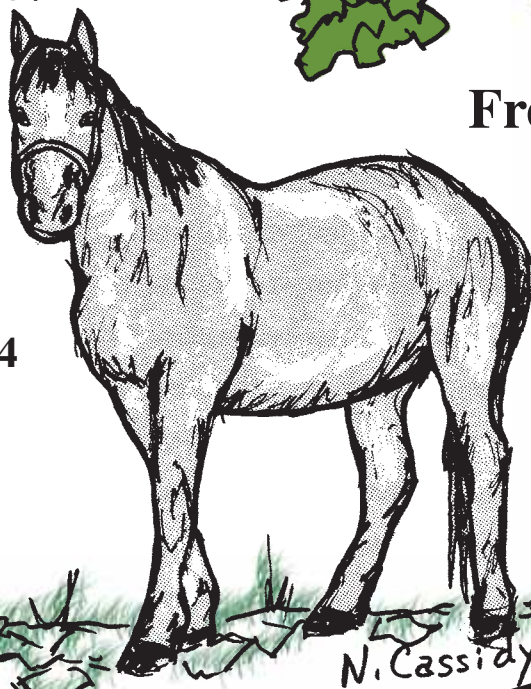


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The Nature Museum at Grafton will hold its Sixth Annual Fairy House Tour on Saturday and Sunday, September 27 & 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors will follow a forest path sprinkled with fairy houses, then return to The Nature Museum to create their own fairy dwellings in the gardens.

Face painting, fairy wings, and hands-on crafts create an interactive and magical experience for all. Light refreshments will be available for purchase.

The Fairy House Tour is The Nature Museum's primary fundraiser.

Last year, 36 individuals, families, and organizations built fairy structures.

If you or your organization would like to build a fairy house, please email Executive Director Carrie Roy King at [carrie@nature-museum.org](mailto:carrie@nature-museum.org), call the Museum at (802) 843-2111, or visit [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org). The Nature Museum will

hold a free, optional workshop for fairy house builders on Saturday, September 6, at the Museum. All fairy architects who submit a structure will receive two free tickets to this year's event.

Last year, 36 fairy houses were nestled in the Village Park woods. Over 600 tour-goers marveled at fairy cottages, a merry-go-round, a post office for fairy mail, an avian airline for sprites, and many other hollows, hideaways, and houses!

Bring your fairy spirit to this charming event. Dress up and delight in the adventure. Join us for The Fairy House Tour, where curiosity, imagination, and learning unite in a shared celebration of nature!"

Advance tickets are \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and \$4 children ages 3-18 and may be purchased at The Nature Museum, at [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org), or by calling (802) 843-2111.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$5 children. Children 2 and under attend for free.

*The Nature Museum, 186 Townshend Rd., Grafton, VT. (802) 843-2111. [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org).*



A young visitor to the Fairy House Tour tries her wings!

photo by The Nature Museum

## Rabbit

There is a thicket deep in me  
Where I may run and hide,  
Peering with bright and doubtful eyes  
At those who pass outside.

There I crouch and hear the rain  
Beat on the tangled leaves,  
And if my own heart's rain drips down,  
Briars conceal what grieves.

Certain things are buried low  
Under thorn and root:

A crimson leaf, two small black stones,  
A green and budding shoot

Stolen from an apple-tree,  
A milkweed pod, barberry.  
I dig them up and look at them,  
In need of being merry.

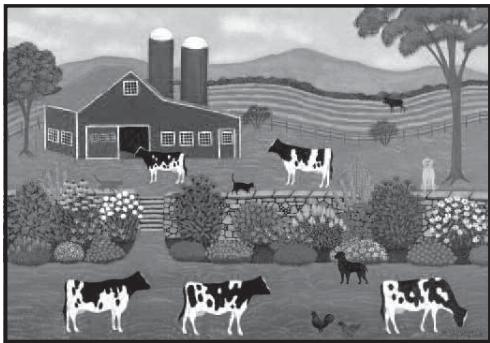
When I am sick with hurtling streets,  
With city roof and rafter,  
I scuttle to my thicket's depths  
And pull the sky in after.



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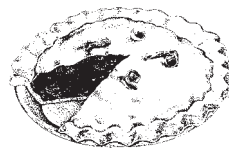
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## Tunbridge World's Fair

Tunbridge, VT • September 11 to September 14, 2014

Experience Vermont's heritage. Explore family farm traditions from the past with antique farm machinery, implements, and an authentic one-room schoolhouse. Learn about Vermont's farming future. See livestock, gardening, and crafts competitions. Enjoy great fair food and an old-fashioned carnival atmosphere harking back to an era when the farming community gathered for harvest picnics and trotting races. Admission. Friday & Saturday 8 a.m. – 9 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (800) 889-5555. [www.tunbridgeworldsfair.com](http://www.tunbridgeworldsfair.com).

## Vermont Golden Honey Festival

Proctorsville, VT • September 13, 2014

Celebrate the work of Vermont's official state insect, the honeybee, as well as local arts and crafts. Browse a variety of products such as raw honey, beeswax candles, salves, crafts, art, pottery, food, and books. Educational workshops and lunch, featuring Goodman's American Pie honey-themed wood-fired pizza. Free admission. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Hosted by the Golden Stage Inn, 399 Depot St. [www.goldenstageinn.com](http://www.goldenstageinn.com). (802) 226-7744.

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## Annual Peru Fair

Peru, VT • September 27, 2014

Located near Bromley, this fair kicks off with a parade down Main Street at 9:45 a.m., featuring antique cars, alpacas, over 100 vendors, and entertainment. Enjoy local and exotic foods, village green pig roast, music and a crisp fall day at this old-fashioned country fair. Admission \$6, children under 6 years old free. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. All parking at Bromley Mountain on Rt. 11 with free shuttle to and from the fair. (802) 824-4563. [www.perufair.org](http://www.perufair.org).

## Stowe Rotary's Oktoberfest

Stowe, VT • October 3 to October 5, 2014

Willkommen to Oktoberfest in the mountain village of Stowe! This family-friendly celebration features a free Friday night "Rocktoberfest" and Saturday's Grand Parade. Two days filled with wurst and oompah bands, singing and dancing, Vermont microbrew beer, auctions, raffles, displays and more. Kids games and activities at the Kinderplatz. Admission: Friday free, Saturday & Sunday \$10. Open Friday 7-11 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. At Stowe Events Field, Weeks Hill Rd. (802) 253-4788. [www.stowerotary.com](http://www.stowerotary.com).

## Pumpkin & Apple Celebration at Billings Farm & Museum

Woodstock, VT • October 4 to October 5, 2014

Pumpkins and apples are front and center at this autumn festival. Tour the working dairy farm, restored farmhouse, and museum of rural heritage. Vote for your favorite in the apple quiz, lend a hand in pressing cider, make pumpkin or apple ice cream, and prepare apples for drying. Are you a ringer? Try your hand at pumpkin bowling or play apples-on-a-string. Enjoy horsedrawn wagon rides and displays of apples and over 40 different pumpkins and squash. Admis-



photo by Nancy Cassidy

A beautiful team of dapple grey Percheron draft horses pull a wagon at the recent Addison County Fair and Field Days.

sion: adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).

## Vermont Sheep & Wool Festival

Tunbridge, VT • October 4 & October 5, 2014

Come to the Vermont Sheep & Wool Festival to celebrate farms, fiber and Vermont. Visit the marketplace, where over 70 vendors offer yarn, fiber products and supplies, local meat and cheese, and equipment. See sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas and rabbits in the animal barn; take a workshop in dyeing, spinning, felting, weaving and more. Events include a fleece show and sale, fiber arts competitions, shepherd workshops, sheep shearing and herding. Admission: adults \$6, seniors \$5, under 12 \$1. Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. At Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 592-3062. [www.vtssheepandwoolfest.org](http://www.vtssheepandwoolfest.org).

## 17th Annual Mount Snow Oktoberfest

West Dover, VT • October 11 to October 12, 2014

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St. Johnsbury, VT • October 12, 2014

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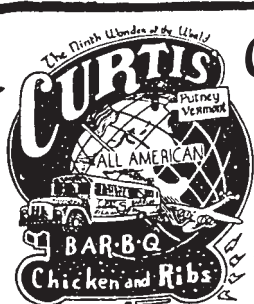
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# Visit Billings Farm & Museum in September

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Whether you are a visitor or make Vermont your home, plan a trip to Billings Farm this fall. You'll have a great time!

## Labor & Leisure

Celebrate Labor Day weekend with Billings Farm & Museum during Labor & Leisure Day on Sunday, August 31, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lend a hand building a rail fence, working in the heirloom garden, and enjoy 19th century games. Experience the latest in 19th century laundry techniques. There's even ice cream making with samples for all after the cranking is done. Horse-drawn wagon rides will be offered from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## 28th Annual Quilt Exhibition

Billings Farm & Museum hosts its 28th Annual Quilt Exhibition through September 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring a colorful display of quilts made by quilters residing in Windsor County, Vermont. The exhibition will include quilting activities and demonstrations for every age and skill level, with quilters on hand to discuss their work.

Challenge quilts made by The Delectable Mountain Quilters will also be exhibited. This year's theme is "Memories of Edith" a tribute to guild member Edith Artz from Rochester, VT. A quilt challenge requires specific design and construction rules agreed upon by guild members, with the goal of improving their quilting skills. The challenge quilts will be on display with the juried exhibition.

The Billings Farm & Museum Staff Choice Award and the Juror's Choice Awards for the 28th Annual Quilt Exhibition have been announced and visitors can see these winners in the exhibition. Cynthia Dalrymple of South Royalton, VT, received the Billings Farm & Museum Staff Choice Award for her quilt, "Dance of the Dragon Flies."

The Juror's Choice Awards are Lynne Crosswell of Ludlow, VT, recognized for her quilt, "Ti Plant", by juror Kathie Beltz; "My Crazy Quilt", made by Mary Croft of East Barnard, VT, was selected by juror Colleen O'Neill; and Susan Damone Balch of Reading, VT was selected by juror Mary Schilke for her quilt "Eye Dazzler."

During the past quarter-century, Billings Farm & Museum



Colleen O'Neill (left), juror, awarded Mary Croft (right) from East Barnard her Juror's Choice Award ribbon for her quilt, *My Crazy Quilt* at the Quilt Show at Billings Farm & Museum. photo by Billings Farm & Museum

has played a role in encouraging the quilting tradition in Windsor County. Still considered both a creative and utilitarian household craft, renewed interest in the tradition dovetails with the museum's mission of celebrating Vermont's rural heritage. Since 1985, over 260 quilters have submitted more than 1000 quilts for exhibit at the Farm & Museum.

## 9th Annual Traditional Craft Saturdays

Traditional Craft Saturdays occur on the first four Saturdays in September, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors are invited to explore a series of Vermont crafts – their history, process, and uses – through informal learning and discovery. A different craft will be featured each week.

Saturday, September 6 – *Felting with Janet Cathey from*

*Strafford, VT.* Janet, a felt maker and local art teacher, will demonstrate felting techniques, give the history of felting, and encourage visitors to try felting.

Saturday, September 13 – *Blacksmithing with Craig Marcotte from Lyndon, VT.* Craig will demonstrate the steps and techniques of blacksmithing – how the skill was used on late 19th century farms and is used today.

Saturday, September 20 – *Pottery with Ara Cardew, Quechee, VT.* Ara, a third generation potter who grew up at Wenford Bridge Pottery, UK, will demonstrate the steps and techniques involved in pottery making.

Saturday, September 27 – *Cooper with David Salvetti, Fulton, NY.* David will demonstrate making barrels and buckets, displaying coopering tools and various techniques.

The Billings Farm & Museum is open daily through October 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekends Nov. – Feb., and Christmas & Presidents' weeks, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission: adults \$14; 62 & over \$13; children 5-15 \$8; 3-4 \$4; 2 & under free. It is located one-half mile north of the village green on Rt. 12. For information call (802) 457-2355 or visit [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).

## From the Pasture Hill

These things I see from the pasture hill; —  
An old man fixing his cider mill;  
Two women working down below  
In the Ox-bow valley, where flowers grow;  
Two icemen loading a rattling truck,  
A pair of gardeners forking muck;  
While over the river I see two crows  
Being chased by two little kingbird foes.  
And down the road ride Joe and Sue  
On a red-wheeled bicycle built for two.

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  
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## Woodstock's Pentangle Arts 40th Anniversary Season

This year Pentangle Arts is excited to launch its 40th Anniversary season with a nod to the past and an eye on the future!

In 1974 a group of friends, local business owners, and artists sat down in Polly Billings' living room to discuss what this community could do to promote the arts in our area. From this gathering and backed by the recently founded Vermont Council on the Arts (VCA), Pentangle was established.

Pentangle Arts has put together an array of music, theatre, visual arts, and an 'Arts in Education' series for area schools. Returning this season are well-known and beloved events, including The Light Garden, the fall musical, the 13th Annual Holiday House Tour, the 19th Annual Community Showcase, Throwback Thursdays, and first-run Hollywood movies!

The Main Stage Series adds new artists to Pentangle's roster, offering a richly entertaining selection of performances.

**Big Sam's Funky Nation—Saturday, September 13th, 2014, Woodstock Town Hall Theatre at 7:30 p.m.** Big Sam's Funky Nation is a driving force of urban funk. The band is led by trombone powerhouse, Big Sam Williams, formerly the trombonist for the Dirty Dozen Brass Band. Big Sam refuses to let the audience sit still!

**Jazzmeia Horn—Friday, October 17th, 2014, Woodstock Town Hall Theatre, 7:30 p.m.** With a strong nod to the vocal traditions of the past, and a headstrong look to the future, Jazzmeia Horn performs with soulful sound, understanding of the jazz idiom, and storytelling.

**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat—October 24th through November 2nd, 2014, Woodstock Town Hall Theatre (see performance schedule for times).** The Biblical saga of Joseph and his coat of many colors comes to vibrant life in this delightful musical parable. Joseph, his father's favorite son, is a boy blessed with prophetic dreams.

**Cool Yule with the Hot Club of San Francisco—Friday, December 12th, 2014, Woodstock Town Hall Theatre at 7:30 p.m.** Fire up your holidays with a swinging gypsy wagon trip to the North Pole featuring many of your favorite seasonal gems performed by The Hot Club of San Francisco.

**Helen Kim—Sunday, April 19th, 2015, Cloudland Farm, 2 p.m. reception, 3 p.m. concert, 4 p.m. reception, 5 p.m. concert.** Helen Kim made her orchestral debut with the Calgary Philharmonic at the age of six, and has appeared as a soloist with the Boston Pops, as well as with the Milwaukee and Atlanta Symphony Orchestras.

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The Hot Club of San Francisco performs in Woodstock, VT on December 12, 2014. photo by Johnson Photography

### Chester, VT

## 40th Annual Fall Festival Craft Show on the Chester Green

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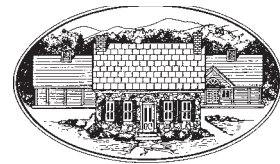
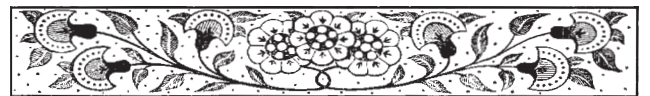
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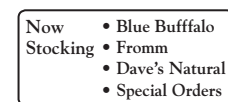
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## The Seasons of Early Fall

by Bill Felker

### The Week the Last Wildflowers Bloom

That it would always be summer and autumn, and you always courting me...

—Thomas Hardy

In the last week of late summer, the final tier of wildflowers starts to open. White and violet asters, orange beggarticks, burr marigolds, tall goldenrod, zigzag goldenrod and Japanese knotweed come into bloom, blending with the brightest of the purple ironweed, yellow sundrops, blue chicory, golden touch-me-nots, showy coneflowers and great blue lobelia.

Deep in the woods, the late wildflowers of this year coincide with the first growth of second spring, actually the first days of next spring. March's henbit comes up in the garden. The garlic mustard that will flower two Aprils from now sprouts in the rain. Wood mint puts out new stalks. Watercress revives in the sloughs. Next May's sweet rockets and next July's avens send up fresh basal leaves. Scattered violets flower. Sweet Cicely sends out its foliage again. Sedum reappears, lanky from its canopied summer.

On the farm, pickle season is usually over, and peaches are done for the year. Grapes are about to come in, and elderberries are deep purple and sweet for picking. Hickory nutting season opens as sweet-corn time winds down. Burrs from tick trefoil stick to your stockings when you wander off the trail. Lizard's tail drops its leaves into the creeks and sloughs.

The last fireflies are flickering. Red-headed woodpeckers, red-winged blackbirds, house wrens, scarlet tanagers, indigo buntings, eastern bluebirds and black ducks migrate. Beside the deer paths of the forests, the undergrowth is tattered and cluttered with the remnants of the year.

### The Week of the Puffball Mushrooms

First September touching  
puffballs-in-the-grass  
(like moons)  
and fondling yellowed sassafras.

—Hepatica Sun

One of the first signs of early fall is the appearance of giant white puffball mushrooms in the woods. As the sun moves to within a few degrees of equinox, other creatures tell the time as well as puffballs. Sycamores, locust, elms, box elders, chinquapin oaks, lindens and redbuds show their autumn colors. Leaves gather in the backwaters and on sidewalks and paths. Sycamores are changing to a golden green, dogwoods to pink. Bright patches of scarlet sumac and Virginia creeper mark the fencerows. Some ash and cottonwoods are almost bare. Slippery elms are turning yellow-brown, and poplars fade. The rich scent of late summer pollen is almost gone by end of the week, replaced by the pungent odor of fallen



photo by Nancy Cassidy

An exhibitor leads his cow to drink in the river at the Tunbridge World's Fair in Tunbridge, VT.

apples and leaves. Cicadas are dying. Bees are awkward and stiff in the cool mornings.

Sometimes on sunny days, woolly bear caterpillars swarm across the roads. Giant orbweaver spiders weave their webs across dorways and windows. Kingbirds, finches, ruddy ducks, herring gulls and yellow-bellied sapsuckers move south.

Most berries are gone from the wild cherry trees when puffball mushrooms grow in the dark. The fat osage fruits are falling. Berries are red on the silver olives, orange on the American mountain ash, purple on the pokeweed. The domestic plants of local ponds are shriveling: the water lettuce, hyacinth and pickerel. The green frogs are finally silent.

### The Time of Leafturn

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness!  
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;  
Conspiring with him how to load and bless  
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run.

—John Keats

When autumn leafturn accelerates near equinox in New England, the deciduous trees are bare in northern Canada. In Oregon and Maine, foliage colors are approaching their best. Throughout the country, the smoky tint of last week's canopy quickly becomes clear and bright

Now the soybean fields are yellow. Touch-me-nots are popping. Wood nettle seeds are black. Wingstem, clearweed and ironweed complete their cycle. Buckeyes are starting to burst from their hulls. More black walnuts, more hickory nuts, more acorns come down. The huge pink mallows of the wetlands have died, heads dark, leaves disintegrating. Scattered in the pastures, the milkweed pods are full, straining, ready to open. Mullein stalks stand bare like withered cacti. In the perennial garden, varieties of late hostas, like the August Moon and the Royal Standard, discard their petals.

Robin migration calls complement the chatter of the crows and jays and squirrels in the early mornings. Grackles are flocking in the fields. Cicada holidays become more frequent in the cooler afternoons. Sometimes katydids keep silence after dark, leaving the whole night to the great chorus of crickets.

### The Week the Milkweeds Open

The Frost performs its secret ministry,  
Unhelped by any wind.

—Samuel Taylor Coleridge

When the milkweed pods come open, then frost season has arrived, and Canadian geese, great-crested flycatchers, blue-gray gnatcatchers, ruby-throated hummingbirds, eastern wood peewees and bank swallows move down their flyways toward the Gulf of Mexico. Buzzards gather at their roosts. Crows are the only birds to call before dawn. Butterflies become more numerous, still visit the late phlox and the zinnias in the afternoon sun; other insects, however, become less common in the field and garden as the number of pollen-bearing flowers dwindles. Spiders understand; they weave fewer webs. Bees compete for the remaining nectar. Winter's craneflies swarm, a fraction of their December size.

When milkweed pods open, fallen leaves begin to cover the undergrowth, and the canopy is visibly thinning. Honey locusts are yellowing. Hickories are gold, like the ashes (before the emerald ash borer arrived). The first white mulberry and sycamore leaves have come down in the wind.

Barberries are red, and rose hips have turned alongside them. Touch-me-nots are still blooming, but their foliage deteriorates. Older wingstem and ironweed are done blossoming. Queen Anne's lace and bright blue chicory die back suddenly. The first goldenrod is brown. Boneset is rusting. Beggarticks are ready to stick to your clothing. Roadside sunflowers and Jerusalem artichokes enter their final week.



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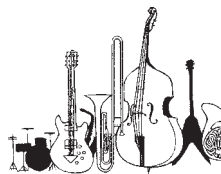
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# A Vermont Almanack for Early Autumn

by Bill Felker

If we are ever going to dwell in the house of the Lord, I believe, we do so now. If any house is divinely made, it is this one here, this great whirling mansion of planets and stars.

—Scott Russell Sanders

## The Puffball Mushroom Moon And the Hickory Nutting Moon

September's moon is the Puffball Mushroom Moon (often called the Harvest Moon) that presides over the autumn growth of mushrooms, as well as the corn harvest, the start of soybean harvest, and the peak of spider web abundance in the woods. Beside the puffballs, look for hickory nuts, acorns and black walnuts throughout the autumn.

*August 25:* The Puffball Mushroom Moon is new at 9:13 a.m. In traditional moon naming, this is the Harvest Moon. *September 2:* The moon enters its second quarter at 6:11 a.m. *September 8:* The moon is full at 8:38 p.m., reaching Perigee (its position closest to Earth) at the same time. *September 15:* The moon enters its last quarter at 9:05 p.m. *September 20:* Lunar Apogee (the moon's position farthest from Earth) *September 24:* The Hickory Nutting Moon is new at 1:14 a.m.

## The Sun

The sun moves toward fall at a little more than one degree every three days until it reaches equinox at 10:29 p.m. (EDT) on September 22, entering the sign of Libra at the same moment.

## The Planets

Venus, hiding in Leo, remains out of sight throughout September, but Jupiter rises well before dawn in Cancer, then in Leo, and remains the morning star throughout the month. Mars is an evening star, visible in the southwest in Scorpio. Saturn in Libra will be too close to the sun for easy observation in early and middle autumn.

## The Shooting Stars

The Alpha Aurigid meteors pass over Vermont between August 28 and September 9. The Piscid meteors fall through Pisces, in the southern sky, on the night of September 21.

## The Stars

The evening sky of September tells the story of the season: The Summer Triangle of Cyngus, Lyra and Aquia ripens all the remaining vegetables and field crops as it moves into the west. Aquarius, Capricorn and Sagittarius along the southern



photo by Nancy Lively  
Dave Lively of Lively's Livery in N. Bennington, VT takes guests for a wagon ride with his American Cream draft horses.

horizon accompany the great grain harvest. Aries and Perseus in the eastern sky pull down the leaves.

## 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 historically brings an increased chance for dangerous weather. Full moon on September 8 and new moon on September 24, increase the likelihood of frost throughout Vermont.

## Old Vermont Roads

The old-time roads, they used to run  
Right over all the hills and rises,  
And made the shortest kind of cut  
To get to Benning Wentworth's prizes;  
They wasn't tipped with tepid tar,  
They might have made a shofer cavil,  
But they was all the kind of roads  
Our settler fathers had to travel.

They run them roads from town to town  
About the way they shot a rifle;  
A river didn't change their course,  
A mountain made 'em bend a trifle;  
Oh! yes; they jest was "water-bound"—  
No grease or graft or even gravel,  
But still they averaged 'bout as good  
As what we modern "dusties" travel.

The fathers didn't walk abroad  
Arrayed in pumps and Paris slippers;  
They took no hikes along the pikes,  
They never posed as "Sunday trippers;"  
They didn't wash their socks with lux,  
Or rene 'em out in *eau de javel*,  
And where they went they had to go—  
That's why the fathers used to travel.

It's 'bout the same with us to-day;  
You don't back out your panting flivver  
To take a pleasure ride—not much—  
And get an embolismic liver;  
You know jest how a shell-hole looks,  
You've seen all sorts of "surface" ravel,  
You know that when you near a bridge  
You'll see it billed, "Unsafe for Travel."

And when a highway hit a grant  
In them old days, it didn't schism,

But plowed right through to Center Town,  
Like highbrows chasing up an ism;  
And there they built a hard-shell church,  
But didn't fool with soft-shell gravel—  
The road the circuit-rider used  
Was good enough for all to travel.

The teams from Albany got through,  
The stages seldom missed in Summer,  
The sacred cod was right on hand  
But not as yet the Boston drummer;  
He didn't come until he heard  
The rap of Trade's compelling gavel,  
And all the road he counted on  
Was one a traveling man could travel.

It's great to trace them roadways now  
Through worn-out field and back-lot mowing;  
The suller holes and lilac trees  
Still show where life was once a-flowing;  
They're smoother now than lots of "pikes,"  
A-dumdummed up with soft-nose gravel—  
I often wish we had 'em back,  
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## Friday August 29 • Tri-Polar

Darcie Gannon, Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman and Don Martin have a long history of making music together. They first formed an electric rock band called The Vapours; they unplugged and became Alias:Grace, performing their song list as an acoustic trio. In their most recent incarnation as Tripolar, they present their own original material, along with a few of their favorite cover songs. Darcie and Melissa entwine their beautiful lead and harmony vocals, Don adds a third voice and guitar embellishments—they're destined to be Tripolar.

## Friday, September 12 • Pete's Posse

Vermont folk legend Pete Sutherland, his protégé and fellow Clayfoot Strutter, Oliver Scanlon, and Tristan Henderson of Atlantic Crossing are Pete's Posse. Featuring Pete's rootsy songs, original and traditional fiddle music, and a few out-there covers, this band is a fine opportunity for an intimate listen to an ever-evolving musical relationship that spans generations.

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by Charles Sutton

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On the first day we met with him, he asked the class if anyone could define 'infinity'. While we fumbled in our seats wondering if anyone would or could speak up, Mr. Stearns took a piece of chalk and drew a line from one corner of the room, across two blackboards and some double windows, over the remaining of walls including one with a large map and finally down to the door in the corner. He quickly opened the door and threw the piece of chalk out, closed the door and announced, "Gentlemen, that's infinity."

Of course, we were hooked—this would be a good year for sure.

**"If the writing was too wordy, tedious or boring, he would draw a shovel next to that paragraph."**

We were graded once a week on the scale of zero to 100 with 60 passing. But Mr. Stearns also had his own grading system: three marks on every essay, term paper, test, book report, creative writing project and poem that we turned in. One mark was for substance. I almost always did well on that, getting 80s and 90s. The second mark was for grammar. This covered spelling errors, typos, wrong prepositions and punctuation, awkward sentences, etc. If the writing was too wordy, tedious or boring, he would draw a shovel next to that paragraph. Say no more. I usually got failing marks for grammar, not for over-writing and rarely much higher than the 60s. Once I earned an embarrassing low of 35. Mr. Stearns would combine these two marks for the final grade for the paper.

The red ink and many, many corrections never seemed to bother me as I was passing, although I did improve over the years. Part of the problem was learning to read with the guess-if-you-can "Look and Say" method of learning whole words rather than sounding them out phonetically.

In addition to reading and studying a great many American and English authors and a few European ones, Mr. Stearns liked poetry and had us memorize works from many well known poets.

To this day I can still remember reciting John Milton's 137-line *Il Penseroso*. This was a good poem for us teens who were generally depressed a lot of the time anyway. Here's how it started:

"Hence, Vain deluding Joys,  
The brood of Folly without father bred,  
How little you bested,  
Or fill the fixed mind with all your toys;"

Fittingly, Milton's poem concludes with Melancholy being chosen as a lifestyle!

Mr. Stearns was also the faculty coach to the Drama Club, and I suspect he had us memorize those long poems to see

## Young and Old

When all the world is young, lad,  
And all the trees are green,  
And every goose a swan, lad,  
And every lass a queen,  
Then, hey for boot and horse, lad,  
And 'round the world away!  
Young blood must have its course, lad,  
And every dog his day.

When all the world is old, lad,  
And all the trees are brown,  
And all the sport is stale, lad,  
And all the wheels run down,  
Creep home and take your place there,  
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Charles Sutton (standing) portraying an old man in the play *The Male Animal*, when he was in high school in 1948.

if any of his students were good at memorizing lines and could be recruited to be in a play. I guess I did pretty well as I was given one of the leading roles in *The Male Animal*, comedy-drama by James Thurber.

Most of the class time was spent discussing the works of famous American and British writers. We had to read at least one book a week. We all quickly had our favorites but at the top of the list would be Hemingway, Steinbeck and Melville. I was taken with Thomas Hardy's *Return of the Native* and later read more of his books on my own as I did with Thomas Wolfe, author of *Of Time and the River*. We were also exposed to more heady stuff like Whitman, Emerson and Thoreau.

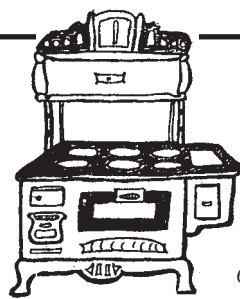
**"We were to be critical readers and thinkers and he wanted this to come out in our term papers."**

Mr. Stearns demanded that we really think about these works, the message they were trying to convey, and their place in history. We were to be critical readers and thinkers and he wanted to see this come out in our term papers. He wasn't fooled by something cribbed from an encyclopedia.

Our age group (15-17) could be easily bored. One day when we weren't too pleased with the new title we had to read, Mr. Stearns picked up Webster's Dictionary, and asked if any of us would like to read this cover to cover and write a report on it? There were no takers. "You might read it anyway," he said, "it might improve your limited vocabularies."

Aside from teaching us to write flawlessly and to enjoy so many worthwhile authors, Mr. Stearns was preparing us for the college entrance board exams. Most of us were hoping to get into a liberal arts college or university, and of course acing those exams would be a big help. We all did well, and a belated thanks to you, Mr. Stearns, for seeing us so prepared so well to go our ways.

As regards a liberal arts education, one of my well-tenured college professors commented that a degree in liberal arts



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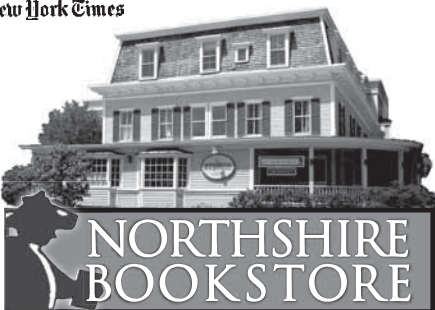
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would be little help in landing a well-paid job, but if we ever earned any money we would know how to spend it!

After college and service in the Navy during the Korean War, I took the exams (that took 2-3 days) for the U.S. Foreign Service. Oddly enough I got my best grade for economics (which I knew very little about) and got a failing grade for my 'ability to write and express myself in English.'

I never told Mr. Stearns about this, but he might have said "you did fine on the grammar since I taught you to dot the i's and cross the t's, but you probably wrote an essay that was politically incorrect or you were being a smart a---."

Nevertheless, I found a career in journalism and have been a writer, reporter and editor (using the English learned in Mr. Stearns' class) for over 57 years.

Would that each student in this new school year gets inspired by their own Mr. Stearns!



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# Old Dr. Carlin's Apple Recipes from 1820

Autumn is here and with it comes clear blue skies, crisp, bracing weather, and orchards full of apples, ripe for the picking. It's time to go to your favorite orchard and come home loaded with fresh apples for eating and cooking, cider, and maybe some cider donuts!

Here are some recipes from almost 200 years ago to try with your freshly picked apples or just to read and dream about.

## Apple Jelly with the Pure Apple Flavor

Cut nice tart apples into quarters without paring or coring. Throw each piece into a jar of cold water as quartered; then take out with the hand, when enough is done to fill another stone jar. Place in a moderate oven, with thick paper over the top, till perfectly tender (being in a stone jar they will not burn). Mash and strain off the juice, and boil with 1 lb. of granulated sugar to each pint. The result is the most perfect flavor of the apple which lies near, and in the skin, seeds, etc. Porcelain kettles should be used for boiling.

*Remarks:* The usual way has been to pare and core, then mash, or grind in a cider mill, boiling the cider, then adding sugar, etc., but the flavor is not nearly so fine. Some use ½ less sugar, and add gelatin, or isinglass, about 1 oz. to each 3 large apples used. But the true way of baking, given above, makes the very best flavor.

## Apple or Peach Preserves for Present Use

Peel, halve and core 6 large apples, selecting those of the same size: make a syrup of 1 lb. of granulated sugar and 1 pt. of water. When it boils drop in the apples with the rind and juice of a lemon. As soon as they are tender, care must be taken that they do not fall in pieces; take the halves out one by one, and arrange, concave side uppermost, in a glass dish. Drop a bit of currant jelly into each piece, boil down the syrup, and when cool pour around the apples. This makes a very nice preserve for tea. Peaches can be substituted for apples, removing the pits carefully; treated in the same manner otherwise.

## A Delicious Dish With Sweet Apples

Bake sweet apples and slice. Sweeten nice cream, flavor with lemon, vanilla or nutmeg, and pour over the apples.

## Apple Charlotte

Stew apples quite soft and flavor with lemon or cinnamon; then prepare some nice bread and butter. Line the bottom of your pudding dish with it; then put a layer of the apple, and continue until filled. Then pour over it a cold custard, and bake, and when cold turn out and serve with sauce made of cream and sugar.

*Remarks:* "Charlotte" is the French for a dish made of apple marmalade (a thick sauce), covered with crumbs of toasted bread, while "russe", which is generally seen in connection with charlotte, is of Russian origination. "Charlotte Russe" signifies a dish of custard enclosed in, or surrounded with sponge cake, etc. With this explanation you can get up either, and understand the whys and wherefores thereof.



Ripe apples ready for the picking at Vermont Technical College orchard, Randolph Center, VT. photo by Nancy Cassidy

## Grandmother's Apple Pie

Line a deep pie plate with pie paste. Pare sour apples—greenings are best—and cut in very thin slices. Allow one cup of sugar and a quarter of a grated nutmeg mixed with it. Fill the pie dish heaping full of the sliced apple, sprinkling the sugar between the layers. It will require not less than six good-sized apples. Wet the edges of the pie with cold water; lay on the cover and press down securely that no juice may escape. Bake three-quarters of an hour, or even less if the apples become tender. It is important that the apples should be well done, but not overdone.

## Apple Bird's Nest Pudding

Alternate layers of thinly sliced bread and butter, and good, tart cooking apples pared, cored and sliced, in a well-buttered baking dish. Sprinkle a little sugar over the apples and dust with cinnamon, nutmeg or allspice. When the dish is filled, grate over the last layer, which should be bread, the yellow rind of a lemon, and squeeze over the juice of the lemon. Bake one hour in a slow oven, taking care to avoid burning the top. Serve hot. *Remarks:* I suppose this takes the name

of "Bird's-Nest" from its resemblance when turned out of the dish to the rough outside of a bird's-nest. But it is delicious, all the same, with cream and sugar or rich milk sauce.

## Apple Turn-Over Baked Pudding

Ingredients: apples, sugar, butter, nutmeg, a little salt, and pie paste. *Directions:* use sufficient nice tart apples to fill such a pudding dish as the family demands; peel, slice and put the apples into the dish, which has been buttered. Cover with good pie paste, and bake in a quick oven. When done, "turn-over" upon a suitable plate, and spread upon the apples 4-8 tablespoons of sugar, and butter half the size of an egg, and a pinch of salt, mixing with a spoon a little on the top; then grate on some nutmeg. Serve hot. The sugar, butter, and nutmeg on it form the sauce, but milk or cream passed with it will suit some better.

*Dr. William Carlin was born in Bedford, England in 1780. Although his advice and recipes were published in 1881, after his death, many were accumulated around the turn of the previous century, making them about 200 years old now.*

## Book Review by Charles Sutton

### Apples of New England—A User's Guide

by Russell Steven Powell

(Published by Countryman Press, Woodstock, VT)

This handy 214-page guide is just in time for this fall's harvest of apples. Soon we will be seeing our favorites at farm stands and in the stores. There will be familiar ones—Cortland, McIntosh, Red Delicious, Northern Spy, Empire and many others, and also those with unfamiliar names whose appearances say, 'try me, you'll like me.'

With information on hundreds of varieties of apples grown and available in New England, this guide with pictures is organized into multicolored apples, russeted apples, cider apples, pink and red, orange, green and yellow apples.

Readers will learn about 110 rare apples, such as the Bethel apple that originated in Bethel, VT in the mid-1800s. Its pear-like shape had good flavor and texture and was of a rich, dark red color.

Many of these rare apple

have intriguing names: Aunt Hannah, Bottle Greening, Flat Sweeting, Late Strawberry, Nodhead, Pumpkin Russet, and Red Seek-No-Further.

The permanent name of each New England apple variety is given as well as its place of origin, year of public release, parentage (where known), harvest dates, and flavor from tart to sweet.

The guide includes a fact-filled history of growing apples in New England, and we learn what havoc weather—especially hail storms, hurricanes, and killing frosts—can do to the apple crop in any of its growing stages from pollination to final harvest.

There is an extensive tribute to John (Appleseed) Chapman and Henry David Thoreau, termed the 'fathers of American wild apples.' "They both championed the

American apple, one by planting it, one by his pen."

During his ascetic lifestyle on the frontier, Chapman planted thousands of apple seeds in areas he felt would be inhabited later by settlers heading West. Thoreau loved the wild apples he found on his many walks, and he writes: "Almost all wild apples are handsome. The

gnarliest will have some redeeming traits for the eye." And he remarks later how "the crabbiest and sour apples make rich, sweet cider."

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## Off Season at Crystal Beach

by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

Summer's over, day camps are finished, children have gone back to school, and Castleton's Crystal Beach, the town's Lake Bomoseen swimming facility and recreation center, is officially closed.

But couples schedule weddings here into October, and anyone can still visit by parking their car along Rt. 30, disregarding chains, padlocks, and climbing over the rail fence. It's hard to make a place like this inaccessible.

Old post cards show a much different Crystal Beach than what's here today. In the nineteen twenties, Model Ts stood in packed rows under towering elms. At that time, boys in woolen bathing suits swam at the bottom of a steep grassy bluff, and behind them was a view of then-sleepy Rt. 30, bordered on one side by split rail fencing and on the other by a nearly-perpendicular wooded rock face that is now full of hidden houses with 'Cliff Dweller' mailing addresses.

Today, the black-willow-shaded bluff has become a grassy place to sit with a view of sailboats moored in Poor Farm Bay, and across the bay, of a restaurant that was once Uncle Charlie's—a jumping hot spot during prohibition years.

*"Often I would bike over with a book, a thermos of tomato soup for my lunch, and spend the day there all alone."*

My first bathing experience was at this steep-bank end of the beach. It was rocky, I remember, down by the water, and that's probably why this area is no longer used. I sometimes wonder what long-dead town official made the decision to relocate swimming to a sandy shallow area farther down the lake shore.

In a little black and white photograph, which I know I still have but can no longer find, my mother and I sit in the shallow water at the foot of a ladder-like staircase. I'm just a year old and seem to be howling. That may be explained by the white ink inscription: "Pam's first swim at Crystal Beach—May."

May! The time to visit Crystal Beach is in September, right now, when no one's here but a mother with a blanket and a picnic lunch and her two tiny sons, the boys playing in the sand close to the swings and jungle gym.

Crystal Beach started out as potato fields belonging to the Castleton Poor Farm. This institution for the town indigent was just up the hill on the corner of Rt. 30 and North Rd. An enterprising local man, Martin Kelly, who at that time was overseer of the poor and ran the place, realized this lakeside farmland was a favorite spot for people to swim, and so in 1922 he opened a public beach and turned the property's barn into a bath house, snack bar, and concession stand.

I remember that barn, leased in the 1950s to the Ballard family, owners back in town of what was then Ballards, now the Castleton Village Store. At night, with banks of pinball machines pinging, glowing and flashing in the velvety darkness, with music from the two porch juke boxes, with hoots from the unruly, with Ballard's grill smoking and sizzling, with the underlying scent of cigarettes, cow manure and beer, it was a thrilling place to mingle, for teen-agers from



Hubbardton, Castleton, Fair Haven and Rutland. Today's squat, slate and cinder block, bathrooms/utility building with a Welcome to Crystal Beach sign, a nearby cabinet full of, "Free books from the Friends of the Castleton Library," and a garden of bee balm, purple-topped lambs ears, pink cone flowers, hostas, black eyed Susans, and one deep purple morning glory plant doesn't measure up to the excitement of that long-ago barn.

Crystal Beach has looked different and has been made use of in different ways in each decade since the 1920s. When I was in my early teens, I remember a particularly elegiac season when the town had more-or-less abandoned the place. Often I would bike over with a book, a thermos of tomato soup for my lunch, and spend the day there all alone.

That atmosphere of gentle desolation is what it feels like now. Trucks and cars rush by on Rt. 30. The only other sounds are the quacking of ducks, gulls crying overhead, and the far away tiny shouts of the two children playing.

The trees, the grass, the bulrushes down by the mouth of a little inflow brook all shimmy gently in the lake's steady breezes. Under full sun, up on the hill, an old maple is already showing autumn color. The surface water of Bomoseen looks like its been strewn with diamonds.

What were once trailer lot rentals, a few years back, were reclaimed by the town and are returned to lush green parkland under spreading black willows. Near the road in a little

unexpected cemetery, battered but mostly-intact headstones stand in rows, some with early-1820s weeping willow and urn motifs. This is the final resting place of near-by Hubbardton families, the Parsons, the Eatons, and a Goodwin. They all lie together now, dreaming in the sun, close to the lake on their neatly-maintained hillside.

At Crystal Beach, this is the best time of all.

*Pamela Hayes Rehlen has written all of her life and lived most of that life in Castleton, Vermont. She is the author of many stories, articles, essays and magazine features and of two books, The Blue Cat and the River's Song, and The Vanished Landmarks Game—Vermont Stories from West of Birdseye, available at the Castleton Village Store and a number of Vermont bookstores.*

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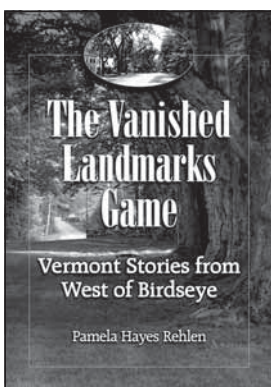
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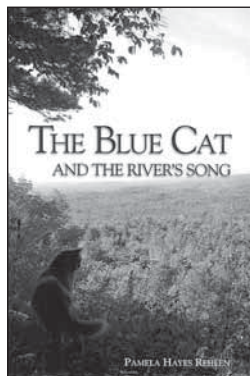
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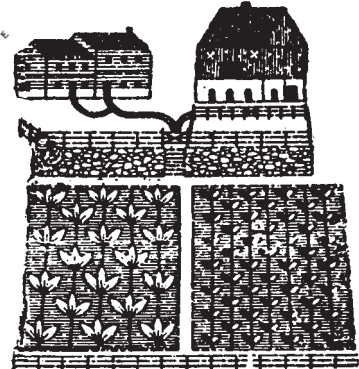
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of winter. Purple eggplants shine with the promise of delectable dishes. There's still green beans and greens and everything in between as root veggies and fall crops share the stage.

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# Vermont Country Calendar

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## DAILY EVENTS FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

**BRANDON.** Point CounterPoint Faculty Concert. The faculty of Point CounterPoint chamber music camp will perform as a benefit for the Compass Music and Arts Foundation. Donation. 7 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. [www.pointcp.com](http://www.pointcp.com).

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

**ROCHESTER.** Bread and Puppet Performance: *The Nothing Is Not Ready Circus*. At 3 pm. \$8 admission, children under 5 are free. Reception for Peter Schumann at 5 pm for the opening of Mr. Schumann's exhibit, *King Solomon: the Great Love Poet Fails to Meet the Queen of Sheba in Palestine*. BigTown Gallery, 99 North Main St. (802) 767-9670. [www.bigtowngallery.com](http://www.bigtowngallery.com).

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

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

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

**BENNINGTON.** Southern Vermont Garlic & Herb Festival. Live music, kids activities, food including garlic ice cream, garlic & farm products and over 100 vendors. Admission \$5, kids \$1. 10 am - 5 pm. Camelot Village, Rt. 9 West. (802) 447-3311. [lovegarlic.com](http://lovegarlic.com). Also August 31.

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

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

**LUDLOW.** Okemo Valley Antique & Classic Car Show. Admission \$10. 10 am - 2 pm. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, 611 Rte. 103 S. (802) 228-5830. [www.yourplaceinvermont.com](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com). Also August 31.

**LYME, NH.** Annual Flea Market. Sponsored by the Lyme Boy Scout Troop 273. 9 am - 2 pm. On the Lyme Common. (603) 795-2897 or (802) 333-4625. Also September 27.

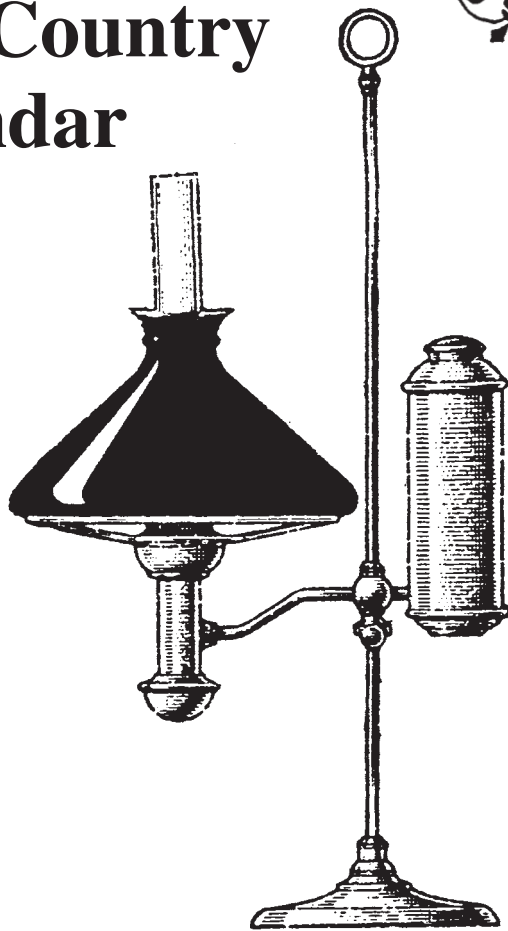
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**NORTHFIELD.** Annual Used Book Sale. 9 am - 3 pm. Brown Public Library, 93 S. Main St. (802) 485-4621. [www.brownpublishinglibrary.org](http://www.brownpublishinglibrary.org). Through September 1.

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

**PLYMOUTH NOTCH.** 10th Annual Plymouth Folk & Blues Concerts. Performances by Jay Ottaway 2-3 pm, Sarah Blacker 3-4 pm, Phil Henry 4-5 pm. Wagon rides, children's crafts and face painting. Chicken BBQ 5-6 pm, \$10. The concerts are free; donation suggested. 2-5 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov). [plymouthfolk.com](http://plymouthfolk.com). Also August 31.



**RUTLAND.** 169th Annual Vermont State Fair. More free entertainment than any other fair! Camping available. Fairgrounds on Rt. 7. (802) 775-5200. [www.vermontstatefair.net](http://www.vermontstatefair.net). Through September 7.

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

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

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**BRATTLEBORO.** Annual Brattleboro Dawn Dance. An overnight dance marathon with contra dances with three bands and three callers and couples dancing from 8 pm Sunday evening through 7 am Monday. Tickets \$25, seniors and student \$20. Purchase in advance online (they can sell out). Bring water, snacks and a change of clothes. Food vendors. At the Gibson-Aiken Center, 207 Main St. (802) 257-1571. [info@dawndance.org](mailto:info@dawndance.org). [dawndance.org](http://dawndance.org).

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**GUILFORD.** 49th Annual Labor Day Weekend Festival. The Guilford Festival Orchestra with Ken Olsson conducting performs Mozart, Janacek, Gounod, Hecker, and Rachmaninoff. Guest soloist Jessica Gelter. The traditional finale is a sing-in of Randall Thompson's "Alleluia." Children welcome. A hearty vegetarian lunch, warm chocolate chip cookies, and fresh lemonade for sale, and a variety of Friends of Music items from cards and CDs to T-shirts and totes. Free admission, donations accepted. 2 pm outdoors on the lawn at the Organ Barn, off Packer Corners Rd. (In case of rain the Broad Brook Grange). (802) 254-3600. [fomag.org](http://fomag.org).



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

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**PLYMOUTH.** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Folk & Blues Concerts. Performances by Chad Hollister 2-3 pm, Hayley Jane and the Primates 3-4 pm, Alastair Mook 4-5. Wagon rides, children's crafts and face painting, live music. Free, donations appreciated. 2-5 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. [www.plymouthfolk.com](http://www.plymouthfolk.com).

**RANDOLPH.** 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual New World Festival. Celebrate Vermont's Celtic and French Canadian heritage. More than 70 musicians from New England, Canada and the British Isles. Concerts, music and dance workshop sessions, children's activities, food and drink, and open dancing on five stages in all-weather tents. At Chandler Music Hall, and Bethany Church from noon until 11 pm. Adults \$39; after 6 pm \$21; students 13-18 \$12; children 2-12 free. (802) 728-6464. [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org). [www.newworldfestival.com](http://www.newworldfestival.com).

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**WELLS.** Pancake Breakfast. 7-11:30 am. At the Wells Fire Department, 114 Rt. 30. (802) 645-0233. [www.wellsvtfd.com](http://www.wellsvtfd.com). Also *October 5*.

**WOODSTOCK.** Labor & Leisure Day. Wagon rides, building a split rail fence, make ice cream, and do the laundry using washboard and wringer. Admission (includes all programs and activities) adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [billingsfarm.org](http://billingsfarm.org).

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**SHEFFIELD.** Annual Field Day. Parade, activities, contests and events. (802) 626-8862.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

**SPRINGFIELD.** Art Exhibit: "Open Hall." Paintings and images from the Springfield area. The Art on the River Gallery at Great Hall Public Art Showcase on 100 River Street. (802) 885-6156. [nlanoue@comcast.net](mailto:nlanoue@comcast.net). Through *October 31*.

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## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

**BARRE.** DanceFest Vermont! Ten featured choreographers present new work, collaborating with experienced dancers, composers, costume, film and light designers. Leading edge Vermont choreographers present five new and original works. Tickets \$20, \$12 for 18 and under. 8 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. (802) 476-8188. [www.vitalsparknorth.com](http://www.vitalsparknorth.com). [www.barreoperahouse.org](http://www.barreoperahouse.org). Also *September 6 in Stowe*.

**BRANDON.** Concert: Salt River Revue. Tickets \$8. 7:30 pm. Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Square. (802) 247-0279. [brandontownhall.org](http://brandontownhall.org).

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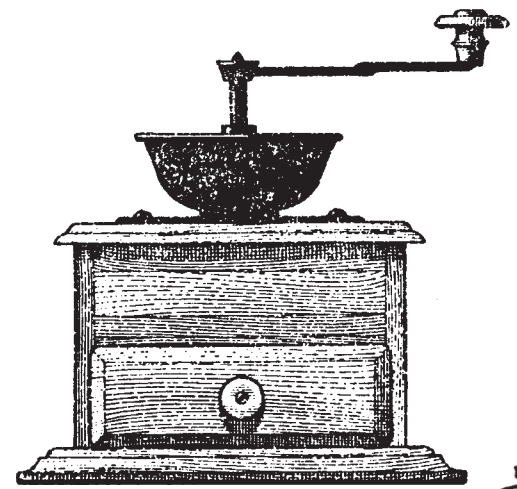
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## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

**BRANDON.** Concert. Jeremiah McLane and Timothy Cummings perform French dance tunes such as the Mazurka and Bourree, jigs and reels from the British Isles, and North American Roots music, including Appalachian, Cajun and Quebecois dance tunes. Tickets: \$15; pre-concert dinner an additional \$20. Reservations recommended. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. [info@brandon-music.net](mailto:info@brandon-music.net). [www.brandon-music.net](http://www.brandon-music.net).

**CANAAN.** Vermont Harvest Bounty Church Supper. A harvest table buffet with the freshest foods all from local farms cooked by local people. Donation. 4:30-7 pm. Grace Community Church, 300 Gale St. (802) 266-3071. [www.thegracecommunitychurch.org](http://www.thegracecommunitychurch.org).

**EAST THETFORD.** Community Cannery Day. Work alongside kitchen staff to can the day's crop and go home with your share of the product—you bring elbow grease, we provide the rest. Light snack provided. No experience required. Pre-registration required. Depending on our harvest, the date of this event might change. Free. 11 am - 3 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. [growing@cedarcirclefarm.org](mailto:growing@cedarcirclefarm.org). [www.cedarcirclefarm.org](http://www.cedarcirclefarm.org).



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**ORWELL.** Soldiers Atop the Mount. Step back to 1776 and 1777 as reenactors take over the Mount, demonstrating Revolutionary War camp life. Annual reading of the Declaration of Independence and music by the Seth Warner Mount Independence Fife & Drum Corps. 9:30 am - 5:30 pm, Admission \$5 adults, free for children under 13. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov). Also *September 7*.

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

**RUTLAND.** Rutland Area Flea Market. Come to our One-year Anniversary Celebration all weekend long! Indoors, year-round, clean & friendly! Coins, crafts, furniture, jewelry, tools, antiques & vintage, sports, art, clothes, toys, gifts, home decor, fabric, yarn, knives, books, DVDs, records, carpets & rugs, clocks, pet supplies, baskets, household goods, quilts, holiday decor & more! Also, dolls, clothes, furniture & accessories, and a Christmas Room. Baked goods, jams, pickles, salsa & Voodoo Sauces. Cozy cafe offers refreshments and light lunch. 9 am - 3 pm. 200 West St., corner of Forest St. (802) 770-9104. On Facebook. Also *September 7*.

**RUTLAND.** Vermont Gun & Knife Show. Antiques & collectibles, free appraisals, buying, selling trading. Admission. Sat 9 am - 5 pm. Sun 9 am - 3 pm. Franklin Center at the Howe Center, 1 Scale Ave. (802) 875-4540, (802) 380-8351. [www.greenmtgunshowtrail.com](http://www.greenmtgunshowtrail.com). Also *September 7*.

**SHARON.** Farmers' Market and 4th Annual Sprouty. The Sprouty is a 5K walk/run, 10K run and fun loop for the kids, all at 9 am! Sprouty registration 8 am. Free smoothies for Sprouty participants, and some for sale. Free admission. The market features a great selection of local produce, meat, bread and baked goodies, herbs & spices, jams & jellies, eggs, fall flowers, handmade crafts and beautiful jewelry. Market is 10 am - 1 pm. Lunch 11:30 am - 1 pm. Sharon Elementary School, 75 Rt. 132. (802) 763-8280.

**SPRINGFIELD & LUDLOW.** 15th Annual RiverSweep. Help clean up the river! Headquarters tables at Springfield Shopping Plaza and at the gazebo on the town green in Veterans Park in Ludlow. Sign in anytime after 8 am; we'll have work-gloves, trash bags, and drinking water. Go to an assigned location and return with your trash. Bring a piece or two to the Junk Jam area and play some trashy rhythms on them. Free lunch and commemorative tee shirt. Black River Action Team (BRAT). [blackriveractionteam.org](http://blackriveractionteam.org).

**STRAFFORD.** First Annual Strafford Arts Festival. Paintings, crafts, wood and fiber arts, music, dance and a pot-luck lunch. 9 am - 12 noon. Potluck lunch, 12-1 pm. Performances and workshops, 1-5 pm. At the United Church of Strafford, RR#1. (802) 765-4577.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

**BRANDON.** Concert. Claude Bourbon performs medieval and Spanish blues. Tickets: \$15. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. [www.brandon-music.net](http://www.brandon-music.net). [www.claudebourbon.org](http://www.claudebourbon.org).

**BURLINGTON.** Organ Recital. Guest organist George Mathews will play works by Gottlieb Muffat, Beethoven, and Sibelius among others. To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the E. & G.G. Hook Organ which was built and installed in the church in 1864. This is one of only four remaining playable Hook's in Vermont and is the oldest organ in Burlington. Free admission, donations welcome. 3 pm. At the First Baptist Church, 81 St. Paul St. (802) 864-6515. [fbcurlingtonvt.com](http://fbcurlingtonvt.com).

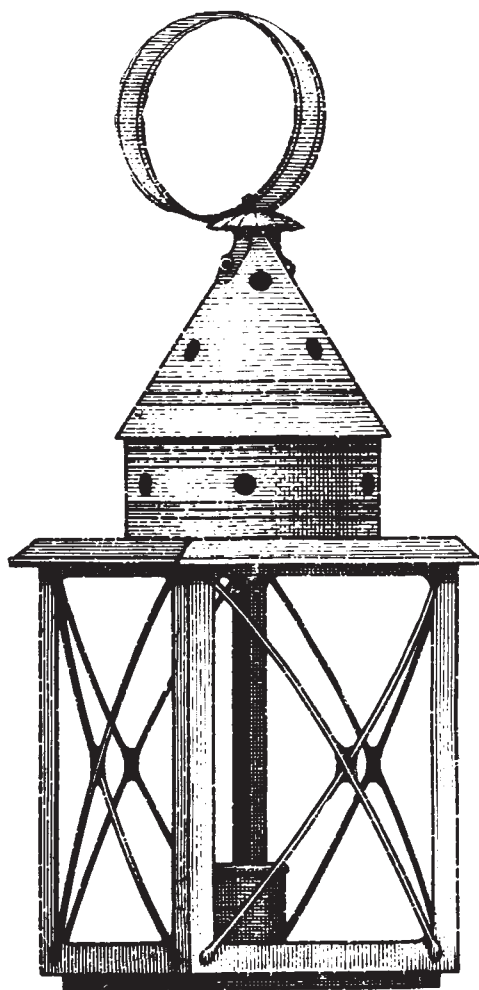
**EAST THETFORD.** Apothecary! Harvesting, Preserving & Using Herbs. Join guest farmers Taylor Katz and Misha Johnson of Free Verse Farm as they share their passion for growing, eating, and using nourishing herbs. Pre-registration required. Fee \$20. 10:30 am - 12 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. [cedarcirclefarm.org](http://cedarcirclefarm.org).

**ORWELL.** Soldiers Atop the Mount. Step back to 1776 and 1777 as reenactors take over the Mount, demonstrating Revolutionary War camp life. 9:30 am - 2 pm. Admission \$5 for adults, free for children under 13. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov).

**PLYMOUTH NOTCH.** Grace Coolidge Musicale #2: Bozena O'Brien (violin), Roger Ellsworth (viola), Gary Hodges (cello), and Abigail Charbeneau (piano) present Johannes Brahms' Piano Quartet in C minor, Op. 60 and a selection by Robert Schumann. Refreshments follow at the Wilder House Restaurant. Donation suggested. 4-5:30 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

**RUTLAND.** 169th Annual Vermont State Fair. More free entertainment than any other fair! Fairgrounds on Rt. 7. (802) 775-5200. [www.vermontstatefair.net](http://www.vermontstatefair.net).

**RUTLAND.** Rutland Area Flea Market. Come to our One-year Anniversary Celebration all weekend long! Indoors, year-round, clean & friendly! Many vendors offering a variety of goods. Cozy cafe offers refreshments and light lunch. 9 am - 3 pm. 200 West St., corner of Forest St. (802) 770-9104. Facebook. Also *September 7*.



**RUTLAND.** Vermont Gun & Knife Show. Admission. Free parking. 9 am - 3 pm. Franklin Center at the Howe Center, 1 Scale Ave. off Strongs Ave. (802) 875-4540, (802) 380-8351. [www.greenmtgunshowtrail.com](http://www.greenmtgunshowtrail.com).

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## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**HARTFORD.** The Hartford Historical Society invites you to a presentation by Ken Alton entitled, *From Roger's Rangers at White Rifer Falls to the Wilder Dam Redevelopment 1759 - 2014*. The event is free, open to the public, handicapped accessible, and light refreshments will be served. 7 pm. Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple St. For further information, please call (802) 295-2123.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

**HUBBARDTON.** Day of Remembrance. The site is open without charge on Patriot Day for those who wish to contemplate or to honor past heroes. 9:30 am - 5:30 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton).

**TUNBRIDGE.** 141st Annual Tunbridge World's Fair. Free grandstand. Agricultural exhibits, shows, contests, and pulls. Admission \$15/\$10/\$8, children under 12 free, Tunbridge World's Fair Grounds, Rt. 110. (802) 889-5555. [tunbridgeworldsfair.com](http://tunbridgeworldsfair.com). *Through September 14*.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

**TINMOUTH.** Concert: Pete's Posse. Pete Sutherland, his protégé and fellow Clayfoot Strutter, Oliver Scanlon, and Tristan Henderson of Atlantic Crossing. Homemade desserts, coffee, and tea available. \$10. 7:30 pm; doors open 7 pm. Old Firehouse, Rt. 140 and Mountain View Rd. [www.facebook.com/TinmouthOldFirehouseConcerts](http://www.facebook.com/TinmouthOldFirehouseConcerts).

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## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

**BENNINGTON.** 48th Annual Bennington Car Show & Flea Market. Admission. 8 am to 5 pm. Willow Park, East Rd. (802) 447-3311. [marie@bennington.com](mailto:marie@bennington.com). [www.bennington.com](http://www.bennington.com). Also *September 14*.

**BENNINGTON.** 21st Annual Quiet Valley Quilters Guild Show. New, vintage & guild challenge quilts, special exhibit, lectures. Queen size raffle quilt. Demonstrations, consignment boutique, vendors, door prizes and food. Handicap accessible. Free parking. Admission \$7. 9 am - 5 pm. Mount Anthony Union Middle School, 747 East Rd. (802) 823-4631. [www.benningtonquiltfest.com](http://www.benningtonquiltfest.com). Also *September 14*.

**BRANDON.** Folk Concert. Woodchuck's Revenge. Tickets: \$15; pre-concert dinner additional \$20. Reservations recommended. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. [www.brandon-music.net](http://www.brandon-music.net).

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**BRATTLEBORO.** Special Benefit Chamber Orchestra Concert. Zon Eastes will conduct four of his favorite works in a performance to support the Brattleboro Music Center. Tickets: \$30/\$15/\$10. 7:30 pm. Centre Congregational Church, 193 Main St. (802) 257-4523. [www.bmctv.org](http://www.bmctv.org).

**NORWICH.** Contradance with Northern Spy. No partner necessary. Please bring a change of clean shoes for the dance floor. Admission \$8 (students \$5, under 16 free). 8 pm. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 785-4607. [rbarrows@cs.dartmouth.edu](mailto:rbarrows@cs.dartmouth.edu). *Second Saturday dances continue through June 2015.*

**PROCTORSVILLE.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vermont Golden Honey Festival. Local vendors and artists offering raw honey, beeswax candles, salves, crafts, pottery, food, books, workshops, and live music. Visit the sheep, tour honeybee hives, and watch the free-range hens parading the grounds. Free admission. 10 am - 4 pm. Golden Stage Inn, 399 Depot St. (802) 226-7744.

**RUTLAND.** Rutland Area Flea Market. Indoors, year-round, clean & friendly! Coins, crafts, furniture, jewelry, tools, antiques & vintage, sports, art, clothes, toys, gifts, home decor, fabric, yarn, knives, books, DVDs, records, carpets & rugs, clocks, pet supplies, baskets, household goods, quilts, holiday decor & more! Also, dolls, clothes, furniture & accessories, and a Christmas Room. Baked goods, jams, pickles, salsa & Voodoo Sauces. Vendors change frequently. Cozy cafe offers refreshments and light lunch. 9 am - 3 pm. 200 West St. corner of Forest St. (802) 770-9104. On Facebook. *Also September 20 & 27.*

**TUNBRIDGE.** 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Tunbridge World's Fair. Free grandstand. Agricultural exhibits, shows, contests, and pulls. Harness racing, 4-H, sheep dog trials, livestock cavalcade, rare breed show. Ed Larkin Contra Dancers, Mountain House Cloggers. Midway, rides, and fair food. Admission \$15/\$10/\$8, children under 12 free, includes free entertainment, livestock shows and Antique Hill. Tunbridge World's Fair Grounds, Rt. 110. (802) 889-5555. [tunbridgeworldsfair.com](http://tunbridgeworldsfair.com). *Also September 14.*

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Glory Days Festival. A family oriented, day-long festival of railroading and transportation modes of the past, present & future. Amtrak exhibit train, model train show, LEGO train show, children's entertainment, main stage music, food, engine displays, vintage cars and tractors, carnival rides, and food. White River Flyer train excursion is a 45-minute ride along the scenic Connecticut River, admission \$10 for all ages, running on the hour beginning at 10 am. Free admission to the festival. 10 am - 4 pm, rain or shine. Downtown. (802) 295-5036. [www.vtglorydaysfestival.com](http://www.vtglorydaysfestival.com).

**WOODSTOCK.** Main Stage Concert Series: Big Sam's Funky Nation. A driving force of urban funk. 7:30 pm. Woodstock Town Hall Theatre. For information or to buy tickets call the Pentangle Box Office at (802) 457-3981. [www.pentanglearts.org](http://www.pentanglearts.org).

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

**BENNINGTON.** 48th Annual Bennington Car Show & Flea Market. Muscle cars, hot rods and vintage vehicles. Admission. 8 am to 5 pm. Willow Park, East Rd. (802) 447-3311. [marie@bennington.com](mailto:marie@bennington.com). [www.bennington.com](http://www.bennington.com).

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**COLCHESTER.** Tour de Goat. 10- or 30-mile road ride and/or a 6- or 18-mile mountain bike ride. Farm tours, music, Nepali dinner, and goat roast! \$45 adult, \$20 youth. 11 am - 6 pm. Vermont Goat Collaborative, 1020 Pine Island Rd. (802) 922-7346. [chris@vermontfarmtours.com](mailto:chris@vermontfarmtours.com). [www.vermontfarmtours.com](http://www.vermontfarmtours.com).

**NEWBURY.** First Congregational Church 250th Birthday. Joint service with special music, drama, and remembrances at 10 am, followed by a free community lunch at 11:30 am in the vestry. First Congregational Church, 4915 Main St. South. (802) 429-2204.

**STRAFFORD.** Program: Fiddleheads, Lamb's Quarters, Nettles and Nuts—Wild Edible, Medicinal and Poisonous Plants. Presenter Michael Caduto has taught widely on herbalism. Registration fee: \$10 adults/\$5 under 14. Please pre-register. 1-2:30 pm. Morrill Homestead, 214 Morrill Memorial Highway. (802) 765-4288. [morrillhomestead.org](http://morrillhomestead.org).

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## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

**ST. ALBANS.** St. Albans Raid 150th Anniversary. Four days of events commemorating the 150th anniversary of the northern-most land action of the Civil War. Civil War era military and civilian re-enactors, walking tours, quilt show, antique guns exhibit, Civil War era music and bluegrass music. Taylor Park and locations throughout St. Albans. (802) 527-7933. [www.vermontcivilwar150.com](http://www.vermontcivilwar150.com). *Through September 21.*

**WINDSOR.** Bare Root Peony Sale. Open daily from 10 am - 6 pm. The Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery at 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 2324-337. [flowers@ciderhillgardens.com](mailto:flowers@ciderhillgardens.com). [ciderhillgardens.com](http://ciderhillgardens.com). [www.garymilek.com](http://www.garymilek.com). *Through September 28.*

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

**ADDISON.** Annual Atlatl Workshop. Atlatl experts Bob and Cheryl Berg of Thunderbird Atlatl teach traditional and modern techniques of atlatl and dart construction, flint knapping, hafting stone points, and cordage making. \$65 includes instruction and materials. Pre-registration required. Vermont Archaeology Month program. Noon-5 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. [historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint).

**CANAAN.** Fall Doe Camp: Outdoor Education Retreat for adventurous women 18 years and older. Over 40 classes in the woods, on the lake and on the beach. Moose BBQ on Saturday evening. Cost: \$349; discounts available. Jackson's Lodge & Log Cabins. (802) 425-6211. [vow@voga.org](mailto:vow@voga.org). [www.outdoorswoman.org](http://www.outdoorswoman.org). *Through September 21.*

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**WOODSTOCK.** Third Friday Contra Dance. Join The Old Sam Peabody Band with caller Delia Clark. All dances are taught and no partner is necessary. Bring a pair of clean soft-soled shoes for dancing. Dance workshop for instruction at 6:45 pm. Dance from 7-10 pm. Suggested price \$8, kids and teens free. At The Little Theater, 54 River St., next to the Recreation Center. For info call Steve Hoffman, (802) 785-4039. [hoffmanathome@gmail.com](mailto:hoffmanathome@gmail.com). Delia Clark, (802) 457-2075. Facebook/OldSamPeabody. *Also October 17.*

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

**ADDISON.** 19th Annual Northeastern Open Atlatl Championship. Participate or watch this championship. The sport of atlatl throwing is based on the ancient hunting technique of using the atlatl or spear thrower. Demos and workshops on flint knapping, woodland pottery, and other crafts and skills. Vermont Archaeology Month program. 10:30 am - 4:30 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. [historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint).

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

**BRATTLEBORO.** Vermont Gun & Knife Show. Antiques & collectibles, free appraisals, buying, selling trading. Admission. Open to the public. Free parking. 9 am - 3 pm. VFW #1034 Hall, 40 Black Mountain Rd.. (802) 875-4540, (802) 380-8351. www.greenmtgunshowtrail.com. Also September 21.

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**CHESTER.** 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival Craft Show. Watch crafts demonstrations and speak with local New England artists as well as purchase high quality handmade crafts—baskets, glass, quilts, fiber art, woodcarvings, paintings, jewelry, photography, pottery. A wide variety of food will be available. Sponsored by Chester Rotary Club. 10 am - 4 pm. On the Green. For information call Nancy Rugg at (802) 875-2444. chesterfallfestival.org. Also September 21.

**HARTFORD.** Roast Pork Supper. Menu: roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, homemade rolls, pies and beverage. Served family style. Adults \$10, children under 12 \$4, pre-school free. Takeouts available. Servings at 5 & 6 pm. Handicapped accessible. At the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, Rt. 14. (802) 295-2510.

**LUDLOW.** 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Autumn Round Up Antique Tractor & Machinery Show. Potluck dinner and dance. Free camping. Barker Farm, Barker Rd. (802) 228-5652. Also September 21.

**LUDLOW.** Rummage Sale at Fletcher Farm. To benefit the Black River Good Neighbor Services. Clothing, furniture, housewares, books, sporting goods, toys, linens, and bargains throughout the entire barn. 10 am - 4 pm. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, Rt. 103 S. (802) 228-3663.

**NEWPORT.** Annual Fall Foliage Festival. Parade, chilifest, crafts, and music in downtown Newport along the shores of Lake Memphremagog. 9 am - 5 pm. (802) 334-7782. vtnorthcountry.org.

**PLYMOUTH NOTCH.** Plymouth Cheese & Harvest Festival. Cheese sampling by Vermont cheesemakers and guided tours of the Plymouth Cheese Factory; wagon rides, historic farm & craft demonstrations, barbecue & harvest treats, and more! Adults \$8, children 6-14 \$2, under 6 free; family pass \$20. 10 am - 4 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicites.vermont.gov.

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**SHELburne.** 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Festival. Music, storytelling, activities for children, craft demonstrations. Hay bale maze, horse-drawn hay rides. Adults \$10, senior/child \$5, under 3 free. 10 am - 4 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. www.shelburnefarms.org.

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**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Colors of the Kingdom Autumn Festival. Pancake breakfast, pie sale, book sale, train ride, chili at the firehouse, art walk, children's activities, planetarium show, story time, BBQ, dance workshop, live music, and more. Parade at 10 am. 8 am - 5 pm. Downtown. (802) 748-3678. www.nekchamber.com.

**STOWE.** Concert: John Hammond. One of the world's premier acoustic blues artists. Tickets: \$20, \$38, \$48, \$55. 8-10:30 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. sprucepeakarts.org.

**VERGENNES.** Made in Vermont Music Festival. Vermont Symphony Orchestra performs a concerto by Dittersdorf, Holst's St. Paul's Suite, the world premiere of Beth Wiemann's "Before the Snow," and Haydn's Symphony No. 85. Tickets: adults \$27, seniors \$23, students \$6. 7:30 pm. Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. (802) 864-5741. www.vso.org.

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**WINDSOR.** Peony Division Workshop. \$10 If prepaid by September 14; \$15 after September 14. The Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery at 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. 2-4 pm. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. ciderhillgardens.com. www.garymilek.com.

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<b>Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo</b> Thursday, October 02, 2014	<b>Bill Engvall</b> Sunday, November 23, 2014 (2 shows!)	<b>Lonestar</b> Friday, February 20, 2015
<b>Smokey Joes Café with The Coasters</b> Saturday, October 04, 2014	<b>BrewHaHa</b> Saturday, November 29, 2014	<b>The Irish Comedy Tour</b> Saturday, February 21, 2015
<b>B.B. King</b> Thursday, October 09, 2014	<b>Dark Star Orchestra</b> Wednesday, December 03, 2014	<b>PASSAGES AT THE PARAMOUNT: Raphaël Sévère, clarinet</b> Friday, March 20, 2015
<b>Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis</b> Sunday, October 12, 2014	<b>LeAnn Rimes</b> Friday, December 05, 2014	<b>Colin Mochrie &amp; Brad SHERWOOD: 2 Man GROUP</b> Thursday, March 26, 2015
<b>Ailey II</b> Saturday, October 18, 2014	<b>Albany Berkshire Ballet: THE NUTCRACKER</b> Sunday, December 21, 2014 (2 shows!)	<b>Peking Acrobats</b> Friday, April 10, 2015
<b>Béla Fleck &amp; Abigail Washburn</b> Thursday, October 23, 2014	<b>Classic Albums Live: Dark Side of The Moon</b> Friday, January 16, 2015	<b>CELTIC THUNDER: Very Best of Tour</b> Sunday, April 12, 2015
<b>Jekyll &amp; Hyde - Middlebury Actors Workshop</b> Thursday, November 06, 2014	<b>Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story</b> Thursday, January 22, 2015	<b>Radiolab's Jad Abumrad</b> Saturday, April 18, 2015
	<b>PASSAGES AT THE PARAMOUNT: Gleb Ivanov, piano</b> Saturday, January 24, 2015	<b>The Rat Pack is Back</b> Friday, May 01, 2015
		<b>CIRQUE MECHANICS: Pedal Punk</b> Saturday, May 09, 2015

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# Vermont Country Calendar

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

**BRATTLEBORO.** Vermont Gun & Knife Show. Antiques & collectibles, free appraisals, buying, selling trading. Admission. Open to the public. Free parking. 9 am – 3 pm. VFW #1034 Hall, 40 Black Mountain Rd.. (802) 875-4540, (802) 380-8351. [www.greenmtgunshowtrail.com](http://www.greenmtgunshowtrail.com).

**CHESTER.** 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival Craft Show. Watch crafts demonstrations and speak with local New England artists as well as purchase high quality handmade crafts—baskets, glass, quilts, fiber art, woodcarvings, paintings, jewelry, photography, pottery. A wide variety of food will be available. Sponsored by Chester Rotary Club. 10 am – 4 pm. On the Green. (802) 875-2444. [chesterfallfestival.org](http://chesterfallfestival.org).

**DERBY LINE.** VSO Made in Vermont Music Festival. Tickets: adults \$27, seniors \$23, students \$6. 4 pm. Haskell Opera House, 93 Caswell Ave. (802) 864-5741. [vso.org](http://vso.org).

**FERRISBURGH.** Natural History Hike. Guided hike on the trail and grounds. A look at what's growing here now, and why. 3 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. [rokeby@comcast.net](mailto:rokeby@comcast.net). [www.rokeby.org](http://www.rokeby.org).

**LUDLOW.** 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Autumn Round Up Antique Tractor & Machinery Show. Tractor parade at noon. Free camping. Barker Farm, Barker Rd. (802) 228-5652.

**MIDDLEBURY.** After Dark Music Series Concert: The Alt. With John Doyle, Nuala Kennedy and Eamon O'Leary. Traditional Irish, Scottish & English songs. Exquisite musicianship and stellar singing. Tickets: \$28. 7-9:30 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. (802) 388-0216. [www.afterdarkmusicseries.com](http://www.afterdarkmusicseries.com).

**GLOVER.** Performance: Nothing-Is-Not-Ready. The shows will make themselves ready as they see fit, yet they are always ready to present themselves both to and for the masses. Suggested donation \$10; no one turned away! 3 pm. Museum tour at 2 pm. Paper Maché Cathedral/Dirt Floor Theater, Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. (802) 525-3031. [www.breadandpuppet.org](http://www.breadandpuppet.org). Also *September 21*.

**SHOREHAM.** 7th Annual Tour de Farms. Join over 700 bicyclists and enjoy samples of locally-grown foods as you pedal from farm to farm in the beautiful Champlain Valley. Choose the family-friendly 10-mile loop or the more challenging 30-mile circuit. Also two-mile trike route (\$5 for each child and free to adults). Enjoy music, crafts, and foods of AppleFest on the Shoreham Town Green after your ride. To benefit Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Addison County Relocalization Network. Early registration saves 50%. (802) 225-8904. [vtbikeped.org](http://vtbikeped.org).

**ST. ALBANS.** St. Albans Raid 150th Anniversary. 150th anniversary of the northern-most land action of the Civil War. Civil War era military and civilian re-enactors, walking tours, quilt show, antique guns exhibit, Civil War era music and bluegrass music. Costume ball featuring food, music, and dances from the era, a best-period-costume contest. Taylor Park and locations throughout St. Albans. (802) 527-7933. [www.vermontcivilwar150.com](http://www.vermontcivilwar150.com).

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

**LUDLOW.** Book & Author Event. Non-fiction book discussion: *One Summer* by Bill Bryson. Free, snacks included. Please RSVP. 6 pm. The Book Nook, 136 Main St. (802) 228-3238. [scott@thebooknookvt.com](mailto:scott@thebooknookvt.com). [www.thebooknookvt.com](http://www.thebooknookvt.com).

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Made in Vermont Music Festival. Vermont Symphony Orchestra performs a concerto by Dittersdorf, Holst's St. Paul's Suite, the world premiere of Beth Wiemann's "Before the Snow," and Haydn's Symphony No. 85. Tickets: adults \$27, seniors \$23, students \$6. 7:30 pm. Bellows Falls Opera House, 7 The Square. (802) 864-5741. [www.vso.org](http://www.vso.org).

**CUMMINGTON, MA.** Draft Animal-Power Network's Annual Gathering. Demonstrations, discussions. See draft animals work. Admission: adult \$20/day, family \$35/day, adult \$35/whole weekend, family \$50/whole weekend. Food available. Cummington Fairgrounds. [www.draftanimalpower.org](http://www.draftanimalpower.org). On Facebook. *Through September 28*.

**TINMOUTH.** Concert: Extra Stout. A traditional Irish band. Homemade desserts, coffee, and tea. \$10. 7:30 pm; doors open at 7 pm. Old Firehouse, Rt. 140 and Mountain View Rd. [www.facebook.com/TinmouthOldFirehouseConcerts](http://www.facebook.com/TinmouthOldFirehouseConcerts).

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

**BRISTOL.** Bristol Harvest Festival. 70-plus crafters/vendors. Great bandstand music, games, pony rides, face painting, apple pie contest, pie eating contest, chicken wing contest, biggest zucchini contest, tug-o-war, 5k race and more! 10 am - 4 pm. Bristol Town Green. (802) 388-7951. [www.bristolharvestfest.com](http://www.bristolharvestfest.com).

**EAST BURKE.** Burke Fall Foliage Festival. Parade at 10 am. Huge craft show 9 am – 3 pm, rubber duck race, kids games with a jump house, face painting, live music at 3 pm, bbq, beer tent and more! Horse drawn wagon rides. Live raptor show in front of the gazebo at noon. East Burke Congregational Church hosts a soup & sandwich luncheon, a craft table, cookie walk, tag sale and jelly cabinet. 368 Rt. 114. (802) 626-4124. [www.burkevermont.com](http://www.burkevermont.com).

**GRAFTON.** Sixth Annual Fairy House Tour. Thistle down, birch bark, maple leaves, and lichen will become fairy cottages, workshops, and hideaways for one magical weekend. Visitors follow a trail dotted with fairy houses, then return to The Nature Museum to create their own fairy dwellings in the Museum's gardens. Try your hand at making fairy wands or elf ears. Light refreshments for sale. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$5 children, children 2 and under free. 10 am – 4 pm. The Nature Museum at Grafton, 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org). Also *September 28*.

**HUNTINGTON.** Leaf Garlands with artist Lori Hinrichsen in our new Treehouse (if it's warm enough)! Gather leaves and use needle and thread to make a cascade of color. We may have snacks and cocoa. Maximum size: 12 participants, so please pre-register. Ages 7 and up. Free with Museum admission, donations welcome. 1-3 pm. Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. [museum@birdsofvermont.org](mailto:museum@birdsofvermont.org). [www.birdsofvermont.org](http://www.birdsofvermont.org).

**JAMAICA.** White Water Release. Controlled water releases from Ball Mountain Dam produce ideal rafting, kayaking, and canoeing opportunities on the West River. Jamaica State Park, 48 Salmon Hole Ln. (802) 874-4600. [www.vtstateparks.com/htm/jamaica.htm](http://www.vtstateparks.com/htm/jamaica.htm).

**NEWBURY.** 34th Annual Fall Festival. Music by Brian Emerson & the Rangers. Hay rides, cookie walk, and sales of fudge, candy, white elephants, books, plants, Christmas items, local crafts and handiwork. Activities for children, including the Bouncy House. Silent auction. Quilt raffle. Lunch, featuring hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, baked beans, chili, coleslaw, beverages, and dessert. 9 am - 3 pm. First Congregational Church of Newbury, 4915 Main St. South. (802) 429-2204.

**ORWELL.** Presentation: An Inquiry into the Revolutionary Mind—What Were You Thinking, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison? Historian Paul Andrischin turns back the time machine to 1791 to interview Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and others about their May-June visit to the Lake Champlain Valley, Vermont, and northern sites of the American Revolution. 2-3:30 pm. Admission \$5 for adults, free for children under 13. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov).

**PERU.** 32nd Annual Peru Fair. An old-fashioned country fair! Parade at 9:45 am. Pig roast at 11 am. Church exhibits, crafts, live music, dancing, fair food, clowns and magicians. Pony and hay rides. Admission \$6, under 6 free. 9 am - 4 pm. Parade at 9:45 am. Peru Fairgrounds, Rt. 11/30. [www.perufair.org](http://www.perufair.org).

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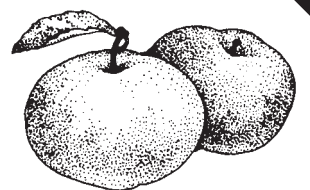
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**PITTSFORD.** Tenth Annual Harvest Fair & Craft Show. Theme: hand-made or home-grown. To benefit the Bowen Walker Fund. 10 am - 4 pm on the Village Green, Rt. 7. (802) 483-9972. pittsfordharvestfair@comcast.net.

**PUTNEY.** Concert: Patty Larkin. A self-described guitar-driven songwriter, her songs run from impressionistic poetry to witty wordplay. Tickets: \$24 at the door. 7:30 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill. (802) 387-0102. www.nextstagearts.org. patty.larkin.com.

**RANDOLPH.** Made in Vermont Music Festival. Vermont Symphony Orchestra performs a concerto by Dittersdorf, Holst's St. Paul's Suite, the world premiere of Beth Wiemann's "Before the Snow," and Haydn's Symphony No. 85. Tickets: adults \$27, seniors \$23, students \$6. 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 864-5741. www.vso.org.

**RUTLAND.** Rutland Area Flea Market. Indoors, year-round, clean & friendly! Coins, crafts, furniture, jewelry, tools, antiques & vintage, sports, art, clothes, toys, gifts, home decor, fabric, yarn, knives, books, DVDs, records, carpets & rugs, clocks, pet supplies, baskets, household goods, quilts, holiday decor & more! Also, dolls, clothes, furniture & accessories, and a Christmas Room. Baked goods, jams, pickles, salsa & Voodoo Sauces. Vendors and their new and gently loved items change frequently. Cozy cafe offers refreshments and light lunch. 9 am - 3 pm. 200 West St. corner of Forest St. (802) 770-9104. On Facebook.

**WAITSFIELD.** Traditional Chicken Pie Supper. Chicken and gravy, handmade rolled biscuits, winter squash and mashed potatoes, cole slaw, and homemade pies served with cheddar cheese. Admission. 5:30 pm & 6:45 pm seatings plus take out. Waitsfield United Church, Main St., Rt. 100. (802) 496-3065. www.waitsfieldchurch.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** 11th Annual Vermont Fine Furniture & Woodworking Festival. Jewelry, utensils, & cutting boards, fine furniture. Live woodworking demos, local food, & music. Explore the forest at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park. Admission. 9:30 am - 5 pm. Union Arena, 496 Woodstock Rd., Rt. 4. (802) 747-7900. www.vermontwood.com. Also September 28.

**WOODSTOCK.** Forest Festival. Enjoy the park in its fall glory while exploring forest history, science and art. Horse drawn wagon rides, woodworking and portable sawmill demonstrations, hikes with foresters, wood crafts for kids, and more! Free admission. 9:30 am - 5 pm. The Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park. (802) 457-3368 x 22. www.nps.gov/mabi. Also September 28.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

**BROWNINGTON.** Sixth Annual Apple and Cheese Tasting. Sample farmstead cheese and heirloom apples. Cider pressing. 11 am - 3 pm. Old Stone House Museum, 109 Old Stone House Rd. (802) 754-2022. www.oldstonehousemuseum.org.

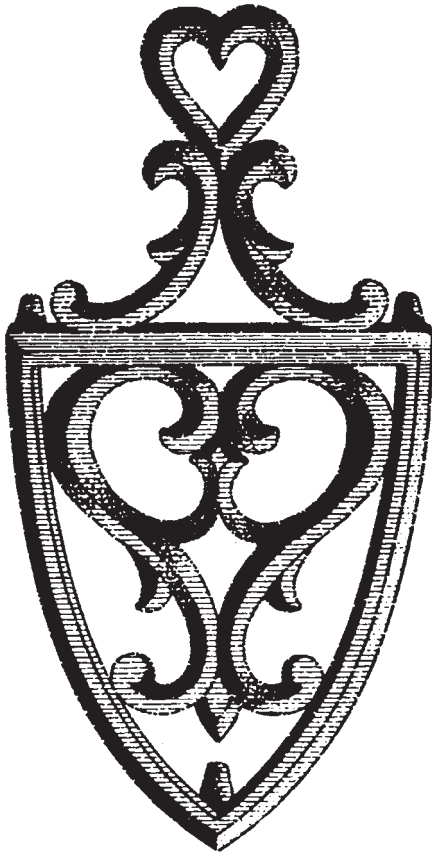
**GLOVER.** Bread & Puppet's Annual Leaf Peeping Event. Small shows, live music, bread and aioli—a family event! Donations appreciated. 2 pm. Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. (802) 525-3031. www.breadandpuppet.org.

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**HUBBARDTON.** Hike on Hubbardton Section of 1776 Military Road. Site interpreter Carl Fuller leads a guided hike on part of the 1776-77 military road that led to Mount Independence. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. 2-5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov/hubbardton.

**ST. ALBANS.** Made in Vermont Music Festival. Vermont Symphony Orchestra performs a concerto by Dittersdorf, Holst's St. Paul's Suite, the world premiere of Beth Wiemann's "Before the Snow," and Haydn's Symphony No. 85. Tickets: adults \$27, seniors \$23, students \$6. 3 pm. BFA St. Albans Performing Arts Center, 71 South Main St. (802) 864-5741. www.vso.org.

**STRAFFORD.** 19th Century Apples & Cheese Harvest Festival. Make cider in an antique press and sip the results, taste a variety of heirloom apples and hand-cranked ice cream, make apple prints, play period games, hike the lookout trail and play Valley Quest. Features live music and an apple pie contest! Includes lunch. Rain or shine. \$10 adults, \$5 under 14. Pre-register. 11 am - 3 pm. Morrill Homestead, 214 Morrill Memorial Highway. (802) 765-4288. www.morrillhomestead.org.



**UNDERHILL.** Harvest Market. Over 100 vendors. Parade, live entertainment, kids' activities, old-fashioned games, fun, burgers, lemonade, and other great food. 9 am - 5 pm. United Church of Christ. (802) 899-1722. www.underhillharvestmarket.com.

**WAITSFIELD.** Fall Foliage Weekend. Foliage rides. Septemberfest beer tasting festival. Live music, awesome local food. Tickets: \$30 (include 10 tastings and a souvenir glass). 1-5 pm. madriverglen.com. Also September 29.

**WOODSTOCK.** Forest Festival. Horse-drawn wagon rides, woodworking and portable sawmill demonstrations, hikes with foresters, wood crafts for kids, and more! Free admission. 10 am - 4:30 pm. The Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park. (802) 457-3368 x 22. nps.gov/mabi.

**WOODSTOCK.** 11th Annual Vermont Fine Furniture, Woodworking & Forest Festival. Jewelry, utensils, & cutting boards, fine furniture, woodworking demos, local food, & music. Admission. 10 am - 4 pm. Union Arena, 496 Woodstock Rd., Rt. 4. (802) 747-7900. info@vermontwoodfestival.org. www.vermontwood.com.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**CASTLETON.** Made in Vermont Music Festival. Vermont Symphony Orchestra performs a concerto by Dittersdorf, Holst's St. Paul's Suite, the world premiere of Beth Wiemann's "Before the Snow," and Haydn's Symphony No. 85. Tickets: adults \$27, seniors \$23, students \$6. 7 pm. Castleton State College Fine Arts Center. (802) 864-5741. www.vso.org.

**WALDEN.** 50th Annual Northeast Kingdom Fall Foliage Festival. Walden's country fair begins at 9 a.m. with registration, coffee & donuts at the Walden Church in Noyesville. Arts & crafts, country music and small home businesses. Soup and sandwich lunch. Family-style barbecued beef supper with mashed potatoes, veggies, rolls and home-baked pies beginning at 5:30 p.m., \$12. For supper reservations and information call (802) 563-2777. Day of the event: (802) 563-2265. www.nekchamber.com.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

**CABOT.** 50th Annual Northeast Kingdom Fall Foliage Festival. Sign up for tours, make lunch and supper reservations, enjoy coffee, donuts and crafts at the Willey Memorial Building from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tour old school houses, craft shops, hay rides to a sugarhouse, the Cabot Creamery, or the hydroelectric plant. Hike to Nichols Ledge. Corn chowder and chili lunch, \$6 adults, \$2.50 children, at the Cabot Church at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 & 1:15 p.m. Turkey supper, \$12 adults, \$5 children, at the Cabot School, 5 & 6:15 p.m. For reservations call (802) 563-2715. For info call (802) 917-2992. nekchamber.com.

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

**ADDISON.** Chimney Point State Historic Site. Exhibit: *Chimney Point: A Frontier of New France*. Children's French Colonial dress-up basket. Open 9:30 am - 5 pm, Wed. - Sun. and Monday holidays. 8149 Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint. Through October 13.

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington Battle Monument. Vermont's tallest structure. Admission \$3 adults, \$1 children ages six through 14 years, under six free. 9 am - 5 pm daily. (802) 447-0550. historicites.vermont.gov. Through October 31.

**BRANDON.** Brandon Visitor Center. Open daily 8 am - 6 pm, 365 days a year. 4 Grove St., next to the Baptist Church at the corner of Routes 7 and 73 West. Also houses the Brandon Museum at the Stephen A. Douglas Birthplace. (802) 247-6401. Open through mid-October.



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(Ongoing, continued)

**EAST THETFORD.** Cedar Circle Farm and Education Center. A certified organic, fifty-acre vegetable and berry farm. 12th Annual Pumpkin Festival, October 12, 10 am – 3 pm—children's crafts and games, theatrical performances, live music, horse-drawn wagon rides, raffle, educational activities and displays, self-guided farm tour, pumpkin picking, homemade butternut apple crisp, pumpkin brownies, grilled local sausages, fresh salads, organic local ice cream, rain or shine, \$10 per car. Classes, workshops, farmstand and Hello Coffee Shop (with wireless internet) open 8 am – 5 pm. Farm stand open daily 10 am – 6 pm, Sunday till 5 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. www.cedarcirclefarm.org.

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

**HUBBARDTON.** Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site. Children's colonial dress-up basket. Bring your flag to be raised over the Hubbardton Battlefield and receive a certificate. Adults \$2, children 14 years and under free. Open 9:30 am – 5 pm. Thurs. – Sun., and Monday holidays. 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton. Thru October 13.

**KILLINGTON.** Killington Hay Festival. Discover a hay gorilla, turtle, the Killington snow monster, and dozens of other hay sculptures scattered throughout the town. (802) 422-2146. www.discoverkillington.com. September 1 through October 13.

**LUDLOW.** Ludlow Farmers' Market. Fridays 4-7 pm. Front lawn of Okemo Mountain School, 53 Main St. (802) 734-3829. ludlowfarmersmarket.org. Through October 10.

**LUDLOW.** Fletcher Farms School for the Arts and Crafts. Vermont's oldest residential arts and crafts school. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, 611 Rt. 103 South. (802) 228-8770. fletcherfarm.org.

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Manchester Farmers' Market. Thursdays 3-6 pm. Adams Park, Rt. 7A. mfmvermont@gmail.com. manchesterfarmers.org. Through Oct 9.

**ORWELL.** Mount Independence State Historic Site. Special Exhibit: *Things with Wings: Birds on the Mount*. Children's Discovery Corner: children's colonial dress up basket, coloring, and haversack (soldier knapsack) activity. Open daily, 9:30 - 5:30. Admission \$5 for adults, free for children under 15. 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. historicites.vermont.gov. Through October 13.

**PITTSFORD.** New England Maple Museum. World's largest maple museum. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our unique gift shop. Open daily 10 am – 4 pm. New England Maple Museum, 4578 Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. www.maplemuseum.com.

**PLYMOUTH NOTCH.** President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. New exhibit: *The Coolidges, Plymouth, and the Civil War*. Adults \$8, children 6 to 14 \$2, under 6 free. Family pass \$25. 9:30 am - 5 pm daily. 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicites.vermont.gov. Through October 19.

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

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

**RUPERT.** Merck Forest and Farmland. Camping, cabins, trails, farm, workshops and seasonal events. Visitor's Center. Open year round, dawn to dusk. 3270 Rt. 315, west of Manchester. (802) 394-7836. merckforest.org.

**RUTLAND.** Rutland Downtown Farmers' Market. Saturdays 9 am – 2 pm downtown in Depot Park through October 25. Tuesdays 3-6 pm in Depot Park through September 30. (802) 753-7269 or Judy Dark (802) 773-4813. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. www.rcfmvt.org.

**RUTLAND.** Himalayan Salt Cave. Come relax in the only public Himalayan Salt Cave in North America. Mon-Fri 10 am – 7 pm, Sat & Sun 10 am – 6 pm. \$12. Pyramid Holistic Wellness Center, 120 Merchants Row. For reservations call (802) 775-8080. www.pyramidvt.com.

**SO. BURLINGTON.** UVM Apple and Vegetable Sales. Apple varieties and vegetables will change each week as the ripening season commences. Every Friday 10 am – 4 pm at the UVM Horticulture Research and Education Center, 65 Green Mountain Dr. off IDX Dr. off Rt. 7. (802) 658-9166. tbradsha@uvm.edu. orchard.uvm.edu. Fridays August 29 through at least October 31.

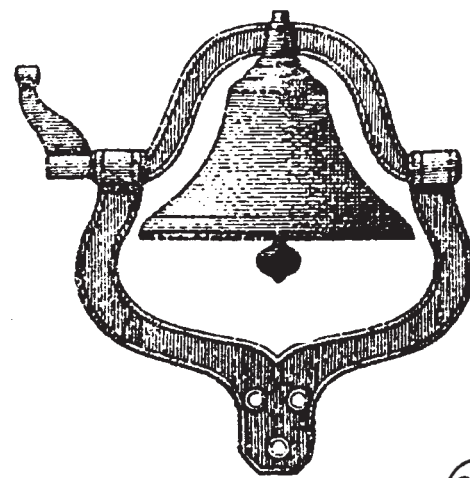
**SPRINGFIELD.** Springfield Farmer's Market. Produce, cheese makers, crafts, flowers, plants, greens, baked goods, preserves, artwork and specialty foods. Saturdays 10 am to 1 pm. In downtown Springfield. (802) 738-5272. springfieldcommunitymarket.com. Through early October.

**ST. ALBANS.** Book Cellar—Library Used Book Sale. \$3 per bag of books! Sponsored by Friends of the St. Albans Free Library. Tuesdays from 10 am – 8 pm. Held in the library basement. St. Albans Free Library, 11 Maiden Lane. (802) 524-1507. www.stalbansfreelibrary.org.

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

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

**WINDSOR.** Old Constitution House. Exhibit: Bandboxes, Trunks, and Carpet Bags—Accoutrements of a Country Traveler. Adults \$3, 14 and under free. Open weekends and Monday holidays, 11 am - 5 pm. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 Main St. (802) 672-3773. www.historicites.vermont.gov/constitution. Thru October 13.



## September Journal

### The Morning Wind

by Bill Felker

After a cool wave came through my yard last night, I walked outside into the breeze, and I suddenly became aware of the disconcerting power of Late Summer. 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 com-

ing 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.

As the day went on, I became full of a maudlin tenderness for the creatures around me. I brushed away the mosquitoes that landed 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 bright, benign bed, indifferent to enemies and duty.

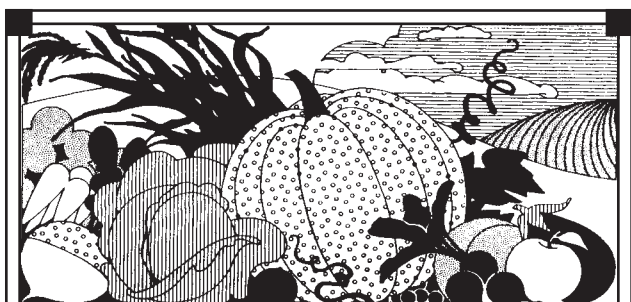


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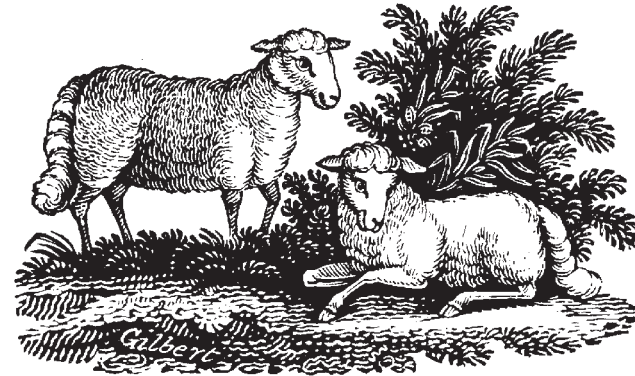


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**WINDSOR.** Stuffed Animal Repair. Sue Spear, stuffed animal repair specialist, will fix up stuffed friends. Free. 6-8 pm. Windsor Public Library, 43 State St. (802) 674-2556. *Each Wednesday.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park. The park's 20 miles of trails and carriage roads are open year-round. Tour the mansion. Carriage Barn Visitor Center open daily 10 am to 5 pm through October 31. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park, 54 Elm St. (802) 457-3368 x 22. [nps.gov/mabi](http://nps.gov/mabi).

## MUSEUMS, EXHIBITS & GALLERIES

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

**BARRE.** Vermont History Center and Leahy Library. Thousands of books, manuscripts, photographs, maps, audio, video and film recordings, and many other items which shed light on the lives and times of past Vermonters. One admission fee for both the Vermont Heritage Galleries in Barre and the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier. Adults: \$5; families: \$12; students, children, seniors: \$3; members and children under 6: free. Monday through Friday, 9 am - 4 pm. Vermont Historical Society, 60 Washington St. (802) 479-8500. [vermonthistory.org](http://vermonthistory.org).

**BELLOWS FALLS.** BF3F—Third Friday Art Walk. Stores and galleries in town and in the surrounding area host special exhibits and events. 5-8 pm. Flyer available at Village Square Booksellers, 32 The Square. (802) 463-9404. [villagesquarebooks.com](http://villagesquarebooks.com). *Third Fridays.*

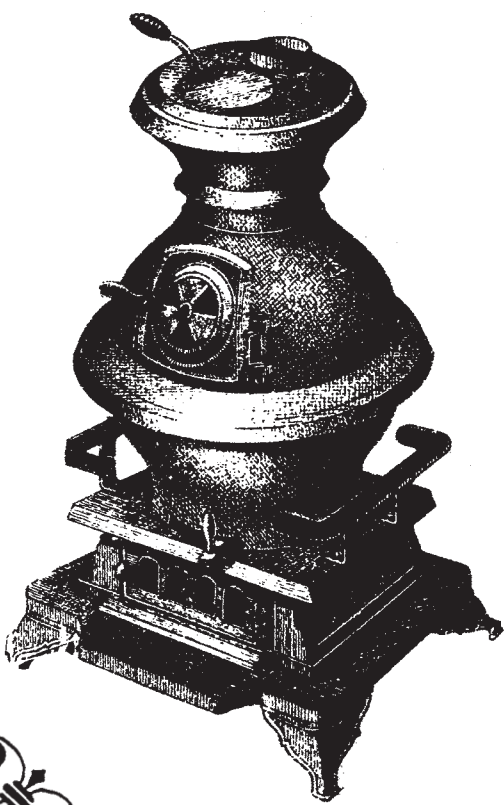
**BELMONT.** Mount Holly Community Historical Museum. Open year-round on second weekend of the month. Tarbellville Rd. (*turn right immediately after the Belmont Store, museum is on your right*). (802) 259-2460. [www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org](http://www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org).

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

**BENNINGTON.** The Dollhouse and Toy Museum of Vermont. Dolls and dollhouses, puppets, trucks and trains, toys, and educational displays. Museum shop. Admission is \$2 for children three and older, \$4 for adults and \$10 for families. Open Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 pm. 212 Union St. at the corner of Valentine St. [dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com](http://dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com).

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington Center for the Arts. Permanent collections, theater productions, workshops. Exhibit: *Impressions of New England*—annual exhibition includes over 60 scenes captured in paint and bronze, through September 14. Exhibit: *The Heroism of Modern Life*, September 20 through November 30. Admission: adults \$9, seniors & students \$8, families \$20, under 12 are free. Open Wed-Mon, 10 am - 5 pm. Bennington Center for the Arts, 44 Gypsy Lane. (802) 442-7158. [jane@thebennington.org](http://jane@thebennington.org). [thebennington.org](http://thebennington.org).

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington Museum. Exhibits and programs, founding documents, fine art, and more. See Bennington Pottery, the 1924 Wasp Touring Car, Vermont furniture, and the Bennington Flag—one of America's oldest flags. Lectures, workshops, concerts, films, and the George Aiken Wildflower Trail. Admission \$10, children under 18 free. Free admission to the Gift Shop. Open 10 am - 5 pm every day except Wednesdays. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. [www.benningtonmuseum.org](http://www.benningtonmuseum.org).



**BRANDON.** Compass Music and Arts Center. Arts businesses and studios, classes & workshops, exhibits, concerts, and community events. A gift shop features art and music related books, collectibles, and the music of the classical recording company, Divine Art Records. Onsite café. 10 am - 5 pm daily. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Drive, Park Village, 1.5 miles north of downtown. (802) 247-4295. [www.emacvt.org](http://www.emacvt.org).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Tasha Tudor Museum. 2014 Exhibit: *From Scratch: Tasha's Handmade Life*. Adults \$6, seniors over 65 and children 3-12 \$4, under 3 free. Open Wed-Sat 10 am - 4 pm. Tasha Tudor Museum, 974 Western Ave. (802) 258-6564. [www.tashatudormuseum.org](http://www.tashatudormuseum.org). *Through October 18.*

**BRATTLEBORO.** Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. New exhibits all on view through October 26 include: *Road Trip Through the Windshield; A World Transformed—The Art of Jessica Park; Spotlight on Small; See the U.S.A. in Your Chevrolet; and Your Space: USA*. Admission \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$4 students, children under 6 free. First Fridays free after 5:30 pm. Hours: Sun, Mon, Weds, Thurs 11 am - 5 pm; Fri till 7 pm; Sat 10 am - 5 pm; closed Tuesdays. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. (802) 257-0124. [www.brattleboromuseum.org](http://www.brattleboromuseum.org).

**BROWNINGTON.** Old Stone House Museum. Located on 55 acres of Vermont farmland. Exhibits, events, workshops, museum store. Admission \$8, students \$5. Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. 109 Old Stone House Rd. (802) 754-2022. [information@oldstonehousemuseum.org](mailto:information@oldstonehousemuseum.org). [oldstonehousemuseum.org](http://oldstonehousemuseum.org). *Through October 15.*

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

**CHESTER.** 103 Artisans Marketplace. Hand crafted gifts, decorative accessories, small batch Chocolates and Vermont Maple products. Owned by artists Elise & Payne Junker, exclusive showroom of Junker Studio metalwork. Open every day 10 am - 5 pm, closed Tuesday. Located on Rt. 103, south of town—look for the life-size moose! (802) 875-7400. [Gallery103.com](http://Gallery103.com).

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

**ENOSBURG FALLS.** Cold Hollow Sculpture Park. Five meadows inhabited by fifty large-scale sculptures representing four decades of work by nationally-known artist, David Stromeyer. Free. Open Wed-Sun, 12 noon - 6 pm. Cold Hollow Sculpture Park, 4280 Boston Post Rd. (512) 333-2119. [info@coldhollowsculpturepark.com](mailto:info@coldhollowsculpturepark.com). [www.coldhollowsculpturepark.com](http://www.coldhollowsculpturepark.com). *Through October 11.*

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

**GLOVER.** Bread & Puppet Museum. One of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world housed in a 100-foot-long converted dairy barn built in 1863. Events and exhibits. Free admission, donations welcome. Open 10 am - 6 pm daily. By appointment off-season. Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. (802) 525-3031. [www.breadandpuppet.org](http://www.breadandpuppet.org). *Open through November 1.*

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

**GRAFTON.** The Nature Museum at Grafton. Programs for all ages. Hands-on exhibits, dioramas, mounted specimen, wildlife garden. Hiking trails in the Village Park behind the Museum. Free admission. Open Thursdays and Saturdays 10 am - 4 pm. 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. [info@nature-museum.org](mailto:info@nature-museum.org). [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org). *Through Columbus Day weekend.*

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

**HUNTINGTON.** Birds of Vermont Museum. Features over 500 carved wooden birds, representing 259 species. Admission: adult \$7, senior \$6, child 3-17 \$3.50. Open daily 10 am - 4 pm. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. [museum@birdsofvermont.org](mailto:museum@birdsofvermont.org). [www.birdsofvermont.org](http://www.birdsofvermont.org). *Through October 31*

## Absences

No robins on the lawn,  
No singing in the trees  
Though green leaves still are on—

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—JAMES HAYFORD



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(Museums, Exhibits & Galleries, continued)

**HUDLOW.** Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts. Craft and Gift Shoppe open through October 13, 10 am – 5 pm daily. 611 Rt. 103 South. (802) 228-8770. info@fletcherfarm.org. www.fletcherfarm.org.

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

**MANCHESTER.** Visit Historic Hildene. The summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln. Admission: \$16 adults, \$5 children 6 to 14, under 6 free. Grounds pass: \$5 adults, \$3 youth, children under 6 free. Open daily 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Historic Hildene, off Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 362-1788. info@hildene.org. www.hildene.org.

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

**MIDDLEBURY.** Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont. The oldest chartered community history museum in the United States, welcoming visitors since 1882. Admission: adults \$5, youth 6-18 \$3, senior \$4.50, family \$12, under 6 free. Open Tues-Sat 10 am – 5 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History, One Park St. (803) 388-2117. 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. Vermont Folklife Center, 88 Main St., (802) 388-4964. info@vermontfolklifecenter.org. www.vermontfolklifecenter.org.

**NORWICH.** Montshire Museum of Science. Open 10 am – 5 pm daily. Admission \$14 adults, \$11 children 2-17, under 2 free. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. One Montshire Rd. (802) 649-2200. www.montshire.org.

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

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

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

**ROCHESTER.** Art Exhibit. Peter Schumann (from Bread & Puppet Theater) presents *King Solomon: the Great Love Poet Fails to Meet the Queen of Sheba in Palestine*, on display through October 4. Wed-Fri 10-5, Sat 12-5, Sun-Tues by appointment. BigTown Gallery, 99 North Main St. (802) 767-9670. info@bigtowngallery.com. www.bigtowngallery.com.

**RUTLAND.** Chaffee Downtown Art Center. Exhibit: *Stone and Silk*. See the works of two fiber artists and three sculptors. Workshops, classes. Open Tuesday-Friday 12-6 pm, and Saturday 10 am – 5 pm. Chaffee Downtown Gallery, 75 Merchants Row. (802) 775-0062. info@chaffeeartcenter.org. www.chaffeeartcenter.org. Through September 12.

**SAXTONS RIVER.** River Artisans Cooperative. Open to new members. Year round, weekdays from 12-5 pm and weekends from 10 am – 3 pm. 26B Main St. (802) 869-2099. www.riverartisans.com.

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

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

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

**SPRINGFIELD.** Art Exhibit: "Open Hall." Paintings and images from the Springfield area. The Art on the River Gallery at Great Hall Public Art Showcase on 100 River Street. (802) 885-6156. nlanoue@comcast.net. On exhibit September 2 through October 31.

**SPRINGFIELD.** Gallery at the VAULT. A Vermont State Craft Center featuring fine art and hand-crafted gifts from over 125 local and regional artists and craftsmen. Tuesday - Saturday 11 am – 5 pm. 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. www.galleryvault.org.

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium. Admission: adults \$8, seniors and children under 17 \$6, under 5 free. Winter hours: Tues-Sat 9 am – 5 pm, Sun 1-5 pm. Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium, 1302 Main St. (802) 748-2372. www.fairbanksmuseum.org

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

**VERGENNES.** Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Exhibits and activities. Archaeological studies. Cruise on Lake Champlain. Admission: adults \$10, seniors \$9, students 5-17 \$6, under 5 free. Open 10 am – 5 pm through October 12. 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. (802) 475-2022. www.lcmm.org.

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

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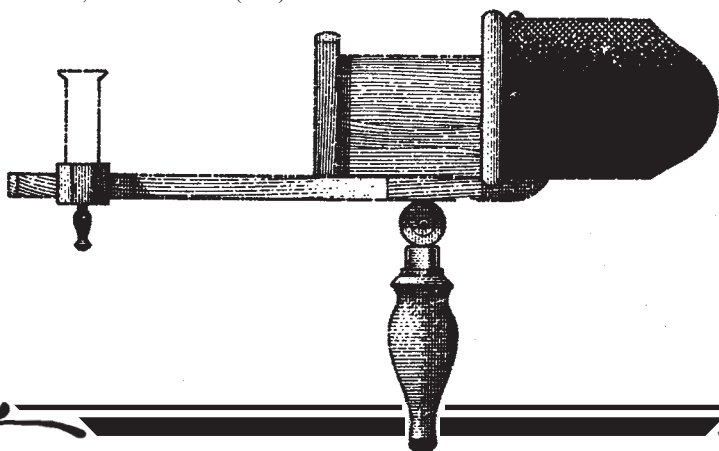
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# An Inquisitive Loving Journey: Ages and Stages in the Garden

by Judith Irven

A garden should be in a constant state of fluid change, expansion, experiment, adventure; above all it should be an inquisitive, loving but self-critical journey on the part of its owner.

—H. E. Bates

As all gardeners know, a garden is not a static 'thing' that you plant once and expect it to stay the same. A garden is an artistic creation that is always evolving, most obviously from month to month but also, more subtly, as the years roll by. Time is like the fourth dimension of the garden.

A garden is also more than just a collection of individual plants; it is a living organic whole. And, like any living thing, to keep it healthy and vibrant, the garden needs a little attention from its gardener. Whatever others may say, there is no such thing as a 'maintenance-free' garden.

So, as summer draws to a close, let's take a look at the ages and stages of a garden, the attention needed along the way, and some of the fall chores around the corner.

## Early years

As with a child, it is during the early years that a garden needs the most care.

When our plants are youngsters, their root systems are small and careful watering is critical. Also, with an eye towards long-term maintenance, it is prudent to plant young trees and shrubs far enough apart so that, as they mature, their branches will just overlap. This means in the early years you will have some bare ground to fill around your woody plants.

And, however diligently you prepared the soil prior to planting, some weed seeds and roots inevitably remain. Given half a chance, new weeds are ready to sprout and outgrow your precious garden plants.

In the early years most gardeners cover their beds with a layer of mulch. Mulch is an extremely functional gardening aid; it helps maintain moisture, slow the growth of weeds and fill the spaces between young plants. But it also results in that depressing 'sea of mulch' look so characteristic of a young garden.

So what can you do to reduce the 'sea of mulch'? Start by planting a low-growing perennial groundcover like the Big-root geranium (*Geranium macrorrhizum*) around the base of the shrubs and then fill the spaces between them with plenty of trouble-free perennials like Daylilies (*Hemerocallis*) or Black Eyed Susans (*Rudbeckia 'Goldstrum'*). As the shrubs expand it will be a relatively easy task to relocate any excess perennials to other parts of the garden.

One practical strategy to reducing the workload inherent in a new garden is to limit yourself to making only one new bed each year. Another is to limit the size of any new bed to accommodate the woody plants and just a few perennials. Then, as everything grows in, you can expand the edge of the bed outwards and move some of the perennials into the newly prepared outer portion.

## Peak of perfection

Little by little the garden reaches its peak of perfection with everything in balance and a fluid tapestry of color and texture that dances through the season.

As the plants enlarge, they shade the soil naturally, reducing the opportunity for weeds and decreasing the 'sea of mulch'.

With few demands on the gardener beyond a light annual weeding, this is a wonderful time to savor your handiwork, perhaps even inviting the local garden club to visit.



photo by Dick Conrad

The bed surrounding Judith and Dick's gazebo is 14 years old now and has gradually evolved as the plants matured. Some late-summer scented daylilies bloom in front of the fragrant Lemon Drop azalea. A hand-thrown pot creates a focal point and the stepping stone path allows you to enjoy the flowers up close.

## Editing and tweaking

However, if you want your garden to stay looking fresh and vibrant as it matures, sooner or later you will need to do some editing and tweaking.

As the trees and shrubs expand the patterns of sun and shade reshape themselves and sun-loving plants need to be moved elsewhere. And, even with the most careful attention, some plants outgrow their spaces or weeds creep in, making everything seen overly full or messy. Or, at the other extreme, fussy plants prove to be short-lived, leaving holes to be filled; occasionally even a truly robust plant dies for no apparent reason.

September is the perfect time to examine the garden with a critical eye. What needs moving? What needs dividing? Are there better plant choices for problem area? Are there sections that need to be thoroughly weeded?

Then in October, after the perennials have gone dormant, you can lift and divide them, and at the same time remove any weeds. At this point you can either return the perennials to the same bed or replant them elsewhere in the garden. Any excess will make nice gifts for other gardeners who may have their own empty beds to fill.

## One garden's ebb and flow

As an example of the natural ebb and flow of the garden I would like to share the story of our gazebo garden.

Back in 2000 we built a 12 foot square, screened gazebo. Since it is surrounded by a large garden bed that is a magnet for both birds and butterflies, it is the perfect bug-free place to enjoy our long Vermont summer evenings.

A trio of crab apples, set 20' apart, creates a year-round framework. Each spring they are covered in pink flowers, and for the remainder of the season their bronze-tinted leaves

contrast nicely with the rest of the garden. And in August the cedar waxwings which arrive en-masse to devour the fruit.

Surrounding the crab apples I planted plenty of shrubs, chosen for their fragrance or their colorful leaves, including several scented summer-flowering azaleas, summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*), red-twigged dogwoods with variegated leaves; a burgundy-colored Weigelia 'Wine and Roses' and, for fall color, some witchhazel, *Hamamelis virginiana*. And in the sunny central portion of the bed I planted some low-growing spireas.

I also found room for three 'special plants': a beloved tree peony, the beautiful hybrid yellow peony 'Garden Treasure', and a dwarf white pine, *Pinus strobus 'Kurley'*. And finally, a stepping-stone path allows me to walk through the bed and enjoy all the plants.

I then sought out perennials that would be happy in sun or partial shade, including some fragrant yellow daylilies, tall pink oriental lilies, Japanese catmint (*Nepeta subsessilis*) and the groundcover *Geranium machrorrhizum*. In the shady sections behind the gazebo I chose the umbrella plant, (*Darmera peltata*) and plenty of astilbes.

Over the years I have responded as the garden has matured. The crab apples now shade much of the bed and the sun-loving spireas have become thin and scraggly. So I replaced them with two shade-tolerant dark-leaved cultivars of Ninebark, (*Physocarpus opulifolius 'Little Devil'* and 'Amber Jubilee'), plus some Hosta 'Guacamole' for contrast.

The azaleas, while flourishing in the filtered light, have expanded and now grow as tall as me. So each fall I move a few perennials to other parts of the garden, and every summer after flowering is done, I prune the azaleas down slightly to keep them in scale with everything else.

And finally, the geranium has filled out beyond where I want it, but it will be a relatively easy job to pull out some of the surface roots to get it back into proportion.

Thus the evolution of the garden continues and the work of the gardener goes on. But that is the way it should be. Again, to quote H.E. Bates,

*'The garden that is finished is dead'*

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



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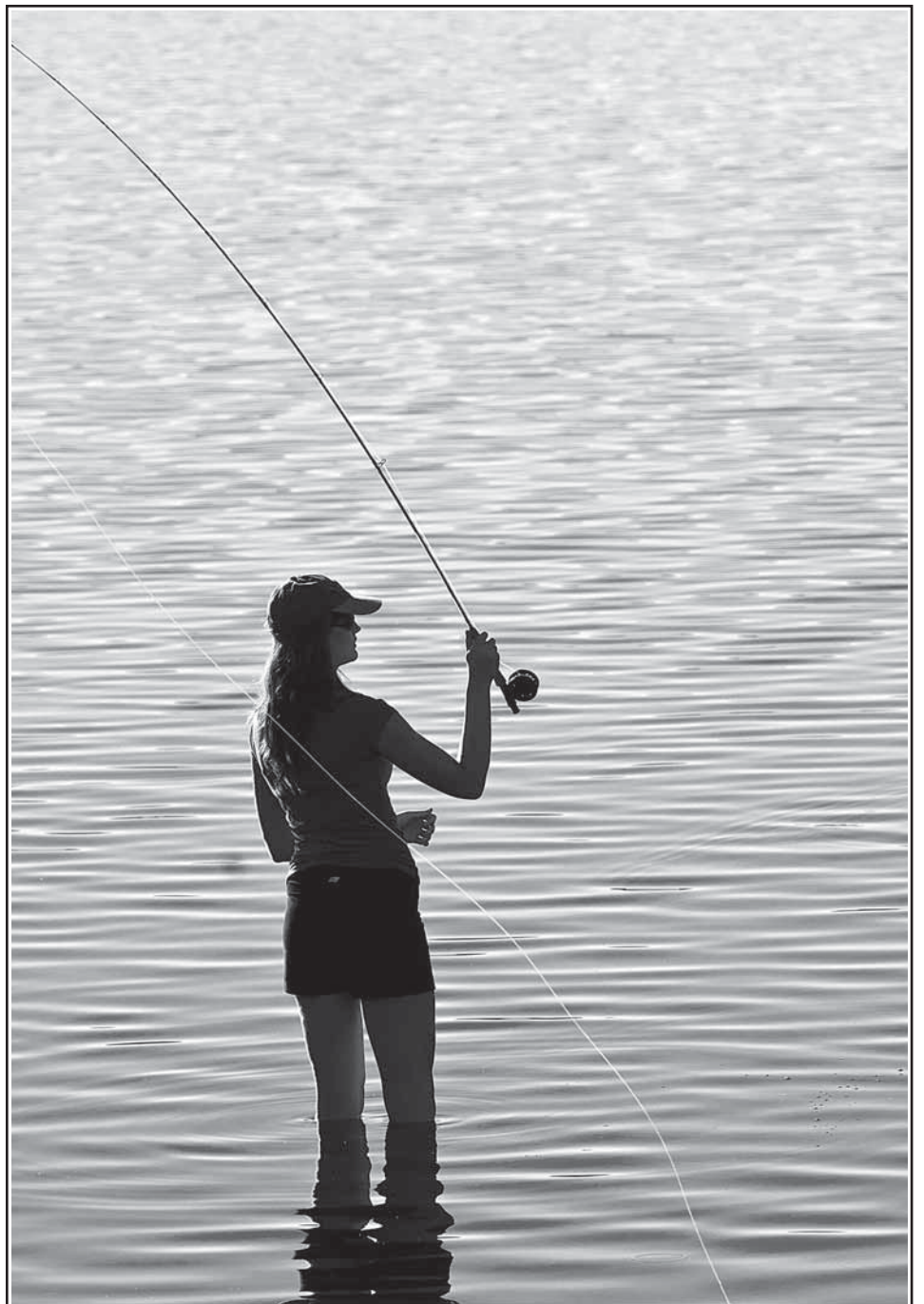


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Casting a rod on Lake Wallace at Fall Doe Camp, Jackson's Lodge & Cabins, Canaan, VT.

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days." Some of this year's offerings include an Asian vase, a print of the Bradford Library, copper molds, indoor/outdoor thermometer, gift boxes filled with assorted surprises, framed and matted artwork, John Deere items, local farm produce, 3.5 yards of Pendleton fabric and lining, fine woodworking by Copelands, a mirror, 1937 Bradford Academy plate, hand-embroidered Irish linen tablecloth & napkins, crystal dishes, and many gift certificates from local businesses. The auction opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 2:30 p.m.

The Women's Fellowship will display its annual quilt for raffle—a queen-size with a Bear Paw design. The raffle drawing follows in early October.

An a la carte lunch will be served in the Sugar House, featuring hamburgers, hot-dogs, potato salad, baked beans, chili, coleslaw, beverages, and desserts.

The First Congregational Church of Newbury is the second oldest church in Vermont. The original church building was built in 1856. Across the street, in the former parsonage, is the Mustard Seed Thrift Shop where used clothing, household items, books, and toys are sold year-round to help support the church and local charities. The Mustard Seed is open Thursdays and Fridays, 10 am to 4 pm and Saturdays, 10 am to 2 pm.

Following a three-year interim ministry by Rev.

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Guests sit down to hearty fare at a fall harvest supper in Cabot, VT.

treats. Library book sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Scenic bus tour at 10:15 a.m., \$3. Lunch at the Elementary School from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., \$7. Northern Skies Observatory open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ghost walk at the church, 2 p.m. Harp music concert (by donation) at the church, 4-6 p.m. Spaghetti supper in the church social hall, seatings at 5 & 6:30 p.m. Menu: meat or vegetarian sauce, salad, garlic bread, homemade apple crisp with ice cream. Adults \$10, children \$5, under 6 free. Tickets at the door. For info call Marilyn Magnus at (802) 592-3320.

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# Yankee Yahoo

by Burr Morse

I've always felt that the terms "real Vermonter" and "Yankee" could be used interchangeably but a recent incident has led me to a little soul searching. Although the definition of both have been questioned over the years, I feel that the term "real Vermonter" is much easier to qualify; my roots have reached into the same Vermont hillside for seven generations. I constantly crave dried beef gravy, sugar on snow, and peas with new potatoes. To me, splitting wood and hefting bales are the two best exercises (what the hell does "aerobic" mean, anyway). As far as my classification in the phylum "Yankee" goes, however, I seem to lack one of the major qualities—I'm terrible at "makin' deals". Yup, I can get "cheated" by just thinking of getting up in the morning—don't even have to actually rise from between the sheets!

My family has a strong history of proper Yankee horse tradin'. My siblings can pinch nickels with the best of 'em and I've got cousins who not only pinch 'em but still have their first ones! Poor ol' me on the other hand—old Midas was off-duty the day I was born! The incident that brought me to this point happened after I answered a call-in ad on our local radio show "The Trading Post".

That morning, a man named Mac from Williamstown (names and places have been changed to protect both the innocent

**"Yup, I can get 'cheated' by just thinking of getting up in the morning—don't even have to actually rise..."**

and the most shameless of horse traders) called in saying he had an onion hoe he'd sell for ten dollars. Because of my "challenge", I'm usually never tempted by Trading Post deals, but that morning the words "onion hoe" struck my fancy. Back when my father and I were eking out our living growing vegetables on this place, we had a whole fleet of onion hoes. A true onion hoe has a narrow, sharp blade that'll chop through the heaviest soil, a long, back-friendly handle, and an endurance that'll outlive season after season of hard labor. When we phased out vegetable farming, our onion hoes disappeared one at a time. Although my days as a produce grower bring back many memories that I'd rather forget, I'll always consider the "onion hoe" a loyal and worthy partner.

Suddenly that simple tool dangled huge before my eyes like a fresh, garden carrot. I had to have that onion hoe! I called the guy from Williamstown and said I'd be right over. I had no problem finding his place and he quickly answered my rap on his door. "Yup, I'm the guy with th' hoe," he said, assessing

me through narrow eyes as if I'd been wearing a suit and carrying a brief case. "Hoe's right there. Good 'un, worth every penny," he said in words that would have sounded alarms with either of my brothers.

The hoe, which appeared to be brand-spanking new, leaned against a nearby wall. From the distance I could see a hand-scribed \$10.00 tag on it, obvious remnants from a yard sale. As I walked over to it, a crusty Yankee voice somewhere in my soul screamed, "Looks, by God, like a cheap hardware store hoe t'me. Why's he sellin' a brand new hoe, anyway? Burr Morse you damned fool—you're about t'get took!" I ignored the voice, picked the hoe up and extracted a ten dollar bill from my wallet. The guy shook my hand and inserted the ten in his own thick billfold.

I took that hoe home and proudly gave it to my son, Tommy, who has begun growing vegetables again on our place. Tommy came to me the next day saying it had completely fallen apart on its first "swipe" into our heavy soil. "I'm sorry—total junk," he said.

A couple weeks later, I was at a party at my brother Elliott's house. As folks do at those affairs, we were all sitting around shooting the breeze and, you guessed it, "horse tradin'" was a hot topic. I heard about recent yard sale trophies, everything from

roto-tillers to battery chargers, deals all signed and sealed by the true "Midas touch". I sat contritely for the longest time knowing that I had nothing to offer. Finally, though, be it simple stupidity or maybe even innate honesty (a positive Yankee trait that I do have), I found myself telling the "hoe" story. They let me get only as far as the "ten dollar" part, however, when things changed as suddenly as a torrent in a cabbage patch. "You'd pay ten dollars for a hoe?" chided brother Tick. And then my nephew Brian joined in. "Williamstown? You'd drive all the way to Williamstown for a hoe?" All of a sudden all eyes were on me, wise, frugal eyes, Yankee eyes. "Uhhh, ya, I, I guess I did," I admitted, head bowed like a boy who'd just been caught in the cookie jar.

The party had ended and I was back home when the humor of it hit me enough to relate my story to Betsy. "Yup" I said, "I admitted to my own flesh and blood that I got 'walloped' again by a Yankee trader". Betsy, who loves me in spite of my "handicaps" thought the incident was funny. "Burr," she said, "Don't



photo by Bill Kinzie  
Burr Morse contemplates the coming autumn and his Yankee soul.

worry about it. You just made a ten dollar installment on your education loan, that's all." Oh, I'm sure all those kinfolk love me, too, but part of 'em will always question my pedigree. "Guy's good at a few things," they'll say, "but he sure can't make a deal!"

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# North Country Book News

## Book Reviews

### What to Do With All That Autumn Harvest Bounty

With gardens producing so much this time of year many of us are well into canning and freezing. But what about drying and even 'drinking' the harvest?

Two new books describe how to do just that: *The Beginner's Guide to Making and Using Dried Foods* by Teresa Marrone, and *Drink the Harvest* by Nan K. Chase and DeNeice C. Guest (both \$16.95, [www.storey.com](http://www.storey.com)).

The book on dried foods includes fresh fruits, herbs, even meats like poultry, bacon and beef jerky, and many vegetables. Have you ever considered drying that extra zucchini, as well as cucumbers, eggplant and cauliflower? Actually more than 40 vegetables are listed that can be dried with easy-to-read instructions using your stove, commercial or home-built dehydrators, and not surprisingly, the sun!

The author also gives ample recipes for using these dried foods, and they conjure up some intriguing dishes: curried winter soup mix in a jar, green tomatoes and okra, and sweet and tangy cabbage with apple.

Apples are a good choice for beginners to try drying and instructions also are given for home-dried apples and other candied fruits. Some 30 fruits are recommended for drying including berries, bananas, citrus fruits and even melons.

Detailed instructions for assembling a home-built dehy-

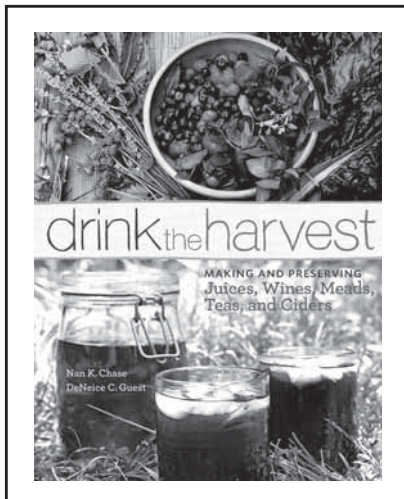
drator and advice on buying a commercial one will get you started on a big scale. But use your stove for now.

Many how-to-do-it books today have good technical information, but they lack a personal touch. Not so with the authors of *Drink the Harvest* who make you feel as if you are right in their own home with them pressing fruits into delicious drinks or making wines, meads, ciders and teas.

Yes, they have directions for making your own teas from bee balm, German chamomile, chicory, red clover, goldenrod, mint, wild geranium and many others. They point out that home-made and preserved foods are better for you and cheaper than the supermarket.

This being the apple season, you'll see apples being pressed into cider in six colorful photographs. In fact all the art work and color photos will encourage you to turn your harvest into inviting beverages. Obvious ones to try include tomato, vegetable, berry, crab apple, pears, grape and peach juice.

How about making 'leathers' out of the pulp left over from pressed fruits, which when spread out and dried make a tasty treat. These two books give instructions on how to do it and both show you how fun in the kitchen means better food and drink all winter.



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## Children's Book Reviews

### All About Apples

There are many picture books for children about apples but here are three worth acquiring. You can find them through your local bookseller or used book store.

We all grew up hearing about Johnny Appleseed (Jon Chapman) the hardy soul who walked from Massachusetts to the Mid-west planting appleseeds. In *Johnny Appleseed* by Reeve Lindburgh, Kathy Jakobson illustrator (*Little, Brown, www.littlebrown.com*) we learn about Jon's reverence for the earth and dedication to sharing apples with the settlers he came to know in his travels. The story is told as a poem and the folk art illustrations

are filled with pleasing detail.

In *The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree* written and illustrated by Gail Gibbons (*Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, www.hmco.com*) the author introduces us to Arnold and his beloved apple tree. Arnold takes us through the seasons and shows us everything the tree goes through. There is even a recipe for apple pie!

*How do Apples Grow* by Betsy Maestro, illustrated by Giulio Maestro (*HarperCollins, www.harpercollins.com*) shows us how apples develop, from blossom to fruit, ripe for the picking. The watercolor illustrations are lovely to look at.

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## Children's Book Reviews

### Tales of Orphans & Ingenuity

Children more often than not are asked to make the best of a bad situation. When this involves being an orphan or foster child it means early-on learning survival skills, finding real friends, and persevering against all odds.

In this classic tradition, two new books touch on sensitive themes, and yet they are not without some humor. These are for middle readers but grown-ups will like reading them to their kids, too.

In *Wanderville* by Wendy McClure (*Razorbill, Penguin Young Readers Group, \$16.99, www.penguin.com, www.wendymcclure.net*), three unlucky children are shipped off to Kansas on an orphan train, which was a common way of dealing with homeless or destitute children in the mid-1800s.

In this story the trio jump off the train and start a new life on their own in the woods rather than ending up as they

feared as abused child labor on a farm. They end up in Wanderville, an imaginary town that only they can see and there are no adults telling them what to do. Join them as they use their friendship and creativity as staying powers.

In *The Orphan and the Mouse* by Martha Freeman illustrated by David McPhail (*Holiday House, \$16.95, www.holidayhouse.com, www.marthafreeman.com*), a lovable 10-year-old orphan girl named Caro and a clever widowed mouse named Mary expose an illegal baby-selling operation in the 1949 Philadelphia orphanage where they reside.

The spirited mouse will remind you of E.B. White's famous *Stuart Little*. This is an old-fashioned children's book with a good plot, plenty of adventure, and unforgettable characters. Appealing black-and-white drawings add to the story line.



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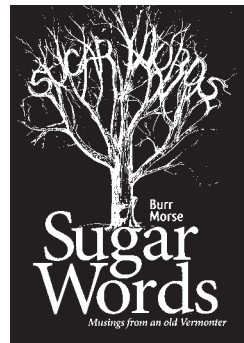
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# The Homing Instinct Meaning & Mystery in Animal Migration

by Bernd Heinrich

(Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

All over the world at the end of the work day, or when school is out, or vacations or journeys are over, it's human nature to make a 'beeline' for home.

This inherent pull towards home where family resides, hopefully in a secure place, isn't limited to us humans, but is an integral part of the animal kingdom's survival from the tiniest insect to the largest mammal. Once again naturalist Bernd Heinrich delves into the mysteries of nature—this time focusing on homing instincts in the same fascinating way we learned about other wildlife in and around his cabin in Maine.

How this instinct for homing is handled usually guarantees the survival of the species, as it is at home that offspring are conceived, birthed, and brought safely into the world. If this birthing site is a good safe place the offspring will return there year after year. One thinks of salmon that come back to the same spawning grounds after long sea journeys.

The author reports on studies done on Coho salmon that were introduced to control an invasive species of alewives that had become a nuisance in Lake Michigan. Researchers found that 90% of the salmon returned to the same spawning grounds there because of 'scent nostalgia'—memory of a particular bouquet of fragrances from its tributary waters

Heinrich writes about migratory birds that fly many miles between their

winter and summer homes, yet return to the exact same place. He has seen firsthand how possessive they can be in protecting their home. We learn about two sandhill cranes nicknamed Millie and Roy who returned as expected to their home pond in the Alaska tundra. The author is treated to their lifestyle which includes a mating ritual, driving off a lone predator crane, and watching them dance.

All of the world's 14 species of cranes dance, which involves running, leaping into the air, flapping their wings, turning in circles, stiff-legged walking, bowing, stopping and starting, pirouetting, and even throwing sticks. The dance is often done in pairs and the young also perform some of the steps.

There are fascinating accounts of migrations in huge numbers by grasshoppers, aphids, ladybird beetles, and monarch butterflies. We learn how swarms of grasshoppers (migratory locusts) blacken the skies, as those "in the vanguard settle onto earth and consume every green thing where they land, the rest fly over them until they find more green, while those behind then take flight and do the same, and so a horde of hundreds of millions move along, stripping all vegetation in its path."

(Not all these mass migrations turn destructive. We were treated one spring evening to seeing countless fireflies in the wetland

along Route 7 north of Manchester. What an unforgettable and beautiful sight their flickering lights!)

The author, who was born in Germany, shares with us his own journey to find a home in Maine. As World War II loomed his family was driven out, along with millions of other refugees. They were able to come to America and started a new life on a depleted little farm in Wilton, near Weld, Maine.

Years later as a college professor, Heinrich purchased land in Weld and built a cabin there. He tells many amusing anecdotes of living there with others from the animal kingdom including spiders, bedbugs, and squirrels that decided this was a good home, too.

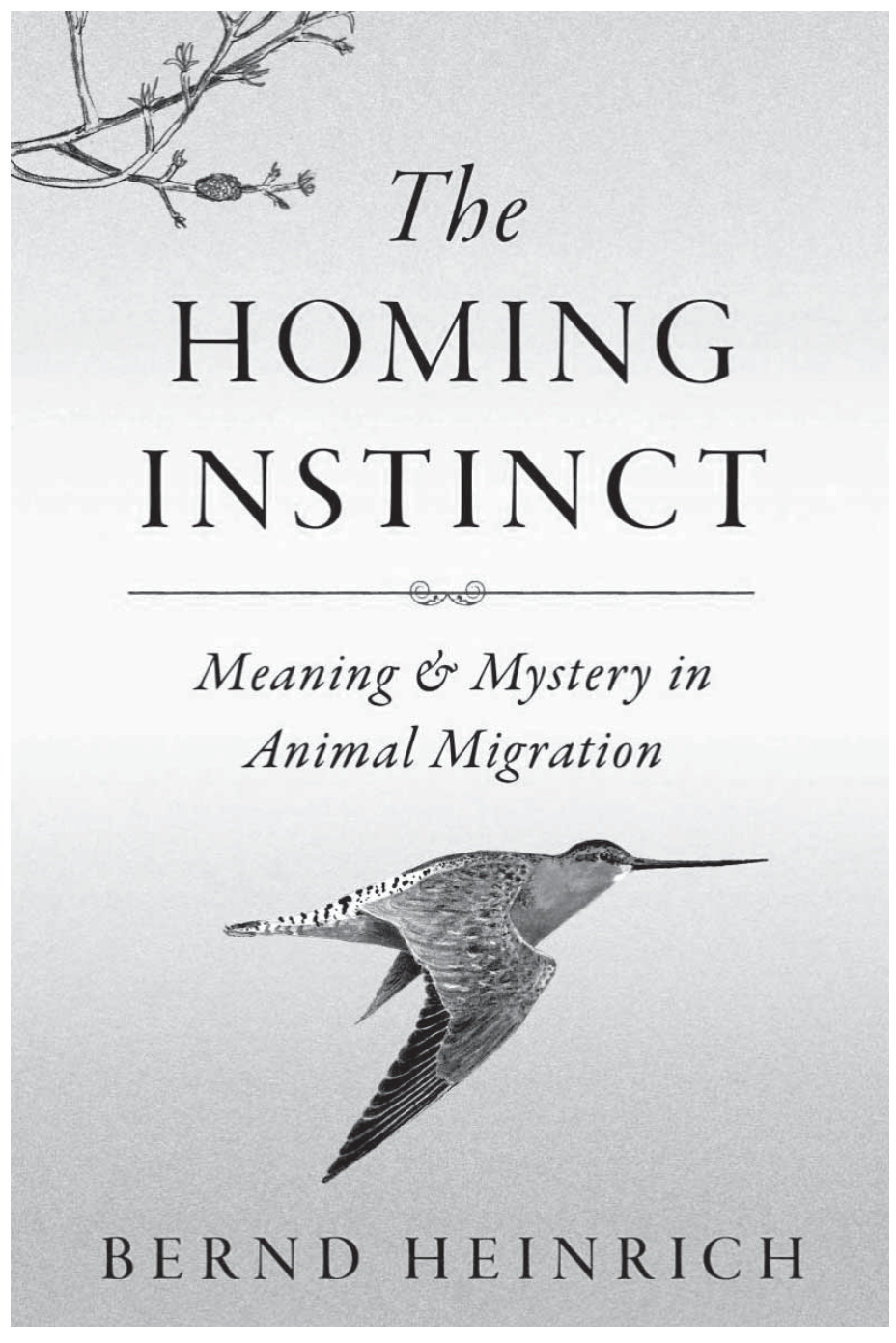
Heinrich has always been fascinated by bees, and in fact his first book was *Bumblebee Economics*. In *The Homing Instinct* he details studies to determine how bees are able to collect their pollen and then navigate in a 'beeline' for the hive. Test bees in a drowsy state were painted bright colors and installed with radar-tracking transponders. They were tracked but their usual food sources had been moved to a different location. Guess what? The bees incorporated information for flight direction from both their previously learned flights as well as from landmarks and from the flight directions learned from hive mates within their hives. The saying 'busy as a bee' could also be 'smart as a bee'!

Equally resourceful are the many ways wildlife homes are built. Readers will be amazed at the intriguing structure of beehives as well as termite homes constructed with temperature control systems that reflect the searing midday heat and are structured to suck in cool air from the bottom and release hot air out the top.

Lessons are learned in figuring out why certain species become extinct. There may be natural factors—climate, shortages of food, etc.—but sometime the species is hunted out of existence, as was the case of passenger pigeons.

Nineteenth-century shipping records show that millions of pigeons were hunted during their nesting season and shipped in barrels to New York and other markets. The term 'stool pigeon' comes from a hunting technique whereby the pigeon is blinded and tethered to a pole under a huge net which would attract and capture thousands at a time. Doves, on the other hand, don't aggregate in large masses. Spreading out over vast territories has assured their survival even though they, too, are hunted.

Being ever so attuned to the natural world, its historical evolution, and unusual and sometimes mysterious means of survival, the author can't help but wonder about our mass of humanity sharing only one home—the earth—which is experiencing a gain of 79



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million people a year in population growth.

And he concludes: "The point is, we can see the magnitude of what's up. We are different in that way from all of 'them' that have just bitten the dust, and unique also from the rest that we have considered inferior to us."


"We are different also in that the destruction of home boundaries that create the Commons and biologist Garrett Hardin's 'tragedy' of it, can also be an opportunity to pull together to face our 'common' enemy:

massive overpopulation. I think Walt Kelly's comic character Pogo of the Okefenokee Swamp said it best: 'We have met the enemy and he is us.'"

*The Homing Instinct—Meaning & Mystery in Animal Migration* by Bernd Heinrich is available for \$27 from your bookseller or the publisher: [www.hmh.com](http://www.hmh.com). Heinrich is the author of 16 other books dealing with the natural world.

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