQ. Games and entertainment. 9 am book sale at Sherburne Memorial Library. Parade 10 am. At 11 am Johnson Rec. Pool opens with free swimming. 11:30 am Fireman's BBQ begins serving. 12-3 pm Silent Auction. 1:30 pm field games for the kids. 3:30 pm belly flop and cannon ball contests at the pool. 7 pm live music. 9:30 pm fireworks! (802) 422-3241. www.killingtonrec.com.

PLYMOUTH NOTCH. President Calvin Coolidge Birthday Celebration. A special July 4th commemorating the Nation's birth, as well as the only U.S. President born on Independence Day. At 12 noon, march with the Vermont National Guard to the cemetery where a wreath from the White House is placed at the President's gravesite. A barbecue follows at the Wilder House Restaurant, and at 2 pm a "group reading" of Coolidge's autobiography in the Union Christian Church. Adults \$8, children 6-14 \$2, under 6 free; family pass \$20. 9:30 am - 4 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Route 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicites.vermont.gov.

POULTNEY. All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast. Hosted by the Poultney Methodist Men's Club. Your choice of plain or blueberry pancakes with local grown blueberries and local maple syrup, ham or sausage and beverages. \$6.00 for ages 12 and over, \$4 under 12. Handicap accessible Everyone is welcome! 8-10 am at the Methodist Church on Main St. (802) 325-3174. Poultney Public Library Book Sale. 8 am - 4 pm. 205 Main St. (802) 287-5556. Fourth of July Celebration. From the East Poultney Green to Downtown Main St. Fireworks to be launched after sunset. For more information call (802) 287-2010.

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RICHMOND. Fourth of July Festivities. Flea market car show, fun run. Parade 10:35 am. Great food, old fashioned games, music, bingo, pony rides, auction, dog agility demonstration, spelling bee and fireworks. (802) 434-6024.

RUTLAND. Summer Smash 2014. Gates and concessions at 4 pm. Stoney Roberts Demolition Derby at 6:30 pm. Fireworks 9:45 pm, free parking. Vermont State Fair Grounds, 175 South Main St. (802) 775-5200.

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STOWE. An Old-Fashioned Fourth of July. The Moscow Parade begins at 10 am. Then come to Stowe Village for live music, food, artisan market, entertainment and attractions for all ages. Parade begins at 1 pm. Bouncy house, dunk tank, pie eating contest, climbing wall 11 am - 3 pm. Fireworks and fun on the Mayo Fields, beginning at 6 pm. Free. (802) 793-2101. www.stoweibrancy.com.

TUNBRIDGE. Vermont Morgan Horse Heritage Days Show. Weekend events include shows, riding and carriage competitions and classes. 8 am - 6 pm. Free. Tunbridge Fairground, Rt. 110. (802) 767-4408. Through July 6.

WARDSBORO. 65th Annual 4th of July Street Fair and Parade. Southern Vermont's oldest Independence Day celebration! Parade at 10 am. Street Fair from 9 am. Auction at 1:15 in the tent. Chicken BBQ, pie, coffee, and bake shop at Town Hall on Main St. Pie Sale at Town Hall. Strawberry shortcake at the Vestry. Quilt show inside Methodist Church. Library Book Sale. Art Show by Friends of Wardsboro Library and 10"x10" Art Show Auction Preview at the library. Vendors, kid's games, crafters, food booth! friendswardsborolib.org.

WARREN. Fourth of July Celebration. 10 am down Main St. Festivities through mid-afternoon. Live music, street dance. Beer & wine garden. Admission: \$1 donation. Dog-friendly. Snack stand, organic foods, kids' activities. Free shuttle buses. (802) 496-3409. www.warren4thofjuly.com.

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Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station off Center Street in Rutland City.

For more information and other outings around Vermont visit the Green Mountain Club at greenmountainclub.org

Saturday, June 28—Otter Creek Paddle, Brandon, VT. Canoe or kayak 3 1/2 to 4 miles down Otter Creek's scenic twists and turns. Meet at Sears parking lot, Diamond Run Mall, Rutland, VT. 9 a.m. Leaders: Barb & Barry Griffith, (802) 492-3573.

Saturday, July 5—Stockbridge South Hill to Killington Quimby, Stockbridge, VT. Hike on old wood roads and a half a mile of the Appalachian Trail. We will go south from South Hill Road in Stockbridge, passing remnants of long-abandoned farms. After passing the headwaters of Fletcher Brook, we will climb to the Quimby neighborhood in Killington for a good view of the Coolidge Range and a visit to the huge Woodard cellar hole and tiny Woodard Cemetery. We will then climb to the ridge used by the Appalachian Trail and return by a more easterly route past more signs of old farms, with at least one nice view to the north. Moderate, 7 miles with 1,100 ft. elevation gain. 10 a.m. (rain date 7/6). Leader: Herb Ogden, (802) 293-2510.

Sunday, July 13—Mystery Hike. Destination to be determined. Call for meeting time and place. Leader: Diane Bargiel, (413) 687-1109.

Saturday, July 19—Knapp Brook Ponds, Cavendish, VT. Canoe, kayak or paddle board on two small ponds with a couple of islands to explore and/or stop at for lunch. There is an easy portage (about 60 yards) between the two ponds on a wide grassy area. Meet at Appalachian Trail/Long Trail trail head parking lot in Clarendon at Clarendon Gorge, just before the railroad tracks on Route 103. 9 a.m. Leaders: Vivian Bebee & Larry Walter (802) 775-3855.

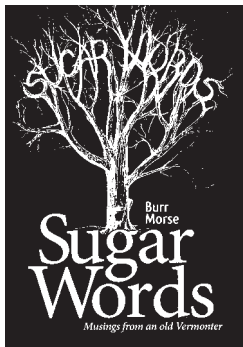
Saturday, July 26—Chittenden Reservoir, Chittenden, VT. Follow old roads from the historic New Boston settlement, where ruins and a few old headstones are still visible, winding down to Lefferts Pond. There is a small beach and a bathroom for changing, so bring a swimsuit. Moderate, about 4 miles. 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas, (802) 773-2185.

Sunday, August 3—Little Rock Pond, Wallingford, VT. We will begin at the trailhead across from the parking area on USFS Road—FR #10 and hike to a pretty pond nestled in a forested mountain setting. Easy to moderate, 4 miles. 9 a.m. Leader: Larry Walter, (802) 775-3855.

Saturday, August 9—Poultney River Paddle, Poultney, VT. This relaxing paddle along the scenic Vermont/New York border has become an annual event. Bring binoculars for bird watching! Meet at the Sears parking lot at 9 a.m. at Diamond Run Mall in Rutland, VT. Leaders: Barb & Barry Griffith, (802) 492-3573.

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WOODSTOCK. Old Vermont 4th at Billings Farm & Museum. A patriotic family celebration featuring the reading of the Declaration of Independence, historic debate, wagon rides, making 1890 flags, spelling bees, the egg toss, and lots more. Admission (includes all exhibits and activities): adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

SATURDAY, JULY 5

BELMONT. Mount Holly Library Book Sale. 10-4, rain or shine. 26 Maple Hill Rd. (802) 259-3707. Also July 6.

BRANDON. Independence Day Celebration. Parade at 1 pm! Family activities behind the Brandon Inn including bounce house, petting zoo, pie-eating contest, tug-o-war & relays. Silent auction at the Congregational Church. Karaoke at the Gazebo. Concert by the Brandon Town Band at Brandon Town Hall. Pie-eating contest. Great ball race. Free concert at Brandon Town Hall. Music at Park Village. Magic show at DJ stage. Keating 5 Band at DJ Stage. Fireworks, vendors and food at Park Village at dusk! (802) 247-6401.

GRAFTON. 6th Annual Grafton Music Festival. Compag Big Band with vocalist Rebecca Holtz. Tickets \$15, children 12 and under free. 6 pm behind the Grafton Inn, 92 Main St. (800) 843-1801. graftonmusicfestival.com.

HUBBARDTON. Battle of Hubbardton Revolutionary War Weekend Encampment. The 237th anniversary of the only Revolutionary War battle fought in Vermont. Activities for all. Reenactors, 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. Food stand. Admission: adults \$6, children 14 years & under free. 9:30 am - 5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov/hubbardton. Also July 6.

KILLINGTON. Music in the Mountains Classical Concert Series. Hosted by Killington Music Festival. Killington Music Festival Chamber Orchestra featuring violinist Joseph Silverstein and conductor Alondra de la Parra performing works of Bach, Britten, Mendelssohn, Elgar and Vivaldi. Tickets \$25, available through the box office at (802) 422-1330 or may be purchased the day of performance beginning at 6 pm at Ramshead Lodge. 7 pm at Rams Head Lodge at Killington Resort. (802) 773-4003. www.killingtonmusicfestival.org.

LYNDONVILLE. Annual Burklyn Arts Summer Craft Fair. Raffle table, luncheon, and baked goods. Bandstand Park. (802) 626-5836. burklynarts40@gmail.com. burklynarts.org.

NEWPORT. Country Auction. To benefit our community cats, barn cats and the people who care for them. Preview at 6 pm, bidding at 6:30 pm. Gateway Center on the waterfront, 84 Fyfe Dr. (802) 323-4793. FFFVT.com.

NORTH POMFRET. Annual Strawberry Supper. Baked ham and baked beans, potato salad, tossed salad, deviled eggs, rolls, coffee, punch, strawberry shortcake & whipped cream. Ladies Circle Bazaar and quilt raffle tickets. Benefits North Pomfret Congregational Church. Seatings at 5, 6:15 & 7:30 at the Pomfret Town Hall. \$12 adults, \$5 children under 10. Reservations call (802) 457-3931.

POULTNEY. Annual Library Book Sale. We have a wonderful selection of books available for all ages. 8 am till 4 pm, rain or shine! Poultney Public Library, Main St. (802) 287-5556.

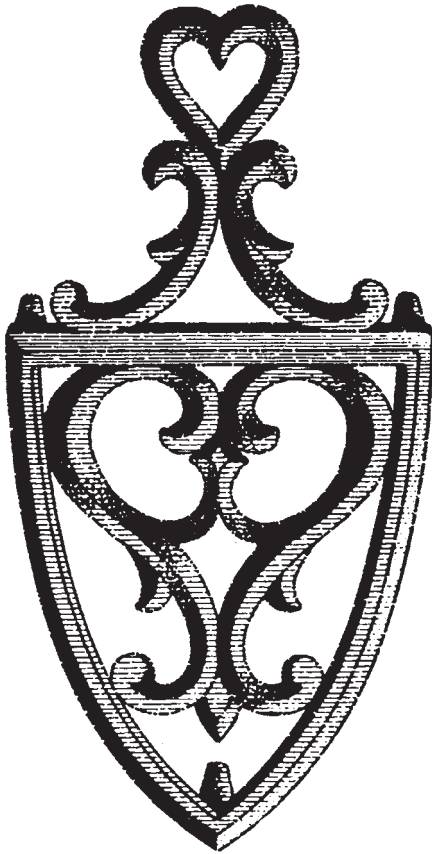
RANDOLPH. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Tour: "Let's Dance." Toe-tapping melodies by Strauss, Delibes, Borodin, and Gershwin will put you "in the mood" for dance hits from Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller. The 1812 Overture, marches, and fireworks conclude the show. Gates open 5:30 pm for picnicking; concert 7:30 pm. At Three Stallion Inn, Stock Farm Rd.. For tickets call (800) 876-9293 x 10. www.vso.org.

RANDOLPH. 16th Annual Chandler 4th of July Youth Musical—*Fiddler on the Roof*. For tickets go to the box office 3-6 pm weekdays or call (802) 728-6464. 7 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-9878. www.chandler-arts.org. Also July 6.

TINMOUTH. Summer Concert with Zachary and Sam DuPont. Vermont-made folk Americana. To benefit the Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project. Tickets \$10. Refreshments for sale with 100% going to the TPMP. Doors open at 7 pm, concert 7:30-9 pm. At Old Firehouse Stage, Mountain View Rd. and Rt. 140, center of Tinmouth. www.dupontbrothersmusic.com

TUNBRIDGE. Vermont Morgan Horse Heritage Days Show. Weekend events include shows, riding and carriage competitions and classes. 8 am - 6 pm. Free. Tunbridge Fairground, Rt. 110. (802) 767-4408. Also July 6.

WEST RUTLAND. Annual West Rutland Butterfly Count. A yearly tally of the butterflies of West Rutland. This is a great opportunity to learn about these flying jewels. Bring a net if you have one. Meet at the West Rutland Price Chopper parking lot at 9 am. Bring lunch. Leader: Roy Pilcher, (802) 775-3461. rutlandcountyaudubon.org.



WINDSOR. 1777 Constitution Day Celebration. Join reenactors, traditional artisans, and costumed guides in this tribute to Vermont's first constitution, held where it all began: Windsor's Old Constitution House. The event culminates with "Vermont's Revolutionary Trek," a symbolic relay from Hubbardton Battlefield to Windsor's constitutional convention. Admission: adults \$3, 14 and under free. 11 am - 5 pm. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 Main St. (802) 672-3773. www.historicsites.vermont.gov/constitution.

SUNDAY, JULY 6

BELMONT. Mount Holly Library Book Sale 10 am - 4 pm, rain or shine. 26 Maple Hill Rd. (802) 259-3707.

GRAFTON. 6th Annual Grafton Music Festival. Ljova and the Kontraband with vocalist Inna Barmash. Tickets \$15, children 12 and under free. 6 pm rain or shine under a large tent behind the Grafton Inn, 92 Main St. (800) 843-1801. www.graftoninnvermont.com. graftonmusicfestival.com.

HUBBARDTON. Battle of Hubbardton Revolutionary War Encampment. The 237th anniversary of the only Revolutionary War battle fought in Vermont. Activities for all. Reenactors, 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 in the morning. Food stand. Admission: adults \$6, children 14 years & under free. 8 am - 5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov/hubbardton.

LYME, NH. Sunday Buffet Music Series. Buffet dinner at 6 pm followed by music by Carlos Ocasio on Post Pond. Adults \$19, kids \$8 (12 and under). Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Rd., Rt. 10 just north of town. Reservations required. Call (603) 795-2141. www.lochlymelodge.com. Sundays through August 31.

MIDDLEBURY. 36th Annual Middlebury Festival on the Green. Performance by Kate Wright and the Indomitable Soul Band. Free. 7 pm. At the Town Recreation Field by Mary Hogan School, 88 Mary Hogan Dr. off Court St., Rt. 7. (802) 462-3555. festivalonthegreen.org. Thru July 12.

ROCHESTER. Eleventh Summer Reading Series. Poets, Jamaal May and Terri Ford. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will follow. 5:30 pm. BigTown Gallery, 99 N. Main St. (802) 767-9670. info@bigtowngallery.com. www.bigtowngallery.com/info@bigtowngallery.com. www.bigtowngallery.com. Also August 3, 10 & 24.

ROCHESTER. Rochester Chamber Music Society's 20th Anniversary Season Concert. Julia Salerno, violin; Ben Gish, cello; and Cynthia Huard, piano perform Ravel, Franck and Debussy. Freewill donations accepted. 4 pm at the Federated Church, center of town on Rt. 100. (802) 767-9234. www.rcmsvt.org. Also July 12, 27 & August 10.

ST. ALBANS. The Bay Day Fireworks. On the waterfront at St. Albans Town Bay Park, at dusk. Races include a 3.1-mile Triathlon, a 12-mile bike ride, and a 3-mile canoe race. (802) 527-0739. satpublicworks@comcast.net. www.stalbanstown.com.

STOWE. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Tour: "Let's Dance." Toe-tapping melodies by Strauss, Delibes, Borodin, and Gershwin will put you "in the mood" for dance hits from Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller. The 1812 Overture, marches, and fireworks end the show. Gates open 5:30 pm for picnicking; concert 7:30 pm. Trapp Family Lodge Concert Meadow. Tickets (800) 876-9293 x 10. www.vso.org. www.stoweperformingarts.com.

The Roots of Rock 'n' Roll On Exhibit in Brandon

As part of this summer's 'Brandon Rocks On' events, an exhibit called 'The Roots of Rock 'n' Roll' will be showing at the Compass Music and Arts Center from June 21 through August.

The exhibit will concentrate on the birth of rock and roll music in 1955 up to the "British Invasion" of the Beatles and other groups in 1964.

Artifacts of the period will be featured from clothing to record players, and will introduce younger generations to a time before iPods and mobile music and will bring back plenty of memories for everyone who grew up in those fast changing times.

Admission is free. The exhibit is supported by Compass Music and Arts Foundation, a non-profit devoted to supporting the arts.

The Roots of Rock 'n'

Roll is one of many ongoing attractions focused around music at the Compass Music and Arts Center. Visit The Phonograph Rooms (small admission charge) to see the new display of 'record players' and radios dating back to the 1890s.

The CMAC Cafe is now open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop by for something delicious to eat when you visit the exhibit.

The Compass Music and Arts Center is open seven days a week 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

It is located at Park Village, 333 Jones Dr., Brandon VT. (Park Village used to be the Brandon Training School, and is 1.5 miles north of downtown off Arnold District Rd., off Rt. 7).

For more information call (802) 247-4295 or visit www.cmacvt.org.

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TUNBRIDGE. Vermont Morgan Horse Heritage Days Show. Weekend events include shows, riding and carriage competitions and classes. 8 am - 6 pm. Free. Tunbridge Fairground, Rt. 110. (802) 767-4408.

WESTMINSTER. On Exhibit: The William Czar Bradley Law Office. A wonderful, tiny, two room law office furnished just as it was when Mr. Bradley closed it in 1858. It is a gem in the crown of Vermont Historic sights. Presented by Westminster Historical Society. Open to the public this summer Sundays 2-4 pm. Free admission. (802) 387-5778. *Through August 31.*

MONDAY, JULY 7

BROWNINGTON. Heritage Craft Week. A full week of Early American decorative arts classes taught by professional teachers. Old Stone House Museum, 109 Old Stone House Rd. (802) 754-2022. *Through July 12.*

MIDDLEBURY. 36th Annual Middlebury Festival on the Green. Brown Bag with Rik Palieri at noon. The Stray Birds, acoustic trio at 7 pm. Ryan McKasson & Friends, with members of Cantrip, Celtic music at 8:30 pm. Free. Under the tent at the Town Recreation Field by Mary Hogan School, 88 Mary Hogan Dr. (802) 462-3555. www.festivalonthegreen.org. *Through July 12.*

TUESDAY, JULY 8

MANCHESTER. Native Pollinator Walk and Talk: Field Identification and Habitat Enhancement. With organic farmer, John Hayden, of The Farm Between. Rain or shine. 6:30-8:30 pm at the Welcome Center Beckwith Room, Hildene, Rt. 7A, south of the village. Pre-registration recommended. Call Stephanie at (802) 367-7960.

MIDDLEBURY. 36th Annual Middlebury Festival on the Green. Free. Under the tent at the Town Recreation Field by Mary Hogan School, 88 Mary Hogan Dr. (802) 462-3555. www.festivalonthegreen.org. *Through July 12.*

SHOREHAM. Lake Champlain Twilight History Cruise aboard the Carillon. Guest speaker Douglas Brooks will share the traditions of small boats in Vermont, from muskrat trapping skiffs to sail ferries. \$35. Boat leaves at 5:30 pm from Larrabee's Point in Shoreham and the cruise will last 2 hours. Advance reservations required. (802) 388-2117. henrysheldonmuseum.org. *Also July 10.*

STOWE. Annual Giant Library Book Sale. 1000's of sorted books for readers of all ages. Starts 9 am opening day, then dawn to dusk daily. On the front porch, Stowe Free Library, Pond St. (802) 253-6145. *Daily through July 27.*

THURSDAY, JULY 10

BRANDON. The 20th Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival. Classic Country Concert in the evening with Cannonball Express. Spaghetti Supper 5 pm. Family event, lots of events, activities and music, workshops and more. Day and weekend ticket prices. Camping available. (802) 247-3275. basinbluegrassfestival.com. *Through July 13.*

CANAAN, NH. Canaan Meetinghouse Readings. Douglas Bauer, *What Happens Next: Matters of Life and Death* (essays), winner of 2014 NE/PEN award for non-fiction. Sue Miller, *The Arsonist* (fiction); author of *The Senator's Wife* and *While I Was Gone* (Oprah Book Club). Author's books for sale courtesy of Norwich Bookstore. Free admission and refreshments. 7:30 pm. At the 1793 Meetinghouse, Canaan St., opposite the beach. (603) 623-9650. meetinghouse readings.wordpress.com. *Also July 17, 24 & 31.*

KILLINGTON. River Road Concert Series: Woodchuck's Revenge. Free. 6-7:30 pm. Sherburne Memorial Library, River Rd. (802) 422-3932. killingtonrec.com.

MIDDLEBURY. 36th Annual Middlebury Festival on the Green. Brown Bag with PaDulabum (Rebecca Padula & Gary Dulabaum) at noon. Harpeth Rising, a high energy trio at 7 pm. Le Vent du Nord, Quebec's top traditional band, 8:30 pm. Free. Off the green this year—rain or shine under the tent at the Town Recreation Field by Mary Hogan School, 88 Mary Hogan Dr. (802) 462-3555. *Through July 12.*

MONTPELIER. Blues in the Night. Music by Bessie Smith, Ida Cox, Duke Ellington, Harold Arlen & others. Lost Nation Theater, 39 Main St. For tickets call (802) 229-0492. lostonationtheater.org. *Through July 27.*

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SOUTH ROYALTON. Old Home Days. Three-day celebration on the green. Town band performing at 7:30 pm. (802) 291-3750. *Also July 11, 12.*

TUNBRIDGE. Vermont Scenic Circuit AKC Official Dog Shows. Four days of dog shows. Green Mountain Dog Club and the Woodstock Dog Club sponsor conformation classes, companion events, obedience and rally for both purebred and mixed breed dogs. Variety of vendors from serious to frivolous. Ice Cream Social. Parking fee. 8 am - 6 pm. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 479-9843. www.greenmountaindogclub.org. *Through July 13.*

FRIDAY, JULY 11

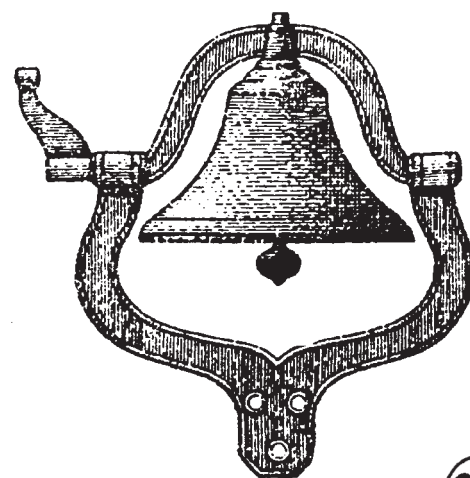
BRANDON. The 20th Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival. 14 groups perform. Family event, lots of events, activities and music, workshops and more. Day and weekend ticket prices. Camping available. (802) 247-3275. basinbluegrassfestival.com. *Through July 13.*

BURLINGTON. Green Mountain Chamber Music Festival Concert: Heavenly and Earthy. Cellist Matt Haimovitz joins the festival's artist faculty in chamber music classics plus jazz and rock sounds. \$25. 7:30 pm; Pre-concert talk at 6:45 pm. UVM Recital Hall. gmcmf.org/events.

DUMMERSTON. Northern Roots Weekend hosted by Keith Murphy & Becky Tracy. Intensive teaching workshops in traditional music for all instruments, with a focus on fiddle, flute, whistle, guitar and song. Some experience in traditional music required. Cost: \$275 (includes accommodations and 5 meals). Friday 5 pm thru Sunday 2 pm. Green Mountain Camp. (802) 257-4523. www.bmctv.org. *Through July 13.*

GLOVER. Bread and Puppet Theater presents *Unready-Ready Show*. Free admission, donations welcome. At 7:30 pm. Museum tour at 6:30 pm. Paper Maché Cathedral, Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. (802) 525-3031. www.breadandpuppet.org. *Every Friday night through August 22.*

HINESBURG. Music Night with About Time. Rain or shine! Outside under the canopy. Free, refreshments provided. 7 pm. Brown Dog Books & Gifts, 90 Mechanicsville Rd #2. (802) 482-5189. www.browndogbooksandgifts.com.



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Which faintly glimmer o'er the moor awhile;
Then, one by one, they flicker and are lost,
While aching heads seek peace in sweet repose.
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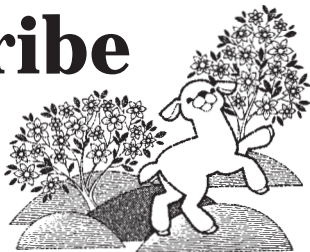
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MIDDLEBURY. 36th Annual Middlebury Festival on the Green. Free. Under the tent at the Town Recreation Field by Mary Hogan School, 88 Mary Hogan Dr. (802) 462-3555. www.festivalonthegreen.org. Also July 12.

RUTLAND. Friday Nights Downtown Rutland. Vendors, food, activities, local music. Sophie B. Hawkins concert at 8:30 pm. Free. Center St. (802) 773-9380. rutlanddowntown.com. Also July 18 & 25.

SOUTH ROYALTON. Old Home Days. Celebration on the green. Rides, concessions, bingo, live musical entertainment at 8 pm. (802) 291-3750. Also July 12.

TUNBRIDGE. Vermont Scenic Circuit AKC Official Dog Shows. Four days of dog shows. Parking fee. 8 am – 6 pm. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 479-9843. www.greenmountaindogclub.org. Through July 13.

SATURDAY, JULY 12

BRANDON. The 20th Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival. 14 groups perform. (802) 247-3275. basinbluegrass@yahoo.com. www.basinbluegrassfestival.com. Also July 13.

CHELSEA. Chelsea Flea Market. 125 Vendors and great food on the North and South Commons. Book sale at the library. Free. 9 am – 3 pm. North and South Commons, Rts. 110 and 113. (802) 685-4452. Chelseafleamarket@gmail.com. On Facebook.

CRAFTSBURY COMMON. 41st Annual Antiques and Uniques Festival. 10 am to 4 pm on the Common. (802) 586-2823. townofcraftsbury.com.

GRAFTON. 2nd Annual Grafton Food Festival. \$10, free for kids 12 + under. Separate ticket for farmer's breakfast. 10 am - 6 pm. Grafton Village, 92 Main St. (802) 843-2231. info@graftoninnvermont.com. www.graftoninnvermont.com. Also July 13.

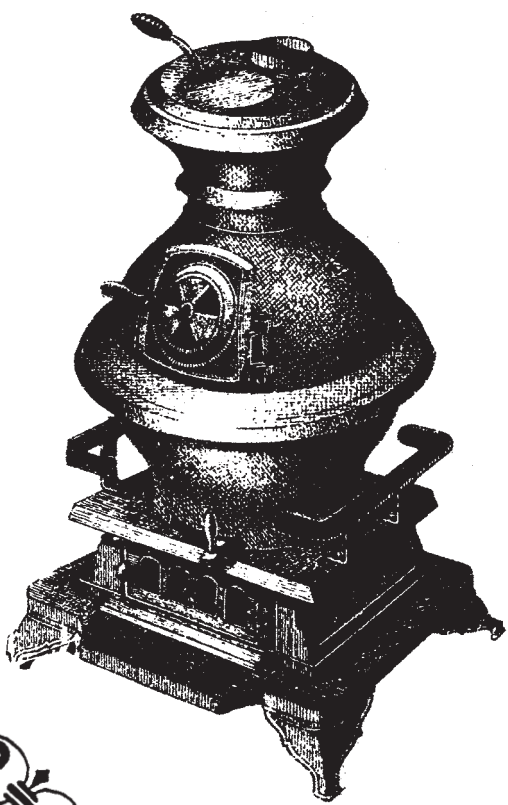
GRAFTON. Art Exhibit Opening Reception. "Mixing It Up", a mixed media show opens featuring the works of Mariella Bisson, Brenad Cirioni and Kate McGloughlin. Each of these artists portrays the beauty of the New England landscape and rural environment. 5:30-7:30 pm. All are welcome. Gallery North Star, 151 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2465. gnsgrafton.com. Through August 10.

GRANVILLE, VT. Rochester Chamber Music Society's 20th Anniversary Season Concert—Sixteenth Annual Bach Bash. Professional and amateur musicians celebrate the music of Bach and others. Freewill donations accepted. 7 pm at Granville Town Hall, Rt. 100. (802) 767-9234. www.rcmsvt.org. Also July 27 & August 10.

KILLINGTON. European Impressions—Music in the Mountains Classical Concert Series. Hosted by Killington Music Festival. Works of Bach, Brahms, Debussy and Schoenberg. Tickets \$25, available through the box office at (802) 422-1330 or may be purchased the day of performance beginning at 6 pm at Ramshead Lodge. 7 pm at Rams Head Lodge at Killington Resort. (802) 773-4003. www.killingtonmusicfestival.org.

MIDDLEBURY. 36th Annual Middlebury Festival on the Green. Vermont Jazz Ensemble—Street Dance, 7 pm. Free. Rain or shine under the tent at the Town Recreation Field by Mary Hogan School, 88 Mary Hogan Dr. (802) 462-3555. www.festivalonthegreen.org. Also July 12.

ROYALTON. Annual Strawberry Supper. Baked ham, baked beans, macaroni salad, potato salad, cole slaw, raised rolls, beverages, and strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream. Adults \$8, children 12 and under \$4, 6 and under free. Sittings at 5, 6, 7 pm. Sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Royalton. The Academy Building, Rt. 14, next to the church. (802) 728-6626.



RUPERT. 10th Annual Sheep Dog Trial & Farm Festival. Watch handlers and their border collies compete for the title at the Merck Forest Open! Tickets \$5/adult, \$3/ages 4-12, under 4 are free. 8 am – 4 pm. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. merckforest.org. Also July 13.

RUTLAND. 35th Anniversary RAVE Car Show & Flea Market. Auto-related flea market, car corral, handcraft & new item vendors, food, music, kid's coloring contest, silent auction. Evening dance at the Holiday Inn, \$5 per person! Admission. 9 am – 4:30 pm. Vermont State Fairgrounds, Route 7 South. (802) 265-8026. ravecarclub.com. Also July 13.

SOUTH ROYALTON. Old Home Days. Celebration on the green. Parade at 10 am with Beach Party theme. Bean hole beans at noon. Silent auction 11 am to 4 pm. Dancers Step 'N Time performing 4-5 pm. Chicken BBQ at 5 pm. Band music at 8 pm. (802) 291-3750.

STOWE. 28th Annual Stoweflake Hot Air Balloon Festival. Sunrise balloon launch at 6:30 am, sunset balloon launch at 7 pm. Live music 5 pm. (802) 253-7355 x 5538. www.stoweflake.com/balloon. Also July 13.

TUNBRIDGE. Vermont Scenic Circuit AKC Official Dog Shows. BBQ and live music. Parking fee. 8 am – 6 pm. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 479-9843. www.greenmountaindogclub.org. Also July 13.

VERGENNES. Annual French Heritage Day. Music, step-dancing, re-enactors, French food, antique vehicles & engines, traditional craft and fencing demonstrations, exhibits, churning ice cream, pumping water, old time games, horse & carriage rides, children's activities, square dancing, waiters' race. Narrated historical walking tour with "le Comte de Vergennes." Free. 10 am - 4 pm. Vergennes Falls lighting at 9-11:45 pm. City Park, Main St., Rt. 22A. (802) 388-7951 x 1. www.frenchheritageday.com.

WESTMINSTER WEST. Over the Hill Hike! Tony Coven will lead this Pinnacle Association hike from north to south. Bring water, lunch, snack, insect repellent, sunscreen. Meet at Westminster West Church to carpool. 9 am - 2 pm. Contact Tony Coven for directions: (802) 387-6650. whpa@sover.net. windmillhillpinnacle.org.

WINDSOR. Daylily Days. Selected daylily sale—over 150 varieties. Peak daylily season is June through September. The Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery at 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. Open daily from 10 am - 6 pm. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. ciderhillgardens.com. www.garymilek.com. Also July 13.

SUNDAY, JULY 13

ADDISON. Early Vermont History Storytelling Afternoon. Vermont authors Nancy Means Wright and Lee Kemsley talk about their new historical novels set in early Vermont. In Wright's *Walking into the Wild*, for middle grades, siblings in 1782 look for their father, captured by the British. Kemsley's book, *The Hunger Year*, for older teens and adults, is about adventurous Magen and the effects of the year 1816, when it snowed every month. 2 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint.

BRANDON. The 20th Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival. 14 groups perform. Pot luck under the food tent at 6 pm. (802) 247-3275. basinbluegrass@yahoo.com. www.basinbluegrassfestival.com. Also July 13.

LYME, NH. Sunday Buffet Music Series. Buffet dinner at 6 pm followed by music by Samantha Moffatt & The La Java Trio on Post Pond. Adults \$19, kids \$8 (12 and under). Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Rd., Rt. 10 just north of town. Reservations required. Call (603) 795-2141. www.lochlymelodge.com. Sundays through August 31.

NEWPORT. Kingdom Swim. Aquafestival on the shores of Lake Memphremagog. Free. (802) 334-6720. www.kingdomaquafest.com.

RUPERT. 10th Annual Sheep Dog Trial & Farm Festival. Watch handlers and their border collies compete for the title at the Merck Forest Open! Tickets \$5/adult, \$3/ages 4-12, under 4 are free. 8 am – 4 pm. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. merckforest.org.

RUTLAND. 35th Anniversary RAVE Car Show & Flea Market. Auto related flea market, car corral, handcraft & new item vendors, food, music. Admission. 9 am – 3 pm. Vermont State Fairgrounds, Rt. 7 South. (802) 265-8026. ravecarclub.com. Also July 14.

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THURSDAY, JULY 17

BRADFORD. The Bradford Fair. Parade at 6 pm. Admission \$15, seniors \$10, includes daily events and unlimited rides. Thursday only, \$30/carload. Gates open at 7:30 am, midway at noon. (802) 222-4053. bradfordfair.org. Through July 20.



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CHESTER. Chester Summer Concert Series. The Chris Kleeman Band. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. Free. 6:30-8 pm on the lawn of the Academy Building, 330 Main St. on the Green. (802) 875-3400.

FRIDAY, JULY 18

TINMOUTH. 20th Annual SolarFest. New England's Renewable Energy Festival. Three days of educational workshops, musical performances, renewable energy vendors, local food. All powered by the sun, \$15 and up, kids under 13 free. Forget-Me-Not-Farm, 12 McNamara Rd. (802) 235-1513. www.solarfest.org. *Through July 20.*

SATURDAY, JULY 19

BRADFORD. The Bradford Fair. Admission \$15, seniors \$10. Gates open at 7:30 am, midway at noon. (802) 222-4053. bradfordfair.org. *Also July 20.*

BRATTLEBORO. Southern Vermont Dance Festival. Workshops and lectures, performances and concerts. (802) 258-3992. southernvermontdancefestival.com. *Also July 20.*

HUBBARDTON. Hubbardton Town 250th Anniversary Day. 250th anniversary of the town charter with activities for all ages, including evening fireworks. Admission: adult: \$3, children under 15: free. 2-9:30 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton.

IRASBURG. 62nd Annual Irasburg United Church Fair. Chicken BBQ 3:30-7 pm. Parade 7 pm. Fireworks. Free. Village Common. (802) 754-6583. irasburgchurchfair.com.

KILLINGTON. Killington Music Festival in Bohemia—Music in the Mountains Classical Concert Series. Hosted by Killington Music Festival. Enjoy works of Dvorak, Ullmann and Smetana. Tickets \$25, available through the box office at (802) 422-1330 or may be purchased the day of performance beginning at 6 pm at Ramshead Lodge. 7 pm at Rams Head Lodge at Killington Resort. (802) 773-4003. www.killingtonmusicfestival.org.

SO. NEWFANE. 22nd Annual Rock River Open Studio Tour. Studios, gardens, homes of renowned artists and purchase artwork directly from them. Free. Barbecue with all the "fixins" at the historic Williamsville Hall at 6 pm. Tour is 10 am - 6 pm. Start at Old Schoolhouse (802) 348-7865. rockriverartists.com. *Also July 20.*

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WELLS. 37th Annual Variety Day Fair. The village park is full of 40 vendors with antiques, fleas, art, distinctive crafts, collectibles, specialty foods, body care items, interesting plants and herbs. Sawdust pile treasure hunt for kids starts at 10 am. Ice cream booth in dishes or sundaes. Games, entertainment. Food Court with Cabot cheese and macaroni, maple baked beans, potato salad, fruit salads and strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream. Burger stand with dogs, burgers and Italian sausages. Dancing in the street at 2:30 pm. Rain or shine, 9 am - 4 pm. On the green and the United Methodist Church lawn, Main St., Rt. 30. (802) 645-0804.

SUNDAY, JULY 20

BRADFORD. The Bradford Fair. Horse show 9 am. Admission \$15, seniors \$10, includes unlimited rides. Gates open at 7:30 am, midway at noon. (802) 222-4053. bradfordfair.org.

HUBBARDTON. Moonlight in Vermont Astronomy Night. On the 45th anniversary of the first lunar landing, enjoy the waning moon and night sky. Members of the Green Mountain Alliance of Amateur Astronomers bring telescopes and reveal the magic of moon and star light in Vermont. Bring binoculars, blankets, and flashlights. We provide marshmallows. If inclement weather, there will be an inside illustrated program. 8-11 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton.

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SO. BURLINGTON. Friends of Horticulture Farm 19th Annual Benefit Plant Sale. 10 am - 3 pm. UVM Hort Farm, 65 Green Mountain Dr. off Rt. 7 (802) 864-3073. info@friendsofthehortfarm.org. www.friendsofthehortfarm.org.

SO. NEWFANE. 22nd Annual Rock River Open Studio Tour. See studios, gardens, homes of renowned artists and purchase artwork directly from them. Snacks and demos at most studios. Free. Tour is 10 am - 6 pm. Start at Old Schoolhouse. (802) 348-7865. www.rockriverartists.com.

STOWE. Music in the Meadow Concert—Blues Guitar Prodigy Quinn Sullivan. Concert at 7 pm, gates 5 pm for picnics. At the Trapp Family Lodge Concert Meadow. (802) 253-7792. www.stoweperformingarts.com.

TINMOUTH. 20th Annual SolarFest. New England's Renewable Energy Festival. \$15 and up, kids under 13 free. Forget-Me-Not-Farm, 12 McNamara Rd. (802) 235-1513. www.solarfest.org.

WOODSTOCK. National Ice Cream Day Celebrated at Billings Farm & Museum. Adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

BARRE. Barre Heritage Festival and Homecoming Days. 10 am - 4 pm. (802) 839-5451. barreheritagefestival.org. *Through July 27.*

STRAFFORD. Statues of Liberty: A Sesquicentennial Exhibit & Celebration. Adm. 10 am - 5 pm. Justin Morrill Homestead State Historic Site, 214 Justin Morrill State Hwy. (802) 765-4484. *Through October 13.*

THURSDAY, JULY 24

BARRE. Barre Heritage Festival and Homecoming Days. La Soirée Sucrée (Sweet Evening). A French/Quebecois evening of eating, music and dancing in honor of Chet Briggs. 6-8:30 pm. Old Labor Hall, 46 Granite St. (802) 331-0013. barreheritagefestival.org.

LUNENBURG. Auction. By Auctioneer Reg Lussier of Lussier Auction of Lyndonville. To benefit the Top of the Common's restoration projects. Refreshments 5 pm, bidding 6 pm. Lunenburg Town Common, on Route 2. Rain location: Congregational Church at the top of the Town Common. (802) 892-5925. Preview items at topofthecommon.org.

WOODSTOCK. 6th Annual Bookstock Literary Festival. Free and open to the public. On and around the Green. info@bookstock.org. bookstock.org. *Through July 27.*

FRIDAY, JULY 25

BARRE. Barre Heritage Festival and Homecoming Days. Ethnic heritage food tent. Concerts. Annual library book sale, tours, Paleters Art Show. 10 am - 4 pm. (802) 839-5451. barreheritagefestival.org. *Through July 27.*

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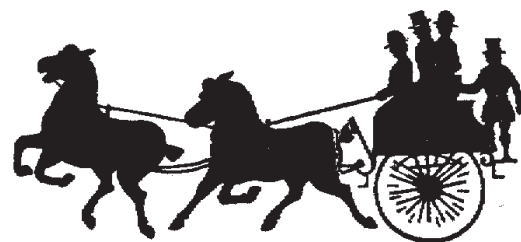
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WILMINGTON. 7th Annual Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival. The ten-day festival. (802) 464-8092. www.vermontblueberry.com. *Through August 2.*

WOODSTOCK. 6th Annual Bookstock Literary Festival. On and around the Green. info@bookstock.org. bookstock.org. *Through July 27.*

SATURDAY, JULY 26

ADDISON. Program: Blast from the Past—How They Did It in New France. Site interpreter Karl Crannell offers hands-on craft and skill demonstrations and programming about those living at Chimney Point, in the long-ago frontier of New France. 1:30-3:30 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicssites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint. *Also August 23.*

BARRE. Barre Heritage Festival and Homecoming Days. 31st Annual Rotary breakfast at the library, Barre Tones concert at 10 am, Aldrich Library book sale, Paleters Art Show, parade 2-3 pm, Kids Zone, pie sale at the Baptist Church, Cadillac Heritage Car Show, Italian Village Dance, Green Mountain Swing Band concert, Spaghetti dinner 2-6 pm, Great American Fiddle Show 3-7 pm. Concerts with Michele Choiniere 6 pm, Grup Anwar 7 pm, Nisht Geferlach Klezmer Band 7:15 pm, Native Tongue Steet Dance 8 pm. Fireworks at 9:30 pm. 10 am - evening. (802) 839-5451. barreheritagefestival.org. *Also July 27.*

EAST THETFORD. Community Cannery Day. Work alongside kitchen staff to can the day's crop and go home with your share of the product—you bring elbow grease, we provide the rest. Pre-registration required. Free. 11 am - 3 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. www.cedarcirclefarm.org. *Also September 6.*

ESSEX JUNCTION. Third Annual Essex Dog Days of Summer Celebration. On-leash pups welcome for Disc Dog Competitions by Vermont Discdogs and chance to visit with local dog and pet-related businesses. 10 am - 2 pm at Essex Dog Park. Free. (802) 878-1375. essexdogdays.org.

GLOVER. Annual Glover Day. The highlight of the year and the best celebration of Glover on the town green. Something for everyone. On the green in Glover village. (802) 525-4760. grecreation.org.

JOHNSON. 53rd Annual Lamoille County Field Days. Admission \$10, three-day pass \$25, free parking. Lamoille County Field Days Fair Grounds, 203 Wilson Rd. (802) 635-7113. www.lamoillefielddays.com. *Also July 27.*

KILLINGTON. Fun in the Americas—Music in the Mountains Classical Concert Series. Hosted by Killington Music Festival. Works of Foote, Schoenfeld and Sumners will be performed. Tickets \$25, available through the box office at (802) 422-1330 or may be purchased the day of performance beginning at 6 pm at Ramshead Lodge. 7 pm at Rams Head Lodge at Killington Resort. (802) 773-4003. www.killingtonmusicfestival.org.

PAWLET. Annual Library Book Sale. Pawlet Public Library. 141 School St. in the Pawlet village center by the town green. (802) 325-3123. *Also July 27.*

SHELBURNE. Green Mountain Draft Horse Annual Field Day. Learn about working horse breeds. Admission. 11 am - 2 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. www.shelburnefarms.org.

WEST DOVER. 7th Annual Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival. Blueberry Parade with activities, music, vintage cars and fire departments from all over the state at 10 am. Craft Fair and BBQ. (802) 464-8092. www.vermontblueberry.com. *Through August 2.*

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WOODSTOCK. 6th Annual Bookstock Literary Festival. Readings, panels, and workshops on diverse topics. A huge used and vintage book sale. Great food and music on the Green. Literary and educational marketplace. Free and open to the public. On and around the Green. info@bookstock.org. bookstock.org. *Also July 27.*

SUNDAY, JULY 27

ADDISON. The Shortest Distance between Two Points—Guided Walk. State historic site managers Tom Hughes from Crown Point (NY) and Elsa Gilbertson from Chimney Point lead a guided walk across the Lake Champlain Bridge. Meet at the Crown Point, NY State Historic Site museum. 1 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicssites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint. *Also August 31.*

BARRE. Barre Heritage Festival and Homecoming Days. 5K Trail Race at Millstone, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. (802) 839-5451. barreheritagefestival.org.

EAST HARDWICK. 12th Annual Phlox Fest. Masses of Phlox will be in bloom. Daily garden tours with Rachel or guest speaker. Cutflower display. All events are free. Tea Garden Cafe and gift shop are open. Perennial Pleasures Nursery, 63 Brickhouse Rd. (802) 472-5104. www.perennialpleasures.net. *Through August 10.*

HUBBARDTON. Battlefield Fourth Sunday. A Hubbardton resident from 1777 comes to life to talk with visitors about the battle and life in the path of war, and leads a walk to the East Hubbardton Cemetery and back. Inside program if inclement weather. 1 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicssites.vermont.gov/hubbardton.

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ROCHESTER. Rochester Chamber Music Society's 20th Anniversary Season Concert. Christina Jennings, flute; Matt Dane, viola; and Cynthia Huard, piano perform the Martinu Trio and pieces by Dan Kellogg, Jake Heggie, and Reena Esmail. Freewill donations accepted. 4 pm at the Federated Church, center of town on Rt. 100. (802) 767-9234. www.rcmsvt.org. *Also August 10.*

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WOODSTOCK. Hay Day at Billings Farm & Museum. Draft horse teams will demonstrate 19th century haying techniques in the farm fields including cutting, raking, and tending. Narrated horse-drawn wagon rides. Admission (includes all programs and activities): adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org.

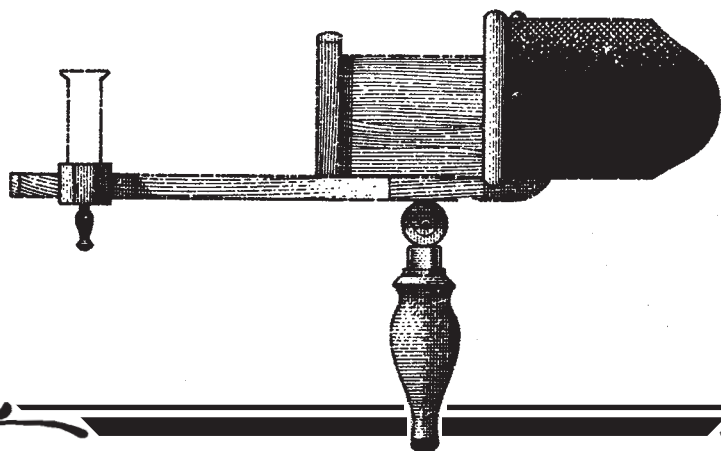
THURSDAY, JULY 31

CANAAN, NH. Canaan Meetinghouse Readings. Abigail Carroll, *Three Squares: The Invention of the American Meal* (non-fiction). Paul Harding, *Enon*, successor to his Pulitzer Prize-winning first novel, *Tinkers*. Author's books for sale courtesy of Norwich Bookstore. Free admission and refreshments. 7:30 pm. At the 1793 Meetinghouse, Canaan St., opposite the beach. (603) 623-9650. meetinghouse readings.wordpress.com.

CHESTER. Chester Summer Concert Series. The Starline Rhythm Boys. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. Free. 6:30-8 pm on the lawn of the Academy Building, 330 Main St. on the Green. (802) 875-3400.

HIGHGATE. 39th Annual Franklin County Field Days. Admission \$10 per day per person. Fairgrounds on Airport Rd., I-89 exit 21. (802) 527-1026. franklincountyfielddays.org. *Through August 3.*

WILMINGTON. 7th Annual Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival. Blueberry Splash Parade of the Boats, 8:30 pm at Lake Whitingham. (802) 464-8092. www.vermontblueberry.com. *Through August 2.*



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Way Back Then

Father, Fred and I on Our Own Golf Circuit

by Charles Sutton

This pro golf tournament season caught me reflecting on the time when my brother Fred and I, as teenagers, played golf regularly with our father. We were all real pros at doubling par whatever course we played on.

How could this happen? Father had trouble getting other men—businessmen of his age—to play with him because he was such poor player and dragged their game down, so they said. They told father man to man “get some lessons” and we’d be glad to play with you.

Never mind. Fred and I were only too glad to play our type of golf game where everyone was a winner no matter the score. We did complete nine holes, and once in a great while one of us would par a hole.

Our favorite course was a made-over cow pasture that rolled over rocky terrain between stone walls. They first thing we would do is hire a caddy whose only job for us was to go down the fairway and find the balls we kept slicing into the woods or ruff.

Back then caddies usually had pockets full of balls for sale which we needed badly. Caddies could find lots of lost balls that players were too lazy to find. Also, later, when the course was closed, they could fish out a good number from the pond on the short par-3 hole. A bonus swim at the end of a long day in the sun.

Father carried a bag with a complete set of clubs, ever hopeful that the choice of a particular club would improve his game. Fred and I played just as well with a limited number cubs. I settled for only four—a putter, one wood and two irons, usually a two and a five. Sometimes I’d borrow Father’s Mashie Niblick when my ball ended up in a sand trap.

Sadly today caddies have been replaced by small electric carts. I’m sure we got more real exercise by carrying our own bags and walking the distance, rarely 18 holes, but always nine.

We sometimes played at large 36-hole public courses. This was less fun as we were constantly herded on by better and faster players insisting “can we play through” as we looked for lost balls.

My most embarrassing experience which could have made “Ripley’s Believe It or Not” was the time I somehow managed to hit the tee-d ball up and back behind me rather



than down the course. The teams of waiting big men behind me with their big bags of clubs let me know of their disapproval: “Hey, kid, the fairway is down there not back here... Call ‘fore!’ when you play like that!... This isn’t a course for beginner’s... Use your putter the next time! Or your bare hands,” someone added.

My second attempt then, scared as I was, was better—20 yards down the fairway. Whether the men cheered or jeered I don’t remember. But this was not going to be one of my better golf days.

After all our golf outings father would take us to get something to eat. As this was before fast food places, we’d go to a small family restaurant for hamburgers, ice cream and sodas. When we came of age during those golfing years draft beers would replace sodas. On the way to the restaurant my brother Fred—good at math—would add up the scores. We all played within a few points of each other, for better or worse. The scores might have been even higher if we hadn’t been a little relaxed with the rules. If one just topped the ball off the tee, there was no one-stroke penalty. If you hit into the woods where there was no play you could throw the ball out—no penalty. We

followed most rules, replacing divots (torn-up pieces of turf) and never throwing the golf bag down on the green.

With full-time summer jobs and being way for college, our golf games with father ended. It was then that mother learned golf so she could play with father. She was quite talented, but I’m sure she made light of any time she played better. Part of father’s poor playing was due to poor vision from untreated diabetes.

Later when his health and vision faded ever more we used to take him bowling. He didn’t mind being pointed in the right direction, and enjoyed guessing how he did from the rumble of the toppling pins.

I never played golf again until years later. While working on a newspaper the editorial staff decided to have an in-house tournament at a par-3 course. Players, poor players and non-players were welcomed. In the draw for partners I teamed with Patty B. whom more than one of us had a crush on. Relying on those ‘years’ of golfing experience, I was able to match Patty’s talented playing, and we won the tournament! Giving our trophy for her to take home to her daughters capped a perfect day. A perfect time also to leave golf to the pros!

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Return

I remember sumach and briar,
Blackberry vines that always grow higher
Than I could reach; a brook that ran
Past the orchard; a small round man
With one eye gone. He chewed and spat,
His speech was queer, he wore no hat.
I remember a lilac tree
And a small white house. In the yard were three
Maples that reached the sky; I thought
Nothing was sweeter than sap caught
In the spring of the year in a wooden bucket.
I remember a white violet
Found in the marsh, a flat stone
Where I made a fire all alone;
Hills slate gray when the sun went down,
A village that never grew to a town.

I remembered. So I went back.
I found a cellar hole gaunt and black.
The trees were dead; where the house had stood
Was crumbling brick and rotting wood.
Of all I remembered all that I found
Was a trickle of spring water running to ground.

—DORIS KIRKPATRICK
1932



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The Vermont Symphony Orchestra performs at Three Stallion Inn in Randolph, VT this July 5th.

Randolph's Chandler Music Hall Presents Fiddler on the Roof

The 16th annual Chandler 4th of July Youth Musical presents *Fiddler on the Roof* on July 3, 4 & 5 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 6 at 2 p.m. at Chandler Music Hall in Randolph, VT. It features an exciting variety talent, both familiar and new. More than 100 area youth and teens will fill out the cast!

The original Broadway production of the show occurred 50 years ago this year. Zero Mostel popularized the title role of Tevye, a Jewish dairyman in 1905 Russia. The production is based on Sholem Aleichem stories by special permission of Arnold Perl, with book written by Joseph Stein, music by Jerry Bock and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick. Producing Director Charlie McMeekin says, "This show provides a journey into a different culture and the chance to explore serious questions about the value of tradition and home. It's been over thirty years since this show last played

on the Chandler stage, and it's time for a whole new generation to experience this Broadway classic."

The musical is rich in historical and ethnic detail and audiences worldwide have been touched by its warmth and humor. Its celebrated score features memorable songs including, "Sunrise, Sunset," "If I Were a Rich Man," and "Matchmaker."

In the little village of Anatevka, Tevye tries to instill in his five daughters the traditions of his tight-knit Jewish community in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia.

This production introduces us to a new Tevye, but a familiar face to Chandler patrons. Ben Hayslett, who has been featured in some way in summer shows since 2003, makes his farewell performance before he heads off to Brown University. His wife Golde spotlights U-32s Tillie Quattrone. Their three

marriageable daughters are portrayed by Kelly Edraney of U-32, and Clara Henderson and Emma Farrington of The Sharon Academy. Kim Nowlan Hathaway will direct with Marjorie Drysdale as musical director.

McMeekin says "the 4th of July productions at Chandler work at so many different and wonderful levels, and community support is one of those levels. We have families now that have raised

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The Seasons of Cars And Horses

by Burr Morse

I'm sad. A trusted old friend, my black 2000 Honda, has gone away. She has been replaced by a newer car, one that's supposedly more trustworthy, but yet, that Honda never let me down. Sure, there were a couple times she coughed and died and we sat on the breakdown lane for a moment, but both times she started back up and we went along—friends joke with each other you know. Here I am, being an "old sot" about a car but, really, we spend more time with our cars than we do with our friends and without the mobility they offer us in this day and age, we might well not have any friends, say nothing of jobs, hobbies, or families.

I've often thought of the trauma folks felt back in olden times when a horse passed away. Recently my cousin David Morse, a dyed-in-the-wool horse person, shed some light on the subject of that equine topic. David, now in his eighties, was born into the season between horses and tractors. Although his father was not a naysayer to the belching iron beasts that would eventually take over farm pulling, he was practical enough to go slow; horses would remain on his farm to work in tandem with the tractor for another generation. Young David took on the job of horseman, a task and talent that would stay with him for life.

Cutting wood with horses

A couple weeks ago David, his wife Kathy, and daughter Valerie came down to pick up a sheep from us. Our sheep pasture is over by a wooded part of our farm. After we caught the critter and loaded her into their pickup, David beckoned toward the woods. "Back in forties" he said, "I helped your father and grandfather cut wood over there." He recalled a wet area, which I know all too well, and described getting stuck in it one time with a "jag" of wood behind the team of horses. "Horses labored and then stopped right in the middle...couldn't go another inch" he said and then in a soft, gentle voice, like one uses on a child, he continued... "I gave 'em a few minutes t' catch their breath and then I went and

talked to 'em, y'know, just t' give 'em a little encouragement." David said the horses understood and when the three of them were ready, one final surge of power brought three of God's creatures and a jag of wood up onto dry land.

Something else David said that day left me wondering: "You probably know that your father wasn't much of horse person." The next day when I asked my older brother Elliott for a "second opinion", his answer came instantly—"our father hated horses!" He went on to tell me a couple Harry Morse "horse" stories.

When Harry Morse was a boy...

When Dad was a boy, his father sent him down to the store in Maple Corner to pick up a few things. Our father rode a gentle mare the mile from Robinson Hill down to the store and when he got there, he was told their syrup can order had come in. Realizing a case of cans was a bit cumbersome for one horse and a boy, but wanting to please his father, young Harry Morse and a stock boy unboxed the cans and hitched them together with a string through the handles. He then told the stock boy: "When I'm mounted, I'll ride up next to the loading dock and you throw these cans up and over the horse." It seems Father had acquired a gift for Yankee ingenuity at a young age but, unfortunately that day, failed to consider a very important matter—the temperament of a horse! Being suddenly saddled by twenty-four clattering syrup cans turned that "gentle mare" into a tormented beast and, just like that, the beast took off, cans, groceries and Dad aboard!

As the story goes, Dad's grandfather, Harry Morse the first, sat on his porch just up the road and later recalled the story—"All of a sudden there was all that c'motion and then the huss n'that boy, my namesake, went by hell-bent-fer-election—didn't think I'd see either one a'them ever agin!"

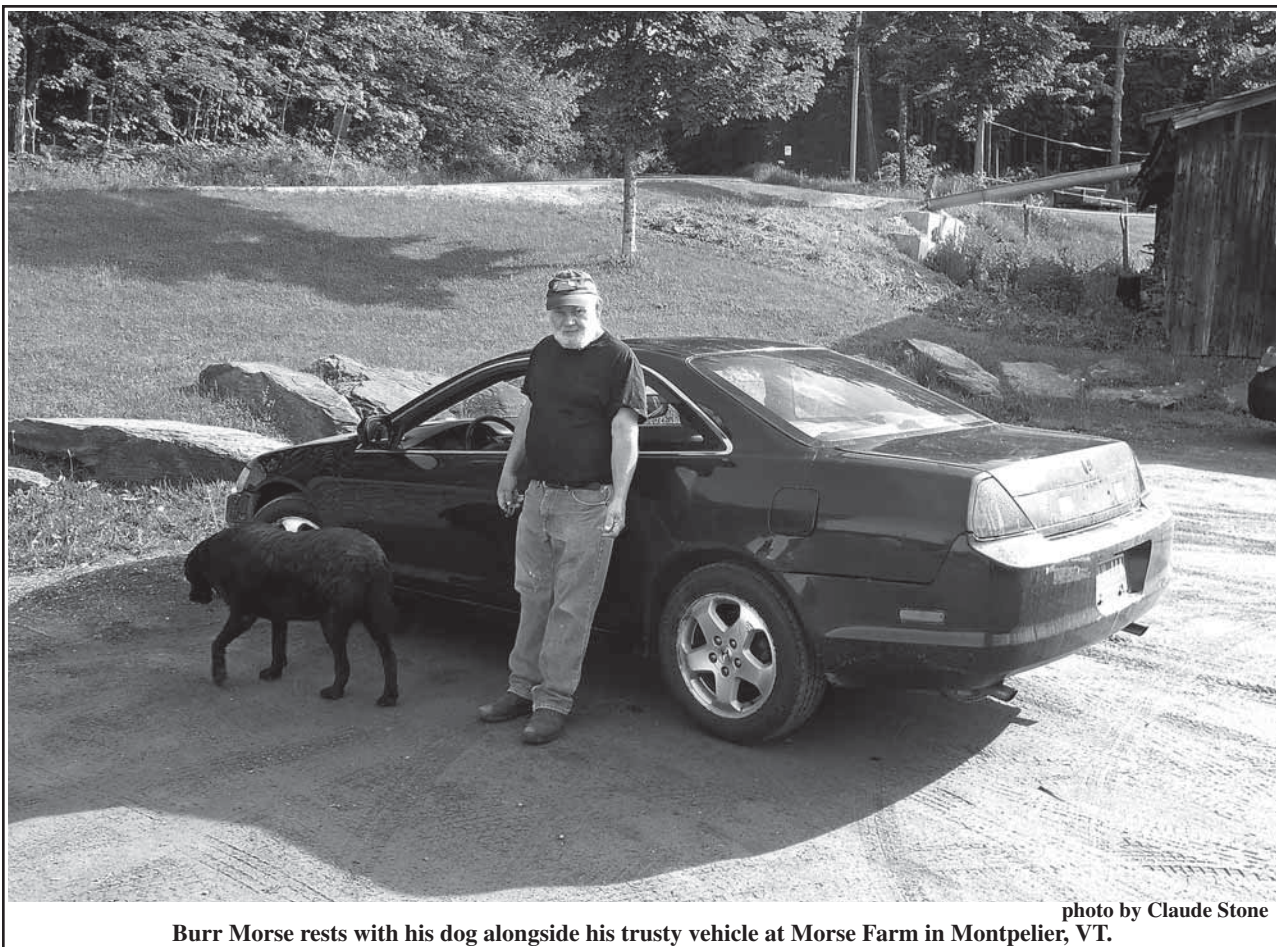
Our mother often told the story of seeing our father being dragged the length of a field one time by a run-away horse. Dad had been cultivating when suddenly the cultivator rode up on a ledge outcropping spooking the horse. When the horse took off, the cultivator tipped over and Dad, legs tangled in the contraption, was dragged like a rag doll until the horse reached a stone wall and finally settled down. Mother said when she finally reached him, he looked like a pummeled prizefighter.

Give me the open road

Dad never admitted to me his horse aversion but I do recall his love of running the roads in motor vehicles. Whether cars, trucks, or even tractors, give Harry Morse an open road and an errand to run and he was happy.

Even though I totally escaped the "season" of horses, I know I would have been a non-horse person, as well. And I'm a "chip-off-the-old-block" with wanderlust for the open road. I look forward to many pleasant miles in my new car but will still mourn for th'old Honda, gone away out to that car pasture forever.

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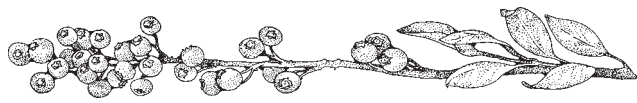
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Blueberry Pie

Pick out all the stems and wash one quart of berries; line a pie dish with paste, put in the berries; cover with two thirds of a teacupful of brown sugar; sprinkle a teaspoonful of flour over, a little salt. Cover the pie, cut a slit in the center, press the two crusts together around the edge and bake in a quick oven for forty minutes.

—J. A. C.

Blueberry Cake

Make a sponge of one-half cupful of milk, one-half cupful of brown sugar, one tablespoonful of butter, two cupfuls of unsifted flour and a heaping teaspoonful of baking-powder; this quantity makes three cakes by dividing it into three parts. Lay each part upon a pie plate and flatten it well with the palm of the hand. You can't roll this, as it is too soft. Of course, the blueberries have been picked nice and clean, so put on a deep layer of them first. Put sugar over the berries and pour a custard over them. This custard is made of one-half pint of milk, two eggs, one tablespoonful of sugar and a little vanilla to flavor it. Some use too much vanilla, which destroys the delicate taste that a flavoring extract should give.

—Annie R. White

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Take a good light crust, roll it out two or three times, then leave it one-quarter of an inch in thickness. Cut it out in rounds with a small basin, and lay a few black raspberries, blueberries, or gooseberries, or other fruit which have been stewed with sugar, on one-half of each round. Turn the other half over the fruit, fasten the edges securely, and bake on tins in a moderate oven. Serve with sifted sugar.

—Mrs. C. I. Burt

Blueberry Roll

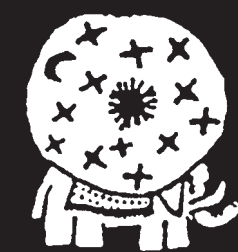
One pint of flour sifted with one heaping teaspoonful of baking powder; mix into this one tablespoonful of butter and one-fourth teaspoonful of salt; add three-quarters of a cupful of milk and roll out one-third of an inch thick. Spread thickly with blueberries or any kind of berries, sift sugar over and roll. Bake one-half hour and serve hot with the following sauce: cream together one-half cupful of sugar and one tablespoonful of butter; one cupful of mashed berries and one cupful of boiling milk. Wet one teaspoonful of corn-starch in enough milk to dissolve it and stir in slowly. Let boil three minutes and serve to pour over slices of the roll.

—Aunt Carrie

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North Country Book News

Children's Book Review by Charles Sutton

The Real Inspiration for Lindbergh's Historic Flight

It was a dark time for a small, inquisitive mouse many years ago in Germany who was left behind when the new 'perfect' invention—a mechanical mousetrap—had caused all the other mice to flee to America.

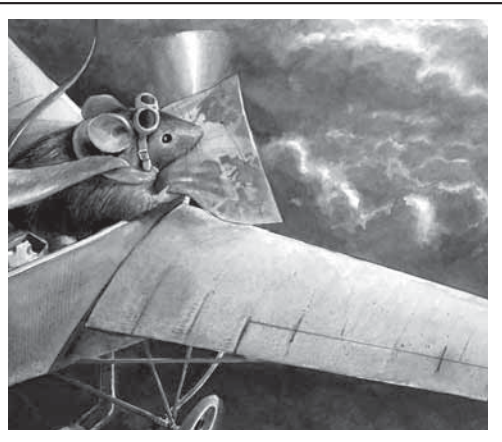
In the remarkable book, *Lindbergh—The Tale of a Flying Mouse* by Torben Kuhlmann (published by NorthSouth Books, \$19.95, www.northsouth.com) the stage is set with unforgettable and breathtaking drawings. As the story unfolds we see a two-page spread depicting our lone mouse surrounded by endless cheese-baited mousetraps. This tiny pilot-to-be will be seen again dwarfed by other foes—people, cats, bats and owls, during his daring flight to safety.

He hopes first to board a ship bound for America but they are too closely guarded by waterfront cats. He is lucky to escape down a storm drain, only to be confronted by ghostly creatures flying through the dark. "They looked like mice, with tiny eyes and big ears. But they flew with powerful black wings."

The bats inspire our mouse to fly, too. How else could he reach America? He sets about collecting scrapes of wood, shreds of newspaper, string and glue and builds his first flying machine featuring two large wings and a tiny fin. On its test flight in a huge railroad station, plane and pilot crash to the ground just missing a huge steam locomotive passing by. But a lesson learned—his plane would have a steam engine, too!

As weeks pass a new machine emerges out of a pile of odds and ends including lots of clock parts. The new machine is impressive: "a small boiler filled with water produced steam. Pumping pistons moved the cog wheels, and a propeller spun at the end."

His next test flight is over Hamburg harbor, seen full of



ships and alive with activity. He crashes again, but his secret was out. The next day pictures of the sky-storming rodent were splashed across the city's newspapers. One proclaimed SENSATION! Tollkuhne Maus mit Flugapparat. (Fool-hearty mouse in early aircraft).

More determined now than ever our mouse-hero builds a new plane with wheels for easier starts and safer landings, broad wings and a powerful engine. "This would be a proper plane, with space for food, supplies, spare parts and fuel."

Soon, large unfriendly owls and cats began to stalk him, even at his hideaway.

Finally we see the mouse on one foggy, raining night, pulling his heavy aircraft behind him while predator owls doze on chimney tops. Safely dodging people, the mouse takes his craft to the tallest building in the city, a church tower.

Pictured now are giant owls with their claws snatching and snapping at the small pilot as he ducks into his cockpit, yanks on the controls and takes off over the balcony out of their reach!

The plane gains altitude and soars through the clouds. "The bell tower, which seemed so gigantic, now a mere pin poking through the fog!"

Once over the ocean he follows steamships westward, the same ships he had once had tried to board for passage to America. Night falls and the air grows cold. The mouse chews on a piece of cheese and tries to ignore his exhaustion. Then suddenly there is New York City before him. You'll be delighted at another one of those captivating two-page spreads—this time of New York City mice scurrying around and greeting this unusual mouse-pilot.

News of the flying mouse spread quickly and an air show called "Courageous Flying Mouse" toured the country. Legend has it that a little boy often stood in front of the flying-mouse posters "with butterflies in his stomach." His name was Charles Lindbergh, the first 'human' pilot to fly across the Atlantic in a single-engine aircraft. His 33-hour 3,600-mile trip started in New York City and ended in Paris. The year was 1927.

The book has an interesting forward by F. Robert van der Linden, Chairman, Curator of Special Purpose Aircraft, Aeronautics Division, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.

The author, Torben Kuhlmann, was born in Germany in 1982. As a small child he was already a gifted draftsman, captivated by small airplanes, strange machines and steaming trains. He studied illustration and design at the University for Applied Sciences in Hamburg. His preferred media are pen and watercolor, but he also works with acrylics, oil paints and digital programs. This is his first children's book. English text is by Suzanne Levesque.



Book Review

Groundbreaking Food Gardens

73 Plans That Will Change The Way You Grow Your Garden

by Niki Jabbour

(Story Publishing, \$19.95, www.storey.com)

Dozens of master gardeners, garden writers, and TV and radio hosts have contributed to this intriguing book with their 'best laid plans' for a vegetable gardens—large or small, one crop or many, growing on a patio or rooftop, tiny backyard, or wide open field.

Contributors like Vermont's Charlie Nardozzi's offers an Edible Hedge plan that produces edible fruits like honeyberries, currants and gooseberries.

If you like hot, spicy foods, author Dave Dewitt, introduces you to 24 different varieties of peppers. We know

more off-limits plants can now be grown in the north thanks to climate change. Horticulturist Steven Briggs tells about one more—Mediterranean figs on your patio! "A fig tree is easier to overwinter than a house plant," he says. And he shows you how to do it.

At least three writers advise about growing food in an urban setting.

Author Niki Jabbour of Halifax, Nova Scotia, is also the author of *The Year-Round Vegetable Gardener*. Her books are worth saving for their valuable ideas for years to come.

A New Cold War? Daniloff to Speak on the Possibility

Are we entering a new Cold War in our relations with Russia? Nick Daniloff, newly retired Northeastern University professor and Andover resident, will be at Misty Valley Books, on the Green in Chester, VT on four Tuesdays in July to talk about the situation in Russia and Ukraine. The discussions will start on July 1 at 7 p.m.

Daniloff has been Professor of Journalism at Northeastern for the last 25 years. Prior to that, he spent his journalism career covering the Cold War from Washington and Moscow from 1961–1986.

Daniloff's Misty Valley Books series will consider the causes of the "old" Cold War, the nature of U.S.—Soviet tensions, espionage, and how the "new" Cold War may have similarities but also some very different challenges for Russia and global relations.

The series is free and open to the public, although a free will offering will support the Bookstore's programs.

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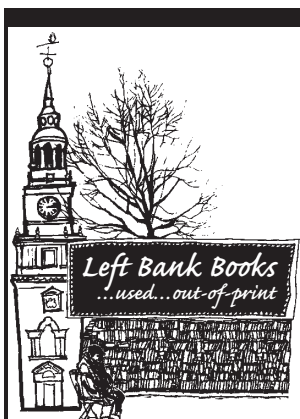
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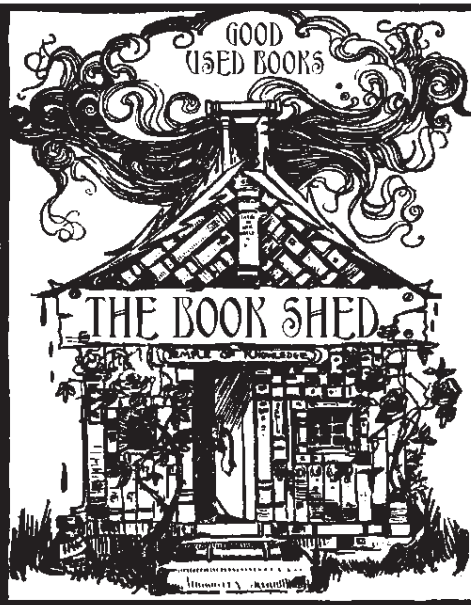
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Authors of national and local renown will speak, read from their work, offer interactive programs and mingle with the public. Fiction, non-fiction and poetry authors are included. Events for children, young adults and adults are planned.

ArtisTree Reception and Exhibit

Bookstock begins on Friday, July 25 at 5:30 p.m. with a reception at the ArtisTree Gallery for the opening of “Unbound IV,” a juried exhibition of Book Arts co-presented by Pentangle Arts Council. ArtisTree is located at the Mount Tom Building, 281 Barnard Rd. (Rt. 12N).

Poetry Reading

Special guest Billy Collins will do a Poetry Reading at 8 p.m. on Friday, July 25 at the Town Hall Theater. Collins has been called America’s most popular and critically acclaimed poet since Robert Frost. Tickets are require although they are free. Call (802) 457-3981.

Bookstock Marketplace

On Saturday, July 26, visit the Bookstock Marketplace on the Green. Listen to great local musicians on Saturday from 12-4 p.m. The Food Tent is open Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch and snacks. There is a Children’s Tent with creative activities on Saturday from 12-4 p.m. And you can visit with small presses, authors and craftspeople on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Used and Vintage Book Sale

A massive second hand book sale On the Green will be open Friday and Saturday at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A vintage book sale is open the same hours at Norman Williams Public Library. This is a traditional event in Woodstock.

Keynotes

On Saturday morning, July 26, best-selling author Anita Daimant speaks on Living a New Life After the Holocaust. She will discuss her novel, *Day After Night* at Town Hall Theater at 10 a.m.

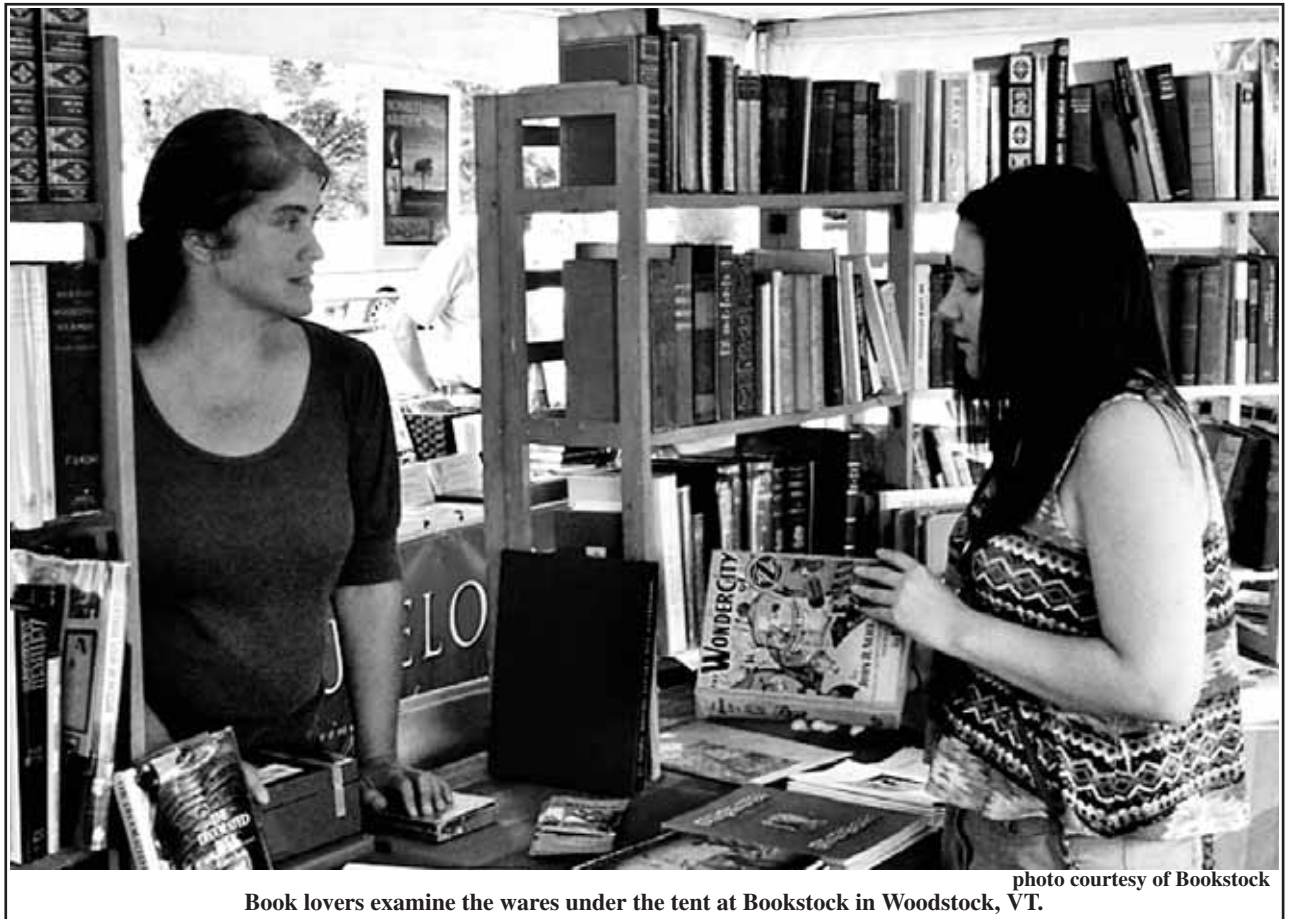
Former U.S. Poet Laureate Charles Simic will do a Poetry Reading at the Town Hall Theater at 11 a.m.

Writers in Attendance

Over 42 book and author events will take place Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26, at various venues around town. Some of the favorites include:

Workshop on Writing Out of Doors, Friday, July 25, 9 a.m. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Park. Led by John Elder, author of (among others) *Reading the Mountains of Home*. Pre-registration is required: Call (802) 457-3368 x 22.

Reflecting on What Makes Vermont a Special Place, Friday, July 25, 12 p.m., Wilder Room, Woodstock Inn. With David A. Donath and H. Nicholas Muller III.



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

Unschooling: An Antidote for Childhood Deficit Disorder, Friday, July 25, 2 pm, Norman Williams Library Mezzanine. With Ben Hewitt, author of a soon-to-be-released book called *Home Grown: Adventures in Parenting Off the Beaten Path, Unschooling, and Reconnecting With Nature*. Hewitt’s discussion is about standardized education and the critical importance of immersing children in the natural world.

Writing for Children and Teens, Friday, July 25, 3 p.m., Norman Williams Library Mezzanine. With Jo Knowles, Phoebe Stone, and Rebecca Rupp, award-winning authors.

How to Get Happily Published: Proposals, Agents, E-books and Self-Publishing, Friday, July 25, 3 p.m., Wilder Room, Woodstock Inn. With Kermit Hummel, Jeff Herman, Stephen Hull and Roger Williams. Four book publishing industry pros—two agents and two editors—outline the current state of the book business, and discuss how to create a proposal and search for an agent.

The Author’s Voice of a Vermont Renaissance Man, Friday, July 25, 4 p.m., Norman Williams Library Mezzanine. Versatile writer Bill Schubart will discuss the author’s voice and read briefly from two of his books, including *Fat People*.

Green Writers Press Promotes Sustainability, Saturday, July 26, 1 p.m. Norman Williams Library Mezzanine. With Dede Cummings, Greg Delanty and Patti Smith. Green Writers Press is a new Vermont-based, global publisher founded by writer and environmental activist Dede Cummings. Greg Delanty is an Irish poet who teaches at St. Michael’s College.

Patti Smith is a naturalist at the Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center in Brattleboro and the author of the recently published *The Beavers of Popple’s Pond*.

First Lady of the Struggle—Mary McLeod Bethune, Saturday, July 26, 1 p.m. With Dr. Ida E. Jones. The daughter of former slaves, Mary McLeod Bethune was one of the most prominent civil rights leaders from the 1920s until her death in 1955. She has been called the “First Lady of the Struggle,” and is the subject of a biography by Dr. Ida E. Jones.

What Bears Have Taught Me About Being Human, Saturday, July 26, 2 p.m. With Ben Kilham. For more than twenty years, Ben Kilham, a wildlife biologist based in Lyme, NH, has studied the habits of black bears and interacted with them. His most recent book is *Out on a Limb: What Black Bears Have Taught Me about Intelligence and Intuition*. His popular lectures have been heard by more than 30,000 people.

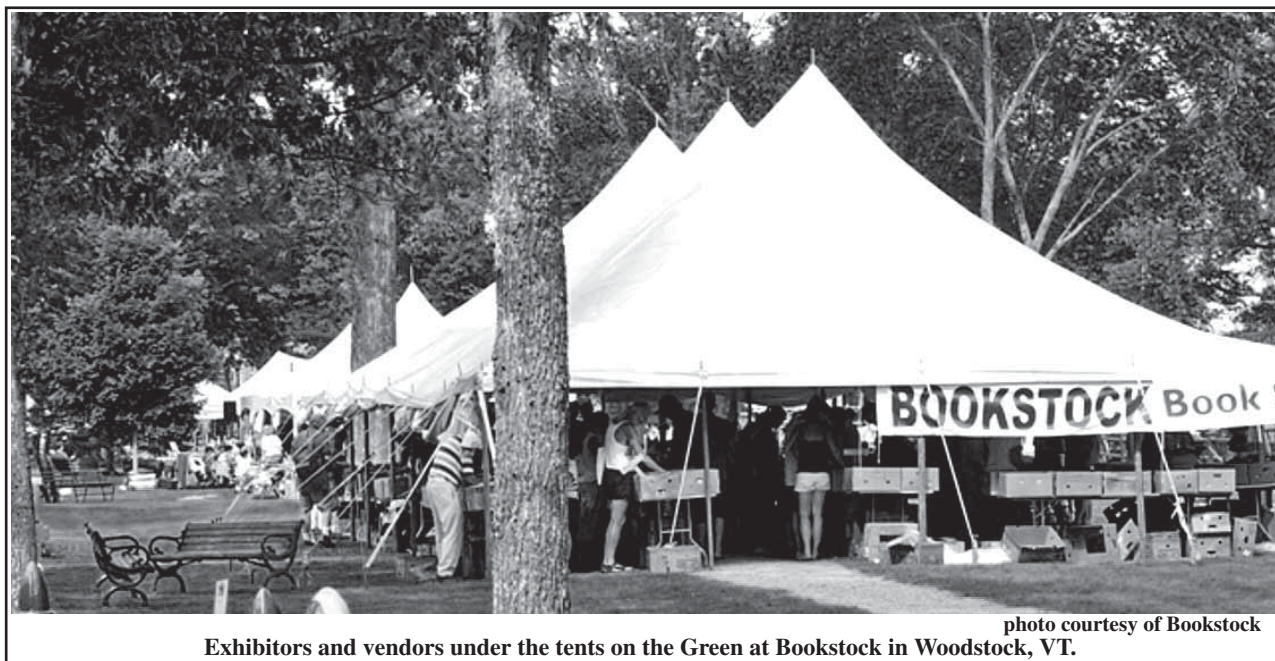
Stories About Canada’s Maritime Region, Saturday, July 26, 2 p.m.—2–4 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room. With award-winning novelist Howard Norman. His latest novel, *Next Life Might Be Kinder*, is set in Halifax in the 1970s.

Poetry Reading by Louise Glück, Saturday, July 26, 4 p.m., North Universalist Chapel Society. Former U.S. poet laureate and winner of the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry, Louise Glück has written 12 poetry collections.

Does Science Have All the Answers to Existence? Sunday, July 27, 10 a.m., North Universalist Society. With Marcelo Gleiser. World-renowned theoretical physicist Marcelo Gleiser asks humanity’s fundamental questions of existence in his new book, *The Island of Knowledge*.

Family Fun: Stories Told Through Puppetry, Sunday, July 27, 12 p.m., Norman William Public Library. Ria Blaas and her Upper Loveland Puppets have been performing throughout New England for over 15 years

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Observation Knob

by Carrie Weed Briggs, St. Johnsbury

— circa 1912 —

The Knob, overlooking St. Johnsbury, is a section of Vermont's eastern foot-hills. Its southwest flank, steep, ragged and primeval, is laved by a river of kindred spirit, inappropriately named Sleeper.

Climbing up from the deep, still waters of the Passumpsic, along the eastern base of the Knob, one passes through a park of elms and maples enclosing homes, stores, schools, churches, hospitals, a library, and a museum of fine arts, past well kept lawns and welcome summer color and fragrance embodied in grass pinks, cinnamon, white and yellow roses, pink, white, and red peonies, on through all the wealth of bloom the summer lavishes.

Still following the westward reaching shadows along Church Street, out to where the Brooks' meadow of lush grass, up the stairs past the first tee on the golf links, to a seat on the veranda of the rustic clubhouse, by permission of the Irish keeper of the links. A clean-washed morning, a day of hot sunshine and constantly shifting sky scenery; robins, bluebirds, song sparrows, and phoebes weaving melody with the task of the hour; the shouts of children at play and murmur of traffic, softened by distance.

Above the clubhouse, up, up, above the gray ledges overtopping the fringe of maples on the horizon, stands the sign of the golf links, the Old Pine, which, being dead, yet speaketh.

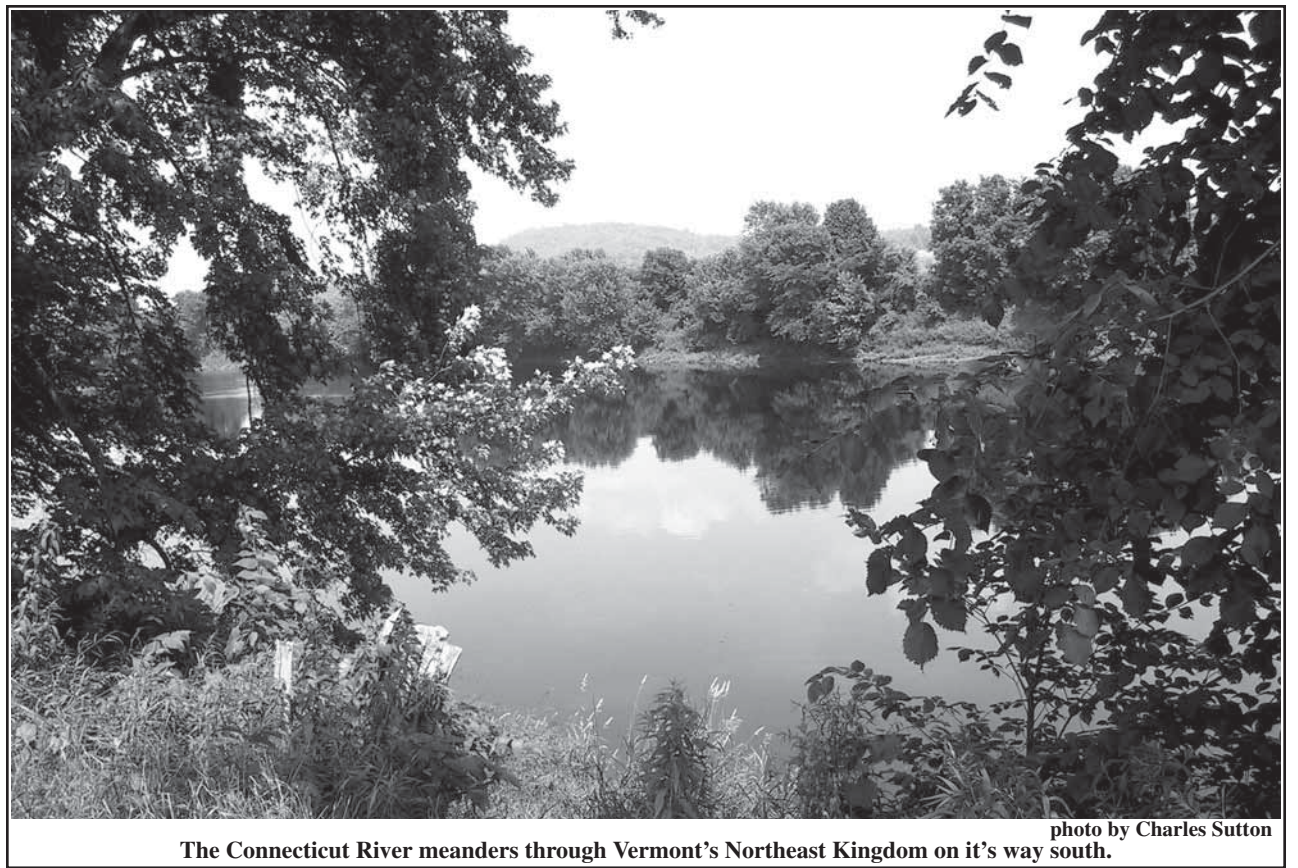
Three black-faced lambs are having a stiff-legged jumping game around and over a little hillock. A young robin's erratic flight hastens us across the white-ribbed ledges in an eager attempt to catch him. Just here, at the end of the ledges, the Knob road—an extended invitation to better walking—invents a hasty scramble over the board fence.

The field bordering the road on the left is a marked contrast to the close-cropped links. Here the timothy and orchard

grass are waist high, a mass of musty-odored blooms with the blossoms of a more impoverished soil, white-capped billows of daisies lit by the splendid sheen of buttercups.

A white-buttoned blackberry bush gives promise of much fruitage, and a plank imprisoned spring leaks water enough to grow a small plantation of cotton-grass.

On our right, a lane leads past a smaller field to the whispering shade of a close set grove of maples above, and from here on the grass-grown Knob road proclaims less traffic, and at the turnstile would be hopelessly lost but for the droop-



The Connecticut River meanders through Vermont's Northeast Kingdom on it's way south. photo by Charles Sutton

ing willows outlining the way till the straight young maples continue to guide up to the last steep pitch of the Knob.

By the turnstile near the ash tree is a feathery clump of asparagus. How came it rustivating here? Over the fence in the pasture are other floral treasures, frail little plants of yellow sorrel, belated fortune-telling dandelions.

Beyond these the cloying, heavy perfume of the lilac-brown milkweed blossoms, and next door to this haunt of the butterflies and bees, another favorite resort of theirs, the spear and Canada thistles.

The blossoms, ranging from deepest purple in the spear thistle through shades of pale purple, pink, and white in the Canada thistle are immensely popular and entertain guests from dawn to dark. Not all these guests are desirable, for the ants dearly love thistle nectar, and when they can, feast greedily at thistle-inn, but seldom, if ever, pay.

Up there on the steep hillside tall spikes of mullein rise from low whorls of green felt, berries grow in the fence corner and over by the balm of gilead a dancing whirlwind of insects weave their maze.

Swamp-grass is born of the oozing earth from the willows up to the big iron kettle where a red cow and two Jerseys are playfully butting each other away from its doubtful coolness, while Blackie and the cow with the brass-tipped horns trail down from the rock-scarred hilltop beyond the willows, up through the buttercup swale for their share.

The hurrying clouds seem to almost bump the northern wall of this little vale. A hawk floats and circles lazily above, song-sparrows trill, an awkward young crow in the dead pine top is conning in a lusty, rusty voice the a, b, c's of the crow language and a bevy of yellow and white, airy, fairy-winged butterflies dance up and down the shining ways, light as thistle down.

Under the ragged shade of a half-dead butter-nut tree the droning bees guide us to a delectable spread of strawberries.

Up the last steep pitch vegetation is scant and peopled with grasshoppers. Here and there are stalks of gray everlasting, leaves of ginger-root, blue cohosh berries, a half-dozen tough little wicopee shrubs, a bush of prickly gooseberries, some infant sumachs and some blackberry bushes.

The dead pine of the golf links rises from a V of maples, their trunks hid by close nestling evergreens. Five miles down and across the Passumpsic is Mt. Silsby, named in memory of Uncle David; beyond the Connecticut river are the forest-clad hills of New Hampshire.

Above us a fringe of tree tops and the roof of the Knob observation house peer under racing clouds. A few yards more and the horizon broadens twenty-four miles south to Plainfield Mt., a dim, sharp cone of blue.

Following the horizon of hills, patched with forest and

farms, north to Willoughby Mts., twenty-four miles from the Knob, we draw on memory for a glimpse of the lake.

Twelve miles northeast the horizon humps 3,000 feet, forming Burke mountain, the highest in the county, and two miles across the Passumpsic valley it sinks down to Saddleback, altitude 800 feet. Huge patches of sand scar its western base, and farms extend well up toward its wooded crown.

Of the thirty barns in view all but six are red. Some farmers are economical and use the cheaper red paint on house as well as barns, but white is the prevailing color if painted at all.

A freight train on the Boston & Maine railroad, steaming up the Passumpsic valley to Centerville, brings the gaze inside the horizon to follow the river—a ribbon of silver winding down from the north.

Right-about face! and see where the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain railroad loses itself behind a bend down there above the gulch road to Danville, and goes wandering, twisting, and turning till it finds itself 1,656 feet above sea level at Walden, then slips down beyond today's horizon.

The forest seems dominant, man's few acres are constantly encroached upon by it, and it is only held in check by a constant plying of axe and saw. Drive with me over the western horizon on the mountain road to Walden, off there where you can see a small clearing, and the gleam of a lonesome roof among the trees, and I will show you how effectually nature covers the scars of progress if left a few years to her own devices.

The strong northwest wind proves too cool for prolonged Knob-top gazing, even if 'tis a fair summer day. A sheltered hollow below the summit house brings appreciation of the bronze sheen of sheep's fescue, rippling down to the fence.

Just this side of the fence a family of young crows are taking a lesson in aviation, and incidentally doing much hoarse-voiced bragging about their achievements. A pair of swallows seem playing a game of dare, almost brushing us with their wings as they loop the loop, circle and dip above us.

A buzzy, important bee and a gold and black butterfly make brief calls at scattered mullein stalks and late red and yellow honey-suckle blossoms.

A threeeping cricket and the voiceful swish of the wind, notes in nature's symphony, attune our spirit to the mood of the distant mountains, for today the Presidential and Franconia Ranges in New Hampshire, comprising the eastern and southeastern horizon, are not in a mood to show us details of their grim heights and rocky-rugged sides; even a strong glass cannot pierce their blue reticence and discern the summit house on Mt. Washington.

North, east, south, west—wave upon wave of green hills and grim mountains, under summer skies of blue, opal, and gold; mountain waves white-capped with the mists of the morning, their radiance the dawn doth unfold; welcoming the sun's morning splendor—and we welcome again the unshackled waves of our own loved Mountains Green.

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2066 Chelsea. 3 bedroom camp – 1 full bath – large fireplace with heatolators, plus wood stove – small stream – 33 acres of land – nice lawn with apple trees – being sold furnished – good gravel road...**Price Reduced to \$99,500.**

2083 Chelsea. 50 Acres of Land – good open fields – excellent views to the south – both telephone and electric power on property – good year-round gravel Rd – private building sites...**Price \$200,000.**

2079 Washington. 27.1 acres of surveyed land – 707 feet of frontage on year-round gravel road – telephone and electric power on property – good views...**\$65,000.**



2095 Chelsea. 20x28' Camp – cement foundation – 3 rooms, plus loft – covered porch, gas lights, plus gas cook stove – wood stove for heat – 20 acres land – good gravel road...**Priced to sell \$78,000.**

2080 Vershire. 11.1 Acres surveyed land – excellent views – driveway and septic already in – frontage on two roads...**Priced at Town appraisal \$67,300.**

2081 Chelsea. Commercial Property – 33 self storage units – permits for 2 more buildings – 5 acres of land, plus mobile home, hook up, rental...**Price \$149,500.**

2086 Royalton. 2½ acre building lot – surveyed driveway and in-ground septic design – small stream – year-round gravel road...**Price \$49,900.**

2085 Royalton. 6 acres – driveway and pond – 24x18' horse barn – in-ground septic design – good gravel road...**Price \$74,900.**

2094 Chelsea. 30 acres of land – driveway and campsite on good trout brook – year-round gravel road – close to village...**Price \$44,900.**

2096 Orange. 34 acres land – mostly woodland – very private - very good hunting land...**Price \$39,500.**

2100 Corinth. Approx. 15 acres – mostly woodland – very private – good get-away and hunting land...**Price only \$16,900.**

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