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The Guilford Festival Orchestra performs in the Annual Labor Day Weekend Festival in Guilford, VT.  
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**Friends of Music at Guilford**  
**49th Annual Labor Day Weekend Festival**

Friends of Music at Guilford's 49th annual Labor Day Weekend Festival, on August 30 & 31, presents Baroque chamber music in an intimate rural barn and orchestral works by five composers on the expansive lawn just outside the barn.

The Festival opens on Saturday evening, August 30, at 7:30 p.m. with "The Best Bs of the Baroque" on the Guilford Tracker Organ. William McKim, who has performed recitals of solo and ensemble works on this instrument in the past, has chosen a program of solo and chamber works by Bruhns, Bach, Buxtehude, Brahms, and other composers of the day. Soprano Leslie Cotter and flutist Kathi Byam will assist.

The following day, Sunday, August 31, at 2 p.m., the Guilford Festival Orchestra, comprised of players from the Tri-State area and further afield, will be heard outdoors on the lawn. Ken Olsson serves for a third season as conductor for this event, though he, too, is well known to Friends of Music concert audiences. He has performed three diverse recitals on the Guilford Tracker Organ and in February 2011 served as piano accompanist for his wife, soprano Julie Johnson Olsson, in a vocal recital of arias and art song.

This year's orchestra program includes Mozart's Symphony #33, Janacek's Suite for Strings, Gounod's Petite Symphonie for Winds, Hecker's Three Ballads for Alto Voice and Orchestra, and Rachmaninoff's Vocalise. Guest soloist is Jessica Gelter, alto. The festival's traditional finale

is a sing-in of Randall Thompson's "Alleluia," for which audience members are invited up front to join the orchestra players in forming the chorus.

Both concerts are admission free, with donations welcome to support the considerable cost of this musical weekend in the rural countryside. For the Sunday concert, the grounds open at noon to picnickers. Children are welcome, with parental supervision, but dogs are asked to remain at home. A hearty vegetarian lunch, warm chocolate chip cookies, and fresh lemonade are available for sale, as are a variety of Friends of Music retail items from cards and CDs to T-shirts, sweatshirts, and totes.

The Labor Day Weekend Festival is held at the Organ Barn, off Packer Corners Rd. in Guilford, VT. Signs are posted along a nine-mile route from the Guilford Country Store on Rt. 5, just south of Exit 1 off I-91, and along a five-mile route from the Keets Brook Rd. turnoff along Rt. 5 in Bernardston, MA. In case of rain, or serious threat thereof, the Sunday event—both lunch and concert—will be relocated to the Broad Brook Grange, four miles up the Guilford Center Rd. from the Country Store, which is across from Doug Richmond's auto repair shop on Rt. 5. For more information, call (802) 254-3600 or go to [www.fomag.org](http://www.fomag.org).



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Ox team and their teamster prepare for competition at the Tunbridge World's Fair in Tunbridge, VT.

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Johnson, VT • July 25-27

Exhibits, entertainment, demonstrations & midway rides. Agricultural products, animals; ox, horse and pony pulls; gymkhana, open horse show, fair food. Lamoille County Field Days Fair Grounds, 203 Wilson Rd. (802) 635-7113. [www.lamoillefielddays.com](http://www.lamoillefielddays.com).

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North Country Reflections

# Vive la Différence! Summer is Garden Tour Time

by Judith Irven

In Vermont, summer is the season for garden tours. Many of these are community affairs, orchestrated as fundraisers for a local library, museum, school or theater. These tours provide a rare opportunity to see all kinds of private gardens, from in-town treasures to sprawling country properties, that normally are completely off-limits to the public.

And this year, at the end of August, our Vermont garden season will culminate with the grande dame of garden tours, sponsored by the Garden Conservancy and modeled after the venerable National Gardens Scheme of Britain.

Whether or not you actually own a garden of your own, there is nothing more appealing than the chance to meander around somebody else's private outdoor sanctuary, marveling at the stonework, admiring the flowers, and perhaps even imagining the possibility of having such a garden of your own.

So it was no surprise that, on a deliciously warm and sunny afternoon back in June, Dick and I joined some 250 other garden lovers, many decked out with parasols and colorful sunbonnets, to tour nine beautiful private gardens that were open to the public as a benefit for Middlebury's Sheldon Museum.

Everyone delighted in the flowers—yellow, blue and white irises, pink, red and white peonies, crimson rhododendrons and many more, as we watched 11 artists working en plein air to capture the essence of the day in paint. Then, late in the afternoon, we all gathered at the Sheldon for a wonderful reception, to look again at the paintings that were being sold to benefit the museum, and to chat with fellow gardeners.

### Every garden is unique

I was totally unprepared to be quizzed at the reception by several people asking 'So, which was your favorite garden?'. But let's not make our garden tours into competitions, where one garden is judged to be better than the next. Rather these tours provide us the opportunity to relish the many different interpretations of the word 'garden'.

Every garden should be a personal creation that combines the dreams and aspirations of the owner with the uniqueness of the land—sometimes called the 'spirit of place' or 'genius loci'. And garden tours are surely a living demonstration of that ideal.

While I cannot possibly describe the nine gardens on the Middlebury tour in the space of a short article, I would like to explore how this idea played out in three very disparate gardens in a single Vermont town.



Garden lovers stroll past the lush perennial beds in this beautiful private garden, opened to the public for just a single afternoon as part of the Middlebury Garden Tour. photo by Dick Conrad

### In the style of old Europe

Our first stop was to see an expansive garden where the land behind the house was open and relatively level. Here, with a little reshaping, the owners had created a large flat space to accommodate a classic perennial display garden after the European ideal. Enclosed by wide stone walls and picket fencing, this formal rectangular garden combined neatly edged beds filled to the brim with carefully tended perennials, set off by crisp lawn paths. And, over to one side, the owners also maintained an extensive kitchen garden where visiting deer were kept at bay by a truly serious fence.

On the day of our visit the irises, poppies and peonies were all in bloom—with bold colors that really popped out when seen from afar. It was easy to imagine the owners, relaxing on their back deck and smiling with pleasure as they look out across the veritable field of color they had created. Everything about their garden transported me back to my childhood and the traditional English country gardens I loved to visit with my mother.

### A secret garden in the woods

Then, for a complete contrast, we headed up a long hill to a hidden garden in the woods. At the entrance an elegant abstract waterfall sculpture crafted by Vermont potter, Robert Compton, set a mood of serenity. As we strolled around the house past the tall flowering rhododendrons, we discovered how the land dropped away sharply, forming an exquisite natural amphitheater which had become a private retreat out of sight of all neighbors.

Over to the far side, steps led down to a lower patio that was comfortably sized to seat six people. A generously proportioned cedar roof provided protection from sun or rain. This was the perfect spot to look up and contemplate the intricate hillside garden, with its gravel spaces, carefully positioned rocks, small shrubs and low growing perennials that stretched all the way up to the house.

Green is the predominant color here, and an Asian influ-

ence is readily apparent; for me it was reminiscent of a beautiful serene monastery garden I visited over thirty years ago in Tokyo. Indeed I have a hunch that maybe the owners chose this particular piece of land specifically so that they could build their own individualistic garden to evoke some of those same feelings.

### An in-town treasure

Then, for another complete contrast, we visited a bijou garden situated on a tiny lot in the heart of Middlebury. Here the owners had laid out their compact property with the utmost care to accommodate everything they needed in the limited space available. Much of the garden was devoted to six raised beds, carefully separated by tidy stone paths, where they grew an amazing assortment of vegetables. Towards the back of the property an artist's studio sat on the right and on the left a gently curved sitting lawn backed by a substantial flowerbed where they grew all kinds of perennials.

### Every garden is an original

So, as I reflect on the gardens we visited on the Middlebury Garden Tour, as well as the many other private gardens I have been privileged to visit over the years, what I love to see is the unique way each gardener is able to marry their own personal desires and aspirations with the individuality of his or her land, to create something that is both special and completely individual.

I hope you too get a chance to visit some of Vermont's unique garden treasures this summer and to celebrate the gardeners who created them. Long live the differences in our gardens, or as the French like to say, "Vive la différence".

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On Sunday, August 24th the Garden Conservancy's Open Days program will share five private gardens in Bellows Falls, Hartland, Springfield, Westminster West, and Windsor, Vermont. The gardens will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 to each garden, rain or shine, no reservations required. Visitors may begin the tour at any of these locations:

• **High Meadow Farm, 84 Paradise Hill Rd., Bellows Falls, VT.** Designed by Julie Moir Messervy Design Studio, the property features terraced gardens of annuals and perennials, native trees and shrubs for bird habitats, a pond surrounded by sugar maples, river birch, native spruce, and pine, and a pool area with plantings of ornamental grasses, hydrangea, and herbs. *Directions:* from I-91 South, take Exit 5 and turn right. At the "T," turn right onto Back Westminster Rd. and go three miles to Rt. 121. Turn left towards Saxtons River and go a mile to Hall Bridge Rd. on right, through Covered Bridge and up hill. Left fork onto Paradise Hill Rd. Large red barn on right and a field and sign for High Meadow Farm on left. Turn left up hill and follow parking signs.

• **Garden of Sylvia Davatz, 106 Gilson Rd., Hartland, VT.** A working garden devoted primarily to growing vegetable seeds for Davatz's company, Solstice Seeds, and a year-round food supply in 6,100 square feet of beds bordered by stone walls. The property also includes the largest known white oak in Vermont and a passive-solar greenhouse. *Directions:* from I-91, Exit 9 proceed north on Rt. 5 for one mile into Hartland Three Corners. Continue north on Rt. 5 for another two miles. As you approach overpass you will see Gilson Rd. on left. Take Gilson Rd. for one mile to #106 on right. There is a small field on left as you turn into drive. House and garden are at the top. A volunteer will direct people to park so that others can still drive up and down.

• **Woodland Farms, 397 Boedtker Rd., Springfield, VT.** Features an extensive dry stone-walled organic vegetable garden and other edibles such as grapes and kiwi arbors, berry bushes, and a mixed-fruit orchard, stone-and-timber outbuildings, dwarf conifers, uncommon trees, and the "ruins" of ancient Celtic structures created by Dan Snow. *Directions:* take Exit 6 off of I-91 and go west on Route 103. Go 4.5 miles and turn right onto Lower Bartonville Road. Go through covered bridge and continue for two miles bearing right at fork. Road will be asphalt, then dirt, and then asphalt again. Just after it becomes asphalt again turn right onto Boedtker Road. Go one mile to end of road.

• **Gordon & Mary Hayward's Garden, 508 McKinnon Rd., Westminster West, VT.** This hybrid of Old England and New England gardens includes fourteen garden rooms, a pair of ninety-foot-long perennial borders, more than forty planted terracotta pots, and many collected garden ornaments. Featuring a pop-up plant sale by Broken Arrow Nursery. *Directions:* go through Bartonville, four miles east of Chester village, and turn right onto Pleasant Valley Rd. Go into center of Saxtons River. At first intersection, turn right to cross bridge and go four miles south to village of Westminster West. Go several miles and 100 yards after dairy farm, turn left onto McKinnon Road. Go about 100 yards to gray cape. To park, turn onto McKinnon Road and then immediately turn right into field and park. Walk across road to garden.

• **Cider Hill Gardens & Art Gallery, Sarah and Gary Milek, 1747 Hunt Rd., Windsor, VT.** Set within an ancient



Visit the gardens of Gordon and Mary Hayward in Westminster West, VT during Open Days on August 24. photo by Gordon Hayward

apple orchard, the property contains rock gardens, woodland and shade gardens, ecologically-grown herbs and perennials such as daylilies and hostas, and the Art Gallery featuring Gary Milek's botanical and landscape paintings and other New England artists. *Directions:* at State and Main Streets, turn onto State Street. Cider Hill is 2.5 miles (though it will seem farther) due west. At end of State Street, continue straight up hill on Hunt Road. Look for Cider Hill sign on left after large open field on left. When you think you have gone too far you are almost there. Park on lower level field, just before Cider Hill sign.

Open Days gardens are featured in the 2014 Open Days Directory, that includes detailed driving directions and vivid descriptions written by their owners. It includes garden listings in twenty-two states and costs \$25.95 including shipping. Visit [www.opendaysprogram.org](http://www.opendaysprogram.org) or call the Garden Conservancy at (888) 842-2442 to order with a Visa, MasterCard or American Express, or send a check or money order to: the Garden Conservancy, P.O. Box 219, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Discount admission tickets are available as well through advance mail order.

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## Seasons of Late Summer

by Bill Felker

### Ragweed Week

The first week of ragweed time is the first week of late summer. It is the time that wood nettle goes to seed in the bottomlands, the time that wild cherries ripen, and hickory nuts and black walnuts drop into the undergrowth.

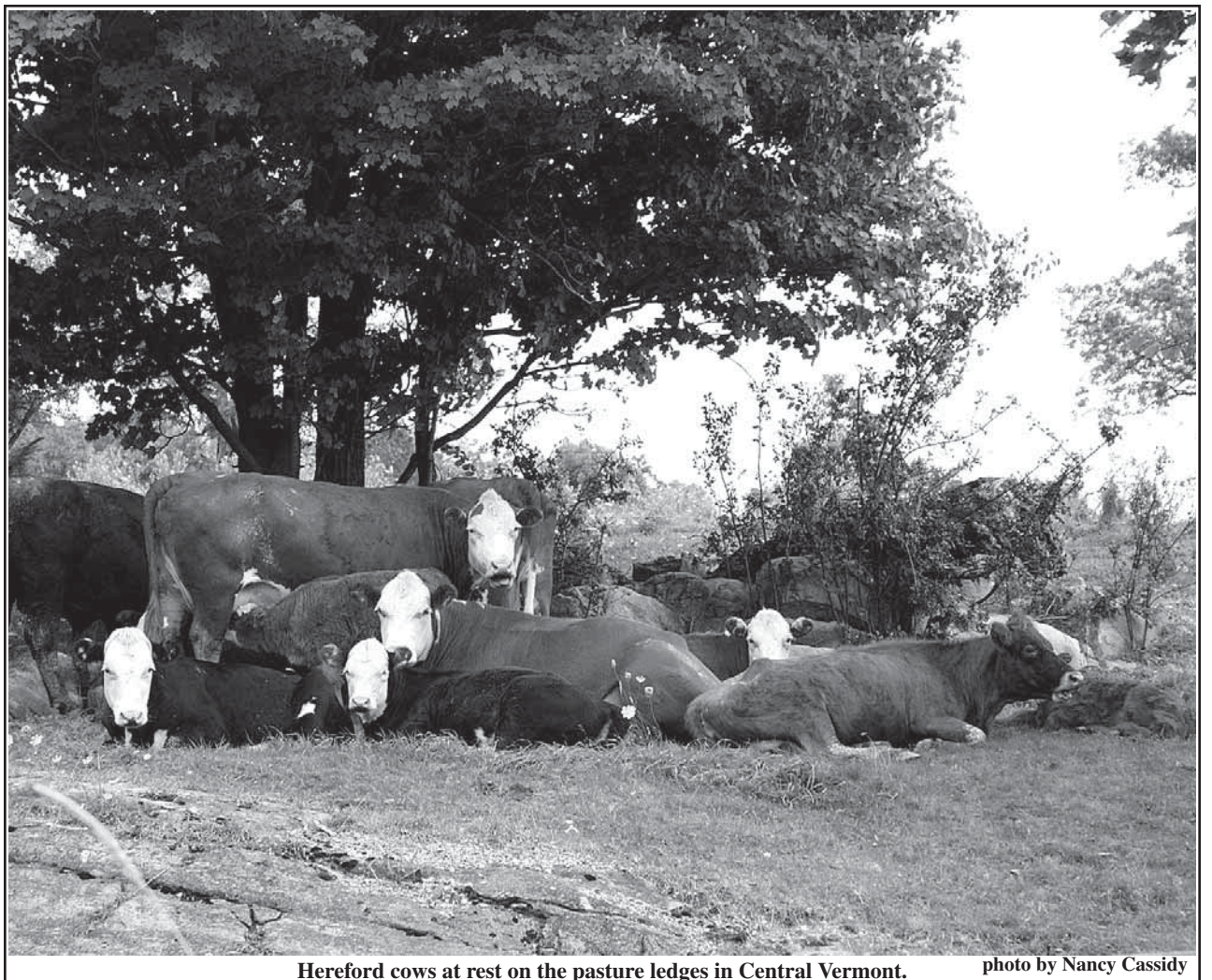
Blackberries are almost ready to eat when ragweed blossoms. And the season's second-last wave of wildflowers—the biennial gaura, Joe Pye weed, monkey flower, tall coneflower, horseweed, white snakeroot, jumpseed, field thistle—come into bloom in the fields and along the fence rows.

Golden and purple coneflowers, and red, pink and violet phlox still dominate the gardens. Orange trumpet vine still curls through the trellises. Ephemeral resurrection lilies replace the day lilies. Mums and stonecrop appear in the dooryards. In the cool shade of the woods, leafcup is the dominant flower, almost the only one in bloom. Milkweed beetles start to die as milkweed flowers turn to pods.

In the mornings, cardinals and doves still sing briefly half an hour before dawn. Robins still give long singsong performances throughout the day. Blue jays still care for their young, whining and flitting through the bushes. But by the end of the week, meadowlarks and plovers fly south, leading the first sizeable bird migrations of the year's second half.

### Katydid Season

As late summer deepens, the katydids sing and sing. They call out the close of the Dog Days, and although the heat often lingers, the rhythm of the season has shifted, its tones have been altered, colors and sounds and scents all pointing to fall.



Hereford cows at rest on the pasture ledges in Central Vermont.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

Now average temperatures start to drop a degree and a half every seven days until the middle of September, at which point they decline about one degree every three days into January. The morning chorus of birds grows faint, but migration signals, especially among the robins, increase. Some days, there will be a long and steady cardinal song before sunrise, then silence. Hummingbirds, wood ducks, Baltimore orioles and purple martins start to disappear south.

When katydids sing, cottonwoods are yellowing. Black walnut foliage is thinning, foretaste of the great leafdrop. Locust leaves turn brown, damaged by leaf miners. Violet Joe Pye weed grays like thistledown. The prickly teasel dies. Fruit of the bittersweet ripens. Spicebush berries redden. Tall goldenrod is heading up. Rose pinks and great blue lobelia color the waysides. In the thunderstorms of late summer, green acorns fall to the sweet rocket growing back among the budding asters.

This is the time that all the spiders in the woods weave their final webs and fireflies complete their cycle. Monarch butterflies become more common, and another generation of cabbage moths, swallowtails and skippers emerges. Sometimes giant imperial moths appear at porch lights. Autumn's yellow jackets come to the fallen apples and plums.

### The Week of the Judas Maples

When Judas maples show their color, bright orange in the otherwise solid green of the woodlots, then catalpas start to pale. Buckeye leaves are browning under the high canopy. Patches of scarlet appear in the sumac and poison ivy. Ash and cottonwood can be yellowing from the heat.

In perennial gardens, the last phlox, coneflowers and helianthus define the last days of the best time of year. Along the freeways, beds of white boneset have come into bloom beside the drifts of blue chicory and silver Queen Anne's lace.

In the woods and pastures, you can find tall ironweed, wingstem, wild oxeye, small-flowered agrimony, tall bellflower, white snakeroot, wild lettuce, sundrops, heal-all, wild cucumber, jumpseed, tall coneflower, clearweed, touch-me-not and goldenrod. Wild plums are ripe for jam, and woodland grapes are purple. Some elderberries are ready for wine. Puffball mushrooms emerge among spring's rotting stems and leaves. Greenbrier berries darken.

Crickets, cicadas and katydids become more insistent in Judas maple week. Cardinal song becomes fainter. Long flocks of blackbirds pursue the harvest. Whip-poor-wills, cedar waxwings and catbirds migrate.

### Beggartick Week

Beggarticks unfold their small golden flowers in the second-last week of late summer, coming into bloom as Judas maples multiply. Hickory nuts are lying on the woodland paths. Buckeyes are completely formed. The panicked dogwood foliage reddens a little, its berries green. Acorns are full size, a few even brown.

Purple pokeweed berries shine through the undergrowth. Burrs of the tick trefoil catch on your pants legs. White vervain is gone, and the flowers of blue vervain climb to the top of their spikes, measuring the end of mildest time of year. Fields of brilliant oxeye, coneflower, goldenrod, wingstem and ironweed hide the decay of Canadian thistles, fringed loosestrife, skullcap, wild petunias and meadow rue.

Phlox and Resurrection lilies disappear quickly this week of the year. The tall loosestrife, which began its season before the Dog Days, has completed flowering. Golden showy coneflowers have begun their three-week process of decay, and the menacing ragweed is becoming old and empty. Along the roadsides, the umbels of Queen Anne's lace, so bright through middle summer, are contracting and darkening.

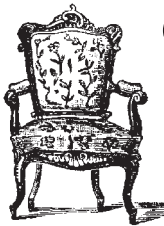
Bees are everywhere in the fields, sometimes five or six on a single flower cluster. Starlings become louder in the afternoons, but an entire morning can go by without a cardinal song or the sound of a dove.

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And deer come loping down steep cattle runs,  
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White birch and alder crept across these fields  
Where long ago the summer grasses swayed  
And stone walls tumbled to the patient earth  
Where once the eager children laughed and played.  
Now mountain silence lies upon the land  
For city streets have claimed its hill-born men;  
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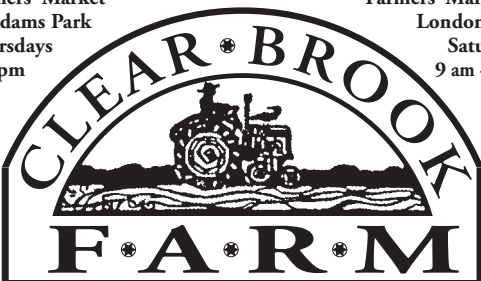
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# A Vermont Almanack for Late Summer

by Bill Felker

Often I am permitted to return to a meadow  
as if it were a given property of the mind  
that certain bounds hold against chaos,  
that is a place of first permission,  
everlasting omen of what is.

—Robert Duncan

## The Katydid and Cricket Moon And the Puffball Mushroom Moon

July 26: The Katydid and Cricket Moon is new at 5:42 p.m.

July 28: Today the moon reaches apogee, its position farthest from Earth.

August 3: The Katydid and Cricket Moon enters its second quarter at 7:50 p.m.

August 10: The moon is full at 1:09 p.m. It reaches also perigee, its position closest to Earth, today.

August 17: The moon enters its last quarter at 7:26 a.m.

August 24: Lunar apogee, the weakest lunar position farthest from Earth, occurs today, possibly moderating the cooler temperatures that often arrive the last week of October 3.

August 25: The Puffball Mushroom Moon (called the Harvest Moon by many people) is new at 9:13 a.m.

## The Sun

August 22 is Cross-Quarter Day and marks the halfway point between summer solstice and autumn equinox.

The sun enters Virgo on the same day. Having fallen just five and a half degrees between summer solstice and August 1 (from a declination of 23 degrees 26 minutes to a declination of 18 degrees), the sun now accelerates its retreat from middle summer to one degree every three days, and it holds that rate of decline through September

## The Planets

Venus moves retrograde into Cancer during August, and it is joined in Cancer by Jupiter, setting the stage for the conjunction of those two planets before dawn on August 28. Mars joins Saturn in Libra during in the evening and those two planets are in conjunction on August 27, a day before Venus and Jupiter lie together in the morning sky.

## The Stars

All the Dog Stars and planets of July move west as August progresses, and their power weakens.

And after dark, August is the month of the Milky Way in the eastern early night sky. Cygnus the swan can be found there, its formation a giant cross. Below it is Aquila, spreading from its keystone, Altair, like a great eagle. Almost directly above you, Vega of the constellation Lyra is the brightest star in the heavens. Hercules stands beside it, all of those stars forecasting autumn in just a few weeks.



Sailboats cruise across Lake Champlain on a late summer day.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

## The Shooting Stars

The Perseid meteors reach their best on the nights of August 12 and 13, but the bright gibbous moon may keep some of these shooting stars from view. Plan to watch for the meteors after midnight high in the northeast portion of the sky.

## Meteorology

Tornadoes, hurricanes, floods or prolonged periods of soggy pasture are most likely to occur between August 8 and 13 and between August 27 and 31. Frost is most likely, of course, as summer ends, and the August 27-31 window often burns tender plants throughout Vermont.

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## August Journal

## What Next

by Bill Felker

When I get up before five these mornings, I sit by my window, and I feel the fall moving toward me. Outside, there is no wind; the yard is quiet. The trees and flowers are motionless. The early summer chorus of birds has almost ended. Only a cardinal and a bullfrog sing off and on. Sometimes, the jays are nervous and whine in the trees. Sometimes, I hear crows across town. The katydids stopped calling in the middle of the night. It is too early in the day for cicadas and bees. The August crickets are still growing up; they won't chant for a few days.

I can't decide whether the shift in the season has followed the silence or preceded it. I don't know if my perceptions are real or imaginary. Maybe I'm just restless. It's been hot since the end of May. The heat wears me down like it wears down the plants and animals, draws life from the garden, the pond, and the brain.

Of course the varieties of

blooming plants are different now from what they were a few weeks ago, and the tint of the leaves has deepened in some places, faded in others. There is a haze to the sky; it builds up through the sluggish fronts of middle summer. Maybe that lack of purity is what tells me the earth has shifted on its axis, that it is turning back toward the sun for winter, that I have run out of summer one more time without having kept the promises I made to myself in April.

I have often tried to list the births and deaths of plants, insects and animals that define the shift to autumn. But I have never looked closely enough, have not watched or listened or thought carefully enough, and so the emotions of late summer can come over me quickly and hard, and I listen in the stillness, trying to understand what has happened, wishing I had paid closer attention, thinking maybe if I really understood the process better, then I

wouldn't feel so bereft at the end.

But no matter how many notes I take, I know that when the birds are silent in the morning and the wind stops blowing, I am at the end of one more cycle of planning and longing, and then I can't help repeating the same ques-

tions I asked a season ago: What next? What should I do now? Will there be enough time? Where do I go from here? How can I make amends for what I haven't done? Whom should I still love? What does it matter?



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 while shadowed mountains tier on tier  
 brighten before us one by one.

Beside the swamp's dark virgin loam  
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## Way Back Then

# A Prickly Summer Job Among the Roses

by Charles Sutton

Often when presidents speak out from the White House rose garden setting, I'm reminded of a job I had one summer tending a large rose garden on a country estate.

My usual summer job through high school and college years was on a small dairy farm where the best times were had driving a Farm-All tractor; the low point—killing and processing chickens.

An advertisement in the local newspaper told of an opening for an assistant caretaker on an estate in the very town where we lived.

My farm experience as well as raising a large victory garden during World War II proved to be helpful getting the job. For years my brother and I also cut the grass at our home with a hand lawn-mover (a rather unpleasant task); helped with canning and preserving foods; raked lots of leaves in the fall; and cut fireplace wood with a crosscut saw.

My new boss Louie told me that the head caretaker had been working for the the estate owners—the John Fields—for many years, but had health problems and had to cut back on his work. I was to fill in as needed, but the job was full-time.

Did I know anything about flower gardens, especially roses?

Well, sure, I had weeded my mother's flower garden and watered and weeded gardens on the farm. But I was not prepared for what came next.

My almost daily task was to crawl under many, many rose bushes and pick up fallen petals, dead leaves, twigs, and pull up weeds that dared to show up. One had to be extra careful not to get pricked. I also was to inspect for any signs of insects causing trouble or plant disease. I spent hours crawling around doing this all summer long. As much as the roses really were beautiful, I couldn't enjoy how well they smelled because of a football nose injury. And picking up petals all summer—that did seem excessive.

But maybe this was worth the extra effort when late in the summer the rose and other flower gardens were open for a garden club tour.

Louie and I hovered in the background watching the ladies and a few gentlemen admire 'our' rose garden. It didn't seem right that we somehow missed out on the teas, small cakes, and cookies that were made and served by the housekeepers to the visitors.

Mrs. Field did love her flowers and went to great lengths to plant and nourish a great variety of beautiful roses. At one point she thinned out some rose bushes (four of them) and



A Flirtation in the Rose Garden by William Breakspeare (1855-1914)

asked if I would like to take them home. My mother was very excited because they were ones she never could have afforded on her limited garden seed budget. Skilled rose man that I suddenly was, I transplanted them around our home where they gave us great pleasure for more than a dozen years, one bush living for 20 years.

The Fields had a flock of chicken for fresh eggs. But as anyone who has raised chicken knows, their corn-based diet always attracts rats...even from miles away.

Louie, who had learned to shoot a rifle as a boy at tin cans and bottles at the town dump, would shoot the rats when they came out of their runs under the chicken house. My job was to put the dead ones in a garbage can. Louie was kind enough to say, "put on some work gloves, you don't have to pick them up with your bare hands."

Because Louie and I grew more vegetables than the Field household needed, I was able to take home much of the bounty.

One day a large wooden crate dripping water from melting ice was delivered to the estate. Inside were several salmon that Mr. Field had caught and shipped back while on a fishing trip in Canada. I was given a half a salmon to take home much to the delight of my parents who both loved cooking—especially good food. This was years before one

could google hundreds of salmon recipes, but they found a perfect one in Gourmet Magazine, and it provided quite a treat two nights in a row!

Suddenly it seemed the summer was over and we were saying our goodbys. Louie said he would miss me and hoped I would come back next year. Mr. Field thanked me and even said there could be a position in his company after I graduated from college. He was president and owner of Warner Brothers Corset Co. That would have been interesting for sure, but my fortunes led to a career in journalism.

Many of us know the song: "I never promised you a rose garden." My experience that summer may have taught me that that promise isn't so easy to fulfill, but if you love someone, she'll be happy with a rose bush or two, or even a good dozen red ones.

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The 14th Annual Antique Tractor Day takes place on Sunday, August 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring restored and unrestored trac-

tors, dating from the 1930s to the 1960s. A narrated tractor parade is set for 1 p.m.—an opportunity to see the machines operating, with interesting and historical background details about each tractor. Tractor-drawn wagon rides will be offered; make-it-take-it wooden tractors for children, a toy tractor sandbox, ice cream making, and more.

### Heritage Chicken Days

Come for Heritage Chicken Days on Saturday & Sunday, August 16 & 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Traditional livestock breeds are an essential part of our agricultural heritage. We'll feature a variety of heritage chicken breeds to learn about their unique traits; all are protected breeds of The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy, a nonprofit membership organization working to conserve over 180

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— Mt. Independence to Center Rutland —  
**Decoding the 1776  
 Hubbardton Military Road**

by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

In the late 1940s, a retired librarian from Baltimore named Joe Wheeler inherited the Bump farm in Benson, and moved to Vermont. Once settled in his new home, librarian-like, he dug into local history and came across old documents with references to the 1776 Hubbardton Military Road. He learned that it had run from Mount Independence on Lake Champlain to Fort Ranger at the Otter Creek Falls in Center Rutland.

What Wheeler couldn't understand was that these old texts described the road running right through his farmstead. He didn't see how this was possible because the Bump farm lay well to the south of the cross-state route.

Curiosity led to an almost obsessive need to find traces of, and accurately map, the route of the 1776 Hubbardton Military Road. That quest continued for the rest of his life and inspires other route-searchers to this day. There are a lot of military road groupies out there and a lot of mysteries for them to solve.

Tom Hughes would count himself among them. In fact, he's a leader, a speaker, a researcher, and, finally, a hiker through some now-wild land between Castleton, Center Rutland, and Benson.

Tom spent many of his growing-up years in a house on Castleton's rural Belgo Road. He saw the ridgeline Grandpa's Knob, and he also saw one of Joe Wheeler's metal signs marking where the Hubbardton Military Road ran through Belgo on its way to West Rutland.

Tom, who today lives in Middlebury, majored in history at Castleton State College, and after graduating in 1978, and after further degree work and other assignments, became manager for New York's Crown Point Historic Site. That's where he first ran into Vermont military route enthusiasts.

The Hubbardton Military Road was constructed on the orders of General Horatio Gates in the fall of 1776 because he wanted land access to lake shore Mount Independence. But in July of 1777, during the Revolutionary War, the road's great use was as a retreat route for the battered American forces being pursued by British troops.

After 1777, its time had passed. Trees grew up. Farmers plowed their fields. Stream beds changed. The 1776 Hubbardton Military Road became, as much as anything, a sort



photo by Philip Jordan

Hiking across a horse farm in Belgo Valley, tracing the 1776 Hubbardton Military Road.

of legend. There was no longer a lot of evidence that it ever even existed. Joe Wheeler changed all that. He searched for artifacts, finding cannon balls and musket parts in farmers' fields. He talked to elderly locals who repeated to him what they'd heard from their grandfathers.

Once he had information, he wrote it up, and he published it and asked knowledgeable readers to add to it. He pressured town clerks to search their records. He took aerial photos and used military reconnaissance techniques to study topography. It paid off. Wheeler learned why his farm was on the military road route. It was because of the forgotten Hydeville Branch.

The Hydeville Branch, an eight-mile offshoot of the main military road, started in a swampy north-east corner of Benson and ran south through several farms, including Joe Wheeler's.

It continued into West Castleton coming close to the shore of Glen Lake. It crossed Scotch Hill Road near Griffith's quarry and continued behind the Doran farm. Then, it followed the present Creek Road south into Hydeville, (originally Castleton Falls) ending near what's now an old hotel building. But at that time there was only Stockade Fort William, which stood across the street on the corner of Blissville Road and old Route 4.

In the 1950s, Wheeler put up a number of metal signs marking what he believed to be the main road route. This is what Tom Hughes came across as a boy. Now, many are gone. Tom wants to restore these markers. He wants to fill in the topographical blanks and celebrate this military history.

The lost Revolutionary War road sings a siren song to a lot of local history buffs. My husband and I have walked with guide Curly Fuller following a likely, but uncertain, military road route through a darkly-forested tract of land which connects meadows below the Hubbardton Battle Field to Route 30.

In the deepest woods, there are still gash marks on the sides of rock ravines which may well have been made by Revolutionary War caissons.

Several summers ago, because he'd known the land owners most of his life, Tom Hughes got permission to take a group along the probable military road route from Castleton's Belgo Gap, through the Belgo Valley, and down into the land of Ransomvale Farm.

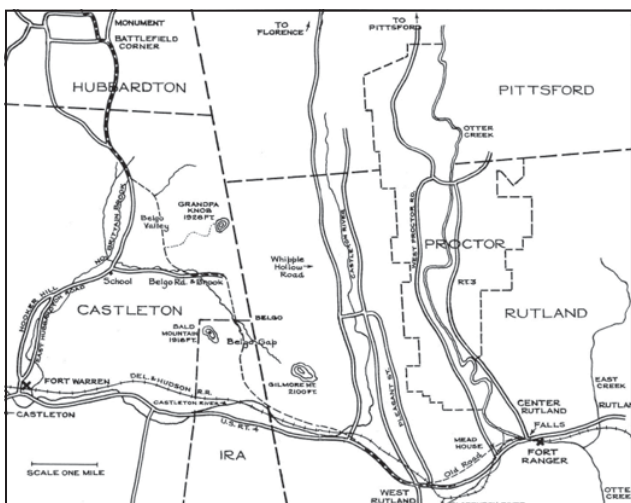
He hopes to hike with a group from Belgo into West Rutland, perhaps continuing on to the falls at Center Rutland, which was once—although there's no evidence of it today—the site of Fort Ranger.

Tom loves peoples' interest in the military road. When he sees new enthusiasts coming on board, helping in the research, organizing hikes, and raising exploration money, he says, for himself and for Joe Wheeler who died in 1960, "This is Halleluiah."

On Saturday, August 23, 2014 Jim Rowe, president of the Crown Point Road Association, offers the third annual driving tour, exploring sections of the 1776 Mount Independence-Hubbardton Military Road. This three-hour car tour along the Hydeville Branch, goes from East Road in Benson, to West Castleton, and finishes at the outlet of Lake Bomoseen. Meet at the Hubbardton Battlefield visitor center at 9:30 a.m. for orientation. For further information, contact Jim Rowe at (802) 434-7415. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov/directory/hubbardton](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/directory/hubbardton).

For more information about the Hubbardton Military Road, contact the Friends of the Hubbardton Military Road at (802) 388-2967, [ImHistorical@msn.com](mailto:ImHistorical@msn.com), or [www.hubbardtonmilitaryroad.org](http://www.hubbardtonmilitaryroad.org).

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Join The Blue Cat of Castleton as you stroll through the town in search of "The River's Song." Relive the enchantment by visiting private homes, historic sites and galleries, and public buildings of a time gone by. Meet docents in period costumes and learn of the Blue Cat's adventures.

Visitors can view outstanding architecture throughout the village. Tours often start at the Federated Church of Castleton on Main Street, described as builder Thomas Royal Dake's architectural masterpiece. The pulpit, with its intricate moldings and panels is one of the most extraordinary in the state.

Dake is also famous for his beautifully scaled spiral staircases. Several of the homes on this year's tour will feature staircases by Dake. One is the home he built for his bride Sally Deming in 1809. Another can be seen in the home he built for Noahdiah Granger on South Street. This is considered one of Dake's most elaborate staircases.

The Higley House, home of the Castleton Historical Society, will be open and visitors can tour the exhibits, antique tools, carriage collection and period costume and hat displays. On display at the Higley House will be the famous Blue Cat Quilt depicting historic landmarks in town and highlights from the book The Blue Cat of Castleton. The quilt was entirely hand sewn and hand quilted with over 375 hours spent in creating the unique pattern of quilting stitches.

The tour includes a dozen sites throughout the village. Tour tickets can be purchased on Colonial Day at two locations on Main Street: the Federated Church of Castleton, and the Langdon-Hitchcock House. Tickets are \$20, \$18 for seniors 62+, children 12 and under are free.

The Castleton Library will hold an Ice Cream Social from 2-4 p.m. and the Federated Church will host a Ham Dinner starting at 5 p.m. with assorted salads, beverage and dessert, \$9 adults and \$5 children.

For information call (802) 468-5309 or (802) 278-8150. The Federated Church of Castleton is located at 504 Main St., (802) 468-5725. The Castleton Free Library is at 638 Main St., (802) 468-5574. The Langdon-Hitchcock House is at the corner of Main St. and North Rd. The Higley House, Castleton Historical Society, is at 407 Main St., (802) 468-5105.



Olivia Cacciatore (l.) and Holly Hitchcock (r) at the Castleton Colonial Day House Tour. photo by Jo Ann Riley

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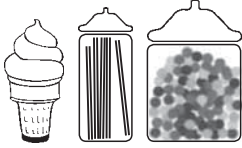
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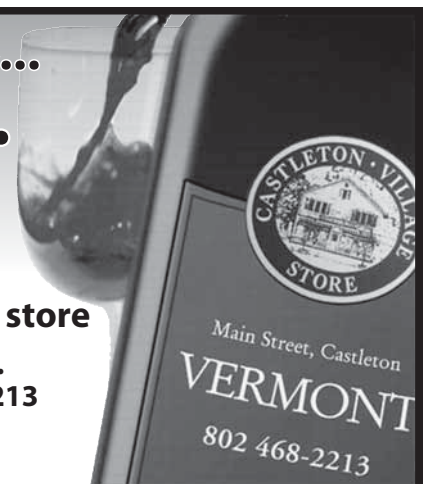
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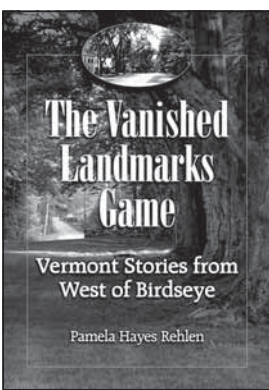
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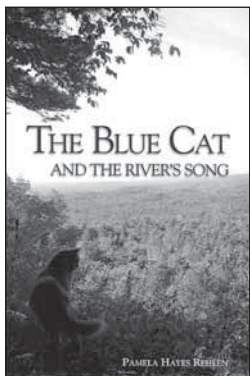
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**HARTLAND.** Upper Valley Seed Savers meet on the second Thursday of the month at 5 pm at member's gardens. Our mission is to further knowledge about seed saving and to work on projects that will help develop a body of locally-adapted open-pollinated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

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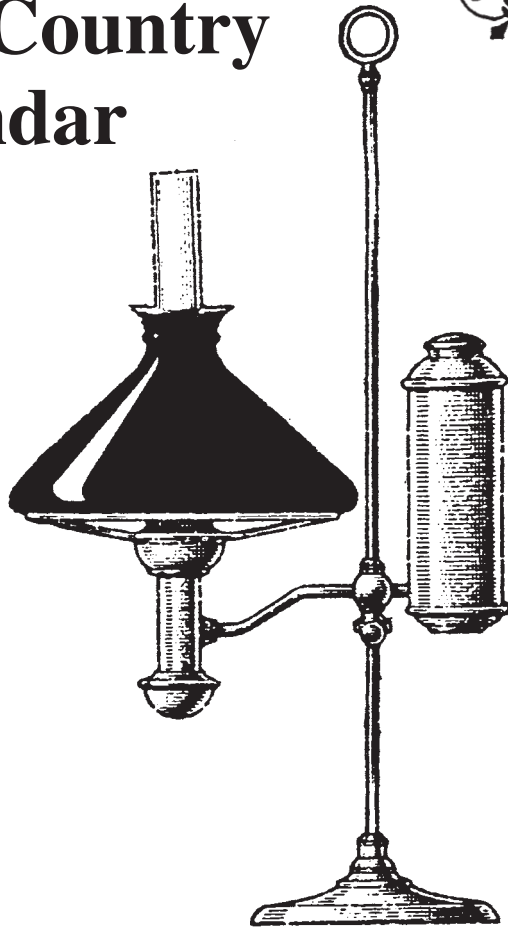
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**SPRINGFIELD.** Springfield Farmer's Market. Saturdays 10 am to 1 pm. In downtown Springfield. (802) 738-5272. [springfieldcommunitymarket.com](http://springfieldcommunitymarket.com). *Continues through early October.*



**STRAFFORD.** Justin Morrill Homestead. Exhibit: *Statues of Liberty—A Sesquicentennial Exhibit & Celebration*, Gothic Revival home, formal gardens, art and walking trail. Admission \$6. 11 am - 5 pm. Wednesday-Sunday. 214 Justin Morrill Highway. (802) 765-4288. [www.morrillhomestead.org](http://www.morrillhomestead.org). *Through October 13.*

**WEST RUTLAND.** Vermont Herbal General Store. Tai' Chi Gung intro classes, Wednesday at 6 pm. Free introductory classes. Reiki healings, Chinese ear coning, handmade herbal remedies, teas, and lotions. Crystals, stones, and books. All are welcome. Tuesday & Wednesday 1-6 pm, Thursday-Saturday 12-6 pm, Sunday 1-4 pm, closed Friday. Vermont Herbal General Store, 518 Main St. (802) 438-2766. [www.vermonthherbal.com](http://www.vermonthherbal.com).

**WINDSOR.** Old Constitution House. Admission: adults \$3, 14 and under free. Open weekends and Monday holidays, 11 am - 5 pm. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 Main St. (802) 672-3773. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov/constitution](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov/constitution). *Thru October 13.*

## MUSEUMS, EXHIBITS & GALLERIES

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

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

**BENNINGTON.** The Dollhouse and Toy Museum of Vermont. Admission \$2 children three and older, \$4 adults and \$10 families. Open weekends from 1-4 pm. 212 Union St. at the corner of Valentine Street. [dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com](http://dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com).

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington Center for the Arts. Adults \$9, seniors & students \$8, families \$20, under 12 free. Wed-Mon, 10 am - 5 pm. 44 Gypsy Lane. (802) 442-7158. [jana@thebennington.org](mailto:jana@thebennington.org). [thebennington.org](http://thebennington.org).

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington Museum. Admission \$10, children under 18 free. Free admission to visit the Gift Shop. Open 10 am - 5 pm every day except Wednesdays. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. [www.benningtonmuseum.org](http://www.benningtonmuseum.org).

**BRANDON.** Compass Music and Arts Center. On exhibit: *The Roots of Rock 'n' Roll* through August. Arts businesses and studios, classes & workshops, concerts, and community events. Gift shop features art and music related books, collectibles, and the music of the classical recording company, Divine Art Records. Onsite cafe. 10 am - 5 pm daily. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Drive, Park Village, 1.5 miles north of downtown. (802) 247-4295. [www.cmacvt.org](http://www.cmacvt.org).

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

**BROWNINGTON.** Old Stone House Museum. Admission \$8, students \$5. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. 109 Old Stone House Rd. (802) 754-2022. [oldstonehousemuseum.org](http://oldstonehousemuseum.org). *Through October 15.*

**BURLINGTON.** ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center. \$9.50 adults, \$7 ages 3-17, \$8 seniors and students, under 3 free. Daily 10 am - 5 pm. At Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, One College St. (877) 324-6385. [www.echovermont.org](http://www.echovermont.org).

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(Museums, Exhibits, and Galleries, continued)

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

**FERRISBURGH.** Rokeby Museum. Robinson family exhibits, buildings to tour, grounds to explore. Admission \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 students, children under 5 free. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. www.rokeby.org. Through October 26.

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

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

**GRAFTON.** The Nature Museum at Grafton. Free admission. Open Thursdays and Saturdays 10 am – 4 pm. The Nature Museum at Grafton, 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. www.nature-museum.org. Through October 12.

**GRAFTON.** Art Exhibit. "Mixing It Up", a mixed media show featuring the works of Mariella Bisson, Brenad Cirioni and Kate McLaughlin. Each of these artists portrays the beauty of the New England landscape and rural environment. Gallery North Star, 151 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2465. gallery@gnsgraffton.com. www.gnsgraffton.com. Through August 10.

**HUNTINGTON.** Birds of Vermont Museum. Come and see over 500 carved wooden birds, representing 259 species. Museum, special events and bird walks, children's programs, gift shop, video, restrooms and trails with maps available. Adult \$7, senior \$6, child 3-17 \$3.50. Open daily 10 am – 4 pm. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. www.birdsofvermont.org. Through October 31.

**MANCHESTER.** Southern Vermont Art Center. Open Tues-Sat 10 am – 5 pm. Yester House Galleries, Southern Vermont Arts Center, West Rd. (802) 362-1405. www.svac.org.

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

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

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

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

**PROCTOR.** The Vermont Marble Museum. The world's largest marble exhibit. Adults \$7, seniors \$5, under 18 free. Open daily from 10 am – 5 pm. The Vermont Marble Museum, 52 Main St. (800) 427-1396. www.vermont-marble.com. Through October 14.

**RUTLAND.** Chaffee Art Center. Art in the Park, August 9 & 10. Exhibits, classes, workshops, open studio evenings, gift shop. Gallery open Thursday and Friday 12-6 pm and Saturdays 12-5 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. info@chaffeeartcenter.org. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

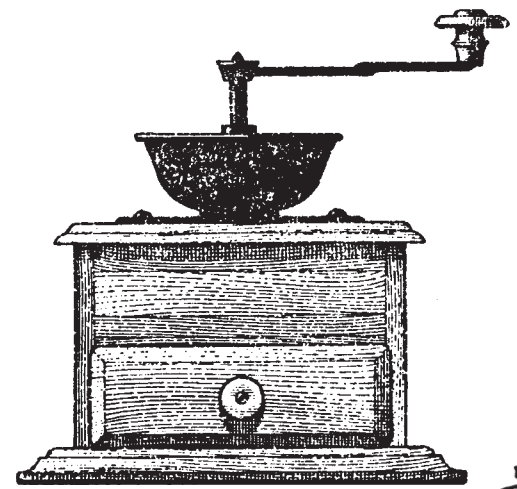
**SHELBURNE.** Shelburne Museum. Home to the finest museum collections of 19th-century American folk art, quilts, 19th- and 20th-century decoys, and carriages. Admission: adults \$22, children \$11 (5-12), \$14 (13-17), family day pass \$55. VT residents half price. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Shelburne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

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

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

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

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain and Dog Chapel. Free. Open Mon-Sat 10 am – 5 pm, Sun 11 am – 4 pm. Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. off Spaulding Rd. (800) 449-2580. info@dogmt.com. www.dogmt.com.



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

**VERGENNES.** Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Historical exhibits, programs, cruises. Admission: adults \$10, seniors \$9, students 5-17 \$6, under 5 free. Open 10 am - 5 pm through October 12. 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. (802) 475-2022. [www.lcmm.org](http://www.lcmm.org).

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

**WINDSOR.** American Precision Museum. Collection of historically significant machine tools. Admission \$5-\$8, family \$20. Free on Sunday. 10 am - 5 pm daily. 196 Main St. (802) 674-5781. [www.americanprecision.org](http://www.americanprecision.org).

**WINDSOR.** Cider Hill Art Gallery. Gardens, plants for sale, gallery and shop. Free. Fri-Sun, 10 am - 5 pm. Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery. 1747 Hunt Rd. (802) 674-6825. [www.ciderhillgardens.com](http://www.ciderhillgardens.com). [www.garymilek.com](http://www.garymilek.com).

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

**WOODSTOCK.** Billings Farm & Museum. Visit the Jersey herd, tour the 1890 Farm House. 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Exhibition, August 1 through September 21. Antique Tractor Day, August 3. Heritage Chicken Day, August 16 & 17. Labor & Leisure Day, August 31. Time Travel Tuesdays through August 19—experience late 19<sup>th</sup>-century chores and pastimes. Wagon Ride Wednesdays through September 24. Foodways Friday, through October 17. Open daily through October 31, 10 am - 5 pm. Admission: adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).

## COMMUNITY DANCES AND MUSIC

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

**FAIR HAVEN.** Concerts in the Park. Hot dogs, popcorn, water and soda available. Free ice cream July 31 and August 21. Free. 7 pm at the town park. Bad weather location: Fair Haven Baptist Church. (802) 265-3010 [fairhavenvt.org/concerts](http://fairhavenvt.org/concerts). *Thursdays through August.*

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

**KILLINGTON.** River Road Summer Concert Series. Bring a blanket, lawn chair, and snacks to enjoy the show. Free. 6-7:30 pm. Sherburne Memorial Library, 2998 River Rd. (802) 422-9765. *Thursdays through August 14.*

**LUDLOW.** 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Music Series at Jackson Gore. Free. 6-9 pm. Jackson Gore Inn Courtyard, Okemo Ridge Rd. (802) 228-1600. *Fridays through August 29.*

**MANCHESTER.** Tuesday Night Concerts on the Green. Free. 6-8 pm. Manchester Town Green. (802) 362-6313. [visitmanchestervt.com](http://visitmanchestervt.com). *Through August 19.*

**MARLBORO.** 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Marlboro Music. World renowned chamber music. Rehearsals and concerts from July 19 through August 17. For schedule and information go to [www.marlbormusic.org](http://www.marlbormusic.org).

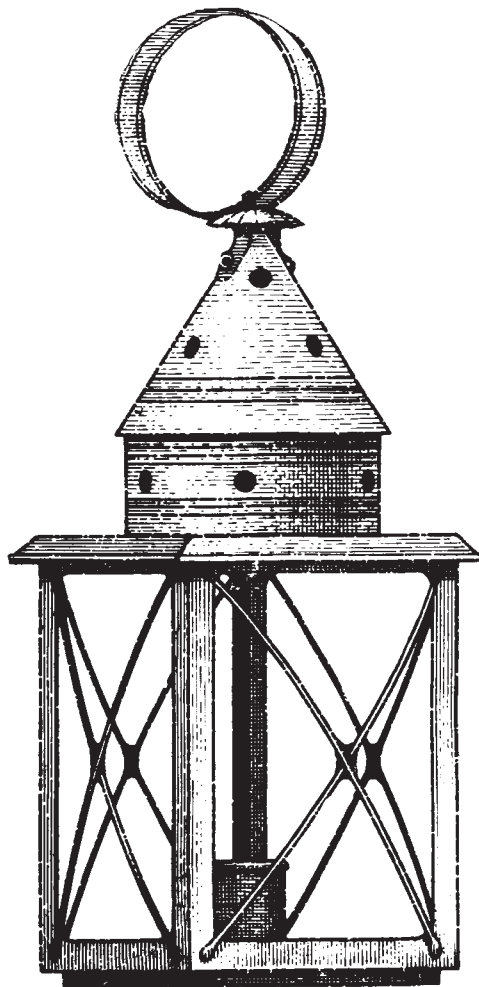
**PLAINFIELD.** Monthly Sacred Harp Sing. A free event, with beginners and loaner books available. The second 3-5 pm. Community Center above the Co-op in Plainfield. For more information, contact Lynnette Combs at (802) 426-3850. [lynnnetcombs@gmail.com](mailto:lynnnetcombs@gmail.com). *Second Sundays.*

**QUECHEE.** Free Thursday Summer Concerts. 6:30 pm at the Quechee Village Green, 70 Village Green. (802) 295-5036. [recreation@hartford-vt.org](mailto:recreation@hartford-vt.org). [www.hartford-vt.org](http://www.hartford-vt.org). *Thursdays through August 21.*

**RANDOLPH.** Central VT Chamber Music Festival—17<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Gala. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. [www.centralvtchambermusicfest.org](http://www.centralvtchambermusicfest.org). [chandler-arts.org](http://chandler-arts.org). *August 14, 16, 17, 21, 22, 24.*

**RUTLAND.** Wednesday Concerts in the Park. 7-8:30 pm at the gazebo in Main Street Park at the corner of Main St. (Rt. 7) and West St. (802) 282-1092. [www.rutlandrec.com](http://www.rutlandrec.com). *Wednesdays through August 6.*

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



**SOUTH ROYALTON.** South Royalton Town Band. Rain location is elementary school on South Windsor Street. Free. 7:30 pm on the Town Green, Chelsea St. (802) 234-6400. *Thursday evenings through August.*

**WEST NEWBURY.** Eastern Square Dance. With Adam Boyce, fiddler/caller, Donna Weston on piano. Admission by donation. 7:30 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.** Summer Concert Series. Free, everyone is welcome. Every Thursday through August 14. 7-9 pm. On the West Rutland Town Hall Green.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Free Wednesday Summer Concerts. 6:30 pm in Lyman Point Park, 167 Maple St. (802) 295-5036. [www.hartford-vt.org](http://www.hartford-vt.org). *Wednesdays through August 20 except for one on August 1.*

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

**WOODSTOCK.** Billings Farm Wagon Ride Wednesdays. Horse-drawn wagon rides each Wednesday 11 am - 3 pm through September 24. Admission: \$14 adults, \$13 seniors, \$8 children 5-15, \$4 children 3 & 4. Open 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).

## RECREATION & NATURE CENTERS

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**GRAFTON.** Grafton Ponds Outdoor Center. Mountain biking, bike terrain park, hiking, canoeing. 783 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2400. [grafftonponds.com](http://grafftonponds.com).

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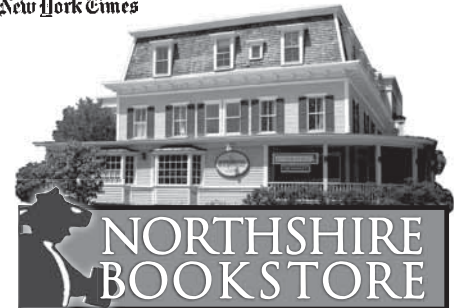
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## DAILY EVENTS

### SATURDAY, JULY 26

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

**BARRE.** Barre Heritage Festival and Homecoming Days. (802) 839-5451. barreheritagefestival.org. *Also July 27.*

**EAST THETFORD.** Community Cannery Day. Work alongside kitchen staff to can the day's crop and go home with your share of the product—you bring elbow grease, we provide the rest. Light snack. No experience required. Pre-registration required. Free. 11 am - 3 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. cedarcirclefarm.org. *Also September 6.*

**FAIR HAVEN.** The Wild Fire Phillips Intertribal Pow Wow. Free camping, vendors, dancers, drummers, live music. 13 Sharon Dr. 12-5 pm. (802) 683-6133. *Also July 27.*

**JAMAICA.** Jamaica Old Home Day. Festivities run 11 am - 10 pm. Main St. (802) 380-4508. jamaicaoldhomeday.com.

**KILLINGTON.** Fun in the Americas—Music in the Mountains Classical Concert Series. Hosted by Killington Music Festival. Tickets \$25, available through the box office at (802) 422-1330. 7 pm at Rams Head Lodge at Killington Resort. (802) 773-4003. www.killingtonmusicfestival.org.

**SHELburne.** Green Mountain Draft Horse Annual Field Day. Admission. 11 am - 2 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. www.shelburnefarms.org.

**SHOREHAM.** Community Supper. Menu: ham, baked beans, corn bread, salad, beverages, and dessert. Good fellowship and great food. Families welcome. Free, bring non-perishable items for the food pantry. 5-7 pm at Shoreham Congregational Church, School St. (802) 897-5420.

**SPRINGFIELD.** The 79<sup>th</sup> Stellafane Convention—An Amateur Astronomy and Telescope Making Club. Workshops, lectures, swap tables. At Breezy Hill. For information and to register go to stellafane.org. For questions write Webmaster@Stellafane.org. *Also July 27.*

**WINDSOR.** Hosta Days. Selected hosta sale—over 150 varieties. The Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery at 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. Open daily from 10 am - 6 pm. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. ciderhillgardens.com. www.garymilek.com. *Also July 27.*

**WOODSTOCK.** 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bookstock Literary Festival. Readings, panels, and workshops on diverse topics. A huge, three-day used and vintage book sale. Free and open to the public. On and around the Green. info@bookstock.org. bookstock.org. *Also July 27.*

### SUNDAY, JULY 27

**BROWNINGTON.** Poets Judith Chalmers & Michiko Oishi read Haiku in Japanese and English. Poet Nadell Fishman reads her work. Hour-long reading followed by reception and book signing with the writers. Donation. 3 pm. Brownington Congregational Church, Hinman Settler Rd. (802) 633-4956. backroadsreadings@gmail.com. www.backroadsreadings.com.

**EAST HARDWICK.** 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Phlox Fest. All events are free. Perennial Pleasures Nursery, 63 Brickhouse Rd. (802) 472-5104. www.perennialpleasures.net. *Through August 10.*

**HUBBARDTON.** East Hubbardton Cemetery Walk—Stories from the Past. Site interpreter Carl Fuller, dressed in period attire, will "introduce" you to some of these residents whose lives were disrupted by the American Revolution and what happened to them afterwards. Be prepared for a walk. Inside program if inclement weather. Admission, including the program and site visit, is \$3 for adults and free for children under 15. 1 pm. Meet at Hubbardton Battlefield Visitor's Center on Monument Hill Rd., seven miles north of Rt. 4 from Castleton or six miles east of Rt. 30. Call (802) 273-2282. historicssites.vermont.gov.

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

**WINDSOR.** Hosta Days. Selected hosta sale—over 150 varieties. The Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery at 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. Open daily from 10 am - 6 pm. (800) 232-4337. ciderhillgardens.com. www.garymilek.com.

**WOODSTOCK.** Hay Day at Billings Farm & Museum. Draft horse teams will demonstrate 19<sup>th</sup> century haying techniques. Narrated horse-drawn wagon rides. Adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

### MONDAY, JULY 28

**RANDOLPH.** Concert: Lyra Summer Music presents guest artist Michael Brown, piano. Admission. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71 Main St. (802) 431-0204. outreach@chandler-arts.org. www.lyrasummermusic.com.

**RUTLAND.** Summer Monday Book Sale. Sponsored by The Friends of the Rutland Free Library. 4-8 pm. In the basement, Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. rutlandfree.org. *Also August 4 & 11.*

**RUTLAND.** Concert: The Samples with Sean Kelly. Tickets \$25.75. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

**WILMINGTON.** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival. The ten-day Blueberry Festival turns the Mount Snow Valley as blue as a blueberry. (802) 464-8092. www.vermontblueberry.com. *Through August 2.*

### THURSDAY, JULY 31

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

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

**HIGHGATE.** 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Franklin County Field Days. Fairgrounds on Airport Rd. (802) 527-1026. franklincountyfielddays.org. *Through August 3.*

**KILLINGTON.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Killington Chili Cook-Off. Enjoy chili from the best local restaurants and hear live music by the Chad Hollister Band! Admission. 5-8 pm. Sherburne Memorial Library, River Rd. (802) 422-3932. www.discoverkillington.com.

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## FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

**ADDISON.** 12th Annual Evening to Remember Social. Spend a relaxing summer evening in an old resort on Lake Champlain. Enjoy the museum, music, children's activities, rock on the porch, watch the sun set, and visit with costumed personages from Chimney Point's past. 6-8 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. [historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint).

**CANAAN.** 66th Annual Sugar-on-Snow Festival. Good food, music and sugar-on-snow with maple syrup from our own mountains. Chili dogs, homemade donuts, lemonade, and sour pickles. Donation \$10 per person. 6 pm. Grace Community Church, by the Canaan Town Common. (802) 266-3071. [kennstransky@gmail.com](mailto:kennstransky@gmail.com). [www.thegracecommunitychurch.org](http://www.thegracecommunitychurch.org).

**RUTLAND.** Annual Sidewalk Sale Days. Vendors, food, activities, local music. 9 am - 10 pm. Center St. & Merchants Row. (802) 773-9380. [rutlanddowntown.com](http://rutlanddowntown.com). Also August 2.

**SALISBURY.** 35th Salisbury Summer Performance Series: PossumHaw Bluegrass Ensemble. Donation. 7:30 pm. Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St. (802) 352-6671. [www.salisburychurchvermont.org](http://www.salisburychurchvermont.org).

**WOODSTOCK.** 28th Annual Quilt Exhibition. Programs, demonstrations and activities for children and adults. Admission (includes all programs and activities): adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org). Through September 21.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

**BARNARD.** Pikes Falls Chamber Music Festival Performance. Free, donations appreciated. 7 pm at Silver Lake State Park. For information call: Susanna Loewy, (732) 586-5455. [www.pikesfallschambermusicfestival.com](http://www.pikesfallschambermusicfestival.com). Through August 9.

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Rockingham Old Home Days. Live music all day, bounce houses, food, bands, street performers, festivities, fireworks. [www.gfrc.org](http://www.gfrc.org). Also August 3.

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Ride the Train during Rockingham Old Home Days and the Fireworks! Departs 3:30 pm to Chester returning 6 pm or departs 6:30 pm to Chester and returns 9 pm. Tickets \$26 adults, \$22 children. Information and ticketing at Northeast By Rail, call (802) 376-9534. [info@northeastbyrail.com](mailto:info@northeastbyrail.com). [northeastbyrail.com](http://northeastbyrail.com).

**BELMONT.** Library Book Sale. Mount Holly Town Library, 26 Maple Hill Rd. (802) 259-3707. [mthollylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:mthollylibrary@gmail.com). [mounthollyvt.org](http://mounthollyvt.org). Also August 3, October 11 & 12.

**BENNINGTON.** Southern Vermont Art & Craft Festival. Admission: adults \$8, free parking. Rain or shine under Camelot tents. 10 am - 5 pm. Camelot Village, 66 Colgate Heights. (802) 425-3399. [www.craftproducers.com](http://www.craftproducers.com). Also August 3.

**BURLINGTON.** 7th Annual Festival of Fools. Curated street theater, circus arts, music and comedy for family audiences by a world-class selection of street performers. Four stages surrounding the Church Street Marketplace and City Hall Park feature continuous street theater. Free. (802) 865-7166. [www.vermontfestivaloffools.com](http://www.vermontfestivaloffools.com). Also August 3.

**BRANDON.** Annual Yard Sale Day. Town wide yard sales. 9 am, rain or shine. Map available Saturday morning at the Brandon Museum and Visitor Center (next to the church at the corner of Routes 7 and 73 West) and on-line at [www.brandon.org](http://www.brandon.org). (802) 247-6401.

**CANAAN.** 47th Annual Canaan Men's Softball Tournament Weekend. At the ball fields. (802) 266-8900. Also August 3.

**CANAAN.** Traditional Church Supper. All you can eat. Donation \$10 per person. 5-7 pm. At Grace Community Church Fellowship Hall. (802) 266-3071. [kennstransky@gmail.com](mailto:kennstransky@gmail.com). [www.thegracecommunitychurch.org](http://www.thegracecommunitychurch.org).

**CHESTER.** Ride the Train during Rockingham Old Home Days and the Fireworks! Departs 5 pm or 8 pm for Bellows Falls returning at 6:30 pm or 10:30 pm. Tickets \$26 adults, \$22 children. Information and ticketing at Northeast By Rail. Call (802) 376-9534. [info@northeastbyrail.com](mailto:info@northeastbyrail.com). [northeastbyrail.com](http://northeastbyrail.com).

**HIGHGATE.** 39th Annual Franklin County Field Days. Fairgrounds on Airport Rd. (802) 527-1026. [franklincountyfielddays.org](http://franklincountyfielddays.org). Also August 3.

**KILLINGTON.** Season Finale—Music in the Mountains Classical Concert. Hosted by Killington Music Festival. Come to the newly-renovated Peak Restaurant at Killington Peak for an evening of spectacular music and amazing views. Works of Beethoven, Foote, Schoenfeld and Sumners will be performed. Tickets \$30, available through the box office at (802) 422-1330. 7 pm at Rams Head Lodge at Killington Resort. (802) 773-4003. [www.killingtonmusicfestival.org](http://www.killingtonmusicfestival.org).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Midd Summer Festival. A celebration of some of Vermont's finest beer, wine, cider, cheese and other products. 3-7 pm. Riverfront Park at the Marble Works. [experiencemiddlebury.com](http://experiencemiddlebury.com).



**PLYMOUTH NOTCH.** Plymouth Annual Old Home Day. Special presentation by author Reeve Lindbergh and a reenactment of Calvin Coolidge's "Homestead Inaugural." Wagon rides, chicken BBQ, old-time music, sheep shearing, traditional craft demonstrations, and historic children's games. Adults \$8, children 6-14 \$2, under 6 free; family pass \$20. 10 am - 4 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

**QUECHEE.** The Vermont Gas & Steam Engine Association, Inc. Antique Engine Show. The whole family will enjoy the show which features a variety of antique engines, antique tractors, a stationary hay press, and antique equipment and machinery. What better place to demonstrate equipment used in "the old days" than here in Vermont! 9 am - 4 pm, rain or shine. On the grounds of the Quechee Gorge Village on Rt. 4. (802) 485-8224. [gainorman@trans-video.net](mailto:gainorman@trans-video.net). [www.vermontgasandsteam.com](http://www.vermontgasandsteam.com).

**RUTLAND.** Annual Sidewalk Sale Days. Vendors, food, activities, music, farmers market. 9 am - 3 pm. Center St. & Merchants Row. (802) 773-9380. [rutlanddowntown.com](http://rutlanddowntown.com).

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Summer Dog Party. Welcome for an afternoon of friendship, food, and fun. 1-5 pm at Dog Mountain, Stephen Huneck Gallery, 143 Parks Rd. (800) 449-2580. [www.dogmt.com](http://www.dogmt.com).

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**TOWNSHEND.** Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day. A day full of fun. Bargain booths, fish pond for kids, homemade ice cream, Birthday Parade, auction, carriage rides, free pony rides, chicken BBQ, jugglers, circus performers. Bills Band at 5 pm. Free admission and fun for all ages. 9 am - 7 pm. on the Townshend Common, Rts. 30 & 35. (802) 365-9109. [www.gracecottage.org](http://www.gracecottage.org).

**WILMINGTON.** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival. Blueberry Block Party with live music, S. Main St., 6-8 pm. Discover Wilmington Scavenger Hunt. [www.vermontblueberry.com](http://www.vermontblueberry.com).

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

**BELMONT.** Library Book Sale. Mount Holly Town Library, 26 Maple Hill Rd. (802) 259-3707. [mthollylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:mthollylibrary@gmail.com). [www.mounthollyvt.org](http://www.mounthollyvt.org). Also August 3, October 11 & 12.

**BENNINGTON.** Southern Vermont Art & Craft Festival. Admission: adults \$8, free parking. Rain or shine under Camelot tents. 10 am - 4 pm. Camelot Village, 66 Colgate Heights. (802) 425-3399. [craftproducers.com](http://craftproducers.com).

**BURLINGTON.** 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Dragon Boat Festival. Catch the spirit as 1800 paddlers compete in 41-ft long Dragon boats. Entertainment, music, food, a silent auction and cultural events. Free. 8 am - 4 pm. Burlington Waterfront Park. (802) 999-5478. [www.ridethedragon.org](http://www.ridethedragon.org).

**BURLINGTON.** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Fools Finale. Curated street theater, circus arts, music and comedy for family audiences by a world-class selection of street performers. Four stages surrounding the Church Street Marketplace and City Hall Park. Free. (802) 865-7166. [www.vermontfestivaloffools.com](http://www.vermontfestivaloffools.com).

**JAMAICA.** Pikes Falls Chamber Music Festival. Free performance, donations appreciated, at 12 pm at the Jamaica Farmers Market. Music/Art Collaboration for Kids and Young Adults at Jamaica Town Hall on Main St. at 1 pm. Afternoon Family Concert at Jamaica Town Hall at 3 pm. Open Rehearsal at Jamaica Town Hall at 4:30 pm. Community Potluck with an Open Mic at Jamaica Town Hall at 6:30 pm. Info: Susanna Loewy, (732) 586-5455. [www.pikesfallschambermusicfestival.com](http://www.pikesfallschambermusicfestival.com).

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

**ORWELL.** Hike into History. On this tour, walk in the footsteps of Revolutionary War soldiers. Mount Independence Coalition president Stephen Zeoli will be your guide. Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather. 2 pm. Admission \$5 for adults, free for children under 13. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov).

**WOODSTOCK.** Antique Tractor Day. Parade at 1 pm. Tractor-drawn wagon rides and activities for children including popular tractor sandbox. Admission: adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

**JAMAICA.** Pikes Falls Chamber Music Festival. Free, donations appreciated. 7 pm Jamaica Town Hall at 6:30 pm. Info: Susanna Loewy, (732) 586-5455. [www.pikesfallschambermusicfestival.com](http://www.pikesfallschambermusicfestival.com).

**SHOREHAM.** The Shoreham Historical Society will have a special excursion to the Fort Ticonderoga King's Gardens at 3 pm. We will meet at the gardens at that time to have a special tour with Mr. Cameron Green, the interim horticulturist. The cost is \$12. Carpooling from Shoreham is available. Call Ginny at (802) 897-5254.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

**CHESTER.** Chester Summer Concert Series Presents The Dave Keller Band. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. Free. 6:30-8 pm on the lawn of the Academy Building, 330 Main St. on the Green, across from Misty Valley Books. (802) 875-3400.

**MONTPELIER.** A Celebration of the Life in Poetry of Galway Kinnell. Readings of Kinnell's poems by other poets followed by a reception with Galway Kinnell in the Cedar Creek Room. Presented by Back Roads Readings and sponsored by Vermont Humanities Council and many others. Free, everyone welcome. 3 pm at the Vermont State House, 115 State St. (802) 633-4956. [backroadsreadings@gmail.com](mailto:backroadsreadings@gmail.com). [www.backroadsreadings.com](http://www.backroadsreadings.com).

**NEW HAVEN.** 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Addison County Fair & Field Days. Vermont's largest agricultural fair! Field Days grounds off Rt. 17. (802) 545-2557. [www.addisoncountyfielddays.com](http://www.addisoncountyfielddays.com). Through August 9.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

**BETHEL.** Second Annual Truckload Eastern Security Safe Sale. Locust Creek Outfitters, 1815 River St. (802) 234-5884. [www.locustcreekoutfitters.com](http://www.locustcreekoutfitters.com). Also August 9 & 10.

**DANVILLE.** 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual The Danville Fair. This is truly a good ole country fair, starting with a street dance and amusement rides on Friday night (\$15 bracelet). Carnival rides, music at night at the Bandstand, pony pull, games, delicious food. 5-9 pm. On the Green. (802) 535-4431. [www.danvillevtchamber.org](http://www.danvillevtchamber.org). Also August 9.

**DERBY LINE.** Banjo Dan's Bluegrass Revue. The Sky Blue Boys—Banjo Dan and Willy Lindner with Bob Amos & Catamount Crossing. All tickets \$18. Order online from [haskellopera.com](http://haskellopera.com) or call (802) 873-3022 x 205; or [catamountarts.org](http://catamountarts.org), (802) 748-2600. Advance purchase encouraged, though tickets will be available at the door. 7:30 pm. Haskell Opera House, 93 Caswell Ave. (802) 873-3022. [haskellopera.com](http://haskellopera.com). [www.skyblueboys.com](http://www.skyblueboys.com). [www.bobamos.com](http://www.bobamos.com).

**NEW HAVEN.** 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Addison County Fair & Field Days. Vermont's largest agricultural fair! Field Days grounds off Rt. 17. (802) 545-2557. [www.addisoncountyfielddays.com](http://www.addisoncountyfielddays.com). Also August 9.

**STOWE.** 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique & Classic Car Meet. Flea market and car corral, crafters, judging, food concession. Admission \$10, seniors \$8, children 12 and under free. Rain or shine. 7 am - 5 pm. Nichol's Field, Rt. 100 south of the village. (802) 279-0686. [vtauto.org](http://vtauto.org). Also August 9 & 10.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

**ADDISON.** Annual Crown Point French & Indian War Encampment. Watching and photographing the action from the sidewalks of the Lake Champlain Bridge. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. [historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint). Also August 10.

**BELMONT.** Roast Pork Dinner. At the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont with settings starting at 5 pm and 6 pm. Served family-style. Admission \$10 adults and \$5 children 11 years and under. For more information call (802) 259-3445. Also August 30.

**BETHEL.** Second Annual Truckload Eastern Security Safe Sale & Open House. Free hot dogs and door prizes. Locust Creek Outfitters, 1815 River St. (802) 234-5884. [www.locustcreekoutfitters.com](http://www.locustcreekoutfitters.com). Also August 10.

**CRAFTSBURY COMMON.** Craftsbury Annual Old Home Day. Traditional Pet Show on the Common at 9:30 am. Kids' games, open from 10 am on. Parade at 1 pm. Field Day games, art contest! Hamburgers and hot dogs. Craftsbury Historical Society will be open with exhibits. Yard sale at the United Church. Farmer's Market will be open. 9:30 am to 2 pm. (802) 586-2823. [www.townofcraftsbury.com](http://www.townofcraftsbury.com).

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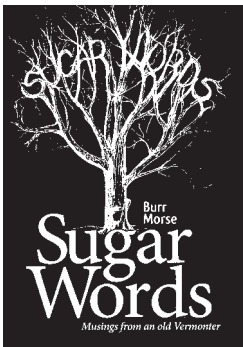
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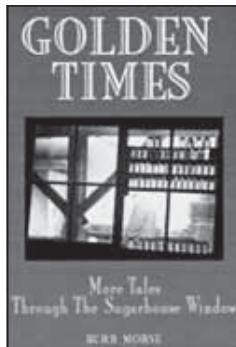
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delectable cucumbers for your supper table. It means inquiring how they fared the storm and swapping stories of "Where were you when the hail hit?" It might even mean volunteering to help out if weather brought on unexpected extra work. It means community support with your dollars, your muscles and your heart. But the Farmers Market doesn't just mean farmers. Artisans and crafters of every ilk are at the Vermont Farmers Market. Find handmade wooden bowls and cutting boards to display and serve that wonderful produce. Grab a coffee, iced tea or lemonade and some scrumptious baked goods, from French pastries to Danish and even gluten-free. Need a gift? Crafters

are turning out beaded and button jewelry, crocheted scarves and wrist warmers and funky tie-dyed crafts. Hungry for lunch? The "value added" folks have an eclectic, international smorgasbord waiting for your salivating palate. Pakistani or Korean? Indian or Thai? Wait, there's empanadas and vegan too! Oh, the decisions! Bread and wine? How about a couple of apples and a piece of cheese to go with that?

One more cruise around to see if you missed anything. Look at all the jars! Marinara and BBQ and salsa at the ready. Jelly and relish and sauce, oh my! What about meats? Oh yeah, grass-fed and cage-free are the by-words here for pork, chicken,

beef, goat, lamb or rabbit. Get your eggs early, they sell out by afternoon and don't forget the maple syrup.

Did you see how many people you know? Seems it's always Old Home Week at the Vermont Farmers Market in Downtown Rutland. It's your community...welcome!

Visit [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org) and [www.rcfmvt.org](http://www.rcfmvt.org).

For information call Doug Patac at (802) 753-7269 or Judy Dark at (802) 773-4813. [info@rcfmvt.org](mailto:info@rcfmvt.org). [info@vtfarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@vtfarmersmarket.org).

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# Vermont Country Calendar

**DANVILLE.** 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual The Danville Fair. This is truly a good ole country fair. Melissa Jenkins Memorial 5K Run, 7 am. Saturday Morning Parade, 10:30 am. Live music all day and evening, carnival rides & games, horse pull, great food, bingo, evening fireworks, and more! \$15 ride bracelet 12-5 pm. Fair runs 7 am – 5 pm. Danville Green. (802) 535-4431. [www.danvillevtchamber.org](http://www.danvillevtchamber.org).

**DERBY LINE.** 13th Annual Derby Line Community Day and Village Wide Yard Sale. 10 am – 9 pm. Baxter Park. Info call Sharon Booth at (802) 873-3420. [myersbethany@hotmail.com](mailto:myersbethany@hotmail.com). [myersbethany.wix.com/derbylineday](http://myersbethany.wix.com/derbylineday).

**EAST POULTNEY DAY.** On the East Poultney Green, 1500 E. Main St. [www.poultneyvt.com](http://www.poultneyvt.com).

**JAMAICA.** Pikes Falls Chamber Music Festival. Free. 7 pm Jamaica Town Hall at 6:30 pm. Info: Susanna Loewy, (732) 586-5455. [pikesfallschambermusicfestival.com](http://pikesfallschambermusicfestival.com).

**JAY.** 7th Annual Jay Summer Fest. Free admission, free parking. 10 am – 5 pm. Downtown. (802) 343-5687. [jayfocusgp@gmail.com](mailto:jayfocusgp@gmail.com). [www.jayvt.com](http://www.jayvt.com).

**JAY.** Jay Peak's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Augustwest Music Festival. 12-6 pm on the town green. (802) 327-2154. [bsmith@jaypeakresort.com](mailto:bsmith@jaypeakresort.com). [www.augustwestfest.com](http://www.augustwestfest.com).

**NEW HAVEN.** 66th Annual Addison County Fair & Field Days. Vermont's largest agricultural fair! Field Days grounds off Rt. 17. (802) 545-2557. [www.addisoncountyfielddays.com](http://www.addisoncountyfielddays.com).

**PLYMOUTH NOTCH.** Performance: "A High Price to Pay, A Heavy Burden to Bear: One Family's Civil War Story." Historian David Book portrays Abel Morrill, an early settler of Cabot, Vermont, profiling life before and after the Civil War. 2 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

**ROYALTON.** Annual Strawberry Supper. Baked ham, baked beans, macaroni salad, potato salad, cole slaw, raised rolls, beverages, and strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream. Adults \$10, children 12 and under \$5, 6 and under free. Sittings at 5, 6, 7 pm. Sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Royalton. The Academy Building, Rt. 14, next to the church. (802) 728-6626.

**RUTLAND.** Chaffee Center's 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Art in the Park Festival. Free admission. 10 am – 6 pm. Main Street Park at Rts. 7 & 4. Chaffee Art Center, 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. [chaffeeartcenter.org](http://chaffeeartcenter.org). Also August 10.

**SHARON.** 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Old Home Day. Morning welcome with coffee and donuts. Parade at 10 am. Bake sale, South Royalton Town Band, games and activities. Free chicken pie dinner for seniors 70 and over and spouses, 11:30 am. Fireman's chicken BBQ 11 am on. Entertainment by the Peapickers at 12:30 pm. Historical Society open all day. Free ice cream. Dance at the firehouse 7-10 am. 9:30 am – 10 pm. (802) 763-7953.

**STOWE.** 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique & Classic Car Meet. Admission \$10, seniors \$8, children 12 and under free. Rain or shine. 7 am – 10 pm. Nichol's Field, Rt. 100 south of the village. (802) 279-0686. [vtauto.org](http://vtauto.org). Also August 10.

**TUNBRIDGE.** Good Sam Camporee. Music by the Sky Blue Boys (Banjo Dan and Willy Lindner) with Jon Henry Drake. Admission \$5. 7 pm. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 457-3742.

**WEST NEWBURY.** West Newbury Summer Festival. Breakfast juice, coffee and homemade muffins 8-10:30 am. Silent auction 8 am – 2 pm. Exhibits: Vintage Toys, Games & Dolls, 8 am – 3 pm. Bake sale, white elephant, parade at 10 am. Hay rides. Rib barbecue, also turkey dogs, watermelon dessert 11:30 am – 1:30, \$10 adults, \$5 children. Dessert cafe 12-2 pm. Free admission. 8 am – 3 pm. In and around the West Newbury Hall, 219 Tyler Farm Rd. (802) 222-7480. Facebook.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** 4th Annual Welcome Abenaki Day. Free. 11 am – 5 pm. At Lyman Point Park. (802) 296-3132, (802) 295-2713. [hartfordhistory.org](http://hartfordhistory.org).

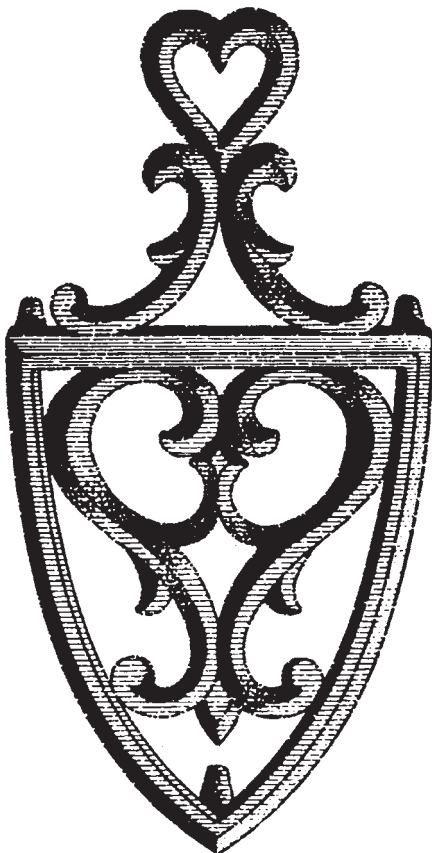
**WOODSTOCK.** Sixth Annual Summer Fest. A festival of food, drink, live music, street performers, kids activities, dancing, tastings, and shopping. Free. 10 am – 9 pm, downtown. (802) 457-3555. [www.woodstockvt.com](http://www.woodstockvt.com).

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

**ADDISON.** Annual Crown Point French & Indian War Encampment. Chimney Point, half a mile directly across Lake Champlain, will be part of the weekend's naval attacks. Consider watching and photographing the action from the sidewalks of the Lake Champlain Bridge. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. [historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint).

**BETHEL.** Second Annual Truckload Eastern Security Safe Sale. Locust Creek Outfitters, 1815 River St. (802) 234-5884. [www.locustcreekoutfitters.com](http://www.locustcreekoutfitters.com).

**BROWNINGTON.** Annual Old Stone House Day. A celebration of Orleans County history with demonstrations of traditional skills. Food, live music and museum tours. Parking \$5/car. 10 am – 4 pm. Old Stone House Museum, 109 Old Stone House Rd. (802) 754-2022. [oldstonehousemuseum.org](http://oldstonehousemuseum.org).



**CHESTER.** 3rd Annual Southern Vermont Hot Dog Cook Off. To benefit the Springfield Humane Society. Gourmet hot dogs prepared by twenty chefs with music by the Bondville Boys. Celebrity Judge Big Lenny. Tickets \$15. 1-4 pm. Stone Hearth Inn, 698 Rt. 11 West. (802) 824-5055. [aeddy@vermontel.net](mailto:aeddy@vermontel.net). [www.spfldhumane.org](http://www.spfldhumane.org).

**LYME, NH.** Sunday Buffet Music Series. Buffet dinner at 6 pm followed by music by Boys Night Out with Dave Clark on Post Pond. Adults \$19, kids \$8 (12 and under). Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Rd., Rt. 10 just north of town. Reservations required. Call (603) 795-2141. [www.lochlymelodge.com](http://www.lochlymelodge.com). Sundays through August 31.

**ORWELL.** A Walk on the (Cambrian) Beach—The Geology of Mount Independence and Southern Lake Champlain. Geologist Helen Mango from Castleton State College leads this hike exploring the geology of Mount Independence and southern Lake Champlain, from the oldest rocks in the Potsdam Formation to the newer rocks of the Great Meadows Formation. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. 2 pm. Admission \$5 for adults, free for children under 13. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov)

**ROCHESTER.** Rochester Chamber Music Society's 20th Anniversary Season Concert. Mary Bonhag, soprano; David Greenberg, violin; Evan Premo, double bass; and Cynthia Huard, piano perform baroque and folk. Freewill donations. 4 pm at the Federated Church, center of town on Rt. 100. (802) 767-9234. [www.rcmsvt.org](http://www.rcmsvt.org).

**RUTLAND.** Chaffee Center's 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Art in the Park Festival. Free admission. 10 am – 4 pm. Main Street Park at the junction of Rts. 7 & 4. Chaffee Art Center, 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. [info@chaffeeartcenter.org](mailto:info@chaffeeartcenter.org). [www.chaffeeartcenter.org](http://www.chaffeeartcenter.org).

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

**WELLS.** Modern Woodmen of America 75th Annual Carnival. Entertainment, rides with wristband, carnival food. Modern Woodmen of America grounds at 10 Main St. (802) 645-0323. Through August 16.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

**CHESTER.** Chester Summer Concert Series Presents Joinery. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. Free. 6:30-8 pm on the lawn of the Academy Building, 330 Main St. on the Green, across from Misty Valley Books. (802) 875-3400.

**GREENSBORO BEND.** Annual Chicken Pie Supper. Chicken pie, casseroles, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls, pie and beverages. Adults \$9, children under 8 \$5. 5 & 6:30 pm. St. Michael's Hall, 270 The Bend Rd. (802) 472-5544.

**ORWELL.** Colonial Trades Afternoon. Site interpreter Karl Crannell demonstrates trades and skills used by the soldiers at Mount Independence and colonial period settlers. 1:30-3:30 pm. Admission \$5 adults, children under 13 free. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

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## FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

**BARTON.** 147th Annual Orleans County Fair. Old time agricultural county fair. At Roaring Brook Park. (802) 525-3555. [www.orleanscountyfair.net](http://www.orleanscountyfair.net). Through August 17.

## Little Things

Within me there are sleeping many things  
That I know nothing of—and yet they may  
At some chance word take sudden fleeting wings  
And fly into the glaring light of day.  
Some soft sweet strain could well arouse in me  
Emotions that I knew not I possessed,  
Music might touch a chord of ecstasy  
And leave me with a new mood all obsessed.  
An unexpected meeting—some new sight—  
Could bring to being still unknown desires  
And either turn my path toward the light  
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Why is it no one ever truly sings  
The whole of life depends on little things.

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**PEACHAM.** Peacham Acoustic Music Festival. Concerts, contra dances, workshops, jam sessions, band scramble, craft fair, family tent, great food. Admission: 9 am – 9 pm. Tickets available through Catamount Arts: (802) 748-2600 or [www.catamountarts.org](http://www.catamountarts.org). *pamfest.com*. Also August 16.

**RUTLAND.** Free Overview of the Tai'Chi Gung Saturday Workshop with Rasaji. The only Tai'Chi Gung Master Lama living in the Western World. 7 pm. Best Western Inn & Suites, 5 Best Western Place. (802) 236-3023. [info@vermontherbal.com](mailto:info@vermontherbal.com). [rasaji.com](http://rasaji.com).

**RUTLAND.** Concert: Gov't Mule with Warren Hayes. Tickets \$44.75-\$54.75. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [www.paramountvt.org](http://www.paramountvt.org).

**STOWE.** Celebrate Vermont Festival. Regional Vermont bands, storytellers, and musicians. Tickets: adult \$10, child \$2; weekend pass: adult \$12, child \$3. 10 am – 9 pm. Stowe Events Field, 80 Weeks Hill Rd. [www.celebratevermontfestival.com](http://www.celebratevermontfestival.com). *Through August 17.*

**TUNBRIDGE.** 40th Annual Lippitt Country Show. Old-fashioned horse show, featuring the Lippitt Morgan horse. At Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 235-2264, (802) 763-2516. [lippittcountryshow.com](http://lippittcountryshow.com). *Through August 17.*

**WELLS.** Modern Woodmen of America 75th Annual Carnival. Entertainment, rides with wristband, carnival food. Modern Woodmen of America grounds at 10 Main St. (802) 645-0323. Also August 16.

**WILMINGTON.** 97th Annual Deerfield Valley Farmers' Day Fair. At Baker Field. (802) 319-0117. [www.dvfair.com](http://www.dvfair.com). *Through August 17.*

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

**BARTON.** 147th Annual Orleans County Fair. Old-time agricultural county fair. At Roaring Brook Park. (802) 525-3555. [www.orleanscountyfair.net](http://www.orleanscountyfair.net). Also August 17.

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Concert: The Kennedys. Admission: 8:30-10:30 pm. Windham Ballroom, 40 The Square. (802) 460-7676. [info@popolo.us](mailto:info@popolo.us). [www.popolomeanspeople.com](http://www.popolomeanspeople.com).

**BENNINGTON.** Annual Bennington Battle Day 5K Road Race. Raffle for antique commemorative plates and dinner at the top drawn at end of race. Fee: \$15, \$2 for kids fun run. Registration 8 am, race starts 9:30 am. Registration forms at the Monument gift shop. 8 am - 5 pm. Bennington Battle Monument State Historic Site. (802) 447-0550. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). Also August 17.

**BENNINGTON.** Living History Encampment. Drill presentations, musket and artillery demonstrations, educational exhibits, and activities for children will be ongoing hourly. Authentic cannons will be on display and fired periodically during the day Saturday and Sunday. Free. Saturday 10 am to Sunday 5 pm. Bennington Battle Monument State Historic Site. (802) 447-0550. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). Also August 17.

**CASTLETON.** Castleton Colonial Day House Tour. Visit private homes, historic sites and public buildings of a time gone by. Meet docents in period costumes and learn of the Blue Cat's adventures. Tours often start at the Federated Church of Castleton on Main Street, described as builder Thomas Royal Dake's architectural masterpiece. The Castleton Library will hold an Ice Cream Social from 2-4 pm and the Federated Church will host a Ham Dinner at 5 pm, \$9 adults, \$5 children. Tour tickets \$20, \$18 for seniors 62+. Purchase at the Federated Church of Castleton, and the Langdon-Hitchcock House. 10 am to 4 pm, rain or shine. (802) 468-5309 or (802) 278-8150.

**DUMMERSTON CENTER.** Annual Peach Shortcake Supper. Menu includes baked ham, scalloped potatoes, two vegetables, salad, and fresh peach shortcake with real whipped cream. Tickets at the door: \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12. 5-7 pm at the Evening Star Grange Hall, Middle Rd. For information call (802) 254-1128.

**EAST DORSET.** 3rd Annual Craft Fair and Silent Auction. 9 am – 3 pm. On the green in front of The East Dorset Congregational Church. (802) 362-2682.

**HARDWICK.** 6th Annual Kingdom Farm and Food Days. \$15 includes light refreshments. 9 am – 2 pm. (802) 586-2882, (802) 472-6174 x 132. [koi@highmowingseeds.com](mailto:koi@highmowingseeds.com). [www.highmowingseeds.com](http://www.highmowingseeds.com). Also August 17.

**HUBBARDTON.** Early Vermont History Storytelling Afternoon. Authors Nancy Means Wright and Lee Kemsley talk about their historical novels set in early Vermont. In *Wright's Walking into the Wild*, for middle grades, siblings in 1782 look for their father, captured by the British. Kemsley's book, *The Hunger Year*, for older teens and adults, is about adventurous Magen and the effects of the year 1816, when it snowed every month. 2 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton).

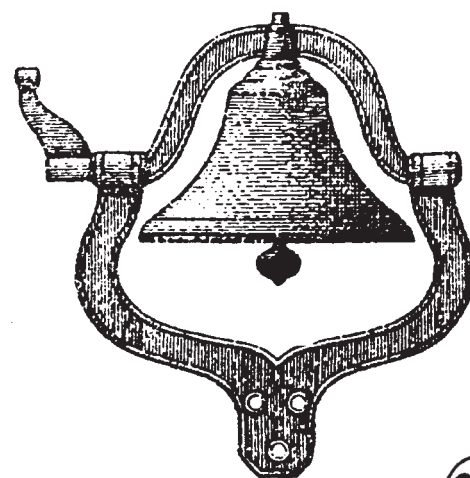
**NEWBURY.** Chicken Pie Supper. Menu: chicken pie, mashed potatoes, gravy, cole slaw, peas, cranberry sauce, coffee, iced tea, or milk. Ice cream and cookies for dessert. Tickets: adults \$12, under 10 \$5, pre-school free. Settings 4:30-7 pm. First Congregational Church Vestry, 4915 Main St., Rt. 5. (802) 429-2204.

**ORWELL.** Bennington Battle Day at Mt. Independence. Free admission at all Vermont State Historic Sites in honor of Bennington Battle Day. Showing throughout the day at the Mount is the short film, "Commemorating the Battle of Bennington." 10 am - 4 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov).

**PEACHAM.** Peacham Acoustic Music Festival. Roots music from Celtic traditions, old time fiddle tunes, blues and bluegrass. Concerts, contra dances, workshops, jam sessions, band scramble, craft fair, family tent, great food. Musicians include Jonathan Edwards, Del Rey, Bob Amos and Catamount Crossing, Erynn Marshall/Carl Jones, Annemieke Spoelstra, Wayne Henderson/Helen White, Doug Perkins, Ethan Azarian, Alan Greenleaf & the Doctor, Tritium Well, The Bayley Hazen Boys and more! Admission: 9 am – 9 pm. For tickets call (802) 748-2600 or [www.catamountarts.org](http://www.catamountarts.org). [www.pamfest.com](http://www.pamfest.com).

**RANDOLPH.** Central VT Chamber Music Festival—17th Annual Summer Gala. Saturday Concert Series: Music for Violin, Cello and Piano. Tickets \$25. 8 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org). [centralvtchambermusicfest.org](http://centralvtchambermusicfest.org). *Through August 24.*

**RUTLAND.** Tai'Chi Gung Workshop with Rasaji. The only Tai'Chi Gung Master Lama living in the Western World. Two for one special of \$95 before July 31. Register at [rasaji.com](http://rasaji.com). 9:30 am – 12 noon, 1:30-4 pm. Best Western Inn & Suites, 5 Best Western Place. (802) 236-3023. [info@vermontherbal.com](mailto:info@vermontherbal.com).



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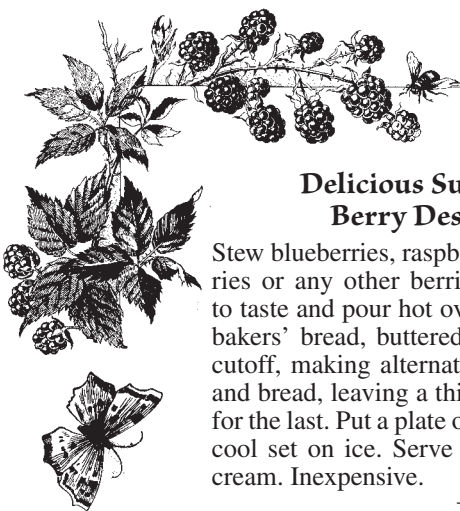


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—M. E. J.

### Blueberry Roll

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

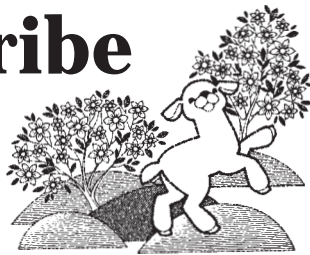
—Aunt Carrie Reed

### Currant Snow

Wash one cupful of tapioca, then pour boiling water over it and cook in a double boiler until the tapioca is transparent; add a pinch of salt; stir often while cooking. Wash one pint of ripe currants and put them in a glass dish, sprinkle over them one cupful of white sugar. Turn the hot tapioca very slowly over them and after it has cooled a little set on the ice to get very cold. Serve with cream. A delicious and cool summer dessert.

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**STOWE.** Celebrate Vermont Festival. Admission. 10 am - 9 pm. Stowe Events Field, 80 Weeks Hill Rd. [www.celebratevermontfestival.com](http://www.celebratevermontfestival.com). Also August 17.

**TUNBRIDGE.** 40th Annual Lippitt Country Show. An old-fashioned horse show, featuring the Lippitt Morgan horse. At the Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 763-2516. [lippittcountryshow.com](http://lippittcountryshow.com). Also August 17.

**VERGENNES.** Rabble in Arms. Historical re-enactors in traditional boats recreate the 1814 British attack on Fort Cassin. Adults \$10, seniors \$9, students 5-17 \$6, under 5 free. 10 am - 4 pm. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. (802) 475-2022 x 114. [lcm.org](http://lcm.org). Also August 17.

**WELLS.** Modern Woodmen of America 75th Annual Carnival. Parade, entertainment, rides with wristband, carnival food. Modern Woodmen of America grounds at 10 Main St. (802) 645-0323.

**WILMINGTON.** 97th Annual Deerfield Valley Farmers' Day Fair. At Baker Field. (802) 319-0117. [www.dvfair.com](http://www.dvfair.com). Also August 17.

**WOODSTOCK.** Heritage Chicken Days. See a variety of heritage chicken breeds. Play egg toss and other games. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](http://info@billingsfarm.org). [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org). Also August 17.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

**BARTON.** 147th Annual Orleans County Fair. Old-time agricultural county fair. At Roaring Brook Park. (802) 525-3555. [www.orleanscountyfair.net](http://www.orleanscountyfair.net).

**BENNINGTON.** Living History Encampment. Drill presentations, musket and artillery demonstrations, educational exhibits, and activities for children will be ongoing hourly. Free. 10 am - 5 pm. Bennington Battle Monument State Historic Site. (802) 447-0550.

**FERRISBURGH.** Annual Pie & Ice Cream Social. Choose from homemade pies of every type, while relaxing in the shady backyard. \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 students, children under 5 free. 1-4 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. [www.rokeby.org](http://www.rokeby.org).

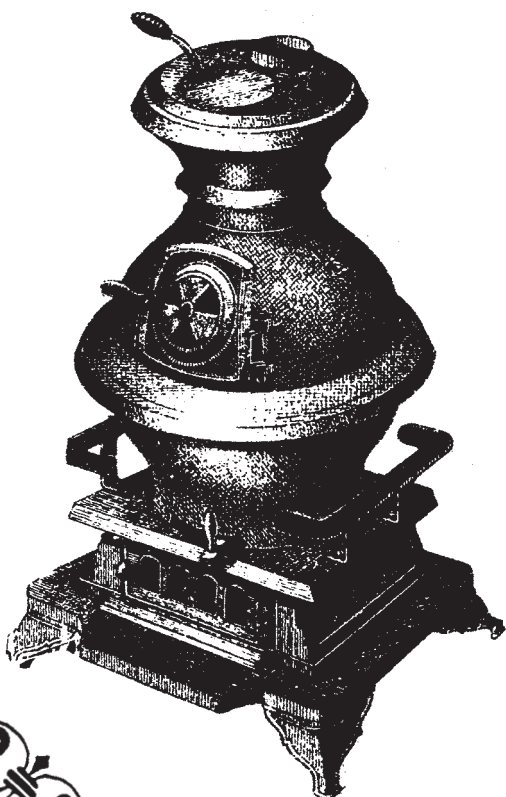
**HARDWICK.** 6th Annual Kingdom Farm and Food Days. \$15 includes light refreshments. 9 am - 2 pm. (802) 586-2882. [www.highmowingseeds.com](http://www.highmowingseeds.com).

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

**RANDOLPH.** 4th Annual Breakfast with Bach. Breakfast at 11 am in the Esther Mesh Room in Chandler's Upper Gallery. Admission \$8. Concert at 12:30 pm in Bethany Church, goodwill offering. Upper Gallery, Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. [chandler-arts.org](http://chandler-arts.org). [www.centralvtchambermusicfest.org](http://www.centralvtchambermusicfest.org). Through August 24.

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## THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

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**ROCHESTER.** Contra Dance with Mad Robin Caller's Collective and Key to the Cellar. No experience necessary. All dances are taught. Partner not required. Musicians welcome to bring instruments and sit in behind the band. Admission: sliding scale \$5-\$10. 7-10 pm. Pierce Hall, 38 Main St. (617) 721-6743. [youngtraditionvermont.org](http://youngtraditionvermont.org).

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

**BONDVILLE.** Annual Bondville Fair. In operation since 1791! Fairgrounds on Rt. 30. (802) 297-9810. [bondvillefair.org](http://bondvillefair.org). Through August 24.

**COLEBROOK, NH.** 23rd Annual North Country Moose Festival. Street Fair 3-8 pm. Kidz Korner 3-6 pm. Entertainment, art exhibit, quilt show, wildlife encounters, guided tour of the River Walk, dance performance, live music. Moose Cruise Parade at 6 pm. Parker Hill Road Band 6:30-8 pm. Food & craft vendors. Self-guided moose tours! Along Main St. (603) 237-8939. [www.chamberofthenorthcountry.com](http://www.chamberofthenorthcountry.com). Through August 24.

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Champlain Valley Fair. Vermont's largest fair & the state's largest event. Champlain Valley Exposition, 105 Pearl St., Rt. 15. (802) 878-5545. [www.champlainvalleyfair.org](http://www.champlainvalleyfair.org). Through August 31.

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**RANDOLPH.** Central VT Chamber Music Festival. Friday Night Concert in the Gallery with Jeremiah McLane and Annemieke Spoelstra, accordian and piano. Free admission, goodwill offering. 7 pm. Chandler Music Hall Downstairs Gallery, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. [chandler-arts.org](http://chandler-arts.org). [centralvtchambermusicfest.org](http://centralvtchambermusicfest.org). Through August 24.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

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

**BONDVILLE.** Annual Bondville Fair. Fairgrounds on Rt. 30. (802) 297-9810. [bondvillefair.org](http://bondvillefair.org). Also August 24.

**CAMBRIDGE.** 3rd Annual Cambridge Civil War Days. Union and Confederate Encampments. 10 am - 5 pm. Rt. 15. [cambridgehistoricalsociety.org](http://cambridgehistoricalsociety.org). Also August 24.

**CANAAN.** Moose Festival Church Supper. Donation. 4-7 pm. Grace Community Church, Gale Street. (802) 266-3071. [www.thegracecommunitychurch.org](http://www.thegracecommunitychurch.org).

**CANAAN.** 23rd Annual North Country Moose Festival. Moose Watcher's Breakfast 7-10 am at the Canaan School. Country Fair 9:30 am - 3 pm. Auto show, magic show, horse & wagon historical tours, dog show, jazz band, moose stew cook-off, photography show, kidz korner, watershed on wheels. 23rd Annual Moose Calling Contest 2:20 pm. Food & craft vendors. Adults (16 and up) \$5, couple \$8, seniors \$4, family of four \$12 (additional child \$2). 9:30 am - 3 pm. Community Park. (603) 237-8939. [chamberofthenorthcountry.com](http://chamberofthenorthcountry.com). Also August 24.

**EAST THETFORD.** Annual Tomato Tasting by the River at Cedar Circle Farm. Fresh-picked organically grown heirloom tomatoes, appetizer menu, farmers market featuring farm chef Alison's special creations. Tickets are \$25/person; children under 12, \$15/person. Reservations required. 2-4 pm. Cedar Circle Farm, Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. [www.cedarcirclefarm.org](http://www.cedarcirclefarm.org).

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**HYDEVILLE.** Car Tour on the Hydeville Branch of the 1776 Mount Independence—Hubbardton Military Road. Jim Rowe, president of the Crown Point Road Association, offers the third annual driving tour. This tour along the Hydeville Branch, goes from East Road in Benson, to West Castleton, and finishes at the outlet of Lake Bomoseen. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Meet at the Hubbardton Battlefield visitor center for orientation. For more information, call Jim Rowe at (802) 434-7415, (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov/directory/hubbardton](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/directory/hubbardton).



## ELDERBERRY CORDIAL

Take eight quarts of elderberries with stems removed and boil them with two quarts of water, two teaspoons of whole cloves, two teaspoons of whole allspice, and one stick of cinnamon until the berries are soft. Strain. Add one and a half cups of sugar for each quart of juice, and cook thirty minutes or until it begins to thicken. Strain again, cool, and bottle, adding half a pint of brandy for each quart of juice.

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**LUDLOW.** Fletcher Farm Annual Arts and Crafts Festival. 10 am – 4 pm, rain or shine. 611 Rt. 103 South. (802) 228-8770. [www.fletcherfarm.org](http://www.fletcherfarm.org).

**LYNDONVILLE.** 169th Annual Caledonia County Fair. At Mountain View Park. (802) 626-5917. [vtfair.com](http://vtfair.com). Also August 24.

**PITTSBURG, NH.** 23rd Annual North Country Moose Festival. A Day at the Farm—Open House at Maple Ridge Farm with live animals, farm museum, hay rides and live music. Amey Homestead Music Festival at 6 pm. 10 am – 3 pm. Along Tabor Rd. (603) 237-8939. [chamberofthenorthcountry.com](http://chamberofthenorthcountry.com). Also August 24.

**QUECHEE.** 42nd Annual Scottish Festival and Celtic Fair. Pipe band competition. Sheep dog trials, children's games, Highland Dancing competition, over 50 clan tents, Scottish arts & crafts, Historic Highlanders, Highland athletics, Scottish wares. Live music by Prydein, Fifth Business, Atlantic Crossing. Scottish Country Dancing. Scottish and American specialty food and drink. Adults \$15, children 5-16 \$10, under 5 free. No dogs, please. 8 am – 4:30 pm at the Quechee Polo Field, 45 Deweys Mills Rd. (802) 295-5351. [www.quecheescottishfestival.com](http://www.quecheescottishfestival.com).

**VERGENNES.** 33rd Annual Vergennes Day. Pancake breakfast, crafters, vendors, horse-drawn wagon rides, music, chicken BBQ, games! Free. 10 am – 4 pm. At City Park. (802) 388-7951. [vergennesday.com](http://vergennesday.com).

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

**BELLOWS FALLS.** High Meadow Farm Garden Tour. Sponsored by Garden Conservancy Open Days Program. Terraced gardens, a pond surrounded by sugar maples, river birch, native spruce, and pine. Ticket \$5, no reservations required, rain or shine. 10 am – 4 pm. High Meadow Farm, 84 Paradise Hill Rd. (888) 842-2442. [opendaysprogram.org](http://opendaysprogram.org).

**CAMBRIDGE.** 3rd Annual Cambridge Civil War Days. Artillery, cavalry, infantry! Union and Confederate Encampments with reenactors. Homemade pies whole or by the slice. Live music by O'hAnleigh, and Dale & Darcy. 10 am – 5 pm. Rt. 15. [www.cambridgehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.cambridgehistoricalsociety.org).

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Champlain Valley Fair. Vermont's largest fair & the state's largest event. Champlain Valley Exposition, Rt.15. (802) 878-5545. [champlainvalleyfair.org](http://champlainvalleyfair.org). Through August 31.

**HARTLAND.** Garden Tour—Garden of Sylvia Davatz. Sponsored by Garden Conservancy Open Days Program. Visit a working garden devoted primarily to growing vegetable seeds for Davatz's company, Solstice Seeds. 6,100 square feet of beds bordered by stone walls. See the largest known white oak in Vermont and a passive-solar greenhouse. Ticket \$5. 10 am – 4 pm. Sylvia Davatz, 106 Gilson Rd. (888) 842-2442. [www.opendaysprogram.org](http://www.opendaysprogram.org).

**HUBBARDTON.** Battlefield Fourth Sunday. Site interpreter Carl Fuller portrays a Hubbardton resident from 1777, and discusses what it was like to unwittingly be in the path of war. 1-2 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282.

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**SPRINGFIELD.** Woodland Farms Garden Tour. Sponsored by Garden Conservancy Open Days. See an extensive dry stone-walled organic vegetable garden, a mixed-fruit orchard, and ancient Celtic structures created by Dan Snow. Ticket \$5, no reservations required. 10 am – 4 pm. Woodland Farms, 397 Boedtker Rd. (888) 842-2442. [opendaysprogram.org](http://opendaysprogram.org).

**WESTWINSTER WEST.** Gordon & Mary Hayward's Garden Tour. Sponsored by Garden Conservancy Open Days Program. Hybrid of Old England and New England garden including fourteen garden rooms, a pair of ninety-foot-long perennial borders, planted terra-cotta pots. Ticket \$5. 10 am – 4 pm. Gordon & Mary Hayward's Garden, 508 McKinnon Rd. (802) 674-6825. [opendaysprogram.org](http://opendaysprogram.org).

**WINDSOR.** Garden Conservancy Open Days Tour at Cider Hill Gardens & Art Gallery. Set within an ancient apple orchard, with rock gardens, woodland and shade gardens, ecologically-grown herbs and perennials. \$5 entrance fee good toward plant purchase. No reservations required, rain or shine. 10 am – 2 pm. Sarah and Gary Milek, Cider Hill Gardens & Art Gallery, 1747 Hunt Rd. off State St. (888) 842-2442. (800) 232-4337. [www.opendaysprogram.org](http://www.opendaysprogram.org).

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

**BRIDGEWATER CENTER.** North Branch Bluegrass Festival. Early bird camping after 10 am. Potluck picking party at the campfire at 6 pm. Bridgewater Center Rd. off Rt. 4. For tickets call (802) 672-3042. [info@nbbluegrass.com](mailto:info@nbbluegrass.com). [www.pickvt.com](http://www.pickvt.com). Through August 31.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

**BRIDGEWATER CENTER.** North Branch Bluegrass Festival. Weekend camping begins at 3 pm. Open stage in the concert area at 6 pm. Bridgewater Center Rd. off Rt. 4. (802) 672-3042. [pickvt.com](http://pickvt.com). Through August 31.

**HUBBARDTON.** Deep Space Night. Take a look at satellites, stars, and planets of deep space. Members of the Green Mountain Alliance of Amateur Astronomers share their telescopes and knowledge. Bring blankets, flashlights, and your own binoculars or telescopes. The marshmallows are on us. 8-11 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton).

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

**BRIDGEWATER CENTER.** North Branch Bluegrass Festival. Old-fashioned family-friendly event with 13 musical groups and 16 music workshops. Spaghetti dinner for \$7 at 6 pm at the cookshack. Day tickets \$22 adults, \$5 youth. Weekend passes \$55 adult, \$20 youth 5-15. 10 am – 8 pm. North Branch Field. off Bridgewater Center Road/ Braley Rd. (802) 672-3042. [info@nbbluegrass.com](mailto:info@nbbluegrass.com). [www.pickvt.com](http://www.pickvt.com). Through August 31.

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**LUDLOW.** First Annual Okemo Valley Antique & Classic Car Show. Admission. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, 611 Rte. 103 S. (802) 228-5830. [www.yourplaceinvermont.com](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com). Through August 31.

**RUTLAND.** 169th Annual Vermont State Fair. Fairgrounds on Rt. 7. (802) 775-5200. [www.vermontstatefair.net](http://www.vermontstatefair.net). Through September 7.

**STOCKBRIDGE.** The Vermont Gas & Steam Engine Association, Inc. Annual Show and Swap Meet. Come see the operation of machinery and equipment from Vermont's past and look over items for sale by flea market vendors. Lunch catered by the "Catamount Grill" (of the Granville General Store) and they have some of the best burgers and fries we've ever tasted! A fun stop over the Labor Day weekend. Free admission and free parking. 12-4 pm. At the intersection of Rt. 100 and Rt. 107. (802) 485-8224. [www.vermontgasandsteam.com](http://www.vermontgasandsteam.com). Also August 30.



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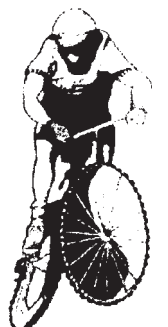
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# Vermont Country Calendar

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

**BELMONT.** Baked Ham Dinner. Sponsored by the Mt. Holly Historical Museum. At the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont with settings starting at 5 pm and 6 pm. Served family-style. Admission \$10 adults and \$5 children 11 years and under. For more information call (802) 259-3445. *Also September 20.*

**BENNINGTON.** Southern Vermont Garlic & Herb Festival. Everything from garlic ice cream to garlic jelly, pickled garlic, roasted garlic, garlic braids and, of course, plain garlic bulbs of every variety will be available for sampling and purchase, along with planting and braiding demonstrations, as well as cooking demonstrations. Garlic for aspiring gardeners and growers of garlic. Kids' activities, face painting, inflatable fun jumps. Many garlic delicacies. Beer & wine tent and live music both days. Admission \$5, kids \$1. Free parking. 10 am - 5 pm. Camelot Village, Rt. 9 West. (802) 447-3311. [lovegarlic.com](http://lovegarlic.com). *Also August 31.*

**BRIDGEWATER CENTER.** North Branch Bluegrass Festival. 13 musical groups and 16 music workshops. Tickets \$22 adult, \$5 youth. 10 am - 8 pm. Bridgewater Center Rd. off Rt. 4. (802) 672-3042. [info@nbbluegrass.com](mailto:info@nbbluegrass.com). [www.pickvt.com](http://www.pickvt.com). *Also August 31.*

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Champlain Valley Fair. Champlain Valley Exposition, Rt. 15. (802) 878-5545. [www.champlainvalleyfair.org](http://www.champlainvalleyfair.org). *Also August 31.*

**GUILFORD.** Friends of Music at Guilford's 49th annual Labor Day Weekend Festival. Baroque chamber music in an intimate rural barn. On the Guilford Tracker Organ with William McKim. Soprano Leslie Cotter and flutist Kathi Byam will assist. Free, donations accepted. 7:30 pm at the Organ Barn, off Packer Corners Rd. (802) 254-3600. [www.fomag.org](http://www.fomag.org). *Also August 31.*

**HUNTINGTON.** Bird Monitoring Walk. Join experienced birders on the monthly bird monitoring walk on the Museum's property. Most fun for adults, older children, and somewhat more experienced birders. Please bring your own binoculars. Free, donations welcome. Please pre-register. 7-9:30 am. Birds of Vermont Museum. (802) 434-2167. [museum@birdsofvermont.org](mailto:museum@birdsofvermont.org). [www.birdsofvermont.org](http://www.birdsofvermont.org).

**NORTHFIELD.** "Under the Harvest Moon" Labor Day Celebration. NSB Annual Flying Pig Footrace. Booths, concessions, food, vendors, live entertainment. Amyland Amusements, bingo, raffles, face painting, treasure hunt. Marcotte's 4th Annual Classic Car Show. For info call (802) 485-9206. [info@northfieldlaborday.org](mailto:info@northfieldlaborday.org). [www.northfieldlaborday.org](http://www.northfieldlaborday.org). *Through September 1.*

**ORWELL.** Program: The War of 1812 and Battle of Plattsburgh. Noted historian and author Willard Sterne Randall will discuss the War of 1812 on Lake Champlain, and the battle that decided the outcome of the war and led to the Peace Treaty of Ghent. Randall's book on the war comes out this year, the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Plattsburgh. 1-2:30 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov).

**PLYMOUTH NOTCH.** Tenth Annual Plymouth Folk & Blues Concerts. Music, kids activities, wagon rides. Free. 2-5 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov). [www.plymouthfolk.com](http://www.plymouthfolk.com).

**RUTLAND.** 169th Annual Vermont State Fair. More free entertainment than any other fair! Agricultural events, grandstand, demo derby, maple house, 4-H barn, midway, rides. Fairgrounds on Rt. 7. (802) 775-5200. [www.vermontstatefair.net](http://www.vermontstatefair.net). *Through September 7.*

**STOCKBRIDGE.** The Vermont Gas & Steam Engine Association, Inc. Annual Show and Swap Meet. Come and see the operation of machinery and equipment from Vermont's past and look over items for sale by flea market vendors. Lunch catered by the "Catamount Grill" (of the Granville General Store) and they have some of the best burgers and fries we've ever tasted! A fun stop over the Labor Day weekend. Free admission and free parking. 9 am - 4 pm. At the intersection of Rt. 100 and Rt. 107. (802) 485-8224. [gailnorman@trans-video.net](mailto:gailnorman@trans-video.net). [www.vermontgasandsteam.com](http://www.vermontgasandsteam.com).

**SPRINGFIELD.** Annual Market Madness—An Old-Fashioned Street Fair. Family fun, something for everyone! Live music all day, BBQ & burgers, Farmers Market, ice cream social, arts & crafts, kids corner & carnival games, Cheryl the Clown, Artful Flea fundraiser, antique tractors, quilt display & raffle, Harpoon beer tent, classic cars, vendors. Sponsored by Springfield on the Move. 10 am - 4 pm. Downtown Springfield. (802) 885-1527. [www.springfieldonthemove.net](http://www.springfieldonthemove.net).

**SPRINGFIELD.** Wellwood Orchard Celebrates Customer Appreciation Day. Free hot dogs, chips, soda, kids games, balloon art, petting zoo, contests, wagon rides and prizes. Music by John Laware. Cheryl the Clown, face painting by Linda Weiser. PYO apples. 10 am to 3 pm. 529 Wellwood Orchard Rd., off of Center Rd. (802) 263-5200. [www.wellwoodorchards.net](http://www.wellwoodorchards.net).

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

**ADDISON.** The Shortest Distance between Two Points Guided Walk. Join State historic site managers Elsa Gilbertson from Chimney Point and Tom Hughes from Crown Point (NY) on a guided walk across the Lake Champlain Bridge. Meet at the Chimney Point museum. Binoculars welcome. Rain or shine, dress for the weather. 1-3 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. [historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint).

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**GUILFORD.** The Guilford Fair. Fairgrounds on Fairground Rd. off Weatherhead Hollow. (802) 254-7424. [sites.google.com/site/guilfordfairvermont/home](http://sites.google.com/site/guilfordfairvermont/home). *Also September 1.*

**GUILFORD.** Friends of Music at Guilford's 49th annual Labor Day Weekend Festival. The Guilford Festival Orchestra with Ken Olsson conducting. Children welcome, but no dogs. A hearty vegetarian lunch, warm chocolate chip cookies, and fresh lemonade will be for sale. Free admission. 2 pm outdoors on the lawn at the Organ Barn, off Packer Corners Rd. (802) 254-3600. [fomag.org](http://fomag.org).

**LYME, NH.** Sunday Buffet Music Series. Buffet dinner at 6 pm followed by music by Family & Friends on Post Pond. Adults \$19, kids \$8 (12 and under). Loch Lyme Lodge, 70 Orford Rd., Rt. 10 just north of town. Reservations required. Call (603) 795-2141. [www.lochlymelodge.com](http://www.lochlymelodge.com).

**NORTHFIELD.** "Under the Harvest Moon" Labor Day Celebration. (802) 485-9206. [info@northfieldlaborday.org](mailto:info@northfieldlaborday.org). [www.northfieldlaborday.org](http://www.northfieldlaborday.org). *Also September 1.*

**RANDOLPH.** 22nd Annual New World Festival. Celebrate Vermont's Celtic and French Canadian heritage. Concerts, music and dance workshop sessions, children's activities, food and drink, and open dancing on five stages in all-weather tents. Adults \$34 in advance, \$39 after August 23; after 6 pm \$21; students 13-18 \$12; children 2-12 free. 12 noon - 11 pm. Downtown Randolph, Main Street closed to traffic. (802) 728-6464. [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org). [www.NewWorldFestival.com](http://www.NewWorldFestival.com).

**RUTLAND.** 169th Annual Vermont State Fair. Fair grounds on Rt. 7. (802) 775-5200. [www.vermontstatefair.net](http://www.vermontstatefair.net). *Through September 7.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Labor & Leisure Day. Learn about work and fun on the farm! Wagon rides, building a split rail fence, make ice cream, and do the laundry using a wash board and wringer. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).

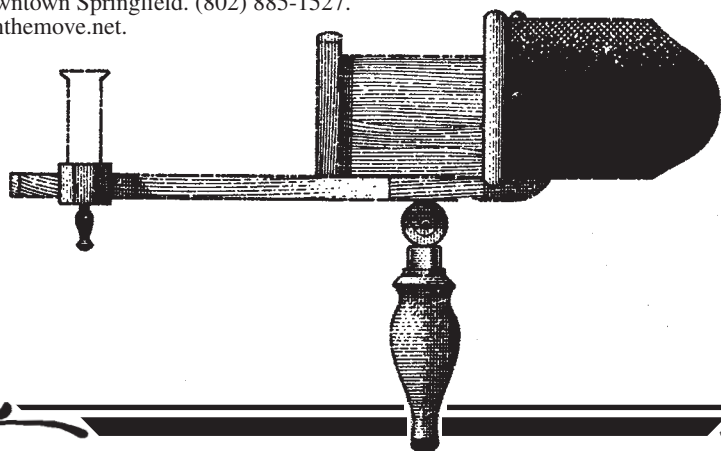
## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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**NORTHFIELD.** "Under the Harvest Moon" Labor Day Celebration. Parade at 10:30 am. American Legion Chicken BBQ, concessions, food, vendors, live entertainment. (802) 485-9206. [northfieldlaborday.org](http://northfieldlaborday.org).

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**SHEFFIELD.** Annual Field Day. Parade, activities, contests and events. To benefit the Sheffield-Wheelock Fire Department, Food Pantry, camp scholarships and other worthwhile causes. (802) 626-8862.



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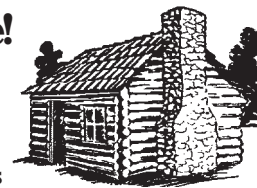
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# Hay Days—Summer Weather, Heat and Storm

by Lester Prindle

— circa 1917 —

Three days of scorching sunshine with now and then a whiff of wishy washy southwest wind sodden air that one would have liked to get out of but couldn't, and hence felt like a youngster who has crawled partway through a tile sluice and got stuck in the middle. Raucous honkings and gleams of an automobile in the sunlight bore witness to the ubiquitous tourist and the clouds of dust in his wake settled lazily in grimy films on the milkweed plants and the weazened aftermath of the raspberries. Dozens of big horse flies drew blood on the switching stamping horses.

Drops of water seeped down from the drenched rhubarb leaves. In the crowns of our hats drops of sweat oozed from every pore of our faces and these waters fresh and salt in full accord dripped gaily from nose and chin. Hayseed and dust from the forkfuls of dead ripe clover made islands and deltas on our faces and sifted gently through the flaps of overalls and shirts. Pestiferous little flies hung round our eyes and gave rise to frantic dabs with finger or bandanna.

Often our sweaty hands slipped on the fork handles and our strength was taxed in landing the big forkfuls of hay on the load. And then the joys of the mow, away beneath the rafters. Not a breath of air and the iron roof overhead with the glare of the sun full upon it serving as a crude species of burning glass with us as tinder. We came out of the mow a trifle shaky and dizzy and more than a trifle done up.

Then a long swig at the jug held on the crook of the elbow a bumpy ride on the rigging and a repetition of the previous process as in multiplication of fractions according to the dictum of a rural philosopher I know.

When night came we tugged our mattresses down stairs and laid them on the floor between the screen doors where the draft ought to have been but wasn't. Not even a good bath and a primeval innocence of coverlets would let us sleep the first few hours of the night. We tossed and tumbled and mopped our faces or lifted ourselves on our elbows to watch the heat lightning flash along the horizon. Anon we gave ear to the siren of a mosquito than which no greater sound causeth a wrath at once so mighty and so vain.

Lastly we roused a little about three of the clock and pulled a sheet over us or perhaps we didn't in which case we acquired a cold to add to the pleasures of the days that were to come. On the morning of the fourth day the sun rose hotter than ever and we perforce rose with it. What with the work and the heat and the sleep we had missed, we were a sour and sorry crew. But haying waits on no man's moods



and again we fell to work with what will we could muster and had the lot quite well cleaned up by noon.

When we came out from dinner the thunder heads had left their three days spooning match with Camel's Hump and Marcy and almost overspread the sky. There was a hint of coolness in the sultry air and the trees on the western ridge swayed gently southward. The darkness grew until we could scarcely see to read in the open shed and a sickly yellowish cast came over the purple and black of the northern sky.

Flashes of lightning began to play along the horizon and the distant rolling of the thunder grew in steadiness and volume. A minute more and we could hear the wind strike the woods in the distance with a noise like the crash of waters on a beach afar off. We could even see the trees on the opposite knoll bend to the fury of the storm and the seething branches of the elms though only a low sough came from the maple in the yard beside us. In a moment we raced for cover as the gale struck square and filled the air with dust and flying leaves.

The clouds changed from lurid yellow and black to a solid curtain of gray and at once we saw the landscape blotted out by sheet on sheet of driving rain. Floods of water poured over the eaves troughs and threatened to leave us marooned in our box seat in the Concord buggy in the shed.

When the storm was a little past we could see a foaming streamlet coursing down the hill in each of the tracks of the auto wheels and hear the splash of water over the stones in the ditches. The run in the meadow from which we had cleaned the scatterings only the day before was a very lake and boded ill for getting grain home from the field beyond. In another half hour the sun was out and the rumble of the thunder far away to the southward grew fainter and fainter.

We sallied forth in boots to view the damage. Many fruit laden branches lay broken off in the orchard and the fields of

ripening wheat were lodged flat as the proverbial pancake. The top of one newly finished stack had come off and the whole thing looked as sodden and dejected and literally crestfallen as you please. The gullied hills cried out loudly of the water bars, which now that the horse was out of the barn, would be diligently repaired at large expense to the town. As the water ran off, the smooth hard sand at the bottom of the hill glistened like an ocean beach when the tide is out.

We got the cows at half past three that day and milked them at our best speed while the dirty water dripped from their steaming sides on our overalls and frocks.

When supper was over I put on some dry clothes, resumed my boots and weary as I was climbed up a sleep hillside in a neighbor's pasture and sat me down upon a rock. The wind blew sharp and chill out of the north. Every tree and plant was fresh and clean and all the tints and outlines of the landscape intense and clear.

The zenith was a deep pure blue whither one could look and look and find no end nor yet his fill of looking. Right in the north, there hung above the horizon blue black clouds

about the color of a piece of chalk dipped in ink and looked at in the twilight.

The Adirondacks stood out precise and cold against the crimson splendors of the sunset while a purple glow illumined the calm strong piles of Camel's Hump and Mansfield. The under sides of the leaves glistened as the wind upturned them. Patches of everlasting lay white on the dead brown grass of the pasture slopes. Bits of thistledown fluttered lightly down the wind as I rubbed them betwixt thumb and finger and tall straight mullein stalks stood watching over all.

The sun had long vanished when I started homeward and the purple of the eastern hills had deepened into black. The calendar said early August with many a muggy day and summer sky to come. The farmers said, "bad weather for corn." But the seasons in New England answer not unto almanacs or even the changeless journeyings of the stars in their courses.

Fall comes first when the leaves are green and the tide of summer is lull. It may come and go in an evening and the summer slumber on. Yet sunset and cloud and the north wind tell us and we of the northland know.

## Dare

The wood's-edge thicket holds a path  
Twisty enough for any seeker  
Of thorny ways, and hides a thrush,  
And offers shelter to the bleaker  
Crow-calls. But it is a dare,  
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—FRANCES M. FROST. 1929

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# Chandler's 22nd Annual New World Festival

Sunday, August 31st

Chandler's New World Festival continues its tradition of presenting vibrant Celtic and French Canadian music and dance on Sunday, August 31 in Randolph, VT. This year's festival has been designated a Top Ten Summer Event by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce.

The daylong event begins at noon on Labor Day Sunday and celebrates the region's Celtic and French American musical heritage brought to northern New England by English, Scottish, Irish and French-Canadian immigrants.

The festival takes place in downtown Randolph, Vermont in Chandler Music Hall and Gallery, in all-weather tents on both sides of Main Street, and in historic Bethany Church. Main Street is closed to traffic, and the festival site becomes an intimate pedestrian village.

More than 70 of the best regional and international musicians are drawn from New England, Canada and the British Isles to share tunes and traditions. Concerts, music and dance workshop sessions, children's activities, and open dancing unfold on five continuous stages from noon until 11 p.m.

### Liz Carroll, fiddler extraordinaire

Headlining the Festival line-up this year is Irish-American fiddler extraordinaire Liz Carroll. Born in Chicago of Irish parents, Liz is a junior and senior All-Ireland Fiddle Champion, and has toured as a solo artist and with the Greenfields of America, Triam, String Sisters, and as part of the duo Liz Carroll & John Doyle. She's featured on ten albums and has appeared on many more. In 2009 she became the first Irish-American musician nominated for a Grammy. In 2011, she became the first American born composer honored with the Cumadóir TG4, Ireland's most significant traditional music prize. She'll be joined by world-class dancer Nic Gareiss and guitarist Jake Charron, who is featured on her newly self-released album, "On the Offbeat."

### De Temps Antan here from Quebec

De Temps Antan returns after a two-year hiatus with its joyful traditional Québécois music. They'll be back in 2014 with their boundless energy and the unmistakable joie de vivre found only in traditional Québécois music. Since 2003, Éric Beaudry, André Brunet and Pierre-Luc Dupuis have been exploring and performing time-honored melodies from the stomping grounds of Québec's musical past. Using a vast array of musical instruments, including fiddle, accordion, harmonica, guitar, and bouzouki, these three virtuosos combine stunning instrumental prowess, driving rhythms, and a wonderful sense of humor in captivating performances.

Making its debut at this year's festival is Ten Strings and a Goat Skin, a young award-winning trio that celebrates the music of the Irish and Francophone cultures of Prince Edward Island.

Long-time New World Festival fans will welcome the return of Prydein and their rousing closing performance in the Dance Tent.

Central to the Festival's success is its core of more than 100 enthusiastic volunteers whose only payment is the gratitude of the community and the joy brought to patrons and performers. Their cheerful assistance to visitors at all performance venues, in the food tent, at the admissions gate, and in the festival store are notable and one of many reasons long-time fans of the festival keep returning.

Volunteers are still needed for this year's festival. Three to four hours of work earn volunteers an all-day pass to the



De Temps Antan— André Brunet (with fiddle), Éric Beaudry and Pierre-Luc Dupuis perform at the New World Festival. photo courtesy of De Temps Antan

festival. Interested persons, age 12 or older, are asked to contact the festival's volunteer coordinator, Marda Donner, at (802) 276-3808 or mardadonner@hotmail.com.

Tickets: adults \$34 advance, \$39 after August 22; students (13-18) \$12; children (2-12) free; after 6 p.m. \$21. Ticket prices include 6% Vt. sales tax. Discounted tickets are available thru August 22 online at [www.newworldfestival.com](http://www.newworldfestival.com), [tickets@chandler-arts.org](mailto:tickets@chandler-arts.org), or by calling the Chandler box office, (802) 728-6464, 3-6 p.m. weekdays.

For more information about featured performers and a schedule for the New World Festival, please visit [www.newworldfestival.com](http://www.newworldfestival.com). All performance sites are wheelchair accessible.

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Seating for the Tomato Tasting is limited, advance registration is required. Tickets are \$25/person; children under 12, \$15/person.

*Cedar Circle Farm is located at 225 Pavillion Rd. just off of Rt. 5 in East Thetford, VT.*

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Megan Baxter, production manager at Cedar Circle Farm at the Tomato Tasting table.

**Green Mountain Gardener**

**Preserving Corn and Other August Gardening Tips**

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

Preserving corn, freezing berries, and making pesto from basil, are some of the gardening activities for this month.

Preserve the fresh-picked (well, almost) flavor of corn on the cob for winter meals. Cook the cobs as usual, then using a special corn scraper or a sharp knife, cut off the kernels and freeze them in freezer bags. They will be much tastier than any store-bought frozen or canned corn.

Berries such as blueberries, raspberries, and blackberries are easy to freeze for smoothies over the coming months. Rinse the berries and let them dry on paper towels. Spread them in a single layer in cake pans or whatever size pans will fit in your freezer. When frozen, pour them into labeled freezer bags or plastic containers, and pop them back in the freezer. If you just put them in bags or containers and freeze there first, they stick together into a hard clump.

When harvesting basil, instead of just removing individual leaves, cut back whole side stems (but not the whole plant or main stems). This will create a bushier plant that will produce more leaves subsequently, and less flowers and scraggly growth. Pick basil in the morning for the best flavor. This is when the oil content in the leaves is highest.

Even if you didn't grow basil this year, you can buy bunches at farmer's markets and farm stands. Use the leaves to dry for seasoning later, or cook into pesto you can freeze for the coming year (or even longer). Soup with vegetable

broth, sugar pea pods, tortellini and pesto is an easy, healthful, flavorful and welcome meal, particularly in winter.

Once you harvest crops, build the nutrient levels and organic matter in garden beds by sowing cover crops like annual ryegrass or buckwheat into empty annual beds. They will grow until winter kills them and then can be incorporated into the soil in spring. Cut down buckwheat before it flowers.

After a few days without rain, take a hose to the compost pile and moisten the materials to keep them decomposing. Use a compost fork to mix the ingredients, moving the stuff around the outside of the pile into the middle.

Take cuttings of favorite geraniums, coleus, begonias, and any other annual flowers that you want to grow again next summer. Also, you can bring these plants indoors for the winter if you have a sunny spot. Several popular bedding plants are perennial in warm climates and can be brought indoors as houseplants if you don't wait until the weather gets too cool, which can set them back and make it hard for them to recover. Gradually move the plants into shadier locations so they are better adjusted to the reduced light levels when you move them indoors.

You should have stopped pruning most trees and shrubs by now. Pruning woody plants stimulates new growth that may not have time to harden off before the first cold snap of autumn. Allow roses to form hips. Leaving spent rose flowers so they form hips signals roses that they, too, should begin winding down.

Charlie Nardozi is a nationally known horticulturist, gardening consultant. Visit [CharlieNardozi.com](http://CharlieNardozi.com). Leonard Perry is a UVM Horticulturalist. Go to [www.uvm.edu/~pass/perry](http://www.uvm.edu/~pass/perry).

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# Welcome to "Moose Farm"

by Burr Morse

Having been in the Vermont tourism business for a long time, I know what our visitors come here to see. Of course "maple" tops the list—woe to any Vermont tourist who fails to return home without a few containers of our famous liquid—but I bet you'll be surprised at number two. If you happen to be thinking "Sound of Music, Ethan Allen or the Jersey cow" you'd be wrong. No, those things have all had their "day in the sun" but tourists follow trends wherever they go, even coming to Vermont. Give up? It's the moose—that's the guy everyone wants to see!

We get all types here at Morse Farm and more than once, we've had folks roll in thinking they were coming to "Moose" Farm! One European woman, in fact, got downright ugly the day she came:

"But you promised me a Moose" she said, raising her voice.

"I...I...don't think so" stuttered our young female employee.

"It's right here!" the woman shouted to the girl, violently rolling her "Rs" and stabbing our brochure.

"Uhh...madam...that says 'Morse,' not 'moose,'" said the now confident girl.

The woman, seeing no humor, quickly about-faced, retreated to her car and headed down the road caring less about maple syrup tours and the like. More than ever, she wanted to see a moose!

Yes, folks from away all crave a viewing of *Alces alces*, the animal that looks as foolish as its Latin name sounds. How do I describe a moose, God's mistake? A cartoon character come alive and gone berserk? A horse wannabe on stilts? Moose are more awkward than Seinfeld's Kramer, possibly dumber than Gleason's Kramden, and as sought after as Nazareth's Christ. I hear beseechful words everyday, "Where do I see a moose?"

I always tell em "the woods are full of moose" but to be careful and not meet one the wrong way. Twice, I've had "close encounters of the moose kind" on my way home from a music gig at night. I was lucky both times, unlike many humans who lose their lives in moose/car collisions. One time, my friend Harl and I had played with the Vermont Jazz Ensemble in Rutland and were returning to Central Vermont well after midnight. We had just passed over Mendon Mountain and were entering the big woods in Killington. I usually drive at a good clip through those woods but that night, a combination

of light fog and heavy conversation had slowed me right down. We had just rounded an S curve when all of a sudden a dark form filled the windshield. "What the?" I exclaimed punching the brake pedal and thinking UFO at the same time. It was only after my car stopped inches from the huge obstruction that we realized it was a moose, biggest moose I had ever seen. Sometimes moose hang around for a little "get acquainted" session but this one was on a mission. It moved off as quickly as it had appeared, back into the woods on the other side of the road. Harl and I continued our journey home, slowly and feeling very lucky.

**"Luckily I was able to stop in time, and unlike the Killington moose, this guy stood there..."**

The other moose incident happened just recently over in Sugar Hill, New Hampshire. I had played a community concert with the Swing North Big Band and had headed west toward home on windy Route 117 when I passed a mailbox being held by a carved bear. "That's cool", I thought, and then directly around the next corner stood the silhouette of a moose in the same position. I had just begun to think how creative those New Hampshire folks are when suddenly that "mailbox" walked out in front of me! Luckily I was able to stop the car in time and, unlike the Killington moose, this guy stood there seemingly insistent on a little "quality time". He nosed my Honda for a spell before he slowly turned and ambled away, unfortunately choosing the "path most followed". My escort led us along the next few miles

at a snail's pace until something else took his fancy. As quickly as he had appeared, he exited left and disappeared back into the wilds west of Sugar Hill.

Yup, we're lucky here in the North Country to have natural phenomena like maple syrup and moose, things that draw tourists like oceans and Disneyworlds do in other states. Sometimes I feel we have maligned these beasts with words like "stupid" or "goofy." They're actually quite dynamic. They're elusive like movie stars, they never mean harm, and they work to keep our countryside neat and trim.

All my "encounters" with moose so far have been positive (including some mighty tasty moose stew that Betsy recently made). As far as my most recent moose encounter—the one in Sugar Hill—I'm glad the guy wasn't a mailbox. No, he

made my trip back home more interesting than even a creative mailbox could but since moose are never "stayed by snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night", you better watch out for them on our roads and always drive slowly.

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A young moose follows the road through Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. photo by Nancy Cassidy



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# North Country Book News

## Children's Book Reviews

### Little Foxes, Busy Beavers and Summer Blackberries

Of all the interesting mammals, children will surely be intrigued by beavers for their engineering feats, ability to cut down trees with their teeth, and skills for building half-submerged log homes in the middle of a pond.

Award-winning artist Gail Gibbons now offers us an informative and colorful book *Beavers* (\$7.99, [www.holidayhouse.com](http://www.holidayhouse.com)), that answers many questions children might have about this species. They mate for life; have three or four babies a year called kits; and live about 12 years. There are close-up drawings of the beaver's powerful jaws and chisel-shaped teeth needed to cut down trees for food and logging projects—dams and lodges.

We learn the beavers favorite trees are aspens, willows, birches and poplars, which supply them with bark, twigs and roots for food. They also eat berries, cattails, seeds, nuts, buds and other plant life.

The author stresses the importance of the wetlands- meadows-forest ecosystem where beavers live and how it supports other wildlife.

Beavers aren't the easiest wild animal to photograph because they are nocturnal and are usually shy of intruders including people.

But naturalist Mary Holland of Hartland, VT, has given us a variety of eye-catching photographs in *The Beavers' Busy Year* (\$9.95, [www.sylvandellpublishing.com](http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com)). Along with seeing beavers at work and play, readers can test their skill at identifying beaver signs, including a beaver canal, hind foot track, winter food supply and scent mound as well as that chewed-off tree stump with its pencil-point shape.

Mary is well-known in Vermont for her books *Naturally Curious, a Photographic Field Guide* and *Month-by-Month Journey Through the Fields, Woods and Marshes of New England*. Her first book for children was *Milkweed Visitors*.

You can visit Mary's blog at [naturallycuriouswithmaryholland.wordpress.com](http://naturallycuriouswithmaryholland.wordpress.com).

It's not too often one can witness the early days of animals born in the wild, especially very protective foxes who hide their babies called kits in a den.

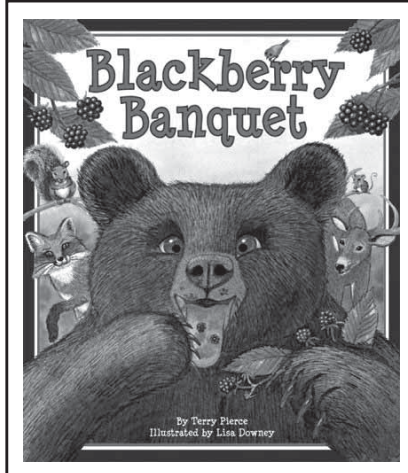
In another fascinating collection of photographs by naturalist Molly Holland we are treated to the close-up life of a litter of baby foxes in *Ferdinand Fox's First Summer* (\$9.95, [www.sylvandellpublishing.com](http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com)).

Ferdinand is the runt (the smallest) in a litter of five red foxes. However, we see him holding his own playing with his siblings as they practice stalking, pouncing, and nipping or biting each other. They are just preparing for the real world when they will be on their own for food and shelter. We learn that their prey includes mice and voles, chipmunks and squirrels, rabbits, and even beetles and grasshoppers. If there is no meat they will eat fruits, berries, grasses and insects.

Holland's book includes information and insights into her subject that may surprise the reader. We learn, for instance, that foxes sleep outside on the snow during the winter, curled up and kept warm by their bushy tails!

Late summer is when berries ripen, and if they are growing wild in the woods, they have plenty of takers besides humans. In *Blackberry Banquet* by Terry Pierce and illustrated by Lisa Downey (\$8.95, [www.sylvandellpublishing.com](http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com)) a giant black bear scares off all the other animals that are enjoying a blackberry patch.

In amusing and eye-catching double-page drawings we see a mouse, bluebird, squirrel, fox, deer eating some tasty, ripened blackberries before the black bear sends them literally flying from the scene. The drawings set to rhyming verses tell the story of a blackberry patch stripped clean, but wait and see who gets the last berry!



## Book News

### Perennial Vegetable Gardening

Are you interested in growing your own food in a low maintenance perennial garden? The beautifully illustrated and informative *Edible Perennial Gardening—Growing Successful Polycultures in Small Spaces* by Anni Kelsey, forward by Eric Toensmeier (\$22.95, *Permanent Publications*, distributed in the U.S. by *Chelsea Green*, [www.chelseagreen.com](http://www.chelseagreen.com)) tells you everything you need to know to get started.

Do you dream of a garden that is full of perennial vegetables you don't have to keep replanting? Anni Kelsey has meticulously researched the little-known subject of edible perennials and selected her favorite, varieties. She explains how to source and propagate different vegetables, which plants work well together, and what

you can plant in small sunny, shady or semi-shady beds.

The book includes getting started and basic principles; permaculture, forest gardening, and natural farming; growing in polycultures (using multiple crops in the same space); how to choose suitable leafy greens, alliums, roots, tubers, and herbs; site selection, preparation, and building fertility; and low-maintenance management strategies.

This book will explain everything you need to know to get started with providing beauty and food for your household.

Anni Kelsey graduated from Aberystwyth University in Aberystwyth, Wales in 1990. She is passionate about permaculture, forest gardening, and the Transition Movement.

### A Celebration of the Life in Poetry of Galway Kinnell

Poet Galway Kinnell has lived and worked in Sheffield, VT for over 50 years. On Thursday, August 7 at 3 p.m. the public is invited to come to the Statehouse in Montpelier, VT to hear readings of Kinnell's poems by fellow poets. A public reception with Galway Kinnell will follow in the Cedar Creek Room.

Galway will be celebrated and his poems read by poets Michael Collier, Mark Doty, Jody Gladding, Edward Hirsch, Marie Howe, Major Jackson, Sharon Olds and Ellen Bryant Voigt.

Kinnell's poetry is grounded in the natural environment and people of the State. For decades his work has deeply touched the hearts of Vermonters. His quiet, compassionate life in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, encountering the bears, coy-

otes, farmers and townfolk on daily walks, is a life worth celebrating. He is one of America's most prestigious and beloved poets, and was the first State Poet Laureate after Robert Frost, appointed by Governor Madeleine Kunin.

This event is supported by the Vermont Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Vermont Arts Council, the Vermont Community Foundation, the Ann Livingston Fund, Vermont Public Radio, Vermont PBS and the Vermont Dept. of Libraries.

Back Roads Readings, an organization created in 2013 to host poetry and prose readings in Northeastern Vermont is delighted to present this free event for all Vermonters.

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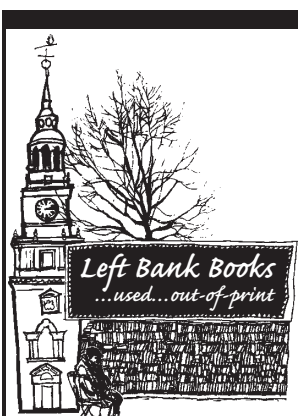
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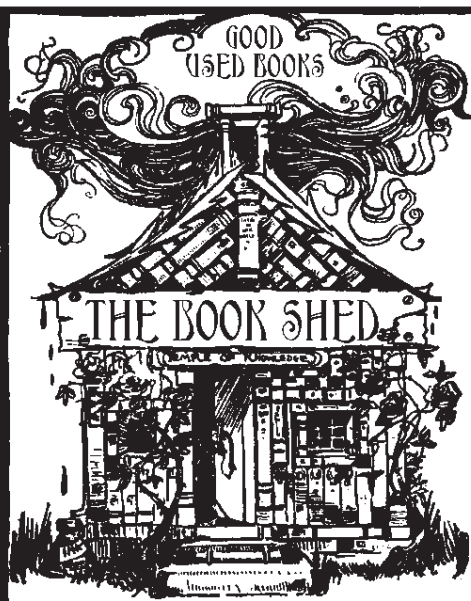
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# The Beavers of Popple's Pond

*Sketches from the life of an honorary rodent*

by Patti Smith  
(Green Writers Press)

In many remote watershed areas of Vermont one is bound to come upon a pond featuring a familiar domed-shaped mound of logs—a home for beavers.

Here live animals whose engineering skills can create a winter-proof mud and log home surrounded year-long by water. Except for during the winter, this animal is true to the saying “busy as a beaver” in its activities, repairing and maintaining the downstream dam, gnawing down trees for wood and food, and finding time to raise babies called kits.

The author, naturalist Patti Smith of West Marlboro, VT, spent countless hours visiting and studying beavers in their natural habitat through all seasons. She tells the story about this remarkable encounter and friendship with beavers at Popple's Pond and nearby Lake Dismal and Surprise Pond.

While camping out there during the day or overnight the beavers gradually got used to her and would visit on shore. Of course, getting snacks of grain-based rodent pellets, apples and sometimes grapes made the contact with a human more enjoyable.

Patti named all her beavers. So the reader gets to know each batch of friendly beavers, the first being Willow and Bunchberry, and their offspring Ducky. And she writes:

“Willow became my regular companion. She was always alert, as wild creatures must be, and I moved slowly and spoke softly. Her chewing was so loud that she had to pause periodically to listen for danger. I would listen with her and the moment I said ‘sounds good to me,’ she would relax and resume chewing.”

We learn these beavers produced only one or two babies a year and the newborns called kits stayed in the lodge with an adult babysitter for several weeks. The other adults brought in food and bedding.

Patti says the beaver lodges usually have two platforms inside, the upper one is covered with shredded grass for sleeping.

Patti always felt honored to be introduced to new members of a beaver family. And she writes of one such incident: “The young beaver had a pale fluffy coat that provided such buoyancy that she floated higher in the water than the adults. She reminded me as much of a duckling as a beaver, so she became Ducky.”

Often after Patti made a new beaver acquaintance, the beaver would disappear. In addition to humans, beavers also may be done in by coyotes, bobcats and other predators. So Patti's story is also one of suspense whenever

the beavers go missing. Ducky was one such beaver who kept disappearing and reappearing. But the reunion was a joyful occasion:

“I noticed a hole in the ice and dense layers of sticks in the water. Beside me, some beaver-chewed poles poked out of the hummock at the base of a tree. I was standing on an occupied beaver lodge! I skied a dozen feet from the opening in the ice, unpacked apples I had brought, just in case, and called to Ducky. Some the surface of the water in the little hole began to ripple. The ripples grew! A beaver's head popped out. The beaver scrambled eagerly onto the ice and grabbed the apple I had tossed toward the hole. Ducky!”

The boxier muzzle of an older beaver also appeared. It was Growler, Ducky's mate who wanted an apple, too.

The book is also devoted to stories and anecdotes about other animals she has had a relationship with over the years, including ones she has worked with as a wildlife rehabilitator. These include squirrels and

flying squirrels, winter weasels, mink, porcupine, bear, hare, otter, possum, bird, and even

the monarch butterfly. Her next book will be on porcupines where we will learn about one called Fretful.

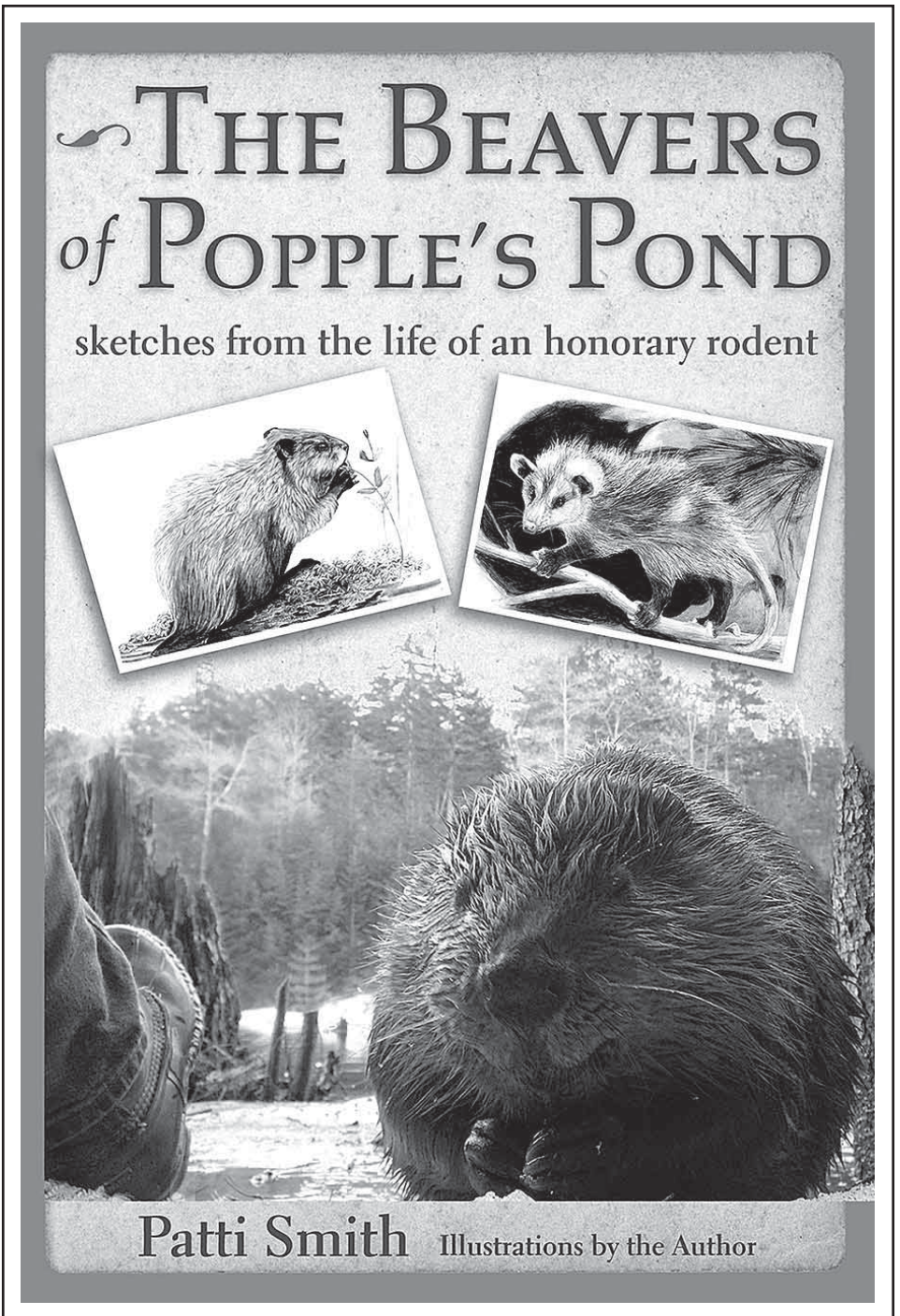
During the long hours waiting for the beavers to appear, Patti was busy drawing sketches and keeping notes in a journal on other wildlife.

Among these sightings was young moose she called Terrible Jack who became so curious and friendly that at one point he came up to Patti, stretched out his nose, pressed it firmly against her hand, and took a big snuffle.

One evening while listening to a concert of strident trills provided by tree frogs, she experienced the accompanying visual music of fireflies flashing their lights. We learn that the bigger and brighter the male's flash, the better chances of attracting a female mate who remains on the ground or perched on a branch observing and comparing.

Some of Patti's family of beavers have disappeared—killed by predators or having the misfortune of conflicting with humans and their environment. Happily Patti continues to find some of them later in new lodges and with new offspring.

She introduces us to Skip Lisle of Grafton, VT, whose inventions have beaver-proofed roads to help prevent so many being killed



for damming up culverts under town roads. His organization Beaver Deceivers International offers a trapezoidal fence to deter beavers from plugging up culverts as well as water leveler systems to help save vital wetlands. Skip lived in Maine for a number of years where he beaver-proofed roads with his devices on 130,000 acres of Penobscot Indian nation lands.

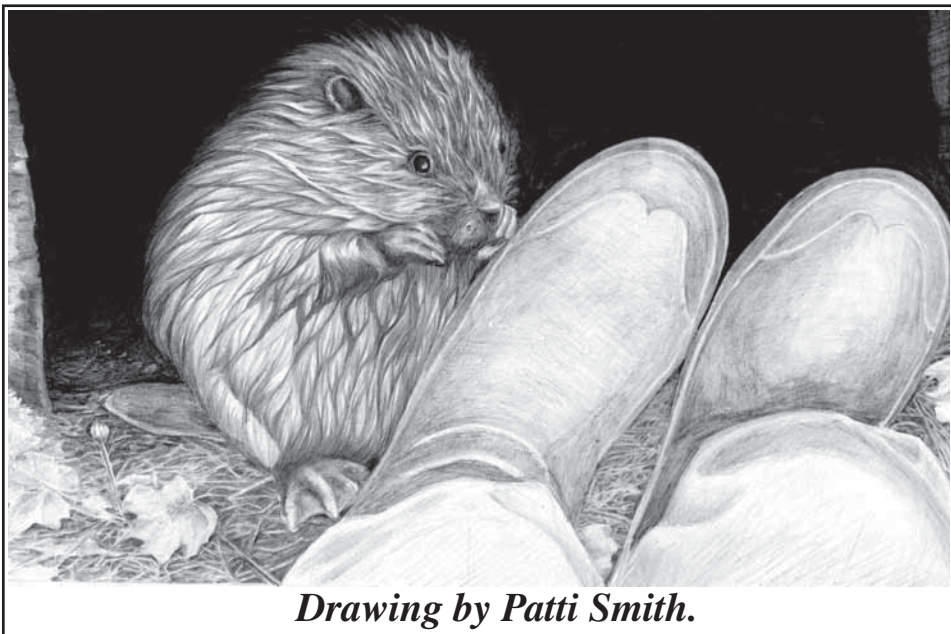
Patti currently is looking after Willow, one of the early beaver friends who had been injured defending her offspring from a coyote. She says the beaver has gotten quite old now and has an eye infection which she is treating. The author ends on a hopeful note: “For a mere six years I have watched this place. I have seen alder swamps grow, forests flood,

and meadows replace ponds as water recedes. So long as this tribe of short-legged wetlands restoration specialists remains in this wild valley, this natural endowment will grow.”

*The Beavers of Popple's Pond—Sketches from the Life of an Honorary Rodent is available at your bookseller or can be purchased for \$15.95 from the publisher, www.greenwriterspress.com.*

Patti Smith is on the staff and co-founded of The Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center on Bonnyvale Rd. in West Brattleboro, VT. For information call (802) 257-5785. Or visit [www.beec.org](http://www.beec.org).

To learn more about Skip Lisle's work, go to [www.beaverdeceivers.com](http://www.beaverdeceivers.com).



*Drawing by Patti Smith.*



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# Banjo Dan's Bluegrass Revue Returns to the Haskell

Bluegrass lovers rejoice! Banjo Dan's Bluegrass Revue returns to the beautiful Haskell Opera House in Derby Line, Vermont/Stanstead, Quebec on Friday, August 8. The 7:30 p.m. show once again features a pair of the Northeast's top acoustic acts, with Bob Amos & Catamount Crossing joining The Sky Blue Boys—Banjo Dan and Willy Lindner.

Bluegrass music has been a top draw at the Haskell ever since the legendary Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys launched their 13-year run at the Opera House in 2000, and this year's Bluegrass Revue figures to be the North Country's bluegrass concert of the year.

Determined to keep a good thing going Dan and Willy, now performing as The Sky Blue Boys, premiered the Bluegrass Revue last summer to a great Haskell crowd. This year's concert will feature a couple of terrific additions to both bands.

Catamount Crossing, which features Bob Amos' award-winning original songs, welcomes the addition of Bob's daughter Sarah, whose exquisite vocals will be a highlight of their set. The band, currently one of the top Northeast bluegrass outfits, will feature songs from their fine new CD, *Sunrise Blues*.

Meanwhile Banjo Dan

fans will be thrilled to welcome back Jon Henry Drake, Plowboy bass player and tenor singer par excellence. With the Great Drake along, The Sky Blue Boys will deliver some stirring trios and revive several favorite songs from the repertoire of Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys.

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*Haskell Opera House is located at 93 Caswell Ave. in Derby Line, VT. For more information call (802) 873-3022. [www.haskellopera.com](http://www.haskellopera.com). [www.skyblueboys.com](http://www.skyblueboys.com). [www.bobamos.com](http://www.bobamos.com).*



Bob Amos & Catamount Crossing, is (right to left) Steve Wright, Sara Amos, Bob Dick, Bob Amos, Freeman Corey and Gary Darling.



The Sky Blue Boys, appearing in a trio are (right to left) Dan Lindner, Jon Henry Drake and Willy Lindner.



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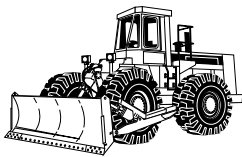
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