





The Morning Wind

through my yard last night, the mosquitoes that landed I walked outside into the breeze, and I suddenly became aware of the disconcerting power of Early Fall. I was disoriented and restless, filled with a sentimental confusion of sadness and excitement. The morning wind was telling me stories, this cool wave predicting transformations, the unavoidable coming of fall, the inner changes I will undergo, the exterior, dramatic alterations destined in the trees and...my life.

The wind uncovered premonitions and retrospectives, fed them at the same time, nurturing an almost wild, bittersweet death wish, anticipation of the winter's cocoon, anguish at the loss of the summer, but longing, too, for the transformations to come.

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After a cool wave came around me. I brushed away on me, careful not to hurt them. A friend invited me to go fishing; I brought home three good-size catfish, but I didn't have the heart to kill and cook them, carried them in my cooler to the river near my house and put them gently in the water, apologized to them and watched in relief as they swam away into the current.

Then I found a bumblebee motionless on its side in the middle of a red zinnia. Afraid he was dead, I shook the flower, but nothing happened. So I stroked his wings, and as if miraculously he recovered, got up clumsily and buzzed away. Tears welled in my eyes when I saw he had only been sleeping in the sun, exhausted, or drugged with nectar, collapsed in this As the day went on, I bright, benign bed, indiffer-—Bill Felker



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> Now the year begins to slope Towards the chilly season; Autumn pokes his bald head up, Summer hollers "Treason?" I don't know and never shall Jest the solar reason.

My! the nights are cooling off Faster than they oughter; Makes you think the cowbarn wall Needs some dabs of mortar; Makes the wimmen realize Dresses can't be shorter.



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Sunny Chipmunk has the corn That you want for dinner; Prize-pig boys are teazing dad How to grow a winner; Second wives at last perceive Stockings can't be thinner.

Sweet preserving odors float From the kitchen quarter; Ain't you glad you've got a farm And a stay-home daughter; Ain't you glad you ain't a doc, A lawyer or exhorter!

Old Jack Frost is on the move, Three more months to "Santy;" Five before them heavenly smelt From the fishing shants: Joyful days - when wife won't dress Quite so stunning scanty.

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Just Rememberin' 24

by Bill Olivet

Aunt Rosalie was in her mid-eighties when she said, "I believe I've had enough of it" and sent the driving license she had possessed for more than fifty years back to the motor vehicle bureau. The big wheel in charge of the bureau was so impressed with her voluntary decision that he rounded up a newspaper reporter and went to see her. The ensuing article was flattering and revealed the touch of master politician as well. The commissioner went on to higher office and Aunt Rosalie was extremely proud of the framed scroll awarded her for a half century without an accident.

She sold her twenty-five year old car to an automobile buff and patted a fender affectionately as it was driven from her driveway. The man was more than pleased with his purchase, and well he should have been, for the vehicle was in perfect condition. Aunt Rosalie had been its sole owner. She'd driven the car daily, waving to everyone in town while on her way to the post office, the general store, or church.

When she gave up driving Aunt Rosalie turned more of her time to her birds, flowers, and vegetable garden. In the winter she argued politics with anyone possessing the intestinal fortitude to be whip-lashed verbally. When snow piled up she devoted considerable interest to her bird-feeder. She insisted that many of her birds returned year after year. Many of them ate from her hand. A few perched contentedly on her shoulder. She worried about them, talked to them, and even doctored them. It was very easy to believe they understood every word she said to them. In the summer she pleaded successfully with neighbors to keep bell-collars she had purchased, on the necks of their cats.

unt Rosalie read three newspapers daily, subscribed to the best magazines, and discussed any topic with anyone informatively. The only thing she wouldn't discuss were her physical ailments, almost as though discussing them would make them worse. Most of her time was spent in the kitchen. She felt most comfortable there with every window loaded to capacity with potted plants, a faded, multi-colored, braided wool rug in front of her curly-cued black iron stove. On the shelf above the stove, where the round black tin pipe hooked up to the chimney, rested a handmade figure-eight egg timer a student

had given her when she'd been a school teacher. She showed it to me and told about it on each visit as though I had never seen it before. I showed great interest each time and agreed it was a most intricate device for a boy to produce.

No matter the time of my arrival it was necessary and expected for us to sit and share coffee and crackers and cheese. There we'd sit and rock, discussing the news of the day.

Aside from the stove, black iron sink, table and chairs, a rocker and potted plants, there was little else in the kitchen. No cabinets or storage closet. Everything, including dishes, silverware, pots and pans, groceries and cleaning implements

"One sunny fall day while taking an afternoon nap, Aunt Rosalie dreamed her way right on into Eternity."

were stored in the pantry. A long hallway-type room was just off the kitchen, lined with cupboards and cabinets on either side. It smelled of a conglomeration of seasonings, pungent and strong with nutmeg and cinnamon.

There was an ante-room at the back kitchen door that always had a mild odor of kerosene. The rest of the house had an odor of herbs, which Aunt Rosalie had picked in the woods, and placed in every room to overcome the musty smell of an old house.

She lived high up on a hillside overlooking the town. From the front porch you could see Main Street, the church, and the bridge across the river. Far off you could make out the shape of the town's paper mill through the trees, and beyond that farms stretching brighter green up the side of the valley. On schedule, railroad trains entered one end of the valley and disappeared at the other. The ground rumbled, and the steam engine's whistle filled the hollow, and echoed from side to side. There were kites dotting the sky in the spring and fall of the year as though waving hello and goodbye to summer.

One sunny fall day while taking an afternoon nap, Aunt Rosalie dreamed her way right on into Eternity. She faded out of life as quietly as she had lived. I'm sure she'd been ready for a long time. She wouldn't have rushed her departure, but she wouldn't have pleaded for more time. I thought of her saying on her eighty-eighth birthday, "My goodness, isn't this wonderful? I never expected to live this long.'

Her birds were silent that day as I fed them. Then I watered her plants and walked down the hill. It was fall and leaves were falling from red, brown, and orange and gold trees.

I thought of how pleasant a thing it had been to know Aunt Rosalie and how sadly one pays for love in this life.

I kicked the leaves that had gathered in piles here and there, and compared them to the piles of days Aunt Rosalie had gathered together to form a lifetime.

From far off I heard the wail of a steam engine whistle and the lonely howl of a dog

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Bill Olivet (1921–2006) was an artist and writer who lived in Randolph Center, VT.



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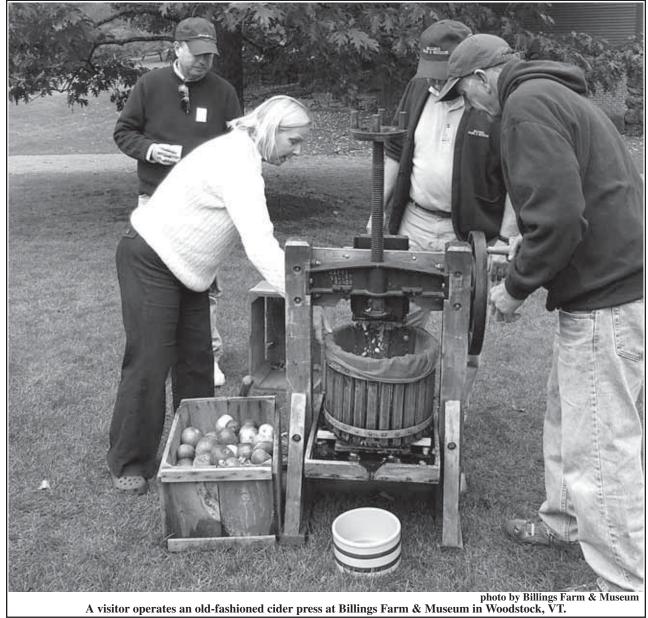
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The pumpkin display horse-drawn wagon rides. includes white, blue, and striped pumpkins. Learn about this vegetable, first cultivated 9,000 years ago.

Take the apple taste test and vote for your favorite! Lend a hand pressing cider, making pumpkin or apple ice cream, drying apples, and apple peeling, and enjoy



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Join in the "pumpkin and apple fun" with apple races, pumpkin bowling, apples-ona-string, sampling pumpkin bread and pumpkin Legos. See apple butter being made in the farmhouse kitchen and take home a recipe for "Pumpion Pye."

Autumn Harvest Weekend

The 26th Annual Harvest Weekend takes place on October 8 & 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Each day a traditional husking bee will begin at is open daily May 1 through noon, followed by a barn dance from 1-4 p.m.

Lend a hand pressing cider, preserving apples, threshing grain, and making butter and ice cream. Harvesting the heirloom vegetable garden will be nearing completion and children can help dig potatoes and other root crops and see how the crops are

"put up" for the winter. Other activities include shelling beans, fence building, apples-on-a-string, and 19th century games. Hot-spiced cider and homemade doughnuts will be on hand for all!

The Billings Farm & Museum is owned and operated by The Woodstock Foundation, Inc. and operates a dairy farm that continues a 140-year tradition of agricultural excellence.

Billings Farm & Museum October 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekends Nov. - Feb., 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission: adults: \$12; 62 & over: \$11; children: 5-15: \$6; 3-4: \$3; 2 & under: free.

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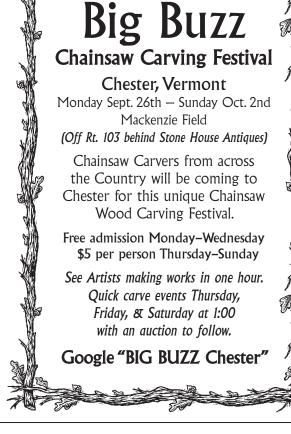
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Pumpkin & Apple Celebration at the Billings Farm & Museum Woodstock, VT • October 1 to 2, 10 am - 5 pm

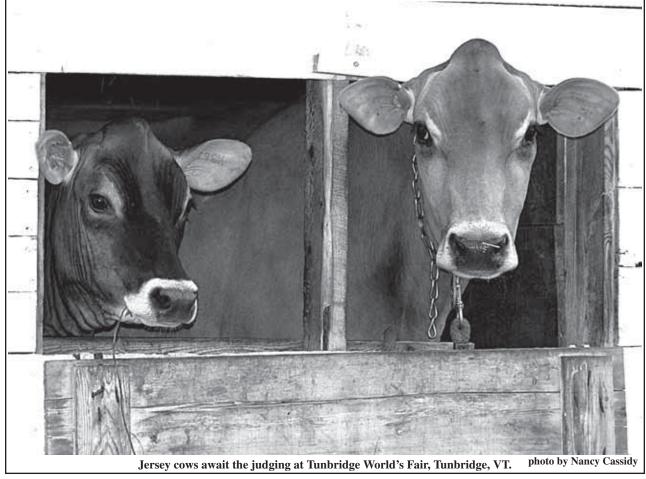
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Always two, and I want to cry For the hurt in my heart; and I don't know why My heart goes out from the pasture hill to the lone man fixing his cider mill

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Jane Stickle was born Jane Blakely on April 8, 1817 in

Brought to the Bennington was married to Walter Stickle tember 30 at 7 p.m., join The workshops are recomsometime before 1850. In an 1860s census, Jane Stickle was listed as a 43 year-old farmer living alone. During that time she lovingly created what is now known as the Jane Stickle Quilt. She carefully embroidered "In War Time 1863" into the quilt.

"The significance of quilts, with their vibrant colors and the craftsmanship of the quilt has been mentioned in numerous quilting books, and is the topic of Dear Jane, The Two Hundred Twenty-Five Patterns from the 1863 Jane A. Stickle Quilt, by Brenda

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On Saturday and Sunday, October 1 and 2, Brenda Papadakis leads all-day quilting workshops in the Ada Paresky Education Center at the Museum. Saturday's class challenges attendees with some of the more difficult 4¹/₂" blocks from the Jane Stickle quilt. Techniques included are machine and hand-piecing, using freezer paper templates and appliqué. Sunday's workshop returns students to those good old days of yesteryear. Learn to relax with a needle and thread and hand-piece.

mended for those with intermediate quilting skills.

Students can enroll in one or both days. There is a break for lunch, and participants can bring a lunch or drive to one of several nearby eating establishments. Preregistration is required. You will receive a list of supplies to bring.

To register, contact Deana Mallory at (802) 447-1571 or dmallory@benningtonmuseum.org. Both workshops are \$65/day.

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The Bennington Museum is located at 75 Main St. in Bennington, VT. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Wednesday. September and October it is open every day. (802) 447-1571. benningtonmuseum.org.

- GREEN SHADOWS

Give me cool words, cool words to ease my thinking, Words that make rippling sounds to soothe my mind: Tell me of waters soaking through deep mosses, And let your voice be smooth upon my mind. Give me in rhythms words of moving branches That gather sunlight in their outspread hands, Glad to possess it, just as happy children Hold in their little palms soft white sands. Tell me of leaves that hold the silver sunlight And keep it away from the damp, scented ground; Tell me of shadows resting on dark water, And let your words make a quiet sound. Now I am tired, and I need green branches; Give me your words that sing as shadows do, Over cool waters in leaf-hushed places; Sing to me, beloved, as green shadows do.

> -Helen Underwood Hoyt From BRAMBLE FRUIT, 1930.



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Green Mountain Club Early Fall Outings

Our early fall Vermont weather is perfect for enjoying the out of doors. The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club invites you to join them on their outings. Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome. Due to our recent flooding you should check to be sure the event is still on.

Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station off Center Street in Rutland City. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call the leader listed if you have any questions.

For membership information and more outings with the Green Mountain Club, go to: www.greenmountainclub.org.

Saturday, September 10, 9:30 a.m.

Shrewsbury History Hike, Shrewsbury, VT We will visit Picnic Rock and the old firing range. Moderate with a bit bushwhacking. Leaders: Barb & Barry Griffith, (802) 492-3573.

Saturday, September 17, 3–5 p.m. **Volunteer Appreciation Picnic**, Londonderry, VT

If you have pitched in maintaining the Long Trail, manning an information booth, selling raffle tickets or serving on the Board, this day is for you! Call Mari to RSVP at (802) 244-7037 x 24 or mzagarins@greenmountainclub.org.

Saturday, September 24, 8:30 a.m. The Historic Summit Hotel Road, Killington, VT

100th Anniversary Event. Local historian, Justin Lindholm, will guide us up to the site of the old hotel and share his experiences in discovering and mapping this historic abandoned road. Difficult, bushwhacking and steep, seven miles. (Rain date Sept. 25). Leader: Sue Thomas, (802) 773-2185.

Saturday, October 1, 9 a.m.

Bromley Mountain, Peru, VT Climb to spectacular views from an observation tower.

We will follow the LT/AT south from Mad Tom Notch. Moderate with climbing, five miles. Leader: Allison Henry, (802) 775-1627.

Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m. **Around Chittenden Reservoir,** Chittenden, VT

Starting at the site of the abandoned town of New Boston, we will travel old roads down to the Reservoir and Lefferts Pond. Moderate, four miles. (Rain date October 9). Leader: Sue Thomas, (802) 773-2185.

Saturday, October 15, 9 a.m. Slack Hill, Coolidge State Park, Plymouth, VT

A nice hike through a mix of hardwood and conifer forest with view of Mt. Ascutney from the vista. Moderate, 550 feet elevation gain, four-five miles. Leaders: Vivian Bebee & Larry Walter, (802) 775-3855.

Saturday, October 22, 10 a.m.

Shrewsbury Peak, Shrewsbury, VT

Climb to the 3,700 foot summit via the Black Swamp Trail for views of the surrounding mountains. Moderate with steep climbing, 1,300 feet elevation gain, five miles. Leaders: Barb & Barry Griffith, (802) 492-3573.

Saturday, October 30, 9 a.m. Pico Peak, Killington, VT

Ascend via the Sherburne Pass Trail to the summit at 3,957 feet. There may be snow at the top, so be prepared. Difficult, six miles. Leader: Tom Copps, (802) 774-5144.





Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m. Long Trail Work Party

Help put the trails to bed for the winter. Wear sturdy shoes and bring work gloves. Tools will be provided. (Rain date time and place. Leader: Diane Bargiel, (413) 687-1109. November 6). Leader: Herb Ogden, (802) 293-2510.

Saturday, November 12, 9 am.

Burlington Bike Path, Burlington, VT

A safe hunting season walk along the shore of Lake Champlain, with stunning views of the Adirondack Mountains. If it is too cold and windy to walk, we will visit the ECHO Lake Aquarium & Science Center on the waterfront instead (entrance fee). Possible stop for dinner on the way home. (Rain date November 13). Leader: Sue Thomas, (802) 773-2185.

Saturday, November 19, 5:30 p.m. Fall Potluck, Rutland, VT

100th Anniversary Event at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, Hillside Road. Our annual Fall potluck this year will be a celebration of the Killington

Section's 100th year, with displays and a slide presentation. Please contact Barry Griffith or Sue Thomas if you have anything of interest to contribute. All are welcome. Bring your own place setting and a dish to share. Leader: Sue Thomas, (802) 773-2185.



Sunday, 27 November **Road Walk**

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Sunday, December 4 Merck Forest, Rupert, VT

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A Vermont Almanac for Early Autumn

by Bill Felker

Autumn in felted slipper shuffles on, Muted yet fiery,—Autumn's character. Brown as a monk yet flaring as a whore, And in the distance as Rafael's robe Tender around the Virgin. Blue the smoke Drifting across brown woods; but in the garden Maples are garish, and surprising leaves Make sudden fires with sudden crests of flame Where the sun hits them...

-Vita Sackville-West, "The Garden"

The Phases of the Monarch Butterfly Moon And the Leafturn Moon And the Second Spring Moon

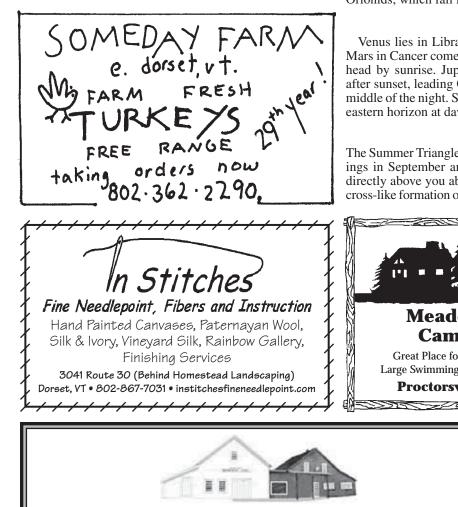
As monarch butterflies move south, the landscape gradually moves toward leafturn. Cottonwoods fade more dramatically as goldenrod turns. As the new Leafturn Moon approaches, ashes suddenly start their autumn transformation, some becoming maroon, others gold. By new moon, black walnut trees are often completely bare. Color spreads across the red maples. And under all the fallen leaves, second-spring growth slowly emerges and extends toward April. September 4: The Monarch Butterfly Moon enters its second quarter at 12:39 p.m. September 12: The moon is full at 4:27 a.m. September 20: The moon enters its final quarter at 8:39 a.m. September 27: The Leafturn Moon is new at 6:09 a.m. October 3: The Leafturn Moon enters its second quarter at 10:15 p.m. October 11: The moon is full at 9:06 p.m. October 19: The moon enters its last quarter at 10:30 p.m. October 26: The Second Spring Moon is new at 2:56 p.m.

The Sun's Progress

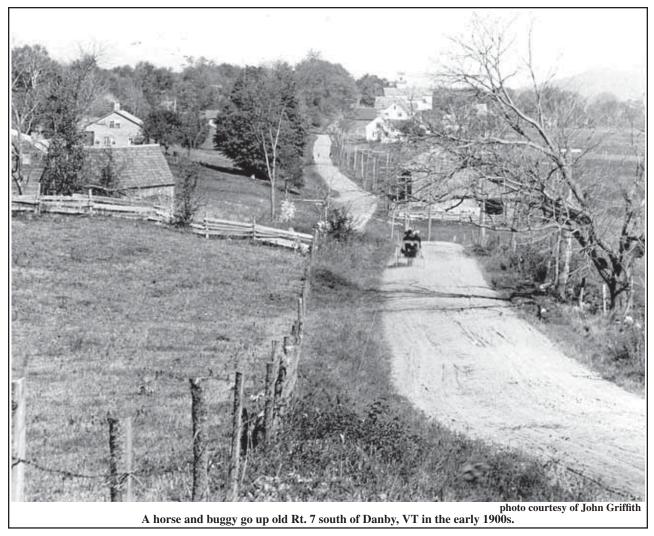
Autumn equinox occurs at 4:05 a.m. on September 23, and the sun traditionally enters Libra at the same time.

The Shooting Stars

The Draconids appear near Draco along the northern ho-







rizon after midnight on October 8–9, but the full moon will make it hard to spot them. You may have better luck with the Orionids, which fall in Orion, on October 21–22.

The Planets

Venus lies in Libra, lost from view throughout October, Mars in Cancer comes up after midnight and is nearly overhead by sunrise. Jupiter in Aries still dominates the east after sunset, leading Orion into the center of the sky by the middle of the night. Saturn in Virgo is visible right along the eastern horizon at dawn.

The Stars

The Summer Triangle is one of the most dramatic star groupings in September and October evenings. To find it, look directly above you about 10 p.m. There you should see the cross-like formation of Cygnus, with its brightest star, Deneb.



Just to the west of Cygnus, find Lyra, with its dominant star, Vega. South of both of those formations is Aquila, and its brightest star is Altair. If you connect Deneb, Vega and Altair with an imaginary line, you have the Summer Triangle!

Meteorology

Weather history suggests that cold waves usually reach the Northeast on or about the following dates: September 2, 8, 12, 15, 20, 24 and 29. Storms can occur prior to the passage of each major front. The period between the 19th through the 25th of September historically brings an increased chance for dangerous weather. In October, the passage dates are October 2, 7, 13, 17, 23, and 30. As in September, the period between the 19th and 25th is the time most likely to bring serious storms or damaging frost. Expect snow in the northern tier of states with any of these weather systems. Full moon on September 12 and October 11, and new moon on September 27 and October 26 increase the likelihood of a hurricane coming ashore along the East Coast.

Bill Felker's Poor Will's Almanack for 2012 is available for \$20 (includes s/h). Mail to Poor Will, P.O. Box 431, Yellow Springs, OH 45387. Bill's weekly radio essays are broadcast on National Public Radio's WYSO Ohio (available by pod- cast at www.wyso.org). The websites, www.poorwills almanack.com or www.poorwillsalmanack.net provide excerpts from his daybook and weekly Almanack updates.



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Old-Fashioned Apple Treats

Secrets of New England Cooking by Ella Shannon Bowles and Dorothy S. Towle

APPLE TEACAKE

2 cups flour
¹ / ₂ teaspoon salt
¹ / ₂ teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon cream of tart
¹ / ₄ cup shortening

1 egg ⁷/₈ cup milk 4 sour apples, peeled and cored ¹/₂ cup sugar, mixed with 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Sift the dry ingredients and rub in the shortening. Beat the egg and combine with the milk. Stir into the first mixture. Beat well and turn into a shallow buttered baking pan. Cut the apples in eighths and arrange in parallel rows on top of the dough. Press the edges of the pieces of apple into the dough. Sprinkle the sugar and cinnamon over the apples. Bake in a hot oven, 400°F, for twenty-five minutes. Serve hot with butter. The cake dough is not sweetened.

APPLE BISCUITS

1 cup milk
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon sugar
¹ / ₂ yeast cake
¹ / ₄ cup lukewarm water
2 cups flour

¹/₂ teaspoon salt 1 cup grated apple $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon soda Butter Maple sugar

Scald the milk, add the butter and sugar. When lukewarm, add the half yeast cake dissolved in the lukewarm water. Sift one cup of the flour and the salt, and gradually stir into the liquid mixture. Beat until very light and let rise four to five hours. Stir in the grated apple, and add the second cup of flour sifted with the soda. Let rise one hour longer. Mold and shape into flat round cakes. Place them in a pan, and let rise until light. Bake twenty minutes in a moderate oven, 375°F. Split the biscuits while hot, spread with butter, and sprinkle with maple sugar. Makes one and a half dozen biscuits.

BOILED CIDER PIE

¹ / ₂ cup cider	¹ / ₂ cup seeded raisins	
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup maple sugar	1 tablespoon butter	
2 egg yolks, beaten	2 egg whites	8 apples
¹ / ₄ teaspoon nutmeg	4 tablespoons powdered sugar	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup but
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Boil the cider and maple sugar. Add the beaten egg yolks and stir until thick. Add the nutmeg, raisins, and butter. Turn into an unbaked pie shell, cover with top crust, and bake forty minutes in a moderate oven at 350°F. The top crust may be omitted, and a meringue may be made of the beaten egg whites and powdered sugar. Brown in a moderate oven. .

APPLESAUCE CAKE

¹ /2 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 egg, well beaten
$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups applesauce
4 tablespoons hot water
1 cup dates, chopped
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup nuts, chopped

 $2^{1/2}$ cups flour 1 teaspoon soda ¹/₂ teaspoon salt $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cloves ¹/₂ teaspoon nutmeg 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Cream the shortening and sugar and add the egg. Beat well. Stir in the applesauce and the hot water. Add the dates and nuts, then the dry ingredients which have been sifted together. Turn into two small buttered loaf tins, eight by four by three inches, and bake in a moderate oven, 350°F, for one hour.





Downtown Danby, VT in the early 1900s. This is just down from the present First Congregational Church on South Main St. (behind the three maples on the left).

TAFFY APPLES

2 cups sugar ¹/₂ cup water $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon cream of tartar 6 apples ¹/₂ cup butter

1 teaspoon vanilla ¹/₂ cup cream

Cook the first six ingredients until they become brittle when tested in cold water. Clean the apples thoroughly. Leave the stems on or put the apples on lollypop sticks. Dip the apples in the syrup and place on a buttered platter to harden.

APPLE CRUNCH

³/₄ teaspoon cinnamon ¹/₈ teaspoon salt ¹/₄ cup white wine

Pare and slice the apples thin. Put them in a buttered casserole. Mix the butter and flour with the sugar, cinnamon, and salt. Sprinkle this over the apples. Pour the white wine over the top. Bake in a moderate oven until the apples are done. Serve with whipped cream or with a lemon or nutmeg sauce. Serves six.

APPLES IN MAPLE SYRUP

8 apples 1 cup maple syrup

¹/₄ cup butter

 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour

³/₄ cup sugar

2 tablespoons butter $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups hot water

Peel the apples and cut in halves. Place in a deep baking dish and cover with the maple syrup and butter melted in the hot water. Bake until the liquid is thick. Serve cold with whipped cream. Serves eight. Peaches or pears may be substituted for the apples.



APPLE GRIDDLECAKES

2 cups scalded milk 2 cups fresh bread crumbs 1 tablespoon melted fat 2 eggs, separated 1 cup flour

2 teaspoons baking powder ¹/₂ teaspoon salt 1 tablespoon maple syrup 1 cup chopped apples

Turn the hot milk over the bread crumbs, add the melted fat, and let the mixture set until the crumbs are very soft. Rub through a sieve or mash to a paste. Beat the egg yolks until light and add to the crumbs. Sift the dry ingredients and combine with the bread paste. Add the syrup and mix thoroughly. Beat the egg whites and fold in, and quickly stir in the chopped apples. Bake on a hot griddle. Makes twenty-four medium-sized cakes.



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Activities at Dead Creek Wildlife Day are especially for people who enjoy hunting, fishing, birdwatching, or learning about Vermont's diverse wildlife. The event will be held at the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) on Route 17 west of Route 22A.

Early risers can begin the day with bird banding demonstrations at 7 a.m. Two large tents at the Dead Creek WMA headquarters will open at 9:30 a.m. and feature wildlife-related exhibits and kids' craft activities such as decoy carving, face painting life_Days.cfm.

The day's main activities run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

and include nature walks, illustrated talks, live wildlife presentations, hunting dog demonstrations, fishing and hunting tips, and much more.

All events are free, and a free shuttle bus will provide regular access to nearby field events throughout the day.

The festival is hosted by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, Otter Creek Audubon Society, Addison County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited and Vermont Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs.

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For more information and a schedule of events, call Vermont Fish and Wildlife at (802) 241-3700 or visit their web site: www.vtfishandwild life.com/Dead_Creek_Wild

Let's Go Camping!



Whether you take to the E. DUMMERSTON.Brattlewoods for a week or just a day trip, Vermont campgrounds provide easy access to mountains, lakes, and outdoor fun. Here are a few of the campgrounds (and don't forget the state parks too!)

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RANDOLPH CENTER. Lake Champagne Campground. (802) 728-5293. Rt. 66. May - Oct 15. 123 sites. Private lake, day use.

boro North KOA. 31/2 mi. N. of I-91 exit 3 on Rt. 5. (802) 254-5908, 1-800-562-5909. Mid-April - Oct. 42 spacious grassy sites. Swimming pool. Motel cottages.

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This is just a sampling of Vermont private campgrounds. To order the 2011 Vermont Campground Guide write Vermont Campground Association, 45 State Street #368, Montpelier, VT 05602. campvermont.com.



Decoy carving is one of the many fun family activities featured at Dead Creek Wildlife Day in Addison, VT.

September Canada Goose and Youth Waterfowl Hunts

September's Vermont resident Canada goose hunting season and youth waterfowl hunt weekend have been set by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board.

A statewide open hunting season for Canada geese will occur September 6-25, 2011. The daily bag limit is five Canada geese except in the Lake Champlain Zone within Addison County north of Route 125, where the limit will be two per day.

The purpose of the season, held earlier than the regular waterfowl hunting seasons, is to help control Vermont's resident Canada goose population prior to the arrival of Canada geese migrating south from northern Canada.

"This September goose season is prescribed for resident Canada geese that have built up a sizeable breeding population here in Vermont," said State Wildlife Biologist William Crenshaw.

Memories Forever

Vermont's youth waterfowl hunting weekend will be held September 24–25, 2011. Hunters 15 years of age or younger may hunt ducks and geese statewide during this season while accompanied by an adult 18 or older. Both must have Vermont hunting licenses. The adult may not hunt or carry a firearm. Neither the youth nor the adult is required to hold a state or federal duck stamp on this weekend.

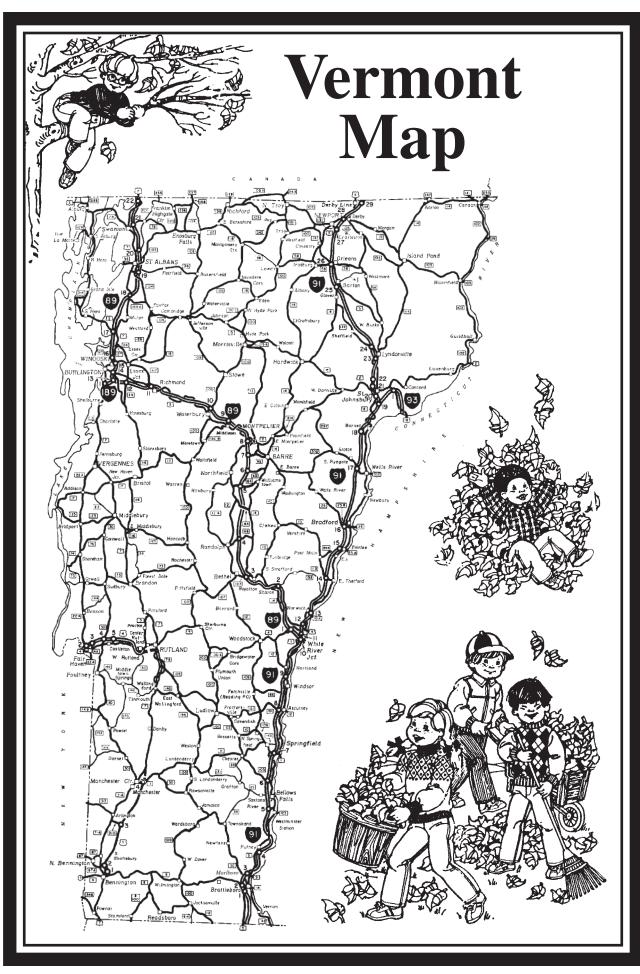
Vermont's 2011 Syllabus of Migratory Bird Hunting Laws, listing all waterfowl hunting rules that apply, will be available in early September.

For more information go to Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's website: vtfish andwildlife.com.









St. David's Society's 23rd Anniversary Gathering of the Clans

David's Society is hosting a 23rd Anniversary Gathering of the Clans Buffet Luncheon on Saturday, October 1st. The event takes place at 12 noon at the Young at Heart Senior Center dining facil- cheon will be Mrs. Jean Britt

Poultney, VT, a handicapped accessible site with ample parking. It will be catered by Café Dale. Members, friends and all are welcome. Guest speaker at the lun-

Poultney Welsh Presbyterian Church, of the South Poultney quarries and its residents David's Society is a memwith readings from historic ber of the National Welshdocuments in her family's possession. The documents will be projected on a screen Ganu Association. The Sofor easy viewing thanks to ciety was founded in 1988. the audio-visual department of Poultney High School. Cost is \$10 per person. It cestry.com/~vtpasds/. will be appreciated if you register and prepay before September 28th so we can Morris (802) 287-5870, Helfor the luncheon meals and Janice Edwards (802) 287seating needed for the group. 5744. pasds88@yahoo.com.

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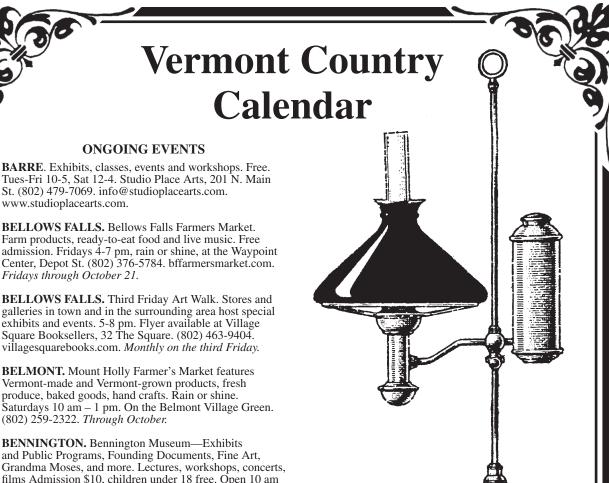


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BENNINGTON. Art Exhibit: Impressions of New England. Admission: adults \$9, seniors/students \$8, families \$20, under 12 are free. Bennington Center for the Arts, 44 Gypsy Lane. (802) 442-7158. www. benningtoncenterforthearts.org. Through December 18.

BENNINGTON. Bennington-Walloomsac Farmers Market. Saturdays 10 am – 1 pm through October 29; and Tuesdays through October 25, 3:30-5:30 pm. Beside the Walloomsac River walk at the Bennington Station, corner of Depot and River Sts, downtown. (802) 688-7210. www.walloomsac.org.

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

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

BRANDON. Exhibit: The Memory Chamber-Robert Black. Reception Sept. 9, 5-8 pm, artist's talk at 6 pm. Gallery in the Field, 685 Arnold District Rd. (802) 247-0125. www.galleryinthefield.com. September 8 through November 4.

BRANDON. Farmer's Market. Fridays, 9 am - 2 pm. In Brandon's Central Park. (802) 273-2655. brandon.org. Through October 7.

BRATTLEBORO. Brattleboro Area Farmers Market. Saturday market on Rt. 9 (Western Ave.) past the Creamery Bridge, through October 29, 9 am – 2 pm. Wednesday market downtown at the Gibson-Aiken Center on Main St., through October 26, 10 am – 2 pm. (802) 254-8885. www.brattleborofarmersmarket.com.

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

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CASTLETON. Farmers' Market. Main St. next to Citizens Bank. 3:30 pm - 6 pm. (802) 273-2241. Thursdays through October 6.

CENTER RUTLAND. The Rutland Railroad Museum. Housed in the Rutland Depot, built in 1917. See railroad artifacts and historical exhibits including HO & N scale model railroad layouts and a children's layout. Open Saturdays from 11 am – 1 pm. Rutland Railway Association, 79 Depot Lane. rra@rutlandrailway.org. www.rutlandrailway.org.

CHELSEA. Farmers Market. Fridays 3 to 6:30 pm on the North Common, Rt. 110 & Rt. 113. (802) 685-9987. chelseacommunitymarket@gmail.com. Through Oct. 7.

CHESTER. Chester Farmers Market. 11 am to 2 pm Sundays. At the Vermont Country Store between the covered bridge and the Grist Mill on Rt. 103. (802) 875-2703. www.chestervermont.org. Sundays through Oct. 9.

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

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LECTURE BY THE PROFESSOR **OF PASTORAL CARE**

Let's take for an instance My nanny named Constance, Dear Constance my goat (Quote Connie unquote):

She caught a hind hoof In the slats of her stall And raised the barn roof With her baritone yammer Till I came with my hammer And pinch-bar and all, And got her foot freed And rubbed her sore shin And pronounced her as fine As she'd ever been.

But she went off her feed And lost her bright eye, Began to get thin And almost went dry-A full-fledge decline. I couldn't think why.

She favored that foot As though it still hurt

But I couldn't find A thing, except dirt-No break in the skin, No swelling, no bruise. It couldn't be rot. But I bathed it and put On an ointment I use.

And still she declined. I finally thought. It must be her mind-She's afraid of that slit-It'll catch her again. I gave her a pen With a solid plant floor. By George, that was it. She's eating once more, Her coat is like silk, And she's up on her milk.

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October 27. Chittenden Brook, Chittenden, VT. Follow an old wood road along the course of a pretty stream. Moderate. Leader: Brandon and surrounding Edith Kellogg, (802) 775-



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BROWNINGTON. Old Stone House Museum. Lectures, exhinits and special events. Orleans County Historical Society's archival building at 109 Old Stone House Rd. (802) 754-2022. information@oldstonehousemuseum.org. www.oldstonehousemuseum.org.

BURLINGTON. Exhibit. Grossology-The Science of the Human Body, September 17 through January 8. Workshops, programs, café, gift shop, story hour. Admission: \$9.50 adults, \$7 ages 3-17, \$8 seniors and students, under 3 free. Monday–Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm. ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center, Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, One College St. (877) 324-6385. www.echovermont.org.

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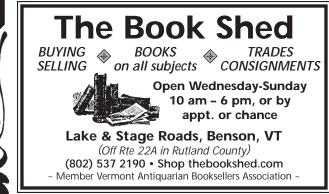
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DORSET. Eighth Annual Dorset Farmers' Market. 10 am -2 pm. On the lawn at H.N. Williams General Store, Rt. 30. For info: (518) 222-1149. www.dorsetfarmersmarket.com. Sundays through October 9.

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

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

FAIR HAVEN. Farmer's Market. 3-7 pm. On the Green. (518) 282-9781. Fridays through October 14.

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

FERRISBURGH. Rokeby Museum, a National Historic Landmark, one of the best-documented Underground Railroad sites in the country. Furnished house and outbuildings, exhibits, tours, hiking trails, and special events. House tours Thurs-Sun 11 am, 12:30 pm, 2 pm. Fee: \$6 adults, \$4 seniors/students, \$2 children 12 and under. Open Tues–Sun, 10 am – 4 pm. Grounds open year round during daylight. Rokeby Museum, Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. rokeby.org. Open through October 11.

GLOVER. Bread & Puppet Theater and Museum. See one of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world. Free, donations welcome. Open daily 10 am - 6 pm to November 1, after that by appointment. 753 Heights Rd., Rt. 122 off Rt. 16. (802) 525-3031. breadpup@together.net. www.breadandpuppet.org.

GRAFTON. The Nature Museum at Grafton. Exhibits, gift shop, family activities, and special events. Fairy House Tour, Sept. 24-25, 11 am – 4 pm. Regular museum admission: adults \$5, seniors/student \$4, children 3-12 \$3, family \$15. Saturdays 10-4 and Sundays 1-4. 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. lillianwillis@nature-museum.org. www.nature-museum.org.

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

HARTLAND. Farmer's Market. We feature locally grown produce and hand-picked music. Fridays 4-7 pm at Hartland Public Library, 153 Rt. 5. (802) 436-2500. www. hartlandfarmersmarket.com. Fridays through September 30.

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

ISLE LA MOTTE. 2011 Pilgrimage and Tourist Season. St. Anne's Shrine, 92 St Anne's Rd. (802) 928-3362 www.saintannesshrine.org. Open through October 10.

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

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

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

LONDONDERRY. West River Farmers Market. Organic produce and entertainment. Saturdays, 9 am - 1 pm. In the park along the West River at the intersection of Rts. 11E & 100N. (802) 875-5004. www.westriverfarmersmarket.com. Saturdays through October 8.

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

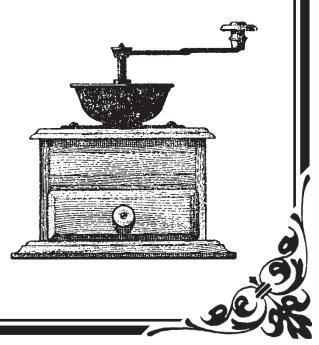
LUDLOW. Farmers Market. Fridays 4-7 pm through October 7. Okemo Mt. School, 63 Main St. (802) 734-3829.

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

MANCHESTER CENTER. The Manchester Farmers Market. Thursdays 3-6 pm through October 6. Adams Park, Rt. 7A. (518) 222-1149. www.manchestermarket.org.

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

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





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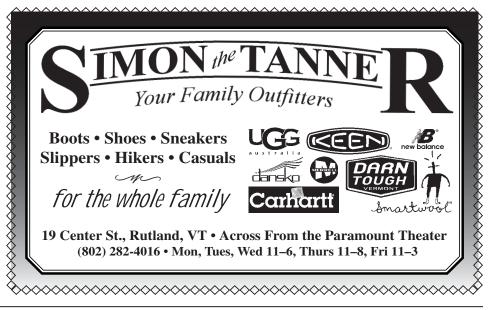
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MANCHESTER. Fall Foliage Tours. Explore our area with a local guide in an eight-passenger tour vehicle. Fee: \$30, reservations required. Daily 1-4 pm. Starts at Adams Park, 357 Center Hill Rd. (802) 362-4997. www. backroaddiscovery.com. *Late September through October*.

MARLBORO. Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. Admission: adults \$5, seniors \$3, children 5-12 \$2, under 5 free. Open through late Oct. daily 10 am – 5 pm; open weekends in the winter. Rt. 9, Hogback Mountain. (802) 464-0048. museum@sover.net. www.vermontmuseum.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Middlebury Arts Walk. Join us on the second Friday of every month. 5-7 pm. Free. Downtown Middlebury. (802) 388-7951 x 2. info@ middleburyartswalk.com. www.middleburyartswalk.com.

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

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

MOUNT HOLLY. Mount Holly Farmers Market. Saturdays 10 am – 1 pm, rain or shine. On the Belmont Village Green. (802) 259-2322. ssmith@vermontel.net. *Through October 1.*

NORTHEAST KINGDOM. Fall Foliage Festival. Weeklong event hosted by six Northeast Kingdom towns— Walden, Cabot, Plainfield, Peacham, Barnet, and Groton. (802) 748-3678. www.nekchamber.com. September 26 to October 1.

NORWICH. Norwich Farmers Market. Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm, rain or shine. A rich cornucopia of fresh farm produce, delicious baked goods, and exquisite handcrafted items. See website for a listing of entertainment. Rt. 5, one mile south of Norwich village. (802) 384-7447. norwichfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through October*.

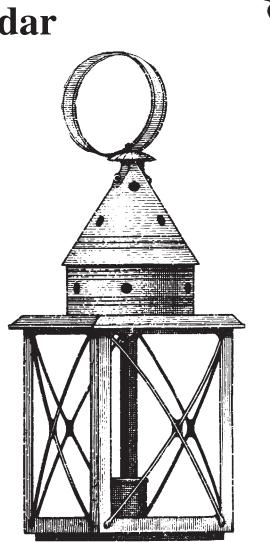
NORWICH. Montshire Museum of Science. Exhibits, trails, programs, and museum store open 10 am – 5 pm daily. Admission \$12 adults, \$10 children 2-17, under 2 free. One Montshire Rd. (802) 649-2200. www.montshire.org.

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

PITTSFORD. New England Maple Museum. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our gift shop. Maple candy making demonstrations from 10:30 am – 3 pm, no charge, on Wednesdays through October 12—sample candy fresh from the mold. Halloween & Fall Celebration Sept. 16– Oct. 31. Open daily May 20 – October 31, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm. On Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. info@maplemuseum.com. www.maplemuseum.com.

PLAINFIELD. Monthly Sacred Harp Sing. The second Sunday of every month at 3 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center above the Co-op in Plainfield. For more information, contact Lynnette Combs at (802) 426-3850. lynnettecombs@gmail.com.

POULTNEY. Poultney Farmer's Market. Every Thursday 9 am to 2 pm on Main Street. (802) 683-5791. webmaster@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket. org. *Thursdays through October 20*.



QUECHEE. Vermont Institute of Natural Science Nature Center. Admission: adults \$10.50, seniors \$9.50, youth (3-18) \$8.50, children 3 and under free. 10 am – 5:30 pm daily. VINS Nature Center, 6565 Woodstock Rd., Rt. 4. (802) 359-5000. www.vinsweb.org.

RANDOLPH. PAWS for Reading. Specially-trained owners and their specially-trained dogs will be here the first Saturday of each month, to share a relaxing reading experience with children. Kimball Public Library, 67 Main St. (802) 728-5073. www.kimballlibrary.org.

RANDOLPH. Farmers Market. Saturday 9 am – 1 pm. through October 15. Rt. 66. (802) 356-2869.

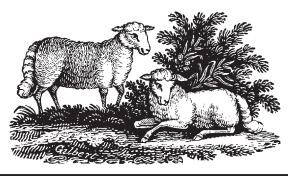
RANDOLPH CENTER. Turkey Hill Farm. Farmer's Kitchen cooking classes. Farm skills workshops. "Moo-tique" farm store, raw milk micro-dairy, pasture-raised meats and books. Spacious farm-stay apartment for short-term stays. Chapter meetings for the Weston A. Price Foundation. Stuart and Margaret Osha, 55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

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

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers Market. 9 am to 2 pm every Saturday through October 29 and Tuesdays 3-6 pm through mid-October. Located downtown in Depot Park next to Walmart. For more info call Greg Cox (802) 683-5791 or Judy Dark at (802) 773-4813. vtfarmersmarket.org.

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

RUTLAND. Chaffee Art Center—Rutland Area Art Association. Exhibits, classes, workshops, open studio evenings. Gallery open Wednesday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 12 noon until 4 pm. 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.









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

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

PROCTOR. Vermont Marble Museum. The world's largest marble exhibit. Admission: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors, \$4 teens, children free. Open 9 am – 5:30 pm daily. At 52 Main St. (800) 427-1396. www.vermont-marble.com. *Through October 29.*

PUTNEY. Farmers Market. 11 am – 2 pm. At Carol Brown Way across from the Putney Co-op. (802) 387-5866. www.putneyfarmersmarket.org. *Sundays through October 9*.

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

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

RUTLAND. Hathaway Farm & Corn Maze. Challenge the largest corn maze in Vermont! Clues, bridges, punches, and more. Hayride, pumpkin picking, livestock barn, kids' farm activities. Moonlight Madness Sat. nights 5-9 pm. Open Wed. – Mon. 741 Prospect Hill Rd. off Rt. 7N. (802) 775-2624. hathawayfarm.com. *Through October 30*.

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

SHELBURNE. Shelburne Farms. Welcome Center, Farm and Farm Store. Family programs, workshops, events. Open year round 10 am – 5 pm. Admission. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org. 25 Center St., Rutland, VT 05701 (802) 770-1882

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SOUTH ROYALTON. Farmers Market. Thursdays 3-6:30 pm. On the Town Green. (802) 763-6630. *Thursdays through Oct. 6.*

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

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

SPRINGFIELD. Springfield Community Market. Saturday 10 am – 1 pm in the bank parking lot on Main St. (802) 263-5390. springfieldcommunitymarket.com. *Saturdays through October 8.*

SPRINGFIELD. Stellafane. A place and an organization devoted to amateur astronomy, founded by Russell W. Porter in 1923, and considered by many to be the "Birthplace of Amateur Telescope Making." Home to an active amateur astronomy and telescopemaking club. Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc., PO Box 601, Springfield, VT 05156. Webmaster@Stellafane.com. www.stellafane.com.

STATEWIDE. Foliage Open Studio Weekend. October 1 & 2. Featuring 174 craftspeople and artists around the state. More info at vermontcrafts.com.

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

TINMOUTH. Contra Dance every fourth Friday. Admission \$8, \$6 for teens, \$3 for children 5-12, under 5 free. Refreshments available. 8 pm at Tinmouth Community Center, Rt. 140, 5 miles west of Wallingford. For info or directions call (802) 235-2718. Or visit Tinmouthvt.org.



TOWNSHEND. 4th Season Townshend Common Farmers Market. Thursdays 3:30-6:30 pm through October 13, rain or shine, on the Townshend Town Common at the intersection of Rt. 30 & 35. (802) 869-2141.

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

WALLINGFORD. Lunch at the First Congregational Church of Wallingford. Bring a friend or neighbor. Free. Thursdays 11:30 am – 1 pm. (802) 446-2817. www.wallingfordvt.com.

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

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

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

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

WESTMINSTER. Homemade Soup and Bread. Every Wednesday noon to 2 pm at the First Congregational Church on Rt. 5. Free, donations accepted. (802) 722-4148.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Listen Free Community Dinner. Served 5-6 pm every Mon. and Wed. Take-home available. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 749 Hartford Ave. (603) 448-4553.

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

WILMINGTON. Evening Wagon Ride & Bonfire Party. A great way to experience Vermont's beauty and culture. Fun for all ages. Adams Farm, 15 Higley Hill Rd. Call for rates and reservations. (802) 464-3762. farmfun@sover.net. www.adamsfamilyfarm.com. *Through mid-October*.

WINDSOR. American Precision Museum. See the collection of the miniatures of master craftsman John Aschauer includes two working machine shops, steam power plant and a selection of other models. \$6 adults. 10 am – 5 pm. Robbins and Lawrence Armory, 196 Main St. (802) 674-5781. americanprecision.org. *Open through October 31.*

WINDSOR. Farmers Market. Apple & Pear Festival Sept. 25, Pumpkin Festival Oct. 16. Sundays 1-4 pm on the Windsor Town Green. (802) 674-6630. windsorfarmersmarket.com. *Sundays through October 30*.

WINDSOR. Old Constitution House State Historic Site. The restored Old Constitution House looks as it did more than 200 years ago. Open 11 am – 5 pm, Sat–Sun. Admission: adults \$2.50, children 14 & under are free. 16 N. Main St. (802) 672-3773. www.historicvermont.org. *Open through October 10.*

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

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

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

WOODSTOCK. 25th Annual Quilt Exhibition. Quilting programs, informal workshops for beginning quilters, plus activities for all ages. Admission (includes all activities): \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. *Exhibit runs through September 25.*

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum. Premiere Jersey dairy farm, restored 1890 farmhouse, family programs, festivities and museum. Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides Wednesdays, 11 am – 2 pm through September 28. Foodways Fridays through October 14. Traditional Craft Saturdays during September. Chatauqua (lectures) on September 25. Pumpkin & Apple Celebration October 1 & 2. Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. 10 am to 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355 info@billingsfarm.org.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

TUNBRIDGE. 140th Annual Tunbridge World's Fair. Livestock shows, competitive harvest and crafts exhibits, free midway. Fairgrounds are on Rt. 100. (800) 889-5555. www.tunbridgefair. com. *Through September 18*.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

PITTSFORD. New England Maple Museum. Halloween & Fall Celebration with a colorful array of autumn colors. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our gift shop. Open daily through October 31, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm. On Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. info@maplemuseum.com. www.maplemuseum.com.

TINMOUTH. Old Firehouse Stage Concert. 7:30 pm. At the Old Firehouse, Rt. 140, 5 miles west of Wallingford. For info or directions call (802) 446-3457. joreynolds@vermontel.net. tinmouthvt.org.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

MANCHESTER. 7th Annual Art on the Hill. Free family event packed with art-related activities. 4-8 pm. Southern Vermont Arts Center, West Rd. (802) 362-1405. www.svac.org.

SHELBURNE. 33rd Annual Harvest Festival. Celebrate the autumn traditions of Vermont's farms and forests. Fee: \$8 adult, \$5 child, children under 3 are free. 10 am – 4 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. www. shelburnefarms.org.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

HUBBARDTON. Family Afternoons at Hubbardton State Historic Site. Site interpreter Carl Fuller will be dressed in period attire. Adults \$2, 14 and under free. 1 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. www.historicvermont.org. chimneypoint@historicvermont.org.

SHOREHAM. Free Concert in the Orchard. Swing Noire performs. 1-3 pm. Pick-your-own apples, picnic with views! Champlain Orchard, Rt. 74, 4 miles west of the village. (802) 897-2777. www.champlainorchards.com.

TUNBRIDGE. 140th Annual Tunbridge World's Fair. Livestock shows, competitive harvest and crafts exhibits. Fairgrounds are on Rt. 100. (800) 889-5555. www.tunbridgefair.com.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

GRAFTON. Chapel Fundraising Dinner for the Grafton Valley Arts Guild. All natural gournet food with a local focus prepared by Chef Bryce LeVan Cushing. Dinner includes a fresh soup, salad, choice of entree and dessert! Jazz guitar music by Draa Hobbs begins at 7 pm. Suggested donation \$15. Proceeds benefit Cricketers Gallery at 45 Townshend Rd. 5-9 pm at the White Chapel, 4 Main St. brycelevancushing@gmail.com (802) 843-1162. Dinners each first and third Mondays.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

PITTSFORD. New England Maple Museum. Maple Candy Making Demonstrations from 10:30 am to 3 pm—sample candy fresh from the mold. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our gift shop. Open daily through October 31, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm. On Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. info@maplemuseum.com. www.maplemuseum.com.

POULTNEY. 250th Birthday Celebration. All-day events and family festivities. (802) 287-2010.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

BURLINGTON. 7th Annual Burlington Book Festival. Readings, signings, panels, film screenings, musical performances, workshops, lectures, demos, original theatre and special events featuring literary luminaries from around the world. Four venues conveniently located downtown. (802) 658-3328. www.burlingtonbookfestival.com. Through September 25.

RANDOLPH. Concert: Dave Keller Band. Tickets \$16. 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. tickets@ chandler-arts.org. www.chandler-arts.org.

RUTLAND. Concert: Blues Travelers. Tickets \$49.50/\$39.50, a portion benefits flood relief. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountlive.org.

TINMOUTH. Contra Dance. Music by Cold River Band with Marcos Levy and Mary Barron. Adults \$9, \$7 for teens, \$3 for children 5-12, under 5 free. Homemade baked goods and other refreshments available. 8 pm at Tinmouth Community Center, Rt. 140, 5 miles west of Wallingford. For info or directions call (802) 235-2718. Tinmouthvt.org. Every fourth Friday

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

BRADFORD. 80th Annual Old-Fashioned Chicken Pie Supper. Menu: chicken pie with crust, potatoes & gravy, squash, onions, cole slaw, cranberry sauce, apple & pumpkin pies, beverages. Adults \$10, children under 12 are \$5. Take-outs available. 6 pm, one seating. Congregational Church, UCC, Main St. For reservations call Storme Odell at (802) 222-9655.

BURLINGTON. 7th Annual Burlington Book Festival. Readings, signings, panels, film screenings, musical performances, workshops, lectures, demos, original theatre and special events featuring literary luminaries. Four venues conveniently located downtown. (802) 658-3328. www.burlingtonbookfestival.com. Also September 25.

CHESTER. Fall Craft Festival on the Green. Peruse over 60 Vermont and New England crafters and artisans. Food vendors, non-profit displays, and live music! 10 am - 4 pm. (802) 875-2626. Also September 25.

GRAFTON. Annual Fairy House Tour. See houses, places, structures (from houses to boats to concert halls), or objects that are constructed from natural materials that would be appealing to wee folk. Exhibits, crafts, picnics, children's activities and more. Tickets: adults \$12, seniors \$10, children 3-18 \$5, family maximum \$35. 11 am - 4 pm. The Nature Museum at Grafton, 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. lillianwillis@naturemuseum.org. www.nature-museum.org. Also September 25.

LYNDONVILLE. Beer Brewing Workshop. Led by Jake Feldman. Fee: \$20. 3-5 pm. Samuel Read Hall House, 1001 College Rd. (802) 626-6366. information@ oldstonehousemuseum.org. www.oldstonehousemuseum.org.

NORWICH. Contradance with Cuckoo's Nest. Ruth Sylvester, calling. Sponsored by Muskeg Music. All dances taught, no partner necessary, beginners welcome. Bring clean shoes for the dance floor. Admission \$8, students \$5, under 16 free. 8 pm. At Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 785-4607. rbarrows@cs.dartmouth.edu. Continues fourth Saturdays through May 2012.

PERU. 30th Annual Peru Fair. An old-fashioned country fair! The March of the Porkers Parade at 9:45 am sharp! Organic Pig Roast starts 11 am: \$10 includes pork, BBQ sauce, apple sauce, cole slaw, beans, and a roll; roast corn \$2 extra. Entertainment, pony & hay rides, cloggers, baked goods, art demonstrations, church exhibits of yesteryear, dancing, food and crafts vendors. Admission \$5.9 am – 4 pm. In the village off Rt. 11. Parking at Bromley Mountain with free shuttle busses to and from the fair. perufair@gmail.com. www.perufair.org.

POULTNEY. Annual Chili Cook-Off. Come & sample some of the best chili around from 25+ chili cookers! Sponsored by the Poultney Rotary Club. St. David's Society store open on lawn at Morris House on Main St. 10 am – 2 pm, downtown Poultney. (802) 287-9987.

POULTNEY. Vermont Farmers Market Fall Craft & Food Fair. Over 30 vendors of Vermont crafts, specialty foods, baked goods, and fall décor. 10 am - 4 pm. West Main St. off Rt. 30. (802) 287-9570.

PROCTOR. 9th Annual Fall Festival. Birthday cake baking contest, kid's activities, arts and crafts vendors, food booths, carnival rides and a silent auction. Vermont Railways train rides at 10 am, noon, 2 pm and 4 pm. Cost for train ride is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child under 12. 9 am - 4 pm. Proctor's Main Street Park. (802) 459-2220.

PROCTOR. Library Book Sale. 9 am - 12:30 pm. Proctor Free Library, 4 Main St. (802) 459-3539.

RANDOLPH CENTER. Harvest Fair. Coffee and donuts, barbecued chicken, baked goods & candy, grilled hot dogs & sausages & drinks. Flea market & craft items & books, plants & produce, annual quilt raffle. Quilt & antique tractor exhibits. Antique appraisals by Jim Marquis from 11 am – 1 pm. Fair from 10 am – 2 pm. First Congregational Church of Randolph, E. Bethel Rd. (802) 728-4999.

RUTLAND. Concert: George Thorogood and the Destroyers. Tickets \$49.50/\$39.50, a portion benefits flood relief. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountlive.org

SPRINGFIELD. Walk the Mills of Springfield. Walk into history with Kelly Stettner, director of the Black River Action Team, as she leads a foot tour visiting the sites of some of the town's earliest industrial mills. Free. 10 am. Comtu Cascade Park, 1 Main St. (802) 885-1533. blackrivercleanup@yahoo. com. vtarchaeology.org. blackriveractionteam.org.



WOODSTOCK. Revolutionary War Encampment. On the back lawn of the Woodstock History Center. Food, weaponry, clothing, and more! Admission free, with donations gratefully accepted. 10 am – 4 pm. Woodstock History Center, 26 Elm St. (802) 457-1822. www.woodstockhistorical.org. Also September 25.

WOODSTOCK. 8th Annual Vermont Fine Furniture and Woodworking Festival. Buy wood furniture, bowls, baskets, jewelry, carvings, flooring, cabinetry. Free shuttle ride to the Marsh Billings, Rockefeller National Historical Park where you can take park tours and watch woodworking demonstrations. Admission: \$7/\$10, under 18 free. 9 am - 6 pm. Union Arena at the Woodstock High School, 496 Woodstock Rd. (Rt. 4). (802) 747-7900. www.vermontwoodfestival.org. Also September 25.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

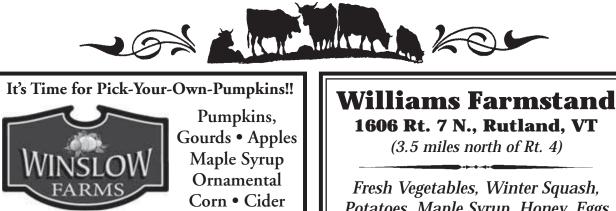
BOMOSEEN. Third Annual Flying Dog Dock Diving Competition. To benefit the Rutland County Humane Society. Tickets are \$5 for entry or viewing. Registration 11 am, practice jumps 12 noon, competition at 1 pm. The Lake House Pub and Grille, Rt. 30. (802) 483-9171.

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DERBY LINE. Concert: Vermont Symphony Orchestra-Made in Vermont Tour. Tickets \$26(\$22(\$13.4 pm at Haskell Opera House. (802) 86-FLYNN. www.vso.org.

FERRISBURGH. Autumn Walk at Rokeby Museum. Join Addison County Forester Chris Olson for an easy hike across Rokeby Museum land. Explore how nature is reclaiming this once-working agricultural landscape. Free, non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Bread Loaf Section of the Green Mountain Club. Call Cecilia Elwert for meeting time, (802) 453-8447. ceciliaelwert@yahoo.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

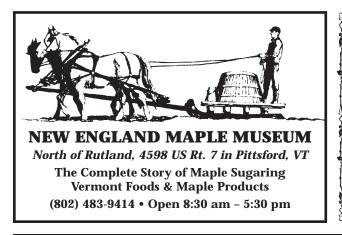
LAKE ELMORE. Benefit Musical Festival. Performances by Vorzca, Eames Brothers Band, 7 Lbs of Pork, and John Gailmor. Entrance is \$20 (kids under 12 are free). Half the proceeds go to the Vermont Food Bank to help recent flood victims. The other half go to the Lamoille County Conservation District. Fee: 14 and older \$3, 4-13 \$2, 3 and younger free. 12-6:30 pm Elmore State Park, 856 Rt. 12. (802) 888-2982. www.vtstateparks.com.



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RANDOLPH. Concert: l'Histoire du Soldat & The Crane Maiden. Presented by the VT Contemporary Music Ensemble. Tickets \$26.50. 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. tickets@chandler-arts.org. www.chandler-arts.org.

ST. ALBANS. Roast Pork Dinner. Menu roast pork, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, applesauce, rolls, beverage, apple or pumpkin pie. Adults \$10, children 12 and under \$5, family (2 adults & 2 children) \$25. 11:15 am - 1 pm. First Congregational Church, 27 Church St. Tickets available at the door or call (802) 524-4555.

WALLINGFORD. Annual Rotary Memorial Benefit Lobster Bake. 50/50 cash raffle with door prizes. \$25 includes lobster (or Delmonico steak), two salads, corn, dessert and beverage. 4:30-7:30 pm. Wallingford Lodge, Elfin Lake. Tickets may be pre-purchased by calling Tatha at (802) 773-5191.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Concert: Donna The Buffalo. Tickets \$23. 8 pm. Tupelo Music Hall, 188 S. Main St. (603) 437-5100. www.tupelohallvermont.com. donnathebuffalo.com.

WOODSTOCK. Revolutionary War Encampment. Admission: free, donations accepted. 10 am - 4 pm. Woodstock History Center, 26 Elm St. (802) 457-1822. www.woodstockhistorical.org.

WOODSTOCK. 8th Annual Vermont Fine Furniture and Woodworking Festival. Admission: \$7/\$10, under 18 free. 9 am – 6 pm. Union Arena at the Woodstock High School, 496 Woodstock Rd. (Rt. 4). (802) 747-7900. www.vermontwoodfestival.org.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

CHESTER. The Second Annual Big Buzz Chainsaw Wood Carving Festival. Chainsaw carvers from across the country will be coming to this unique festival. See artists making works in one hour. Quick carve events Thursday, Friday, & Saturday at 1 pm with auction to follow. Admission \$5 per person, free Mon-Wed. Mackenzie Field (off Rt. 103 behind Stone House Antiques). Details google Big Buzz Chester. Through October 2.

MANCHESTER. Art Workshop: In the Spirit of Plein-Air with Kenn Erroll Backhaus. Fee: \$410. 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. Southern Vermont Arts Center, West Rd. (802) 362-1405. www.svac.org. Through September 30.

WALDEN. Annual Fall Foliage Festival. See quilt tying, spinning & knitting, wood crafts, working oxen & draft horses and milling lumber. Homemade soup & sandwich lunch. Tours to a dairy farm, a Morgan Horse farm and our rural school, with a little dancing and a snack thrown in. A family-style Barbecued Beef Supper will be served with mashed potatoes, veggies and home-baked pies, beginning at 5:30 pm, \$10. Reservations: (802) 533-7122. Info: (802) 563-2777.

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum Chatauqua. Lecture explores traditional and contemporary quilting, with Marie Bostwick, At 4 pm. Admission (includes all activities): \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. Open 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

CABOT. Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Coffee hour at 9 am in the Cabot Historical Building. Tour old school houses, craft shops, the Public Library, Cabot Creamery and Historical Building. Crafts in the gym from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beef Stew Luncheon at Cabot Church at 11:30 am, 12:30 & 1:15 pm. Afternoon hayride to a sugarhouse and hike to Nichols Ledge at 2 pm. Turkey Dinner (adults \$10, children \$5. For reservations call (802) 563-2457. Tickets for luncheon, dinner and tour can be purchased at the same time.) Info: (802) 563-2457.

CHESTER. The Second Annual Big Buzz Chainsaw Wood Carving Festival. Admission free Mon-Wed. Mackenzie Field (off Rt. 103 behind Stone House Antiques). Details google Big Buzz Chester. Through October 2.

RUTLAND. Concert: Keb Mo. Tickets \$34.50/\$54.50, a portion benefits flood relief. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountlive.org.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

CHESTER. The Second Annual Big Buzz Chainsaw Wood Carving Festival. Admission free Mon-Wed. Mackenzie Field (off Rt. 103 behind Stone House Antiques). Details google Big Buzz Chester. Through October 2.

LUDLOW. Bike Outing. Moderate, 32 miles—Felchville, Tyson, Ludlow, Downers. One very long uphill near the beginning. Free, non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Call Tom and Diane Russell for meeting time, (802) 457-2898. www.greenmountainclub.org.

PITTSFORD. New England Maple Museum. Maple Candy Making Demonstrations from 10:30 am to 3 pm—sample candy fresh from the mold. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our gift shop. Open daily through October 31, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm. On Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. info@maplemuseum.com. www.maplemuseum.com.

PLAINFIELD. Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Coffee hour and registration at 9 am at Grace United Methodist Church. Foliage tours at 10 am and 1 pm. Hear the history of the Barre granite quarries, see glass blowers at work, taste wine at Grandview Winery, see scenic spots and hike to Owls Head with a bag lunch. Crafts, baked goods, and jewelry for sale. Cafeteria-style luncheon from 11:30 am to 1 pm for \$5. Afternoon entertainment. Barbecued Chicken, Mostaccioli and Baked Bean Supper at 5 and 6 pm for \$12. For reservations, contact Joanne Martin, (802) 454-7301.

ST. JOHNSBURY. Reading and Book Signing at the Athenaeum. Lynn Bonfield presents her new book, New England to Gold Rush California: The Journal of Alfred and Chastina W. Rix, 1849-1854. Free. 7 pm. St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main St. (802) 748-8291. www.stjathenaeum.org

SHELBURNE. Shoreline Hike at Shelburne Farms. Join naturalist Matt Kolan on a hike to learn about the shoreline, forests, and wetlands during flood events, particularly on Lake Champlain. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy lunch with spectacular views. Free. 10 am. Please register early-call Lake Champlain Land Trust, (802) 862-4150. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org.

WOODSTOCK. Autumn Wagon Ride Wednesdays. Horsedrawn wagon rides featured from 11 am - 4 pm. Farm and museum open 10 am - 5 pm. Admission (includes all activities): \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org.

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There was a child went forth every day;

And the first object he look'd upon, that object he became, And that object became part of him for the day or a certain part of the day, Or for many years, or stretching cycles of years.

The early lilacs became part of this child,

- And grass, and white and red morning-glories, and white and red clover, and the song of the phoebe-bird,
- And the Third-month lambs, and the sow's pink-faint litter, and the mare's foal, and the cow's calf,
- And the noisy brood of the barnyard or by the mire of the pond-side,
- And the fish suspending themselves so curiously below there,
- and the beautiful curious liquid,

And the water-plants with their graceful flat heads,-all became part of him.

- The field-sprouts of Fourth-month and Fifth-month became part of him,
- Winter-grain sprouts, and those of the light-yellow corn, and the esculent roots of the garden,
- And the apple-trees cover'd with blossoms, and the fruit afterward, and wood-berries, and the commonest weeds by the road;
- And the old drunkard staggering home from the outhouse of the tavern whence he had lately risen,
- And the schoolmistress that pass'd on her way to the school,
- And the friendly boys that pass'd, and the quarrelsome boys,
- And the tidy and fresh-cheek'd girls, and the barefoot negro boy and girl,
- And all the changes of city and country wherever he went. His own parents,
- He that had father'd him and she that had conceiv'd him in her womb and birth'd him, They gave him afterward every day, they became part of him.

The mother at home, quietly placing the dishes on the supper-table, The mother with mild words, clean her cap and gown, a wholesome odor falling off her person and clothes as she walks by, the father, strong, self-sufficient, manly, mean, anger'd, unjust, the family usages, the language, the company, the furniture, the yearning and swelling heart, Affection that will not be gainsay'd, the sense of what is real, the though if after all it should prove unreal, The doubts of day-time and the doubts of night-time, the curious whether and how, Whether that which appears so is so, or is it all flashes and specks? Men and women crowding fast in the streets, if they are not flashes and specks what are they?



The streets themselves, and the façades of houses, and goods in the windows, Vehicles, teams, the heavy-plank'd wharves, the huge crossing at the ferries, The village on the highland, seen from afar at sunset, the river between, Shadows, aureola and mist, the light falling on roofs and bales of white or brown, three miles off,

The schooner near by, sleepily dropping down the ride, the little boat slack-tow'd astern, The hurrying tumbling waves, quick-broken crests, slapping,

The strata of color'd clouds, the long bar of maroon-tint away solitary by itself, the spread of purity it lies motionless in,

The horizon's edge, the flying sea-crow, the fragrance of salt marsh and shore mud; These became part of that child who went forth every day, and who now goes, and will always go forth every day.

> -WALT WHITMAN (1855)

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

CHESTER. The Second Annual Big Buzz Chainsaw Wood Carving Festival. Quick carve events Thurs, Fri, & Sat at 1 pm with auction to follow. Admission \$5 per person. Mackenzie Field (off Rt. 103 behind Stone House Antiques). Details google Big Buzz Chester. *Through* October 2.

LYNDONVILLE. Concert: Vermont Symphony Orchestra—Made in Vermont Tour. A program of Honneger, Mozart, Robert Paterson, Sibelius, and Haydn. Tickets \$26/\$22/\$13. 7:30 pm. Alexander Twilight Theater, Lyndon State College. (802) 86-FLYNN. www.vso.org.

PEACHAM. Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Arts and reaction of the second dinner. Blacksmith Shop, Astronomy Center, Historical House, homemade treats, Peacham Library book sale 9 am to 4 pm. Scenic bus tour at 10:15 am, \$3. Lunch at Peacham Elementary School, 11 am to 1:30 pm, \$6. Ghost walk, 2 pm, \$4. Harp music in Church sanctuary, 4 pm to 6 pm. Dinner at church, seatings at 5 and 6:30 pm— Spaghetti, vegetarian and meat sauces, salad, garlic bread, homemade apple crisp with ice cream, adults \$10, children \$5, under 6 free. (802) 592-3320.

RANDOLPH. Lace Knitting Workshop. Part of Shetland 25—Celebrating 25 years of Shetland Sheep in the USA. Sponsored by NorthEast Shetland Sheep Group & NASSA. At White River Craft Center, 50 Randolph Ave. Fee: \$60. includes materials and lunch. (802) 728-8912. MRSF.com.

RUTLAND. Concert: Ray Bonneville performs the blues with his weathered voice, blues guitar, and harmonica. Tickets \$15 plus tax. 8 pm. Brick Box, Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountlive.org.

WESTON. 53rd Annual Weston Antiques Show Gala Preview. Admission \$50 includes preview, hors d'oeuvres, wine, and show readmission. 5-7:30 pm. On the Green at the Weston Playhouse, Rt. 100. (802) 824-5307. www.westonantiquesshow.org.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

BARNET. Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Pancake breakfast the Barnet Center vestry from 8 am to 12 noon. Arts & crafts in the vestry. Wagon rides. Bus tour between Ben Thresher's Mill, the Sunset Alpaca Farm, the Walter Harvey Meeting House and traveling back roads. Arts & crafts at the McIndoes Church, with soup and sandwich lunch at 11:30 am. European Coffee Hour 1-4 pm at the West Barnet Church. Ham Dinner at the Barnet Center vestry, at 4 pm till all are served, \$10. Reservations: (802) 633-2242. For information call (802) 633-4397.

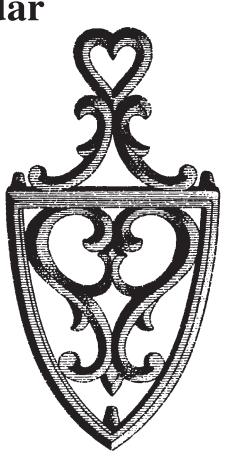
BELLOWS FALLS. Concert: Vermont Symphony Orchestra—Made in Vermont Tour. A program of Honneger, Mozart, Robert Paterson, Sibelius, and Haydn. Tickets \$10. 7:30 pm. Bellows Falls Opera House. (800) 595-4849. www.vso.org.

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DANVILLE. 10th Annual Dead North—Farmland of Terror Haunted Event. Wagon rides and a 1/2 mile walk of terror through a haunted cornfield and buildings. We sell out so purchase your tickets in advance at www. deadnorthvermont.com. Great Vermont Corn Maze, 1404 Wheelock Rd. www.vermontcornmaze.com. (802) 748-1399. Also October 1, 7 & 8.

LUDLOW. 18th Annual Okemo Antiques Show Preview Party. Admission \$15. 3-6 pm. Okemo Mountain Resort. (877) 211-1877. www.okemo.com.

MANCHESTER. 19th Annual Fall Art & Craft Festival. 200 juried artisans exhibiting arts & crafts. Live music, and specialty foods. Admission: \$8 adults, \$5 military and college students, \$2 children 13-18, children under 12 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Hildene's Meadow, 1844 River Rd. (802) 362-1788. info@hildene. craftproducers.com. Through October 2.



WESTON. 53rd Annual Weston Antiques Show. Top dealers from across the U.S. display their wares. Admission \$ includes readmission. 10 am – 5 pm on the Green at the Weston Playhouse, Rt. 100. (802) 824-5307. www.westonantiquesshow.org. Also October 1.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

ADDISON. Tenth Annual Dead Creek Wildlife Day. Nature walks, illustrated talks, live wildlife presentations, hunting dog demonstrations, fishing and hunting tips, and much more. Wildlife-related exhibits and kids' craft activities, decoy carving, face painting and building bluebird boxes. Bird walk at 7 am. Free, families welcome. 7 am – 4 pm. Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) on Rt. 17 west of 22A. (802) 241-3700. www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

ARLINGTON. 15th Annual St. James Harvest Festival. Over 45 vendors selling hand crafted items, art, antiques, collectibles, Vermont products and much more. Nearlynew clothing, used-books sale, Christmas items, jams, jellies and other harvest items and much more! Loads of great bargains! Chili cook-off contest. 9 am – 3 pm. St. James Episcopal Church grounds and Arlington Village Green. (802) 375-9952. www.stjamesarlingtonvt.org.

BRANDON. Foliage Open Studio Weekend. Tour studios and visit with the artists. Maps for the event, which give detailed directions to each venue, are available at the Brandon Artists Guild, 7 Center St. Sponsored by the Vermont Crafts Council. 10 am – 5 pm. (802) 247-4956. www.brandon.org. brandonartistsguild.org. Also October 2.

BRANDON. Annual Harvest Fest. Come make Harvest People (aka scarecrows) with the experts. You can even take one home! Hay rides, music, pumpkins, BBQ, food, apple pies, and more. Brandon Town Band will play. Sponsored by Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce. Free. 10 am – 2 pm in Central Park, Park St. at Rt. 7. Rain location if needed. (802) 247-6401. www.brandon.org.

BROOKFIELD. Pancake Breakfast. Menu: plain or blueberry pancakes, maple syrup, real home fries, sausages, and beverage. Adults \$7, children 5 to 12 \$4, children 4 and under free, family max \$20.7:30-11 am. First Congregational Church, Ridge Rd., Pond Village. (802) 276-3376.







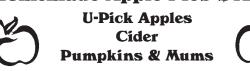
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RANDOLPH. Concert: An Evening with Peter Yarrow. Tickets \$37. 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. tickets@chandler-arts.org. www.chandler-arts.org.

RANDOLPH. Hand Spinning for Lace Knitting Workshop with Celia Quinn, Instructor. Part of Shetland 25—Celebrating 25 years of Shetland Sheep in the USA. Sponsored by NorthÉast Shetland Sheep Group & NASSA. At White River Craft Center, 50 Randolph Ave. Fee: \$60, includes materials and lunch. (802) 728-8912. MRSF.com.

TINMOUTH. Old Firehouse Stage Concert. 7:30 pm. At the Old Firehouse, Rt. 140, 5 miles west of Wallingford. For info or directions call (802) 446-3457. joreynolds@vermontel.net. tinmouthvt.org

TUNBRIDGE. Shetland 25—Celebrating 25 years of Shetland Sheep in the USA. Part of the Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival. Sponsored by NorthEast Shetland Sheep Group & NASSA. Tunbridge Fair Grounds, Rt. 110. MRSF.com. Through October 3.

CHESTER. The Second Annual Big Buzz Chainsaw Wood Carving Festival. Quick carve events at 1 pm with auction to follow. Admission \$5 per person. Mackenzie Field (off Rt. 103 behind Stone House Antiques). Details google Big Buzz Chester. Also October 2.

CHESTER. 37th Annual Fall Festival on the Green. Over 60 Vermont and New England artisans, crafters and food concessions will fill the center green in the heart of the village. Lots of food, entertainment, sales, and a premier teaser of the upcoming Chester Cabaret by the Green Mountain Union High School students. Sponsored by the Chester Rotary Club. 10 am – 4 pm. (802) 875-2626. Also October 2.

CHESTER. Vermont Gun Show. Antiques & collectibles, free appraisals, buying, selling trading. Admission. Open to the public. Free parking. 9 am - 5 pm. American Legion Post 67, Rt. 103. (802) 875-4540. www.greenmtgunshowtrail.com. Also October 2.

COLCHESTER. 16th Annual Harvest Festival. Take a hay ride to our pumpkin fields to pick your own pumpkin. Enjoy pumpkin pie, pumpkin donuts, pumpkin fudge, our own apple pies & cider. Kids' activities including pony rides, petting zoo, face painting. Fall games & corn maze. 11 am – 4 pm. Sam Mazza's, 277 Lavigne Rd. (802) 655-3440. smazzafarms@comcast.net. www.sammazzafarms.com. Also October 2.



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DANVILLE. 10th Annual Dead North-Farmland of Terror Haunted Event. Wagon rides and a 1/2 mile walk of terror through a haunted cornfield and buildings. Purchase your tickets in advance at www.deadnorthvermont.com. Great Vermont Corn Maze, 1404 Wheelock Rd. (802) 748-1399. www.vermontcornmaze.com. Also October 7 & 8.

EAST MONTPELIER. Chicken Pie Supper. Great chicken pie! Seatings at 12 pm, 5 pm & 7 pm. Old Meeting House, 1620 Center Rd. (802) 229-9593.

GREENSBORO BEND. Harvest Festival. Enjoy a selection of beers from Hill Farmstead. \$10 per person includes entry and 2 complimentary tasting tickets. 12-5 pm. 403A Hill Rd. (802) 533-7450. www.hillfarmstead.com.

GROTON. Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Lumberjack Breakfast at the Methodist Church from 7 to 10 am. Library Book Sale. McLure's Band at 11 am. Light lunch at the Food Court. Parade at 1:30 pm. Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing at the Baptist Church, 8 pm. Chicken Pie Supper at 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 pm. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12. You must make reservations. Call (802) 584-3020.

LUDLOW. 18th Annual Okemo Antiques Show. Admission \$7. 10 am - 4 pm. Okemo Mountain Resort. (877) 211-1877. www.okemo.com.

MANCHESTER. 55th Annual Fall Open Art Exhibition. Reception, 4-6 pm. Live music, hors d'oeuvres, children's activities. Free and open to the public. YesterHouse Galleries, Southern Vermont Arts Center, West Rd. (802) 362-1405. www.svac.org. Exhibition through November 13.

MANCHESTER. Concert: Doo Wop Legends. Tickets \$38/\$48. 7:30 pm. Southern Vermont Arts Center, West Rd. (802) 362-1405. www.svac.org.

MANCHESTER. 19th Annual Fall Art & Craft Festival. Admission: \$8 adults, \$5 military and college students, \$2 children 13-18, children under 12 free. 10 am – 5 pm. Hildene's Meadow, 1844 River Rd. (802) 362-1788. info@hildene. craftproducers.com. Also October 2.

MIDDLEBURY. Hike to Abbey Pond. Moderate 4.6 miles, 1,260 ft. ascent. From the trailhead, a steady climb crossing stream twice, then a gentle incline to the pond. Bring water and snacks. Free, non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Bread Loaf Section of the Green Mountain Club. Call Ginny Heidke for meeting time, (802) 989-7272. ginnypots@ comcast.net. www.greenmountainclub.org.

PITTSFORD. Home Grown-Hand Made Harvest Fair & Craft Show. Hand-made artisan items, locally-grown produce, baked goods and preserves, maple products, live music. Big Lenny's Hot Dog Wagon, Free. Rain or shine. 10 am - 4 pm. Village Green. (802) 483-0074.

PERU. Hike on Bromley Mountain. Climb to spectacular views from an observation tower. Follow the Long Trail/ Appalachian Trail south from Mad Tom Notch. Free, nonmembers welcome. Sponsored by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Call Allison Henry for meeting time, (802) 775-1627. www.greenmountainclub.org.

RANDOLPH. Concert: Vermont Symphony Orchestra-Made in Vermont Tour. A program of Honneger, Mozart, Robert Paterson, Sibelius, and Haydn. Tickets \$26/\$22/\$13. 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. tickets@chandler-arts.org. www.chandler-arts.org.

RUTLAND. Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day. Skill stations, group ride, BBQ with hot dogs and chips. 10 am – 12 pm. At the upper parking lot at Giorgetti/Pine Hill Park. (802) 773-1853. www.rutlandrec.com.

RUTLAND. Lunar Quarry 12-Hour Mountain Bike Race. Live music, movies, tenting area, end-of-race pancake feed. Fee: \$135 solo, \$250 for 2/3/4-rider team. Pre-registration required. Pre-race meeting 5 pm, race starts 6 pm ending at 6 am. At Pine Hill Park Quarry. (802) 773-1853. www.rutlandrec.com. www.lunarquarry12.com.

SHOREHAM. Ciderfest 2011. A fall afternoon of live music, apple picking, and cider making. Artisanal cider and wine samplings paired with locally-made gourmet cheese and hors d'ouevres. 3-7 pm. Champlain Orchard, Rt. 74, four miles west of the village. (802) 897-2777. www.champlainorchards.com.

STATEWIDE. Foliage Open Studio Weekend. Featuring 174 craftspeople and artists around the state. More info at vermontcrafts.com. Also October 2.

TUNBRIDGE. Shetland 25—Celebrating 25 years of Shetland Sheep in the USA. Part of Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival. Sponsored by NorthEast Shetland Sheep Group & NASSA. 7:30 pm presentation by Tut and Linda Doane, "Our Shetland Story," Maple Ridge Sheep Farm tours. Tunbridge Fair Grounds, Rt. 110. MRSF.com. *Through October 3*.

TUNBRIDGE. 23rd Annual Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival. Workshops and demonstrations, vendors, border collie herding, children's arts & crafts. 10 am - 5 pm. Tunbridge Fair Grounds, Rt. 110. (802) 223-2456. Vtsheepandwoolfest.org. Also October 2.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Concert: Susan Brison Trio. Tickets \$15. 8 pm. Tupelo Music Hall, 188 South Main St. (603) 437-5100. www.tupelohallvermont.com.

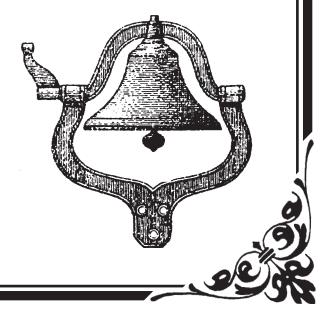
WOODSTOCK. Annual Pumpkin & Apple Celebration. Fun, hands-on programs will highlight these two essential fall crops: apple tasting, trivia contests, cider pressing, pumpkin bowling, apples-on-a-string, making pumpkin ice cream, cooking apple butter in the farmhouse, and wagon rides. Admission (includes all activities): \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. Also October 2.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

BRANDON. Foliage Open Studio Weekend. Maps for the studio tours, which give detailed directions to each venue, are available at the Brandon Artists Guild, 7 Center St. Sponsored by the Vermont Crafts Council. 10 am - 5 pm. (802) 247-4956. www.brandon.org. brandonartistsguild.org.

CHESTER. 37th Annual Fall Festival on the Green. Over 60 Vermont and New England artisans, crafters and food concessions fill the center green. Premier teaser of the upcoming Chester Cabaret. Sponsored by the Chester Rotary Club. 10 am – 4 pm. (802) 875-2626.

CHESTER. The Second Annual Big Buzz Chainsaw Wood Carving Festival. Admission \$5 per person. Mackenzie Field (off Rt. 103 behind Stone House Antiques). For details google Big Buzz Chester.





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October Notes *circa* 1883

by Edward Martin Taber

swamp, the south wind last Saturday. stirred the remaining leaves fir. Looking southward the light was soft and glittering on the moving foliage, and made of the naked twigs a silver net, like a spider's web. The voices of the red squirnuthatch and the drum of the woodpecker were heard.

From beneath a fallen leaped in a wide circle, pausing at shelter by a hemlock ears laid back. No hint yet of bution, like mares'-tails. winter in her coat. A young boughs of a bright greenthe brightest piece of color in the swamp—lay half-up- of hurry and flutter.

This afternoon in the rooted by the heavy wind of

Tonight there was a filmy of the birches and lifted the thickening of the air, a blue flat sprays of hemlock and haze upon the mountains, soft but bright. Against this, the dark forms of young spruces, the curving lines and triangles of bare boughs, the pale surface of the pasture; above, a moon less bright, rel, of the snowbird, and the but more golden in color, and surrounded by a circle of faint radiance.

The sunset very beautiful, spruce a rabbit started and lilac, purple, magenta, those reposeful combinations of red and blue predominatstump or among the debris of ing-the clouds long, flimsy, a fallen tree, sitting erect with scattered and wild in distri-

Much charm in the eve white pine tree, smooth of ning, something caressing bark, slim and tapering, with yet startling in the soft but gusty wind. There is mystery with repose, and yet a sense

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COLCHESTER. 16th Vermont Harvest Festival. Ponv rides, petting zoo, face painting, fall games and corn maze. Pumpkin pie, pumpkin donuts, pumpkin fudge. 11 am – 4 pm. Sam Mazza's, 277 Lavigne Rd. smazzafarms@ comcast.net. (802) 655-3440. www.sammazzafarms.com.

DANVILLE. Autumn on the Green. Over 100 vendors offer items from whimsical to practical and feature Vermont specialty products and foods. Musicians play from the bandstand. The Pope Library hosts a chicken and biscuit lunch at the Creamery Restaurant. (802) 684-2528. www.autumnonthegreen.com.

HUBBARDTON. 14th Annual Mount Zion Hike. Site interpreter Carl Fuller leads the hike. Enjoy fall colors and aerial view of the Hubbardton Battlefield and surrounding mountains. Bring water. Meet at the Visitor Center. Fee: adults \$2, children 14 and under are free. 2-5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicvermont.org.

MANCHESTER. 19th Annual Fall Art & Craft Festival. Admission. 10 am – 5 pm. Hildene's Meadow, 1844 River Rd. (802) 362-1788. info@hildene. craftproducers.com.

MARLBORO. Blanche Moyse Memorial Concert. Featuring works by Johann Sebastian Bach performed by the New England Bach Festival Orchestra and the Blanche Moyse Chorale. 3 pm. Persons Auditorium, Marlboro College. For tickets call (802) 2574523. info@bmcvt. org. www.bmcvt.org.

ORANGE. Hike on Butterfield Mountain. Moderate. eight miles. Five miles of logging roads and three miles of bushwhacking. Free, non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club. Meet at 8 am. Call Thomas Weiss for meeting place, (802) 223-5603. www.greenmountainclub.org.

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WAITSFIELD. Fall Foliage Festival—Weeks Act Centennial Celebration. Celebrate 100 years of the National Forest Service. Music by The Starline Rhythm Boys, food and drink concessions, conservation exhibits, "Legacy of the Weeks Act" film. Free fall foliage chairlift rides, nature tours, and heritage resource discussion. 10 am - 5 pm. Lincoln Peak, Sugarbush Resort. For more information, call or e-mail Ethan Ready, (802) 747-6760. e-mail: eready@fs.fed.us. www.vtstateparks.com.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Concert: Shawn Colvin. Tickets \$65.7 pm. Tupelo Music Hall, 188 S. Main St. (603) 437-5100. www.tupelohallvermont.com. shawncolvin.com.

WOODSTOCK. Concert: Vermont Symphony Orchestra—Made in Vermont Tour. A program of Honneger, Mozart, Robert Paterson, Sibelius, and Haydn. 7:30 pm. Woodstock Town Hall Theater. For tickets call (802) 457-3981. www.vso.org.

WOODSTOCK. Annual Pumpkin & Apple Celebration. Apple tasting, trivia contests, cider pressing, pumpkin bowling, apples-on-a-string, making pumpkin ice cream, cooking apple butter in the farmhouse, and horse-drawn wagon rides. Admission (includes all activities): \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River 2355. www.billingsfarm.org Rd. (802)

OUECHEE. Autumn Hike. A moderate 4-5 miles with lots of short ups and downs. Free, non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Call Tom and Diane Russell for meeting time and place, (802) 457-2898. greenmountainclub.org.

RICHMOND. Richmond Congregational Church Chicken Pie Supper. Fare includes chicken pie, mashed potatoes, squash, and cole slaw topped off with apple or pumpkin pie. Seatings at 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 pm. Richmond Congregational Church, 20 Church St. Reservations required, call (802) 434-2516. www.rccucc.org.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

WATERBURY. Sunset Foliage Aquadventure Paddle. Discover the quiet waters of Waterbury Reservoir. Get your life vests and paddles at the Contact Station no later than 5:30 pm. All abilities welcome. Meet at the A-side Swimming Beach (weather dependent). Day use fee: \$3, 14 and older; \$2, ages 4-13; three and younger, free. 6-8 pm. Little River State Park, 3444 Little River Rd. Registration required prior to program. (802) 244-7103. www.vtstateparks.com.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Exhibit: James Stroud—Center Street Studio. Printer and publisher of contemporary prints. Artist's talk, 7 pm. Free. 10 am – 3 pm. Two Rivers Printmaking Studio, 85 N. Main St. (802) 295-5901. www.tworiversprintmaking.com. October 7-31.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

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STOWE. 29th Annual Stowe Foliage Arts Festival. 200 artists and artistans exhibit their work. Live music, food, beer, wine and more. Admission \$8.10 am - 5 pm. Stowe Events Field, Rt. 108. (802) 425-3399. www.craftproducers.com. Through October 9.

WESTON. 28th Annual Weston Craft Show. Admission \$8. 10 am – 5 pm. Weston Playhouse on the Green, Rt. 100. (802) 856-7240. www.westoncraftshow.com. Through October 9.

WOODSTOCK. Foodways Fridays. Discover how we use seasonal produce from our heirloom garden in historic recipes. Take home different recipes each week. Admission (includes all activities): \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. Also October 14.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

BELMONT. Annual Cider Days. Cider pressing, crafts, lots of good food and festivities, local photography contest. Historical museum open for browsing. 10 am - 4 pm. On the Belmont Green at Belmont Four Corners. (802) 259-2562. *Also October 9*.

BELMONT. Roast Beef Dinner. In conjunction with Cider Days on the Green. Sponsored by the The Mount Holly Community Association. All you can eat-served home style. Adults \$10, children 11 and under \$5. Seatings start at 5 pm. At The Odd Fellows Hall. (802) 259-3445.

BELMONT. Mount Holly Town Library Book Sale. Great books at great prices for a great cause. All genres available, good assortment of children's books. 10 am – 4 pm. 26 Maple Hill Rd. (802) 254-3707. *Also October 9*.

BRANDON. Brandon Artist Guild Benefit Auction. "Art Makes Brandon Tick," a collection of artist-made and decorated clocks—the 2011 Community Art Project masterpieces. 6-9 pm at the Brandon Town Hall, Conant Square. (802) 247-4956. brandonartistsguild.org.

BRANDON. Church Smorgasboard Supper. Baked potatoes, mac & cheese, lasagna, salads & slaws, squash & veggies, rolls, fruit breads, condiments, hot & cold drinks, baked apples & ice cream. Adults \$12, youth 5-12 66, under 5 are free. 5-7 pm. Brandon Congregational Church, Rt. 7, Main St. (802) 247-6401. www.brandon.org.



An Old Woman of the Roads

- Oh, to have a little house! To own the hearth and stool and all! The heaped-up sods upon the fire, The pile of turf against the wall!
- To have a clock with weights and chains And pendulum swinging up and down, A dresser filled with shining delph, Speckled white and blue and brown!
- I could be busy all the day Clearing and sweeping hearth and floor, And fixing on their shelf again My white and blue and speckled store!
- I could be quiet there at night Beside the fire and by myself, Sure of a bed, and loth to leave The ticking clock and the shining delph!
- Och! but I'm weary of mist and dark, And roads where there's never a house or bush, And tired I am of bog and road And the crying wind and the lonesome hush!
- And I am praying to God on high, And I am praying him night and day, For a little house, a house of my own -Out of the wind's and the rain's way.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

CASTLETON. Concert: Vermont Symphony Orchestra-Made in Vermont Tour. A program of Honneger, Mozart, Robert Paterson, Sibelius, and Haydn. Tickets \$26/\$22/\$13, 7:30 pm. Fine Arts Center, Castleton State College. (802) 86-FLYNN. www.vso.org.

GRAFTON. Chapel Fundraising Dinner for the Grafton Valley Arts Guild. All natural gourmet food with a local focus prepared by Chef Bryce LeVan Cushing. Dinner includes a fresh soup, salad, choice of entree and dessert! Jazz guitar music by Draa Hobbs begins at 7 pm. Suggested donation \$15. Proceeds benefit Cricketers Gallery at 45 Townshend Rd. 5-9 pm at the White Chapel, 4 Main St. (802) 843-1162. brycelevancushing@gmail. com. Dinners each first and third Monday.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

PITTSFORD. New England Maple Museum. Maple Candy Making Demonstrations from 10:30 am to 3 pm—sample candy fresh from the mold. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our gift shop. Open daily through October 31, 8:30 am -5:30 pm. On Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. info@maplemuseum.com. www.maplemuseum.com.

CHITTENDEN. Hike to Chittenden Reservoir. Starting at the site of the abandoned town of New Boston, we will travel old roads down to the Reservoir and Lefferts Pond. Free, non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Call Sue Thomas for meeting time and place, (802) 773-2185. greenmountainclub.org.

COLCHESTER. 5th Annual Giant Pumpkin Weigh-In. Watch two dozen giant pumpkins battle for the heavy weight title. Spiced Vermont apple cider and hayrides to our pumpkin fields to pick your own pumpkin. 1 pm. Sam Mazza's, 277 Lavigne Rd. smazzafarms@comcast.net. (802) 655-3440. www.sammazzafarms.com.

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DUMMERSTON. 31st Annual Christmas Tree Tag Weekend. Wagon rides, tree care & demonstrations, dog stories, labyrinth, hiking trails, refreshments. Order wreaths, garland, Christmas (kissing) balls, center pieces from samples on display. Free admission. Sat & Sun 12 noon – 4 pm. Elysian Hills Tree Farm, 209 Knapp Rd. (802) 257-0233. www.elysianhillsfarm.com. Through October 23.

GROTON. Cider Pressing Festival. Cider pressing, live folk music by Wall Stiles, and good food including apple desserts and fresh pizza. Fee: 14 and older \$3, 4-13 \$2 and younger free. 3-6 pm. Seyon Lodge State Park, 2967 Seyon Pond Rd. (802) 584-3829. www.vtstateparks.com.

NEWFANE. 41st Annual Newfane Heritage Festival. 90 juried exhibitors. Live entertainment, flea table, children's activities, raffle, food booths. Sponsored by the First Congregrational Church. Free admission. 10 am – 4 pm. On the Common in the village. (802) 365-4366. Also October 9.

NORWICH. Contradance with Northern Spy. David Millstone, calling. All dances taught, no partner necessary, beginners welcome. Please bring a change of clean shoes for the dance floor. Admission \$8, students \$5, under 16 free. 8 pm. At Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 785 4607. rbarrows@cs.dartmouth.edu. Next dance November 12, and second Saturdays through June 2012.

ORWELL. Hike into History. Site interpreter and historian Paul Andriscin leads a tour. Bring binoculars for bird watching. Wear sturdy shoes. Dress for the weather. 1 pm. Admission: adults \$5, children 14 and under are free. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd., off Rt. 73. (802) 948-2000. www.historicvermont.org.

POULTNEY. Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale. Search for hidden treasures and bargains all over town. 9 am - 4 pm. (802) 287-4114.

RUTLAND. The Great Rutland Race. Teams of two race to 15 locations and participate in physical and mental challenges. Fee: \$80. Starts 9 am at Rutland Amtrack Train Station. (802) 773-1853. www.rutlandrec.com.

RUTLAND. 50th Annual Art in the Park Fall Foliage Festival. Fine arts and crafts, live music and great food vendors. Arts & crafts events and activities for children. Sponsored by Chaffee Art Center. Free admission. Rain or shine. 10 am – 5 pm. Main Street Park, Rt. 7 near Rt. 4. (802) 775-8836. www.chaffeeartcenter.org. Also October 9. SPRINGFIELD. 29th Annual Vermont Apple Festival & Craft Show. Over 50 crafters, live music and entertainment, agriculture and activities for the whole family, and, of course, apples! Hand-pressed apple cider, kiddie games, apple pie contest, and great food, too. Free admission. 9 am - 5 pm at Riverside Middle School. chamber@springfieldvt.com.

SPRINGFIELD. An Autumn Hike on the Old Crown Point Military Road. From Route 5 in Springfield to the restored Spencer Hollow Schoolhouse (1781, oldest in the state). An easy, 2.9 miles, 410' elevation gain. Free, non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Call Dick Andrews for meeting time and place, (802) 885-3201. www.greenmountainclub.org.

STEVENSVILLE. Outing to the Mt. Mansfield Rock Garden. We'll go up the Frost Trail to Maple Ridge with open views to the west, then over Rock Garden (including an interesting cave), then lunch at Butler Lodge and down the Butler Lodge Trail. Moderate hike, moderate pace. 4.4 miles, 500' elevation gain. Free, non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Call Russ Kinaman by Oct. 6 for information and to sign up, (802) 879-6666. www.greenmountainclub.org

TOWNSHEND. Foliage Bike Tour. An easy bike trip from Townshend to Grafton and back, with lunch. Free, nonmembers welcome. Sponsored by the Brattleboro Section of the Green Mountain Club. Call Joe Cook for meeting time and place, (802) 257-0609. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WINDSOR. Program: History Happens at Old Constitution House. 18th century reenactors Carl and Carolyn Malikowski demonstrate a variety of period activities. Fee: adults \$2.50, children 14 and under are free. 2-5 pm. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 N. Main St. (802) 672-3773. historicvermont.org. Also October 9.

WEST DOVER. 14th Annual OktoBrewfest and 35th Annual Harvest Art & Craft Show. German food, beer, and music. Kid's and adult games and activities. Admission: \$25 for 21 and over, \$12 under 21, kids 5 and under are free. 11 am - 5 pm at Mount Snow, 39 Mount Snow Rd. (802) 464-4191. Mountsnow.com. Also October 9.

WESTON. 28th Annual Weston Craft Show. Admission \$8. 10 am - 5 pm. Weston Playhouse on the Green, Rt. 100. (802) 856-7240. www.westoncraftshow.com. Also October 9.

WOODSTOCK. Annual Rotary Penny Sale. Food, prizes, and fun for the whole family! Free. Doors open at 6:30 pm, drawing starts at 7 pm. Woodstock Union High School, Rt. 4. (888) 496-6378. www.woodstockvt.com. www.rotarywoodstock.org.

WOODSTOCK. 39th Annual Woodstock Apples and Crafts Fair. Over 100 juried crafters, artists, and specialty food producers. Adults \$3; children free. 10 am - 5 pm. Baileys Meadow, Rt. 4 East. (802) 457-1502. www.woodstockrec.org. Also October 9.

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm Harvest Weekend. Celebrate the Vermont harvest with a traditional husking bee and barn dance. Cider pressing, harvesting root vegetables, putting food by, and much more. Enjoy spiced cider and homemade doughnuts. Admission (includes all the activities): \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. Also October 9.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

BELMONT. Annual Cider Days. Cider pressing on a 100-year old antique cider press, crafts, lots of good food and festivities, local photography contest. Hot, spiced, and cold cider by the cup is for sale at the Gazebo on the green, as well as gallon jugs of both fresh-pressed cider (unpastureurized) and fresh cider. 30 local artisans and bakers. Historical museum and blacksmith shop open for browsing. Noon to 4 pm. On the Belmont Green at Belmont Four Corners. (802) 259-2562.

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DUMMERSTON. Annual Dummerston Benefit Apple Pie Festival. 1500 "church-made" apple pies, cider & donuts, homemade ice cream & Vermont cheddar cheese. 35 booths of handmade items from local crafters & lunch at the Grange. Pancake breakfast at the Firehouse with all the fixings. The Historical Society will be open with a motorcycle exhibit. 7 am - 4 pm. At Dummerston Center Church, Grange, Firehouse & Historical Society, 1535 Middle Rd. (802) 254-9158. wilcox1961@gmail.com.

EAST THETFORD. 9th Annual Pumpkin Festival. Horse-drawn wagon rides to the pumpkin patch, pumpkin picking, children's activities, cider pressing, draft horse demonstrations, and educational displays. Live music by the Rev. Stovepipe Band of Corinth in the morning, and Jeanne & the Hi-Tops of Barnard in the afternoon, Puppetry by Ria Blaas of Upper Loveland Puppets. Lots of good eats with an organic farm-made foods concession, wood-fired pizzas, crepe and waffles, and organic ice cream. 10 am – 5 pm. Cedar Circle Farm, Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. cedarcirclefarm.org.



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Vermont Country Calendar

MONTGOMERY. Bike Ride in the Wilds. Ride on dirt roads in Montgomery's Deep Gibou. Visit a beaver pond and a waterfall. Free, non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Northern Frontier Section of the Green Mountain Club. Call Dave and Melissa for meeting time and place, (802) 326-6003. www.greenmountainclub.org.

NORWICH. Norwich Sunday Craft Fair. Handcrafted fine arts and crafts made by Vermont and New Hampshire craftspeople. Music by Juke Joynt, blues and classic rock. Wonderful prepared foods. Rain or shine. Free admission. 10 am – 3 pm. On the grounds of the Norwich Farmers Market on Route 5, one mile south of exit 13 off I-91. (802) 356-2082. dhremote@earthlink.net. www.norwichcrafts.org.

RUTLAND. 50th Annual Art in the Park Fall Foliage Festival. Fine arts and crafts, live music and great food vendors, arts & crafts events for children. Sponsored by Chaffee Art Center. Free admission. Rain or shine. 10 am – 5 pm. Main Street Park, Rt. 7 near Rt. 4. (802) 775-8836.

RUTLAND. 4th Annual Duathlon. Run & bike throughout the Pine Hill Trails. The course will feature a 5K loop for running and a 10K loop for mountain biking. You can participate as an individual or as a team. Our races are low key and fun for all levels of competitors whether 8 or 80! Fee: \$30, \$45 for a team. Registration 9:15 am, race at 10 am. Giorgetti/Pine Hill Park. (802) 773-1853. www.rutlandrec.com.

SHOREHAM. 13th Annual Harvest Festival. Menu: BBQ pork, our own applesauce, apple cider, fresh-baked apples, pies, and great side dishes. 12/plate, 6/kids. Down home acoustic music. 11 am – 4 pm. Champlain Orchard, Rt. 74, 4 miles west of the village. (802) 897-2777. www.champlainorchards.com.

STRAFFORD. 19th Century Apple and Harvest Festival. It's autumn! Press cider in an antique press, sample cider, enjoy entertainment, and lunch. \$10 adults, \$3 under 14. 11 am – 4 pm. Justin Morrill State Historic Site, Justin Morrill Highway. (802) 765-4484. John. Dumville@state.vt.us. www.historicvermont.org.

WEST HARTFORD. Dirt Road Walk. Quimby Mountain, Mitchell Brook Road and Tigertown Road. Car spot. Easy, 5-6 miles. Free, non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Call Inge Brown for meeting time and place, (802) 296-5777. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WESTON. 28th Annual Weston Craft Show. Admission \$8. 10 am – 5 pm. Weston Playhouse on the Green, Rt. 100. (802) 856-7240. www.westoncraftshow.com.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Concert: The Nu-Utopians. Celebrating the songs of John Lennon. Tickets \$35. 8 pm. Tupelo Music Hall, 188 S. Main St. (603) 437-5100. Nu-Utopians.com. www.tupelohallvermont.com.

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm Harvest Weekend. Celebrate the Vermont harvest with a traditional husking bee and barn dance. Participate in cider pressing, harvesting root vegetables, putting food by, and much more. Enjoy spiced cider and homemade doughnuts. Admission (includes all the activities): \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Concert: Richard Thompson. A Grammy Award nominee and named by Rolling Stone Magazine as one of the Top 20 Guitarists of All Time. Tickets \$50. 8 pm. Tupelo Music Hall, 188 S. Main St. (603) 437-5100. www.tupelohallvermont.com. RichardThompson-music.com.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

PITTSFORD. New England Maple Museum. Maple Candy Making Demonstrations from 10:30 am to 3 pm sample candy fresh from the mold. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our gift shop. Open daily through October 31, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm. On Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. info@maplemuseum.com. www.maplemuseum.com.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

HARTFORD. Full Moon Hike into Quechee Gorge. Fee: 14 and older \$3, 4-13 \$2, 3 and younger free. 3–6 pm. Meet at Visitor's Center, Quechee State Park, 5800 Woodstock Rd. (802) 584-3829. www.vtstateparks.com.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Concert: David Bromberg Quartet. Tickets \$45. 8 pm. Tupelo Music Hall, 188 S. Main St. (603) 437-5100. www.tupelohallvermont.com.

WOODSTOCK. Foodways Fridays. Discover how we use seasonal produce from our heirloom garden in historic recipes. Take home different recipes each week. Admission (includes all activities): \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

BRADFORD. Harvest Bazaar. Attic treasures, homemade fudge, homemade foods, crafts, holiday items. Luncheon 11 am to 1 pm—choice of chili or vegetable soup served with cornbread; adults \$7, under 12 \$4. 9 am – 2 pm. Bradford Congregational Church UCC, Main St. (802) 222-4034.

BURLINGTON. Great Billings Book Sale. Classics of Vermont history and other Vermontiana, European and American history, literature, period curiosities and contemporary good reads! Hosted by the Special Collections at the University of Vermont Libraries. 10 am to 5 pm at the Billings Library, 48 University Place (facing the UVM Green). For more information call (802) 656-2138 or e-mail: uvmsc@uvm.edu. Visit library.uvm.edu/sc.

CABOT. Cabot Annual Apple Pie Festival. Craft fair, raffles, pies and lunch for sale, silent auction. Home-made apple pie judging. 9 am – 3 pm. Cabot School gym, Main St., Rt. 215. (802) 563-3396.

PUTNEY. 23rd Annual Medieval Faire. Games, feasts, and peasant frivolity. Climbing walls, archery, candy-throwing catapult, haunted dungeon, dunking booth, slay-the-dragon pinata, scavenger hunts, and knightings by King Arthur! Free. 10 am – 4 pm. The Grammar School, 69 Hickory Ridge Rd. (802) 387-5364. www.thegrammarschool.org.

RANDOLPH. Concert: Musica Viva Festival Trio. Tickets \$22/\$10. 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. tickets@chandler-arts.org. www.chandler-arts.org. www.vso.org.

RUTLAND. 6th Annual Leaf Chase. A beautiful run through Pine Hill Park. Course map and description are available at www.marblevalleyrunners.org. Fee: \$25. Registration 9:15 am, race starts 10 am. (802) 282-1092. www.rutlandrec.com.

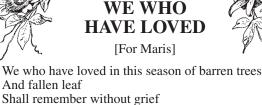
TOWNSHEND. 27th Annual Pumpkin Festival. Arts & crafts, pumpkin pies, scarecrow decorating contest, free pony rides, Halloween costume parade, locally grown apples and cider, vendors. Rain or shine. On the Townshend Village Common on Rt. 30. (802) 874-4953. www.townshendvermont.org.

WOODSTOCK. Autumn Wagon Ride Weekend. Narrated horse-drawn wagon rides around the Billings' fields during the height of fall foliage. Farm programs and activities. Admission (includes all activities): \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. *Also October 16*.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

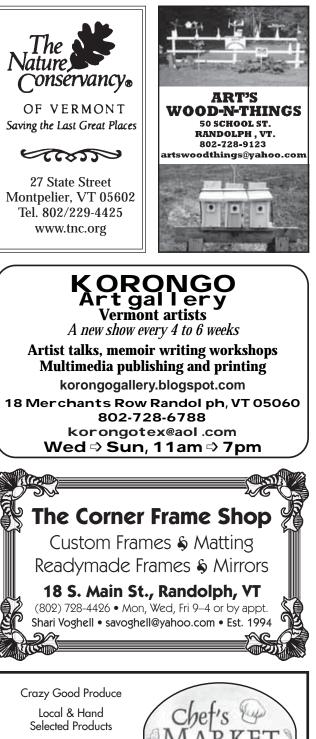
MONTPELIER. Volunteer Work Day at Morse Farm Ski Touring Center. Sponsored by the Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Call Morse Farm for details and meeting time and place, (802) 223-0090. www.greenmountainclub.org.

POULTNEY. Welsh Harvest Festival. Celebrate the sights, sounds, and flavors of Wales. Hosted by Green Mountain College. (800) 287-8000.



How love enclosed us like the hive its wintered bees If April comes again, September must, And if the sky's deep blue In May will bring me you, So will October's rust.

—August W. Derleth





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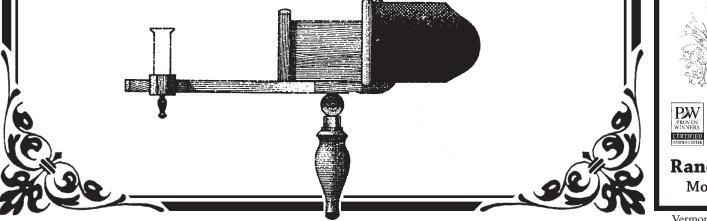
WOODSTOCK. Moonlight Hike on Mt. Tom. Easy to moderate, approximately four miles. Bring snack to share, beverages and candles. Free, non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Call Tom and Diane Russell for meeting time and place, (802) 457-2898. greenmountainclub.org. ε

RUTLAND. Performance: Bill Cosby, one of America's most beloved comedians of all time. Tickets \$85-\$135. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountlive.org.

WOODSTOCK. Autumn Wagon Ride Weekend. Horsedrawn wagon rides around the Billings' fields. Admission (includes all activities): \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. SCOTT & TAMMY ARONSON • (802) 728-4202 Open: Mon-Fri 9-6, Sat 9-5, Sun 10-3 www.chefsmarketvt.com

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East Thetford, VT 9th Annual Pumpkin Festival at Cedar Circle Farm

Celebrate the harvest and everything pumpkin at Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center's annual fall festival in East Thetford, VT.

Always held the first Sunday in October, this year October 9, the Pumpkin Festival has become an Upper Valley tradition and family favorite!

In addition to the ever popular horse-drawn wagon rides to the pumpkin patch, pumpkin picking, children's activities, cider pressing, draft horse demonstrations, and educational displays, there will be live music by the Rev. Stovepipe Band of Corinth in the morning, and Jeanne & the Hi-Tops of Barnard in the afternoon, puppetry by Ria Blaas of Upper Loveland Puppets of Norwich. Lots of good eats are offered with an organic farm-made foods concession, as well as wood-fired pizzas, crepe and waffles, and organic ice cream.

According to farm manager Kate Duesterberg, "We love to invite the greater community to celebrate sustainable agriculture and to see how we integrate those practices on our farm. It's also an opportunity for us to thank our customers for their support and for all us to delight in the beauty of the farm and harvest season."

CCF Education Coordinator and festival organizer Cat Buxton says, "This festival celebrates the culmination of the harvest and all that our cated off Rt. 5, south of Hugeducational mission stands for at Cedar Circle Farm.

'We have been working with the rail, and if the train tracks are repaired from the Café are open Tuesday-Sunhurricane damage by then, the Green Mountain Railroad has arranged a stop at the farm during the festival harvest decorations. for passengers on the White River Flyer.

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"green" festival produce even less than the usual 2 bags of trash per 1200 people we've generated in the past."

Parking is \$5 per car, carpooling encouraged. Free admission for walkers, bicyclists and train passengers.

Pumpkin Festival Schedule

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Horsedrawn wagon rides to and from the pumpkin patch, children's arts and crafts

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Live music by the Rev. Stovepipe Band of Corinth, VT

10:30 a.m., 12 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. Puppetry with Ria Blaas of Upper Loveland Puppets

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Organic farm-made food concession with fall soups and bread, green salad, vegetarian tamales, grilled Hogwash Farm sausages. Enjoy pumpkin and cafe cookies, cider donuts with a pumpkin glaze, apple crisp, butternut crisp, and whoopee pies. Strafford Organic Creamery ice cream will be served. Vermont Crepe & Waffle concession will be there. And NOFA-VT will be making their woodfired pizza!

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Face painting \$1-\$2. Cider pressing demonstration, draft horse demonstration, and educational displays.

1-4 p.m. Live music by Jeanne and the Hi-Tops of Barnard, VT

Cedar Circle Farm is logetts Store, on Pavillion Rd., along the Connecticut River in East Thetford, Vermont.

The farmstand and Hello day through October 30 for certified organic produce, fall flowers, pumpkins, and

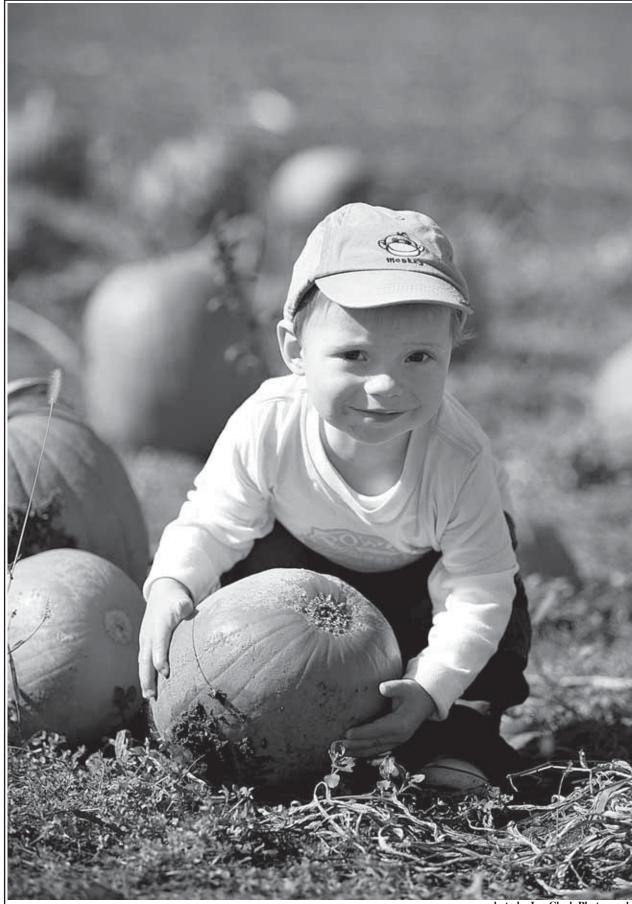
For more information and directions to the farm, please "Don't forget to bring your visit www.cedarcirclefarm.



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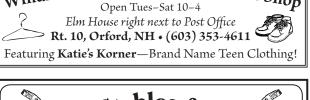
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Milking Devon Cows at Home in New England

by Charles Sutton

Anyone taking a fall drive along Route 10 in Orford, NH is bound to find an eye-appealing display of pumpkins, squashes and other seasonal bounty at the 193-acre Bunten Farm.

The aptly-named Bunten Pumpkin Plaza was started more than 50 years ago by owners Forrest and Evelyn Bunten, offering 35 kinds of pumpkins, including Atlantic giants, gourds, Indian corn, popcorn and pickles and preserves. Their daughter Chris and her husband Bruce Batch acquired the farm from Chris's father's estate in May 2005, and since then have turned the family farmstead into an unusual dairy farm specializing in the nearly extinct American Milking Devon cattle (now with 40 head), a restaurant, and farm store specializing in Devon milk products (cheese, ice cream, butter and yogurt), farm fresh eggs, and baked goods. This year 1,700 hills of pumpkins will make sure the Pumpkin Plaza is well stocked.

American Milking Devons—a rare breed

Visitors will catch a glimpse of the ruby-colored Milking Devon cows, many with black-tipped white horns.

The Pilgrims brought the Milking Devon cattle to New England beginning in 1623, where they were well suited for the rugged terrain and weather conditions. The breed expanded as far as Florida, but by the late 1800s the Devons had been replaced by the more productive Shorthorn breed. The Milking Devon reached its low point in 1970 when only 100 remained. Since then thanks to farmers like Bruce and Chris there are now 600 Milking Devons in the country and the population is increasing. They are closest to the breed's original type and are unique to the United States.

The Bunten farm is currently the only American Milking Devon dairy farm in the United States. The milk is prized for its high milk solids and butterfat (4%) content, made famous for its use in Devonshire Cream. Only yak milk is richer!

Some of the baby calves from this past spring (12 heifers and eight bulls) have been sold and purchasers came from as far away as Georgia and California. All get pet names, a few being Star, Isis, Sunny Joy, Fiona, Ginger. Filbert, Moxey, Opie and Lil' Fi. The breed is small, gentle, intelligent, and easy to handle, making them ideal for small farms or to have as a family cow. They are prized by teamsters in New England and make excellent oxen.

Farmstead cheeses and ice cream

Both Chris and Bruce are professional chefs who had worked in Hawaii and Florida, and before taking over the Bunten farm they owned and ran the Sunny Day Diner in Lincoln, NH. They recently leased their farm restaurant (now



HORIZONS FAR AND NEAR

Why am I so happy here on Judevine Mountain? My friends say I should travel, see the world.

They say I would improve myself, broaden my perspectives, expand my horizons. Why can't

they understand I don't want to go anywhere except out into my woods, down the hill, across

the brook and up into the stand of big white pine about a half a mile from here.

-DAVID BUDBILL

Billings Farm & Museum



Pumpkins abound at Bunten Farm in Orford, NH.

named Ariana's) to Martin Murphy, a chef friend who had used their products in other restaurants. This will free up the couple to spend more time with the Devons and to produce their farm products.

"I've just developed a new farmer's cheese," Chris said. "It's from skimmed milk and buttermilk. It's sweet and savory." Chris is the cheese-maker producing mozzarella, cheddar, cottage, a 'misty' blue, a 'rugged' blue, and feta cheeses. When do you ever have time to make cheeses? "Whenever we have too much milk," she says.

Bruce's specialty is ice creams (vanilla, chocolate, raspberry vanilla swirl and pumpkin) made from the extra-rich Devon cream.

In addition to cheeses and ice cream, the farm store offers locally grown whey-fed pork and grass fed beef, Devon milk raw or pasteurized (\$4 a half-gallon), buttermilk, oatmeal dinner rolls, English muffins, buttermilk biscuits, yogurt, yeast breads and homemade sweet Devon butter (\$4 for 8 oz.)

The Bunten Farm and Ariana's Restaurant are located at 1322 Rt. 10, Orford, NH, just across the Connecticut River from Fairlee, VT. For reservations, information or to order Devon and other farm products, call (603) 353-9252 or visit www.buntenfarm.com. chefmartin@arianasrestaurant.com.



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Memories of Camping on Lake Fairlee

by Diana Ham

When WWII broke out, my Dad's Cape Cod flying company, Cape Aircraft, Inc., was chosen by the government to train pilots for the war effort. Private flying was halted on the coast and in 1943 his staff, planes, hangars and family were relocated inland. That's how we ended up in Glens Falls, NY, where my parents set up their operation at the old Floyd Bennett Field. Supervised by the Army Air Corps, their company turned out many fine pilots. My mom kept the records and Dad was the chief instructor.

After the war, my folks stayed on and became F.B.O.'s (fixed base operators) at the Glens Falls Warren County Airport, continuing to run Cape Aircraft, Inc. They were busiest in the summer with a sevenday-a-week work schedule and so I went to camp in Ely, VT, at Camp Lochearn on Lake Fairlee. I became a Vermonter for those two months of my life, for many years. I have some nostalgic memories that crowd in when I think of those happy days long ago. I would like to share a few of them...



Diana Ham at Camp Lochearn.

Getting me ready for Camp Lochearn two weeks into the summer always involved my getting a pretty drastic hair cut. Once at camp, my thick brown hair would be growing unclipped for two months. Every year I would beg the beautician not to cut it too short. Alas, Mom had already given her surreptitious instructions over the phone and I would again become a 'Buster Brown' look-alike. If the earlobes showed, I would get hysterical and it took a lot to get me hysterical! When I said goodbye to my parents, it was with a sinking, bittersweet feeling. Eight weeks was almost sixty days (they couldn't fool me) and my birthday was in the middle!

When I arrived at Camp Lochearn, a long ride from my home, I would meet my capable counselor and be shown the corner of the cabin that would be mine for two months. We had been instructed to bring curtain material which, when hung, brightened the corner, personalized it and covered the items on the shelves under it. Most belongings stayed in my black camp trunk with the brass grommets and the blue shelf. There was a window by each corner, too. In some cabins, one could lie in bed and see the stars. One quiet night, when sleep hadn't come to me, although it had to my cabin mates, I was staring at a beautiful full moon when it suddenly, but slowly, became eclipsed. I lay very still. I felt that this was a private show being enacted only for my benefit. It was a thrilling experience.

So, what do I remember, looking back so long ago? On Sundays we walked a mile to the non-denominational church eating dusty thimbleberries along the way. Lochearn was a camp with a Scottish theme, so we all wore blue sweaters, white blouses, navy shorts, a plaid over the shoulder, and a crescent-shaped blue tam. If we were late, we had to sit outside on the lawn and listen to the piped sermon. I ate a lot of elm tree seeds while listening. Did you know they taste quite like sesame seeds? At least they did to a hungry 10-year-old. Every so often the town would oil the road. Then the walk wasn't as pleasant.



Diana Ham, third camper from the left, at Camp Lochearn on Lake Fairlee many years ago.

years, I would run as fast as I could to get a table with an unopened Cheerios box. In each one of them was a coupon. If you saved enough, you could get a free Betty Crocker picture cook book. I saved them all summer and I started saving again the next summer, ever the optimist, but to no avail. Funny thing is, I don't know why I wanted the book. I do remember the Scottish grace, though:

Some hae meat but canna eat, Some hae meat but want it, But we hae meat and we can eat, And say the Lord be thank it.

Lake Fairlee was crystal clear and cold even on the hottest days and I perfected some swimming skills. Each sport activity was taught to improve the individual's skill based on his abilities—not in a competitive manner. I felt very proud to have been judged as having the best form of the side stroke in an important swim meet. And it isn't even a good looking stroke! But I was proud that the of those, too. I was, after all, becoming a discipline it had taken to perfect this skill had camp fixture. been recognized.

Might I throw in a less pleasant memory?

cereal boxes would be on each table. For two There is a small, old, black-haired woman counselor trying to teach me a rowing skill. Unfortunately, I remember her having a grip on that tender part of the body between the neck and left shoulder. She is hissing that I must go 360 degrees with three thrusts of the oars (I remember them as being 12 feet long). I felt very alone-like my life was on the line. It was a very, very long afternoon. But that was an isolated event. We all have them growing up.

Each activity had a structured set of goals which the camper had to meet in order to show mastery of the skill. If you demonstrated consistent success, you were awarded a felt symbol of the sport at the Sunday night campfires. More than half a century later, my treasured awards are still pinned to my Camp Lochearn pennant. They are symbols of the many disciplines I strove to master-solo canoeing, tennis, horseback riding, sailing. There were also spirit awards—'LC's'. I was lucky, as the years rolled by, to earn a couple

᠅ᡬᡭᢒᠫ᠅᠅ Did you know that Lochearn is still in busi-Picture me—a bony six-year old, in a row ness, and has remained an excellent camp? Breakfast was in a high hall. A variety of boat that, in retrospect, was as big as the QE2. For pictures, go to www.lochearncamp.com.



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Vermont Vacation Rentals Vermont Vacation Rentals Vermont Early Fall Lakeside Retreats

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BRIDPORT, VT

Lake Champlain—Amazing Converted Carriage Barn on 1.5 Acres. This is the way to experience Vermont! This converted barn is 150 years old and was moved to the edge of Lake Champlain onto 1-1/2 acres fifteen years ago, so it boasts modern amenities with old charm. This property is most suitable for a couple or a family. There is one-bedroom alcove on the first floor with a queen-size bed, and a futon couch that makes up into a double bed. The upstairs is a very roomy open area with two twin beds and an inflatable queen-size bed. Sleeps 4-8. Washer & dryer. Internet access. The house has a wonderful feel and Lake Champlain is a few yards away with a waterfront lot for your use. The views from the house are spectacular with the Adirondack Mountains across the lake. In Bridport: Middlebury College is 13 miles away; the free ferry to New York is 5 miles. Weekly summer rentals; long weekends off-season. Well-behaved pets allowed with permission (two-dog maximum). Contact (508) 237-2912. coblair2@comcast.net. (Listing #136)

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FERRISBURGH, VT

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Enjoy the views of Lake Fairlee from your chair on the dock, West Fairlee, VT. (Listing #54)

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North Country Book News

Book Review by Charles Sutton

by Aaron Hawkins

One is never too young to become an entrepreneur as readers of this fascinating story will see. We follow the adventures of 13-yearold Jackson Jones as he surprisingly finds himself buying a neglected 300 tree apple orchard for \$8,000 (no money down) which must be paid off by season's end from apple sales.

A widowed cantankerous neighbor Mrs. Nelson gives the boy this 'fantastic' opportunity, advising him that the trees will yield two bushels per tree that sell for \$25 a bushel providing a handsome \$15,000 income, enough to pay for the orchard and plenty of cash left over. "It's practically like growing money on trees," she exclaims.

The dazed boy follows her able fruit boxes at the dump, cent of the take for his efforts. to the lawyer's office and a formal contract is signed saying he must pay for it from a 'single growing season."

As the story unfolds Jackson enlists the help of his sisters Lisa, 11, and Jennifer, 8; and cousins Amy, 13, Sam, 11, and Michael, 9, as apple-growing partners, but he doesn't tell them about the stressful financial pressure he is under. The young crew goes about managing the orchard, driving a tractor and other equipment, pruning the trees, putting in irrigation, spraying, and finally the harvest. These tasks are much harder than any of them imagined.

The story has plenty of upbeat moments like when they find 850 discarded but reus-

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thereby saving the expense of buying them at \$1.50 a box. They colorfully relabel the boxes 'New Mexico Apples.'

Coming up with a price for the apples was another problem to be surmounted as the \$8 a box easy-to-sell price wouldn't net enough income to pay for the orchard. Putting their heads together the crew came up with offering smaller amounts in plastic bags. This brought in \$14 a bushel, and saved the day!

In one of the most touching moments in the story we find eight-year-old Jennifer holding a lamp for her brother as he frantically picks apples in the dark. She falls asleep on the ground where their perplexed and worried father finds them and carries the girl home.

As the crop begins to come in Mrs. Nelson decides she wants to keep the now productive orchard after all and will give 'the child' 20 per-

Even though he is worn out and not prepared for this ordeal our hero is not intimidated and tells her: "No way, we have a contract!

At the end of the season there's not much profit after paying off Mrs. Nelson and the charge account at General Supply. Jackson keeps nothing for himself and the others net from \$80 to \$142, but next year's money will really grow on trees when the crew will work anew in their paid-for orchard.

Author Aaron Hawkins tended his family's orchard as a child in New Mexico. "I was never really paid for any of the work but looking back, I think of it as transformative." And thus his story. ↓ ≍⋑**। ※**•€≍-↓

The Year Money Grew on The suspense is not over. Trees by Aaron Hawkins and published by Houghton Mifflin is available at bookstores for \$16 or can be obtained from the publisher at www. hmhbooks.com.

Great Billings Book Sale Coming to Burlington Oct. 15

University of Vermont Libraries is hosting a book sale on Saturday, October 15 from 10 am to 5 pm at the Billings Library, 48 University Place (facing the UVM Green), in Burlington, VT.

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Book News

The Green Garden A New England Guide to Planning, Planting and Maintaining an Eco-Friendly Habitat Garden

Written by Ellen Sousa Introduction by William Cullina

Whether you have just purchased a new property with a garden to tend, or have made a personal decision to go 'Green,' or are just looking at the same old backyard that needs attention, this book can help.

Designed and written in a practical but comprehensive style, and loaded with beautiful large full-color photos, The Green Garden is an inspirational guidebook.

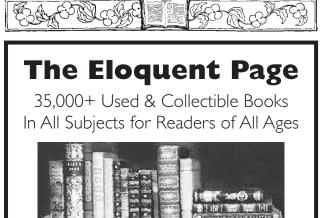
Sousa shows low-cost, beautiful and earth-friendly ways to "green" those landscapes and outdoor spaces and supply an adequate habitat for a whole variety of declining species, including birds, native pollinators, honey bees, amphibians and turtles.

The book includes an extensive Plant Guide, detailing wildlife-friendly plants suitable for varied conditions and microclimates found in New England, along with cultivation hints and tips, and the species attracted by each plant.

With sections for Annuals, Vegetables and Herbs, Bulbs and Perennials, Shrubs, Vines, and Medium to Large "Mast" Trees, The Green Garden includes an introduction and photos from renowned native plant author and propagator William Cullina, formerly from the New England Wild Flower Society, now Curator at Coastal Maine Botanic Garden.

Author Ellen Sousa is a garden coach and teacher whose enthusiasm for creating backyard habitat sanctuaries has made her a popular speaker and natural-style garden tour guide across New England. She lives in Spencer, MA

**** The Green Garden: The New England Guide to Planning, Planting and Maintaining an Eco-Friendly Habitat Garden by Ellen Sousa is \$29.95, paperback with 225 color photos, published by Bunker Hill Publishing. Visit www. bunkerhillpublishing.com.



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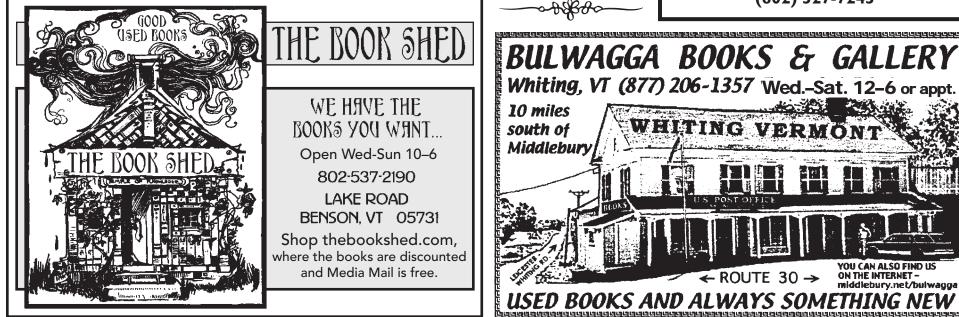
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Burlington 27 Book Festival

The 7th Annual Burlington Book Festival is coming September 23–25 to four venues conveniently located in downtown Burlington, VT.

The Opening Ceremonies and Festival Dedication will take place Friday, September 23rd at The Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center. The Grace Paley Poetry Series will also take place there on Sunday, September 25.

There will be readings, signings, panels, film screenings, musical performances, workshops, lectures, demos, original theatre and special events featuring literary luminaries from around the world—and just around the corner! Among the many authors appearing are Myla Goldberg, Philip Levine, Ed Koren, Yannick Murphy, Allen Shawn, and Douglas Kennedy.

Festival dedicated to Ed Koren

The city's celebration of the written word will be dedicated to award-winning Vermont illustrator and humorist Ed Koren.

Internationally venerated for his instantly recognizable and singularly insightful work, Koren has long been associated with The New Yorker magazine, where he has published over 1,000 cartoons as well as numerous covers and illustrations. He has also contributed to many other publications, including The New York Times, Newsweek, Time, GQ, Esquire, Vogue, Fortune and Vanity Fair.

His illustrated books include How to Eat Like a Child, Teenage Romance and Do I Have to Say Hello (all by Delia Ephron), A Dog's Life by Peter Mayle and Pet Peeves by George Plimpton. Thelonius Monster's Sky High Fly Pie by Judy Siera was published in 2006; Oops! by Alan Katz in 2008; and How to Clean Your Room in 10 Easy Steps by Jennifer Larue Huget in 2010.

Koren has also written and illustrated books for children such as Behind the Wheel and Very Hairy Harry. He has published six collections of cartoons which first appeared in The New Yorker, the most recent being The Hard Work of Simple Living.

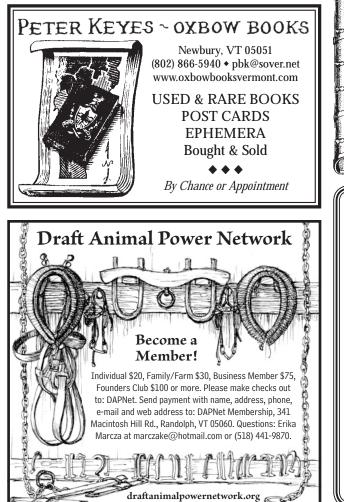
He attended Columbia University, did graduate work in etching and engraving with S.W. Hayter at Atelier 17 in Paris and received an MFA degree from Pratt Institute. He taught at Brown University for many years. Koren's cartoons, drawings, and prints have been widely exhibited in shows and museums across the United States as well as in Europe. A major retrospective of his work was shown at the Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Gallery at Columbia University in 2010.

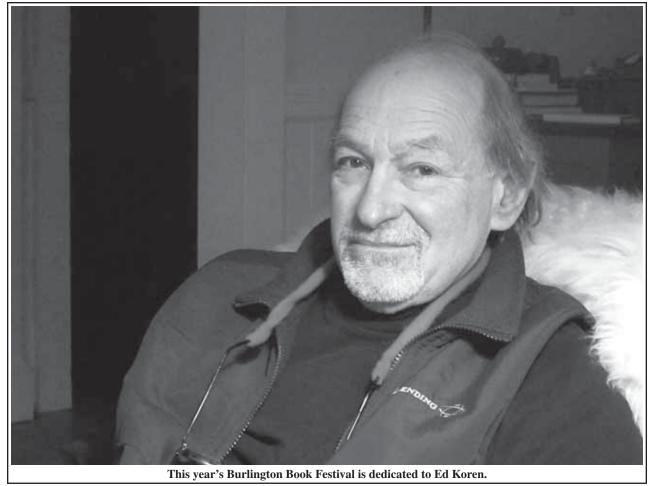
Ed Koren received a Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from Union College and has been a John Simon Guggenheim Fellow. And Ed has been a member of the Brookfield Volunteer Fire Department for 22 years.

Elinor Lipman to Speak September 24th

Internationally acclaimed novelist Elinor Lipman will make a headlining appearance on Saturday, September 24th at the Film House, 3rd floor of Main Street Landing's Performing Arts Center from 4-4:30 p.m.

Lipman is the author of nine novels including The Family Man, My Latest Grievance, The Pursuit of Alice Thrift, Then She Found Me (adapted into a 2008 feature film starring Helen Hunt, Bette Midler and Colin Firth) and the story collection, Into Love and Out Again. Her essays, book reviews and op-ed columns have appeared in the Boston Globe, Gourmet, Chicago Tribune, Washington Post, Salon, Huffington Post, The New York Times' "Writers on Writing" series and its "Modern Love" column. Her honors include the 2001 New England Book Award for a body of work and the Poetry Center's 2007 Paterson Fiction Prize.





Elinor is tweeting one political poem every day from now until the 2012 election. You can follow her on Twitter @ elinorlipman. Her poems have already been recognized by both the Boston Globe and the New Republic online."

Philip Levine, Poet Laureate of the United States to Appear

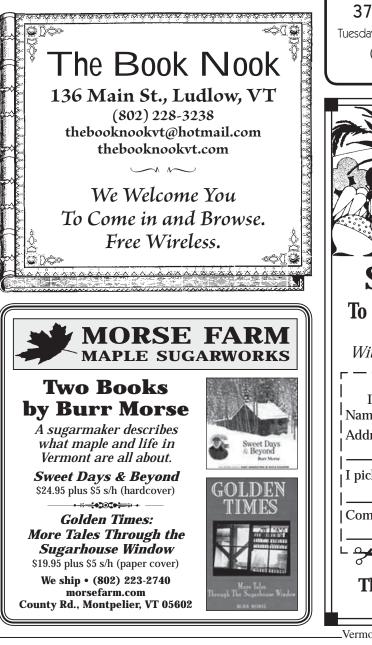
The Burlington Book Festival will feature a headlining appearance by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, Philip Levine, who has been named Poet Laureate of the United States.

"We're tremendously honored to have Philip headlining this year's Grace Paley Poetry Series on Sunday, September 25," said Festival Director Rick Kisonak. "He's a legend and we're very lucky to have him as a highlight of this year's stellar line up."

The Library of Congress has named Philip Levine in the one-year position. He will succeed W.S. Merwin in the post. Born in Detroit in 1928, Levine has used his poetry to examine blue-collar life, often embroidering everyday events with a sense of myth.

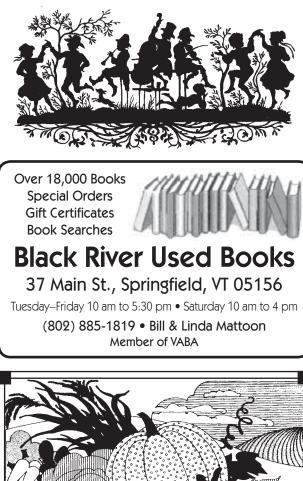
Announcing America's most prestigious poetry post Wednesday, Librarian of Congress James H. Billington called Levine "one of America's great narrative poets. His plainspoken lyricism has, for half a century, championed the art of telling 'The Simple Truth'—about working in a Detroit auto factory, as he has, and about the hard work we do to make sense of our lives."

Billington was referring to a collection of poems titled The Simple Truth, for which Levine won the Pulitzer Prize in



1995. Levine, who's won virtually every major prize for his work, including a Pulitzer, the Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize, two National Book Awards and two Guggenheims, is celebrated for evoking the richness of ordinary American life.

The Burlington Book Festival is a co-production of Burlington Magazine and The Stern Center for Language and Learning. For more information please call (802) 658-3328 or read all about it at www.burlingtonbookfestival.com.



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A pleased young ribbon-winning exhibitor and her cow at the Tunbridge World's Fair.

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