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 The earth lies gasping; and the eyes  
 Behind the streaming windowpane  
 Smile at the trouble of the skies.

The highway smokes, sharp echoes ring;  
 The cattle bawl and cow-bells clank.  
 And into town comes galloping  
 The farmer's horse, with steaming flank.  
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 And flirts his plumes and folds his wings.  
 And under the Catawba leaves  
 The caterpillar curls and clings.  
 The bumblebee is pelted down  
 The wet stem of the hollyhock;  
 And sullenly, in spattered brown,  
 The cricket leaps the garden-walk.

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## Annual Pownal Community Fair

Pownal, VT • July 30

Family activities all day long capped off by a great fireworks display at 9:30 pm. Kids' fun fair, exhibit hall featuring produce, crafts, quilts, flowers, honey, maple syrup and herbs. Antique tractor pull, bingo, petting farm animals, and music. Free admission. Rte. 346 and Church St. at the Pownal Fire Department. (802) 823-5258. [vtfairs.org](http://vtfairs.org).

## Addison County Fair & Field Days

New Haven, VT • August 9–13

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## 144th Annual Orleans County Fair

Barton, VT • Aug 17–21

Old-time agricultural county fair is alive with entertainment and fun for the entire family. Opening day main event will be an attempt at breaking the World Record for the longest Cadillac Parade in History. Animal judging; 4H, open and gymkhana horse shows. U.S./Canadian Friendship Trot, harness racing program with \$30,000 purse. See some of the finest dairy and beef herds in New England compete. Entertainment, midway, demo derby, horse pulls, tractor & truck pulls, midway, food, and fun! At Roaring Brook Park. (802) 525-3555. [www.orleanscountyfair.net](http://www.orleanscountyfair.net).

## Deerfield Valley Farmers' Day Exhibition

Wilmington, VT • August 18–21

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## 166th Annual Caledonia County Fair

Lyndonville, VT • Aug 24–28

Agriculture, floral, maple, and 4-H exhibits. Horse, pony and ox pulling, cattle, sheep and horse shows. Family entertainment. Demo Derby, 4 x 4 pull, children's barnyard, magic and balloon shows, antique tractor pull, and motorcycle high wire show. Concert: Hotel California, A Salute to the Eagles. At Mountain View Park. (802) 626-5917. [www.vtfair.com](http://www.vtfair.com).

## Annual Bondville Fair

Bondville, VT • August 26–28

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## Champlain Valley Fair

Essex Jct., VT • August 27 – September 5

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## 166th Annual Vermont State Fair

Rutland, VT • September 2–11

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A proud exhibitor with her Guernsey calf at the Tunbridge World's Fair, Tunbridge, VT. photo by Nancy Cassidy

## The Guilford Fair

Guilford, VT • September 3–5

Saturday is a two-hour music kickoff then continuing music throughout the fair—fiddle, jazz, swing, bluegrass, folk, and more. Horse show, horse and pony pulling, draft horse demonstrations, cattle show, crafts, vendors, chainsaw and crosscut saw. Carnival with games and rides, live entertainment, lots of demonstrations, children's events, great fair food! 8 am – 5 pm. Fairgrounds on Fairground Rd. off Weatherhead Hollow off Guilford Center Rd. (802) 254-7406. [www.guilfordfairvt.com](http://www.guilfordfairvt.com).

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Tunbridge, VT • September 15–18

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# The Days and Nights Of the Moon

by Bill Felker

*O Lady Moon, your horns point toward the east;  
Shine, be increased:  
O Lady Moon, your horns point toward the west;  
Wane, be at rest.*

—Christina Rossetti

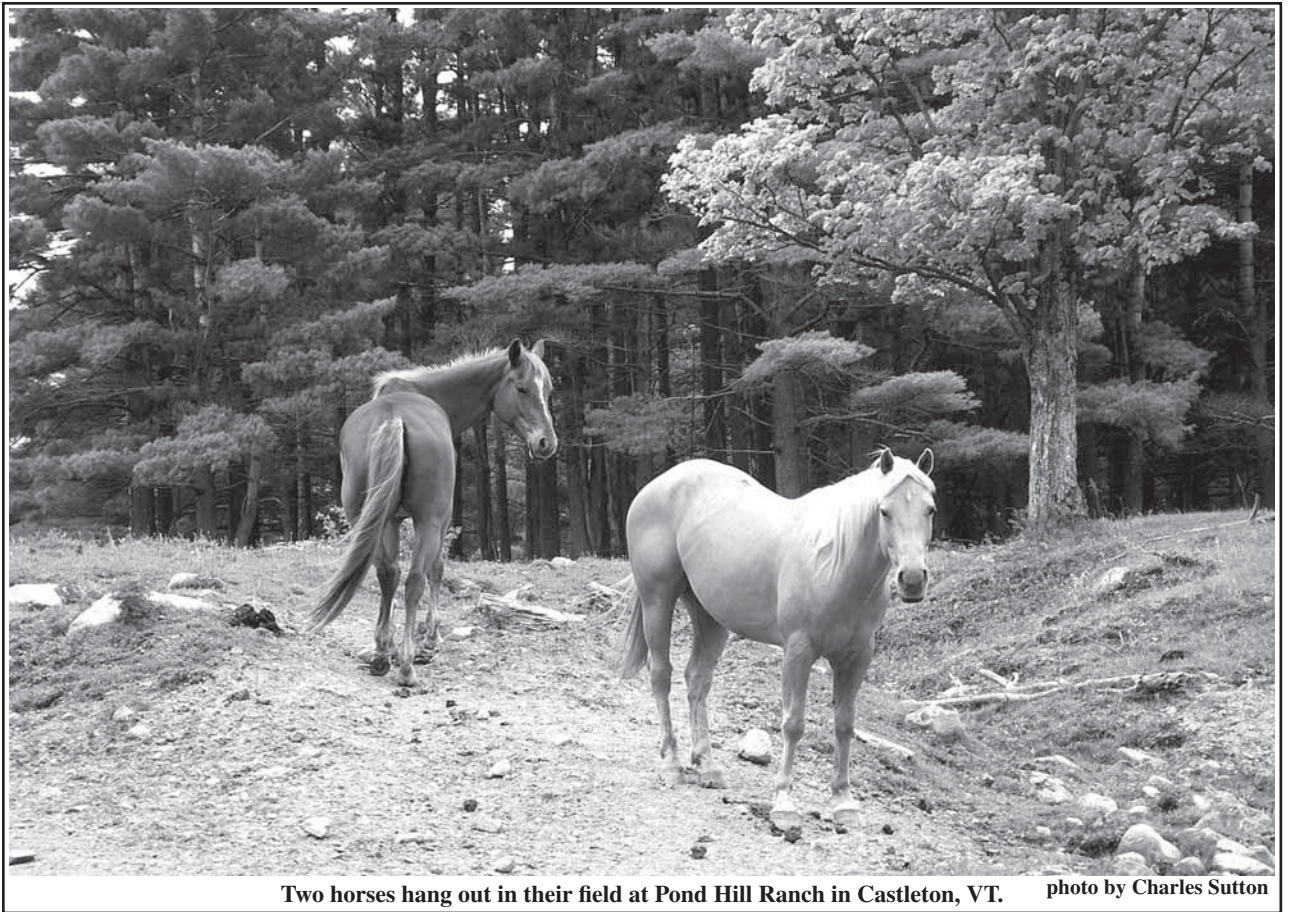
Even though the moon's appearance and position are different each day, the moon's shape and place on any one lunar day is quite similar to its appearance on the same day in every one of its cycles.

For example, on its first day, the new moon rises near dawn—coming up (like the sun) earlier in the summer than in the winter. The first-day moon sets at dusk—again later in the summer than in the winter. This moon is always overhead around noon. Every month of every year, the new moon rises and sets at a slightly different time, but that time is consistently tied to early morning and evening twilight.

As the moon ages, its visibility increases and it becomes a thin crescent moon (its bright surface appearing a little like a backwards "C"—its horns pointing east). Between the first and seventh lunar days, moonrise shifts gradually towards midday and moonset moves toward midnight at an average rate of about an hour each day.

The moon enters its second quarter at the age of eight or nine days. On its second-quarter day, the moon always rises close to 12:00 p.m., sets within an hour of 12:00 a.m. and is overhead at about 6:00 p.m. Half of its surface is bright at that time.

As it waxes through its second phase, the moon becomes "gibbous"—that is to say, its bright surface is no longer



Two horses hang out in their field at Pond Hill Ranch in Castleton, VT. photo by Charles Sutton

thin and shaped like a crescent but instead seems to bulge or balloon out, its rounded portion facing west or to your right. And as it becomes fuller, this gibbous waxing moon rises later and later in the afternoon, setting later and later at night, coming overhead in the late evening.

By the time it becomes completely full on the 15th, 16th or 17th lunar day, the moon always rises near sunset, sets near dawn, and is overhead a little after midnight.

As it wanes through its third quarter, the moon turns from full once again to gibbous. Coming up later at night, going down later in the morning, it becomes thinner until it is again a half moon, the rounded portion facing to your left, at which point it becomes a fourth-quarter moon.

Although the moon can enter its final phase on its 22nd, 23rd, 24th, or 25th day—showing far greater variation than

entry into its other phases—that aging moon always rises close to midnight and sets early in the afternoon, reaching a position overhead around 6:00 a.m.

Then as the lunar surface continues to darken, the moon once again becomes a thin crescent (looking, this time, like a regular "C"—its horns facing west), rising later each morning, setting later in the afternoon until it reaches an age of 29 or 30 days. At that time, its surface is completely shaded, and it is the new moon once again. Although evenings are dark during the moon's fourth quarter, the rising crescent brightens the southeast in the early morning.

## THE WAY TO THE ARBUTUS

I cannot remember the names of roads and hills,  
I remember only where the wild flowers grow;  
By an old stone cellar there are daffodils  
And bluets where a pasture brook runs slow.

I cannot remember which is east or west,  
I remember only where a lady's-slipper stood;  
And I recall arbutus, growing best  
Around a certain corner of a certain wood.

I cannot remember the path that winds along there,  
I remember only a wild rose in the lane  
Where you cross by a thicket beyond the maidenhair,  
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—CATHERINE CATE COBLENTZ  
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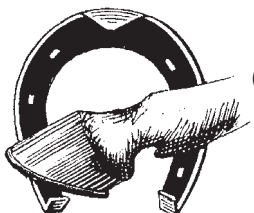
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## Currants Abound at Cherry Hill Farm

by Charles C. Sutton

Anyone who has ever picked berries by hand knows how rewarding the task can be despite the tedious, hard work. But suppose you have a commercial berry farm, then lots of help is needed in a short time. Berry growers Peter and Victoria Hingston of Springfield, VT, have the perfect solution—an amazing-to-see-working berry picking harvester, which Peter actually built from scratch several years ago. “It took a whole winter’s work and \$4,000 worth of parts, many ordered from England,” Vicky remembers. (A similar factory-built harvester from Poland costs \$30,000).

Visit their web site and there’s a short video of the harvester in action ([cherryhillfarmvt.com](http://cherryhillfarmvt.com)), or better yet, do some berry picking there yourself and the miracle machine may be in action. When it’s working, Peter in a tractor pulls the device carefully down the currant berry rows while Vicky and daughter Josie man the collection buckets at the rear.

“Currently our hand-made machine harvests black and red currant berries from some 10,000 bushes,” says Peter. “And we could use much more.” Their farm also produces pink currants, red and black raspberries, gooseberries, elderberries and a few Concord grapes. Peter likes to experiment with other fruits and is growing some quince trees.

The harvested berries are pressed into juice or purees, and used for their own jams (red currant, black currant, raspberry, and raspberry black currant), packaged under the Vicky Day label. Juices, fresh or frozen, and whole fruit, is sold to local producers of wines and other beverages, ice cream, and fruit products.

Among their customers are Vermont Mystic Pies, Walpole Creamery and Putney Mountain Wine who makes Vermont Cassis, a rich, luscious dessert wine from the Hingston’s black currants. And they at the Market on the Green in Woodstock,




photo by Charles Sutton  
Victoria Hingston processes currants in the field with daughter Josie at Cherry Hill Farm in Springfield, VT.

VT on every summer Wednesday from 3 to 6 with jam, juice and fresh fruit as it ripens. The couple uses 4,000 pounds of berry juices or purees for their own jams. A new product is “Just So Vermont” juices in two flavors: black currant with lime and black currant with ginger. Peter said the refreshing drinks can be a substitute for wine.

Peter and Victoria were in the small fruit producing business in England before coming to Vermont in 1997 and establishing a new berry-growing farm on 110 acres on Cherry Hill in Springfield. The couple decided not to grow apples because they wanted crops that didn’t have to be sprayed, but would just grow and produce naturally.

Cherry Hill Farm is located at 409 Highland Rd., Springfield, VT. (802) 885-5088, [www.cherryhillfarmvt.com](http://www.cherryhillfarmvt.com). The U-Pick farm is open summers 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., call in advance. Vicky Day products are available statewide at many food co-ops and at farmers’ markets. The preserves and the Just So Vermont juices are available by mail from their website.



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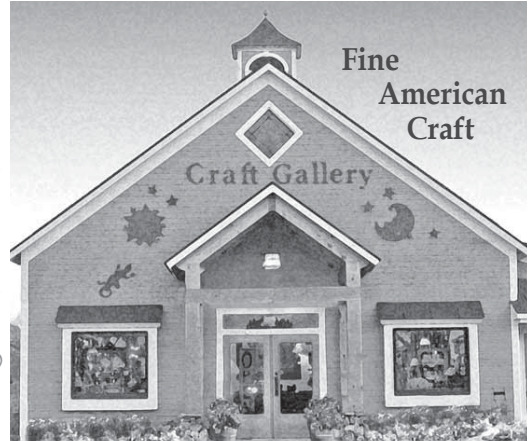
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Hosted by Chef Bryce LeVan Cushing and Adam Howard (Grafton Forge), both founding members of the guild, the event has drawn a diverse art-minded crowd.

The guild is happy to announce that the jazz guitar stylings of local musician Draa Hobbs will accompany the dinners through August. Draa is an accomplished artist and a perfect fit for the guild dinners. He plays a long set of original jazz music starting at 7 p.m.

The chef begins service at 5:30 and plates his eclectic, all natural, locally-focused

faire until 9 p.m. No reservations are required for the dinner which includes soup, salad, choice of entree and dessert for a donation of \$15. Guests are asked to give more if they can, and less if they can’t. The meal is served by a professional staff and gratuity is not included.

All funds raised by the dinner are put towards the operating expense of the GVAG Cricketers Gallery at 45 Townshend Rd. in Grafton, VT. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday thru Sunday. For questions regarding the gallery please call (802) 843-GVAG.



*The August dinners are scheduled for Monday the 1st and 15th.*

*Questions about the menu or seating can be directed to [brycelevancushing@gmail.com](mailto:brycelevancushing@gmail.com) or guests may call (802) 843-1162.*



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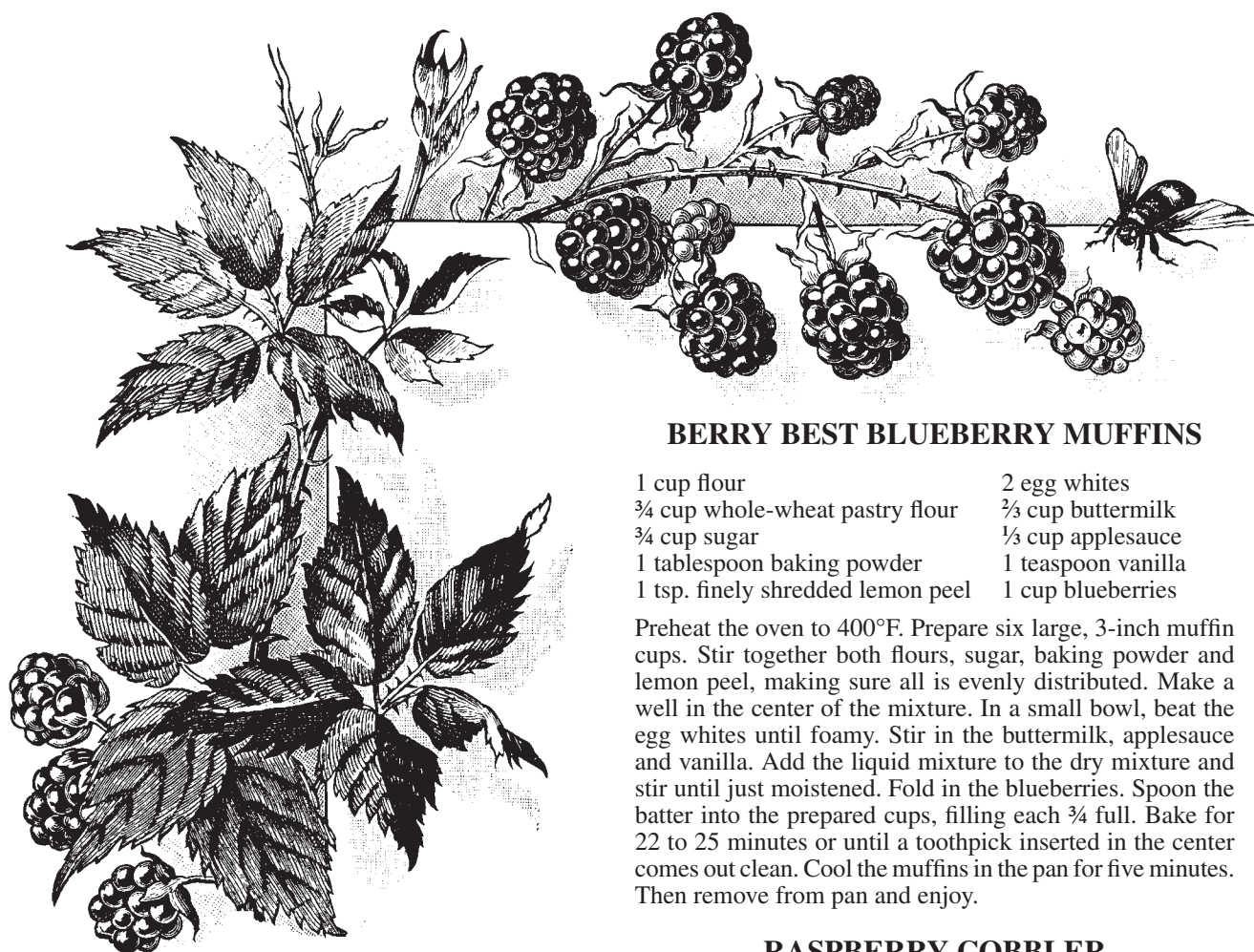
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 1 tablespoon baking powder  
 1 tsp. finely shredded lemon peel

2 egg whites  
 2/3 cup buttermilk  
 1/3 cup applesauce  
 1 teaspoon vanilla  
 1 cup blueberries

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Prepare six large, 3-inch muffin cups. Stir together both flours, sugar, baking powder and lemon peel, making sure all is evenly distributed. Make a well in the center of the mixture. In a small bowl, beat the egg whites until foamy. Stir in the buttermilk, applesauce and vanilla. Add the liquid mixture to the dry mixture and stir until just moistened. Fold in the blueberries. Spoon the batter into the prepared cups, filling each 3/4 full. Bake for 22 to 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool the muffins in the pan for five minutes. Then remove from pan and enjoy.

## RASPBERRY COBBLER

2 1/2 cups raspberries  
 2/3 cup sugar  
 1 1/2 cups flour  
 1 tablespoon baking powder

1/4 teaspoon salt  
 1 stick plus 2 tablespoons butter  
 1/2 cup heavy cream

Preheat oven to 350°. Butter an 8x8 inch shallow baking dish. Place raspberries in the dish and sprinkle with 1/3 cup of sugar. Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Add the stick of butter in pieces and create a lumpy mixture. Add cream and combine until dough forms. Dough will be soft and sticky like a biscuit; if need be, add a splash more of cream. Spoon dough over the raspberries. Melt remaining 2 tablespoons butter and drizzle over the mounds of dough. Sprinkle with remaining 1/3 cup sugar. Bake about 30 to 40 minutes or until dough and fruit are cooked through and dough is lightly browned. Serve with whipped cream. Serves 6-8.

## SOUR CREAM RASPBERRY PIE

1 (9-inch) single crust pie shell  
 3 cups raspberries  
 3/4 cup white sugar  
 1/3 cup all-purpose flour  
 2 cups sour cream

1/2 tsp vanilla extract  
 2 tablespoons flour  
 2 tsp brown sugar  
 2 tsp butter, melted

In a bowl, combine 3/4 cup sugar and flour. Whisk in sour cream and vanilla. Arrange the raspberries evenly in the pie shell. Spread sour cream mixture over the berries. Combine flour, 2 teaspoons sugar, and melted butter or margarine, until mixture forms crumbles. Sprinkle over pie. Bake at 400°F (205°C) for 30 to 40 minutes, or until pastry and filling are golden. Cool on rack. Serve same day at room temperature.

## SUMMER BLUEBERRY "POP" PIE

4 cup fresh blueberries  
 1/4 cup water  
 1 cup sugar  
 1 tablespoon lemon juice

3 tablespoons cornstarch  
 1/4 tablespoon salt  
 1 tablespoon butter

Prepare 9" pie shell, bake until golden brown. Cool. Place 2 cups raw berries into cooled pie shell. Cook 2 cups berries, water, sugar, lemon juice, cornstarch and salt until thick. Stir in butter. Pour over raw berries in pie shell. Chill. Serve with whipped cream if desired.

## SOUTHERN RASPBERRY CORNBREAD

2 cups white corn meal  
 1/4 teaspoon soda  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 1 cup buttermilk

1 egg  
 1 cup molasses or maple syrup  
 1 1/2 cups raspberries (or any other berry)

Into mixing bowl, add corn meal, soda, salt, buttermilk, egg; stir well. Add maple or molasses, stir well. Add raspberries, fold into mixture without mashing them. Pour into a well greased iron skillet and bake slow at 350° until pone begins to brown. Reduce heat to 200° until cooked.

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George Williams and his son Herbert Norton (H.N.) Williams at work on the cobbler's bench, circa 1900.



H.N. Williams Store in Dorset, VT, early 1900s.

# 170 Years of History at H. N. Williams Store in Dorset, VT

by Charles C. Sutton

Visit the H.N. Williams store in Dorset, Vermont, today and one can imagine what it might have been like here more than 170 years ago when its founder William Williams opened a harness shop in an old barn on this site at the south end of town.

The shop was soon a successful tannery where harnesses, shoes, boots and other leather goods were made and sold. Records show handmade shoes sold for \$1.25 a pair.

Over the wall in the coffee area of the store today are the specialized leather-making tools that were used in that very room to make harnesses and other gear for the horse 'n buggy days. Ornate little business cards of that era stuck behind the tools remind us of the traveling vendors of those earlier times. The store is no museum, but some old traditions remain like wearing leather cash pouches in lieu of a cash register.

Williams passed the shop on to his sons, Charles and George who continued making harnesses, but added grain to their inventory. They also were savvy enough to see the need for and started a home delivery business.

George's son, Herbert Norton Williams took over in 1905

and turned the shop into a country store, H. N. Williams—a name it carries today. Remarkable is the business has been run by family members ever since it opened in 1840!

Herbert expanded the inventory to include sleighs and wagons, ammunition, gramophones, and he even rented bicycles. He purchased a nearby carriage barn and had it hauled to the store site by a horse team and rollers during the winter. This added-on building (on the left) is part of the store today.

The advent of motorized cars and trucks diminished the need for horse tack and gear, but the store adjusted and added food, hardware items, and paint.

Herbert's daughter, Ada and her husband Austin Rumney took over during World War II and were the proprietors for the next 40 years. They built their own sugar house behind the store and for many years were one of the largest maple syrup producers in the area. Austin also did custom tractor work with his John Deere. During those four decades the store basically remained unchanged.

Today's manager-owner William Williams (Billy) Brownlee recalls how his parents (Ruth Williams and Dennis Brownlee) continually readjusted the inventory to better serve the changing needs of the community. He started working in the store himself at age 12, and he recalls it was hard to find a particular item for a customer because the huge inventory was spread all over the place, even though little rooms were devoted to select items like footwear, sporting goods, farm and pet supplies.

Billy, who earned a degree in business from UVM, feels the challenge of maintaining an historic profile and keeping the store profitable and viable during changing economic times. His customers include year-round Dorset residents, second homeowners in the summer, farmers, hunters in the fall, summer tourists, outdoors people, and workers in varying trades.

A major renovation project was undertaken in 2007 which included adding a basement under the left side of the store with new and extra-large supporting timbers, but retaining the original wooden floors. This provides their own areas for sporting goods and hardware, and more space for its large and inviting clothing and footwear collection—a major sale item of the store today.

The renovation also included the addition of a deli which features salads, sandwiches, daily specials and soups. One of its soups—a tomato-cheddar—won first place in a recent food competition. Among its specials are BBQ pulled pork and sesame chicken, as well as vegan, vegetarian and

gluten-free dishes, and specialty salads. The deli also offers a catering service.

The store hosts a farmers summer market which draws shoppers looking for fresh vegetables and other locally-raised farm products. Billy feels the store has built a loyalty and trust over the years by providing quality products. The upscale inventory includes more Vermont-made items, organic grains and seeds, and products to serve the part-time home farm and gardener.

Billy is married to the former Blair Chamberlain and has a two-year-old daughter Kate, a five-year-old son Max and a 12-year-old stepson Willie. Whether one of them will want to carry on the family-owned store tradition is too far off for him to wonder or worry about now, Billy says. But let's hope so!

*The H. N. Williams Store is located at 2732 Rte. 30 in Dorset, VT. It is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information call (802) 867-5353. For the deli call (802) 867-0405. www.hnwilliams.com.*



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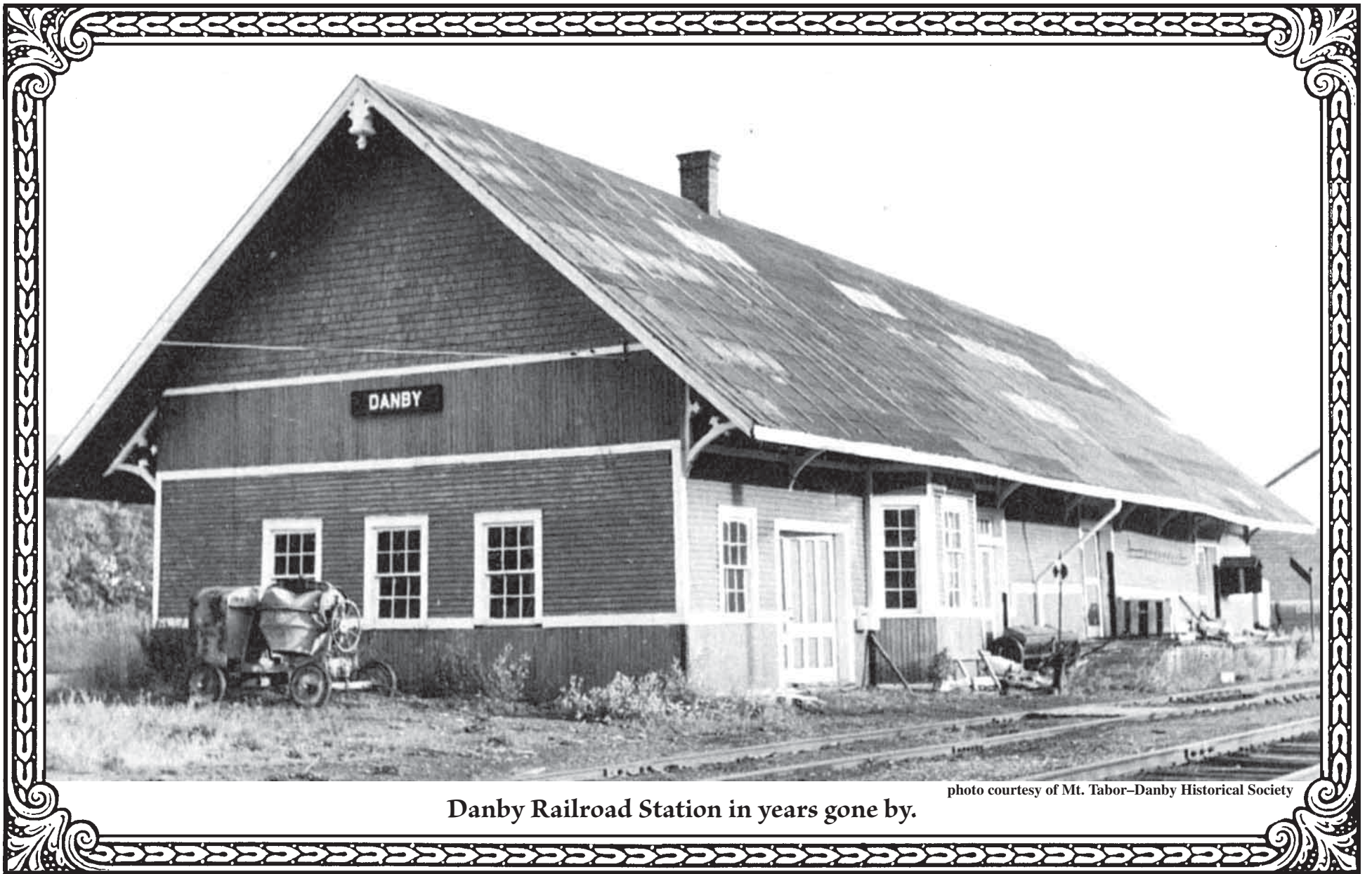


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The Mt. Tabor-Danby Historical Society is hosting a free talk Monday, July 25 at the Society building at 20 S. Main St. in Danby at 7 p.m. by a retired telegrapher, Kenneth Linihan Sr., who worked

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## Vermont's Family-Friendly Fishing Opportunities

Finding a good place to take the kids fishing can seem like a mystery if you haven't ventured out before, but the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department just provided some clues to make it a lot easier by putting together a web-based list of 23 family-friendly fishing hotspots.

Your kids are growing up so fast it won't be long before they're on their own. What memories will you be able to share with them? Chances are they won't remember their best day of watching television, but take them fishing and you'll make memories you can share for a lifetime.

"Vermont offers many opportunities to enjoy fishing with family and friends," said Vermont Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Patrick Berry. "We've asked our experts, our fishery biologists, to compile this list of family-friendly fishing opportunities. They've chosen locations across the state where you can take the kids fishing and have an excellent chance of catching some fish. This list offers just a taste of countless fishing opportunities across Vermont—you

could spend a lifetime exploring our rivers and lakes and never run out of new places to go."

All the destinations provide opportunities to fish from shore, and at some, you can rent a boat or launch your own. Some locations also offer other fun activities like swimming and playgrounds to complement your fishing trip.

"In Vermont, kids under 15 don't need a fishing license, reduced fee licenses are available for anglers 15 to 17 years old, and licenses for adults are an absolute bargain compared to the cost of other recreation," said Berry. "It's time to get out there and make some great memories for the whole family."

Go to Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website: [vtfishandwildlife.com](http://vtfishandwildlife.com). Look under "Fishing" and click on "Family Fishing Hotspots."

Click on any of the locations on the map to learn more about fishing opportunities—including directions, a list of fish species present, a Google Earth photo, and links to additional helpful information.

## Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge Kids' Fishing Derby

Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge in Swanton, VT is preparing for their annual kid's fishing derby on Saturday, July 30, 2011. The gate will open at 8 a.m. and we expect to wind up the event by about 1 p.m.

After considerable clean up along Macs Bend Rd. and along the banks of the Missisquoi River, enough progress has been made to provide a safe and accessible opportunity for young anglers and their families to enjoy a morning of fishing at this annual event on the refuge.

The derby will take place at its normal location at the Refuge along Macs Bend Road beginning at Louie's Landing boat launch located approximately 3 miles from Swanton Village on RT. 78. The gate to Macs Bend Rd. will open at 8:00 a.m. There is no fee to participate. Night crawlers will be provided.

The flooding in Lake Champlain and along the Missisquoi River have required considerable cleanup along the area where fishing occurs during the derby. We recommend that par-

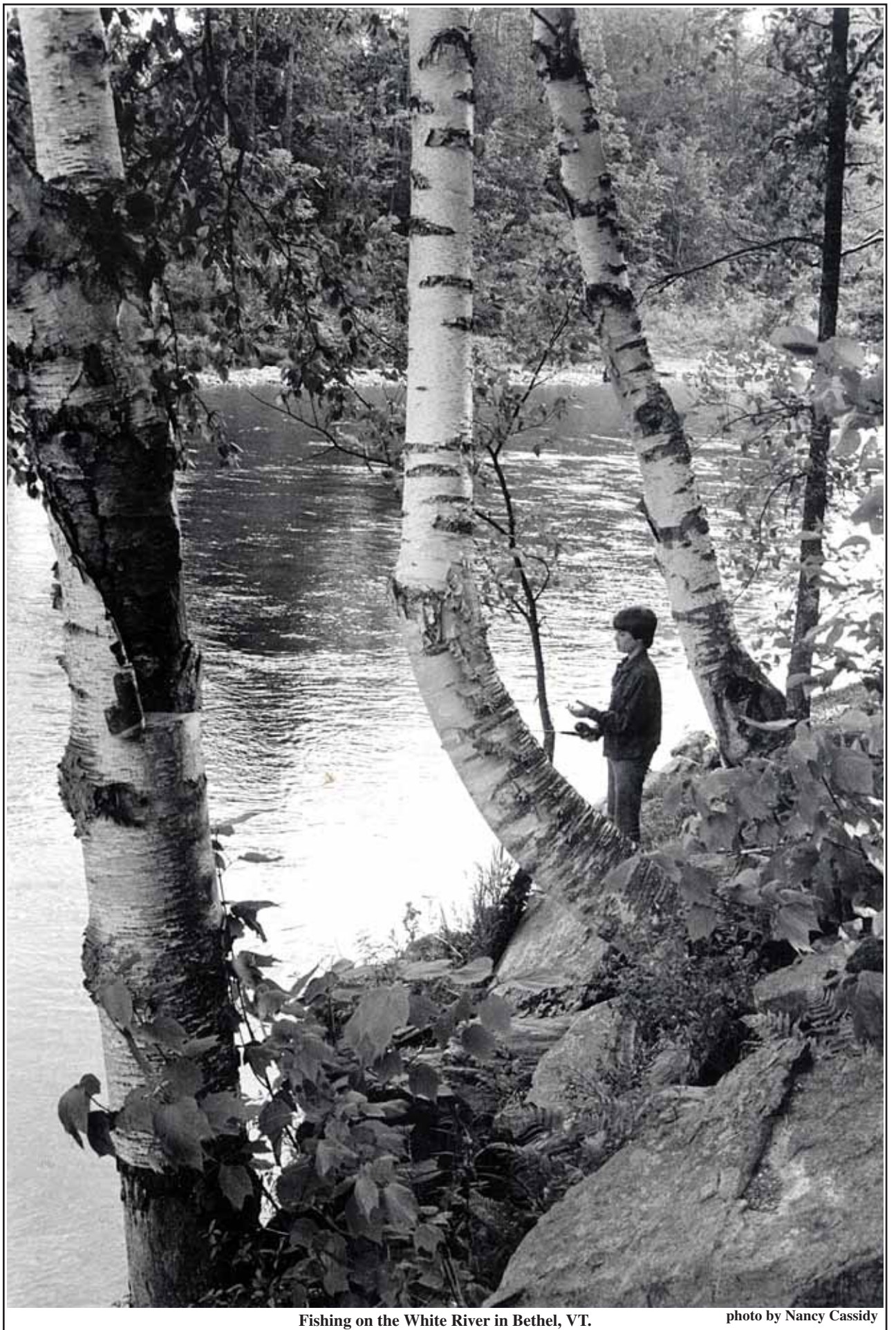
ticipants bring a lawn chair or other portable seating as the river bank has accumulated significant sediment not yet completely covered by vegetation and could be slippery and a bit muddy if we receive any rain just prior to the event day.

Every child at the derby will receive a free goody bag containing fishing related items that can be used for future fishing activities. There will be a random drawing of prize items as well as informational and educational displays and activities.

We will serve a free light lunch of hot dogs, chips, ice cream and lemonade.

Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge is located on the shores of Lake Champlain in Swanton, VT.

Please register youngsters 15 and under for the derby contacting Dave Frisque at (802) 868-4781 or e-mail: [Dave\\_Frisque@fws.gov](mailto:Dave_Frisque@fws.gov). Website: [www.fws.gov/northeast/missisquoi](http://www.fws.gov/northeast/missisquoi).



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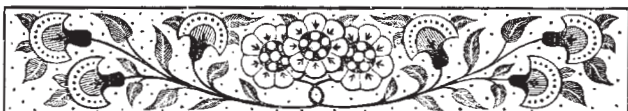
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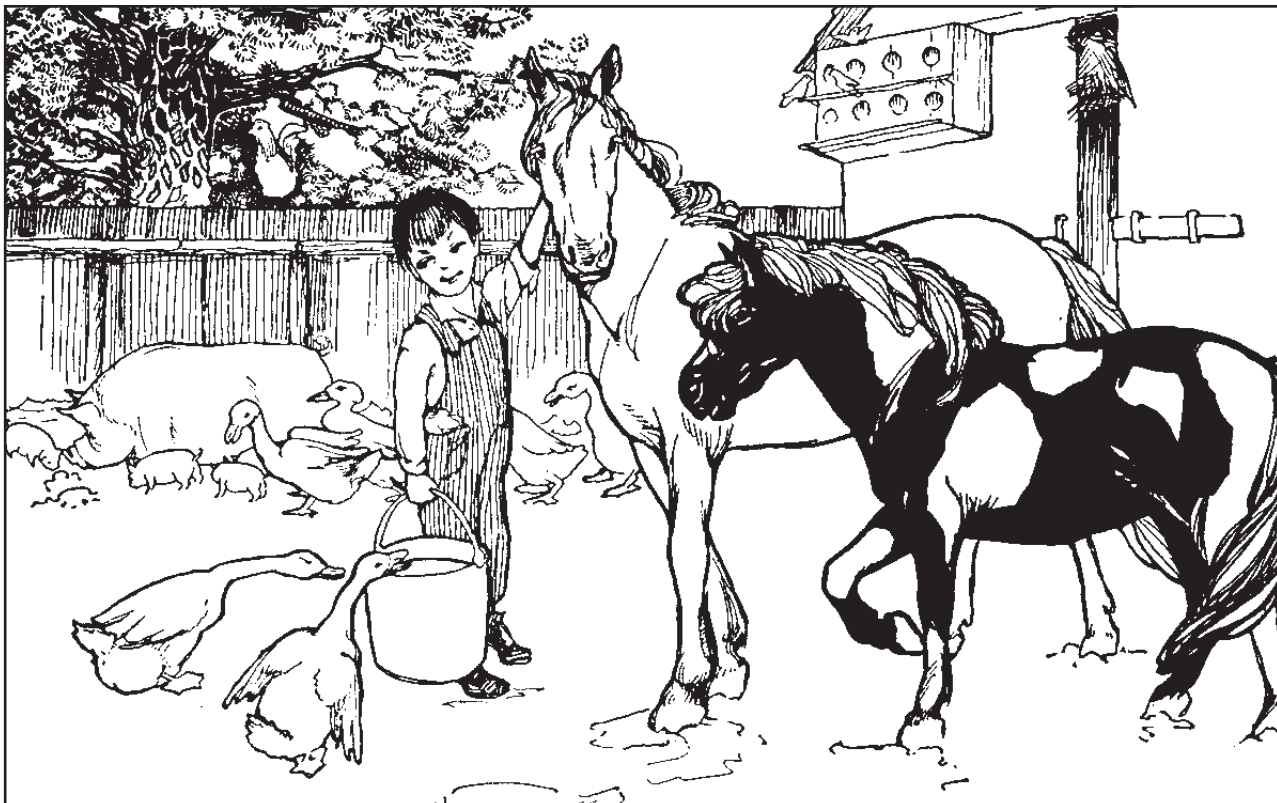


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## Harvesting Fruits And Other Summer Gardening Tips

by Charlie Nardozi, Horticulturist and Leonard Perry, UVM Extension Horticulturist

Harvesting produce and fruits regularly, and keeping up with watering and fertilizing containers, are some of the gardening tips for this month.

Harvest tomatoes, zucchini, beans, and other fruiting crops frequently to encourage continued production. Remove any fruits that have gone by unless you're in competition for the biggest zucchini! You don't want the plant to produce mature seeds because that will signal that it's time to slow down fruit production.

In the past, the recommendation was to remove spent blooms on petunias to encourage more blooms, and cut back leggy growth to keep plants tidy. Rather than snipping off the ends of the longest vines, they were cut back to within 3 or 4 inches of the soil line. From there they would sprout to give a fuller, bushier plant. Most modern petunias are "self-cleaning," that is their spent blossoms just fade and fall off so you don't need to remove them by hand. And they keep on blooming, so you don't need to cut them back. But if you have older cultivars (cultivated varieties), such as heirlooms or those you grew from seed, you may need to do this if they stop blooming.

Check container-grown plants frequently, and water as necessary to keep soil moist. Soil can dry out very quickly, especially in small containers and those made of clay. Hanging baskets, especially those lined with sphagnum moss or coir (the rough tan material made of coconut husk fibers), also dry out daily when plants are mature. If you bought a basket already planted, or didn't incorporate water absorbing gels at planting, scratch some in the surface now. You can find these at many complete garden stores. They hold much water, releasing it to the plants over time.

During periods of frequent rainfall, nutrients are washed out of the soil of container plants. Many of the newer annual flowers are raised, and bred, to need high fertility. Give them a dose of liquid fertilizer to keep them producing flowers

for the rest of the season. Add a dilute fish emulsion—or seaweed-based fertilizer to the water each time you water, or a synthetic liquid or slow release fertilizer, depending on your gardening philosophy.

Birds love blueberries as much as we do, so protect bushes with netting. Rather than draping the netting over the bush (birds will be able to reach the berries) use stakes to suspend the netting over the shrub. Secure the netting to the ground to prevent birds from sneaking in.

Stop pruning trees and shrubs. Any pruning done after mid-summer (early July) will stimulate new growth that might not have enough time to harden off before cold weather arrives. This can result in winter injury to the plant. Of course you should prune off any branches broken by wind or in storms.

Now's the time when strawberry beds can become a mass of baby plants. Renovate the beds, controlling the runners, encouraging them to root where you want them. Keep the bed well mulched and watered.

Visit a local perennial nursery to see what's in bloom and get some design ideas. You can find a listing of specialty Vermont nurseries online at [pss.uvm.edu/ppp/vpdgli.html](http://pss.uvm.edu/ppp/vpdgli.html).

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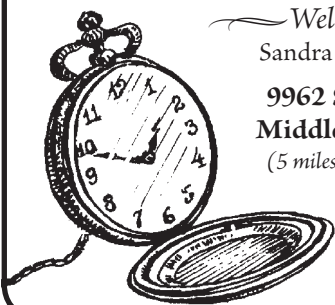
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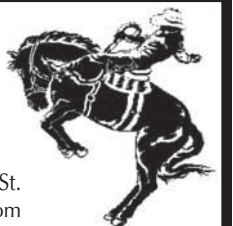
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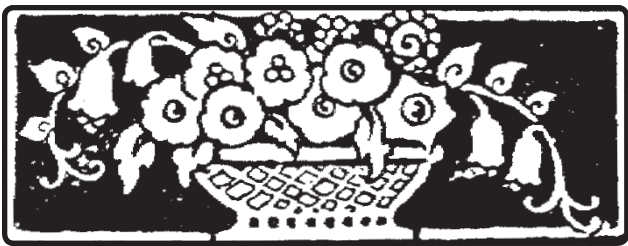
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**TREE FEELINGS**

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And feel yourself stand right straight up like that  
So stiff in the middle—and then branch at ease,  
Big boughs that arch, small ones that bend and blow,  
And all those fringy leaves that flutter so.  
You'd think they'd break off at the lower end  
When the wind fills them, and their great heads bend.  
But then you think of all the roots they drop,  
As much at bottom as there is on top,—  
A double tree, widespread in earth and air  
Like a reflection in the water there.

But I think they like wind best. From the light touch  
That lets the leaves whisper and kiss so much,  
To the great swinging, tossing, flying wide,  
And all the time so stiff and strong inside!  
And the big winds, that pull, and make them feel  
How long their roots are, and the earth how leal!

And O the blossoms! And the wild seeds lost!  
And jewelled martyrdom of fiery frost!  
And fruit-trees. I'd forgotten. No cold gem,  
But to be apples—  
And bow down with them!

—CHARLOTTE PERKINS GILMAN

I guess they like to stand straight in the sun  
And just breathe out and in, and feel the cool sap run;  
And like to feel the rain run through their hair  
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**BELLOWS FALLS.** Bellows Falls Farmers Market. Farm products, ready-to-eat food and live music. Free admission. Fridays 4-7 pm rain or shine at the Waypoint Center, Depot St. (802) 387-5109. bellowsfallsmarket@gmail.com. bffarmersmarket.com. *Fridays through October 15.*

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Fish Ladder and Watershed Visitor Center. Exhibits, displays, and activities focusing on the Connecticut River. Open Saturdays 10 am - 4 pm and Sundays 12-4 pm through Labor Day. Staffed by The Nature Museum. Free. Next to the Post Office on Bridge St. (802) 843-2111. www.nature-museum.org.

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

**BELMONT.** Mount Holly Farmer's Market features Vermont-made and Vermont-grown products, fresh produce, baked goods, hand crafts. Rain or shine. Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm. On the Belmont Village Green. (802) 259-2322. *Through October.*

**BELMONT.** Mount Holly Community Historical Museum. Open for browsing Saturdays 12-2 pm and Sundays 2-4 pm through August 28 and on October 8 & 9. Also year-round on second weekend of the month. Tarbellville Rd. (*turn right immediately after the Belmont Store, museum is on your right*). (802) 259-2460. www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org

**BENNINGTON.** Cruise-In. Show your classic car, classic truck, classic sports car, muscle car, or street rod. Over 200 cars expected, trophies awarded. Music by DJ Rich Ryder, food by Nan-Z's. Sponsored by Hemmings Motor News. 5:30-8 pm. Held at the Hemmings headquarters parking lot, 222 Main St. (802) 442-3101. www.hemmings.com. *August 4 & 18.*

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

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington Battle Monument. The tallest structure in Vermont commemorates the Battle of Bennington, a battle that led to the turning point in the Revolutionary War. Daily 9 am - 5 pm. Admission adults \$2; children 6-14 \$1; 5 and under free. At 15 Monument Circle. (802) 447-0550. historicvermont.org/bennington. *Open through October 31.*

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington-Walloomsac Farmers Market. Local produce, fresh meats, eggs, jams, teas, soaps, crafts, fresh-squeezed lemonade! Saturdays through October 29, 10 am - 1 pm; and Tuesdays through October 25, 3:30-5:30 pm. Beside the Walloomsac River walk at the Bennington Station, corner of Depot and River Sts, downtown. (802) 688-7210. www.walloomsac.org.

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

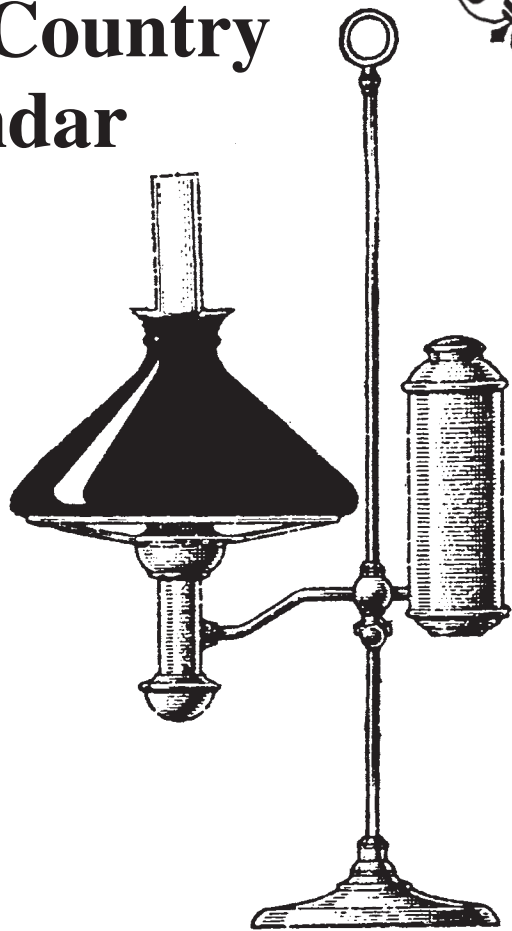
**BETHEL.** Bethel Farmers Market. On the Bethel Band Shell Common. Organic fruits, vegetables, crafts and local specialties. Mondays, 3-6 pm. (802) 234-9818. *Through October 5.*

**BRADFORD.** Bradford Historical Society Museum. Displays include: "Toys, Toys, Toys" and Civil War items. Free admission. Sponsored by Bradford Historical Society. 10 am to noon. Bradford Academy Building, third floor, 172 Main St. (802) 222-4423. lccoffin@charter.net.

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

**BRANDON.** Free Band Concert. Brandon Town Band performs every Monday night through September in Brandon's Central Park, weather permitting. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. 6:30-7:30 pm. brandon.org.

**BRANDON.** The Power of Place—Landscapes and Mindscapes from Vermont. An Exhibit of works by Linda Durkee, Judith Reilly, Phoebe Stone, and Dick Weis. Gallery in the Field, 685 Arnold District Rd. www.galleryinthefield.com. (802) 247-0125. *Through Sept. 1.*



**BRANDON.** Farmer's Market. Produce, breads, jams, honey, maple products, local meats, local mohair and alpaca products, handknit and crocheted items, and crafts. Fridays, 9 am - 2 pm. In Brandon's Central Park. (802) 273-2655. brandon.org. *Through mid-October.*

**BRATTLEBORO.** Brattleboro Area Farmers Market. All homegrown, homemade, and hand-crafted. Over 50 vendors with agricultural products, crafts, live music, and ethnic foods. Saturday market on Rt. 9 (Western Ave.) past the Creamery Bridge, through October 29, 9 am - 2 pm. Wednesday market downtown at the Gibson-Aiken Center on Main St., through October 26, 10 am - 2 pm. Rain or shine. (802) 254-8885. farmersmarket05301@yahoo.com. www.brattleborofarmersmarket.com.

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

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**BRATTLEBORO.** Post Oil Solutions meets frequently and sponsors events with a mission to advance cooperative, sustainable communities. For info contact Tim Stevenson at info@postoilsolutions.org or www.postoilsolutions.org.

**BROWNINGTON.** Old Stone House Museum. See the new exhibit about textiles in northern Vermont during the early 19th century. Celebrate the Orleans County Historical Society's archival building at 109 Old Stone House Rd. (802) 754-2022. information@oldstonehousemuseum.org. www.oldstonehousemuseum.org.

**BURLINGTON.** Exhibit. GLOW: Living Lights. Explore the mysterious and brilliant world of bioluminescence and animals that "glow" from fireflies to flashlight fish. Workshops, programs, café, gift shop, story hour. Admission: \$9.50 adults, \$7 ages 3 - 17, \$8 seniors and students, under 3 free. Monday-Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm. ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center, Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, One College St. (877) 324-6385. info@echovermont.org. www.echovermont.org. *Through September 6.*

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

**CASTLETON.** 15th Annual Summer Concert Series. New York Players perform. The Castleton Recreation Department and the Castleton Concert on the Green present a concert every Tuesday, rain or shine, through the summer. 7 pm on the Village Green. Rain site: Castleton State College, Casella Theater. Free, open to the public. (802) 273-2911.

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

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He may be ten kinds of a fool,  
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There may be a shadow above him  
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And I may not respect, but I love him,  
Because—well, because he's my friend.  
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# Vermont Country Calendar

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**CHESTER.** Chester Farmers Market. Fresh local produce and locally made goods. 11 am to 2 pm Sundays through Columbus Day weekend. At the Vermont Country Store between the covered bridge and the Grist Mill, on Route 103 in Rockingham. [www.chestervermont.org](http://www.chestervermont.org).

**CHESTER.** Monthly Public Astronomy Meetings for the Southern Vermont Astronomy Group. Second Tuesday of the month – free to the public at Whiting Library. September-May, 7 pm; June-August, 8 pm. Star parties and other events. For membership and information contact the Southern Vermont Astronomy Group, PO Box 424, Chester, VT 05143. [www.sovera.org](http://www.sovera.org).

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

**CHESTER.** Activities at Gassetts Grange Hall. Craft workshops, Thursdays 2-4 pm, everyone welcome, free refreshments and coffee, info: Bonnie, (802) 875-3500. Bingo Thursdays 6-9 pm. Dance and monthly community breakfast buffets first Saturdays. Monthly Country Jamboree. Gassetts Grange Hall, junction of Rts. 10 and 103N. For information call Dave (802) 875-2637.

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

**CHELSEA.** Farmers Market. Baked goods, cheese, meats, prepared foods, produce and crafts; story time at 3:30 pm. Fridays 3 to 6:30 pm on the North Common at Rt. 110 and Rt. 113. [chelseacommunitymarket@gmail.com](mailto:chelseacommunitymarket@gmail.com). (802) 685-7726.

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

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

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**DORSET.** Eighth Annual Dorset Farmers' Market. Over 40 vendors with the freshest seasonal produce, artisan breads, grass-fed meats, cheeses, condiments, sweets, gourmet prepared foods, unique artisan goods and plant & flower sets. Live entertainment. 10 am - 2 pm. On the lawn at H.N. Williams General Store, Rt. 30. For info: (518) 222-1149. [www.dorsetfarmersmarket.com](http://www.dorsetfarmersmarket.com). *Sundays through October 9.*

**DORSET.** 36th Annual Dorset Theatre Festival. *Noises Off*, July 28–August 13. *Mauritius*, August 18–27. At The Dorset Playhouse, 104 Cheney Rd. For tickets call (802) 867-2223.

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

**EAST DORSET.** Vermont Summer Festival Horse Show. Top equestrian competition. Food and other concessions. Admission \$7 adults, \$5 children. 8 am - 4 pm. Harold Beebe Farm, Rt. 7, north of Manchester. (802) 496-4878. [info@vt-summerfestival.com](mailto:info@vt-summerfestival.com). [www.vt-summerfestival.com](http://www.vt-summerfestival.com). *Wednesdays through Sundays, through August 14.*

**EAST HARDWICK.** Free Sunday Garden Skills Workshops & Tours. Sunday mornings through mid-August. Seed saving, plant propagation, plant and weed i.d., aphids, edibles—you name it. Starts at noon, lasting 30 minutes. No charge, but please phone us first, the day before, to let us know. Perennial Pleasures Nursery and Tea Garden, 63 Brick House Rd. (802) 472-5104. [www.perennialpleasures.net](http://www.perennialpleasures.net).

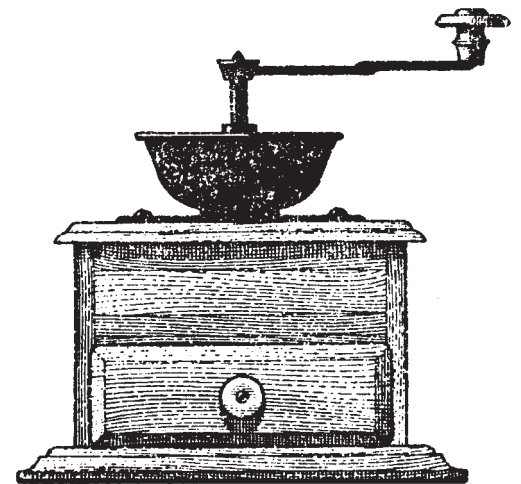
**EAST THETFORD.** Cedar Circle Farm and Education Center. A certified organic, fifty-acre vegetable and berry farm. Farmstand with local produce and Vermont products. Hello Cafe (with wireless internet) servings snacks and beverages. Cooking and gardening classes, seasonal events, pick-your-own. Dinners in the Field. Open Mon-Sat 10 am - 6 pm, Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. [growing@cedarcirclefarm.org](mailto:growing@cedarcirclefarm.org). [www.cedarcirclefarm.org](http://www.cedarcirclefarm.org). *Open through October.*

**FAIRLEE.** Railroad Station Outdoor Flea Market. Antiques, household & miscellaneous items. Admission free. 7:30 - 3 pm. Every Saturday & Sunday, weather permitting, located on Main St. (Rt. 5), in front of the Fairlee railroad station. (802) 333-4809. [Rctc8@yahoo.com](mailto:Rctc8@yahoo.com). *Through October 9.*

**FERRISBURGH.** The Elderberry Plants are Ready! Two cultivars, Coomer & Berry Hill, from the stock of Lewis Hill, are ready. The elderberry has a long history on the Vermont homestead, and is used for plant medicine, stream bed erosion control, and food for birds. \$12/plant. Honey Gardens Apiaries, 2777 Rt. 7. For more information call Todd Hardie, (802) 877-6766. [www.honeygardens.com](http://www.honeygardens.com).

**FERRISBURGH.** Rokeby Museum, a National Historic Landmark, one of the best-documented Underground Railroad sites in the country. The farm was home to a family of Quakers, farmers, abolitionists, authors, and artists including Rowland Robinson, naturalist, writer and artist. Furnished house and outbuildings, exhibits, tours, hiking trails, and special events. Pie & Ice Cream Benefit Social, August 14, 1-4 pm. House tours Thurs-Sun 11 am, 12:30 pm, 2 pm. Fee: \$6 adults, \$4 seniors/students, \$2 children 12 and under. Open Tues-Sun, 10 am - 4 pm. Grounds open year round during daylight. Rokeby Museum, Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. [rokeby.org](http://rokeby.org). *Open through October 11.*

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



## Drifting Downstream

by Bill Felker

*Infinite numbers, delicacies, smells,  
With hues on hues expression cannot paint,  
The breath of Nature and her endless bloom.*

—James Thomson

*Sitting with our faces now up-stream, we studied  
the landscape by degrees, as one unrolls a map—  
rock, tree, house, hill, and meadow assuming new  
and varying position as wind and water shifted  
the scene, and there was variety enough for our  
entertainment in the metamorphoses of the simplest  
objects.*

—Henry David Thoreau

The sense of the passing days often confuses me, and I need more and more days in order to find out what they might mean. I must have forgotten the first time, I tell myself, or I must have missed something. I feel that if I simply repeat an act or an observation or a day, I will finally see something different or see what I thought I saw once before, or what I should have or might have seen, and that I will probe the truth

a little further, learn other secrets, find what I must have been looking for. But repetition calls my bluff. My perspective changes every time I begin again. The more days I have, the less I know. Each day is its own master, and my awareness of its nature fluctuates with the intricate interplay of light and shape, sound and texture and emotion.

My mind, setting its attention to a particular memory or scent or interaction, is carried by associations to create a new physical and psychological landscape. A slight shift of the season or marker or mood produces an entirely different set of connections, with kaleidoscopic results, different patterns with truly uncountable combinations and colors, reforming, adjusting, reshaping at the slightest movement or change of view.

Like Thoreau's persona watching "the landscape by degrees" on his trip down the Concord and Merrimack Rivers, I drift downstream through Thomson's "infinite numbers, delicacies, smells, with hues on hues," unrolling the map of the days in a way that disarms metaphysical concerns, and in a way that reveals arbitrary bonds and ephemeral, instantaneous seasons.

The hunger for repetition, teaches the river, is the deceptive hunger for permanence. The metamorphosis is terminal, it says, and the ride is the only thing.

## Indifference

Over my garden	A young wren cried
An airplane flew,	Seeking his mother.
But nothing there	Gay zinnias
Either cared or knew.	With heavy heads
Cabbage butterflies	Flaunted yellows
Chased each other.	And mauves and reds.

—LOUISE DRISCOLL

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**GLOVER.** Man = Carrot Circus followed by Uprisers' Pageant. Museum tours at 1 pm, little street shows and happenings at 2:30 pm, and main program at 3 pm, *Sundays through August 28.* Lubberland Dance Company performs 12 Reasonable and Unreasonable Crying Dances for 2011 at 7:30 pm, *Fridays through August 26.* See one of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world. Open evenings after shows and daily 10 am – 6 pm to November 1. Free, donations welcome. Bread & Puppet Theater and Museum, 753 Heights Rd., Rt. 122 off Rt. 16. (802) 525-3031. breadpup@together.net. www.breadandpuppet.org.

**GRANVILLE, NY.** The Slate Valley Museum. Exhibits, events, demonstrations, programs, and gift shop. Museum is open Tues thru Sat 10-5, Sun 1-4 pm. Admission \$5. Downtown at 17 Water St. (518) 642-1417. www.slatevalleymuseum.org.

**HARTLAND.** Farmer's Market. We feature locally grown produce and hand-picked music. The market is collaborating with Hartland's own Bugbee's Rubbish Removal for on-site rubbish and recycling collection during market hours for a small fee. Fridays 4-7 pm at Hartland Public Library, 153 Route 5. (802) 436-2500. www.hartlandfarmersmarket.com. *Fridays through September 30.*

**HUBBARDTON.** Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site. The only Revolutionary War battle fought entirely in Vermont. Bring your flag to be raised over the Hubbardton Battlefield and receive a certificate. Adults \$2, 14 and under free. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site is at 5696 Monument Hill Rd., seven miles north of Rt. 4. (802) 273-2282. www.historicvermont.org. *Open through October 10.*

**ISLE LA MOTTE.** 2011 Pilgrimage and Tourist Season. Summer Reflection Series during August. Concerts and dinners. St. Anne's Shrine, 92 St Anne's Rd. (802) 928-3362. fstanne@pshift.com. www.saintanneshrine.org. *Open through October 10.*

**KILLINGTON.** "It's Cooler in the Mountains" Concert Series. Local and regional bands, outdoor activities, kids' games, beer garden, and BBQ. Killington's K-1 Base Area. (802) 422-2146. www.discoverkillington.com. *July 30 through August 27.*

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

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

**LEBANON, NH.** The Lebanon Summer Farmers' Market. Fresh produce and food products, vegetables, crafts, free entertainment. Thursdays 4-7 pm, at Colburn Park. (603) 448-5121. www.lebanonfarmersmarket.org. *Open through September 30.*

**LEICESTER.** Addison County Farm Animal Homeopathy Study Group. Learn how other farmers are applying homeopathy to their herds or flocks. Discussion includes an in-depth look of at least one remedy, some theory and a case analysis. Meets the first Thursday of each month and is open to all levels. 1-3 pm at Taconic End Farm. For more info call Annie Claghorn, (802) 247-3979. foxclag@gmavt.net.

**LONDONDERRY.** West River Farmers Market. Organic local fruits, vegetables, and meats; award winning wines and cheese; specialty foods; crafts from over 50 vendors! Saturdays, 9 am – 1 pm. In the park along the West River next to the Mill Tavern Restaurant, at the intersection of Rts. 11 & 100. (802) 875-5004. wrfmvt@yahoo.com. www.westriverfarmersmarket.com. *Open Saturdays through October 8.*

**LUDLOW.** Summer Outdoor Concert Series. Great music, barbeque and cold drinks. Free admission. Bring your lawn chairs. Rain or shine. 6 pm until sundown. Okemo Mountain at Jackson Gore Inn. (802) 228-4041. www.okemo.com. *Fridays through September 2.*

**LUDLOW.** Black River Academy Museum. Exhibits, programs, gift shop. Open Tues-Sat 12-4 pm. 14 High St. (802) 228-5050. www.bramvt.org. *Through October 11.*

**LUDLOW.** Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts. Vermont's oldest residential arts and crafts school. Ongoing exhibits, classes, lectures, and workshops. Annual Arts & Crafts Festival August 20, 10 am – 4 pm. Fletcher Farm School, 611 Rt. 103 South. For information or to request a catalog, contact (802) 228-8770. www.fletcherfarm.org.

**LYME, NH.** Outdoor Buffet and Live Musical Entertainment. At Loch Lyme Lodge on Post Pond. Every Sunday through September 4. 6 pm sharp! For more info call (603) 795-2141, (800) 423-2141. lochllymelodge.com. www.lochllymelodge.com.

**LYNDONVILLE.** Lyndon Town Band Concert in the Park. Every Wednesday evening through the summer. Free. 7 pm. Bandstand Park. (802) 626-9696. info@lyndonvermont.com. www.lyndonvermont.com.

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** The Manchester Farmers Market. Over 20 vendors bringing fresh-picked produce, local meats, cheeses, wine, fruit, preserved and prepared foods, and quality handcrafts. Thursdays 3-6 pm. Adams Park, Rt. 7A. (518) 222-1149. mfmvt@yahoo.com. www.manchestermarket.org. *Open Thursdays through October 6.*

**MANCHESTER.** Southern Vermont Arts Center Exhibitions. Gallery, special events, concerts, gift shop, and café. SVAC, Yester House Gallery, West Rd. (802) 362-1405. www.svac.org.

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

**MANCHESTER.** Southern Vermont Sampler Tours. Explore our area with a local guide in an eight-passenger tour vehicle. Visit an abandoned marble quarry, an experimental forest preserve, villages, an alpaca plantation, a one-of-a-kind general store, a hidden waterfall, stunning mountain & valley vistas. Fee, reservations required. Daily 1-4 pm. Tour starts at Adams Park, 357 Center Hill Rd. (802) 362-4997. www.backroaddiscovery.com. *Through September 23.*

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Tuesday Concert on The Green. Live local music. 6-8 pm. Rain location Riley Rink at Hunter Park. (802) 362-6313 visitmanchestertv.com. *Tuesdays through August 16.*

**MARLBORO.** 60th Annual Marlboro Music Festival. Five weekends of chamber music concerts on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, July 16 through August 14. Persons Auditorium, Marlboro College, 2472 South Rd. For tickets call (802) 254-2394. www.marlbormusic.org.

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

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

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

**MONTPELIER.** 34th Annual Capital City Farmers Market. Almost 100 vendors selling fresh produce, meats, cheese, eggs, crafts, baked goods, and prepared foods to snack on! 9 am – 1 pm at 60 State St. at corner of Elm St. (802) 223-2958. manager@montpelierfarmersmarket.com. www.montpelierfarmersmarket.com. *Open Saturdays through October.*

**MOUNT HOLLY.** Mount Holly Farmers Market. Vermont-made & Vermont-grown products, fresh produce, baked goods, hand crafts. Saturdays 10 am – 1 pm, rain or shine. On the Belmont Village Green. (802) 259-2322. ssmith@vermontel.net. *Through October 1.*

**NEWPORT.** "Puzzled!...Putting All the Pieces Together." A community-wide event. Begins with community workshops in June with the full exhibit beginning July 9th during the Aquafest Street Fest/Arts On Main event. All supplies provided. Memphremagog Arts Collaborative, 158 Main St. memphremagogartscollaborative.com. (802) 334-1966. *Through Labor Day.*

**SHELDON.** Summer Music at Grace. Suggested donation \$15. 7:30 pm. Grace Church Grace Church (Episcopal), 215 Pleasant St. (802) 326-4603. beth@daybell.net. www.gracechurchsheldon.org. *Concerts July 28, August 20, and September 9.*

**NORWICH.** Norwich Farmers Market. Local/organic produce, meats, cheeses, eggs, handicrafts, baked goods, prepared foods, and live music. Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm. Rt. 5, one mile south of Norwich village. (802) 384-7447. norwichfarmersmarket.org. *Through October.*

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

**ORWELL.** Mount Independence State Historic Site. In 1776, this military complex was one of the largest communities in North America. 300 acres of pasture, woodlands, spectacular vistas of Lake Champlain and trails, some wheelchair accessible. Visitor's Center and Museum with archaeological artifacts. Open daily 9:30 am – 5 pm. Admission: adults \$5, children 14 and under free. On Mount Independence Rd., off Rt. 73. (802) 948-2000. historicvermont.org. *Open through October 11.*

## 250th Anniversary Display at Shrewsbury Historical Society

This summer, the Shrewsbury Historical Society museum will be open every Sunday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. until the end of October.

In commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the town of Shrewsbury's charter, the museum is displaying a copy of the original charter granting 24,000 acres to Shrewsbury.

A copy will be presented to the townspeople at the Community Center on September 4th, the date of the original signing.

The Town of Shrewsbury will be celebrating with a parade, pot luck, and many

events on September 3rd and 4th. The museum is also displaying almost a hundred photos from albums showing Shrewsbury's growth, featuring Farming, Cemeteries, Churches, Inns and Taverns, Organizations, Spring Lake, Hunting and Fishing, the CCC crew of the 1930s, Transportation, Business & Industry and Wars.

*Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum, 5419 Route 103, Cuttingsville, VT. For more information call (802) 492-2175 or visit shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com. The museum is free.*



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**PEACHAM.** Peacham Farmers Market. Weekly community event and a source for quality foods and crafts. With live folk music, children's activities, and locally-made ice cream, the market offers a charming way to spend the afternoon, for kids and adults alike. Thursdays 3 pm – 6 pm on the Historic Academy Green in the heart of the village. (802) 592-3161. [www.peacham.net/market](http://www.peacham.net/market). *Through September 29.*

**PITTSFORD.** New England Maple Museum. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our gift shop. Maple Candy Making Demonstrations from 10:30 am – 3 pm, no charge, on Wednesdays through October 12—sample candy fresh from the mold. Open daily May 20 – October 31, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm. On Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. [info@maplemuseum.com](mailto:info@maplemuseum.com). [www.maplemuseum.com](http://www.maplemuseum.com).

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

**POULTNEY.** Poultney Farmer's Market. Fresh fruits, veggies, plants, flowers and herbs. Local bakers with fabulous pies and treats, Vermont maple products and honey, homemade crafts, foods. Every Thursday 9 am to 2 pm on Main Street. (802) 325-3205. [webmaster@vtfarmersmarket.org](mailto:webmaster@vtfarmersmarket.org). [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org). *Through October 6.*

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

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

**PROCTOR.** Vermont Marble Museum. The world's largest marble exhibit. Visit the art gallery & sculpture studio, exhibits, custom fabrication showroom, and gift shop. Admission: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors, \$4 teens, children free. Open 9 am – 5:30 pm daily. At 52 Main St. (800) 427-1396. [www.vermont-marble.com](http://www.vermont-marble.com). *Through October 29.*

**PUTNEY.** Twilight on the Lawn Concert Series. Twilight Music. Folk, world beat, rock, jazz, zydeco, Celtic, swing and bluegrass. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Fridays 6:30 pm. The Putney Tavern lawn on Main St. or at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in case of rain. (802) 387-5772. [www.twilightmusic.org](http://www.twilightmusic.org). *Through September 2.*

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

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

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

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

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

**RUTLAND.** Sunday Rutland City Band Concerts. Sundays 7-8:30 pm in the gazebo in Main Street Park, at the corner of Main St. (Rt. 7) and West St. Free, families welcome. Bring your lawn chairs blankets, and picnics. (802) 775-5378. [www.rutlandrec.com](http://www.rutlandrec.com). *Through August 21.*

**RUTLAND TOWN.** Market Fair. A farmer's market and a country crafts fair and more. Live music, international foods and energy healing. Fridays 3-8 pm. Home Depot/Big Lots Plaza, 299 Route 4 East. (802) 558-6155. [www.marketfair.us](http://www.marketfair.us). *Through October.*

**RUTLAND.** Vermont Farmers Market. Over 90 Saturday vendors, and a dozen Tuesday vendors. Fresh spring greens, produce, grass-fed meats, artisan cheeses, freshly baked organic breads, honey, jellies & jams, maple syrup & maple products, hot foods, wines, wool, glasswork and jewelry—a great place to shop, eat and visit! Entertainment. 9 am to 2 pm every Saturday and Tuesdays 3-6 pm. Located downtown in Depot Park. For info call Greg Cox (802) 683-4606 or Judy Dark at (802) 773-4813. [vtfarmersmarket.org](mailto:vtfarmersmarket.org). *Through October.*

**RUTLAND.** Wednesday Concerts in the Park. Free, families welcome. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. 7-9 pm in the gazebo in Main Street Park, at corner of Main St. (Rt. 7) and West St. (802) 773-1822 x 13. [www.rutlandrec.com](http://www.rutlandrec.com). *Through August 10.*

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

**RUTLAND.** Chaffee Art Center—Rutland Area Art Association. Exhibits, classes, workshops, open studio evenings. Summer Members Exhibit through July 31. 50th Annual Art in the Park festival, August 13 & 14 in Main St. Park near corner of Rts. 4 & 7. Gallery open Wednesday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 12 noon until 4 pm. 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. [www.chaffeeartcenter.org](http://www.chaffeeartcenter.org).

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

**RUTLAND.** Friday Night Live. Open air market with entertainment, food, and booths on Center Street, in downtown Rutland. Featuring live music. Center Street is blocked off for the festivities! Fridays 6-10 pm. (802) 773-9380. [www.rutlandvermont.com](http://www.rutlandvermont.com).

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

**SHARON.** Sharon Sprouts Farmers Market. Second Saturdays each month. Local vegetables, eggs, meat, poultry, baked goods, handmade crafts, and more! Local lunch served from 11:30 am – 1 pm. Market open from 10 am – 1 pm at Sharon Elementary School, Rt. 132. For info call Donna Foster at (802) 763-8280.

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

**SOUTH ROYALTON.** Outdoor Summer Band Concert. South Royalton Town Band performs in the gazebo on the Green. 7:30 pm. Free. Rain site is the SRHS Gymnasium. Performing on August 4, 7, 11. (802) 234-6400.

**SOUTH WALLINGFORD.** Line Dancing every Tuesday. Beginners and experienced. \$5 per person, snack bar available. 6-9 pm at the Maple Valley Grange Hall, Rt. 7. (802) 446-2872. [www.wallingfordvt.com](http://www.wallingfordvt.com).

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

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

**SPRINGFIELD.** Springfield Community Market. Local produce, crafts and music in a home-spun atmosphere. Every Saturday from 10-1 in the parking lot of Chittenden Bank on Main St. (802) 263-5390. [springfieldcommunitymarket.com](http://springfieldcommunitymarket.com). *Through October 8.*

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

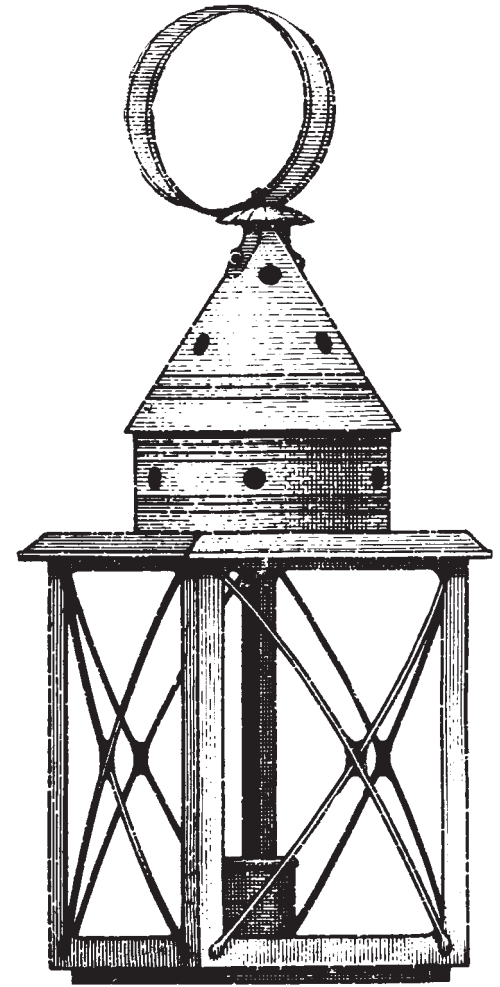
**STATEWIDE.** Fishing Season is Here: Trout, Landlocked Salmon, Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass, and Walleye. Licenses available at agents statewide and from [vtfishandwildlife.com](http://vtfishandwildlife.com). Pick up the 2011 Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping where fishing licenses are sold or from VT Fish & Wildlife Dept., 103 S. Main St., Waterbury, VT 05671. (802) 241-3700. [vtfishandwildlife.com](http://vtfishandwildlife.com).

**STRAFFORD.** Homestead Gallery in Gardens: A Sense of Place. Ongoing exhibit featuring local artists celebrating the 250th anniversary of the town of Strafford. Admission: adults \$5, children 14 and under, free. 10 am – 5 pm. Justin Morrill State Historic Site, Justin Morrill Highway. (802) 765-4484. [John.Dumville@state.vt.us](mailto:John.Dumville@state.vt.us). [www.historicvermont.org](http://www.historicvermont.org).

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Free Town Band Concerts. Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the bandstand just outside of the courthouse in the park. [www.stjohnsburyband.org](http://www.stjohnsburyband.org). *Through August.*

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

**TINMOUTH.** Contra Dance every fourth Friday. Admission \$8, \$6 for teens, \$3 for children 5-12, under 5 free. Refreshments available. 8 pm at Tinmouth Community Center, Rt. 140, 5 miles west of Wallingford. For info or directions call (802) 446-2928. [Tinmouthvt.org](http://Tinmouthvt.org).



**TOWNSHEND.** 4th Season Townshend Common Farmers Market. Farm fresh local vegetables, fruits, grass-fed meats, eggs, baked goods, dinner, live music and more in a beautiful setting! EBT cards welcome for food purchases and vegetable starts. Neighborhood Market Basket pilot project. Thursdays 3:30-6:30 pm rain or shine, on the Townshend Town Common at the intersection of Rt. 30 & 35. Check calendar listings for special events at [www.postoilssolutions.org](http://www.postoilssolutions.org). (802) 869-2141. [farmersmarket@postoilssolutions.org](mailto:farmersmarket@postoilssolutions.org). *Through October 13.*

**VERGENNES.** Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Fourteen exhibit buildings, replica vessels and on-water programs. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Admission. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd., next to Basin Harbor Club. (802) 475-2022. [www.lcmm.org](http://www.lcmm.org).

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

**WEATHERSFIELD.** Weathersfield Trail, Cascade Falls Rd. Of four hiking trails that go to the summit of Mt. Ascutney, the Weathersfield Trail is probably the most scenic. Highlights include Little Cascade Falls (.04 miles), Crystal Cascade Falls (an 84 foot high waterfall at 1.1 miles), Gus's Lookout and the West Peak Vista where hang gliders launch from in the summer. Observation platform on the summit. Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. (802) 886-2215. [www.weathersfieldvt.org](http://www.weathersfieldvt.org).

**WELLS.** Wells Village Farmers Market. Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm. At Wells Country Store, Wells Four Corners on Rt. 30. For info contact Helen Wood at (802) 325-3478. *Through October.*

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

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

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

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

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

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** White River Flyer Train Excursions. Tickets: adults \$21; children 3-12, \$17. (800) 707-3530. [dmurphy@vrs.us.com](mailto:dmurphy@vrs.us.com). [www.rails-vt.com](http://www.rails-vt.com). *July 21 – August 28, September 20 through October 23.*



# Vermont Country Calendar

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Upper Valley Co-op's First Friday Celebration. Live music by local artists, samples of local foods, 5% off all purchases for every shopper. 4-6 pm at the Upper Valley Food Co-op. (802) 295-5804. [www.uppervalleyfood.coop](http://www.uppervalleyfood.coop).

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Listen Community Dinner. Free nutritious meals served 5-6 pm every Monday and Wednesday. Take-home available. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 749 Hartford Ave. (603) 448-4553.

**WILMINGTON.** 29th Annual Wilmington Antique & Flea Market. Southern Vermont's largest weekend market. Outdoor shopping, collectibles, clothing, jewelry, furniture, house-wares, vegetables and plants. Food concession, free parking and admission. At Wilmington Antique & Flea Market, Inc., Rts. 9 & 100. (802) 464-3345. *Open weekends through mid-October.*

**WILMINGTON.** Evening Wagon Ride & Bonfire Party. A great way to experience Vermont's beauty and culture. Adams Farm, 15 Higley Hill Rd. Call to reserve: (802) 464-3762. [farmfun@sover.net](http://farmfun@sover.net). [www.adamsfamilyfarm.com](http://www.adamsfamilyfarm.com). *Through mid-October.*

**WINDSOR.** American Precision Museum. See the collection of the miniatures of master craftsman John Aschauer includes two working machine shops, steam power plant and a selection of other models. \$6 adults. 10 am - 5 pm. Robbins and Lawrence Armory, 196 Main St. (802) 674-5781. [americanprecision.org](http://americanprecision.org).

**WINDSOR.** Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery. Potted herbs and unusual perennials. Large collections of primroses, wildflowers & woodlanders, peonies, daylilies and hostas. Meander through display gardens nestled within our wild apple orchard, woodlands and fields. Cornish Artists' Guild Summer Art Show through September 11. Open 10 am - 6 pm daily. At 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. [flowers@ciderhillgardens.com](mailto:flowers@ciderhillgardens.com). [www.garymilek.com](http://www.garymilek.com). [ciderhillgardens.com](http://ciderhillgardens.com).

**WINDSOR.** Old Constitution House State Historic Site. The restored Old Constitution House looks as it did more than 200 years ago. See an exhibit recounting the writing of the most progressive constitution of its time. Open 11 am - 5 pm, Sat-Sun. Admission: adults \$2.50, children 14 & under are free. 16 N. Main St. (802) 672-3773. [www.historicvermont.org](http://www.historicvermont.org). *Open through October 10.*

**WINDSOR.** American Precision Museum. Peruse many historical and interesting exhibits and collections. Admission. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. 196 Main St. (802) 674-5781. [www.americanprecision.org](http://www.americanprecision.org). *Open through October 31.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Contra Dance and Dinner. Music by Old Sam Peabody, calling by Delia Clark. Vegetarian dinner 5:30-7:30 pm; family dance at 6 pm; potluck dessert at 7:30 pm; contra dance 8-10:30 pm. \$8 suggested donation, under 18 free. At the Little Theater, 54 River St. For more info call Steve at (802) 785-4039. [hoffmanathome@gmail.com](mailto:hoffmanathome@gmail.com). *Third Fridays September through May.*

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

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

**WOODSTOCK.** 25th Annual Quilt Exhibition. Quilting programs, informal workshops for beginning quilters, plus activities for all ages. Meet Windsor County's talented quilters as they discuss their most recent work. Admission (includes all activities): \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org). *Exhibit runs through September 25.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Billings Farm & Museum. Premiere Jersey dairy farm, restored 1890 farmhouse, family programs, festivities and museum. Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides Wednesdays, 11 am - 2 pm. Try out farm chores on Time Travel Tuesdays. Old-time gardening and recipes on Foodways Fridays. Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. 10 am to 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. just north of the village. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).

## MONDAY, JULY 25

**DANBY.** Mt. Tabor-Danby Historical Society Talk. Ken Linihan will speak about the Danby RR Station. Ken was a telegrapher at the station. Free. 7 pm at the Historical Society building at 20 S. Main St. (802) 293-5160. [wallacad@vermontel.com](mailto:wallacad@vermontel.com).

**MANCHESTER.** Chamber Music Concert—The Young Artists of the Manchester Music Festival. \$10 adults, \$5 students. 7:30 pm at Riley Center for the Arts, Burr & Burton Academy. (802) 362-1956. [info@mmfvt.org](mailto:info@mmfvt.org). [www.mmfvt.org](http://www.mmfvt.org). *Monday evenings through August 15.*

**RUTLAND.** Summer Monday Night Book Sale. New books added weekly. Sponsored by the Friends of the Rutland Free Library. 4-8 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. [rutlandfree.org](http://rutlandfree.org).

## TUESDAY, JULY 26

**CASTLETON.** The 16th Annual KoSA International Percussion Workshop, Camp and Festival at Castleton State College. For information and registration call (800) 540-9030 or visit [www.kosamusic.com](http://www.kosamusic.com). *Through July 31.*

**MANCHESTER.** Concert: Come Together. Featuring the Beatles tribute band, Beatles Faux Sale. Buffet dinner, open bar, dancing, live & silent auctions. Sponsored by Manchester Music Festival. Tickets \$75. 6:30-11 pm. At Hildene, under the tent. (802) 362-1956. [info@mmfvt.org](mailto:info@mmfvt.org). [www.mmfvt.org](http://www.mmfvt.org).

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

**BARRE.** Barre Heritage Festival and Homecoming Days. A celebration of community, culture, history, and the arts. Downtown Barre. (802) 476-3615. For full schedule visit [www.barreheritagefestival.org](http://www.barreheritagefestival.org). *Through July 31.*

**BETHEL.** Free Concert—Bethel Pea Pickers. Sponsored by Bethel Council on the Arts. Bring your chairs and blankets. 7-9 pm. Bethel Band Shell in the Park, 135 Church St. [bcavt.org](http://bcavt.org). [bowthayer.com](http://bowthayer.com).

**SHAFTSBURY.** Workshop: Cover Crop Strategies for Soil Health and Seed Production. Andrew Knafel will discuss the successes and failures of various cover crops he has utilized over the years—crop timing, selection, planting methods, and growing rye seed and how easy it is to produce. 4-6 pm. Nofavore Social afterwards using freshly harvested vegetables from the farm to top pizzas, starting at 6 pm. Free, donations accepted. Clear Brook Farm. Call to pre-register. (802) 434-4122. [info@nofavt.org](mailto:info@nofavt.org). [nofavt.org](http://nofavt.org).

## THURSDAY, JULY 28

**ADDISON.** Maplerama. Hands-on maple experiences. Tours of sugarhouses and tubing set-ups along with vendor demos, exhibits and maple-related activities. Syrup judging, maple products and banquet. Admission and registration. Thursday Evening, Friday all day, Saturday till 4 pm. Addison County Fair and Field Days Grounds. [www.business.addisoncounty.com](http://www.business.addisoncounty.com). (802) 453-5797. *Through July 30.*

**BARRE.** Barre Heritage Festival and Homecoming Days. A celebration of community, culture, history, and the arts. Si Kahn performance, legendary folk singer, 5:30-7:30 pm. Race at Thunder Road, 6:30 pm. Downtown Barre. (802) 476-3615. [www.barreheritagefestival.org](http://www.barreheritagefestival.org). *Through July 31.*

**CHESTER.** Summer Concert: Starline Rhythm Boys. Classic country and vintage rock 'n roll. 6:30 pm on the lawn of the Academy Building across from the Chester Green. Free. Rain or shine (rain location at Stone Hearth Inn). (802) 875-3400.

**FAIR HAVEN.** Concert in the Park: PossumHaw. A dynamic, original, authentic bluegrass and folk quintet. Free admission. 7 pm. At the Gazebo. Rain site: Fair Haven Baptist Church. [www.possumhaw.net](http://www.possumhaw.net).

**HIGHGATE.** 35th Annual Franklin County Field Days. Agricultural and 4-H displays. Demo derby, arts & crafts, music, midway. Camping available. Admission \$8, parking \$1. Fairgrounds on Airport Rd. (802) 868-2514. [www.franklincountyfielddays.org](http://www.franklincountyfielddays.org). *Through July 31.*

**MANCHESTER.** Manchester Music Festival Concert—Marimba and More. With 2008 Young Concert Artists Guild Winner Pius Cheung, marimba, performing Mozart, David P. Jones, Pius Cheung, and J.S. Bach. Tickets: \$35. 7:30 pm at Arkell Pavillion, Southern VT Arts Center. (802) 362-1956. [info@mmfvt.org](mailto:info@mmfvt.org). [www.mmfvt.org](http://www.mmfvt.org). *Thursdays through August 18.*

**MANCHESTER.** Shakespeare's "As You Like It." Presented by The Theater Company at Hubbard Hall. Free. 7 pm. In the Event Tent at Hildene, off Rt. 7A, south of town. (802) 362-1788. [info@hildene.com](mailto:info@hildene.com). [www.hildene.org](http://www.hildene.org).

**RANDOLPH.** Raw Dairy Processing Class—Kefir, Ricotta, and Soft Serve with Goat's Milk. Sponsored by Rural Vermont. Fee: \$20-\$40. 1-3 pm at Twin Acres. For more info contact Shelby Girard, (802) 223-7222. [shelby@ruralvermont.org](mailto:shelby@ruralvermont.org). [www.ruralvermont.org](http://www.ruralvermont.org).

**ROCHESTER.** BigTown BigTent 2011 Concert: Surprise evening performance with local talent focus. Tickets \$15. 8 pm. Also drum and voice workshop, \$40, 2-4 pm. BigTown Gallery, 99 N. Main St. (802) 767-9870. [www.bigtowngallery.com](http://www.bigtowngallery.com). *Through July 31.*

**ROYALTON.** Concert: South Royalton Town Band Performs. Includes marches by Sousa and others, Broadway show medleys, solos, trios and novelties and other pieces. Free. 7:30 to 9 pm. Royalton Congregational Church, Rt. 14. (802) 763-8172. [carl1337@sover.net](mailto:carl1337@sover.net).

**SPRINGFIELD.** 2011 Annual Stellafane Convention. A gathering of amateur telescope makers. Mirror-grinding and telescope-making demonstrations, technical lectures on telescope making and the presentation of awards for telescope design and craftsmanship. Convention located on Jordan Rd., Breezy Hill. Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc., PO Box 601, Springfield, VT 05156. [Webmaster@stellafane.com](mailto:Webmaster@stellafane.com). [www.stellafane.com](http://www.stellafane.com). *Through July 31.*

**WEST RUTLAND.** Concert: Phil Henry performs in a free outdoor concert on the Town Hall Green. 6-8 pm. Rain location Town Hall Auditorium.



## Wonderfeet Kids' Museum Opens in Rutland, VT

The Rutland Creative Economy introduces the beginning of a children's museum for Rutland, VT. With over a year of volunteer collaboration, the Wonderfeet Kids' Museum is unveiling exhibits for young kids in downtown Rutland.

Located at 5 Center Street in downtown Rutland (in the space that was formerly King's Fine Furniture) kids can walk on in and discover "Energy in Motion," "From Farm to Fit," (by Rutland Area Farm and Food Link) and "Trashformers."

The exhibits will be open to the public on Fridays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. during Friday Night Live and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the Rutland Farmer's Market, through August 13.

The museum volunteers have created several exhibits. "Energy in Motion" will teach kids about simple machines such as gears, levers and inclined planes. "Farm to Fit" will aid kids in learning about where local food

comes from, how to make healthy choices, and the hands-on experience of a farm stand. "Trashformers" will teach kids about nature's recycling and how to reuse and recycle materials, with an emphasis on creating artwork.

The mission of the museum is to encourage children to appreciate their role in local and global communities by creating a dynamic environment which fosters curiosity, inspires exploration and engages the imagination through play.

*Many local people, businesses and services made this summer's endeavor possible. We still need volunteers and hands-on labor for exhibits, ideas, and services.*

*Anyone interested in getting involved with this Creative Economy initiative can check out our web site at [www.WonderfeetKids-Museum.org](http://www.WonderfeetKids-Museum.org) or contact Myra Pepper at (740) 630-8404 or [myra.pepper@ccv.edu](mailto:myra.pepper@ccv.edu).*



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**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Murder Mystery Train. Ride the White River Flyer and solve the railroad who-dunnit murders. Meet at Hotel Coolidge (a historic railroad hotel) at 10 am for a reception. Board the train for a two-hour trip returning at 1:30 pm for lunch. Tickets \$50. (800) 707-3530. [www.rails-vt.com](http://www.rails-vt.com).

## FRIDAY, JULY 29

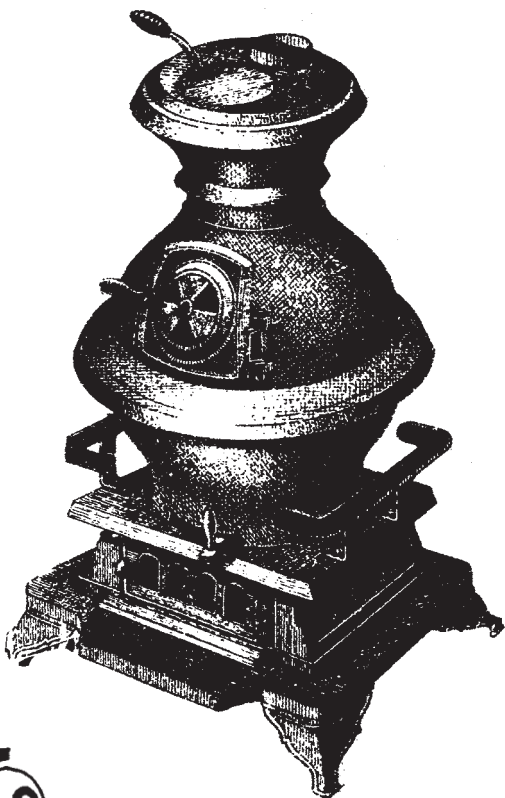
**BARRE.** Barre Heritage Festival and Homecoming Days. A celebration of community, culture, history, and the arts. Library book sale. Marathon baseball game at 1 pm. Ethnic heritage food tent 4:30-7:30 pm. BBQ at 5 pm. Fiddle Orchestra Concert at 6 pm. (802) 476-3615. [www.barreheritagefestival.org](http://www.barreheritagefestival.org). *Thru July 31.*

**BURLINGTON.** 28th Annual Champlain Valley Folk Festival. World famous and local folk artists. Multiple stages with singing, dancing, concerts, workshops, sessions, children's area and wonderful food and crafts. Tickets \$15. At the Waterfront and Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center. (877) 850-0206. [info@cvfest.org](mailto:info@cvfest.org). [www.cvfest.org](http://www.cvfest.org). *Through July 31.*

**GLOVER.** Lubberland Dance Company performs 12 Reasonable and Unreasonable Crying Dances for 2011. See one of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world. Free, donations welcome. Village Harmony will perform beforehand at 7 pm. Lubberland Dance Company at 7:30 pm. In the Paper Mache Cathedral at Bread & Puppet Theater and Museum, 753 Heights Rd., Rt. 122 off Rt. 16. (802) 525-3031. [www.breadandpuppet.org](http://www.breadandpuppet.org). *Fridays through August 26.*

**HIGHGATE.** 36th Annual Franklin County Field Days. Agricultural and 4-H displays, cattle and draft horse show and pulls. Demo derby, truck pull. Arts & crafts, music, midway. Camping available. Admission \$8, parking \$1. Fairgrounds on Airport Rd. (802) 868-2514. [www.franklincountyfielddays.org](http://www.franklincountyfielddays.org). *Through July 31.*

**ISLAND POND.** Friday Night Live Concert Series. Fiddler Patrick Ross performing with Kaitlyn Maxwell. 6-7 pm. On the Town Green. [www.proffiddler.com](http://www.proffiddler.com). [www.kaitlynmaxwell.com](http://www.kaitlynmaxwell.com).



**NORTH BENNINGTON.** 2nd Annual Lake Paran Bluegrass Festival. Camping, swimming, food and vendors, kids events and lots of fabulous bluegrass and old time music. Sunday gospel jam. Tickets \$40/\$27/\$20. Houghton Lane off Rt. 67. (802) 442-3328. [lakeparan.wordpress.com](http://lakeparan.wordpress.com). *Through July 31.*

**NORTH HERO.** Festival of the Islands. Enjoy free family fun, yard sales, discounts all day, all weekend. Free entry into Knight Point State Park and other events in the Champlain Islands. (802) 999-5862. [www.summerintheislands.com](http://www.summerintheislands.com). *Through July 31.*

**RUTLAND.** Ethnic Food Festival and Sidewalk Sales. A variety of tasty treats representing assorted ethnic backgrounds. Great bargains. Live entertainment: Rick Redington's Cigar Box Band and Satin & Steel. Portions of Merchants Row, Center Street and Evelyn Street are blocked off. (802) 773-9380. *Also July 30.*

**SHELBURNE.** Annual AKC All-Breed Agility Trial. Presented by the Green Mountain Golden Retriever Club. Free. 7 am - 5 pm. The Field House, 166 Athletic Drive. (802) 899-3565. [hilairret@aol.com](mailto:hilairret@aol.com). [www.gmgrc.org](http://www.gmgrc.org). *Through July 31.*

**SPRINGFIELD.** Barbecue Chicken Dinner. Sponsored by St. Mary's Social Functions. \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for ages 6 to 12, free for ages 5 and under. 5 to 7 pm. St. Mary's Nolin Murray Center, 40 Pleasant St. (802) 885-4375. [mikeknoras@vermontel.net](mailto:mikeknoras@vermontel.net).

**ST. ALBANS.** St. Albans Heritage Weekend. "St. Albans in the Civil War" brings to life the experiences of Vermont troops. Reenactors present infantry drills, artillery and cavalry demonstrations, medical and artifact displays, cooking, and period sutlers "selling" their wares. Enjoy period music and a "haversack talk." Learn about the northern-most land action of the Civil War that took place in St. Albans, and enjoy a candlelight tour. Free. 9 am - 5 pm and evening tours. On St. Albans Green. (802) 527-7933. [www.stalbansmuseum.com](http://www.stalbansmuseum.com). *Through July 31.*

**STOWE.** 7th Annual Taste of Stowe Arts Festival. Handmade crafts, original art, music, and an array of gourmet edible treats in a colossal 100-foot wide tent. Admission \$8, children 12 and under free. 10 am - 5 pm. Topnotch Field, 4000 Mountain Rd. (802) 425-3399. [craftproducers.com](http://craftproducers.com). *Through July 31.*

**WILMINGTON.** 4th Annual Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival. Festivities for the whole family and blueberry-themed events throughout the Mount Snow Valley. Opening ceremony at 5:30 pm at Harrison Reservoir Fairview Ave. boat launch. Pack a picnic and bring the family. [www.vermontblueberry.com](http://www.vermontblueberry.com). (802) 464-8092. *Through August 7.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Annual Bookstock. Literary Festival of Books and Music. Free. Downtown Woodstock centered on the Green. (802) 457-9149. [pfr@rousmaniere.com](mailto:pfr@rousmaniere.com). [www.bookstockvt.org](http://www.bookstockvt.org). *Through July 31.*

## SATURDAY, JULY 30

**BARRE.** Barre Heritage Festival and Homecoming Days. A celebration of community, culture, history, and the arts. Parade 2 pm. Bands, exhibits, workshops, food. (802) 476-3615. [www.barreheritagefestival.org](http://www.barreheritagefestival.org). *Also July 31.*

**BARTON.** First Annual Crafts of the Lake Region Fair. Free. 11 am - 5 pm at the Barton Academy and Graded School. (802) 525-6524.

**BRADFORD.** Farmers Market. Local produce and crafts. Free admission. Rain or shine. 10 am to 2 pm. 549 Lower Plain. (802) 222-7884. [hellobradfordfarmers@gmail.com](mailto:hellobradfordfarmers@gmail.com).

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**FAIR HAVEN.** 6th Annual VT Lakes Region C.O.C. Classic Auto Show. Features cars, trucks and motorcycles. Fair Haven Rotary BBQ, food, raffle, vendors, music and family fun. 9 am - 4 pm. On the Green. (888) 265-8600.

**HIGHGATE.** 36th Annual Franklin County Field Days. Agricultural and 4-H displays, cattle and draft horse show and pulls. Admission \$8, parking \$1. On Airport Rd. (802) 868-2514. [www.franklincountyfielddays.org](http://www.franklincountyfielddays.org). *Also July 31.*

**KILLINGTON.** Killington Music Festival Music in the Mountains Concert—Claire de Lune: Poetry & Shakespeare. Includes inspired works by Claude Debussy, Beethoven & Ravel. Tickets: \$20. 7 pm. Rams Head Lodge, Killington Resort, Killington Rd. (802) 422-1330.

**MONTPELIER.** 8th Annual Onion River Century Ride. Choose from three rides that will host you through maples forests and enchanting New England towns. Finish the day with a barbecue and stories to share with your fellow riders. Proceeds benefit Kellogg-Hubbard Library. 8:30 am at Poolside Dr. off Rt. 12. For info call Rachel Senechal at Kellogg-Hubbard Library at (802) 223-3338.

**NEW HAVEN.** Addison Flaming Manes Horse Show. Addison County Fair & Field Days grounds, 1790 Field Days Rd. of Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2015.

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**NORTHERN VERMONT.** 2nd Annual 740 Miles in One Day Canoe Challenge. The Northern Forest Canoe Trail links the waterways of New York, Vermont, Québec, New Hampshire and Maine. Join us anywhere on the Northern Forest Canoe Trail and help accumulate 740 miles in a single day. The challenge is not to cover the entire 740 distance, but to paddle as many Trail miles as we collectively can. To register: (802) 496-2285. [www.northernforestcanoe.org](http://www.northernforestcanoe.org).

**POWNA.** Annual Pownal Community Fair. Family activities all day long capped off by a great fireworks display at 9:30 pm. Kids' fun fair, exhibit hall featuring produce, crafts, quilts, flowers, honey, maple syrup and herbs. Antique tractor pull, bingo, petting farm animals, and music. Free admission. Rte. 346 and Church St. at the Pownal Fire Department. (802) 823-5258. [vtfairs.org](http://vtfairs.org).

**RICHMOND.** 2nd Annual Draft Horse Demonstration Day. Family event at Monitor Barns Farm. Wagon rides, a farm-fresh potluck meal, and a demonstration by those gentle giants that help to plow our fields. West Monitor Barn, 1949 East Main St. (802) 434-3969. [www.vycc.org](http://www.vycc.org).

**ROCHESTER.** BigTown BigTent 2011 Concert: Joe Locke with Sticks & Strings Quartet. Joe was voted #1 Vibraphonist by Down Beat Magazine. Tickets \$40. 8 pm. BigTown Gallery, 99 N. Main St. (802) 767-9870. [www.bigtowngallery.com](http://www.bigtowngallery.com).

**RUTLAND.** Ethnic Food Festival and Sidewalk Sales. Tasty treats representing various ethnic backgrounds. Great bargains. Live entertainment: two stages 10:30 am - 3 pm, George's Back Pocket, Cody Larson, Kevin Wortman and Chris Cornelius, Charles Woods, Jim Sabatso, Jesse Lawrence. (802) 773-9380. [www.rutlanddowntown.com](http://www.rutlanddowntown.com)

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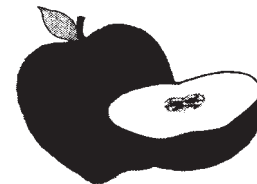
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# Country Calendar



**SHELBURNE.** Green Mountain Draft Horse Field Day. Watch demonstrations of draft horses plowing, haying, and logging, using modern and antique farming equipment. Speak with teamsters about what it is like to farm with horses in today's world. Mini-horses will demonstrate how helpful they can be around the farm, too. Wagon rides to areas of the Farm not normally explored. Admission: \$8 adults; \$6 seniors; \$5 children 3-17; free to children under 3. 11 am - 2 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. shelburnefarms.org.

**SOUTH BURLINGTON.** 32nd Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show. Dealers, exhibits, lectures, children's activities, silent auction, door prizes, refreshments and free parking. Sponsored by the Burlington Gem and Mineral Club. Admission \$3, \$2 students 6-16 and seniors, under 6 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Tuttle Middle School, 500 Dorset St. burlingtongemandmineralclub.org. (802) 656-4118. Also July 31.

**SHELBURNE.** Tour Two Great Country Houses. Tour the Colonial Revival home of Shelburne Museum founder Electra Havemeyer Webb and Shelburne House (the Inn at Shelburne Farms), the Gilded Age house of her in-laws, Dr. William Seward and Lila Vanderbilt Webb. Fee: \$40. Call by July 23 to reserve. 1-4 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-3346 x 3368 or brickhouse@shelburnemuseum.org. www.shelburnefarms.org.

**SUDBURY.** Vermont Beef Producers Summer Social: Capitalizing on the Power of the Vermont Brand. Farm tour and discussion. Free admission includes lunch, a summer cook-out featuring Mountain Meadows' organic beef! 10 am - 3 pm. Mountain Meadows Farm, Rts. 30 & 73 between Sudbury and Whiting. (802) 656-0858. jcolby@uvm.edu.

**SWANTON.** Annual Children's Fishing Derby. For young people and families. Bring a lawn chair as river bank can be a bit muddy if we have rain the day before the event. Educational activities, prize drawings. Free lunch of hot dogs, chips, ice cream, and lemonade. Registration required for the derby. 8 am - 1 pm. Held along Macs Bend Rd. at the Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge. (802) 868-4781.

**VERGENNES.** Shipwreck Tour. There are over 300 historic shipwrecks at the bottom of Lake Champlain! Take a tour boat to the site of one of the wooden wrecks and go for a "dive" using a remotely operated vehicle. Fee: adults \$22, youth \$18 (includes admission to the LCMM). Call to pre-register. 11 am. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd., adjacent to the Basin Harbor Club. (802) 475-2022. info@lcmm.org. www.lcmm.org. Also August 13 & 27, September 10 & 24.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Concert: Tim Robbins and The Rogues Gallery. Tickets \$40. 8 pm. Tupelo Music Hall, 188 S. Main St. (603) 437-5100. www.tupelohallvermont.com. TimRobbins.net.

**WILMINGTON.** 4th Annual Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival. Festivities for the whole family and blueberry-themed events throughout the Mount Snow Valley. Rotary blueberry pancake breakfast 8-11 am at Deerfield Valley Elementary School in Wilmington. Parade in Dover at 11 am followed by craft show and BBQ. (802) 464-8092. vermontblueberry.com. Through August 7.

**WOODSTOCK.** Annual Bookstock. Literary Festival of Books and Music. Over 30 authors of local and national renown will be speaking. Workshops, exhibits, second-hand book sales. Music and cultural events. Free and open to the public. Downtown Woodstock around the Green. (802) 457-9149. pfr@rousmaniere.com. www.bookstockvt.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** 37th Annual Antiques Show and Sale. 64 antiques dealers displaying folk art to formal antiques in room settings. Lunch available. Sat 10 am - 5 pm, Sun 11 am - 4 pm. Admission: \$8. Union Arena Community Center, Rt. 4. (802) 877-3359. www.vermontada.com. Also July 31.

**WOODSTOCK.** 25th Annual Quilt Exhibition Opening Weekend. Quilting programs, informal workshops for beginning quilters, plus activities for all ages. Meet Windors County's talented quilters as they discuss their most recent work. Admission (includes all activities): \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. Exhibit runs through September 25.

**WOODSTOCK.** Mount Tom Farmers Market. Seasonal produce, preserves, meats, herbs and spices, eggs and baked goods plus plants and flowers. Rain or shine. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Rt. 12, just past Billings Farm & Museum. (802) 763-2070. foxxfarm@aol.com.

## SUNDAY, JULY 31

**BARNET.** 3rd Annual Milarepa Festival Day. Welcoming the Sera Monastery Monks 2011 World Peace Tour. Ritual chanting, snacks, and beverages. Bring the family! Free. 1-5 pm. Milarepa Center, 1344 Rt. 5 South. (802) 633-4138. milarepacenter.org.

**BARRE.** Barre Heritage Festival and Homecoming Days. A celebration of community, culture, history, and the arts. Marathon baseball game. (802) 476-3615. www.barreheritagefestival.org.

**BURLINGTON.** 28th Annual Champlain Valley Folk Festival. Multiple stages with singing, dancing, concerts, workshops, sessions, children's area and wonderful food and crafts. Tickets \$30. At the Waterfront and Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center. (877) 850-0206. info@cvfest.org. www.cvfest.org.

**COLCHESTER.** Sam Mazza's 6th Annual Blueberry Breakfast. Blueberry muffins, blueberry pancakes with Vermont maple syrup, quiche & Vermont sausage and bacon. Music by The Starliner Rhythm Boys. Pick-your-own blueberries! Under the Pavilion. 10 am - 1 pm. Sam Mazza's, 277 Lavigne Rd. smazzafarms@comcast.net. (802) 655-3440. sammazzafarms.com. www.starlinerhythmboys.com.

**CORNISH, NH.** Concert. New England Piano Quintet. Part of the Summer Concert Series. Free with regular admission, \$5 adults, 15 and under free. 2 pm in the Little Studio, Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, off Rt. 12A. (603) 675-2175.

**EAST DORSET.** Valley Classic Horse Show Grand Prix Sunday. Top equestrian competition. Food and other concessions. Admission \$7 adults, \$5 children. 8 am - 4 pm. Harold Beebe Farm, Rt. 7, north of Manchester. (802) 496-4878. info@vt-summerfestival.com. Wed-Sund, through August 14.

**EAST HARDWICK.** 9th Annual Phlox Fest. 100's of blooming plants, garden tours at 1 pm, cut flower display, door prizes. 10 am - 5 pm. Perennial Pleasures Nursery, 63 Brick House Rd. www.perennialpleasures.net. (802) 472-5104. Through August 14.

**EAST POULTNEY.** Sunday Band Concert. Free. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. 7-8 pm. On the Green. (802) 287-5185.

**FAIR HAVEN.** Not Your Everyday Basket Raffle Party. Over 300 baskets/door prizes/and special baskets to win including a 50/50 raffle. To benefit Circle of Hope K9 Rescue. Doors open at 12:30 pm, drawings start at 3:30 pm. Admission \$5. Fair Haven American Legion Post 49. (802) 468-5298.

**GLOVER.** The Bread and Puppet Theater will perform The Man=Carrot Circus and The Upriser's Pageant at 2:30 pm as an all-afternoon event. Museum tour at 1 pm. Free, donations appreciated. 7:30 pm. On the Bread & Puppet Farm, Rt. 122 off Rt. 16. (802) 525-3031. breadpup@together.net. www.breadandpuppet.org. Sundays through August 28.

**HIGHGATE.** 36th Annual Franklin County Field Days. Agricultural and 4-H displays, cattle and draft horse show and pulls. Demo derby, truck pull. Arts & crafts, music, midway. Camping available. Admission \$8, parking \$1. Fairgrounds on Airport Rd. (802) 868-2514. www.franklincountyfielddays.org.

**LYME, NH.** Outdoor Buffet and Live Musical Entertainment. Island Time Steel Drums perform at Loch Lyme Lodge on Post Pond. 6 pm sharp! For more info contact us at (603) 795-2141, (800) 423-2141. lochlymelodge.com. Every Sunday evening through September 4.

**NEW HAVEN.** Tally Ho 4-H Horse Show. Addison County Fair & Field Days grounds, 1790 Field Days Rd. of Rt. 17W. (802) 948-2321.

**NORTH HERO.** Festival of the Islands. Enjoy free family fun, yard sales, discounts all day, all weekend. Free entry into Knight Point State Park and other events in the Champlain Islands. (802) 999-5862. www.summerintheislands.com.

**NORWICH.** Norwich Sunday Craft Fair. Handcrafted fine arts and crafts made by Vermont and New Hampshire craftspeople. Music by Mike and Mike, acoustic progressive rock. Wonderful prepared foods. Rain or shine. Free admission. 10 am - 3 pm. On the grounds of the Norwich Farmers Market on Rt. 5. (802) 356-2082. dhremote@earthlink.net. www.norwichcrafts.org. Also September 4 and October 9.

**ROCHESTER.** BigTown BigTent 2011 Performance: Magicians Without Borders. Tickets \$8. 2 pm. Also Ellen Bryant Voigt reading at 7 pm, \$15. BigTown Gallery, 99 N. Main St. (802) 767-9870. www.bigtowngallery.com. Through July 31.

**ROCHESTER.** Rochester Chamber Music Society Concert—Bach and Consequences. Pre-concert talk 3:30 pm, concert 4 pm. Admission. At the Rochester Federated Church, Rt. 100. (802) 767-9234. www.rcmsvt.org. Also August 7.

**RUTLAND.** Concert. German organist Hans U. Hielscher will perform as part of his American concert tour. In addition to his own compositions, Hielscher will present works by Denis Bédard, Enrico Pasini and Josef Rheinberger. The concert is free and open to the public. 3:30 pm. At Trinity Episcopal Church, 85 West St. (802) 775-4368. www.trinitychurchrutland.org.

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(July 31, continued)

**WINDSOR.** Farmers Market. Vegetables, syrup, salsa, pulled pork, lettuce, jam, goat milk, frozen pork, frozen grass fed beef, eggs and baked goods plus soap, crafts and plants. Rain or shine. 1-4 pm. On the common, State St. (802) 674-6630. windsorfarmersmarket.blogspot.com.

**WOODSTOCK.** 25th Annual Quilt Exhibition Opening Weekend. Quilting programs, informal workshops for beginning quilters, plus activities for all ages. Meet Windsor County's talented quilters as they discuss their most recent work. Admission (includes all activities): \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org. *Exhibit runs through September 25.*

## MONDAY, AUGUST 1

**GRAFTON.** Chapel Fundraising Dinner for the Grafton Valley Arts Guild. All natural gourmet food with a local focus prepared by Chef Bryce LeVan Cushing. Many of the vegetables, greens and herbs used are being grown in the guild garden. Dinner includes a fresh soup, salad, choice of entree and dessert! The menu perennially includes Grafton Cheese mac & cheese, Southwest tacos and burritos with LeVan special fresh salsa, black beans, and Spanish rice, fresh Italian pasta dishes and homemade desserts by local pastry hero, Anne Brown. Jazz guitar music by Draa Hobbs at 7 pm. Suggested donation \$15. Dinners each 1st and 3rd Mon 5-9 pm at the White Chapel, 4 Main St. (802) 843-1162. brycelevancushing@gmail.com. *Also Aug. 15.*

**WILMINGTON.** 4th Annual Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival. Festivities for the whole family and blueberry-themed events throughout the Mount Snow Valley. (802) 464-8092. www.vermontblueberry.com. *Through August 7.*

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

**DANVILLE.** The Great Vermont Corn Maze Open for the Season. 1404 Wheelock Rd. (802) 748-1399.

**MANCHESTER.** Concert: The Washington County Band performs in the event tent at Hildene. This summer in honor of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, the band will also be playing a medley of Civil War tunes. Free. Grounds open at 5:30 pm for picnicking, concert at 7 pm. Hildene, off Rt. 7A south of the village. (802) 367-7960.

**PIERMONT, NH.** Piermont Farmers Market. Cheese, beef, plants, artwork, veggies, baked goods and more. 3-6 pm. Corner of Rt. 25 and River Rd. (802) 505-0123. emilytshipman@hotmail.com. *Tuesdays through October 5.*

**RANDOLPH.** Lyra Summer Music Faculty Performance. 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. For tickets call (802) 728-6464. tickets@chandler-arts.org.

**RUTLAND.** 10th Annual National Night Out Community Celebration. Free swim, BBQ and tons of fun! Presented by Rutland's United Neighborhoods, Rutland City police, Rutland City Parks and Recreation, Rutland Downtown Partnership, and the VT Dept Of Health. 4:30-8 pm at White's Pool, 39 East Center St. (802) 773-2018.

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## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

**BETHEL.** Free Concert—The Panhandlers. Sponsored by Bethel Council on the Arts. Bring your chairs and blankets. 7-9 pm. Bethel Band Shell in the Park, 135 Church St. bcavt.org. thepanhandlers.net.

**BURLINGTON.** Craftsby Chamber Players Summer Music Series Concert IV. Mozart Fantasia I in F Minor for Piano, Chopin Sonata in G Minor for Cello and Piano, and Turina Trio No. 1 for Violin, Cello and Piano. Tickets on sale at the door from 7:30 pm: \$22/\$20/\$8, 12 and under free. 8 pm. UVM Recital Hall, 384 S. Prospect St. (800) 639-3443. jtawest7@gmail.com. www.craftsbychamberplayers.org.

**ROCHESTER.** Workshop: Raising Quality Pigs in Vermont. North Hollow Farm is diversified family farm using around 1000 acres of hay land and pasture to raise beef, pork, goat, and chicken. Mike and Julie Bowen, farmer/owners, will lead a tour of their farm and discuss the different systems they use. After the workshop taste some of Mike and Julie's finished product! Fee: \$20. 4:30-7 pm. North Hollow Farm, Rt. 100. Call for directions and to pre-register. (802) 434-4122. info@nofavt.org. nofavt.org.

**RUTLAND.** Wednesday Concert: Proctor Connection. Free, families welcome. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. 7-9 pm. In the gazebo in Main Street Park, at the corner of Main St. (Rt. 7) and West St. (802) 773-1822 x 13. www.rutlandrec.com. *Wednesdays through August 10.*

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Reading at the Athenaeum: Galway Kinnell and Greg Delanty. Free. 7:30 pm. St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main St. (802) 748-8291.

**WATERBURY.** Concert: Dave Keller. Day use fee: \$3, 14 and older; \$2, ages 4-13; three and younger, free. Little River State Park, 3444 Little River Rd. (802) 244-7103. www.vtstateparks.com.

**WILMINGTON.** 4th Annual Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival. Festivities for the whole family and blueberry-themed events throughout the Mount Snow Valley. (802) 464-8092. www.vermontblueberry.com. *Through August 7.*

**WOODSTOCK.** 5th Annual Woodstock Market on the Green. Variety of local veggies, meats, cheeses, flowers, prepared foods, crafts and more. Wheelchair accessible, parking available. 3-6 pm. On The Green. (802) 457-3555. www.woodstockvt.com. *Wednesdays through October 5.*

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

**BENNINGTON.** Cruise-In. Show your classic car, classic truck, classic sports car, muscle car, or street rod. Over 200 cars expected, trophies awarded. Music by DJ Rich Ryder, food by Nan-Z's. Sponsored by Hemmings Motor News. 5:30-8 pm. Held at the Hemmings headquarters parking lot, 222 Main St. (802) 442-3101. hemmings.com. *Also Aug. 18.*

**BOMOSEEN.** Lily Pond Hike. Hike past beaver dams and old slate quarries to remote pond. Bring water and a lunch, and wear sturdy footwear. Free, non-members welcome. Meet at 9 am at the Godnick Center on Deer St. in Rutland to car pool. Leader: Tom Copps, (802) 774-5144.

**BURLINGTON.** Summervale. Rural Vermont and Intervale partner to bring you a summer evening of information, food, music and fun. Bring your picnic or purchase American Flatbread pizza and beer. 5:30 pm. Calkins Community Barn at Intervale, 180 Intervale Rd. For more info contact Shelby Girard, (802) 223-7222. shelby@ruralvermont.org.

**FAIR HAVEN.** Concert in the Park: Enerjazz. Free admission. 7 pm. At the Gazebo. Rain site: Fair Haven Baptist Church. www.fairhavenvt.govoffice2.com.

**HARDWICK.** Craftsby Chamber Players Summer Music Series Concert IV. Mozart Fantasia I in F Minor for Piano, Chopin Sonata in G Minor for Cello and Piano, and Turina Trio No. 1 for Violin, Cello and Piano. Tickets on sale at the door from 7:30 pm: \$22/\$20/\$8, 12 and under free. 8 pm. Hardwick Town House, 127 Church St. (800) 639-3443. jtawest7@gmail.com. www.craftsbychamberplayers.org.

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

**MANCHESTER.** Manchester Music Festival Concert—Cellist Nathaniel Rosen performing Beethoven, Jacob Weinberg, and Brahms. \$35. 7:30 pm at Arkell Pavillion, Southern VT Arts Center. (802) 362-1956. Also Aug. 11 & 18.

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**Douglas Orchards.** Raspberries and cherries. Rt. 74, Shoreham, VT. (802) 897-5043.

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**Four Corners Farm.** Blueberries. Old Rt. 5, S. Newbury, VT. (802) 866-3342.

**Fruitlands Farmstand.** Blueberries, raspberries. 506 Thistle Hill Rd., Marshfield, VT. (802) 426-3889.

**Green Mountain Orchards.** Blueberries. 130 West Hill Rd., Putney, VT. (802) 387-5851.

**Harlow's Sugarhouse.** Raspberries, blueberries. Route 5, Putney, VT. (802) 387-5852.

**Island Blueberries.** Blueberries. 63 Adams School Rd, Grand Isle, VT. (802) 372-5656.

**Liebig's Berries.** Blueberries, raspberries. Button Falls Rd, West Pawlet, VT. (802) 645-0888.

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**Owl's Head Farm.** Blueberries. 263 Blueberry Farm Rd, Richmond, VT. (802) 434-3387.

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**The Last Resort.** Organic fall raspberries. 2246 Tyler Bridge Rd. Bristol, VT. (802) 453-2847.

**Ward's Berry Farm.** Blueberries, raspberries. 223 Miller Pond Rd., Thetford Center, VT. (802) 333-4113.

**Whetstone Ledges Farm.** Blueberries and raspberries. MacArthur Rd, Marlboro, VT. (802) 257-7328.

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# Vermont Country Calendar

**PEACHAM.** Concert: Summer Lite. North Country Chorus performs a varied program of short pieces, sacred and secular, jazz and American pop standards. Donation. 7:30 pm. Peacham Congregational Church, Church St. (802) 989-5523. [www.northcountrychorus.org](http://www.northcountrychorus.org).

**WEST RUTLAND.** Concert in the Park. Bring your family, lawn chairs or blankets, and a picnic if you like. 6 pm. West Rutland Town Square. (802) 265-8026.

**WILMINGTON.** 4th Annual Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival. Festivities for the whole family and blueberry-themed events throughout the Mount Snow Valley. (802) 464-8092. [www.vermontblueberry.com](http://www.vermontblueberry.com). *Through August 7.*

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Rockingham Old Home Days. Booths, rides, street dance, food court, farmers market, pork dinner, fun run, antique truck show, chicken roast, fife & drum games, BBQ, wagon rides, sidewalk sale, fireworks! (802) 463-4280. *Through August 7.*

**BENNINGTON.** Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps Concert. Enjoy a stirring outdoor concert by the Plymouth, Michigan, Fife & Drum Corps. Members, ages 12 to 18, are dressed in the uniform of George Washington's person lifeguard and appear in many parades and festivals throughout the country. Free. 1 pm. Bennington Battle Monument. (802) 447-0550. [HistoricVermont.org](http://HistoricVermont.org).

**BENNINGTON.** Concert: The Soul of Bluegrass with Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys. Original and traditional bluegrass music. 8 pm. Bennington Center for the Arts, 44 Gypsy Lane. (802) 442-7158.

**BURLINGTON.** The Pipers' Gathering. Come watch the largest annual bellows bagpiping event in North America. Hear fiddle, whistle and flute music. Classes and workshops with world-class instructors and performers. Vendors and pipemakers from around the world. Tickets \$15, children 12 and under free. Champlain College, 163 S. Willard St. (802) 223-2242. [www.pipersgathering.org](http://www.pipersgathering.org). *Through August 8.*

**DANVILLE.** The Danville Fair. A good old country fair. Carnival rides, games, fried food, and home cooked food. Street dance. (802) 684-3352. *Also August 6.*

**GLOVER.** Lubberland Dance Company performs 12 Reasonable and Unreasonable Crying Dances for 2011. See one of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world. Free, donations welcome. 7:30 pm. In the Paper Mache Cathedral at Bread & Puppet Theater and Museum, 753 Heights Rd., Rt. 122 off Rt. 16. (802) 525-3031. [breadpup@together.net](mailto:breadpup@together.net). [breadandpuppet.org](http://breadandpuppet.org). *Fridays through August 26.*

**KILLINGTON.** 23-Mile Backpacking Trip. Friday through Sunday—a 100th Anniversary event! Celebrate our milestone by hiking the entire 23 miles of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Call leader by August 1st for details and to reserve a space. Allison Henry, (802) 775-1627. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**KILLINGTON.** 1920s Era Gatsby Gala. Hosted at Summit Lodge to benefit Spring Hill Horse Rescue. Includes a fun-filled evening with live entertainment and dancing, delicious food, a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction. 6 pm. For more information, contact Tara Williams at (802) 282-3387.

**MANCHESTER.** 33rd Annual Southern Vermont Arts Festival. 175 artists and artisans exhibit under gorgeous Camelot-style tents. Live music, food, beer, wine, and more. 10 am – 5 pm. Hildene's Meadowland, 1844 River Rd. (802) 425-3399. [www.craftproducers.com](http://www.craftproducers.com). *Through August 7.*

**RANDOLPH.** Concert: The Random Canyon Growlers. Western bluegrass, original tunes and traditional standards. Tickets \$16. 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. [tickets@chandler-arts.org](mailto:tickets@chandler-arts.org). [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org).

**SALISBURY.** Marimba Concert. International marimba artist Jane Boxall performs music from a repertoire ranging from classical to ragtime. Donation. 7:30 pm. Salisbury Congregational Church, Maple St. (802) 352-6671.

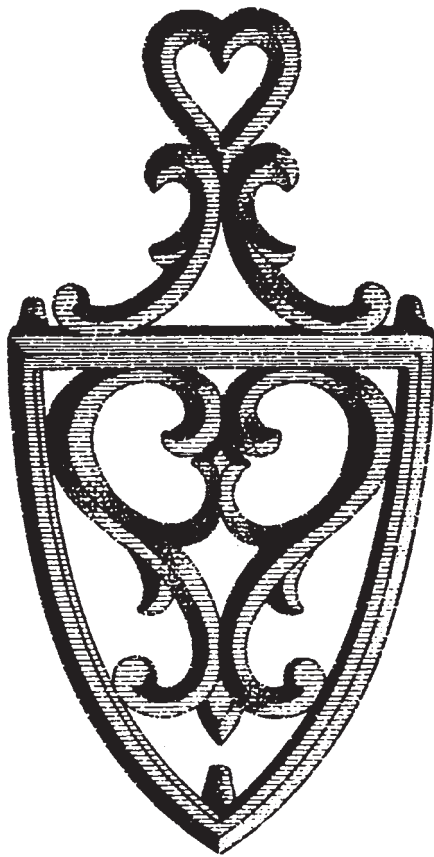
**STOWE.** Beach House on the Mountain Festival. Enjoy a musical lineup with current and former members of Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer Band, and other Trop Rock artists. At the Town and Country Resort. (802) 244-6690. [beachhouseonthemountain.com](http://beachhouseonthemountain.com). *Through August 7.*

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Northern Printmakers Alliance Elements Portfolio Exhibition. Free. 10 am – 3 pm. Two Rivers Printmaking Studio, 85 North Main St., Suite 160. (802) 295-5901. *Through August 31.*

**WILMINGTON.** 4th Annual Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival. Festivities for the whole family and blueberry-themed events throughout the Mount Snow Valley. (802) 464-8092. [vermontblueberry.com](http://vermontblueberry.com). *Through August 7.*

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

**ARLINGTON.** Norman's Attic Craft Fair and Townwide Tag Sale. Crafts, antiques, and collectibles. Over 60 vendors. Free. 9 am – 4 pm. Along Historic Rt. 7A and the Arlington Town Green. (802) 375-9952. [www.stjamesarlingtonvt.org](http://www.stjamesarlingtonvt.org).



**BELMONT.** Roast Pork Dinner. Sponsored by the Odd Fellows. All you can eat—served home style. Adults \$10, children 11 and under \$5. Seatings start at 5 pm. At The Odd Fellows Hall. (802) 259-3445.

**BRANDON.** Annual Yard Sale Day. The Official Yard Sale Map will be available at 7 a.m. in the Visitor Center at the Stephen A Douglas Birthplace on Route 7 (next to the Baptist Church at the corner of Rts. 7 and 73 West). Sales begin at 9 am. (802) 247-6401. [brandon.org](http://brandon.org)

**BROOKFIELD.** Pancake Breakfast. Menu: plain or blueberry pancakes, maple syrup, real home fries, sausages, and beverage. Adults \$7, children 5 to 12 \$4, children 4 and under free, family max \$20. 7-11 am. First Congregational Church, Ridge Rd., Pond Village. (802) 276-3376.

**BURLINGTON.** The Pipers' Gathering. Come watch the largest annual bellows bagpiping event in North America. Hear fiddle, whistle and flute music. Classes and workshops with world-class instructors and performers. Vendors and pipemakers from around the world. Evening concerts at 7:30 pm. Tickets \$15, children 12 and under free. Champlain College gymnasium, 163 S. Willard St. (802) 223-2242. [www.pipersgathering.org](http://www.pipersgathering.org). *Also August 8.*

**DANVILLE.** The Danville Fair. A good old country fair. Parade at 10 am. Carnival rides, games, fried food, and home cooked food. Grand Horse Pulling with the best teams in the area. (802) 684-3352. *Also August 6.*

**EAST ARLINGTON.** Annual Benefit Country Auction. Join us under the tent to bid furniture, antiques, collectibles, gift certificates and many, many other treasures. Federated Church of East Arlington, 88 Ice Pond Rd. Preview 9 am, auction 10 am. (802) 375-2548.

**EAST CHARLESTON.** NorthWoods Conservation Corps Season Celebration. Annual Open House event. Join NorthWoods Conservation Corps staff and crews and celebrate a season of service with educational displays, good food, awards, presentations and more. Free. 10 am – 2 pm. Northwoods Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 723-6551. [www.northwoodscenter.org](http://www.northwoodscenter.org).

**EAST THETFORD.** Dinners in the Field. Divine flavors of the field, fresh food straight from our fields and local providers. Tables are set with linens, china, and glassware under tents on the banks of the Connecticut River. \$60/person. 5:30-8:30 pm. Cedar Circle Farm, Farmstand and Education Center, Pavillion Rd., off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. [CedarCircleFarm.org](http://CedarCircleFarm.org).

**KILLINGTON.** Music in the Mountains Concert—String trio performs works by Bach, Mozart, Hindemith & Beethoven. Tickets: \$20. 7 pm. Rams Head Lodge, Killington Resort, Killington Rd. (802) 422-1330.

**LONDONDERRY.** West River Farmers' Market. Visit us on the banks of the West River. Live local music all day and lots of new products 'ripe for the pickin' alongside all your old favorites. 9 am – 1 pm. Rts. 11 E. & 100 N. next to the Mill Tavern Restaurant. (802) 875-5004. [westriverfarmersmarket.com](http://westriverfarmersmarket.com). *Saturdays through Oct. 8.*

**MANCHESTER.** Concert: Rob Zappulla's Classic Frank Sinatra Tribute, "Come Fly With Me." 7:30 pm. Arkel Pavilion at Southern Vermont Arts Center. For tickets call (802) 362-1405. [www.svac.org](http://www.svac.org).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Mid-Summer Fest. The Vermont beer, wine & cheese festival. Sample Vermont made products, listen to music, socialize, and have a great time! Tickets \$20 adult, \$5 designated driver or under 21, under 6 free! 3-7 pm at the Marbleworks. [info@midsummerfestival.com](mailto:info@midsummerfestival.com). [bettermiddleburypartnership.org](http://bettermiddleburypartnership.org)



## Summer Blues

You got to understand: here  
Winter stays six months a year—  
Mean, mean winters and too long.  
Ninety days is what we get, just

Ninety days of frost free weather.  
I know you don't believe it but...  
Ninety days is all we get. Just  
Ninety days of frost free weather.

And in that lousy, puny, crummy,  
Stinkin', measly ninety days we just  
Got to get outside and get together!

Now I said, ninety days is all we get.  
Just Ninety days of frost-free weather  
(Believe it, honey, 'cause it's true)  
Ninety days is all we get, just

Ninety days of summer weather.  
So you can see how we just got to, we  
Just got to get outside and get together.

I said, OUTSIDE! OUTSIDE!  
We got to get OUTSIDE!  
And get together.

And in those ninety days we got to:  
Grow tomatoes, beans, potatoes,  
Corn, squash, cucumbers and thyme.  
Have barbecues, and a day out on a  
Mountain we can climb.

We got to:  
Raise some flowers and some pigs  
Build a shed and mow the lawn,  
Pick blueberries and mushrooms  
And go skinny-dippin' in the pond.

Got to:  
Go to the fair, have sex with warm feet  
Put up a thousand thousand tons of hay,  
Go to some dances out of doors  
And cop some rays!

Oh! Ninety days is all we get.  
Just ninety days of frost free weather.  
And in that lousy, puny, crummy,  
Stinkin', measly ninety days we just  
Got to get outside and get together!

I said, I said, we got to  
Get outside and get together.

And then at night after we been  
Skinny-dippin in the pond  
We got to make a campfire  
And have a cookout on the lawn.

We got to eat some chicken,  
Lie around the fire, drink some wine,  
Then watch the night sky let a  
Billion, billion stars come out to shine.

I said, OUTSIDE! OUTSIDE!  
We just got to get OUTSIDE!  
And get together.

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# Vermont Country Calendar

(August 6, continued)

**PLYMOUTH.** Plymouth Old Home Day. Wagon rides, chicken barbecue, sheep shearing, old time fiddling, traditional Vermont craft demonstrations, and children's activities. Fees: adults \$7.50, children 6-14 \$2, under 6 free. 10 am - 4 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. [www.historicvermont.org](http://www.historicvermont.org).

**POULTNEY.** Plant Walk and Talk. With Steve Schlusser aka The Weedman. Fun and informative. All ages. Day use fee: \$3, 14 and older; \$2, ages 4-13; three and younger, free. 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Lake St. Catherine State Park, 3034 VT Rte. 30. (802) 287-9158. [www.vtstateparks.com](http://www.vtstateparks.com).

**RANDOLPH.** Concert: The Random Canyon Growlers. High-energy original tunes and traditional bluegrass standards. 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. For tickets call (802) 728-6464. [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org).

**RANDOLPH.** Lyra Summer Music Student Concert. 1 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464.

**SAXTONS RIVER.** Children's Musical: *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Admission by donation. 3 pm at Main Street Arts, Rt. 121 in the center of town. (802) 869-2960. [mainstreetarts.org](http://mainstreetarts.org). Also August 7.

**TOWNSHEND.** Grace Cottage Hospital Auxiliary Fair Day. Old-fashioned fair with old-fashioned fun. All-day auction, bargain booths, bingo, baby parade, pony rides, food, art show, games, Grafton Band concert, and more! Free admission. 9 am - 7 pm. On the Townshend Common, Rts. 30 & 35. (802) 365-4455. [www.gracecottage.org](http://www.gracecottage.org).

**WEST PAWLET.** Introduction into Starting a Commercial Goat Dairy. Selecting goats, costs, housing, feeding, milking, and marketing will be covered. Tour a commercial farm and have lunch with the farmer. Fee \$40, lunch included. Pre-register. 9:30 am - 3 pm. Consider Bardwell Farm, 1333 Rt 153. (802) 434-4122. [www.nofavt.org](http://www.nofavt.org).

**WESTMINSTER WEST.** 2nd Annual Northeast USA Rice Conference. Wildlife conservation issues associated with rice paddy systems and general rice agriculture topics. Speakers include Takeshi Akaogi, Akaogi Farm; James Andrews, The Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Atlas Project; Michael Blust, Professor of Biology, Green Mountain College; Peter Hobbs, Adjunct Professor, Crop and Soil Sciences Dept., Cornell University; and Erika Styger, Director of Programs, SRI International Network and Resources Center. 9 am - 4 pm at Akaogi Farm. Fee: \$30. E-mail to register: [makaogi@gmail.com](mailto:makaogi@gmail.com). [ricenortheasternus.org](http://ricenortheasternus.org).

**WILMINGTON.** 4th Annual Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival. Festivities for the whole family and blueberry-themed events throughout the Mount Snow Valley. Blueberry Pancake Breakfast 7-10 am at the Jacksonville Community Church on Rt. 100. (802) 368-2205. Blueberry Block Party & Village Stroll in Wilmington at 4 pm. (802) 464-8092. [www.vermontblueberry.com](http://www.vermontblueberry.com). Also August 7.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

**BELMONT.** Program—Personal Experiences in Post-War Japan. With Addie Segerman. 2:15 pm. Mount Holly Community Historical Museum, Tarbellville Rd. (802) 259-2460. [www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org](http://www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org)

**BURLINGTON.** The Pipers' Gathering. Come watch the largest annual bellows bagpiping event in North America. Hear fiddle, whistle and flute music. Classes and workshops with world-class instructors and performers. Vendors and pipemakers from around the world. Evening concerts at 7:30 pm. Tickets \$15, children 12 and under free. Champlain College gymnasium, 163 S. Willard St. (802) 223-2242. [www.pipersgathering.org](http://www.pipersgathering.org).

**BURLINGTON.** 6th Annual Lake Champlain Dragon Boat Festival. Cheer on 90 teams of 2,000 paddlers as they race 41-foot Dragon boats in 300-meter sprint races. Live entertainment, great food, silent auction, and fun for the whole family. Free. 8 am - 5 pm. Waterfront Park on Lake St. (802) 999-5478. [www.ridethedragon.org](http://www.ridethedragon.org).

**EAST DORSET.** Manchester & the Mountains Horse Show Grand Prix Sunday. Top equestrian competition. Food and other concessions. Admission \$7 adults, \$5 children. 8 am - 4 pm. Harold Beebe Farm, Rt. 7, north of Manchester. (802) 496-4878. [info@vt-summerfestival.com](mailto:info@vt-summerfestival.com). [www.vt-summerfestival.com](http://www.vt-summerfestival.com). Wed-Sun, through August 14.

**GLOVER.** The Bread and Puppet Theater will perform *The Man=Carrot Circus* and *The Upriser's Pageant* at 2:30 pm as an all-afternoon event. Museum tour at 1 pm. Afterwards Kingdom poet Galway Kinnel will be reading new works of poetry in the Paper Mache Cathedral. Free, donations appreciated. 7:30 pm. On the Bread & Puppet Farm. Rt. 122 off Rt. 16. (802) 525-3031. [breadpup@together.net](mailto:breadpup@together.net). [www.breadandpuppet.org](http://www.breadandpuppet.org). Sundays through August 28.

**LYME, NH.** Outdoor Buffet and Live Musical Entertainment. The Wall Stiles performs at Loch Lyme Lodge on Post Pond. 6 pm sharp! For more info contact us at (603) 795-2141, (800) 423-2141. Every Sunday evening through September 4.

**NEWPORT.** 28th International Car Show. Admission by donation. 10 am - 3 pm. North Country Union High School Athletic field, Veterans Ave. (802) 766-2173.

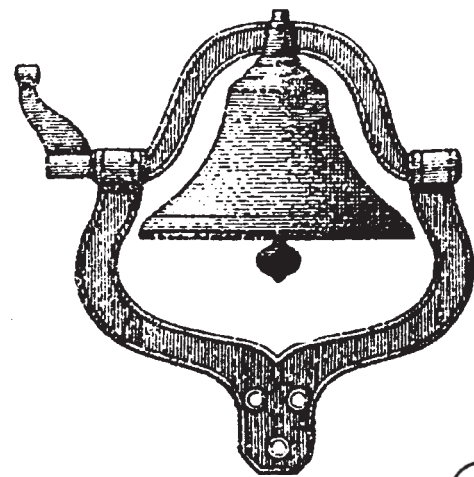
**ORWELL.** Hike into History. Mount Independence Coalition president Steven Zeoli leads a hike on the trails of the Mount. Walk in the footsteps of Revolutionary War soldiers. Fees: adults \$5, children 14 and under, free. 2 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. [historicvermont.org](http://historicvermont.org).

**PLYMOUTH.** Grace Coolidge Musicale #1. Pianists Susan Cobb and Abigail Charbeneau perform a "Four Hands Program" with duets by Franz Schubert and Marilyn Ziffirin. Afternoon tea follows at the Wilder House Restaurant. Donations suggested. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773.

**RANDOLPH.** Beyond Milk: Raw Dairy Processing Class—Butter, Fromage Blanc & Ricotta. Get acquainted with adding herbs or other flavors to your final product. Fee: \$20-\$40 sliding scale. 1-4 pm. Earthwise Farm & ForestFor more info contact Shelby Girard, (802) 223-7222. [shelby@ruralvermont.org](mailto:shelby@ruralvermont.org). [www.ruralvermont.org](http://www.ruralvermont.org).

**ROCHESTER.** Rochester Chamber Music Society Concert. St. Lawrence String Quartet performs Haydn, Beethoven and Schubert. Pre-concert talk by Larry Hamberlin at 3:30 pm, concert at 4 pm. Rochester Federated Church, Rt. 100. For tickets call (802) 767-9234. [www.rcmsvt.org](http://www.rcmsvt.org).

**ROCKINGHAM.** 105th Annual Pilgrimage to the Rockingham Meeting House. Featuring a performance by indie-folk artists Red Heart the Ticker. 3 pm. Free, donations welcome. Light refreshments. For info call John Leppmann at (802) 463-9000. [john.a.leppmann@dartmouth.edu](mailto:john.a.leppmann@dartmouth.edu).



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## “Take-Out” Chef Hideo Kikuchi Prepares Delicious Offerings at the Rutland Area Food Co-op

by Nancy Surette

This is what Hideo Kikuchi has been taught and believes: he releases his positive energy with every chop of the knife and sends his well wishes for good health into everything he prepares. Hideo is the “Take-out” Chef at the Rutland Area Food Co-op in Rutland, VT. And the Co-op is very fortunate to have him on their staff.

Hideo was born in Yamagata, Japan where his father was a Sushi Chef. When Hideo turned 18, he worked in Tokyo for four years in a French restaurant, and he learned Japanese cooking on his day off. Vacations were spent traveling Europe in search of authentic regional cuisine. He spent a lot of time eating, observing, and absorbing the traditional atmosphere of each place. He then moved to Bulgaria and for the next three years he cooked for the Japanese Embassy there.

Some time later, he came to America and settled in Boston. While trying to help a friend who was being attacked, Hideo was injured and spent two months in a hospital and four additional months in bed. While recuperating, he became aware of, and later enrolled in, The Kushi Institute. The Institute's founders, Mishio Kushi and his wife Aveline, had become famous for their teachings in the Macrobiotic way of cooking and of life. Here, Hideo began the process of his own healing while learning the macrobiotic principles that encompass the whole person's wellness, and the elements necessary to create that wellness, from the food eaten to the environment in which human beings place themselves. He was introduced to a nurse, Debbie, a Vermont native, who later became his wife and would bring Hideo to Rutland.

The next eight years were spent at the Kushi Institute. Hideo not only learned about macrobiotic cooking, he also became a practitioner of Shiatsu Massage. These experiences eventually led him to the Kintaro Restaurant in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, where he worked for six years. Here he practiced macrobiotic cooking and offered sessions in Shiatsu Massage on his days off.

In preparing food for the take-out department at the Co-op, Hideo uses fresh, organic and local items in his cooking as much as possible, and he cooks for the health and well-being of the person his food will nourish. Salt, herbs and spices are used sparingly, as too much of anything going into the



photo by Mike Muller  
Hideo Kikuchi at work in the kitchen at the Rutland Area Food Co-op.

body can change from medicine to poison, yet the food is absolutely delightful. He creates wonderful sandwiches and soups.

Daily offerings include two soups, one made from chicken, beef or fish, and one vegetarian-friendly. They might include a miso vegetable soup, a black bean & Japanese sweet potato soup, chicken noodle soup, a seafood chowder, or a beef curry soup. Popular sandwich choices may include teriyaki salmon, turkey and cheese, or ginger-carrot tofu. They also offer a gluten-free hummus wrap. A delicious dish that customers can't seem to get enough of is the sesame slippery noodles.

All these delicious choices and more are available daily. If you have not tried Hideo's soups, sandwiches and salads, please stop by for a treat. You'll be glad to discover this culinary treasure, right here in Rutland.

*The Rutland Area Food Co-op is located at 77 Wales St. in downtown Rutland, VT. The Co-op is open Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (802) 773-0737. or visit [www.rutlandcoop.com](http://www.rutlandcoop.com).*

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**SALISBURY.** Vermont Sun Triathlon. A swim, bike, run—not for the meek! Participate or come watch great athletes compete. For more information visit Rushton Sports' website. Day use fee: \$3, 14 and older; \$2, ages 4-13; three and younger, free. 8 am. Branbury State Park, 3570 Lake Dunmore Rd., Rt. 53. (802) 247-5925. vtstateparks.com.

**SAXTONS RIVER.** Children's Musical: Jack and the Beanstalk. Directed by Mary Hepburn, the beloved tale will be performed by children 9 to 13 who are participating in the MSA Theater Camp. Admission by donation. 3 pm at Main Street Arts, Rt. 121 in the center of town. (802) 869-2960. www.mainstreetarts.org.

**SHELBURNE.** 15th Annual Vermont Fresh Network Forum. Spectacular grazing dinner showcasing local foods raised by VFN farm partners and prepared by over 20 of Vermont's finest chefs. 5-9 pm. Coach Barn, Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 434-2000 (802) 985-8686. shelburnefarms.org. vermontfresh.net.

**WEST RUTLAND.** Free Concert. Carnival Hill performs in an outdoor concert. 6-8 pm on the Town Hall Green. With the Rave Car Show. A portion of Marble Street will be closed to traffic. Rain location: Town Hall Auditorium.

**WILMINGTON.** 4th Annual Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival. Festivities for the whole family and blueberry-themed events throughout the Mount Snow Valley. Info: (802) 464-8092. vermontblueberry.com. Also August 7.

**WINDSOR.** Windsor Farmers' Market. Crafts, produce, eggs, bread, pottery, spices, meat, pizza, wool, maple and baked goods. Wheelchair accessible, parking available. Sundays 1 pm - 4 pm. On the State Street Common. Windsorfarmersmarket.blogspot.com.

**WOODSTOCK.** 11th Annual Antique Tractor Day. Featuring dozens of tractors, both restored and unrestored, dating from the 1930s to the 1960s. A narrated tractor parade is set for 1 pm. Tractor wagon rides, rope-making demonstrations, sandbox with toy tractors. Food tent. Admission \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. 10 am to 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 8

**NEW HAVEN.** Addison County Fair & Field Days 4-H Horse & Pony Show & Open Shows. At the fairgrounds, 1790 Field Days Rd. of Rt. 17W. 802-545-2557. addisoncountyfielddays.com. Through August 11.

**RUTLAND.** 30th Annual Winter in August Celebration. Sample local restaurants' specialties & vote for your favorite. \$10 per person. 5-8 pm. Center Street Alley. Rain location Diamond Run Mall. (802) 773-2747.

**WEST RUTLAND.** Free Concert. Carnival Hill performs in an outdoor concert. 6-8 pm on the Town Hall Green. With the Rave Car Show. A portion of Marble Street will be closed to traffic. Rain location: Town Hall Auditorium.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

**NEW HAVEN.** 63rd Annual Addison County Fair & Field Days. Vermont's largest agricultural fair. Miniature donkey show, gymkhana, garden tractor pulls, Green Mtn. Fife & Drum Corps., Vermont Products Dinner, Opening Parade, Freestyle Motocross Show. Crafts, exhibits, live entertainment, midway. Admission: \$8 adults (12 and over), children 6-11 \$2, under 5 free. 1790 Field Days Rd. of Rt. 17W. 802-545-2557. fielddays@gmavt.net. www.addisoncountyfielddays.com. Through August 13.

**RUTLAND.** Cruise-In. 5 pm till dark. In the parking lot at Seward's Family Restaurant, N. Main St. (802) 773-2738. Also August 23.

**RUTLAND.** 30th Annual Winter in August Celebration. Sample local restaurants' specialties & vote for your favorite. \$10 per person. 5-8 pm. Center Street Alley. Rain location Diamond Run Mall. (802) 773-2747.

**WOODSTOCK.** Carriage Road Walk. Out & back, somewhat steep, on a dirt carriage road to The Pogue (pond), about four miles. Circle it if desired. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park. Leader: Inge Brown, (802) 296-5777. www.greenmountainclub.org.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

**BETHEL.** Free Concert—The Michele Fay Band. Bring your chairs and blankets. 7-9 pm. Bethel Band Shell in the Park, 135 Church St. bcavt.org. michelefayband.com.

**BURLINGTON.** Craftsbury Chamber Players Concert. Martinu, Shostakovich, Smetena. Tickets on sale at the door from 7:30 pm: \$22/\$20/\$8, 12 and under free. 8 pm. UVM Recital Hall, 384 S. Prospect St. (800) 639-3443.

**NEW HAVEN.** 63rd Annual Addison County Fair & Field Days. Vermont's largest agricultural fair. 4-H Horse Show, Open Dairy Show, Morgan Horse Demo, Karaoke Talent Night, Demolition Derby, Chris Kleeman Band. Kiddie rides, crafts, exhibits, live entertainment, midway. Admission: \$8 adults (12 and over), children 6-11 \$2, under 5 free. 1790 Field Days Rd. of Rt. 17W. 802-545-2557. fielddays@gmavt.net. www.addisoncountyfielddays.com. Through August 13.

**SHELBURNE.** Sun to Cheese Tour. A behind-the-scenes look at dairy farming and cheesemaking! \$15/person includes a block of cheese to take home. 2-4 pm. Welcome Center, Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 434-2000 (802) 985-8686. shelburnefarms.org.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

**FAIR HAVEN.** Concert in the Park: Big Spike Bluegrass. Free admission. 7 pm. At the Gazebo. Rain site: Fair Haven Baptist Church. www.fairhavenvt.govoffice2.com. www.gerrygrimo.com.

**HARDWICK.** Craftsbury Chamber Players Summer Music Series Concert V. Martinu Duo No. 1 for Violin and Cello, Shostakovich Sonata Opus 147 for Viola and Piano, Smetena's Trio in G Minor for Violin, Cello, and Piano. Tickets on sale at the door from 7:30 pm: \$22/\$20/\$8, 12 and under free. 8 pm. Hardwick Town House, 127 Church St. (800) 639-3443. jtawest7@gmail.com. www.craftsburychamberplayers.org.

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

**MANCHESTER.** Manchester Music Festival Concert—Manchester 250. The Manchester Festival Orchestra with guest pianist and host of NPR's From The Top, Christopher O'Riley, performing Copland, Gershwin, and Dvorak. Tickets: \$45. 7:30 pm at Arkell Pavillion, Southern VT Arts Center. (802) 362-1956. Info@mmfvt.org. www.mmfvt.org. Also August 18.

**NEW HAVEN.** 63rd Annual Addison County Fair & Field Days. Vermont's largest agricultural fair. 4-H Dairy and Sheep Shows, pony pulling, working steer demonstration, demolition derby, animal costume class, Prydien Band. Crafts, exhibits, live entertainment, midway. Admission: \$8 adults (12 and over), children 6-11 \$2, under 5 free. 1790 Field Days Rd. of Rt. 17W. 802-545-2557. fielddays@gmavt.net. www.addisoncountyfielddays.com. Through August 13.

**SHELBURNE.** Vermont Fresh Network Farmers' Dinner on Sheep's Knoll. Sample the season's offerings with a dinner outdoors, enjoying spectacular Farm vistas. The menu, prepared by Chef David Hugo, will feature food raised on the Farm. \$50/person. 6 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. For tickets call (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org. www.vermontfresh.net.

**TUNBRIDGE.** Summer Contra Dance. Hosted by the Ed Larkin Contra Dancers. Harold "Chuck" Luce and Adam Boyce, fiddlers. Open to the public, all dances taught, no partner necessary, children welcome. Refreshments available. Admission by donation. 7:30 pm at the Tunbridge Town Hall. edlarkincontradancers.org.

**WASHINGTON.** Workshop: From Cow to Consumer—Producing Raw Milk for Direct Sale. Current and aspiring raw milk farmers will learn about the regulations governing the sale of raw milk and see them in practice on a successful raw milk micro dairy. Fee: \$20. 11 am - 3 pm at Symphony Farm. Call for directions and to register. (802) 223-7222. shelby@ruralvermont.org. www.ruralvermont.org.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

**AMHERST, MA.** 5th Annual Northeast Animal-Power Field Days. Held at the Northeast Organic Farming Association Summer Conference with over 225 workshops. Celebrate draft animal power in farming, logging, and other practical purposes. Country Fair, music & dance, food, and fun! Held at University of Massachusetts. To register call (413) 230-7835. www.nofasummerconference.org. www.draftanimalpowernetwork.org. Through August 14.

**GLOVER.** Lubberland Dance Company performs 12 Reasonable and Unreasonable Crying Dances for 2011. See one of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world. Free, donations welcome. 7:30 pm. In the Paper Mache Cathedral at Bread & Puppet Theater and Museum, 753 Heights Rd., Rt. 122 off Rt. 16. (802) 525-3031. breadpup@together.net. breadandpuppet.org. Fridays through August 26.

**NEW HAVEN.** 63rd Annual Addison County Fair & Field Days. Vermont's largest agricultural fair. Draft Horse Show, Tractor Pulls, Horse Pulls, Dog Herding and Sheep Shearing Demos, Tethered Hot Air Balloon. Crafts, exhibits, live entertainment, midway. Admission: \$8 adults (12 and over), children 6-11 \$2, under 5 free. 1790 Field Days Rd. of Rt. 17W. 802-545-2557. fielddays@gmavt.net. www.addisoncountyfielddays.com. Also August 13.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

**AMHERST, MA.** 5th Annual Northeast Animal-Power Field Days. Held at the Northeast Organic Farming Association Summer Conference with over 225 workshops. Country Fair, music & dance, food, and fun! University of Massachusetts. To register call (413) 230-7835. nofasummerconference.org. draftanimalpowernetwork.org. Also August 14.

**BARNARD.** Raw Dairy Processing Class—Butter, Yogurt, Whipped Cream, and Scones. Sponsored by Rural Vermont. Fee: \$20-\$40. 1-3 pm at Hawk's Hill Farm. For more info contact Shelby Girard, (802) 223-7222. www.ruralvermont.org.

## A Fable

The mountain and the squirrel  
Had a quarrel,  
And the former called the latter "Little Prig!"  
Bun replied,  
"You are doubtless very big;  
But all sorts of things and weather  
Must be taken in together  
To make up a year  
And a sphere.  
And I think it no disgrace  
To occupy my place.  
If I'm not so large as you  
You are not so small as I  
And not half so spry.  
I'll not deny you make  
A very pretty squirrel track;  
Talents differ; all is well and wisely put;  
I cannot carry forests on my back,  
Neither can you crack a nut."



—RALPH WALDO EMERSON

## Thursday Afternoon Turtle Hikes In the Rutland Area

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department sponsors free hikes for those who wish to enjoy their outings at a less strenuous pace. The hikes typically cover two to four miles. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for Vermont weather. Meet on Thursdays at 9 am at the Godnick Center on Deer St. in Rutland to car pool. We return in early to mid-afternoon.

**August 4. Lily Pond, Bomoseen, VT.** Hike past beaver dams and old slate quarries to a remote pond. Moderate difficulty. Leader: Tom Copps, (802) 774-5144.

**August 18. Cookout at Gifford Woods, Killington, VT.** Bring something to cook over our campfire. Enjoy a short hike or just relax. Small admission fee—free admission with Green Mt. Passport. (Age 62? Obtain your lifetime Green Mountain Passport for \$2 at your Town Clerk's Office.) Leader: Ann Perry, (802) 236-1780.

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**BARRE.** Concert: Ernie Haas and Signature Sound. Tickets: \$20/\$25. 7 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. (802) 476-8188. [www.barreoperahouse.org](http://www.barreoperahouse.org).

**BENNINGTON.** Annual Battle of Bennington Weekend Celebration. The living history encampment features drill presentations, musket and artillery demonstrations, educational exhibits, activities for children hourly, and authentic cannons on display and fired throughout the weekend. 5K road race, registration 8 am, registration fee. Free admission. 10 am – 5 pm. Bennington Battle Monument grounds, 15 Monument Circle. (802) 447-0550. [www.historicvermont.org](http://www.historicvermont.org). Also August 14.

**CRAFTSBURY.** Concert: Twist of the Wrist. Versatile quartet of Vermont musicians, specializing in Eastern European vocal and dance music. \$10 general, \$5 students & low-income seniors, kids free. 8 pm. The Music Box, 147 Creek Rd. (802) 586-7533. [www.themusicboxvt.org](http://www.themusicboxvt.org). [www.cosabuenvt.com](http://www.cosabuenvt.com).

**CRAFTSBURY.** Craftsby Old Home Day. The fun begins on the Common at 9:30 AM with the traditional pet show, kids' games, from 10 am – noon. Parade at 1 pm. Field day games, pie-eating contest and the crazy hat contest. Craftsby Historical Society will be open. (802) 586-2823.

**DUMMERSTON.** Workshop: Perfect Peach Tarts. With Laurel Roberts Johnson. Learn how to prepare and roll out dough for delicious peach tarts using the right recipe and technique. We will prepare and bake tarts using Scott Farm peaches and you will bring home the tart you make, another batch of dough and a take-home bag of peaches. 10 am – 1 pm at Scott Farm. Reservations required. For more information and to register contact [scottfarm@sover.net](mailto:scottfarm@sover.net).

**HUBBARDTON.** By the Light of the Silvery Moon. The Green Mountain Alliance of Amateur Astronomers bring telescopes to reveal moonlight magic. You can bring binoculars, blankets, and flashlights. Marshmallows are on us. Call to confirm. Rain date August 14. Free, donations appreciated. 8-10 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd., seven miles north of Rt. 4. (802) 273-2282. [www.historicvermont.org](http://www.historicvermont.org).

**JAY.** 4th Annual Jay Summer Fest. Parade at 10 am. 40+ vendors—arts, crafts, food, flea market, farmers market. Tag & bake sale, silent auction, wellness tent, music, cake raffle, pie & cupcake contests. Kids games, raffle, horseshoe tournament. 9 am – 4 pm downtown. (802) 343-5687. [www.jayvt.com](http://www.jayvt.com).

**MANCHESTER.** The Solar Bus. A solar energy educational project on wheels. Interactive, fun and informative for all ages. Free. Check in at the Welcome Center, 11 am – 3 pm. At Hildene, off Rt. 7A south of the village. (802) 367-7960. [www.hildene.org](http://www.hildene.org).

**NEW HAVEN.** 63rd Annual Addison County Fair & Field Days. Vermont's largest agricultural fair. Open Dairy Show, Draft Horse Show, Poultry Breeders Show, Cupcake Party, Six-Horse Hitch, Green Mountain Cloggers, Battle of the Bands, Semi Tractor-Trailer Pulls, Ivory Band, Fireworks at dusk. Exhibits, live entertainment, midway. Admission: \$8 adults (12 and over), children 6-11 \$2, under 5 free. 1790 Field Days Rd. off Rt. 17W. 802-545-2557. [fielddays@gmavt.net](mailto:fielddays@gmavt.net). [www.addisoncountyfielddays.com](http://www.addisoncountyfielddays.com). Also Aug. 13.

**RANDOLPH CENTER.** Workshop: Chef on the Farm. Chef Ed Striebe will share how to select fresh herbs and vegetables and prepare them with our own chicken and pork. Lincoln Farm, 4883 East Bethel Rd. (802) 728-4273. [www.lincolnfarmproduce.com](http://www.lincolnfarmproduce.com)

**RUTLAND.** 50th Annual Art in the Park. A fine art and craft festival. Specialty foods, musical entertainment, children's activities, food concessions, demonstrations and more. Sponsored by Chaffee Art Center. 10 am – 5 pm. In Main Street Park at Rt. 4 & 7. (802) 775-0356. [info@chaffeeartcenter.org](mailto:info@chaffeeartcenter.org). [www.chaffeeartcenter.org](http://www.chaffeeartcenter.org). Also Aug. 14.

**SHELburne.** Create a Fresh Flower Arrangement Fit for the Inn. Instructor: Victoria Dilley, Floral Designer for The Inn. Learn to create amazing flower arrangements. Fee: \$25. 10 am – 12 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. For tickets call (802) 985-8686. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org). [www.vermontfresh.net](http://www.vermontfresh.net).

**SPRINGFIELD.** 2nd Annual Hogs for Hunger Benefit Ride. For the Springfield Family Center. Registration begins at 10:30 am, the ride begins at 11 am. BBQ, 50/50 raffle and more after the ride at the Springfield Family Center's White Acres property. Fees \$15 per bike and \$5 for second rider. All bikes are welcome—motorcycles, trikes, scooters, sport bikes, and enduros. Rain date 8/20. (802) 885-3646 x 210.

**TOWNSHEND.** Concert with the Wood's Tea Company. Bring lawn chairs and a picnic. Free. 7 pm. On the Townshend Common. In case of rain, Townshend Town Hall. (802) 365-9109. [www.gracecottage.org](http://www.gracecottage.org).

**TUNBRIDGE.** 250th Celebration Quilt & Needlework Show: "A Woman's Work is Never Done...250 Years of Tunbridge Life." Hosted by the Saturday Sewing Circle. 10 am – 3 pm. At the Town Hall, Rt. 110. [www.tunbridgevt.com](http://www.tunbridgevt.com). Also August 14.

**WEST NEWBURY.** 30th Annual Summer Festival. Muffin breakfast at 8 am. White elephant sale, silent auction, bake sale, display of gracious table settings, parade. Spare rib barbecue 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, adults \$8.50, children \$4.50. Taste of local desserts 12-2 pm. 8 am – 3 pm. At West Newbury Hall, 219 Tyler Farm Rd. (802) 429-2316.

**WOODSTOCK.** Moonlight Outing on Mt. Tom. Bring a snack to share, beverage, and candles for the cabin. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Leaders: Tom & Diane Russell, (802) 457-2898. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org)

**WOODSTOCK.** Third Annual Taste of Woodstock. Food, music, crafts, cheese, wines, brews, kids activities, fire spinning, and sidewalk sales. 10 am – 8:30 pm on Elm Street and The Green. (802) 457-3777. [info@woodstockvt.com](mailto:info@woodstockvt.com). [www.woodstockvt.com](http://www.woodstockvt.com).

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

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**BELMONT.** Program: History of the Belmont Store. With Lisa Kelley. 2:15 pm. Mount Holly Community Historical Museum, Tarbellville Rd. (802) 259-2460. [www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org](http://www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org)

**BENNINGTON.** Annual Battle of Bennington Weekend Celebration. The living history encampment. Free admission. 10 am – 5 pm. Bennington Battle Monument grounds, 15 Monument Circle. (802) 447-0550. [www.historicvermont.org](http://www.historicvermont.org). Also August 14.

**BROWNINGTON.** Annual Old Stone House Day. Museum open house, traditional skills and crafts. Farmers market, kids activities, animals, music, and food. 10 am – 5 pm. Old Stone House Museum, 109 Old Stone House Rd. (802) 754-2022. [information@oldstonehousemuseum.org](mailto:information@oldstonehousemuseum.org). [www.oldstonehousemuseum.org](http://www.oldstonehousemuseum.org).

**EAST DORSET.** Vermont Summer Celebration Grand Prix Sunday. Top equestrian competition. Food and other concessions. Admission \$7 adults, \$5 children. 8 am to 4 pm. Harold Beebe Farm, Rt. 7, north of Manchester. (802) 496-4878. [info@vt-summerfestival.com](mailto:info@vt-summerfestival.com). [www.vt-summerfestival.com](http://www.vt-summerfestival.com). Wednesdays through Sundays, through August 14.

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## Summer Notes

circa 1883

by Edward Martin Taber

After the tornado of yesterday, a walk in the south wood, where branches are strewn, and trunks prostrate; even while there I hear a tree come down with a splintering sound—a prolonged crash.

As I cross the mowing in the long grass, the ripe nodding heads of timothy look like a purple ripple on a green sea.

The strange and elfin look of the thrush, its large eye—its looks are no less distinguished than its song. The other night a hoot owl in the sugar-wood.

A flock of snowbirds uttering a hard unfamiliar cry, and I hear the chickadees make their winter note. Thermometer all day fifty-eight degrees at highest.

Few stars in moon-flooded sky. Stars shone dim, faint in the pale sky.

What a walk in the cool night air—a hint, a tinge of iciness. "One star of such abundant lustre hung low above that pallid gleam"—a faint suggestion of a semi-sunset hue above the western hills—a pale dawning at nine o'clock.

Loud sound of running water, wherever water runs, falling of a sudden on the ear—difference of degrees of past eight. Birds—mountain-side, the valley, ringing with answering calls. Later (a thrush?) a soft musical call out of the darkening woods.

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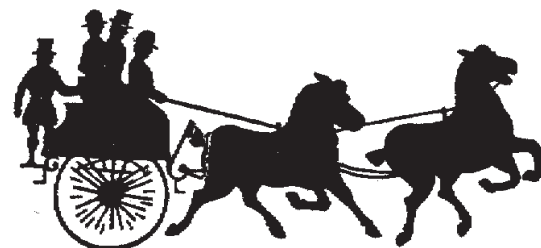
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**FERRISBURGH.** Annual Pie & Ice Cream Social. Relax to music provided by the Vergennes City Band as you sample pies of every type including the Robinson's Maple Butternut Chiffon! A la carte, to benefit the museum. Guided tours of the house will be available every half-hour throughout the afternoon; tour admission is \$6 adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$2 for children. 1-4 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. www.rokeby.org.

**GLOVER.** The Bread and Puppet Theater will perform The Man=Carrot Circus and The Upriser's Pageant at 2:30 pm as an all-afternoon event. Museum tour at 1 pm. Free. donations appreciated. 7:30 pm. On the Bread & Puppet Farm, Rt. 122 off Rt. 16. (802) 525-3031. breadpup@together.net. www.breadandpuppet.org. *Sundays through August 28.*

**KILLINGTON.** Circus Smirkus. The only American youth circus, performs juggling, tumbling, trapeze, aerial acts, contortion, clowns, live music and more, in the bright blue-and-white tent sharing the ring with adult performer-coaches. Tickets are \$20 for adults (over age 13) and \$17 for youth (ages 12 & under.) 1 and 6 pm at Pico Mountain, Rt. 4. (802) 773-4181. *Also August 15.*

**LYME, NH.** Outdoor Buffet and Live Musical Entertainment. Skellig performs at Loch Lyme Lodge on Post Pond. 6 pm sharp! For more info contact us at (603) 795-2141, (800) 423-2141. *Every Sunday evening through September 4.*

**RUTLAND.** 50th Annual Art in the Park. A fine art and craft festival. Specialty foods, musical entertainment, children's activities, food concessions, demonstrations and more. Sponsored by Chaffee Art Center. 10 am - 5 pm. In Main Street Park at Rt. 4 & 7. (802) 775-0356. info@chaffeeartcenter.org. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

**TUNBRIDGE.** 250th Celebration Quilt & Needlework Show: "A Woman's Work is Never Done...250 Years of Tunbridge Life." Hosted by the Saturday Sewing Circle. 11 am - 2 pm. At the Town Hall, Rt. 110. www.tunbridgevt.com.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 15

**GRAFTON.** Chapel Fundraising Dinner for the Grafton Valley Arts Guild. All natural gourmet food with a local focus prepared by Chef Bryce LeVan Cushing. Dinner includes a fresh soup, salad, choice of entree and dessert! The menu perennially includes Grafton Cheese mac & cheese, Southwest tacos and burritos with LeVan special fresh salsa, black beans, and Spanish rice, fresh Italian pasta dishes and homemade desserts by local pastry hero, Anne Brown. Jazz guitar music by Draa Hobbs begins at 7 pm. Suggested donation \$15. Proceeds benefit Cricketers Gallery. Dinners each first and third Monday. 5-9 pm at the White Chapel, 4 Main St. For info on the menu or seating call (802) 843-1162. brycelevancushing@gmail.com.

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## TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

**BRANDON.** Hike to Silver Lake. Falls of Lana and Silver Lake, Moosalamoo National Recreation area. Swim and/or hike around lake. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Leader: Peter Hope, (603) 863-6456. www.greenmountainclub.org.

**STATEWIDE.** Bennington Battle Day. All State-owned State Historic Sites are free. www.historicvermont.org.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

**BARTON.** 144th Annual Orleans County Fair. Old-time agricultural county fair is alive with entertainment and fun for the entire family. On opening day we'll attempt to break the World Record for the longest Cadillac Parade in History. Animal judging; 4H, open and gymkhana horse shows. U.S./Canadian Friendship Trot, harness racing program with \$30,000 purse. See some of the finest dairy and beef herds in New England compete. Entertainment, midway, demo derby, horse pulls, tractor & truck pulls, midway, food, and fun! At Roaring Brook Park. (802) 525-3555. www.orleanscountyfair.net. *Through August 21.*

**BETHEL.** Free Concert—The Shana Stack Band. Sponsored by Bethel Council on the Arts. Bring your chairs and blankets. 7-9 pm. Bethel Band Shell in the Park, 135 Church St. bcavt.org. www.shanastack.com.

**BURLINGTON.** Craftsbury Chamber Players Summer Music Series Concert VI. Villa-Lobos Duo for Violin and Viola, Bartok's Contrasts for Violin, Clarinet and Piano, Walton's Quartet for Violin, Viola, Cello, and Piano. Tickets on sale at the door from 7:30 pm: \$22/\$20/\$8, 12 and under free. 8 pm. UVM Recital Hall, 384 S. Prospect St. (800) 639-3443. jtawest7@gmail.com. www.craftsburychamberplayers.org.

**MANCHESTER.** Thum Memorial Concert with Wood's Tea Company. Gates open at 5 pm for picnicking, concert begins at 6 pm. Parking and admission are at the Welcome Center. \$5 for adults; \$2 for youth; children 5 and under free. At Hildene, off Rt. 7A south of the village. (802) 367-7960. www.hildene.org.

**SOUTH HERO.** Roast Turkey Supper. Continuous serving, buffet style, from 5-6:30 pm. Adults \$10, children under 12 \$5. Tickets available at the door. South Hero Congregational Church, 24 South St. (802) 372-4962.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

**BARTON.** 144th Annual Orleans County Fair. Animal judging, 4H, horse shows. Entertainment, midway, demo derby, midway, food, and fun! At Roaring Brook Park. (802) 525-3555. www.orleanscountyfair.net. *Through August 21.*

**BENNINGTON.** Cruise-In. Show your classic car, classic truck, classic sports car, muscle car, or street rod. Over 200 cars expected, trophies awarded. Music by DJ Rich Ryder, food by Nan-Z's. Sponsored by Hemmings Motor News. 5:30-8 pm. Held at the Hemmings headquarters parking lot, 222 Main St. (802) 442-3101. www.hemmings.com.

**HARDWICK.** Agricultural Tours in the Hardwick Area. All-day caravan organized by the Center for an Agricultural Economy (CAE). Hear the stories, tour the facilities, and meet the people that make this area so rich in community-based agricultural enterprises. Tom Stearns will lead a group of up to 25 people to several farms and businesses in Hardwick, Craftsbury, Albany, Greensboro and East Hardwick. Informative, fast-paced, fascinating. \$50 per person, with no charge for children under 10. 10 am at The Center for an Agricultural Economy, 41 S. Main St. Call to register. (802) 472-5840. elena@hardwickagriculture.org. www.hardwickagriculture.org. *Also September 15 and October 20.*

**HARDWICK.** Craftsbury Chamber Players Summer Music Series Concert VI: Villa-Lobos and Bartok. Tickets on sale at the door from 7:30 pm: \$22/\$20/\$8, 12 and under free. 8 pm. Hardwick Town House, 127 Church St. (800) 639-3443. jtawest7@gmail.com. www.craftsburychamberplayers.org.

**KILLINGTON.** Cookout in Gifford Woods. Bring something to cook over our campfire. Enjoy a short hike or just relax. Carpool at 9 am at the Godnick Center on Deer St. in Rutland. Leader: Ann Perry (802) 236-1780. www.greenmountainclub.org.

**MANCHESTER.** Manchester Music Festival Concert. Metropolitan Opera Singers from the MET's Lindemann Young Artists Development Program. Tickets: \$45. 7:30 pm at Arkell Pavillion, Southern VT Arts Center. (802) 362-1956. info@mmfvt.org. www.mmfvt.org.

**WILMINGTON.** 94th Annual Deerfield Valley Farmers' Day Exhibition. Family night. Midway opens at 5 pm with a four-hour unlimited ride bracelet. 3-10:30 pm. At Baker Field. (802) 319-0117. www.dvfair.com. *Through Aug. 21.*

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

**BARTON.** 144th Annual Orleans County Fair. Animal judging, 4H, horse shows. U.S./Canadian Friendship Trot, harness racing with \$30,000 purse. See some of the finest dairy and beef herds in New England. Entertainment, midway, demo derby, horse pulls, tractor & truck pulls, midway, food, and fun! At Roaring Brook Park. (802) 525-3555. www.orleanscountyfair.net. *Through August 21.*

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Bellows Falls Farmers Market. Farm products, ready-to-eat food and live music. Today is the Youth Market, a day when kids can come sell products they have helped make, grow or produce. Free admission. Fridays 4-7 pm rain or shine at the Waypoint Center, Depot St. (802) 387-5109. www.bffarmersmarket.com. *Fridays through October 15.*

**GLOVER.** Lubberland Dance Company performs 12 Reasonable and Unreasonable Crying Dances for 2011. One of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world. Free. 7:30 pm. In the Paper Mache Cathedral at Bread & Puppet Theater and Museum, 753 Heights Rd., Rt. 122 off Rt. 16. (802) 525-3031. www.breadandpuppet.org. *Fridays through August 26.*

**SOUTH BURLINGTON.** Vineyard & Organic Apple Orchard Open House. Learn about growing apples and grapes in Vermont. Free and open to the public, rain or shine. 2-5 pm. UVM Horticulture Research Center, 65 Green Mountain Dr. (802) 656-3131. www.uvm.edu/organica.

**TUNBRIDGE.** 36th Annual Lippitt Morgan Country Show. Celebrating the "Old Style" Morgan Horse! See carriage driving; jumping; trotting races, trail, dressage, western, huntseat; saddleseat, costume class, walk/trot, leadline, junior; exhibitor, In-hand; and Justin Morgan Standard Class. Tunbridge Fair Grounds, Rt. 110. (802) 235-2264. Lrivers@vermontel.net. www.lippittclub.net. *Through August 21.*

**WILMINGTON.** 94th Annual Deerfield Valley Farmers' Day Exhibition. Full midway with rides. Oxen demonstration, farm exhibits. Children's activities, kids' lawnmower contest, exhibit halls, country jam, horseshoe contest. At Baker Field. (802) 319-0117. www.dvfair.com. *Through August 21.*

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## SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

**ALBANY.** Open Farm Work Days at Peace of Earth Farm. Learn about sheet mulching through a farm tour and hands-on work, followed by a light meal. Turn a lawn into a garden using mulch. Free. 2-5 pm. For directions call (802) 755-6336. [www.heartofvt.com](http://www.heartofvt.com). *Continues every third Saturday through September.*

**BARTON.** 144th Annual Orleans County Fair. Old-time agricultural county fair is alive with entertainment and fun for the entire family. Animal judging, 4H, open and gymkhana horse shows. U.S./Canadian Friendship Trot, harness racing program with \$30,000 purse. See some of the finest dairy and beef herds in New England. Entertainment, midway, demo derby, horse pulls, tractor & truck pulls, midway, food, and fun! At Roaring Brook Park. (802) 525-3555. [www.orleanscountyfair.net](http://www.orleanscountyfair.net). *Also August 21.*

**FAIRLEE.** Hulbert Outdoor Center Annual Family Camp. Hiking, canoeing, crafting from natural materials, listening to stories around the campfire, singing, sailing, swimming, or simply relaxing in the hammock. Weekly rates are adults \$525, children age 4-16 \$415, under 4 free. Daily rates also available. Hulbert Outdoor Center, 2968 Lake Morey Rd., Fairlee, VT 05045 or call (802) 333-3405. [www.alohafoundation.org/hulbert](http://www.alohafoundation.org/hulbert). *Through August 26.*

**NEW HAVEN.** Vermont Classic Horse Show. Addison County Fair & Field Days grounds, 1790 Field Days Rd. off Rt. 17W. (802) 363-1997. *Also August 21.*

**SOUTH ROYALTON.** White River Valley Historical Fair. Local historical societies around and near the White River will have displays relating to, in some instances, the 250th celebrations of their towns, the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, and other community events. There will be speakers and artisan/crafters. 10 am – 3 pm. At the South Royalton High School. (802) 767-4453. [www.rochesterhistorical.org](http://www.rochesterhistorical.org).

**SPRINGFIELD.** Springfield Community Market. Produce and meats, prepared foods, and crafts. Music and demonstrations, weekly events. Bus stop nearby, parking and bathroom available. 10 am – 1 pm. Downtown at 6 Main St. in the bank parking area. [www.springfieldcommunitymarket.com](http://www.springfieldcommunitymarket.com). *Saturdays till October 1.*

**TUNBRIDGE.** 36th Annual Lippitt Morgan Country Show. Celebrating the “Old Style” Morgan Horse! Our relaxed and family-oriented event is intended to showcase the many talents of this special horse in a most beautiful setting. Tunbridge Fair Grounds, Rt. 110. For information contact Lisa Fenton, (802) 235-2264. [Lrivers@vermontel.net](mailto:Lrivers@vermontel.net). [www.lippittclub.net](http://www.lippittclub.net). *Also August 21.*

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## SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

**BARTON.** 144th Annual Orleans County Fair. Trotting races, animal judging, 4H, horse shows. Entertainment, midway, demo derby, horse pulls, tractor & truck pulls, midway, food, and fun! At Roaring Brook Park. (802) 525-3555. [www.orleanscountyfair.net](http://www.orleanscountyfair.net).

**BROOKFIELD.** 2nd Annual Market Day and Picnic Dinner Celebration. Sponsored by the Floating Bridge Food and Farms Cooperative. Farmer’s market 1-4 pm and silent auction 1-7 pm. At 4 pm the Coop and Ariel’s Restaurant will present a buffet picnic on the lawn behind Ariel’s with herb-roasted chicken, ratatouille and flatbread pizzas from Ariel’s new backyard wood-fired oven and grill, plus salads and desserts. \$20 adult, \$8 children 6 to 12, 5 and under free. Pizza \$3/slice. Call Ariel’s at (802) 276-3939 for picnic reservations. Bring a blanket and sit on the lawn by the pond. There will be some tables and chairs. Wine, beer and soft drinks from Ariel’s will be for sale. 1-7 pm at The Old Town Hall in Pond Village by the Floating Bridge, rain or shine. (802) 276-3939. [www.floatingbridgefoodandfarms.com](http://www.floatingbridgefoodandfarms.com).

**EAST THERFORD.** 6th Annual Mexican Night. Elaborate farm-grown Mexican dinner featuring Will’s famous chile rellenos, spicy salsa, locally raised meat, and more. It takes days to carefully prepare this amazing feast. \$60 per person. 5:30-8:30 pm. Cedar Circle Farm, Farmstand and Education Center, Pavillion Rd., off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. [CedarCircleFarm.org](http://CedarCircleFarm.org).

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**HUBBARDTON.** Family Program: Early Hubbardton Residents—a Visit to the East Hubbardton Cemetery. A Hubbardton resident from 1777 comes to life to host a visit to the East Hubbardton Cemetery and introduce you to settlers living here in the path of the Revolutionary War. Admission: adults \$2, children 14 and under free. Meet at Visitor Center, rain or shine at 1 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Rd., six miles off Rt. 30. (802) 273-2282. [hubbardton@historicvermont.org](mailto:hubbardton@historicvermont.org). [www.historicvermont.org](http://www.historicvermont.org).

**LYME, NH.** Outdoor Buffet and Live Musical Entertainment. Green Room performs at Loch Lyme Lodge on Post Pond. 6 pm sharp! For more info contact us at (603) 795-2141, (800) 423-2141. *Sunday evenings through September 4.*

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**WILMINGTON.** 94th Annual Deerfield Valley Farmers’ Day Exhibition. Full midway with rides. Craft show, bingo, classic car show. Sunday-only demolition derby. 8:30 am – 3 pm. At Baker Field. (802) 319-0117. [www.dvfair.com](http://www.dvfair.com).

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

**LYNDONVILLE.** 166th Annual Caledonia County Fair. Agriculture, floral, maple, and 4-H exhibits. Michael Griffin in the Grandstand. Family entertainment, midway. At Mountain View Park. (802) 626-5917. [www.vtfair.com](http://www.vtfair.com). *Through August 28.*

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

**BONDVILLE.** Annual Bondville Fair. In operation since 1791! Rides & games, free entertainment. Music by the Bondville Boys, John Specker & Ida Specker, and Wayne Canney. Quilt show, bingo tent. 16th Annual Ox Pull, 8th Annual Garden Tractor Pull, 8th Annual ATV Pull. School House, Grist Mill, Sugar House. Friendly farm animals in the Pole Barn. Opens at noon. Fairgrounds on Rt. 30 across from Stratton access road. (802) 297-9810. [bondvillefair.org](http://bondvillefair.org). *Through August 28.*

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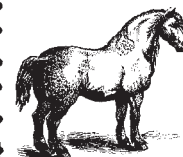
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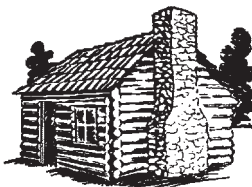
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**RUTLAND.** Comedy Performance. Jim Breuer in an evening of laughs about family, friends and everyone we love featuring material that relates to anyone between the ages of 18 through 80! Tickets \$25.50/\$35.50. 8 pm. The Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [www.paramountvt.org](http://www.paramountvt.org).

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

**BONDVILLE.** Annual Bondville Fair. In operation since 1791! Children's pet show. Music by Flood Brook All Stars, Woodchuck's Revenge, Ubuntu, Blues Sanctuary, and Red Fox Session Band. Pee wee pedal power tractor pull, antique tractor pull, and stock truck pull. Bingo tent. Agricultural displays. Rides & games, free entertainment. Fairgrounds on Rt. 30 across from Stratton Access Rd. (802) 297-9810. [bondvillefair.org](http://bondvillefair.org). Also August 28.

**CORNWALL.** Antiques Auction to Benefit The Henry Sheldon Museum. Auctioneer: Tom Broughton. 10 am, preview at 8:30 am. Glen Dale Farm, 1455 Cider Mill Rd. (802) 388-2117. [www.henrysheldonmuseum.org](http://www.henrysheldonmuseum.org).

**EAST CHARLESTON.** Paddle the Kingdom: Little Averill Lake. Find deep, clear waters and sandy beaches on this northern gem—all beneath the cliffs of nearby Brousseau Mountain. Bring lunch, water, snack and extra clothing. Fee: \$25, includes canoe rental. 10 am. Northwoods Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 723-6551. [www.northwoodscenter.org](http://www.northwoodscenter.org).

**EAST THETFORD.** Garden Class: Keep! Harvest, Cure and Store. Led by Cat Buxton with Megan Baxter. Fee \$20. 10:30 am – 12 pm. Cedar Circle Farm, Farmstand and Education Center, Pavillion Rd., off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. [CedarCircleFarm.org](http://CedarCircleFarm.org).

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Champlain Valley Fair. Vermont's largest fair. Agricultural displays, contests. 4-H dairy show, draft horse halter class, fruit and vegetable judging, youth sheep show, fair parade. Tractor & truck pull, demo derby. U.S. Marine Corps Band. Midway rides and games, fair food, bingo, free entertainment stages. Big Top Circus. Concerts with Lynyrd Skynyrd and the Doobie Brothers. Champlain Valley Exposition, Rt. 15. (802) 878-5545. [www.cvexpo.org](http://www.cvexpo.org). Through September 5.

**LYNDONVILLE.** 166th Annual Caledonia County Fair. Agriculture, floral, maple, and 4-H exhibits. Fireman's games, gymkhana, horse pull. Grand cavalcade with Haflinger horses. Tractor rodeo, goat show. Concert: Hotel California, A Salute to the Eagles. Family entertainment, midway. At Mountain View Park. (802) 626-5917. [www.vtfair.com](http://www.vtfair.com). Also August 28.

**POULTNEY.** Paddle the Poultny River. A relaxing paddle along the scenic Vermont/New York border. An easy five miles. Rain date August 28. Meet at Sears parking lot in Rutland at 9 am. Sponsored by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Leader: Barb & Barry Griffith (802) 492-3573. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**QUECHEE.** 37th Annual Quechee Scottish Festival. Massed pipe bands at 11:30 am. Pipe band competition, children's games, ladies' rolling pin toss, solo bagpipe and chanter competition, Highland athletics and dancing competition. Live music by Fifth Business, Prydein, Atlantic Crossing. Scottish country dancing. Scottish arts & crafts. Over 50 clan and society tents. Historic Highlanders. Vermont sheepdog championship trials. Scottish wares, souvenirs, clothing, music, antiques and more. Scottish and American specialty food and drink. Bring your own folding chair. Tickets: adults: \$12; children 5 to 12, \$8; under 5 free. Free parking. 8 am – 4:30 pm, rain or shine. On the Quechee Polo Field. [www.quecheescottishfestival.com](http://www.quecheescottishfestival.com)

**SHEFFIELD.** A Walk in the Woods—Tree Farm Tour. At Robertson's Property, Pfalzerwald Tree Farm. Moderate hiking, refreshments served. No charge, no registration required. Rain or shine. 12 noon. Directions: I-91, exit 24, right onto Rt. 122 6 miles to Sheffield, right onto Berry Hill Rd, 1.6 miles to gated entrance at 1619 Berry Hill Rd., 1/4 mile up road to house and barn. (802) 747-7900. [www.vermontwoodlands.org](http://www.vermontwoodlands.org).

**SPRINGFIELD.** 12th Annual River Sweep. Everyone is welcome, all ages and no experience necessary. Bring some elbow grease and a sense of humor, because everything else is provided: trash bags, work gloves, refreshments, even a complimentary tee shirt. Stay for a hour or spend the morning with us! Work from your own kayak, from the shore or in the river itself. 8 am to noon, starting at the Springfield Shopping, near footbridge. (802) 885-1533. [blackrivercleanup@yahoo.com](mailto:blackrivercleanup@yahoo.com).

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

**BONDVILLE.** Annual Bondville Fair. In operation since 1791! Music by Mark Harding Trio. Wild Country Cloggers, quilt exhibit, horse pull. Agricultural displays and contests. Rides & games, free entertainment. Fairgrounds on Rt. 30 across from Stratton Access Rd. (802) 297-9810. [bondvillefair.org](http://bondvillefair.org).

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Champlain Valley Fair. Vermont's largest fair. Agricultural displays and contests. 4-H dairy judging contest, 4-H livestock costume class, canning and preserving judging, chocolate chip cookie contest, open meat breeds competition, 6-horse draft horse hitch class. Talent contest. Midway rides and games, fair food, bingo, free entertainment stages. Big Top Circus. Concert with Big Time Rush. Champlain Valley Exposition, Rt. 15. (802) 878-5545. [www.cvexpo.org](http://www.cvexpo.org). Through September 5.

**LYME, NH.** Outdoor Buffet and Live Musical Entertainment. Sensible Shoes performs at Loch Lyme Lodge on Post Pond. 6 pm sharp! For more info contact us at (603) 795-2141, (800) 423-2141. Also September 4.

**GLOVER.** The Bread and Puppet Theater will perform The Man=Carrot Circus and The Upriser's Pageant at 2:30 pm as an all-afternoon event. Museum tour at 1 pm. Free, donations appreciated. 7:30 pm. On the Bread & Puppet Farm, Rt. 122 off Rt. 16. (802) 525-3031. [breadpup@together.net](mailto:breadpup@together.net). [www.breadandpuppet.org](http://www.breadandpuppet.org). Sundays through August 28.

**LYNDONVILLE.** 166th Annual Caledonia County Fair. Agriculture, floral, maple, and 4-H exhibits. All-day horse show. Ox pull, pig scramble, ice cream-eating contest. Demo derby. Family entertainment, midway. At Mountain View Park. (802) 626-5917. [www.vtfair.com](http://www.vtfair.com).

**MENDON.** Paddle the Chittenden Reservoir. 750 acres of lake, good swimming spots, great mountain setting. Paddle about six miles of shoreline (lots of bays and inlets). Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Leader: Annie Janeway, (413) 374-0988.

**SAXTONS RIVER.** Annual Main Street Arts Barbeque. 4 pm at Main Street Arts, Rt. 121, in the center of town. (802) 869-2960. [www.mainstreetarts.org](http://www.mainstreetarts.org).

**TUNBRIDGE.** 250th Celebration Exhibit: "Tunbridge—The Past" and Tunbridge Grange Open House. 12-2 pm. At the North Tunbridge Baptist Church, Rt. 110. (802) 685-3029. [www.tunbridgevt.com](http://www.tunbridgevt.com).

## MONDAY, AUGUST 29

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Champlain Valley Fair. Vermont's largest fair. Agricultural displays and contests. Ayrshire and Milking Shorthorn shows, horse pulling, shearing demonstration, "perfect pie" contest, parade. Talent contest. Midway rides and games, fair food, bingo, free entertainment stages. Big Top Circus. Champlain Valley Exposition, Rt. 15. (802) 878-5545. [www.cvexpo.org](http://www.cvexpo.org). Through September 5.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

**BROOKFIELD.** Fiber Arts Series. A three session series with Joan Darling. Learn how to process a raw wool fleece into a piece of art. Also on September 6 & 13. Fee: \$150-\$225. 9 am – 2 pm. Twin Pond Retreat. For information or to register contact [jennifer@twinpondretreat.com](mailto:jennifer@twinpondretreat.com). [www.twinpondretreat.com](http://www.twinpondretreat.com).

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Champlain Valley Fair. Agricultural displays and contests and 4-H. Horse pulling, fine art and craft sales, talent contest. Midway rides and games, fair food, bingo, free entertainment stages. Big Top Circus. Champlain Valley Exposition, Rt. 15. (802) 878-5545. [www.cvexpo.org](http://www.cvexpo.org). Through September 5.

**HARTFORD.** Hike & Swim. Three-mile hike in Hurricane Forest followed by a swim at Upper Valley Aquatic Center. Special price arranged by leader (\$5). Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Non-members welcome. Leader: Inge Brown, (802) 296-5777. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Champlain Valley Fair. Vermont's largest fair. Agricultural displays and contests and 4-H. Horse pulling, cherry pie contest, fine art and craft sales, dog agility, parade, talent contest. Midway rides and games, fair food, bingo, free entertainment stages. Big Top Circus. Champlain Valley Exposition, Rt. 15. (802) 878-5545. [www.cvexpo.org](http://www.cvexpo.org). Through September 5.

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And for those who love blue,  
Why must you,  
Having only been transplanted  
From where you were not wanted  
Either by the bee or by me  
From under the sage, engage in this self-destruction?  
I was tender about your slender tap-root.  
I thought you would send out shoot after shoot  
Of thick cucumber-smelling, hairy leaves.  
But why anybody believes  
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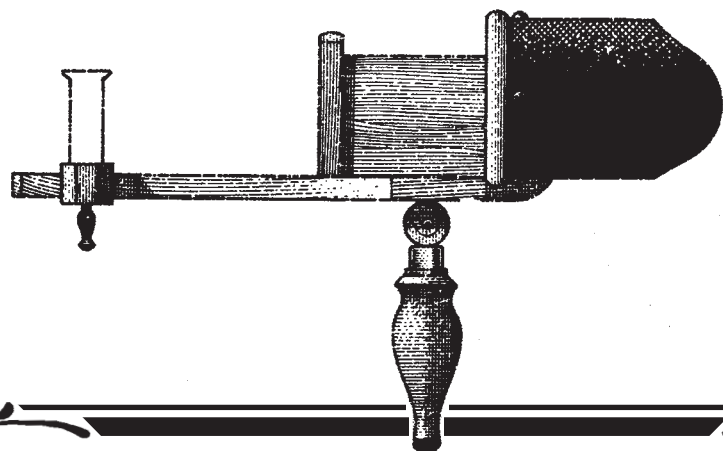
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## Northeast Animal-Power Field Days at the NOFA Conference

This year the Northeast Animal-Power Field Days will be held in conjunction with the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) annual Summer Conference held August 12-14 at the University of Massachusetts Research Farm in South Deerfield, MA.

The Northeast Animal-Power Field Days (NEAPFD) is an educational event focused on the use of draft animal power in farming and logging. It was previously held at the World's Fairgrounds in Tunbridge, VT the Field Days.

More than 30 experienced teamsters from across the Northeast will share their knowledge and skills. Some of the those presenting include Sam Rich, 2007 National horse-drawn Plow Champion; Robert Crichton, who has been farming with mules for over thirty years; and Kenneth Mulder, Ph.D. who teaches applied oxen power at Green Mountain College in Putney, VT.

There will be upwards of 40 oxen, mules, draft horses, mini-horses, and draft ponies working in a variety of settings. The event will span the full three days of the conference—Friday through Sunday—and will feature over 40 workshops covering a broad range of topics for both the curious novice and the professional teamster.

Workshops take place on everything from selecting calves to animal-powered grain production; from ox yoke-making to logging equipment innovations; from hands-on driving for beginners to perfection plowing,

and dozens more to help attendees work with draft animals. There will be opportunities for children and teens to handle and drive mini-horses, calves, and a cow!

On Sunday morning Natural Roots farm in Conway, MA will host an in-depth tour, featuring demonstrations of equipment innovations and techniques used in this horse-powered produce operation.

In addition to the workshops, animals, equipment, and community at the Northeast Animal-Power Field Days, registration includes the NOFA Summer Conference as well. The NOFA Summer Conference features over 200 workshops on farming, gardening, alternative energy, homesteading, crafts, and more.

This year's NOFA keynote speakers are Eric Toensmeier, perennial edible-forest gardening expert, and Dr. Ignacio Chapela, GMO activist and Biology Professor from UC Berkeley. Each evening features live entertainment, and Saturday afternoon will feature a farmer's market, country fair, and silent auction. Dormitory housing and camping are available on the UMass campus. The NOFA Children's Conference provides hands-on learning opportunities for ages 5-12 and the Teen Conference offers workshops for people in junior high and high school.

For information and registration go to [www.nofa-summerconference.org](http://www.nofa-summerconference.org). Or call Ben Grosscup at (413) 549-1568.



Herefords graze in a summer pasture in central Vermont.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

### UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture

## Sustainable Agriculture & Organic Farming Workshops

It's summertime and harvest season is around the corner. Sustainable agriculture is large in Vermont and there are many resources for both the established farmer and those just starting, large or small. Here are some of the workshops coming up in August.

**Introduction to Starting a Commercial Goat Dairy. August 6, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Consider Bardwell Farm, West Pawlet, VT.** This workshop will offer the basics for starting a goat dairy with former Vermont Small Ruminant Dairy specialist, Carol Delaney. Selecting goats, costs, housing, feeding, milking, and marketing will be covered including the decision for selling fluid milk or making cheese. A tour of a commercial farm and lunch with the farmer will offer time to experience an active operation and get questions answered. Please bring clean, washable footwear. Plastic booties will be provided. 300-acre Consider Bardwell Farm was the first cheese-making coop in Vermont, founded in 1864. A century later, Angela Miller is helping to revitalize the tradition with goat's milk from a herd of 100 Oberhaslis. Workshop co-sponsored by the Vermont Sheep and Goat Association. Cost: \$40, lunch included. Pre-registration required. Contact NOFA-VT, (802) 434-4122. [info@nofavt.org](mailto:info@nofavt.org).

**Beyond Milk: Raw Dairy Processing Class. August 7, 1-4 p.m. Earthwise Farm & Forest, Bethel, VT.** Learn how to make Butter, Fromage Blanc & Ricotta in your own kitchen! Get acquainted with adding herbs or other flavors to your final product. With simple instruction and good quality raw milk, it is an easy and exciting activity. Information will be provided about how and where to purchase local, raw milk, instructions for the products made, plus on-line resources for further learning. Bring a container in case you have some uneaten product to take home! Sponsored by Rural Vermont. Cost: \$20-\$40 sliding scale. Pre-registration is required. Contact Shelby Girard, (802) 223-7222. [shelby@ruralvermont.org](mailto:shelby@ruralvermont.org).

**Exploring New Ideas at the Choiniere Dairy Farm. August 10, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Choiniere Family Dairy, Highgate Center, VT.** The Choiniere Family Farm is a certified organic dairy farm that has been continually working on ways to develop their farm systems. Owner and operator Guy Choiniere will talk about grain production and innova-

tive ways to integrate small grains into a dairy ration, using bedded packcompost to improve pastures and extend the grazing season, and growing tillage radishes to reduce compaction. Cost \$15, includes lunch. Pre-registration required. For more information or to register, call the NW Crop and Soils Program at (802) 524-6501.

**Beyond Milk: Raw Dairy Processing Class. August 13, 1-3 pm. Hawk's Hill Farm, Barnard, VT.** Learn how to make butter, whipped cream, and scones. Cost: \$20-\$40 sliding scale. Pre-registration is required. Contact Shelby Girard, (802) 223-7222. [shelby@ruralvermont.org](mailto:shelby@ruralvermont.org).

**Draft Horse Workshop. August 13 & 27, September 10 & 24. All day. Fair Winds Farm, Brattleboro, VT.** This four-day workshop focuses on building your skills & confidence in harnessing, hitching, driving & horse management. We use a single horse and teams for hands-on experience and individual instruction. You will drive from the ground, on a wagon, and a forecart. We cover horse management including the basics of safety, handling, foot care, feeding and horse health. We place a lot of emphasis on clear communication through effective use of the drivers' hands and voice. If you prefer to attend this series on consecutive days, there is a workshop August 16-19. Cost: \$495. To register contact Janet Bailey, (802) 254-9067. [fairwinds@fairwindsfarm.org](mailto:fairwinds@fairwindsfarm.org).

**Intro to Sausage-Making and Nofavore Social. August 27, 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Cate Farm, Plainfield, VT.** This is a hands-on workshop focusing on teaching you the tools and techniques needed to start making sausage at home. Vermont Salumi is located on Cate Farm and specializes in artisan sausage and dry cured meat production. Peter Colman apprenticed in Italy with on-farm processors and commercial operations and has been making sausage and dry cured meats for the last five years. He recently started Vermont Salumi and processes on a commercial level. Come enjoy a farm tour and some handmade sausage-topped pizzas at the NOFAvore social starting at 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$20. To register contact NOFA-VT at (802) 434-4122. [info@nofavt.org](mailto:info@nofavt.org).

**2nd Annual Fiberfest. August 27 & 28. Twin Pond Retreat, Brookfield, VT.** Join us for a weekend of fun with fibers! Activities include: natural dyeing with wild and cultivated Vermont plants with Kate Smith, a dyer's plant walk with Joann Darling, demonstrations in various fiber arts, fiber craft sharing circles (bring a craft to work on or share with others), and fiber arts vendors. To learn more about Twin Pond Retreat go to [www.twinpondretreat.com](http://www.twinpondretreat.com). To register or for more information contact Jennifer at (802) 276-3839. [jennifer@twinpondretreat.com](mailto:jennifer@twinpondretreat.com).



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**News from Banjo Dan**

**New Solo CDs Released by Al Davis and Willy Lindner**

by Dan Lindner

OK, friends, hold on to you hats—this is BIG news. At last—finally—both Al Davis and Willy Lindner have recorded “solo” CDs of their original music. These guys, my bandmates for over 35 years, are both terrific songwriters. They’ve written some of the finest material Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys have ever performed, and our recordings down through the years have always featured Willy and Al songs. Both men are accomplished and innovative masters of lyric and melody. Hey, they’re my heroes!

Al’s project, “Sun Off Snow” is something else. It’s not bluegrass, though the instrumentation is primarily acoustic. Al’s imagination runs wild on songs about Death hitchhiking on a snowy road, a disillusioned baseball player, a happy-go-lucky couple plowing the snow, and a whole lot more. His fine voice is front and center, with instrumental and vocal support by “The Dazzlers”—which is to say, members of the Plowboys and hand-picked musicians from Vermont’s elite ranks. This is a thoroughly captivating album, and I’m sure you’ll love it.

Willy’s album, “Life, Still, With Mandolin,” is a tour-de-force of bluegrass-inflected music, an ever-changing tapestry of great songs and instrumentals. Like any good “solo” project it’s semi-autobiographical, opening with a group of wonderful songs from Willy’s early days in Tennessee, moving through some excellent numbers that have sat on the back burner for way too long, right on up to some brand-new compositions. Willy has hand-picked some amazing singers and pickers, including fiddle legend Jon Glik, members of Willy’s own very talented family and, of course, the Plowboys. Like Al’s CD, this is a collection of wonderful new music that you don’t want to miss.

I really love this new music, and if you’ve enjoyed Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys over the years, on recordings or live shows, you have a little hint of what you’re going to get from these two ace musicians. But just a little hint, because this music is going to exceed your expectations!



Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys —(from left) John Henry Drake, Willy Lindner, Al Davis, Phil Bloch, and Dan Lindner. Al Davis and Willy Lindner have just released new solo albums!

“Life, Still, With Mandolin” and “Sun Off Snow” are being added to the Discography and Ordering pages on our website, [www.banjodan.com](http://www.banjodan.com), and will be sold for the usual \$17, which includes postage and packaging. But—get this—for one month only, we’re running an introductory “Twofer” offer. Order both new CDs now for \$30, and forget the postage and packaging charges. This offer is good through August 15. Send your check for \$30, referring to the Twofer offer, to Banjo Dan, 242 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602. For more information call Dan Lindner at (802) 223-6965 or visit Banjo Dan’s website at [www.banjodan.com](http://www.banjodan.com).

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And crocks of cottage blue,  
And her leavings run all over the yard—  
Yet our milking is never through!

I found her at smoky twilight  
By the well of the pale primrose,  
Where grey elves hung on her haunches  
And nuzzled her grazing nose.

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## Thoughts For the Discouraged Farmer

The summer winds is sniffin' round the bloomin' locust trees,  
And the clover in the pasture is a big day for the bees,  
And they been a-swiggin' honey, aboveboard and on the sly,  
Til they stutter in their buzzin' and stagger as they fly.  
The flicker on the fence-rail 'pears to jest spit on his wings  
And roll up his feathers, by the sassy way he sings.  
And the hoss-fly is a-whettin-up his forelegs fer biz,  
And the off-mare is a-switchin' all of her tail there is.

There's been a heap o' rain, but the sun is out to-day,  
And the clouds of the wet spell are all cleared away,  
And the woods is all the greener, and the grass is greener still.  
It may rain again tomorrow, but I don't think it will.  
Some say the crops are ruined, and the corn is all drowned out,  
And prophesy the wheat will be a failure, without doubt.  
But the kind Providence that has never failed us yet,  
Will be on hand once more at the 'leventh hour, I bet!

Does the meadow lark complain, as he swims high and dry  
Through the waves of the wind and the blue of the sky?  
Does the quail set up and whistle in a disappointed way,  
Or hang his head in silence, and sorrow all the day?  
Is the chipmunk's health a-failin'?—does he walk, or does he run?  
Don't the buzzards ooze around up there jest like they've allus done?  
Is there anything the matter with the rooster's lungs 'er voice?  
Ought a mortal be complainin' when dumb animals rejoice?

Then let us, one and all, be contented with our lot.  
The summer's here this morning, and the sun is shining hot.  
Oh! let us fill our hearts up with the glory of the day,  
And banish every doubt and care and sorrow far away!  
Whatever be our station, with Providence for guide,  
Such fine circumstances ought to make us satisfied;  
For the world is full of roses, and the roses full of dew,  
And the dew is full of heavenly love that drips fer me and you.

—JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY  
1883

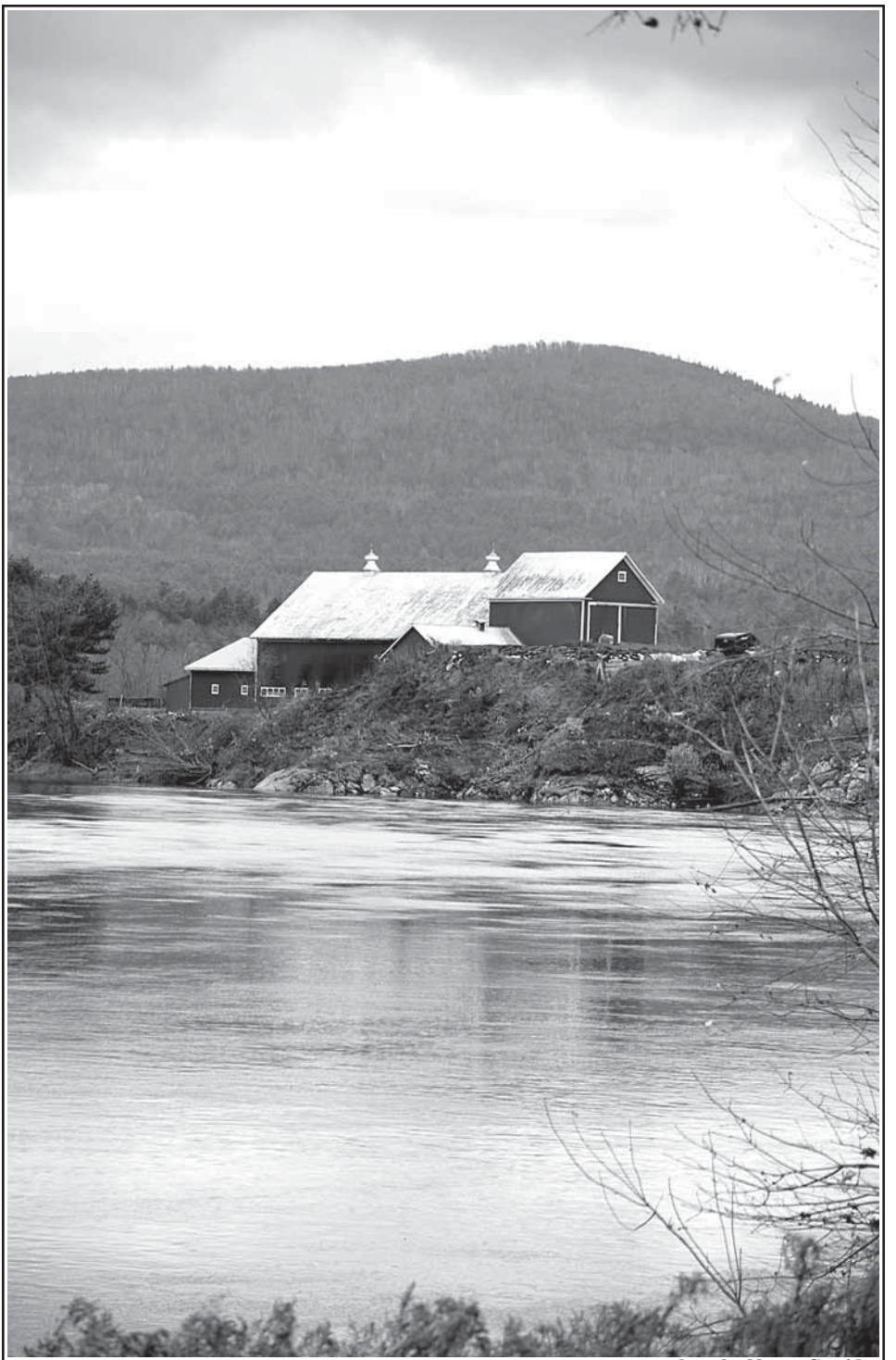


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The Connecticut River meanders past farmland in Wells River, VT.



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Pile in the car or hop on a bike, but get yourself, your friends and your family to Vermont's Northeast Kingdom for The Kingdom Farm and Food Days, a two-day event on August 20 & 21. Start with self-guided tours of the region's farms, small producers and agricultural businesses and end with a full day of tours, music, workshops and a Local Foods Showcase at the High Mowing Organic Seeds Trial and Showcase Gardens on Marsh Road in Wolcott, VT.

The area's farms, gardens, small producers and agricultural businesses have opened their doors to the public, inviting us in to explore, learn and enjoy. Look for signs that say "Kingdom Farm and Food Days: Open for Tours!" Some locations will offer workshops and demonstrations.

## Saturday, August 20

**Bicycle Tour with the Craftsbury Outdoor Center.** Join us for a scenic, 20+ mile bike ride, with stops at some of the area farms and ending with a Potluck at Pete's Greens. The \$35 registration fee will cover your entry fee, sag wagon support, food stops and potluck contribution to Pete's Greens. Appropriate for riders of most levels, with some climbing thrown in for good measure. Get the details at Kingdom Farm & Food Bike Tour or contact [bikes@craftsbury.com](mailto:bikes@craftsbury.com) for more information or to register for the ride.

**Pete's Greens Farm Tour and Potluck.** As you meander the rural areas of the Northeast Kingdom, don't forget to join Pete Johnson and his crew for two guided tours, music and a potluck. Farm opens at 10:30 a.m. Guided farm tours are at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. There will be a potluck under the tent from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Please bring a favorite dish to feed yourself plus a few others.

**Kingdom Farm & Food Open Farm Day.** The Northeast Kingdom is beautiful, wild and brimming with good food, good farms and good people. Here in Hardwick, along with the surrounding towns, we consider ourselves the gateway to this pristine and remote region. Join us in celebrating the farms and the people who work them. These participating farms will generally be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday for self-guided tours, unless otherwise noted. You can check with our website, [www.kingdomfarmandfood.org](http://www.kingdomfarmandfood.org) for a map.

**Agape Hill Farm, 618 Houston Hill Rd., Hardwick, VT. (802) 472-3711. [www.agapehillfarm.com](http://www.agapehillfarm.com).** A family run llama farm that gives trail walks with their llamas and sells fresh eggs and produce on their farm. Call for information on the trail walks (\$20/llama per hour).

**Applecheek Farm, 567 McFarlane Rd., Hyde Park, VT. (802) 888-4482. [www.applecheekfarm.com](http://www.applecheekfarm.com).** A 44 year-old farm that produces organic dairy, grass-fed beef, humanely raised veal, pasture-raised poultry, raw milk, emu oil and more. There will be guided tours of the property!

**Bonnieview Sheep Dairy, 2228 South Albany Rd., Craftsbury Common, VT. (802) 755-6878. [www.bonnieview.org](http://www.bonnieview.org).** A sheep dairy that makes award-winning cheese and raises grass-fed lamb as well as producing a variety of wool products. Join them for an evening milking session around 4 p.m.

**Cedar Brook Farm, 345 E. Church St., East Hardwick, VT. (802) 472-6503.** A model of a small, sustainable, family-operated farm, capable of producing enough food for a family of four plus surplus food to cover the costs of inputs.

**Down to Earth Worm Farm and New Leaf Designs Eclectic Nursery, 281 The Bend Rd., Greensboro Bend, VT. (802) 533-9836. [downtoearthwormfarmvt.com](http://downtoearthwormfarmvt.com).** A vermicomposting business—an important part of food nutrient recycling. A diverse nursery of plants. Pick up worm castings for your garden or potted plants, too!

**Echo Hill Farm, 440 Echo Hill Rd., Craftsbury, VT. (802) 586-2239. [www.echohillfarm.com](http://www.echohillfarm.com).** A fourth-generation sugaring business. (They have a rental house available for that weekend).

**Eden Ice Cider Company, 1023 Sanderson Hill Rd., West Charleston, VT. (802) 895-2838. [www.edenicider.com](http://www.edenicider.com).** Orchard and winery open for tours both days, and on Sunday there will be music and food, beer and wine tastings, as part of the Vermont Open Winery Weekend.

**Elmore Roots Nursery, 631 Symonds Mill Rd., Wolcott, VT. (802) 888-3305. [www.elmoreroots.com](http://www.elmoreroots.com).** While Elmore Roots will not be open Saturday, on Sunday, Aug 22 they will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for tours of their edibles and fruit sampling and from 1-3 p.m. they are having a "Turn



Visitors tour the fields at High Mowings Organic Seeds in Wolcott, VT. photo courtesy of High Mowing Seeds

Your Lawn Into Eden" workshop.

**Gebbie's Maplehurst Farm, 2183 Gebbie Rd, Greensboro, VT. (802) 533-2984. [www.gebbiesmaplehurstfarm.com](http://www.gebbiesmaplehurstfarm.com).** Join Sandra Gebbie for a guided tour at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. of their beautiful dairy farm and take home maple syrup!

**Hazen Monument Farm, 1547 Hardwick St., East Hardwick, VT. (802) 472-5750.** A farm and dairy which provides milk to Organic Valley. Tour an organic dairy farm along a tree-lined road.

**Hazendale Farm, 2853 Hardwick St., Greensboro, VT. (802) 533-9992.** Although not open to the public for touring, Hazendale Farm has a wonderful, newly built farmstand. A great place to stop and grab a bite!

**Heartbeet Lifesharing, 218 Town Farm Rd., Hardwick, VT. (802) 472-3285. [www.heartbeet.org](http://www.heartbeet.org).** Located in an idyllic Vermont landscape, tour this therapeutic community for adults on a working farm where working the earth is linked to working with the person. A truly beautiful and special farm.

**High Mowing Organic Seeds, 76 Quarry Rd., Wolcott, VT. (802) 472-6174. [highmowingseeds.com](http://highmowingseeds.com).** Tours of the High Mowing Organic Seeds warehouse will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Pete's Greens, 266 South Craftsbury Rd., Craftsbury, VT. (802) 586-2882. [amy@petesgreens.com](mailto:amy@petesgreens.com). [www.petesgreens.com](http://www.petesgreens.com).** Vermont's four-season, organic vegetable farm. Join Pete and his hardworking crew on the farm for tours, music and a potluck lunch.

**Sawmill Brook Farm, Hill Rd., Greensboro, VT. (802) 533-9804. [sawmillbrookangus.com](http://sawmillbrookangus.com).** See their premium, all natural, grass-fed Angus beef cows.

**Sterling College Farm and Gardens, Craftsbury Common, VT. (802) 586-7711. [aschulz@sterlingcollege.edu](mailto:aschulz@sterlingcollege.edu). [www.sterlingcollege.edu](http://www.sterlingcollege.edu).** Self-guided tours of the college's farm and gardens where they raise chickens, pigs, lambs, certified organic vegetables and use animal-power to till the land and log the woods.

**Square Deal Farm, 362 Woodward Rd., Walden, VT. (802) 563-2441. [quaredealfarm.org](http://quaredealfarm.org).** Pure, organic, Vermont maple syrup, Pinzgauer cattle, and Dorset-Suffolk cross sheep.

**Vermont Soy, 180 Junction Rd., Hardwick, VT. (802) 472-8500. [www.vermontsoy.com](http://www.vermontsoy.com).** Open for tours between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Come see how they make their fresh, local, organic soymilk and artisan tofu!

## Sunday, August 21

The celebration continues on the beautiful grounds of High Mowing Organic Seeds Trial & Showcase Garden on Marsh Road in Wolcott, VT. Situated on land preserved through the Vermont Land Trust—with over 800 vegetable, herb and flower varieties—visitors will see side-by-side comparisons

of many popular and some unreleased varieties. There will also be self-guided and guided tours as well as workshops on seed saving and pest and disease identification, live music and an evening bonfire.

Beginning at 3 p.m., the New England Culinary Institute (NECI) will present a Local Foods Showcase. This is an extraordinary chance for visitors to taste some of the finest Vermont-made food products and culinary delights, all donated by local businesses and prepared by NECI students and chef Jeffrey Ferrell.

**Sunday Tour & Workshop Schedule:** Two Trial Garden tours, 10-11 a.m. Workshop: Seed Saving 101, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Culinary-focused tour of the Trials, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Trial Garden tour, 12-1 p.m. Seed Production Workshop, 1-2:30 p.m. Culinary-focused tour of the Trials, 1-2 p.m. Pest & Disease Walk, 2-3 p.m. Trial Garden tour. 2-3 p.m. Music! Dan Haley is Mr. Casual, 3-5 p.m. Trial Garden tour, 5-6 p.m. Local Food Showcase, hors d'oeuvres and music begins, 3-3:45 p.m. Local Food Showcase, 4 p.m. Bonfire, 6 p.m.

All of Sunday's festivities will be held at the High Mowing Organic Seeds Trials & Showcase Gardens on Marsh Road in Wolcott, VT.

For more information on the Kingdom Farm and Food Days, please contact: Elena Gustavson, Center for an Agricultural Economy, Hardwick, VT. (802) 472-5840. [elena@hardwickagriculture.org](mailto:elena@hardwickagriculture.org). [www.kingdomfarmandfood.org](http://www.kingdomfarmandfood.org).



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# North Country Book News

## Children's Summertime Animal Tales

Children of all ages appreciate good animal adventure stories, with colorful and amusing drawings, and so much the better if the animals behave or misbehave like people.

**Boy, Bird, and Dog** by David McPhail (Holiday House, www.holidayhouse.com) is a tale in which a little boy figures out how to get his Corgi dog up into his tree house using a pot and a rope. A crow drops in and helps tug the rope to lift the dog up. The pot is used again to haul up a platter of delicious cookies which a much-surprised mom has just baked. In a final scene we see the boy, bird and dog curling up together taking a nap. This is an easy "I Like To Read" book, good for beginners. But the pictures are so captivating that the grown-ups will say "I like to look" over and over again.

You'll recognize David's pictures. He has written and illustrated more than fifty books for children, including the New York Times bestselling **When Sheep Sleep** by Laura Numeroff (Abrams), and his own **Mole Music** (Holt), which was a New York Times Book Review Best Illustrated Book of the Year. He lives in Rye, New Hampshire.

Small creatures grow pretty fast creating the need for more space. In **999 Tadpoles** by Ken Kimura and illustrated by Yasunari Murakami (North-South Publishers, northsouth.com), we see that number of tadpoles suddenly becoming

small frogs in a pond that is much too small. "We can't move!" calls one. "We can't breath," calls another, "Don't push," calls a third.

Mother and father frog must find a new habitat right away even if the journey there is into a world full of dangerous snakes and hawks. In an exciting drama of survival the frogs all hang on to each other in one long string after the father frog was grabbed by a high-flying hawk. The weight of 999 frogs and their two parents becomes too much and the hawk lets go. The frogs drop through the air and land happily in a big pond!

Finding a new home was also a dangerous adventure for a family of little hamster-like critters in **A Place to Call Home** by Alexis Deacon and illustrated by Viviane Schwarz (Candlewick Press, www.candlewick.com). We join the brothers living together in their home in a small dark hole

in the junkyard, which they have outgrown and are forced to move from. They weep and wail. "We'll never make it!" "Our ears will freeze!" "I want to go back to our hole!" Thinking they are safe with headgear improvised from tea cups, boots, rubber gloves and a paper towel tube, they fumble their way blindly through the junkyard discovering oceans (puddles) and what seems the ends of the Earth in their intrepid search for a new place to call home. In a bold move for survival they rescue one of their siblings from the junkyard dog. The reader will enjoy the surprise that is the end of their journey.

Monstrous creatures don't always have to be dangerous and scary as we find out in **Champ and Me by the Maple Tree, a Vermont Tale** by Ed Shankman and illustrated by Dave O'Neill (Shankman and O'Neil Children's Books, shankmanoneill.com). The young heroine of this tale ventures every day to her favorite maple tree until she decides one day to see something new. This leads her to Lake Champlain and she exclaims "It was long. It was wide. It was deep. It was clear." But out of the lake appears a huge monster, Champ—the legend of old Lake Champlain!

Initially scared, the girl makes friends and the two start to explore dazzling green landscape with its fields, farms and

mills. Obviously enjoying its life outside the lake, Champ continues to meet the girl at her maple tree throughout the

seasons. We're told that if you visit Vermont and a lake called Champlain, "there's a chance you will see my friend Champ and me...by the old maple tree."

Animals found in Vermont, behaving like people, abound in the humorous story, **Three Lessons for Astair the Bear** by Martin Brennan and illustrated by Amy Huntington of Williston, VT. (Mitten Press, www.mittenpress.com). Astair may be loveable, but he has bad grooming habits, can be thoughtless and a bit too angry ("I don't care!"), and has a habit of buying too many things that he doesn't need. His animal friends help him confront these issues in three episodes where Astair has to learn the hard way—being sprayed by a skunk, being chased by a herds of angry animals, and finally nearly freezing to death when he should have started hibernating for the winter. The expressions on these animals' faces throughout the book will charm you!

### Book Reviews by Charles Sutton



## A New History of Springfield Is Told Through Photographs

Local author Rosanne E. Putnam has written a new book on the history of Springfield, VT. Published by Arcadia Publishing, the book boasts more than 200 vintage photographs, many which have never before been published.

Although Springfield was chartered in 1761, residents did not begin taking advantage of the waterpower on the Black River until the 1800s. Once dams were built to harness the water, mills and factories followed. Innovation could not be stopped, and for the next 150 years one invention or improvement after another emerged from this little town.

Things like the spring clothespin and sandpaper were invented in Springfield as well as world-famous tool-making machines such as the turret lathe and gear shaping and grinding machines. Improvements were also made to textile-processing machinery. A combination of the right people at the right place and time allowed Springfield, the "little town that did," to transform from an agrarian and mill town to the home of a world-renowned machine tool industry.

The book includes sections on roads, bridges and the railroad; early businesses;

machine tool industry; North Springfield; leisure and sports; Charles Lindbergh's visit; and the 1927 flood and the 1938 hurricane.

Author Rosanne E. Putnam grew up in Springfield and currently writes a weekly historical column, "Picture the Past," for the local paper. She also serves as President of the Friends of the Springfield Town Library. Most of the images in Springfield have come from the Springfield Town Library collection and the Whitcomb glass slide collection, with others culled from personal and public archives.

Putnam hopes the book will "encourage readers to realize that it was the creative people with new ideas that took Springfield from little mills along the river to a world-recognized machine tool manufacturing community. As the town looks for a new identity, it is a new world and it will take a new set of people with new ideas to start it all over again."

**Springfield is available for \$21.95 at area bookstores and online retailers, or through the publisher, Arcadia Publishing, at www.arcadiapublishing.com or (888) 313-2665. Visit www.arcadiapublishing.com.**



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When I go to antique malls or yard sales, I look for books that people may have loved. I'm becoming resigned to the thought that my affections will not outlive me, but I have been realizing more and more, too, that ideas and words and energy and love—even disembodied—somehow

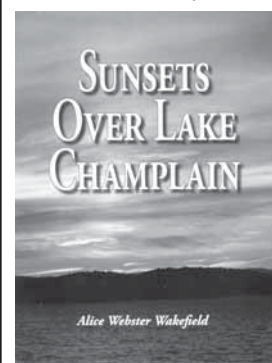
find homes in unexpected places and people.

Yesterday I opened *Travels in Tuscany* (1859 edition) given to me in 1980 by a woman from her husband's collection, both long since departed from this world, with a note thanking me for what I had done for her. But I haven't the slightest idea what I did, and had no idea even a year ago that I would be traveling to Italy. So now I sit down to read something most relevant.

Maybe things just find their own depth and time, and the universe, which seems so random and cruel, cradles us and our dreams and even our souvenirs more sweetly than we could ever imagine."

—Bill Felker

### The Good Old Days in The Queen City of Burlington, VT

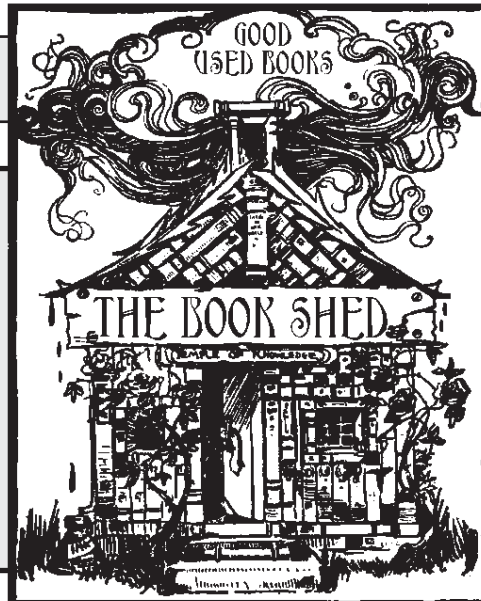


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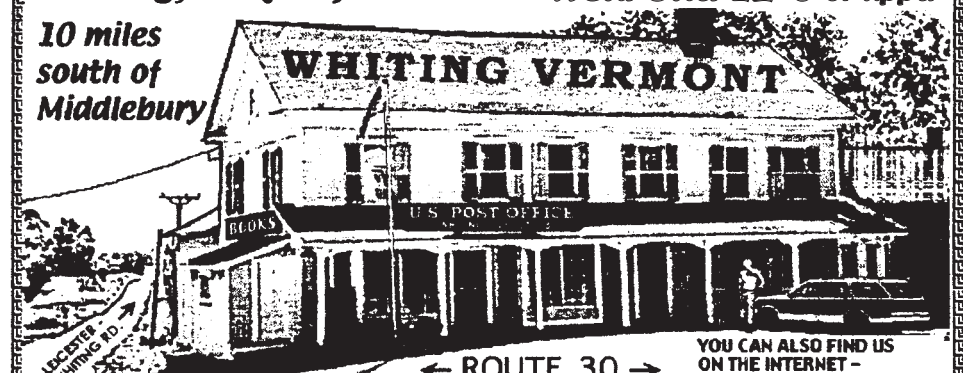
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# 3rd Annual Bookstock Comes to Woodstock, VT

The 3rd Annual Bookstock, a Green Mountain Festival of Words, will take place in Woodstock, VT in an expanded and spectacular format on Friday and Saturday, July 29–30, 2011.

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

Over thirty authors of national and local renown will speak, read from their work, offer interactive programs and mingle with the participating public. Events for children, young adults and adults are planned. Take part in workshops, visit with 30 exhibitors and Vermont publishers, peruse new and second hand book sales and vendors, and enjoy diverse cultural events including art and musical performances on the Town Green.

Bookstock begins on Friday, July 29 at 5 p.m. with a reception at ArtisTree for the opening of their new book art exhibit, "Unbound—Creations by Artists that Challenge the Concept of The Book." ArtisTree, the community art center and gallery, is located at the Mount Tom Building, 281 Barnard Rd. (Rt. 12N). The exhibit will run from July 29 through September 6.

## Keynote Address

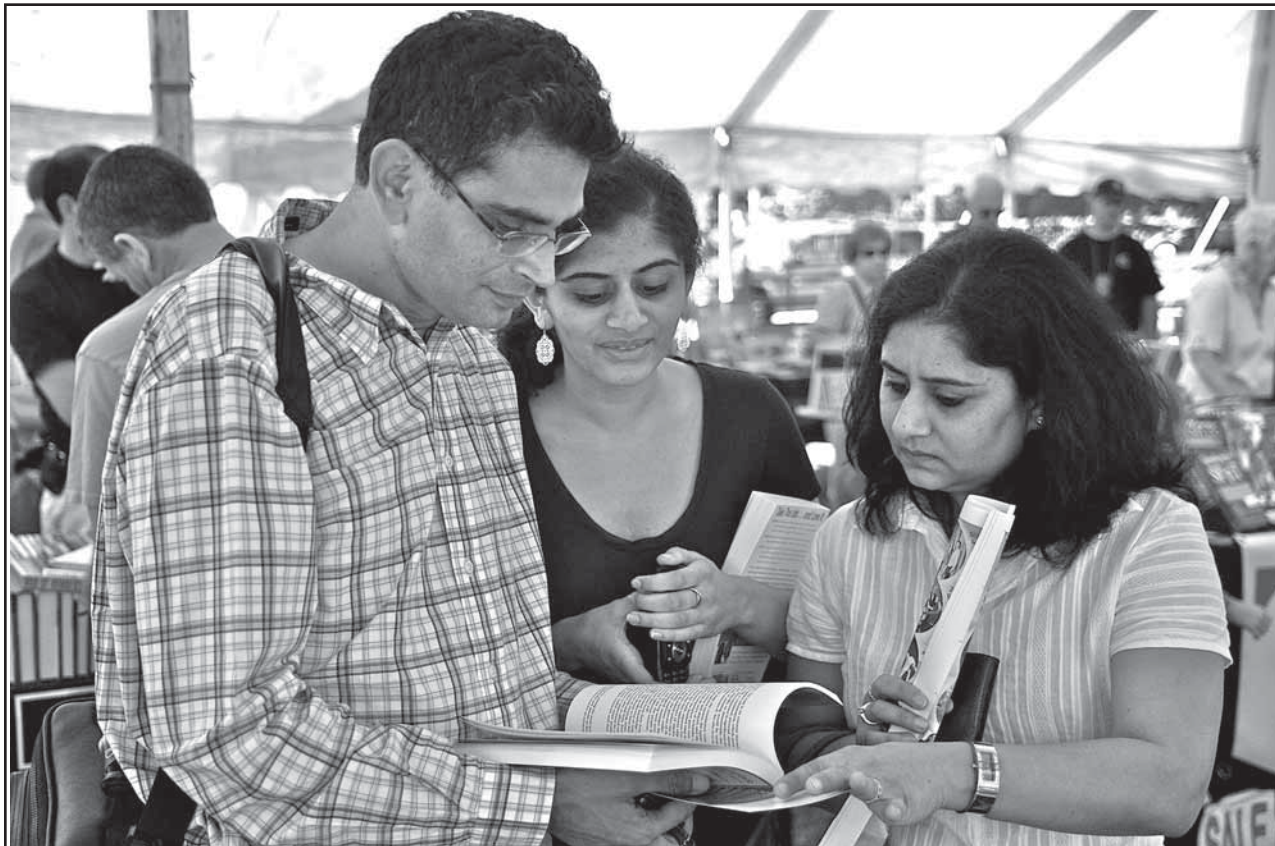
**Thomas Powers**—Thomas Powers, a Pulitzer Prize winner, will be our keynote speaker on Saturday, July 30 at 10 a.m. at Town Hall. Powers is the author of *The Killing of Crazy Horse*, published by Alfred Knopf in November 2010, and praised by The NY Times. Powers' previous books include *Intelligence Wars: American Secret History from Hitler to Al Qaeda* (New York Review of Books, 2004); *Heisenberg's War: The Secret History of the German Bomb* (Knopf, 1993); and *The Man Who Kept the Secrets: Richard Helms and the CIA* (Knopf, 1979). Powers won a Pulitzer Prize in National Reporting in 1971. For more about the *Killing of Crazy Horse*, go to [www.thekillingofcrazyhorse.com](http://www.thekillingofcrazyhorse.com).

## Writers in Attendance

Book and author events take place Saturday, July 30, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Town Hall, Woodstock History Center, Norman Williams Public Library, and the Windsor County Courthouse. Some of the favorites include:

**David Budbill**—One of Vermont's most cherished poets, David is the author of seven books of poems, eight plays, a novel, fiction, essays, is a performance poet on two CDs. Garrison Keillor reads frequently from David's poems on his National Public Radio program *The Writer's Almanac*. Among David Budbill's prizes and honors are a Guggenheim Fellowship in Poetry and the Vermont Arts Council's Walter Cerf Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts. [www.davidbudbill.com](http://www.davidbudbill.com)

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Michael will introduce *Catch the Wind, Harness the Sun: 22 Super-Charged Science Projects for Kids and Riparia's River*. He is the creator/co-author of the best-selling *Keepers of the Earth®* series and *Native American Gardening*.

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**Sally Ryder Brady**—Sally Ryder Brady, Vermont author, agent, and free-lance editor will read from her recently published memoir, *A Box of Darkness*. Brady appeared on Oprah for her Yankee Christmas. [www.sallyryderbrady.com](http://www.sallyryderbrady.com).

## Writing Workshops and More

Writing workshops will be held. To pre-register contact Peter Rousmaniere at [pfr@rousmaniere.com](mailto:pfr@rousmaniere.com).

**Where is Woodstock?** Journalwork with Judith Taylor. Saturday, July 30, 2:15-3:45 p.m. This writing workshop will focus on images of Woodstock village and its surrounding vistas in order to discover where we find ourselves and what we can learn from this place.

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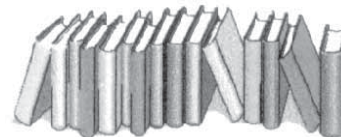
Company. Sunday, July 31, 2–3:30 p.m. Bring your favorite passage from Shakespeare, and Lisa will coach you on how to speak it like a professional actor.

**The Woodstock Historical Society**, at 26 Elm St., will be hosting a number of programs for young people on Saturday morning, July 30, at 10 a.m. and for adults in the afternoon. All programs are free.

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For more information about the 3rd Annual Bookstock, contact Peter Rousmaniere at (802) 457-9149 or e-mail [pfr@rousmaniere.com](mailto:pfr@rousmaniere.com) or visit [www.bookstockvt.org](http://www.bookstockvt.org).

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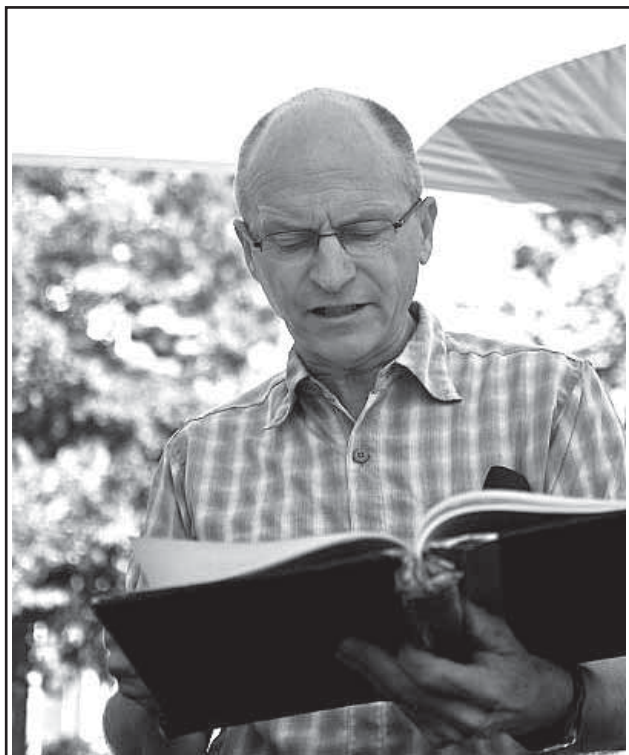
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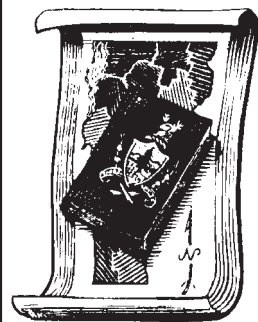
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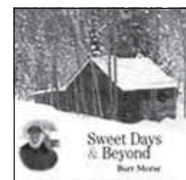
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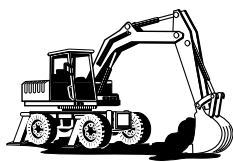
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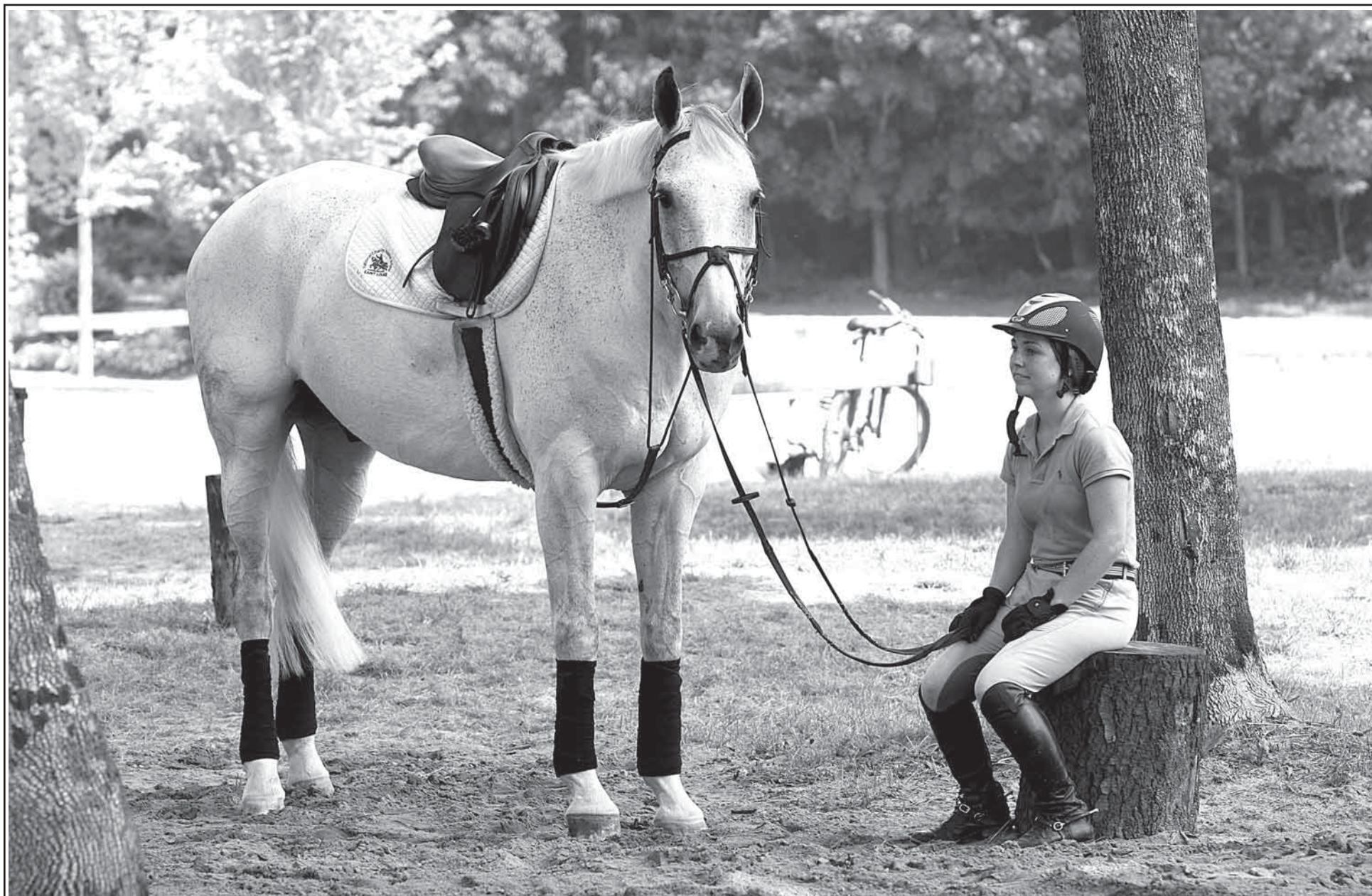
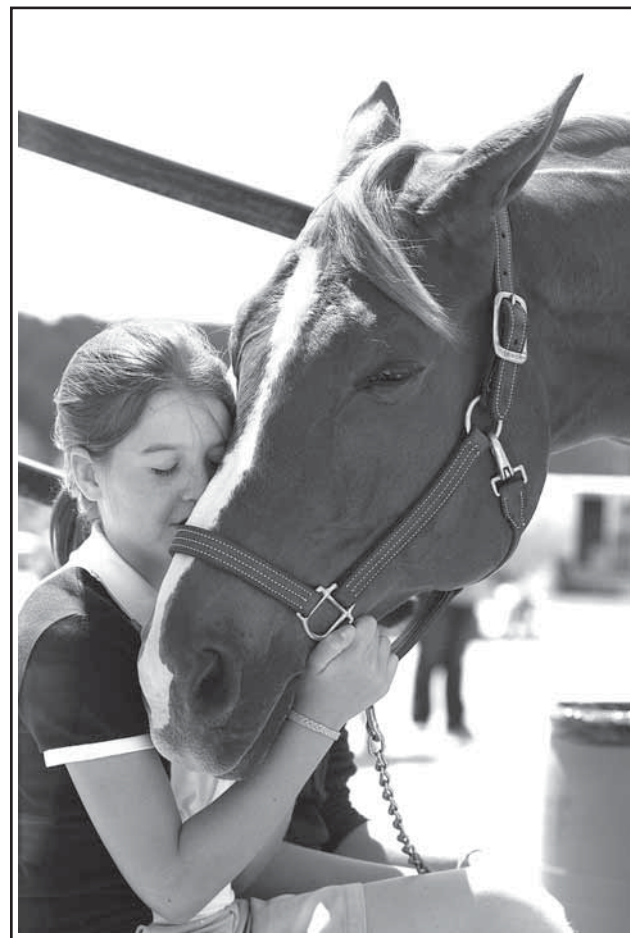


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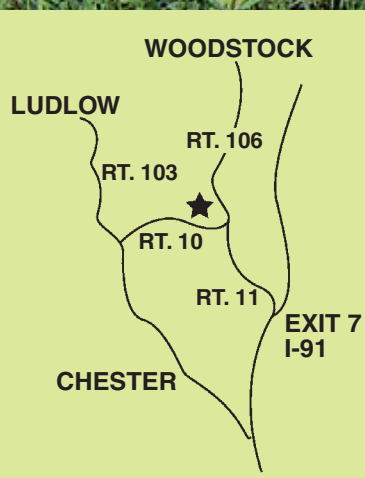
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