

# Vermont Country Sampler

## January 2018 Calendar

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*See the end of the daily event calendar for ongoing activities; museums, exhibits, and galleries; community dances and music; recreation and nature centers; and winter farmers markets.*

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

**BELLOWS FALLS.** New Year's Eve Workshop. Listening from the Heart and Soul: Cultivating the Practicing of Attunement. Led by Elizabeth Rogers. 2-5 pm. Call to register. Stone Church Arts, Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 460-0110. [sca@sover.net](mailto:sca@sover.net). [stonechurcharts.org](http://stonechurcharts.org).

**BELMONT.** New Year's Eve at Star Lake. Welcome in the New Year with good friends, good cheer, fireworks, a bonfire and skating (if possible). Co-sponsored with the Mount Holly Snow Flyers. Free! 9-10:30 pm. Star Lake, 25 Lake St. (802) 259-9130.

**BURLINGTON.** 35th Annual First Night Burlington. Alcohol-free New Year's eve celebration and Vermont's largest one-day arts festival, attracting 20,000 people. Musical performances, dance, theater, circus arts, puppetry, visual arts, storytelling, comedy, fireworks and a parade. A First Night Burlington button admits one to all events all sites, on a first-come, first-served basis. First Night Buttons: adult (age 13+) \$18; child (age 3-12) \$5; student with valid ID \$10; family pack (two adult, two child) \$42. Buttons are available at the FlynnTix Box Office at 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. [box@flynncenter.org](mailto:box@flynncenter.org) or from the First Night website at [www.firstnightburlington.com](http://www.firstnightburlington.com). Festival 11 am December 31 to 12:30 am January 1. (802) 863-6005.

**BURLINGTON.** Concert: The Sky Blue Boys with Carrie Cook are delighted to be part of First Night Burlington, that wonderful all-ages celebration with music, dance and art events occurring throughout the city all day. 9-10:30 pm. First Congregational Church Sanctuary, 38 S. Winooski Ave. [www.skyblueboys.com](http://www.skyblueboys.com). [www.firstnightburlington.org](http://www.firstnightburlington.org).

**HARTLAND.** International Hour of Peace Observance. A gathering in support of peace for the world. Bring a poem, a song, inspirational words of peace and a potluck dish for afterward. Free. 6:45 am. First Unitarian Universalist Society of Hartland, 8 Brownsville Rd. (802) 436-2592. [truwarrrior63@gmail.com](mailto:truwarrrior63@gmail.com).

**LUDLOW.** Okemo's Family New Year's Eve. Early evening ice skating, snow tubing, mountain coaster rides. Horse-drawn wagon rides, party hat decorating, bingo games, trivia tournament. DJ dance party. Party games, balloons, noisemakers and fireworks. Pizza party dinner. Tickets prices vary. Jackson Gore Inn at Okemo, 111 Jackson Gore Rd. (802) 228-1600. [info@okemo.com](mailto:info@okemo.com). [okemo.com](http://okemo.com).

**MIDDLEBURY.** New Year's Eve with The Grift. The best band in New England rocks the region's biggest dance floor for a New Year's Eve Party with a free champagne toast at midnight (for 21+). Tickets: \$18. Doors open at 8 pm, band kicks in at 9 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 South Pleasant St. Box office: (802) 382-9222. [www.townhalltheater.org](http://www.townhalltheater.org).

**MONTPELIER.** New Year's Eve Celebration. Something for everyone. Many restaurants and bars offering a special dinner, music or just a drink. Marko the Magician at Montpelier High School 4:30-5:15 pm (magic show). 5:45-7 pm (hypnosis magic show). 7:30 pm. Fireworks at 7:30 pm, best viewing from the State House lawn. Dave Keller's New Year's Eve extravaganza concert, 8 pm - 1 am at City Hall. Purchase tickets online. (802) 223-9604. [montpelierlive.org](http://montpelierlive.org).

**NORWICH.** New Year's Eve Meditation and Potluck Dinner. Sitting and walking meditation, followed by a potluck meal. Attend both events, or only the dinner. Meditation at 5 pm, dinner at 6:10 pm. The meal is vegetarian; drinks are non-alcoholic. Families invited. RSVP to [joan27jaffe@gmail.com](mailto:joan27jaffe@gmail.com). Free. 5-9 pm. St Barnabas Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 262 S. Main St. (603) 277-9318. [joyceandpat@gmail.com](mailto:joyceandpat@gmail.com). [uvmindfulnessmeditation.org](http://uvmindfulnessmeditation.org).

**NORWICH.** Contra Dance. With Cuckoo's Nest, caller Tony Parkes. Dress in your favorite celebratory dance clothes. Everyone welcome; no partner or experience necessary. Special celebration at midnight! Bring clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing. Pot-luck snacks at the break; bring finger food to share. Sponsored by Muskeg Music. Admission: \$10, students \$6, under 16 free. 8-11:59 pm, 7:45 pm walk-through. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. [uvidm.org](http://uvidm.org).

**RUTLAND.** Comedy Performance: First Night of Funny. Four professional comedians with four unique and hilarious perspectives on the world. Tickets: \$25-\$40. 8 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [paramountlive.org](http://paramountlive.org).

**SO. ROYALTON.** Christmas Celebration. The Christmas lights are turned on at about 4:30 pm each evening. It is dark by 5 pm and it is better to come after that time. Hot apple cider and cookies served. Open seven days a week 9 am to 9 pm, grounds open till 10 pm, but Monday through Thursday is less busy. Joseph Smith Birthplace Memorial, 357 LDS Lane. (802) 763-7742. [www.lds.org/locations/joseph-smith-birthplace-memorial](http://www.lds.org/locations/joseph-smith-birthplace-memorial). Also *January 1, 2018*.

**SPRINGFIELD.** Fire Ceremony. Reflect on the past year and let go of regrets and pain by writing these on paper and burning them away in the burning bowl. Then write down hopes, expectations and intentions for the new year. These will be sealed in self-addressed envelopes and mailed back to the writers near the end of the next year. Free. 10-11 am. Unitarian Universalist Church in Springfield, 21 Fairground Rd. (802) 885-3327. [uuspringfieldvt@gmail.com](mailto:uuspringfieldvt@gmail.com).

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** First Night North in St. Johnsbury. A New Year's Eve festival of the arts. 100 shows by 250 musicians, dancers, comedians, magicians, puppeteers, storytellers, circus, fire artists, fireworks, and more! Food and free shuttle. Button admission \$22, \$14, 5 and under free available by calling Catamount or at local businesses. 4 pm - 12 midnight. (802) 748-2600 x 2. [info@firstnightstj.com](mailto:info@firstnightstj.com). [www.firstnightnorth.org](http://www.firstnightnorth.org).

**STOWE.** New Year's Eve Fireworks. Enjoy the fireworks in front of the Main Lodge. 11:30 pm. Trapp Family Lodge, 700 Trapp Hill Rd. (802) 253-8512.

**STOWE.** Torchlight Parade and Fireworks Show. View from the patio of Spruce Camp Base Lodge or the Ice Rink in the Spruce Peak Village Center. Please park in the Mansfield parking lots and take the OverEasy Gondola to Spruce. 7:30-8:30 pm. Stowe Mountain Resort, 5781 Mountain Rd. (802) 253-3500.

**WAITSFIELD.** Mad River Glen New Year's Family Celebration. Potluck dinner (last names starting A to M bring heavy appetizers, chili, soups, stew, etc; N to Z please bring a dessert). Flag football in the snow (we hope!), kids' movie, and torchlight parade. 6:30-10:30 pm. Basebox, Mad River Glen Cooperative, 57 Schuss Pass Rd. (802) 496-3551. [ski@madriverglen.com](mailto:ski@madriverglen.com). [www.madriverglen.com](http://www.madriverglen.com).

**WEST DOVER.** Mount Snow Torchlight Parade & Fireworks. Kick off your New Year's Eve celebration with us as our Mount Snow Ski & Snowboard School instructors will descend the Canyon ski trail in a beautiful torchlight glow. Immediately following we'll light up the sky with a huge fireworks display. The best place to watch our instructors descend is between the Clocktower and the Cape House. Beforehand join us for free s'mores at the top of the Tubing hill at 3 pm, and then head to the Base Area at 4:45 pm for a bonfire! Mount Snow, 39 Mount Snow Rd. 5:45 pm. (802) 464-4191. [mountsnow.com](http://mountsnow.com). Also *January 14 and February 21*.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** New Year's Eve Public Skate. Music, snacks and other goodies. Skate rentals available. 4-6 pm. Wendell A. Barwood Arena, 45 Highland Ave. (802) 295-5036. [kmcnull@hartfordvt.org](mailto:kmcnull@hartfordvt.org). [hartfordvt.myrec.com](http://hartfordvt.myrec.com).

**WOODSTOCK.** Christmas at Billings Farm. Learn how Christmas was celebrated in late 19th century Woodstock in the farmhouse and linger in the cozy kitchen as treats are baked in the woodstove. Holiday programs and making historic ornaments. Admission: adults \$15, 62 & up \$14, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am - 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org). Also *December 26-January 1*.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 1

**BURLINGTON.** Run Vermont's 30th Annual First Run 5k and Youth Fun Run. Presented by UVM Medical Center. Prizes awarded in several costume categories. 9 am. At Champlain Valley Expo. (802) 863-8412. [www.runvermont.org/events/first-run](http://www.runvermont.org/events/first-run).

**CALAIS.** Live Music: The Vermont Bluegrass Pioneers, the real deal with high-energy traditional bluegrass music. Free. 7:30 pm. The Whammy Bar, at the Maple Corner Store. (802) 229-4329. [www.skyblueboys.com](http://www.skyblueboys.com).

**CASTLETON.** Bomoseen State Park Hike, led by park naturalist Caitlin Gates. Take a walk around Bomoseen State Park. Meet at 1 pm at park entrance. For latest hike updates on December 31st and January 1st, please call (802) 249-1230. [vtstateparks.com](http://vtstateparks.com).

**COLCHESTER.** Niquette Bay State Park Hike, led by local trails expert Jessica Savage. Meet at noon at the trailhead at Niquette Bay State Park. 1+ hour, easy to moderate terrain. Family-friendly hike suitable for small children. For latest hike updates on December 31st and January 1st, please call (802) 249-1230. [vtstateparks.com](http://vtstateparks.com).

**FERRISBURGH.** Button Bay State Park Hike, led by the Otter Creek Audubon Society. New Year's walk in search of overwintering birds. Meet at 9 am at park entrance. 3-hour, easy hike on park trails. For latest hike updates on December 31st and January 1st, please call (802) 249-1230. [vtstateparks.com](http://vtstateparks.com).

**GROTON.** Groton State Forest Hike, led by local legend Dave Spencer. 1+ hour loop across multiple trails in the forest. Meet at 1 pm in the parking area at the Groton State Forest Nature Center on Boulder Beach Road, 1.6 miles from Rte. 232. For latest hike updates on December 31st and January 1st, please call (802) 249-1230. [vtstateparks.com](http://vtstateparks.com).

**HANOVER, NH.** 118th Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count, a favorite tradition in Vermont's birding community. Birders gather together to conduct the Christmas Bird Count. Meet in front of Hopkins Center, 7 am. Contact: Daniel Crook, [dc178@hotmail.com](mailto:dc178@hotmail.com). [vt.audubon.org/audubon-christmas-bird-count-0](http://vt.audubon.org/audubon-christmas-bird-count-0). [vtfishandwildlife.com](http://vtfishandwildlife.com).

**HUBBARDTON.** Taconic Mountains Ramble State Park. Hike led by state bat biologist Alyssa Bennett. 2-3 hours on easy to moderate terrain. Freshly baked cookies afterwards. Come take a look at our newest state park. Meet at noon. For latest hike updates on December 31st and January 1st, please call (802) 249-1230. [vtstateparks.com](http://vtstateparks.com).

**JAMAICA.** Jamaica State Park Hike, led by Lowell Lake State Park ranger Scott Renker. Easy, flat walk along an old rail bed, with the option to extend the hike along the same trails. Pets welcome on a leash. Suitable for all ages. Meet at 10 am by the park office at the entrance to the park. For latest hike updates on December 31st and January 1st, please call (802) 249-1230. [vtstateparks.com](http://vtstateparks.com).

**SHELBURNE.** Sleigh Rides. 20-minute horse-drawn wagon ride from the Welcome Center (weather permitting). Rides on the half hour from 11 am to 2 pm. No reservations; tickets sold on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 am when the Welcome Center opens. Cost: adult \$10, child \$8, under 2 free. 11 am – 2 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org). *Also January 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29.*

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**STATEWIDE.** First Day Hikes at Vermont State Parks. Free, guided, easy, family hikes in state parks and forests. Hike leaders include professional guides and outdoor educators. Free. Dress for the weather; bring snowshoes if there is a lot of snow. Bring beverages and snacks. Dogs welcome (on leash) unless otherwise noted. To check the status of the hikes call (802) 249-1230. Update messages will be posted on December 31st and January 1st. [vtstateparks.com](http://vtstateparks.com).

**UNDERHILL.** Underhill State Park Hike, led by John Connell (local innkeeper). 3+ hours, easy to moderate terrain. Meet at 1 pm at the gate just below Underhill State Park on the mountain Road in Underhill Center. For latest hike updates on December 31st and January 1st, please call (802) 249-1230. [vtstateparks.com](http://vtstateparks.com).

**WATERBURY.** Hunger Mountain Hike. 3.5 miles, 5 hours, moderate to difficult. Bring extra snacks, water, a warm drink, and an entire extra layer for the summit. We highly recommend traction devices, as the final part is steep and icy. Meet at 9 am at Hunger Mountain trail-head. For latest hike updates on December 31st and January 1st, please call (802) 249-1230. [vtstateparks.com](http://vtstateparks.com).

**W. BRATTLEBORO.** New Moon Snowshoe Hike. Quiet walk, with pauses to listen. Fire and hot chocolate. Bring a headlamp and snowshoes. Free (donations welcome). 7-8:30 pm. Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center, 1223 Bonnyvale Rd. (Heifer Hill). (802) 257-5785. [beec@sover.net](mailto:beec@sover.net). [beec.org](http://beec.org).

**WINDSOR.** Mt. Ascutney State Park Hike, led by naturalist Scott Davison. 1+ hour easy loop on trails and woods roads. Meet at 10 am at the ranger station at the entrance to the park. For latest hike updates on December 31st and January 1st, please call (802) 249-1230. [vtstateparks.com](http://vtstateparks.com).

**WINHALL.** Stratton Pond Welcomes the New Year Snowshoe. Snowshoes or traction depending on conditions. Six miles, several hundred feet elevation change. Bring extra clothing, hand warmers, fluids, snacks and lunch. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. 10 am – 3 pm; meet at 10 am at the Winhall Post Office and car pool to a very limited parking start. Leader: Marge Fish at (802) 384-3654. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

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## TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

**GOSHEN.** Full Moon Ski Soup and Sauna. The trails and Outdoor Center will remain open until 8 pm. Soup will be on in the Outdoor Center and sauna will be hot. \$10 per person. Let us know if you are interested so we have enough soup. 6 pm. Blueberry Hill Outdoor Center, 1245 Goshen Ripton Rd. (802) 247-6735. [info@blueberryhillinn.com](mailto:info@blueberryhillinn.com). [blueberryhillinn.com](http://blueberryhillinn.com). *Also January 31, March 2.*

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

**ESSEX.** Wednesday Story Time. Enjoy timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Each week, we'll choose a new picture book, a classic or a staff favorite to read aloud together. Free and open to all ages. 10 am. Phoenix Books Essex, 2 Carmichael St. (802) 872-7111. [phoenixbooks.biz](http://phoenixbooks.biz). *Every Wednesday through March 28.*

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

**THETFORD.** The Annual Thetford Academy Holiday Instrumental and Choral Concert. Rescheduled from December. Free. 6:30 pm. Thetford Academy, Martha Jane Rich Theater, 304 Academy Rd. (802) 785-4805.

**TINMOUTH.** Village Harmony Concert. 20 young adult Village Harmony veteran singers perform traditional music from South Africa, Bulgaria and Corsica, American shape-note songs, baroque and contemporary works. Suggested admission is \$12, students and seniors \$8. 7 pm at the Tinmouth Community Church, downtown Tinmouth. (802) 426-3210 or (802) 881-6775.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

**BOLTON.** Ski The Bolton Traverse on the Catamount Trail. From Bolton Nordic Center to the Trapp Family Lodge. Rugged, back-country tour, with a long descent thru open forest and marvelous views in many directions. For intermediate and advanced skiers accustomed to traveling by telemark or AT. Skis required. Fee: \$45, includes shuttle and Bolton Nordic pass. 7:30 am – 5:30 pm. [northwoodscenter.org](http://northwoodscenter.org).



## Friday, January 5, continued:

**BRATTLEBORO.** First Fridays Gallery Walk. Monthly celebration of the arts in downtown and nearby locations. 40-50 or more exhibit openings, many with meet-the-artist receptions and live music, plus occasional readings, dance, circus arts, theater, and more. Free. 5:30-8:30 pm. (802) 257-2616. [www.gallerywalk.org](http://www.gallerywalk.org). *Monthly on first Fridays.*

**BURLINGTON.** First Friday Art Walk. Visit over 30 galleries, studios, and interesting venues all around town. Free. 5-8 pm. Map available. (802) 264-4839. [www.artmapburlington.com](http://www.artmapburlington.com). *Monthly on the first Friday.*

**CASTLETON.** Coffee Hour. Enjoy homemade goodies, hot brew and good company. Free. 9-11 am Castleton Community Center, 2108 Main St. (802) 468-3093. *Every Friday.*

**HANOVER, NH.** Winter Public Astronomical Observing. The Department of Physics and Astronomy at Dartmouth College offers free viewing through its astronomical telescopes. Observing is only possible under good weather conditions; If weather is questionable, call to confirm the status of a session. Free. 8-10 pm. Dartmouth College Shattuck Observatory, Observatory Rd. (603) 646-9100. [Tressena.A.Manning@dartmouth.edu](mailto:Tressena.A.Manning@dartmouth.edu). [physics.dartmouth.edu](http://physics.dartmouth.edu). *Also January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23 & March 2.*

**HANOVER, NH.** Performance: Teatro Sur presents *Inútiles (Useless)*. Leading Chilean theater hilariously skewers Latin American colonialism, past and present. In Spanish, with English supertitles. Tickets: \$22.50-\$35. 8 pm. The Moore Theater, Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. [hop.dartmouth.edu](http://hop.dartmouth.edu). *Also January 6.*

**MANCHESTER.** Book & Author Event: Author James Crews presents his collection of poems, *Telling My Father*. Free. 6 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2525. [northshire.com](http://northshire.com).

**STOWE.** Live Music: The Vermont Bluegrass Pioneers will be in the lounge for apres-ski but you don't need to be a skier to drop by for some fun music and refreshments. 4-7 pm. Topnotch Resort, Mountain Rd. [www.skyblueboys.com](http://www.skyblueboys.com).

**TUNBRIDGE.** Logging Discussion. Forestry consultant Paul Harwood and loggers Shane Young and Calvin Johnson present a panel discussion, "Loggers and Their Contribution to a Healthy Forest." Free. 7 pm. Tunbridge Public Library, 289 Route 110. (802) 889-9404.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

**ASCUTNEY.** Ascutney Volunteer Fire Department Annual Spaghetti and Chicken Parmesan Dinner. Menu: spaghetti and chicken parmesan, fresh tossed salad, garlic bread and a variety of desserts. Price: \$10. 5-7 pm. Martin Memorial Hall, 5259 Rt. 5. (802) 289-7534. [katiecooper3@aol.com](mailto:katiecooper3@aol.com).

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Concert: Liz Rogers, singer-songwriter. Tickets: \$25 at the door; seniors \$20 at the door. 7:30 pm. Stone Church Arts, Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 460-0110. [sca@sover.net](mailto:sca@sover.net). [stonechurcharts.org](http://stonechurcharts.org).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Winter Farmers' Market. Fresh produce and local meats, yummy sweet treats, great lunch offerings, delicious pies, preserves and much, much more. Beautiful handmade gifts and live music. 10 am – 2 pm. Robert H. Gibson River Garden, 153 Main St. [farmersmarket@posttoilsolutions.org](mailto:farmersmarket@posttoilsolutions.org). [www.posttoilsolutions.org](http://www.posttoilsolutions.org). *Every Saturday through March 31.*

**BURLINGTON.** Skirack Annual Swap and Sale. Sell Your Winter Gear: Get store credit or cash. Or get new stuff. Downhill skis, snowboards, cross-country skis, snowshoes, boots, bindings, poles, roof racks & more. Winter sports gear in good condition only please. Sorry, NO straight alpine skis, helmets or clothing. Saturday 9 am – 7 pm, Sunday 10 am – 2 pm. Skirack, 85 Main St. (802) 658-3313. [info@skirack.com](mailto:info@skirack.com). [skirack.com/ski-swap](http://skirack.com/ski-swap). *Also January 7.*

**BURLINGTON.** Saturday Story Time. Enjoy timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Each week, we'll choose a new picture book, a classic or a staff favorite to read aloud together. Free and open to all ages. 11 am. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 872-7111. [phoenixbooks.biz](http://phoenixbooks.biz). *Every Saturday through March 31.*

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**GRAFTON.** A Nature Program for Families. "The Secret Lives of Winter: Active Animals and Finding Their Clues". Admission by donation. 10 am. Nature Museum at Grafton, 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. [nature-museum.org](http://nature-museum.org).

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**JAY.** Winter Hike on Burk or Jay. Have some eats post hike to break up the ride home. Moderate snowshoe. Strong pace. 6-7 miles. 1700-2000' elevation gain. Group limit 10. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. For meeting time and place contact leader: Tracy Sweeney, [tracy.sweeney@va.gov](mailto:tracy.sweeney@va.gov). [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**MANCHESTER.** Book & Author Event. Jessica Jean Weston presents her new book, *Healing Tonics, Juices, and Smoothies: 100+ Elixirs to Nurture Body and Soul*. Free. 1 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2525. [northshire.com](http://northshire.com).

**MONTPELIER.** Montpelier Contra Dance, presented by the Contra Dance Umbrella. Bring a pair of clean, soft-soled shoes. Admission \$9. 8-11 pm. Capital City Grange, 6612 Vermont 12. (802) 744-2851. [www.capitalcitygrange.org](http://www.capitalcitygrange.org). *1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays.*

**POULTNEY.** Winter Outing at the Birds Eye Conservation Initiative in Ira & Poultney. Explore some of the newly acquired public land south of Bird Mountain. Moderate to difficult, five miles. Newcomers and non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for weather changes. Sponsored by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Meet at Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station off Rt. 7 and Center Street in Rutland City at 9 am to carpool. Leader: Sandy Bragg, (802) 492-2143. [www.gmckillington.org](http://www.gmckillington.org).

**RIPTON.** Concert: Night Tree. Unique with its instrumentation of two fiddles, cello, accordion, saxophone, percussion, and the occasional viola and mandolin, and for their collective incorporation of traditions from Irish, Classical, Swedish, Jazz, Klezmer, and Afro-Cuban music. Preceded by an open mic. Delicious homemade baked goods, tea & coffee. \$10 general admission, \$15 generous admission, \$3 kids under 12. Doors open at 7 pm. Ripton Community Coffee House, Rt. 125. (802) 388-9782. [rrech.org](http://rrech.org).

**RUTLAND.** Winter Vermont Farmers' Market. Local produce, crafts, prepared foods. Live music. EBT and debit cards. 10 am – 2 pm. Vermont Farmers, Food Center at 251 West St. in downtown Rutland. (802) 342-4727. [info@vtfarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@vtfarmersmarket.org). [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org). *Saturdays through April.*

**SHELburne.** Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides. 20-minute horse-drawn wagon ride from the Welcome Center (weather permitting). Rides on the half hour from 11 am to 2 pm. No reservations; tickets sold on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 am when the Welcome Center opens. Cost: adult \$10, child \$8, under 3 free. 11 am – 2 pm. Private rides 2:30 & 3 pm, reservations required. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org). *Saturdays and Sundays through February 25.*

**SOUTH WOODSTOCK.** Sleigh Rally. Classes include cones, working, Currier & Ives, sleigh dog, cross-country pace and more. Weather dependent; check website for status updates. Free and open to spectators. 10 am – 2 pm. Green Mountain Horse Association. (802) 475-1509. [gmhainc.org](http://gmhainc.org). *Also January 7 & 20.*

**STATEWIDE.** January is Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month. Here in Vermont, we have some of the best instructors in the world and plenty of terrain. Ski Vermont is offering a \$49 package for beginners including a beginner area lift ticket, professional lesson and rental in January 2018. For more information about participating ski areas, see [skivermont.com](http://skivermont.com).

## Saturday, January 6, continued:

**STOWE.** Screening: Warren Miller's *Line of Descent*. In this year's film, Warren Miller Entertainment travels the globe, by land, air, and sea, exploring the ties that bind ski culture. Tickets: \$16. 7 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. sprucepeakarts.org. *Also January 14 and February 19.*

**STRATTON MOUNTAIN.** Snowcat Ride with Dinner. Includes seasonal beverage and snacks, three-course meal. 21+ only, weather dependent, minimum 10 people. Price: \$120 plus tax and gratuities. 5:30 pm & 6 pm departures from Base Lodge Lower West Wing, returns 7:45 pm & 8:15 pm. 6:30-7:30 pm Dinner. Stratton Mountain Resort, 5 Village Lodge Rd. (800) 787-2886. www.stratton.com.

**VERGENNES.** Vergennes Winter Farmers Market. 9 am – 12 pm. Kennedy Brothers, 11 Main St. (802) 233-9180. vergennesfm@gmail.com. On Facebook. *Saturdays through February 24.*

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**WOODSTOCK.** Winter Trails Day. Free pass and rentals to first-time cross-country skiers for one hour, includes a 10-15 minute mini classic lesson at 10 am, 12 noon, and 2 pm. Woodstock Nordic Center at the Fitness Center, Rt. 106. (802) 457-6674. xcski@woodstockinn.com. woodstockinn.com. wintertrails.org

**WOODSTOCK.** Working Woodlands Workshop: Winter Tree Identification. Learn how to identify common Vermont trees and shrubs during the winter months. Bring a bagged lunch; hot cocoa and coffee provided. Dress for outdoor activity, bring a water bottle and snowshoes if possible; adult and children's snowshoes available. Free; please pre-register. 10 am– 12 noon, lunch discussion 12 noon – 1 pm. Forest Center, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park. (802) 457-3368 ext. 222. kyle\_jones@nps.gov. nps.gov/mabi/learn/nature/working-woodlands-workshops.htm

**WOODSTOCK.** Eighth Annual Woodstock Vermont Film Series Screening: *Obit*. New York Times staff chronicle the passing of both heroes and villains. Tickets: adults (16 & up) \$132 for 15-film package or \$11 per film, refreshments included. 3 pm & 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, one-half mile north of the Woodstock village green on Vermont Route 12. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org/filmfest.

**WOODSTOCK.** Winter Farmers Market. Products from local farmers, artists and crafters. 10 am – 1 pm. Masonic Hall, 30 Pleasant St. 802-457-2557. anneldean@gmail.com. office@northchapelvt.org. northchapelvt.org. *Also February 3, March 3, April 7, and May 5.*

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

**BENNINGTON.** Concert: Bennington Chorale Society. Free. 3-5 pm. Oldcastle Theatre, 331 Main St. (802) 447-0564. jana.oldcastle@gmail.com. oldcastletheatre.org.

**BURLINGTON.** Skirack Annual Swap and Sale. Sell Your Winter Gear: Get store credit or cash. Or get new stuff. Downhill skis, snowboards, cross-country skis, snowshoes, boots, bindings, poles, roof racks & more. Winter sports gear in good condition only please. Sorry, NO straight alpine skis, helmets or clothing. 10 am – 2 pm. Skirack, 85 Main St. (802) 658-3313. info@skirack.com. skirack.com/ski-swap.

**HANOVER, NH.** Kids' Story Time and Marshmallow Roast. Story time and roasted marshmallows by the campfire. Skating, cross-country skiing and sledding (weather permitting). For children ages 3-8, accompanied by their parents. Free. 11 am – 12 noon. Dartmouth Outing Club House on Occom Pond, 10 Hilton Field Rd. (603) 646-2428. *Also January 14 & 28, February 4 & 18.*

**MIDDLEBURY.** Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival Winter Screening Series: *California Typewriter*. A documentary portrait of artists, writers, and collectors who remain steadfastly loyal to the typewriter as a tool and muse. Tickets: \$12 + \$1 preservation fee; series pass for all six films \$60 + \$2 preservation fee. 2 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 South Pleasant St. Box office: (802) 382-9222. www.townhalltheater.org.

**MORETOWN.** Snowshoe Outing on Burnt Rock. Head up Hedgehog Brook Trail to the Long Trail, and continue up the steep final stretch to the summit of Burnt Rock Mt. Difficult snowshoe. Moderate pace. 5.2 miles. 1400' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. For meeting time and place contact leader: Lindsay Pokorak, lpokorak@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

**QUECHEE.** Skiing Lessons. For ages 4 to adult. Those age 7 and older may stay afterward and use the ski area as long as they have demonstrated the ability to ride all three lifts without assistance; all others must be supervised by an adult. Advance registration please. Price: \$235. Adult tickets \$20. 12 noon – 1:45 pm. Quechee Ski Area, 3268 Quechee Main St. (802) 295-5036. kmcnull@hartford-vt.org. hartfordrec.com. *Sundays through February 25; no class January 14 or February 18.*

**RUPERT.** Snowshoe in to Thoreau's Cabin at Merck Forest. If the cabin is unoccupied, break and lunch in the cabin with a fire going. Bring extra clothes, lunch and snack, fluids. Snowshoes or traction, depending on conditions. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. 9:30 am – 3:30 pm; meet at 9:30 am at Shaw's parking lot in Manchester Center or 10 am at the Merck Forest Welcome Center. RSVP to leader: Keld Alstrup at (802) 362-1422. www.greenmountainclub.org.

**RUTLAND.** National Theatre Live in HD, Encore Presentation: *Obsession*. Jude Law stars in this new stage adaptation of Luchino Visconti's 1943 film. Tickets: \$20. 2 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. paramountlive.org.

**SHARON.** Indoor Antique Market. Dealers offer a variety of items, including rugs, linens, china, jewelry, tools, furniture, pottery, art, clothing and more. Price: Donation at the door. 8 am – 1 pm. Sharon Elementary School, 75 Route 132. (802) 356-1208. csjjs@aol.com. *Also February 4, March 4.*

**SHELBURNE.** Sleigh Rides. 20-minute horse-drawn wagon ride from the Welcome Center (weather permitting). Rides on the half hour from 11am to 2 pm. No reservations; tickets sold on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 am when the Welcome Center opens. Cost: adult \$10, child \$8, under 2 free. 11 am – 2 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. www.shelburnefarms.org. *Also January 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29.*

**SOUTH WOODSTOCK.** Sleigh Rally. Classes include cones, working, Currier & Ives, sleigh dog, cross-country pace and more. Weather dependent; check website for status updates. Free and open to spectators. 10 am – 2 pm. Green Mountain Horse Association. (802) 475-1509. gmhainc.org. *Also January 20.*

**STOWE.** Überwintern - Fat Bike Festival. A day of fatbike revelry on powder-packed single track. Registration, group ride departures, demos, and lunch will all take place at Sushi Yoshi, aka Überwintern HQ. 9 am – 5:30 pm. gostowe.com.

**STRATTON.** Fifth Annual 24 Hours of Stratton. All ages and abilities invited. Sign up as an individual, start or join a team of up to 12. Ski or ride around the clock (choose a "shift" or go all-out). Live music, spectator events, fireworks, good food and great times. stratton.com. *Through January 8.*



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## TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

**BURLINGTON.** Book & Author Event. Celebrate the launch of *The Ride of Your Life: Choosing What Drives You*, by Cinse Bonino. How to use fear to your advantage. Free. 6:30 pm. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

**HANOVER, NH.** Concert: Roomful of Teeth, with Tigran Hamasyan, piano. Grammy-winning octet sings Caroline Shaw's Partita for 8 Voices and the premiere of a Hop co-commissioned piece by Hamasyan. Tickets: \$17-\$35. 7 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

**HUNTINGTON.** Nestlings Find Nature: "Winter Discovery". Kids ages 3-6 (and parents) hike, observe, collect, create, explore, ask questions about birds and more. Dress for the weather—we're going outdoors! Pre-registration is helpful. Included with admission: adult: \$7, seniors \$6, child: \$3.50 (3-17). 10:30-11:30 am. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. www.birdsofvermont.org. *Second Tuesday of every month.*

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

**RUTLAND.** Presentation: Aaron Copland's America. Pianist Michael Arnowitz performs and discusses the iconic and distinctly American music of Aaron Copland. Free. 7 pm. Trinity Church, 85 West St. (802) 773-1860. vermonthumanities.org.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

**ADDISON.** Presentation by Naturalist Sue Morse: 'Animals of the North: What Will Climate Change Mean for Them?' Free and open to the first twenty people, designed for adults. Lecture and slide presentation 9-11 am, followed by a nature walk until 1:30 pm. Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, 966 VT Rt. 17. (802) 759-2398. amy.alfieri@vermont.gov.

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Artists' Town Meeting. Share ideas, challenges and opportunities. Topics include gallery tours, Vermont Open Studio weekend, planning for a month-long arts celebration in May, and update on the Vermont Arts Council Creative Network Initiative. Informal meeting and pot luck. RSVPs encouraged. 6-8 pm. 33 Bridge St. (802) 463-3252. ramp@sover.net. www.ramp-vt.org.

**BURLINGTON.** Book & Author Event. Join Katherine Arden for a talk on her new novel, *The Girl in the Tower*. The magical adventure, begun in the bestseller *The Bear and the Nightingale*, continues. Tickets: \$3, with a coupon for \$5 off a copy of the book. Proceeds go to the Vermont Foodbank. 7 pm. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

**BURLINGTON.** "Wasted." Film Screening & Exploration of Food Waste in Our Community. Learn about the issues and how you can make a difference. Cooking demos: how to turn food typically relegated to the trash or compost into delicious items you'll want to eat! A representative from Chittenden Solid Waste District will answer all your composting questions. Tickets: \$15. 5:30-8:30 pm. City Market South End, 207 Flynn Ave. (802) 985-8442. registration@shelburnefarms.org. shelburnefarms.org.

**HANOVER, NH.** Performance: Malpaso Dance Company. Passion, precision and vibrant athleticism from the forefront of Cuban contemporary dance. Tickets: \$13-\$40. 7 pm. The Moore Theater, Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu. *Also January 12 at 8 pm.*

**HUNTINGTON.** Program: "A Starry Night at Audubon." Stories of the Milky Way and winter constellations. Warm up with cider and take a peek through the scopes at distant worlds. All ages welcome! Bring a flashlight or a headlamp; we'll have red cellophane to convert them to night-vision flashlights. Fee \$5. 5:30-7 pm. Education Barn, Green Mountain Audubon Center, 255 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-3068. vt.audubon.org.

**RUTLAND.** Book & Author Event. Join Mark Bushnell for a talk on his new book, *Hidden History of Vermont*. A glimpse of the Green Mountain State rarely seen. Free. 6:30 pm. Phoenix Books Rutland, 2 Center St. (802) 855-8078. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Concert: Night Tree. Swedish, American folk sextet. Original music that borrows from the Swedish, Jewish and American folk tradition. Tickets: \$20-\$45. 7:30 pm. Stone Church Center, 12 Church St. (802) 460-0110. sca@sover.net. www.stonechurcharts.org.

**BERLIN.** Two Instructional Fly Tying Courses, emphasizing stream ecology, habitat management, angler ethics and the natural history of trout. Introduction To Fly Tying: Thurs nights, 1/12, 1/19 and 1/26, 6:30-8:30 pm. Intermediate Fly Tying: Thurs nights, 2/9, 2/16, and 3/2, 6:30-8:30 pm. Cost: \$30 to cover materials. Space limited, pre-registration required. (802) 265-2279. letsgofishing@vermont.gov. *Through March 2.*

**BURKE.** Full Moon Snowshoe. Guided snowshoe tour, followed by a campfire and s'mores. Open to all ability levels and ages. Cost: \$10, includes snowshoes and s'mores. 7-9 pm. Dashney Trail Nordic Center, just outside the doors of the Burke Mountain Nordic Center. www.northwoodscenter.org.

**BURLINGTON.** Performance: Sandglass Theater presents Babylon. Using puppetry to tell seven refugees' stories through songs that blend actual testimony with unreal figures. Tickets: \$35. 8 pm. FlynnSpace, Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, 153 Main St. (888) 974-3698. www.flynncenter.org. *Also January 13.*

**CASTLETON.** Coffee Hour. Enjoy homemade goodies, hot brew and good company. Free. 9-11 am. Castleton Community Center, 2108 Main St. (802) 468-3093. *Every Friday.*

**DORSET.** Ski or Snowshoe Winter Outing on Mother Myrick Mtn. Big view from the ridgeline. Bring extra clothes, extra gloves or mittens, fluids, snacks and lunch, and hand warmers. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Meet at 9 am at the parking lot at the top of Nichols Hill in Dorset. RSVP to leader: Katie Adams at (516) 978-4016. www.greenmountainclub.org.

**GRAFTON.** A Nature Program for Preschoolers. "Winter Animal Wonders: How Animals Survive the Winter". Snowshoes are required for this program. A limited number of child and adult sized snowshoes are available to loan to participants. Admission \$8 per child, caregivers attend for free. 10 am. Nature Museum at Grafton, 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. nature-museum.org.

**Friday, January 12, continued:**

**HANOVER, NH.** Winter Public Astronomical Observing. The Department of Physics and Astronomy at Dartmouth College offers free viewing through its astronomical telescopes. Observing is only possible under good weather conditions; If weather is questionable, call to confirm the status of a session. Free. 8-10 pm. Dartmouth College Shattuck Observatory, Observatory Rd. (603) 646-9100. Tressena.A.Manning@dartmouth.edu. physics.dartmouth.edu. *Also January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23 & March 2.*

**JERICHO.** Live Music: The Vermont Bluegrass Pioneers. 6:30-9:30 pm. Jericho Café and Tavern, 30 Route 15. (802) 899-2223. www.skyblueboys.com.

**MANCHESTER.** Book & Author Event: Arnie Kozak presents his new book, *Timeless Truths for Modern Mindfulness*. Free. 6 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2525. northshire.com.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Classical Concert. A program of late Schubert sonatas, including opuses 42, 51, and 78, the "Fantasie." Reserved seating. Tickets: \$28. 8 pm. Mahaney Center for the Arts, Robison Hall, Middlebury College. (802) 443-5221. middlebury.edu.

**MONTPELIER.** Naturalist Journeys Lecture: "Thunder Beasts and Swamp Donkeys". Witness grand migrations, life, death, struggle, and survival in this photographic odyssey to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem with staff naturalist Sean Beckett. Admission by donation. 7 pm. North Branch Nature Center, 713 Elm St. (802) 223-7335. northbranchnaturecenter.org.

**RANDOLPH.** Classical Concert: The Sixth Floor Trio. From bluegrass to klezmer, classical to jazz, ancient music to contemporary rock. Tickets: adults \$28 advance, \$30 day of show; students \$10. 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71 N. Main St. (802) 728-6464. chandler-arts.org.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13**

**BARRE.** Concert: Neko Case. Astonishing, siren-like voice, which she applies to songs that are simultaneously rugged and heartbreaking. Tickets: \$28-\$45. 7:30 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 North Main St. (City Hall). (802) 476-8188. www.nekocase.com. www.barreoperahouse.org.

**BRANDON.** Concert. Joel Cage, guitarist and singer-songwriter. Once a member of the internationally acclaimed rock and roll group Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes. Tickets \$20. A pre-concert dinner available for \$25. Reservations are required for dinner and recommended for the show. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 247-4295 or info@brandon-music.net. www.brandon-music.net. www.joelcage.com.

**BRATTLEBORO.** Winter Farmers' Market. Fresh produce and local meats, yummy sweet treats, great lunch offerings, delicious pies, preserves and much, much more. Beautiful handmade gifts and live music. 10 am - 2 pm. Robert H. Gibson River Garden, 153 Main St. farmersmarket@postsoilsolutions.org. www.postsoilsolutions.org. *Every Saturday through March 31.*

**BRATTLEBORO.** Vermont Jazz Series Concert: Wycliffe Gordon's International All Stars. An undisputed master of traditional and straight-ahead jazz trombone. Tickets: \$20-\$40 sliding scale, students \$15 w/ valid ID. 8 pm. Vermont Jazz Center, 72 Cotton Mill Hill. For tickets call (802) 254-9088. www.vtjazz.org.

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**BURLINGTON.** Saturday Story Time. Enjoy timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Each week, we'll choose a new picture book, a classic or a staff favorite to read aloud together. Free and open to all ages. 11 am. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 872-7111. phoenixbooks.biz. *Every Saturday through March 31.*

**CUTTINGSVILLE.** Winter Outing Around Spring Lake. Snowshoe or hike depending on conditions. Moderate, four miles. Newcomers and non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for weather changes. Sponsored by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Meet at Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station off Rt. 7 and Center Street in Rutland City at 9:30 am to carpool or at Cuttingsville Post Office, Rt. 103 at 10 am. Leaders: Gerry and Chryl Martin, (802) 492-2244. www.gmckillington.org.

**EAST CHARLESTON.** Bunkhouse Grand Opening & Winter Trails Open House. Open house on the winter trails, free rentals, good food and music by Geoffery Goodhue and Nick Vandenberg. 12 noon - 7 pm. NorthWoods Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 723-6551. northwoodscenter.org.

**HANOVER, NH.** Performance: Tanglewood Marionettes present *The Dragon King*. Puppet theater troupe performs Chinese folktale. Meet the puppets and puppeteers after the show. Free, no tickets required. 11 am. Alumni Hall Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

**MANCHESTER.** Book & Author Event: Theo Emery presents his new book, *Hellfire Boys*, an explosive look into the dawn of chemical warfare during World War I. Free. 6 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2525. northshire.com.

**MANCHESTER.** Bird Walk. The Vermont Bird and Sky Watch and local birders meet to conduct a survey of the wild birds present on the grounds of Hildene. Free. Meet in the Welcome Center parking lot, at 8 am. Hildene, off Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 362-2270. randy@thevermontbirdplace.com. www.hildene.org.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Last Day for the Amazing Operating Electric Train Layout. Three levels high, with tracks running Lionel O gauge trains, Lionel 027 gauge trains and an upper track running HO trains. At 11 am, Paul Bortz, a member of the Sheldon Museum's Train Crew, will present a free hands-on talk, demonstration and discussion entitled "The History of Lionel Toy Trains and Others." Anyone interested in bringing in their trains for identification (year, history, etc.), feel free to do so! Paul will also have some free magazines on hand. The talk takes place in the Community Meeting Room at the Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Visit Sheldon Museum afterwards to see the trains. Admission: adults \$5; youth (6-18) \$3, seniors \$4.50, family \$12. Volunteer engineers will run the trains 11 am - 2 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum, One Park St., across from the Ilsley Library. (802) 388-2117. henrysheldonmuseum.org.

**NORWICH.** Contra Dance. Featuring music by Birl, Nils Fredland calling. Beginners welcome, no partner needed. Admission: \$10, students \$6, under 16 free. Pot-luck 5:30-6:30 pm. Community dance at 6:30-7:30 pm. Contradance 8-11 pm, 7:45 pm for walk-through. Bring clean, soft-soled shoes. Potluck snacks at the break, please bring finger food to share. Sponsored by Muskeg Music. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 649-1419. uvdm.org.

**NORWICH.** Winter Farmers Market. One of the area's largest winter markets, offering locally produced fruits and vegetables, prepared foods and crafts. 9 am - 1 pm. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 384-7447. hoffmanathome@gmail.com. www.norwichfarmersmarket.org. *Also January 27, February 10 & 24, March 10 & 24 and April 18 & 28.*

**QUECHEE.** Winter Wildlife Celebration. For children of all ages. Events include raptor visits including raptor feeding, reptile programs, indoor and outdoor games, stories and crafts, guided snowshoe wildlife walk, winter science programs, book talk and signing. Finish the day by a warm campfire and enjoy some yummy refreshments. 10 am - 4 pm. Admission: adults: \$15, seniors (62 plus) \$14, youth (4-17) \$13 and children 3 and under free. 10 am - 4 pm. Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS), 6565 Woodstock Rd. off Rt. 4. (802) 359-5000. vinsweb.org.

**RIPTON.** Winter Hike to Skylight Pond and Skyline Lodge. Moderate 5.2-mile hike or snowshoe up to the ridge on switchbacks. Lunch at the Lodge. Optional short spur trail for great western overlook. Wear appropriate clothing, bring water, food and hiking poles if desired. Dog friendly hike. Sponsored by the Bread Loaf Section of the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. For meeting time and place contact leader: Ivor Hughes at (802) 453-4412, brhughes@gmavt.net. www.greenmountainclub.org.



**Saturday, January 13, continued:**

**RUTLAND.** Concert: Recycled Percussion. Junk rock music. Tickets: \$25-\$40. 7:30 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [paramountlive.org](http://paramountlive.org).

**RUTLAND.** Friends of the Rutland Free Library Book Sale. Thousands of organized, gently-used books, CDs, DVDs and puzzles for all ages. Most items \$.25-\$3. This month's highlight: sports books – Buy One, Get One Free. 10 am – 4 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. [rutlandfree.org](http://rutlandfree.org). Also December 9.

**RUTLAND.** Winter Vermont Farmers' Market. Local produce, crafts, prepared foods. Live music. EBT and debit cards. 10 am – 2 pm. Vermont Farmers, Food Center at 251 West St. in downtown Rutland. (802) 342-4727. [info@vtfarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@vtfarmersmarket.org). [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org). *Saturdays through April*.

**SHELBURNE.** Play Date: Winter on the Farm. Enjoy lots of wintery, indoor activities at your own pace and schedule, with a staff member present for questions. Recommended for ages 2-5, parent/guardian/chaperone required. Cost: \$7/child; adults free. Registration required. Anytime between 9:30 am and 1:30 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. [cwright@shelburnefarms.org](mailto:cwright@shelburnefarms.org). [shelburnefarms.org](http://shelburnefarms.org).

**SHELBURNE.** Shelburne Farms X-C Ski Outing. Cross-country skiing or walking outing, length and route to be determined by snowpack, weather and participants. Moderate pace, easy outing with great views of the Adirondacks if conditions permit. Can be windy so be prepared! Bring your micro spikes. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. For meeting time and place contact leader: Ted Albers, [ted@ted-albers.net](mailto:ted@ted-albers.net). [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**STOWE.** Concert: An Evening with Chad Hollister Large Band. Tickets: \$20-\$35. 7:30 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. [sprucepeakarts.org](http://sprucepeakarts.org).

**STOWE.** 44th Annual Stowe Winter Carnival, "StowOlympics!" 20+ major activities: Ice carving competitions, ski movies, Kids Carnival Kaos and the infamous Snowgolf and Snowvolleyball tournaments. 9 am – 11:30 pm. Town of Stowe, Rt 100 and Rt 108. (802) 777-5510. [stowewintercarnival.com](http://stowewintercarnival.com). *Through January 27*.

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**WOODSTOCK.** Eighth Annual Woodstock Vermont Film Series Screening: *I Am Not Your Negro*. Portrait of writer James Baldwin uses the author's words to bridge the civil-rights past with our racially incendiary present. Tickets: adults (16 & up) \$132 for 15-film package or \$11 per film, refreshments included. 3 pm & 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, one-half mile north of the Woodstock village green on Vermont Route 12. (802) 457-2355. [www.billingsfarm.org/filmfest](http://www.billingsfarm.org/filmfest).

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Concert: Mandolin Festival Concert. The FMCM festival ensemble presents a concert for audiences of classical music, traditional folk music, and fans of the mandolin, mandola, mandocello, and classical guitar. Held in the Chapel. 3-5 pm. Stone Church Center, 12 Church St. (802) 460-0110. [sca@sover.net](mailto:sca@sover.net). [www.stonechurchcharts.org](http://www.stonechurchcharts.org).

**EAST CHARLESTON.** Women Owning Woodlands. Potluck luncheon with Tree ID walk to follow, led by Nancy Patch, Vermont Forester. Discussion will focus on content, planning, and focus points for an upcoming Women Owning Woodlands workshop. Free. 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. NorthWoods Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 723-6551. [northwoodscenter.org](http://northwoodscenter.org).

**HANOVER, NH.** Kids' Story Time and Marshmallow Roast. Story time and roasted marshmallows by the campfire. Skating, cross-country skiing and sledding (weather permitting). For children ages 3-8, accompanied by their parents. Free. 11 am – 12 noon. Dartmouth Outing Club House on Occom Pond, 10 Hilton Field Rd. (603) 646-2428. *Also January 28, February 4 & 18*.

**LONDONDERRY.** Ski Night: Ski or snowshoe under the lights. 3 km of intersecting trails lit by both overhead lights and old railroad lanterns. The lantern section is locally known as "The Tunnel of Love". Night ski pass: adult \$10, child \$5, family max \$30. Night ski rental \$7. 5-8 pm; passes go on sale at 4 pm, lights turn on at 5 pm. Viking Nordic Center, Little Pond Rd. (802) 824-3933. [skilandstay@vikingnordic.com](mailto:skilandstay@vikingnordic.com). [www.vikingnordic.com](http://www.vikingnordic.com). *Also February 18*.

**LYNDONVILLE.** TorchLight Ski & Snowshoe. A night time snowshoe or ski on the cross country ski trails. Solar torches will be your guide (bring a headlamp) to a bonfire and hot chocolate. Fee: \$5. 6-8 pm. Kingdom Trail Nordic Adventure Center, 2059 Darling Hill Rd. [kingdomtrails.org](http://kingdomtrails.org).

**MANCHESTER.** "Mindfulness & Writing". Two-Week Online Writing Course with James Crews. Examine connections between the practice of meditation/mindfulness and the act of writing fearlessly from the heart. Sunday, January 14, 9 am, to Sunday, January 28, 10 am. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2525. [northshire.com](http://northshire.com). *Through January 28*.

**ORWELL.** Young Adventurers Club Hike at Mt. Independence. Geared towards adventurers between the ages of 4-8 but all are welcome; tailored to individual participants. Sponsored by the Bread Loaf Section of the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. 10-11:30 am. For more information contact YAC Leader Lauren Bierman at (802) 349-7498 or [laurenbierman1218@gmail.com](mailto:laurenbierman1218@gmail.com). [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**RUPERT.** Guided Snowshoe Hike. Join Trustee Keld Alstrup and a group from the Green Mountain Club on a snowshoe trek to the Thoreau Cabin. This hike will be of moderate difficulty, perhaps 4.5 miles long. Dress for the weather, and bring water and snacks. Free. 10 am. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315, west of Manchester. (802) 394-7836. [merckforest.org](http://merckforest.org).

**RUTLAND.** Performance: Candid Camera's 8 Decades of Smiles! with Peter Funt. Stage comedy blended with a behind-the-scenes peek at clips and quips from the show's funniest scenes. Tickets: \$26. 4 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [paramountlive.org](http://paramountlive.org).

**SHELBURNE.** Sleigh Rides. 20-minute horse-drawn wagon ride from the Welcome Center (weather permitting). Rides on the half hour from 11 am to 2 pm. No reservations; tickets sold on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 am when the Welcome Center opens. Cost: adult \$10, child \$8, under 2 free. 11 am – 2 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org). *Also January 15, 21, 22, 28, 29*.

**STOWE.** Screening: Warren Miller's Line of Descent. In this year's film, Warren Miller Entertainment travels the globe, by land, air, and sea, exploring the ties that bind ski culture. Tickets: \$16. 7 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. [sprucepeakarts.org](http://sprucepeakarts.org). *Also February 19*.

## Sunday, January 14, continued:

**STRATTON MOUNTAIN.** Snowcat Ride with Dinner. Includes seasonal beverage and snacks, three-course meal. 21+ only, weather dependent, minimum 10 people. Price: \$120 plus tax and gratuities. 5:30 pm & 6 pm departures from Base Lodge Lower West Wing, returns 7:45 pm & 8:15 pm. 6:30-7:30 pm Dinner. Stratton Mountain Resort, 5 Village Lodge Rd. (800) 787-2886. [www.stratton.com](http://www.stratton.com).

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**WEST DOVER.** Mount Snow Torchlight Parade & Fireworks. Kick off your New Year's Eve celebration with us as our Mount Snow Ski & Snowboard School instructors will descend the Canyon ski trail in a beautiful torchlight glow. Immediately following we'll light up the sky with a huge fireworks display. The best place to watch our instructors descend is between the Clocktower and the Cape House. Beforehand join us for free s'mores at the top of the Tubing hill at 3 pm, and then head to the Base Area at 4:45 pm for a bonfire! Mount Snow, 39 Mount Snow Rd. 5:45 pm. (802) 464-4191. [mountsnow.com](http://mountsnow.com). Also February 21.

**WOLCOTT.** Snowshoe Outing on Mt. Elmore. Climb Mt. Elmore to the fire tower and maybe on to Balancing Rock. Moderate snowshoe. 4-6 miles. 1500' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. For meeting time and place contact leader: Kim Farone, [kfarone@yahoo.com](mailto:kfarone@yahoo.com). [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

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## MONDAY, JANUARY 15

**BARRE.** Exhibit Opening: The Art of Granite, co-curated by the Vermont Granite Museum. 12-4 pm. Free copies of *Bread and Roses, Too* by Katherine Paterson to the first 50 visitors. Vermont History Center, 60 Washington St. (802) 479-8500. [info@vermonthistory.org](mailto:info@vermonthistory.org). [vermonthistory.org](http://vermonthistory.org).

**BARRE.** Martin Luther King Day Annual Program: "Still They Persisted: Immigrant & Community Solidarity in the 1912 Bread & Roses Strike" with Robert Farrant. 2 pm; Center open 12 noon – 4 pm to view exhibits. Vermont History Center, 60 Washington St. (802) 479-8500. [info@vermonthistory.org](mailto:info@vermonthistory.org). [vermonthistory.org](http://vermonthistory.org).

**BENNINGTON.** MLK Event. Rights & Democracy VT will have a Martin Luther King Day Celebration following a Vigil at the 4 Corners. Free. 6-9 pm. Oldcastle Theatre, 331 Main St. (802) 447-0564. [jana.oldcastle@gmail.com](mailto:jana.oldcastle@gmail.com). [oldcastletheatre.org](http://oldcastletheatre.org).

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**WEST BRATTLEBORO.** Nature Day, for grades K-5. Investigate the changing fields and forest through exploration, games and activities. Fee: \$45/day. Please pre-register. 9 am – 3 pm. Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center, 1223 Bonnyvale Rd. (Heifer Hill). (802) 257-5785. [beec@sover.net](mailto:beec@sover.net). [beec.org](http://beec.org). Also January 22 & 23, March 6.

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## TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

**LAKE CARMEL.** Ice Fishing Clinic: Introduction to Walleye Fishing. For first-timers and those who would like to learn more about hard water fishing. Topics include ice safety, hole drilling, equipment and techniques, regulations and different techniques for different fish. Wear clothing suitable for the weather conditions. 10 am at Lake Carmel. Pre-registration required. (802) 265-2279. [LetsGoFishing@vermont.gov](mailto:LetsGoFishing@vermont.gov).

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

**BURLINGTON.** Performance: Witness the Impossible. The Illusionists, five of the world's greatest magicians, present a powerful mix of the most outrageous and astonishing acts ever to be seen on stage. Tickets: \$25-\$70. 7 pm. MainStage, Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, 153 Main St. (888) 974-3698. [www.flynncenter.org](http://www.flynncenter.org).

**ESSEX.** Book & Author Event. Rachel Zinman, author of *Yoga for Diabetes*, will be reading from her favorite passages, answering questions, signing books and sharing user-friendly yoga practices for everyone. Free. 6:30 pm. Phoenix Books, 2 Carmichael St. (802) 872-7111. [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz).

**STATEWIDE.** UVM Extension Master Gardener Course, with UVM faculty & green industry experts. Videos, live webinars, discussion forums, weekly activities. 14 online modules, access to materials for two months after the course. In-person Master Gardener class during the summer. Cost: Certified Master Gardener (Track 1) \$425; Course only, Certificate of Home Horticulture (Track 2) \$475. (802) 656-9562. [master.gardener@uvm.edu](mailto:master.gardener@uvm.edu). [go.uvm.edu/emg](http://go.uvm.edu/emg). January 17 through April 25.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

**BURLINGTON.** Book & Author Event. Join Lauren Markham for a talk on her new book, *The Far Away Brothers*, a deeply reported story of identical twin brothers who escape El Salvador's violence to build new lives in California. Tickets: \$3, with a coupon for \$5 off a copy of the book. Proceeds go to the Vermont Foodbank. 6:30 pm. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz).

**LANDGROVE.** Lower Little Michigan Snowshoe. Snow shoe the 2-mile loop of Lower Little Michigan MVTA trails system. Couple hundred feet of elevation change, 2 miles. Good beginner snowshoe. Bring extra clothes, fluids and snack. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. 10 am – 12:30 pm; meet at parking at end of Little Michigan Rd in Landgrove at 10 am. RSVP to Marge Fish at (802) 384-3654. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**MANCHESTER.** Book & Author Event. Bill Ayers presents his new book, *You Can't Fire the Bad Ones! and 18 Other Myths about Teachers, Teachers Unions, and Public Education*. Free. 6 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2525. [northshire.com](http://northshire.com).

**MONTPELIER.** Third Thursday Talk: "Family Humor". Dawn Andrews will speak about family storytelling and humor in early 20th century central Vermont, and how family culture can persist through generations. Bring your lunch; coffee & tea provided. Free. 12 noon. Vermont History Museum, 109 State St. (802) 828-2291. [info@vermonthistory.org](mailto:info@vermonthistory.org). [vermonthistory.org](http://vermonthistory.org).

**RUTLAND.** Book & Author Event. Join Katherine Arden for a talk on her new novel, *The Girl in the Tower*. The magical adventure begun in *The Bear* and the *Nightingale* continues as brave Vasya, now a young woman, is forced to choose between marriage or life in a convent. Free. 6:30 pm. Phoenix Books Rutland, 2 Center St. (802) 855-8078. [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz).

**RUTLAND.** Actor's Rep Theatre presents Two Short Plays by Steve Martin: *Zig-Zag Woman* and *The Wasp*. Presented in the Brick Box; limit of 50 seats. Tickets: \$20. 7:30 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [paramountlive.org](http://paramountlive.org). Through January 20.



## FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

**BARRE.** Vermont Burlesque Festival. More than three hours of live burlesque-themed entertainment. Comedians, musicians, variety acts and burlesque performers from all over North America celebrate the art of burlesque while raising money and awareness for breast cancer research in Vermont. Restricted to ages 21+. Tickets: \$25–\$30. 8 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. (802) 775-0903. [barreoperahouse.org](http://barreoperahouse.org).

**BENNINGTON.** Film Screening. *Dog Days of Winter & Ron Taylor: Mr. Baseball*. The first feature documentary on the start up of organized freestyle skiing during the early 1970's in America. Admission \$7. 7-9 pm. Oldcastle Theatre, 331 Main St. (802) 447-0564. [jana.oldcastle@gmail.com](mailto:jana.oldcastle@gmail.com). [oldcastletheatre.org](http://oldcastletheatre.org).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Music School Concert: Flute Music by French Composers, with Karen Kevra, flute, and Jeffrey Chappell, piano. 7:30-9:30 pm. Brattleboro Music Center, 72 Blanche Moysse Way. (802) 257-4523. [bmcvt.org](http://bmcvt.org).

**BRISTOL.** Hike or Snowshoe at Watershed Center, 4783 Plank Rd. Moderate 4-mile hike on Middle Forest Trail. Wear appropriate clothing; bring water, food and hiking poles if desired. Sponsored by the Bread Loaf Section of the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Meet at Watershed's parking area (approx. 1.3 miles east of North Street, New Haven, on Plank Rd near the Bristol town line). For more information, contact Ruth Penfield at (802) 388-5407 or [ruthpenfield@gmail.com](mailto:ruthpenfield@gmail.com). [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**BURLINGTON.** Performance: Blackbird, Fly. Composer and violinist DBR (Daniel Bernard Roumain) teams up with spoken-word artist and arts activist Marc Bamuthi Joseph in a concert for voice, body, and strings. Tickets: \$15–\$36. 8 pm. MainStage, Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, 153 Main St. (888) 974-3698. [www.flynncenter.org](http://www.flynncenter.org).

**CASTLETON.** Coffee Hour. Enjoy homemade goodies, hot brew and good company. Free. 9-11 am Castleton Community Center, 2108 Main St. (802) 468-3093. *Every Friday*.

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** 26th Annual Yankee Sportsman's Classic. Exhibitors, seminars, speakers, kids activities, live animal demonstrations, and more. Tickets: adults \$11, children 3–12 \$5, under 3 free. Paid admission good for all three days. Friday 12 noon – 7 pm, Saturday 9 am – 7 pm, Sunday 9 am – 4 pm. Champlain Valley Expo, 105 Pearl St. (802) 877-0033. [yankeeclassic.net](http://yankeeclassic.net). *Through January 21*.

**HANOVER, NH.** Winter Public Astronomical Observing. The Department of Physics and Astronomy at Dartmouth College offers free viewing through its astronomical telescopes. Observing is only possible under good weather conditions; If weather is questionable, call to confirm the status of a session. Free. 8-10 pm. Dartmouth College Shattuck Observatory, Observatory Rd. (603) 646-9100. [Tressena.A.Manning@dartmouth.edu](mailto:Tressena.A.Manning@dartmouth.edu). [physics.dartmouth.edu](http://physics.dartmouth.edu). *Also January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23 & March 2*.

**HANOVER, NH.** Concert: Riyaz Qawwali. Centuries-old Sufi music with driving rhythms, sinuous melodies and ecstatic vocals. Tickets: \$17-\$30. 8 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. [hop.dartmouth.edu](http://hop.dartmouth.edu).

**MANCHESTER.** Book & Author Event: Patricia Diesel presents her new book, *Organically Yours*. Patricia shares her personal journey back to health and guides the readers through a comprehensive organic approach to wellness. Free. 6 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2525. [northshire.com](http://northshire.com).

**RUTLAND.** Performance: Comedian Bob Marley. Tickets: \$25–\$40. 8 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [www.paramountlive.org](http://www.paramountlive.org).

**STOWE.** 44th Annual Stowe Winter Carnival, "StowOlympics!" Demonstration Day: Professional ice carvers create elegant and masterful Ice carvings throughout the village. 9 am – 11:30 pm. Town of Stowe, Rt. 100 and Rt. 108. (802) 777-5510. [stowewintercarnival.com](http://stowewintercarnival.com). *Through January 27*.

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Jazz Concert: The Hot Sardines. Sizzling music from New York speakeasies, Paris cabarets and New Orleans jazz halls. Tickets: \$53-\$15 (students free). 7 pm. Fuller Hall, St. Johnsbury Academy, 1000 Main St. (802) 748-2600. [www.catamountarts.org](http://www.catamountarts.org).

**TINMOUTH.** Contra Dance. Dance to the music of Shindy with Adina Gordon calling. Please bring clean, non-marring shoes. Admission \$10-\$12, teens \$8, 12 and under free. Refreshments available. 8-11 pm at Tinmouth Community Center, Rt. 140, 5 miles west of Wallingford. For info or directions call (802) 881-6775. [tinmouthvt.org](http://tinmouthvt.org). *Every third Friday through May and September through December*.

**TUNBRIDGE.** Basketry Talk. Basketmaker and instructor Dona Nazarenko will talk about and show baskets. Free. 7 pm. Tunbridge Public Library, 289 Route 110. (802) 889-9404.

**WEST LEBANON, NH.** Russian Potluck. Hosted by the Lebanon Gourmet Cooking Club. Bring a dish or dessert to share. The club meets monthly. Visit [Meetup.com](http://Meetup.com) for more information. Free. 6:30 pm. Kilton Public Library Community Room, 80 Main St. (603) 359-7116.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Concert: Dolunay and Česni Trios, a double bill of Turkish music. Tickets: \$15–\$45. 7:30 pm. Stone Church Center, 12 Church St. (802) 460-0110. [sca@sover.net](mailto:sca@sover.net). [www.stonechurcharts.org](http://www.stonechurcharts.org).

**BRANDON.** Concert: Swing Noire, Vermont's hottest Hot Club style quartet, plays Gypsy Jazz in the tradition of Django Reinhardt. Tickets: \$20. Pre-concert dinner available for \$25. Reservations required for dinner and recommended for the show. Venue is BYOB. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 247-4295. [info@brandon-music.net](mailto:info@brandon-music.net). [www.brandon-music.net](http://www.brandon-music.net).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Brattleboro Music Center Concert Choir presents Karl Jenkins' "Requiem," with Junko Watanabe, soprano, and Elizabeth Brown on the Japanese shakuhachi; and Lauridsen's "Lux Aeterna." Tickets: \$15, students \$10. 7:30–9:30 pm. Latchis Theater, Main St. (802) 257-4523. [bmcvt.org](http://bmcvt.org). *Also January 21*.

**BRATTLEBORO.** Annual Vermont Maple Conference. Speakers, 23 concurrent workshops and panel discussions, on production, marketing and business management, sugarbush health and climate, maple regulations. Registration: \$40, students \$5; lunch +\$15. Registration at 7:30 am, program at 8:15 am. School for International Training Graduate Institute, 1 Kipling Rd. [vermontmaple.org/maple-conferences](http://vermontmaple.org/maple-conferences). [go.uvm.edu/extension-maple](http://go.uvm.edu/extension-maple).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Winter Farmers' Market. Fresh produce and local meats, yummy sweet treats, great lunch offerings, delicious pies, preserves and much, much more. Beautiful handmade gifts and live music. 10 am – 2 pm. Robert H. Gibson River Garden, 153 Main St. [farmersmarket@posttoilsolutions.org](mailto:farmersmarket@posttoilsolutions.org). [www.posttoilsolutions.org](http://www.posttoilsolutions.org). *Every Saturday through March 31*.

**BURLINGTON.** Saturday Story Time. Enjoy timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Each week, we'll choose a new picture book, a classic or a staff favorite to read aloud together. Free and open to all ages. 11 am. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 872-7111. [phoenixbooks.biz](http://phoenixbooks.biz). *Every Saturday through March 31*.

**BURLINGTON.** Performance: Vermont Burlesque Festival's Main Event — "The Year of the Troupe!" More than 65 burlesque performers, musicians, variety acts, and comedians from around the world. Tickets: \$91.75/\$76/\$65.50/\$55. Doors at 7 pm, showcase at 8 pm. MainStage, Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, 153 Main St. (888) 974-3698. [www.flynncenter.org](http://www.flynncenter.org).

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**MANCHESTER.** Book & Author Event: Robin MacArthur in conversation with Megan Mayhew Bergman about her first novel, *Heart Spring Mountain*. A young woman returns to her rural Vermont hometown to search for her missing mother and unravel a powerful family secret. Free. 6 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2525. [northshire.com](http://northshire.com).

**Saturday, January 20, continued:**

**MIDDLEBURY.** Hike the Trail Around Middlebury (TAM). Easy to moderate, 3+ mile hike, 800' ascent up Chipman Hill. Wear appropriate clothing and bring water, snack and hiking poles, if used. Dog-friendly event. Sponsored by the Bread Loaf Section of the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. For meeting time and place contact leaders: Mike Greenwood at (802) 349-5653 or mike802vt@comcast.net, or Wendy Warren at (609) 751-7633 or wwwredhead@yahoo.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

**MONTPELIER.** Montpelier Contra Dance, presented by the Contra Dance Umbrella. Bring a pair of clean, soft-soled shoes. Admission \$9. 8–11 pm. Capital City Grange, 6612 Vermont 12. (802) 744-2851. www.capitalcitygrange.org. *1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays.*

**PUTNEY.** Concert: Tony Trischka & Territory and The Stockwell Brothers. Tickets: \$24 at the door. 7:30 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill. (802) 387-0102. nextstagearts@gmail.com. www.nextstagearts.org.

**RUTLAND.** Screening: National Theatre Live in HD, Encore Presentation: *Saint Joan*. Bernard Shaw's classic play depicts a woman with all the instinct, zeal and transforming power of a revolutionary. Tickets: \$20. 2 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. paramountlive.org.

**RUTLAND.** Winter Vermont Farmers' Market. Local produce, crafts, prepared foods. Live music. EBT and debit cards. 10 am – 2 pm. Vermont Farmers, Food Center at 251 West St. in downtown Rutland. (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through April.*

**SHELBURNE.** Family Program: "Winter Wildlife Detectives". Learn about animals that are active in the c-c-c-cold Vermont winter in our cozy, indoor, wintry forest. Outdoor exploration for signs of those animals all around the Farm. For ages five and up with accompanying adult. Cost: \$7/child, \$4/adult. Registration required. 10 am – 12 noon. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. cwright@shelburnefarms.org. shelburnefarms.org.

**SMUGGLERS NOTCH.** Smuggler's Notch Ice Bash. Kick-off party, drytooling competition, clinics, slideshows, speaker presentation. Raffle, free gear demos. Petra Cliffs Climbing Center & Mountaineering School, 105 Briggs St., Burlington. (802) 657-3872. petracliffs.com. smugglersicebash.com. *Through January 22.*

**SOUTH WOODSTOCK.** Sleigh Rally. Classes include cones, working, Currier & Ives, sleigh dog, cross-country pace and more. Weather dependent; check website for status updates. Free and open to spectators. 10 am – 2 pm. Green Mountain Horse Association. (802) 475-1509. gmhainc.org.

**STOWE.** 44th Annual Stowe Winter Carnival, "StowOlympics!" 18th Annual NICA sanctioned Ice Carving Competition. 9 am – 11:30 pm. The Alchemist Brewery, 100 Cottage Club Rd. (802) 777-5510. stowewintercarnival.com. *Through January 27.*

**STOWE.** Concert: Barika, a six piece funky, dubbed out, psychedelic West African flavored band from Burlington, Vermont. Tickets: \$28. 7:30 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. sprucepeakarts.org.

**STRATTON.** Stratton Mountain and Stratton Pond Snowshoe. Hike to Stratton Mountain Fire Tower and to Stratton Pond. Ride up to the ski area summit via gondola. Moderate snowshoe. Bring extra clothes, lunch, snacks. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. 7:30 am – 4:30 pm. RSVP required to get details and meeting place and time. RSVP to Dave Ratti at (802) 366-0698. www.greenmountainclub.org.

**UNDERHILL.** Winter Hike to Butler Lodge via Nebraska Notch. Starting from Stevensville, hike the Nebraska Notch Trail to the Long Trail, then follow it to Butler Lodge and return along the Butler Lodge trail. Moderate snowshoe. Moderate to strong pace. 6.2 miles, 1700' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. For meeting time and place contact leader: David Hathaway at (802) 899-9982 or david.hathaway.78@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

**VERGENNES.** Vergennes Winter Farmers Market. 9 am – 12 pm. Kennedy Brothers, 11 Main St. (802) 233-9180. vergennesfm@gmail.com. On Facebook. *Saturdays through February 24.*

**WAITSFIELD.** Naturalist Snowshoe Program. Guided snowshoe trek tailored to your interest in the ecology and wildlife of Stark Mountain. Outings and content varies each week depending snow conditions and participants. Learn about the hardwood forests of the Green Mountains, moose, bear, deer, fisher, coyote, red fox and more! Easy to moderate difficulty. Every Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 am. Mad River Glen, 62 Mad River Resort Rd. (802) 496-3551. ski@madriverglen.com. madriverglen.com. *Also every Saturday and Sunday through April 8.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Winter Weekend at Billings Farm. Tour the farm and the 1890's restored farmhouse. Admission: adults \$15, 62 & up \$14, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. *Weekends through February 4.*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

**BRATTLEBORO.** Brattleboro Music Center Concert Choir presents Karl Jenkins' "Requiem," with Junko Watanabe, soprano, and Elizabeth Brown on the Japanese shakuhachi; and Lauridsen's "Lux Aeterna." Tickets: \$15, students \$10. 3 pm. Latchis Theater, Main St. (802) 257-4523. bmcvt.org.

**BURLINGTON.** Active Outing. Trees on Skis: Winter Tree ID. Cross-country ski the trails and build winter tree identification skills. Explore animal tracks and signs, bird songs and sighting. Bring your own skis and dress in warm layers. Ages: Adults and children 10+. Fee: \$15. Ski/boot rental fee: \$15 at Skirack, 85 Main St. www.skirack.com. 1-3 pm. Meet in the parking lot across from the Intervale Center's Information Kiosk and Office Building, 180 Intervale Rd. (802) 434-3068. vt.audubon.org.

**CLAREMONT, NH.** World Snow Day. Annual festival for children and families, held in countries all over the world. Tubing, skiing, snowboarding, ice skating and slebogganing. Hosted by the Slebobgan Club of New England. Reduced rates for kids age 4-14. 10 am – 4 pm. Arrowhead Recreation Area, 18 Robert Easter Way. (603) 748-6205. scene16@gmail.com. arrowheadnh.com.

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** 26th Annual Yankee Sportsman's Classic. Exhibitors, seminars, speakers, kids activities, live animal demonstrations, and more. Tickets: adults \$11, children 3-12 \$5, under 3 free. Paid admission good for all three days. 9 am – 4 pm. Champlain Valley Expo, 105 Pearl St. (802) 877-0033. yankeeclassic.net.

**FAIRLEE.** Upper Valley Trails Alliance Skate-a-thon. Skate laps on the Lake Morey Skating Trail. Entry fee gets you free Nordic Skate Rentals (first come, first served), hot chocolate, soup, lunch, and a raffle ticket. Get one additional raffle ticket for each lap around the lake. Accommodations available for attendees at the Lake Morey Resort (800-423-1211) for \$109/night, plus taxes. 10 am – 3 pm. Lake Morey Inn. (802) 649-9075. uvtrails.org. *Also January 22.*

**HUBBRADTON.** Winter Hike at Half Moon State Park. We'll hike the Half Moon Shore Trail and/or the High Pond Trail. Easy to moderate, two to three miles. Newcomers and non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for weather changes. Sponsored by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Meet at Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station off Rt. 7 and Center Street in Rutland City at 10 am. Leaders: Larry Walter and Vivian Bebee, (802) 775-3855. www.gmckillington.org.

**RUTLAND.** Concert: Olivier Stankiewicz, 25-year-old French oboist. Tickets: adults \$22, under 18 \$12. 3 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. paramountlive.org.

**SHELBURNE.** Sleigh Rides. 20-minute horse-drawn wagon ride from the Welcome Center (weather permitting). Rides on the half hour from 11am to 2 pm. No reservations; tickets sold on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 am when the Welcome Center opens. Cost: adult \$10, child \$8, under 2 free. 11 am – 2 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. www.shelburnefarms.org. *Also January 22, 28, 29.*



## Sunday, January 21, continued:

**SMUGGLERS NOTCH.** Smuggler's Notch Ice Bash. Kick-off party, drytooling competition, clinics, slideshows, speaker presentation. Raffle, free gear demos. Petra Cliffs Climbing Center & Mountaineering School, 105 Briggs St., Burlington. (802) 657-3872. petracliffs.com. smuggsicebash.com. *Also January 22.*

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Film Screening: *Romeo and Juliet*. Music: Sergei Prokofiev. Choreography: Alexei Ratmansky. Cast: The Bolshoi Principals, Soloists and Corps de Ballet. Running time: 2:30. Tickets: Adults \$18, Students \$6. 12:55 pm. Catamount Arts Center, 115 Eastern Ave. (802) 748-2600. www.catamountarts.org. *Also January 31 at 7 pm.*

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**WOODSTOCK.** Program: "Talking About Bears." Bear expert Ben Kilham discusses how bears communicate to manage their territory and food resources and how forestry practices can enhance bear habitat. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Natural Resources Conservation District, Vermont Coverts and the Linking Lands Alliance. Free. 1 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 69 Old River Rd. (802) 877-2777. *Snow date: January 28.*

## MONDAY, JANUARY 22

**FAIRLEE.** Upper Valley Trails Alliance Skate-a-thon. Skate laps on the Lake Morey Skating Trail. Entry fee gets you free Nordic Skate Rentals (first come, first served), hot chocolate, soup, lunch, and a raffle ticket. Get one additional raffle ticket for each lap around the lake. Accommodations available for attendees at the Lake Morey Resort, (800) 423-1211, for \$109/night, plus taxes. 10 am – 3 pm. Lake Morey Inn. (802) 649-9075. uvtrails.org. *Also January 22.*

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**WEST BRATTLEBORO.** Nature Day, for grades K–5. Investigate the changing fields and forest through exploration, games and activities. Fee: \$45/day. Please pre-register. 9 am – 3 pm. Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center, 1223 Bonnyvale Rd. (Heifer Hill). (802) 257-5785. beec@sover.net. beec.org. *Also January 23, March 6.*

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

**RUTLAND.** Presentation: Costa Rica — A Birder's Paradise. Marv Elliott narrates the photo story of his trip to Costa Rica. Learn some birdy facts and local lore while you marvel at the number and variety of our avian friends in their tropical home. Free. (Tropical attire is acceptable!) 7 pm. Grace Congregational Church, 8 Court St. birding@rutlandcountyaudubon.org.

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## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

**BURLINGTON.** Mavis Staples in Concert. Gospel, soul, folk, pop, R&B, blues, rock, and hip hop. Tickets: \$15–\$52. 7:30 pm. MainStage, Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, 153 Main St. (888) 974-3698. www.flynncenter.org.

**BURLINGTON.** Performance: Vermont Stage presents *Doublewide*, a heartfelt and resonant comedy about a blue-collar family's elusive dreams. Tickets: Wed, Thurs, Sat Mat, & Sun Mat performances: adults \$33, students \$29.70; Fri, Sat night: adults \$38.50, students \$34.65. 7:30 pm, matinees at 2 pm. FlynnSpace, Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, 153 Main St. (888) 974-3698. www.flynncenter.org. *Through February 11.*

**HANOVER, NH.** Concert: Musicians from Marlboro. Stellar quintet from one of the world's great musical festivals plays Beethoven, Brahms and more. Tickets: \$17–\$30. 7 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

**WATERBURY CENTER.** Workshop: "Introduction to Cold Weather Trekking". Hands-on, winter-specific information: what to wear, what to bring and what gear you need for a safe and successful winter trip. Instructor: GMC Education Staff. Limit: 25. Fee: \$35. Snow or shine. Register at least one week in advance. 6–8 pm. Green Mountain Club Inc, 4711 Waterbury Stowe Rd. www.greenmountainclub.org.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

**BURLINGTON.** The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour. Award-winning films and audience favorites are among the films chosen to travel the globe. 7 pm. MainStage, Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, 153 Main St. (888) 974-3698. www.flynncenter.org. *Also January 26.*

**CALAIS.** Live Music: The Vermont Bluegrass Pioneers, the real deal with high-energy traditional bluegrass music. Free. 7:30 pm. The Whammy Bar, at the Maple Corner Store. (802) 229-4329. www.skyblueboys.com.

**WARREN.** Telemark World Cup. Three-day event featuring world-class, international competitors. Racers participate in classic, sprint and parallel sprint races throughout the weekend. 8 am – 4 pm. Sugarbush Resort, 1840 Sugarbush Access Rd. (802) 583-6300. www.sugarbush.com. *Through January 27.*

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

**BENNINGTON.** Francophile Film Shorts. *Skål*, Director: Benjamin Cappelletti. *Authentik*, Director: Anthony Lemaitre. *Chase4422*, EDM Music Video, Director: Julien Gueraud. *Magic World*, Director: Pierre André Marion. *The Girl With The Red Balloons*, Director: Timothée Cortegiani. *Relativity Explained to Children*, Director: Pierre Gaffié. *I Am Just A Song*, Director: Patrick Bilodeau. Admission: \$7. 7-9 pm. Oldcastle Theatre, 331 Main St. (802) 447-0564. jana.oldcastle@gmail.com. oldcastletheatre.org.

**CASTLETON.** Coffee Hour. Enjoy homemade goodies, hot brew and good company. Free. 9-11 am. Castleton Community Center, 2108 Main St. (802) 468-3093. *Every Friday.*

**HANOVER, NH.** Winter Public Astronomical Observing. The Department of Physics and Astronomy at Dartmouth College offers free viewing through its astronomical telescopes. Observing is only possible under good weather conditions; If weather is questionable, call to confirm the status of a session. Free. 8-10 pm. Dartmouth College Shattuck Observatory, Observatory Rd. (603) 646-9100. Tressena.A.Manning@dartmouth.edu. physics.dartmouth.edu. *Also February 2, 9, 16, 23 & March 2.*

**MANCHESTER.** Book & Author Event: Karen Crouse presents her new book, *Norwich*. The Vermont town of Norwich has sent an athlete to almost every Winter Olympics for the past thirty years. How does Norwich do it? Free. 6 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2525. northshire.com.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Musical: *Cabaret*. A talented student cast brings to life this haunting, theatrical tale of bohemian life in Berlin during the rise of Nazi intolerance. Tickets: \$20/\$15 (plus \$2 preservation fee), students \$6 (plus \$1 preservation fee). 7:30 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 South Pleasant St. Box office: (802) 382-9222. www.townhalltheater.org. *Through January 29.*

**Friday, January 26, continued:**

**MONTPELIER.** Naturalist Journeys Lecture. Climate: Seasonal Changes of Vermont Flora. Josh Halman, Forest Health Specialist with Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation, will present findings from over 25 years of monitoring forest trees and plant life in the state. Admission by donation. 7 pm. North Branch Nature Center, 713 Elm St. (802) 223-7335. northbranchnaturecenter.org.

**MONTPELIER.** Superbowl of Birding XV. Adventure to the New Hampshire and Massachusetts coast for interested teens. Beginner birdwatchers and naturalists welcome. Fee: \$175 (\$160 for youth 12 and under), includes lodging and transportation. Leaving Friday at 5 pm, from North Branch Nature Center, 713 Elm St. (802) 223-7335. northbranchnaturecenter.org. *Through January 27.*

**RANDOLPH.** Daytime Performance Series: *Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great.* ArtsPower's lively and poignant musical, based on Judy Blume's popular novel about discovering the person within. Tickets: all seats \$7. 10 am. Chandler Music Hall, 71 N. Main St. (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org.

**SOUTH POMFRET.** Concert: The Jeremiah McLane Trio. An evening of traditional tunes and songs from the British Isles, France and Quebec, and original compositions. \$15. 7:30 pm. ArtisTree Community Arts Center, 2095 Pomfret Rd. (802) 457-3500. artistreevt.org.

**WINDSOR.** Murder and Mayhem! Guests are given a character for the weekend and choose how much to participate. Cost: \$450, includes two nights lodging, breakfast, welcome reception on Friday, dinner on Saturday night. Advance reservations required. Windsor Mansion Inn, 153 Penbroke Rd. (802) 674-4112. windsormansioninn.com. *Through January 27. Also March 30–31.*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Concert: Emerald Rae. Fiddler and folk-singer. Tickets: \$25-\$20. 7:30 pm. Stone Church Center, 12 Church St. (802) 460-0110. sca@sover.net. www.stonechurcharts.org.

**BRANDON.** Concert: Deb Brisson & The Hay Burners. Americana and Alternative Country. Tickets: \$20. Pre-concert dinner available for \$25. Reservations required for dinner and recommended for the show. Venue is BYOB. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 247-4295. info@brandon-music.net. www.brandon-music.net.

**BRATTLEBORO.** 11th Annual Northern Roots Festival. Presented by the Brattleboro Music Center. Irish, Scottish, Scandinavian and French Canadian music in intimate settings. Teaching workshops, performances and jam sessions. Tickets available for daytime program, evening concert or in combination. For ticket information and a complete schedule, contact the BMC at (802) 257-4523. www.bmvt.org.

**BRATTLEBORO.** Winter Farmers' Market. Fresh produce and local meats, yummy sweet treats, great lunch offerings, delicious pies, preserves and much, much more. Beautiful handmade gifts and live music. 10 am – 2 pm. Robert H. Gibson River Garden, 153 Main St. farmersmarket@postsoilsolutions.org. www.postsoilsolutions.org. *Every Saturday through March 31.*

**BURLINGTON.** Saturday Story Time. Enjoy timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Each week, we'll choose a new picture book, a classic or a staff favorite to read aloud together. Free and open to all ages. 11 am. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 872-7111. phoenixbooks.biz. *Every Saturday through March 31.*

**BURLINGTON.** Concert: Vermont Symphony Orchestra Masterworks, featuring the VSO Chorus. Robert de Cormier's Legacy, Morten Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna, Schubert's Symphony No. 9. Tickets: adults \$62/\$49/\$33/\$17. 7:30 pm. MainStage, Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, 153 Main St. (888) 974-3698. www.flynncenter.org.

**CASTLETON.** Free Ice Fishing Day Festival. Anyone may go fishing in Vermont without a fishing license. Vermont Fish & Wildlife staff and Let's Go Fishing volunteers will help everyone learn how to enjoy this unique and popular type of fishing. Fish fry and cocoa (bring your own mug). Warming huts. Bring your own ice fishing equipment or borrow ours. Pre-register. 11 am – 3 pm. Lake Bomoseen State Park, West Castleton Rd. off Rt. 4A. (802) 318-1347. Nicole.Meier@vermont.gov.

**GRAFTON.** Snow Day Event. Trail passes and equipment rentals will be free as our way to encourage winter sports participation. Rentals available on a first come first serve basis. 10 am – 3 pm. Grafton Ponds Outdoor Center, 783 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2350. info@graftonponds.com. graftonponds.com.

**HANCOCK.** Hike or Snowshoe to Silent Cliff. Hike steeply north on the Long Trail from Route 125, Middlebury Gap, for 0.4 mile to the more level Silent Cliff trail south 0.4 miles for views of Monastery Mountain and the Green Mountains south. Wear appropriate clothing, bring water, a snack and hiking poles, if used. Sponsored by the Bread Loaf Section of the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. For meeting time and place contact leader: Anne Christie at (802) 388-4347 or achr Christie1026@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

**HUNTINGTON.** Bird Monitoring Walk. All birders welcome, outdoors on the Museum's trails in forest and meadow. We often have coffee afterwards, indoors at our viewing window. Last Saturday of every month. Most fun for adults, older children. Bring your own binoculars. Free. Please pre-register. 8–9 am. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. birdsofvermont.org.

**HYDE PARK.** Annual Vermont Maple Conference. Speakers, 23 concurrent workshops and panel discussions, on production, marketing and business management, sugarbush health and climate, maple regulations. Registration: \$40, students \$5; lunch +\$15. Registration at 7:30 am, program at 8:15 am. Lamoille Union Middle School, 736 Vermont Rte. 15). vermontmaple.org/maple-conferences. go.uvm.edu/extension-maple.

**LEBANON, NH.** Upper Valley Ship Modelers Guild. Group meets to share ideas on the construction and use of ship and other types of models. Refreshments at 9 am, meeting at 9:30. Free. Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, room 5A, 1 Medical Center Dr. (603) 863-9772. caroletotes@comcast.net. *Also March 24, May 19, July 28, September 22.*

**MANCHESTER.** Book & Author Event. Levi Laub presents his book, *The Vél d'Hiv Raid: The French Police at the Service of the Gestapo.* In honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Free. 6 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2525. northshire.com.

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**MIDDLEBURY.** MET Live in HD: *Tosca.* Napoleonic-era sets and costumes, extraordinary singing. Tickets: \$24 (+\$2 preservation fee), students \$10 (+1 preservation fee). Run time 2hrs 53mins. 1pm. Free talk about this opera in the studio on the lower level before the broadcast at 12:15 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 South Pleasant St. Box office: (802) 382-9222. www.townhalltheater.org.

**NORTH BENNINGTON.** 11th Annual North Bennington Winter Festival. Pre-Plunge breakfast at Lake Para, followed by hearty souls plunging into Lake Paran. Chili fest, indoor winter carnival for children. Spirits of Old Bennington tastings, storytime and children's activities. Snowman building, solar power displays and electric car races, Girl Scouts bake sale. Beer, bourbon and BBQ. Free wagon ride to all key locations. 9 am – 1 pm. Village of North Bennington, 2018 Main Street. (802) 447-3311.

**NORWICH.** Astronomy Day. Museum education staff and guest astronomers offer a day of activities for learners of all ages, covering topics from stars to planets, comets to meteorites. Included with museum admission: \$12–\$15. Montshire Museum of Science, One Montshire Rd. (802) 649-2200. pr@montshire.org. montshire.org.

**NORWICH.** Contra Dance. Featuring music by Gypsy Minor, David Kaynor calling. Beginners welcome, no partner needed. Admission: \$10, students \$6, under 16 free. Dance starts at 8 pm, 7:45 pm for walk-through. Bring clean, soft-soled shoes. Potluck snacks at the break. Sponsored by Muskeg Music. 8-11 pm. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 649-1419. uvdm.org.



## Saturday, January 27, continued:

**NORWICH.** Winter Farmers Market. One of the area's largest winter markets, offering locally produced fruits and vegetables, prepared foods and crafts. 9 am – 1 pm. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 384-7447. hoffmanathome@gmail.com. www.norwichfarmersmarket.org. *Also February 10 & 24, March 10 & 24 and April 18 & 28.*

**PUTNEY.** Next Stage Speaks: Authors Robin MacArthur and Lauren Markham. Tickets: \$10 suggested donation. 7 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill. (802) 387-0102. nextstagearts@gmail.com. www.nextstagearts.org.

**QUECHEE.** 17th Annual Youth Ice Fishing Derby. Free event. January 27th is also Free Ice Fishing Day in Vermont! Food and refreshments, fishing holes, bait and limited equipment will be available. Make sure everyone is dressed appropriately. Age categories: 6 and under, 7 to 10, 11 to 14. You may register the day of the derby at the "sign-in" tent. Pre-registration is encouraged at www.hartfordrec.com. 7 am – 12 pm. Dewey's Pond, Main St.

**RANDOLPH.** Play. Trans Scripts, Part I: *The Women*. Staged reading, to benefit GLAD's transgender-rights project. One-act production followed by a talkback and reception. Tickets: adults \$22, students \$17. 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71 N. Main St. (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org.

**RUPERT.** Tracking Workshop. Find out who's out and about in the winter landscape. Fee \$5 per person. 10 am – 12 pm. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315, west of Manchester. (802) 394-7836. merckforest.org.

**RUTLAND.** Opera Screening: Puccini's *Tosca*. Run Time: approx 4 hours includes two 30 minute intermissions. Tickets: adults \$23, students \$10. 12:55 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. paramountlive.org.

**RUTLAND.** Winter Vermont Farmers' Market. Local produce, crafts, prepared foods. Live music. EBT and debit cards. 10 am – 2 pm. Vermont Farmers, Food Center at 251 West St. in downtown Rutland. (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through April.*

**RUTLAND.** Rutland's "Newly"wed Game. Local couples test their knowledge of one another & help raise monies to support the Rutland Community Cupboard, BROCC Community Food Shelf and The Salvation Army. Tickets: \$30-\$35. 7:30 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. paramountlive.org.

**SHELburne.** Family Program: "What Do Owls Eat for Lunch?" Dissect owl pellets to find out what owls like to eat. Make masks, and meet a live owl. For ages five and up with accompanying adult. Cost: \$7/child, \$4/adult. Registration required. 10 am – 12 noon. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. cwright@shelburnefarms.org. shelburnefarms.org.

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Film Screening: Metropolitan Oper's production of *Tosca* by Puccini. Franco Zeffirelli's Napoleonic-era sets and costumes offer a splendid backdrop for extraordinary singing. Tickets: adult \$25, student \$16. 12:55 pm. Catamount Arts Center, 115 Eastern Ave. (802) 748-2600. www.catamountarts.org. *Also February 3.*

**STATEWIDE.** Free Ice Fishing Day and Festival. A day when anyone, resident or nonresident, may go fishing in Vermont without a fishing license. Fee Ice Fishing Festival at Hoyts Landing in Springfield, VT. Vermont Fish & Wildlife staff will be there to help everyone learn how to enjoy this type of fishing. vtfishandwildlife.com.

**STOWE.** Workshop: Introduction To Bookbinding. First day: make an Accordion book, a Pamphlet Stitch book, and 7 different folded books. Second day: make a portable hole-punching cradle for future stitch-bound books, and Postal Notebooks. Supplies provided. Instructor: Chiyomi McKibbin. Saturday only: \$125; Saturday & Sunday: \$215. Saturday 9:30 am – 3:30 pm, Sunday 10 am – 3 pm. Helen Day Art Center, 5 School St. (802) 253-8358. *Through January 28.*

**STOWE.** Performance: *Sleeping Beauty*, State Ballet Theatre of Russia. The traditional Petipa choreography brought to life by 50 dancers in a celebration of true love and artistry. Tickets: Prices start at \$20; \$65 regular, \$75 premium. 7 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. sprucepeakarts.org.

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**WOODSTOCK.** Working Woodlands Workshop: Animal Adaptations to Winter. Indoor discussion of how animals meet their basic winter needs. Snowshoe hike investigating different habitats. Open to all ages. Dress for outdoor activity, bring a water bottle and snowshoes if possible; adult and children's snowshoes available. Free; please pre-register. 10 am– 12 noon. Forest Center, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park. (802) 457-3368 ext. 222. kyle\_jones@nps.gov. nps.gov/mabi/learn/nature/working-woodlands-workshops.htm.

**WOODSTOCK.** Winter Weekends at Billings Farm. Tour the farm and the 1890's restored farmhouse. Admission: adults \$15, 62 & up \$14, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. *Weekends through February 4.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Eighth Annual Woodstock Vermont Film Series Screening: *Our Nixon*. The Nixon White House as seen from the inside, composed of home movies shot by the president's staff, later TV interviews, and audio from the secret tapes. Tickets: adults (16 & up) \$132 for 15-film package or \$11 per film, refreshments included. 3 pm & 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, one-half mile north of the Woodstock village green on Vermont Route 12. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org/filmfest.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

**BENNINGTON.** Jewish Film Festival. Admission: \$7. 5–7 pm. Oldcastle Theatre, 331 Main St. (802) 447-0564. sswetofvt@gmail.com. oldcastletheatre.org. *Monthly on the fourth Sunday, until April 23.*

**BOLTON.** Hike up to the Duxbury Window. Long Trail hike from the Long Trail trail head on Duxbury Road near the Winooski River at the lowest point on the Long Trail. The trail follows Bamforth Ridge, one of the flanks of Camel's Hump. 3.2 miles, 950' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. For meeting time and place contact leader: Ted Albers, ted@tedalbers.net. www.greenmountainclub.org.

**BURKE.** Skimo East Challenge at Burke Mountain. Volunteer for these events (for some ski swag) OR test your own limits in this wild endurance winter challenge – where participants climb up and ski down our favorite local mountains. Steep and difficult boot-pack, many transitions and off-pistes descents. To confirm your volunteer spot contact maria@northwoodscenter.orgskimoeast.com.

## Sunday, January 28, continued:

**BURLINGTON.** Winter Duck Show: Birder and educator Maeve Kim gives an indoor presentation followed by an outdoor excursion on Burlington's Waterfront. Learn to identify the various species, what they eat, their life cycles, habits, breeding and migration. Bring warm layers, binoculars, and your spotting scope. Additional binoculars and spotting scopes available to borrow. 1-3 pm. Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center, 60 Lake St. (802) 434-3068. [vt.audubon.org](http://vt.audubon.org).

**BURLINGTON.** Vermont Youth Orchestra Winter Concert: Tchaikovsky in Vermont—Celebrating Identity. First movement of Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5, third movement of Edward Gregson's Tuba Concerto, Johann Strauss Jr.'s The Blue Danube, and Arturo Márquez's Danzón No. 2. Tickets: adults \$17, students \$12. 3 pm. MainStage, Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, 153 Main St. (888) 974-3698. [www.flynncenter.org](http://www.flynncenter.org).

**HANOVER, NH.** Kids' Story Time and Marshmallow Roast. Story time and roasted marshmallows by the campfire. Skating, cross-country skiing and sledding (weather permitting). For children ages 3-8, accompanied by their parents. Free. 11 am – 12 noon. Dartmouth Outing Club House on Occom Pond, 10 Hilton Field Rd. (603) 646-2428. *Also February 4 & 18.*

**MIDDLEBURY.** Musical: *Cabaret*. A talented student cast brings to life this haunting, theatrical tale of bohemian life in Berlin during the rise of Nazi intolerance. Tickets: \$20/\$15 (plus \$2 preservation fee), students \$6 (plus \$1 preservation fee). 2 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 South Pleasant St. Box office: (802) 382-9222. [www.townhalltheater.org](http://www.townhalltheater.org). *Through January 29.*

**NORWICH.** English Country Dance. Music by Trip to Norwich—Carol Compton and Thal Aylward, with David Millstone calling. Please wear clean soft-soled shoes. Dances taught, no partner needed, and newcomers welcome. Admission: \$10 adults, \$4 age 25 and under. Refreshments provided. Sponsored by Muskeg Music. 3-6 pm. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (603) 448-2950. [millstone@valley.net](mailto:millstone@valley.net). *Also February 25, March 18, April 29.*

**RUTLAND.** Vermont Symphony Orchestra Sunday Matinee Series Concert, featuring the VSO Chorus. Robert de Cormier's Legacy, Morten Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna, Schubert's Symphony No. 9. Tickets: adults \$20–\$32, students #10. 3 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [paramountlive.org](http://paramountlive.org).

**SHELburne.** Sleigh Rides. 20-minute horse-drawn wagon ride from the Welcome Center (weather permitting). Rides on the half hour from 11 am to 2 pm. No reservations; tickets sold on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 am when the Welcome Center opens. Cost: adult \$10, child \$8, under 2 free. 11 am – 2 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org). *Also January 29.*

**SOUTH POMFRET.** Vertical Challenge Free Ski and Snowboard Races Tour. Skiers and snowboarders, divided by gender and age, compete for gold, silver, and bronze medals in each category. Snowy activities for all ages and prizes given away throughout the day. 7:30 am – 3:30 pm. Suicide Six, 247 Stage Rd. (603) 443-8800. [skiverticalchallenge.com](http://skiverticalchallenge.com).

**WAITSFIELD.** Naturalist Snowshoe Program. Guided snowshoe trek tailored to your interest in the ecology and wildlife of Stark Mountain. Outings and content varies each week depending snow conditions and participants. Learn about the hardwood forests of the Green Mountains, moose, bear, deer, fisher, coyote, red fox and more! Easy to moderate difficulty. Every Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 am. Mad River Glen, 62 Mad River Resort Rd. (802) 496-3551. [ski@madriverglen.com](mailto:ski@madriverglen.com). [madriverglen.com](http://madriverglen.com). *Also every Saturday and Sunday through April 8.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Winter Weekends at Billings Farm. Tour the farm and the 1890's restored farmhouse. Admission: adults \$15, 62 & up \$14, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org). *Weekends through February 4.*

**WOODSTOCK.** 17th Annual New England Women's Cross-Country Ski Day. Cross-country ski clinics for every level of skier. Wax demonstrations, fantastic prize drawing and a fabulous lunch. Clothing and equipment retailers will be on hand with items to try and buy. Registration: \$50. 7 am – 3:30 pm. Woodstock Inn Nordic Center. (413) 822-2422. [nensa.net/women-2](http://nensa.net/women-2).

## MONDAY, JANUARY 29

**MIDDLEBURY.** Musical: *Cabaret*. A talented student cast brings to life this haunting, theatrical tale of bohemian life in Berlin during the rise of Nazi intolerance. Tickets: \$20/\$15 (plus \$2 preservation fee), students \$6 (plus \$1 preservation fee). 7:30 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 South Pleasant St. Box office: (802) 382-9222. [www.townhalltheater.org](http://www.townhalltheater.org).

**SHELburne.** Sleigh Rides. 20-minute horse-drawn wagon ride from the Welcome Center (weather permitting). Rides on the half hour from 11 am to 2 pm. No reservations; tickets sold on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 am when the Welcome Center opens. Cost: adult \$10, child \$8, under 2 free. 11 am – 2 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org).

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** 2018 Vermont Farm Show. Family friendly with tractors, the latest innovations in technology for rural lifestyles, equipment, agricultural products and information on display, there is something for everyone at the Farm Show. Shelburne Farms is bringing calves, the Vt Bird Fancier's will be there along with Vermont's own State Horse, the Morgan plus sheep and other surprises. Free admission, free parking. 9 am – 5 pm. Champlain Valley Exposition. [vtfarmshow.com](http://vtfarmshow.com). *Also January 31 & February 1.*

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** 2018 Vermont Farm Show. Consumer Night. Family friendly with tractors, the latest innovations in technology for rural lifestyles, equipment, agricultural products and information on display, there is something for everyone at the Farm Show. Shelburne Farms is bringing calves, the Vt Bird Fancier's will be there along with Vermont's own State Horse, the Morgan plus sheep and other surprises. Free admission, free parking. 8:30 am – 7 pm. Champlain Valley Exposition. [vtfarmshow.com](http://vtfarmshow.com). *Also February 1.*

**GOSHEN.** Full Moon Ski Soup and Sauna. The trails and Outdoor Center will remain open until 8 pm. Soup will be on in the Outdoor Center and sauna will be hot. \$10 per person. Let us know if you are interested so we have enough soup. 6 pm. Blueberry Hill Outdoor Center, 1245 Goshen Ripton Rd. (802) 247-6735. [info@blueberryhillinn.com](mailto:info@blueberryhillinn.com). [blueberryhillinn.com](http://blueberryhillinn.com). *Also January 31, March 2.*

**LEBANON, NH.** The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour. The best new films from the world's most prestigious mountain film festival. Tickets: adults \$23, students \$20. 7 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. [info@lebanonoperahouse.org](mailto:info@lebanonoperahouse.org). [lebanonoperahouse.org](http://lebanonoperahouse.org).

**MONTPELIER.** Full Moon Snowshoe Hike. Night activities will illuminate how wildlife survives the long nights of winter. Snowshoes and hot chocolate provided. Fee: \$10. 7–8:30 pm. North Branch Nature Center, 713 Elm St. (802) 223-7335. [northbranchnaturecenter.org](http://northbranchnaturecenter.org). *Also March 3.*

**WATERBURY CENTER.** Full Moon Snowshoe Walk with GMC education staff. Explore open meadows and wooded areas; learn about winter wildlife adaptations and winter astronomy (weather permitting). Hot chocolate in the Visitor Center. Family-friendly outing, geared toward all ages. Limit: 20. Fee: \$25, \$20 additional fee for snowshoe rental. Snow or shine. Register at least one week in advance. 6:30–8 pm. Green Mountain Club Visitor Center, 4711 Waterbury Stowe Rd. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**WEST BRATTLEBORO.** Blue Moon Snowshoe Hike. Quiet walk, ending on the summit of Heifer Hill for the moonrise. Free (donations welcome). 4:30–6 pm. Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center, 1223 Bonnyvale Rd. (Heifer Hill). (802) 257-5785. [beec@sover.net](mailto:beec@sover.net). [beec.org](http://beec.org).

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES 2018

**BARNET.** Karme Choling Shambhala Meditation Center. Meditation practice and contemplative study in beautiful rural Vermont. Karme Choling, 369 Patneau Lane. (802) 633-2384. [reception@karmecholing.org](mailto:reception@karmecholing.org). [www.karmecholing.org](http://www.karmecholing.org).



## Ongoing Activities 2018, continued:

**BARTONSVILLE.** Friday Night Bingo. 6:30 pm. Bartonville Grange (located across from Rockingham State Police Barracks on Rt. 103), 116 Upper Bartonville Rd. (802) 875-4438. *Every Friday.*

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Genealogy Group at Rockingham Library. Join genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard on a quest to discover your family roots. With the many free databases available at the library. Beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome. Call to register, spots fill up fast. Free. 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Rockingham Library, 65 Westminster St. (802) 463-4270. programming@rockinghamlibrary.org. www.rockinghamlibrary.org. *Every Thursday.*

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Labyrinth Walk and Celtic Evening Prayer. All are welcome. Song and chant, verbal and silent prayer, readings, stories or lives of Celtic saints, a brief homily or meditation, and some evenings we will have communion. A social time follows the service. 7 pm at Currier Hall, Immanuel Retreat Center, 12 Church St. (802) 460-0110. www.stonechurcharts.org. *First and Third Thursdays.*

**BOLTON.** Snowshoe Explorer Tours. Two-hour guided snowshoe tour on groomed and backcountry trails. Explore the forests and mountains; learn about the history of the trails, search for signs of wildlife. Tickets: \$35 per person, includes snowshoes, and guided tour. Call ahead to reserve snowshoes. Two-person minimum. (877) 926-5866. Bolton Valley Ski Resort, 4302 Bolton Valley Access Rd. www.boltonvalley.com. *Every Saturday, 2-4 pm.*

**BRATTLEBORO.** The Cotton Mill. Housed in a 3-story, 145,000 square foot renovated mill building dating back to 1910, The Cotton Mill is home to over 60 small businesses and artists' studios. Painters, dancers, jewelry makers, circus performers, jam and granola makers, filmmakers, bodyworkers, woodworkers, jazz musicians, toymakers and many others form a vibrant & bustling community just minutes from downtown. 74 Cotton Mill Hill. info@thecottonmill.org. www.thecottonmill.org.

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

**BRIDGEWATER.** Bingo at the Bridgewater Grange. Doors open 5:30 pm, games 6:30 pm. Refreshments available—hot dogs, donuts, coffee, soda. Bridgewater Grange, Rt. 100A. (802) 672-6223. *Continuing on Saturdays.*

**BURLINGTON.** Poetry Experience. Rajnii Eddins facilitates a poetry and spoken-word workshop aimed at building confidence and developing a love of writing. Free. 1–3 pm. Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St. (802) 865-7211. www.fletcherfree.org. *First and Third Saturday of every month.*

**BURLINGTON.** Saturday Story Time. Enjoy timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Each week, we'll choose a new picture book, a classic or a staff favorite to read aloud together. Free and open to all ages. 11 am. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 872-7111. phoenixbooks.biz. *Every Saturday, January 6 through March 31.*

**CASTLETON.** Coffee Hour. Enjoy homemade goodies, hot brew and good company. Free. 9–11 am. Castleton Community Center, 2108 Main St. (802) 468-3093. *Continues on Fridays.*

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

**CHESTER.** Bingo at the Gassetts Grange Hall. Raffle and 50/50 drawings. Refreshments on sale in the kitchen. 6:30 pm. Junction of Rt. 10 & 103N. (802) 875-2637. *Thursday nights.*

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

**CHESTER.** Monthly Square Dance and Rounds. Refreshments on sale in the kitchen. 50/50 tickets on sale; drawing held for free admittance for the next month's dance. \$5 donation at the door. 7–11 pm. Breakfast 8–9:30 am for \$7. Gassetts Grange Hall, junction of Rt. 10 & 103N. (802) 875-2637. *Monthly on first Saturdays.*

**CHITTENDEN.** Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides. 30-minute tours on resort grounds. Maximum 9 adults & children per ride. Sleigh ride & dinner package, includes sleigh ride, 3-course dinner for two & taxes for \$150 (gratuity & alcohol not included). Reservations required; call ahead for current schedule. Mountain Top Inn & Resort, 195 Mountain Top Rd. (802) 483-6089. www.mountaintoppinn.com. Open daily through March (weather permitting).

**ESSEX.** Wednesday Story Time. Enjoy timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Each week, we'll choose a new picture book, a classic or a staff favorite to read aloud together. Free and open to all ages. Wednesdays at 10am. Phoenix Books Essex, 2 Carmichael St. (802) 872-7111. phoenixbooks.biz. *January 3 through March 28.*

**ESSEX.** Saturday Story Time. Enjoy timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Each week, we'll choose a new picture book, a classic or a staff favorite to read aloud together. Free and open to all ages. 11 am. Phoenix Books Essex, 2 Carmichael St. (802) 872-7111. phoenixbooks.biz. *Every Saturday, January 6 through March 31.*

**KILLINGTON.** Ars Poetica. Fourth Wednesday of the month. Free. 6–8 pm. Sherburne Memorial Library, 2998 River Rd. (802) 422-9765. sherlib.wordpress.com.

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

**LEICESTER.** Addison County Farm Animal Homeopathy Study Group. Learn how other farmers are applying homeopathy to their herds or flocks. Discussion includes an in-depth look of at least one remedy, some theory and a case analysis. Meets the second Tuesday of each month and is open to all levels. 12 noon to 2 pm at Taconic End Farm. For more info call Annie Claghorn, (802) 247-3979. foxclag@gmavt.net.

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

**MILTON.** Children Read to Cleo the Therapy Dog. 10–11 am. Milton Public Library, 39 Bombadier Rd. (802) 893-4644. library@town.milton.vt.us. miltonlibraryvt.org. *First and third Saturdays.*

**MONTPELIER.** After School Programs: Explorers (1st–3rd grade) and Trekkers (4th–8th grade) practice outdoor living skills such as tracking, foraging for wild edibles, camp cooking, building shelters, telling stories, playing games, and much more. Fee: \$410 (includes \$200 deposit). Wednesdays, 3–5 pm. North Branch Nature Center, 713 Elm St. (802) 223-7335. northbranchnaturecenter.org. *March 7 through May 30.*

**NORWICH.** Suds & Science. Each month join Vermont Center for Ecostudies scientists and colleagues at the Norwich Inn for a cold brew and interesting conversation on a selected natural history topic. 7–8 pm at the Norwich Inn. (802) 649-1431. www.vtecostudies.org. *First Tuesday of every month.*

**ORLEANS.** Vermont Reindeer Farm. Come see the only live reindeer in the whole state of Vermont! Many other farm animals to pet & feed. Nature trail, Reindeer games & gift shop. Vermont Reindeer Farm, 3108 Chilafoux Rd. (802) 754-9583. On Facebook.

**PLAINFIELD, NH.** The Attic Shop. New and used items include antiques, books, gift items, collectables, jewelry, furniture, glassware, artwork, and gently used clothes. Free coffee. Free admission. 10 am – 3 pm. Blow-Me-Down Grange, 1107 Rt. 12A. (603) 448-0773. *Every Saturday.*

## Ongoing Activities 2018, continued:

**POULTNEY.** Weekly Game Night. Games for young children as well as adults. Bring your own or play ours. Experienced game players help new players get started. 7–10 pm. Poultnery Public Library, 205 Main St. (518) 282-9089 or (802) 287 5556. [poultneypubliclibrary.com](http://poultneypubliclibrary.com). *Ongoing every Thursday.*

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

**POULTNEY.** The Horace Greeley Writer's Guild. No charge to join or participate and always looking for new writers to join them! Please come and bring your latest writing, and bring a friend too. As always, writers in all genres, regardless of age or experience, are welcome. Happy writing! Poultnery Public Library, 205 Main St. (802) 287-5556. [poultneypubliclibrary.com](http://poultneypubliclibrary.com). *Second Tuesdays.*

**PUTNEY.** Green Mountain Orchards Farm Store. Apples and cider year round. Pick-your-own in season. Horse-drawn wagon rides by reservation. Farm store with our own bakery. 130 West Hill Rd. (exit 4, I-91), look for signs in Putney Village. (802) 387-5851. [www.greenmtorchards.com](http://www.greenmtorchards.com).

**PUTNEY.** Hidden Springs Maple. Family maple farm where they started making maple syrup over 50 years ago. Our sugar bush spans over 1,000 acres. Maple Syrup Tasting Table, samples, hand-dipped ice cream, sales table, gifts. Hidden Springs Maple, 162 Westminster Rd. (802) 387-5200. [info@hiddenspringsmaple.com](mailto:info@hiddenspringsmaple.com). [www.hiddenspringsmaple.com](http://www.hiddenspringsmaple.com).

**QUECHEE.** Vermont Institute of Natural Science. Wildlife exhibits, workshops, and special events. Wildlife rehabilitation. Admission: adults: \$14.50, seniors (62 plus) \$13.50, youth (4-17): \$12.50, children 3 and under free. Open April 9-October 31: 10 am – 5 pm. November 1-April 8: 10 am – 4 pm. Vermont Institute of Natural Science, 6565 Woodstock Rd. (802) 359-5000. [info@vinsweb.org](mailto:info@vinsweb.org). [www.vinsweb.org](http://www.vinsweb.org).

**RANDOLPH.** Fifth Annual PoemTown Randolph. Posters of 100 selected poems will be displayed in the main windows and doors of businesses, churches, and organizations. Special poetry events and surprises in several venues in town. [www.poemtowntown.org](http://www.poemtowntown.org). *Through April.*

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

**RUPERT.** Winter Sleigh Rides. Suffolk Punch draft horses, Arch & Fern, will draw our newly-redesigned sweetheart sleigh across the winter landscape at 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm and 2 pm. Cost: \$150 for a one-hour ride for up to five adults. Only if weather permits; no rides on New Year's day. 24-hour advance notice required. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315, west of Manchester. (802) 394-7836. [merckforest.org](http://merckforest.org). *Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and selected Saturdays through the winter.*

**RUTLAND.** The Mint, Rutland's Makerspace. A collaborative community workshop and business incubator, born out of the Rutland Mini Maker Faire, led by a team of dedicated volunteers. Full wood shop and metal shop, plus 3D printing. Classes in woodworking, metal work, vinyl cutting, welding, 3D printing and design, CNC and more. The Mint, 112 Quality Lane. (802) 779-4242. [kmccalla@millriverschools.org](mailto:kmccalla@millriverschools.org). [rutlandmint.org](http://rutlandmint.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. [pyramidvt.com](http://pyramidvt.com).

**RUTLAND.** Rutland Area Flea Market. Indoors, year-round, clean & friendly! Cozy cafe offers refreshments and light lunch. 10 am – 4 pm. 200 West St. corner of Forest St. (802) 770-9104. On Facebook. *Every Saturday and Sunday.*

**RUTLAND.** Vermont Backroad Tours. Fee. Book in advance. (802) 446-3131. [kelly@vtbackroadtours.com](mailto:kelly@vtbackroadtours.com). [www.vtbackroadtours.com](http://www.vtbackroadtours.com).

**SO. BURLINGTON.** Old Time Mountain Jam. Full throttle jam session mainly for advanced level or strong intermediate acoustic string players, though all are welcome. We play southern old time music with New England and French Canadian styles spicing the mix. 6–8:30 pm. Halyard Brewing Company, 80 Ethan Allen Dr. [halyardbrewing.us](http://halyardbrewing.us). [www.woodburystrings.com](http://www.woodburystrings.com). *Every First Thursday.*

**SO. ROYALTON.** Christmas Celebration. The Christmas lights are turned on at about 4:30 pm each evening. It is dark by 5 pm and it is better to come after that time. Hot apple cider and cookies served. Open seven days a week 9 am to 9 pm, grounds open till 10 pm, but Monday through Thursday is less busy. Joseph Smith Birthplace Memorial, 357 LDS Lane. (802) 763-7742. [www.lds.org/locations/joseph-smith-birthplace-memorial](http://www.lds.org/locations/joseph-smith-birthplace-memorial). *Through January 1.*

**SO. ROYALTON.** Joseph Smith Birthplace Memorial. Memorial includes historic artifacts, films, sculptures and hiking paths. Free. Monday-Saturday 9 am – 5 pm, Sunday 1:30-5 pm. 357 LDS Lane. (802) 763-7742. [www.lds.org/locations/joseph-smith-birthplace-memorial](http://www.lds.org/locations/joseph-smith-birthplace-memorial).

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

**STATEWIDE.** January is Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month nationwide. Here in Vermont, we have some of the best instructors in the world and plenty of terrain for those starting out. Learn to ski and ride month isn't only for those who have never been on snow before. Ski Vermont is offering a \$49 package for beginners including a beginner area lift ticket, professional lesson and rental in January 2018. For more information about participating ski areas, go to [skivermont.com](http://skivermont.com).

**STATEWIDE.** Vermont State Parks. Vermont has 55 developed and staffed state parks and other undeveloped state park lands. Day use fees: adults (14+) \$4, children 4-13 \$2, 3 and under free. Additional fees for cabins, shelters, pavilions, and boat rentals. Check your library for a free pass. If you are 62 years or older and a Vermont resident, or a Vermont resident who is an honorably discharged veteran, you are eligible for a lifetime day entry pass called the Green Mountain Passport, available at your local town clerk's office. For reservations, information and customer service call (888) 409-7579 (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 4 pm) or email [parks@vermont.gov](mailto:parks@vermont.gov). For a listing of parks visit [vtstateparks.com](http://vtstateparks.com).

**STATEWIDE.** 118th Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count, a favorite tradition among Vermont's birding community. More than a dozen count areas and dates available where birders gather together to conduct the Christmas Bird Count. Visit website for locations: [vt.audubon.org/audubon-christmas-bird-count-0](http://vt.audubon.org/audubon-christmas-bird-count-0). [vtfishandwildlife.com](http://vtfishandwildlife.com). *Through January 5.*

**STATEWIDE.** Salvation Farms. Volunteer opportunities to glean and process Vermont raised, surplus fruits and vegetables for use by vulnerable populations. For more information contact (802) 522-3148. [info@ourfarmsourfood.org](mailto:info@ourfarmsourfood.org). [salvationfarms.wordpress.com](http://salvationfarms.wordpress.com).

**STOWE.** Sleigh Rides. Rides leave every 1/2 hour. No reservations; first come, first served. Cash payments only. Jan 13–15, Feb 14–25 Holiday Rates: adult \$30, child (4–12) \$20, 3 and under free. All other dates: adult \$25, child \$15. 10:30 am – 12 noon (last am ride leaves at 11:30), 1–4 pm (last pm ride leaves at 3:30). Select times may not be available; call the Horsesdrawn Hotline for updates: (802) 253-5895 or (802) 279-1863. Trapp Family Lodge, 700 Trapp Hill Rd. (802) 253-8511. [trappfamily.com](http://trappfamily.com). *Every Saturday & Sunday. Holiday Weeks also on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.*

**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](http://www.stalbansfreelibrary.org).



## Ongoing Activities 2018, continued:

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Northern Vermont Songwriters. Songwriters may bring a song to share, performed live for the group, or a recording. Bring 6 copies of lyrics. Or bring lyrics only, or simply listen and comment. Free. 6:45–8:30 pm. Catamount Outback Artspace, the wooden octagonal building behind Catamount Arts, 115 Eastern Ave. (802) 467-9859. jakarns33@gmail.com. *Third Thursday of every month.*

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Storytime in the Children's Library. These events are part of the Athenaeum's Acorn Club. 10:30 am. St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main St. (802) 748-8291. www.stjathenaeum.org. *Every Friday and every 1st and 3rd Saturday.*

**WAITSFIELD.** Naturalist Snowshoe Program. Guided snowshoe trek tailored to your interest in the ecology and wildlife of Stark Mountain. Outings and content varies each week depending on snow conditions and participants. Learn about the hardwood forests of the Green Mtns., moose, bear, deer, fisher, coyote, red fox and more! Easy to moderate difficulty. Every Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 am. Mad River Glen, 62 Mad River Resort Rd. (802) 496-3551. ski@madriverglen.com. madriverglen.com. *Every Saturday and Sunday, December 30 through April 8.*

**WEST RUTLAND.** Vermont Herbal General Store. Owned and operated by a registered pharmacist. Tai' Chi Gung classes, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm at the store. Free intro classes. Meditations at the store Wednesdays at 5 pm. Usul & Karuna Reiki Healings & Classes. Handmade Herbal Medicines, Oils, Essences, Crystals, Gemstones & Books. Teas, Lotions, and Capsules. All are welcome. Open Tuesday & Wednesday 1-6, Thursday 11 am – 4:30 pm, Saturday 1-6 pm, Sunday 1-4 pm, closed Friday and Monday. Vermont Herbal General Store, 578 Main St. (802) 438-2766. info@vermontherbal.com. On Facebook and Twitter. www.vermontherbal.com.

**WEST RUTLAND.** Home Buyer Education Classes. Call for schedule. NeighborWorks office at 110 Marble St. (802) 438-2303 x 216. www.nwvt.org.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Thrift Shop. Saturdays 10 am – 1 pm, Wednesdays 1-4 pm. Second Hand Rose, United Methodist Church, 106 Gates St. (802) 295-2502. www.unitedmethodistchurchwrj.com.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Public Sitting Meditation. Free meditation instruction is available at most of these times: Tues 5:30-6:30 pm, Thurs 12-1 pm, Sun 9 am – 12 pm. Shambhala Meditation Center of White River, 158 S. Main St. (802) 785-4304. whiteriver.shambhala.org.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Introduction to Zen Practice. An informal introduction to the form and theory of Zen Buddhist practice. Donation. 6-7 pm. Upper Valley Zen Center, 58 Bridge St. (603) 448-4877. *Every Wednesday.*

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Newberry Market. A year-round, public indoor market with vendors offering local products, cheeses, clothing, gifts, pottery, and specialty foods. Free admission. Open every Thursday year round 11 am – 6 pm. Newberry Market, 19 South Main St. For information contact: Betsy Briggs Wheeler at (802) 299-0212. newberrymarketwrj@gmail.com. newberrymarketwrj.com.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** The Center for Cartoon Studies. Exhibitions, and classes. Two-year course of studies, Master of Fine Arts degrees, summer workshops. Public gallery hours are Monday-Friday from 12-4 pm through June 9. 46 South Main St. (802) 295-3319. www.cartoonstudies.org.

**WILMINGTON.** Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides. A team of Belgian draft horses pull the sleigh to an old log cabin; warm by the wood stove, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, and sing along with the vintage player piano. About 1 1/2 hours. Each sleigh holds 15 people. Blankets provided, dress accordingly. Reservations required. Cost: adults \$22, children (2–12) \$13, under 2 free. Private 45-minute sleigh ride for two: \$100. Tuesday–Saturday 12:15 pm, 1 pm, 1:45 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:15 pm, 8 pm. Sunday 11:30 am, 12:15 pm, 1 pm, 1:45 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:15 pm. Adams Farm, 15 Higley Hill Rd. (802) 464-3762. farmfresh@adamsfamilyfarm.com. adamsfamilyfarm.com. *December through March.*

**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. *Every Wednesday.*

**WOODBURY.** Meditation Retreat. Shao Shan Temple, nestled in the woods at the eastern foot of the Woodbury Range, offers a schedule of regular zazen (meditation), study, retreats and liturgy. Shao Shan Temple is a registered temple within the Japanese school of Soto Zen Buddhism. (802) 456-7091. shaoshantemple@gmail.com. shaoshantemple.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** Tech Tuesdays: Free one-one help with technology. Computer basics; how to use an e-reader, get a free email address, download e-books and audiobooks, start a blog, learn HTML, FTP, CGI or JavaScript, Word or Excel. 4-6 pm. Norman Williams Public Library, 10 The Green. To set up an appointment, please contact the library at (802) 457-2295. www.normanwilliams.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** Billings Farm & Museum. Visit our award-winning Jersey herd, draft horses, and sheep and tour the restored 1890 Farm House. *A Place in the Land* our Academy Award®-nominee film will be shown every hour in the theater. Admission: adults \$15, 62 & up \$14, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open Saturday and Sunday, November through February from 10 am – 4 pm. Also open Christmas and February vacation weeks from 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park. 20 miles of trails and carriage roads are open year-round. Gardens and mansion. Vermont's only national park. Guided tours \$4/\$8, under 15 free. Walk the grounds free. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park, 54 Elm St. (802) 457-3368 x 22. nps.gov/mabi.

## MUSEUMS, EXHIBITS & GALLERIES

**BARRE.** Studio Place Arts. Exhibits, classes, workshops, and artists' studios. Free. Tues, Wed & Fri 10 am – 5 pm, Thurs 11 am – 7 pm, Sat 9 am – 5 pm. 201 N. Main St. (802) 479-7069. info@studioplacearts.com. 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. info@vermonthistory.org. www.vermonthistory.org.

**BELMONT.** Stephanie Stouffer Studio and Gallery Gift Shop. Hooked pillows and rugs, tapestries, holiday cards, and stoneware. Free admission. Call for appointment. Stephanie Stouffer Studio and Gallery Gift Shop, 250 Maple Hill Rd. (802) 259-2686. stouffer@vermontel.net. www.stephaniestouffer.com.

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

**BENNINGTON.** The Dollhouse and Toy Museum of Vermont. Exhibit: "Advertising Dolls". 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. (802) 681-3767. dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com.

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington Center for the Arts. Permanent collections, theater productions, workshops. 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. shirley@thebennington.org. thebennington.org.

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington Museum. Founding documents, fine art, 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: adults \$10, seniors and students over 18 \$9. Admission is never charged for younger students, museum members, or to visit the museum shop. Open 10 am – 5 pm every day except Wednesdays. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. www.benningtonmuseum.org.

## Museums, Exhibits and Galleries, continued:

**BRADFORD.** Historical Society Museum. Includes display of photographs and artifacts for the town's 250th celebration. Free. 2-4 pm second Saturdays. Academy Building, 172 Main St. (802) 222-4423.

**BRANDON.** Exhibit: "Holiday Legacy". Artist Stephanie Stouffer's original paintings and products displaying her designs. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm, 11 am – 3 pm on Sundays. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Drive, Park Village, 1.5 miles north of downtown off Rt. 7. (802) 247-4295. [www.cmacvt.org](http://www.cmacvt.org). *Through December 31.*

**BRANDON.** Compass Music and Arts Center. Arts businesses and studios, workshops & classes, 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. Open Monday-Saturday 10 am – 5 pm. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Drive, Park Village, 1.5 miles north of downtown. (802) 247-4295. [www.cmacvt.org](http://www.cmacvt.org).

**BRANDON.** Exhibit: "Winter in Vermont." An ensemble show by the membership of season-appropriate artwork. Brandon Artists Guild, 7 Center St. (802) 247-4956. *Through January 3.*

**BRATTLEBORO.** Hooker-Dunham Theater & Gallery. Your community arts venue since 1999: art exhibits, live music, photography, film, comedy, live theatre, film and literary festivals, and community events. 139 Main St. (802) 254-9276. [www.hookerdunham.org](http://www.hookerdunham.org).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Exhibits: "Constellations". The colorful, rigorously patterned paintings of Roger Sandes, through January 8. Open daily 11 am – 5 pm, closed Tues. Admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$4 students, free for youth 18 and under. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. [www.brattleboromuseum.org](http://www.brattleboromuseum.org).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. Open daily 11 am – 5 pm, closed Tuesdays. Admission \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$4 students, free for youth 18 and under. 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. [www.brattleboromuseum.org](http://www.brattleboromuseum.org).

**BRATTLEBORO.** First Fridays Gallery Walk. Monthly celebration of the arts in downtown and nearby locations. 40-50 or more exhibit openings, many with meet-the-artist receptions and live music, plus occasional readings, dance, circus arts, theater, and more. Free. 5:30-8:30 pm. (802) 257-2616. [www.gallerywalk.org](http://www.gallerywalk.org). *Monthly on first Fridays.*

**BRIDGEWATER.** Bridgewater Historical Society Museum. Includes town history exhibits and Bridgewater Mill artifacts. Free. 10 am – 2 pm on Saturdays and by appointment, 12 N. Bridgewater Rd. (802) 672-3745.

**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. ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center 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).

**BURLINGTON.** Fleming Museum of Art. More than 20,000 objects that span the history of civilization, from early Mesopotamia through contemporary America. Admission: adults \$5, family \$10, students and seniors \$3, children 6 and under free. Tue, Thu, Fri 10 am – 4 pm, Wed 10 am – 7 pm, Sat-Sun noon – 4 pm. Fleming Museum of Art, 61 Colchester Ave. (802) 656-0750. [fleming@uvm.edu](mailto:fleming@uvm.edu). [www.flemingmuseum.org](http://www.flemingmuseum.org).

**BURLINGTON.** First Friday Art Walk. Visit over 30 galleries, studios, and interesting venues all around town. Free. 5-8 pm. Map available. (802) 264-4839. [www.artmapburlington.com](http://www.artmapburlington.com). *Monthly on the first Friday.*

**CENTER RUTLAND.** The Rutland Railroad Museum. Housed in the Rutland Depot, built in 1917. See railroad artifacts and historical exhibits including HO & N scale model railroad layouts and a children's layout. The museum is also available to educational groups and schools for tours by appointment. Open Saturdays from 11 am – 1 pm. Rutland Railway Association, 79 Depot Lane. For information call John Schaub at (802) 768-8427. [info@rutlandrailroadmuseum.org](mailto:info@rutlandrailroadmuseum.org). [www.rutlandrailroadmuseum.org](http://www.rutlandrailroadmuseum.org).

**CHESTER.** Photography Contest: Chester Trails Experience. Entries must be taken of or from one of Chester's hiking trails: information at [meetchestervermont.com/maps-resources](http://meetchestervermont.com/maps-resources). Maximum of three submissions per person. Winning entries will be professionally matted and displayed in Chester's Whiting Library in April 2018. (802) 875-4309. [chestertrails05143@gmail.com](mailto:chestertrails05143@gmail.com). *Submission dates: through February 28, 2018.*

**CHESTER.** 103 Artisans Marketplace. Owned by artists Elise & Payne Junker, exclusive showroom of Junker Studio metalwork. Open Thursday through Sunday 10 am – 5 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday by chance. Located at 7 Pineview Dr. and Rt. 103, south of town—look for the life-size moose! (802) 875-7400. [www.103artisansmarketplace.com](http://www.103artisansmarketplace.com).

**ENFIELD.** Enfield Shaker Museum. Self-guided tours Tuesday-Thursday. Guided tours Sunday, Monday, Friday and Saturday. Admission \$8 or \$12, under 10 free. Monday-Saturday 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday 12-4 pm. 447 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-4346.

**GLOVER.** The Museum of Everyday Life. Current exhibit: "Dust". We celebrate our fifth year of existence by delving deep into this most ubiquitous substance. A self-service museum, open every day from 8 am - 8 pm. At 3482 Dry Pond Rd. (Rt. 16) a short distance south of the Shadow Lake Rd. For more information call (802) 626-4409. [www.museumofeverydaylife.org](http://www.museumofeverydaylife.org).

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

**GRAFTON.** Art Exhibits. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Gallery North Star, 151 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2465. [gallery@gnsgraffton.com](mailto:gallery@gnsgraffton.com). [www.gnsgraffton.com](http://www.gnsgraffton.com).

**GRANVILLE, NY.** The Slate Valley Museum. Exhibits, events, demonstrations, programs, First Fridays, and gift shop. Tues-Fri 1-5 pm, Sat 10 am – 4 pm. Admission \$5, under 12 free. Downtown at 17 Water St. (518) 642-1417. [www.slatevalleymuseum.org](http://www.slatevalleymuseum.org).

**HANOVER, NH.** Webster Cottage Museum. Explore the furnishings of early New England and the life of Daniel Webster. Free. 2:30-4:30 pm Wednesdays and Saturdays. 32 N. Main St. (603) 643-6529.

**HARTFORD.** Hartford Historical Society Museum. Tours and exhibits cover the history of Hartford, including the Abenaki tribes. Free. Monday-Friday 9 am – 1 pm. Garipay House, 1461 Maple St. (802) 296-3132.

**LEBANON, NH.** AVA Gallery and Art Center. 11 am – 5 pm. 11 Bank St. (603) 448-3117. [avagallery.org](http://avagallery.org).

**LYME CENTER, NH.** Lyme Center Academy Museum. Historic school displays artifacts of Lyme history. Sponsored by Lyme Historians. Free admission. Tuesdays, 9 am – 12 noon and by appointment. 183 Dorchester Rd. (603) 795-2508.

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

**MANCHESTER.** Hildene House Tours of Robert and Mary Lincoln's home. The museum store in our 100-year-old carriage barn welcomes visitors for distinctive gifts. Tours daily at 2 pm with a prior reservation, not recommended for children under 10. Admission \$20 adults; children 6 to 14, \$5; under 6, free. A fee of \$7.50 for the tour is added to the general admission. No admission charged for Welcome Center and Museum Store. Open daily year round 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home, Rt. 7A, south of the village. (802) 362-1788. [info@hildene.org](mailto:info@hildene.org). [www.hildene.org](http://www.hildene.org).

**MARLBORO.** Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. Perched on an overlook—on a clear day the horizon is 100 miles away! See mounted specimens of over 600 native New England birds and mammals, a Raptor Center with live hawks and owls, amphibian and reptile exhibit and fall wildflower exhibit. Hogback Mountain Gift Shop next door. Admission: adults \$5, seniors \$3, children 5-12 \$2, kids 4 and under are free. Open 10 am – 4 pm weekdays, 10 am – 5 pm weekends. Rt. 9, Hogback Mountain. (802) 464-0048. [www.vermontmuseum.org](http://www.vermontmuseum.org).



## Museums, Exhibits and Galleries, continued:

**MIDDLEBURY.** Amazing Operating Electric Train Layout. Three levels high, with tracks running Lionel O gauge trains, Lionel 027 gauge trains and an upper track running HO trains. Admission: adults \$5; youth (6-18) \$3, seniors \$4.50, family \$12. Volunteer engineers will run the trains Tue–Fri 1–4 pm, Sat 11 am – 2 pm, Sun Dec. 3 12 noon – 4 pm, Dec. 10 & 17 1–3 pm, closed on December 24 & 25. Henry Sheldon Museum, One Park St., across from the Ilsley Library. (802) 388-2117. henrysheldonmuseum.org. *Train layout runs through January 13.*

**MIDDLEBURY.** Middlebury College Museum of Art. Free. Tuesday through Friday 10 am–5 pm, Saturday and Sunday 12–5 pm, closed Mondays. 72 Porter Field Rd. (802) 443-3168. cfa@middlebury.edu. museum.middlebury.edu.

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

**MIDDLEBURY.** Vermont Folklife Center. 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.

**MONTPELIER.** Exhibit. “Family Traits: Art, Humor & Everyday Life,” created by the Vermont Folklife Center, tells the story of Stanley Lyndes and the impact he had on his family and the collective memories they share. Hours: Tuesday–Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm. Vermont History Museum, 109 State St. (802) 479-8519. matthew.johnson@vermonthistory.org. www.vermonthistory.org. *Through January 26.*

**MONTPELIER.** Vermont History Museum & Bookstore. One admission fee gives access to both the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier and the Vermont Heritage Galleries in Barre. Admission: adults: \$7; families: \$20; students, children, seniors: \$5; members and children under 6: free. Open 9 am – 4 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. Pavilion Building, 109 State St. (802) 828-2291. info@vermonthistory.org. www.vermonthistory.org.

**MONTPELIER.** Paul Sample Mural, “Salute to Vermont.” The mural illustrates key events in Vermont’s history, from Samuel de Champlain’s arrival in 1609 through the development of the modern ski industry. Museum hours: Tuesday–Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm. Vermont History Museum, 109 State St. (802) 479-8522. www.vermonthistory.org.

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

**QUECHEE.** Vermont Toy Museum. Collection of more than 100,000 toys. Toy and gift shop. Admission \$3. Open Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon. 11 am – 5 pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day. On the 2nd floor inside Quechee Gorge Village, Rt. 4. (802) 295-1550 x 102. vermonttoymuseum.com. www.quecheegorge.com.

**RUTLAND.** Chaffee Downtown Art Center. Exhibits, 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.

**RUTLAND.** Castleton Downtown Gallery. Free admission. Open Wed through Sat 1–6 pm. Center Street Alley. For info call Bill Ramage at (802) 468-1266. castletoncollegегalleries@gmail.com.

**RUTLAND.** Inaugural Exhibition: 34 local artists from all over Rutland County with work ranging from landscape paintings to conceptual sculptures to collage work and even performance art. 77 Gallery, 77 Grove St. (603) 732-8606. the77gallery@gmail.com. vitalsparknorth.com. facebook.com/vtallegallery. *Through March 30.*

**SAXTONS RIVER.** River Artisans Cooperative. 50 craftspeople keep the shelves stocked with a wide variety of handcrafted items. Year round, weekdays from 12–5 pm and weekends from 10 am – 3 pm. The River Artisans Cooperative, in the center of Saxtons River on Main Street, 26B Main St. (802) 869-2099. www.riverartisans.com.

**SAXTONS RIVER.** Main Street Arts. Exhibits, concerts, lectures, workshops, and classes for adults, teens and children. Main Street Arts, 35 Main St. (802) 869-2960. www.mainstreetarts.org.

**SHELBURNE.** Shelburne Museum. Renowned for its collection of American folk art and quilts. Home to holdings of decorative arts, design, decoys, and carriages. The paintings collection includes French Impressionists as well as over 400 18<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> century American works. Over 20 gardens. Historic houses and community buildings. Admission through April 30: adult \$10, ages 5–17 \$5, under 5 free. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm through December 30. Winter Season with only Pizzagalli Center and Webb Gallery open: January 2 – April 30 Wednesday – Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm. Shelburne Museum, 6000 Shelburne Rd. (802) 985-3346. shelburnemuseum.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. vtcat@shorehambellmuseum.com. www.shorehambellmuseum.com.

**SO. POMFRET.** Exhibits, workshops, classes, events. Artistree Community Arts Center, 2095 Pomfret Rd. (802) 457-3500. artistreevt.org.

**SPRINGFIELD.** Wildlands Exhibition. A new exhibition opening celebrates our public lands and national parks, and the beauty and experiences we enjoy in our publicly owned wild spaces. The 10 artists in Wildlands share a deep love of the land and capture the breadth and feel and temporal fragility of open spaces in their art. 9 am – 5 pm. The Great Hall, 100 River St. (802) 258-3992. www.vermontartsliving.com. *Through March 30, 2018.*

**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. Classes, workshops. Open Wall Exhibit: “Magical Light” through December 28. Tuesday – Saturday 11 am – 5 pm. Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. galleryvault.org.

**STOWE.** Helen Day Art Center. Exhibits and workshops. Free admission. Hours: Wednesday–Sunday, noon – 5 pm and by appointment. Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond St. (802) 253-8358. www.helenday.com.

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium. Exhibits, programs, special events, wildflower table, collections. Admission: adults \$8, seniors and children under 17 \$6, under 5 free. Open every day 9 am – 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. Gallery open Mon. & Wed. 11 am – 4 pm; Fri., Sat. & Sun. 10 am – 5 pm. Closed Tues. & Thurs. After November call the Gallery at (800) 449-2580 to find out about hours for the winter. Dog Chapel open seven days a week from dawn to dusk. Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. off Spaulding Rd. (800) 449-2580. contact@dogmt.com. www.dogmt.com.

**VERGENNES.** Creative Space Gallery & Sean Dye Studio. Featuring the works of over 45 artists. Exhibits, classes, and demonstrations. Open Wednesday through Saturday, 12 – 5 pm and Sunday 12–4 pm. 214 Main St. (802) 877-3850. creativespacegallery.org.

**WAITSFIELD.** Exhibit: Classic Motorcycles at the Bundy Modern: Motorcycles, Cars, Motoring Art & Motorabilia showing at the Bauhaus modern architectural gem in the woods of Waitsfield. 12 noon – 5 pm. Bundy Modern, 361 Bundy Rd. (802) 583-5832. *Through May 20, 2018.*

**WEST RUTLAND.** Carving Studio and Sculpture Center Gallery. Hours are Monday–Friday, 10 am–1 pm, or by appointment. 636 Marble St. (802) 438-2097. info@carvingstudio.org. carvingstudio.org.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Main Street Museum. A small, public collection of curiosities and artifacts, each one significant and telling a story about human beings and the universe we are part of—an alternative experiment in material culture studies. Open Tues & Wed 4–7 pm. Parking adjacent to the rear of the building. Located at 58 Bridge St., Studio 6, near the underpass. (802) 356-2776. info@mainstreetmuseum.org. www.mainstreetmuseum.org.

## Museums, Exhibits and Galleries, continued:

**WOODSTOCK.** ArtisTree Community Art Center. Exhibits, classes, music, special events. Tues 11 am – 8 pm, Wed-Sat 11 am – 4 pm. Mount Tom Building, 1206 Rt. 12. (802) 457-3500. info@artistreevt.org. www.artistreevt.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** Billings Farm & Museum. Visit the Jersey herd, draft horses, oxen, and sheep and tour the restored and furnished 1890 Farm House. Admission: adults \$15, 62 & up \$14, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open Saturday and Sunday, November through February from 10 am – 4 pm. Also open February vacation weeks from February 10-25, 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

## COMMUNITY MEALS

**BERLIN.** Grange Potluck Dinner. Please join us for a community potluck dinner, on the first Saturday of every month (except July & August) at around 6 pm. We eat upstairs at the Grange Hall. Bring something to share, simple or fancy, and we'll all enjoy a meal together. 6:30-7 pm. Capital City Grange, 6612 VT Rt. 12. (802) 229-9425. capitalcitygrange.org. *First Saturdays.*

**CHESTER.** Monthly Community All-you-can-eat Buffet Breakfast. Eggs, home fries, sausage, bacon, pancakes, real Vermont maple syrup, toast, and beverages. \$7 donation at the door. 8-10 am. Gassetts Grange, junction of Rt. 10 & 103N. (802) 875-2637. *Monthly on first Saturdays.*

**CRAFTSBURY COMMON.** Community Dinner. We gather for a free community supper. Really; it's free! We have a great time with old and new friends. The food is great; the fellowship is wonderful—and you don't have to wear fancy clothes! 6 pm. United Church of Craftsbury, 7 Church Lane. (802) 586-8028. *Continues on third Wednesdays.*

**FAIR HAVEN.** Breakfast Buffet. \$7 adult, \$3.50 children. 8-11 am. Sponsored by the American Legion Post #49, 72 S. Main St. (802) 265-7983. *Monthly on second Sundays.*

**HANOVER, NH.** Community Dinner. Served by Dartmouth Students Fighting Hunger. Free. 5-6 pm. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 5 Summer St. (603) 643-3703. *Every Friday.*

**MONTPELIER.** Bethany Bowl. A community meal that is free to all. 11:30 am – 1 pm. At the Fellowship Hall, Bethany Church, 115 Main St. (802) 223-2424. www.bethanychurchvt.org. UCCBethany@comcast.net. *Every Tuesday.*

**NEWPORT.** Souper Lunch. Free. All are welcome. Noon at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 44 2nd St. (802) 334-7365. www.stmarksnewport.org. *Last Tuesday of each month.*

**NORWICH.** Upper Valley Grange Buffet Breakfast. Adults \$8, seniors \$7, kids 5-12 \$4, under 5 free. 8-11 am. At Upper Valley Grange, 344 Main St. UpperValleyCommunityGrange@yahoo.com. *Monthly, the last Saturday of the month.*

**POULTNEY.** The Slate Valley Community Monthly Breakfast. 8-10 am at the Poultney United Methodist Church, 108 Main St. Scrambled eggs, sausage, homemade biscuits, jams, juice, tea and hot chocolate. Adults \$1 and children 14 and are free. Handicapped accessible. (802) 287-9087. *Last Saturdays of the month.*

**RUTLAND.** Breaking Bread—Free Community Meal. Main dish, bread and beverages are provided. Donations of side dishes welcome. All are welcome whether or not they can bring a dish. 5-7 p.m., Rutland United Methodist Church 71 Williams St. (802) 773-2460. www.rutlandumc.com. *The last Thursday of every month except November.*

**RUTLAND.** Monthly Dinner. Menu: steak, baked potato, veg, roll, dessert and beverage. \$12. 5-7 pm. Everyone welcome. VFW Post #648, 15 Wales St. (802) 775-6892. *2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays.*

**SO. HERO.** Free Community Supper. The food is delicious and prepared by wonderful volunteer cooks. 5:30-7 pm. Congregational Church of South Hero, UCC, 24 South St. (802) 372-4962. *Second Fridays.*

**SO. ROYALTON.** Community Supper. Free and open to all. Handicap accessible. 6 pm. United Church of South Royalton (church w/red doors adjacent to the green), 67 S. Windsor St. For info call Raelene Lemery at (802) 763-7690. ucsr@myfairpoint.net. *Every Friday.*

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Listen Hearty Three-Course Community Dinner. Free. Doors open at 4 pm. Dinner at 5 pm. Listen Community Dinner Hall, River Point Plaza, 42 Maple St. (603) 448-4553. listencommunityservices.org. *Monday through Friday.*

**WINDSOR.** Community Meal. Bring a friend for a meal sponsored by Windsor churches and community groups. Free. 5-6 pm. American Legion Hall on Court St. (802) 674-2157. *Each Wednesday.*

**WINDSOR.** All-You-Can-Eat Brunch Buffet. Menu includes pancakes and eggs, sausage, fruit salad, homemade bread, desserts and more. Adults \$7.50, 8 and under \$3. 11 am to 1 pm. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 27 State St. (802) 674-6461. *First Sundays.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Hand-in-Hand Community Meal. All are welcome. Free, donations accepted. 5-7 pm in the Social Hall of the North Universalist Chapel Society, 7 Church St. (802) 457-2557. *Every Thursday.*

## COMMUNITY DANCES AND MUSIC

**BERLIN.** Afro-Caribbean Dance. With live percussion every Thursday from 10:30 am – 12 pm. All levels welcome. Drumming and dance from Mali Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Capital City Grange, 6612 Rt. 12, Northfield Rd. (802) 985-3665. capitalcitygrange.org.

**BRATTLEBORO.** Contra Dance. Caller Steve Zakon-Anderson. Music by Becky Tracy and Keith Murphy. Dancers of all ages welcome, no experience necessary, all dances taught and called, no partner necessary. Bring clean, soft-soled, non-street shoes for dancing. Beginners workshop at 6:45; dancing 7-10 pm. Admission \$10 (\$7 students/seniors/low income). The Stone Church, corner of Main/Grove St. (413) 320-2729. www.petersiegel.com. www.brattcontra.org. *Second and fourth Sundays.*

**BRATTLEBORO.** Social Singing from The Sacred Harp. Free and open to the public, no experience necessary, loaner books provided. 7-9 pm. Kidsplayce, 20 Elliott St. For information e-mail cuvlever@gmail.com. *First and third Thursdays.*

**BRATTLEBORO.** Brattleboro Music Center. Now registering for fall. Individual lessons, as well as classes for kids, teens, and adults; instrumentalists, singers, and non-musicians; absolute beginners and accomplished musicians. Daytime adult program, programs for kids, conducting class. Brattleboro Music Center, 38 Walnut St. (802) 257-4523. www.bmcbvt.org.

**BRATTLEBORO.** Social Singing from The Sacred Harp. Early American hymns in the shape note tradition. Free and open to the public, no experience necessary, loaner books provided. Not a performance or church function, just fellowship in song. 3-5:30 pm. Centre Congregational Church, 193 Main St. Information: laurat@crocker.com. *Third Sundays.*

**BURLINGTON.** North East Fiddlers Association (NEFA) Monthly Meet. Fiddling and dancing, food available; 12 noon - 4 pm. At various locations in central and northern Vermont; refer to website for location and other details. wdovt.com/nefiddlers/more.htm. *Generally the first Sunday of each month.*

**BURLINGTON.** Shapenote Singing. Meet to sing from the Sacred Harp, an early American hymn-singing tradition. Bring water and a copy of the Sacred Harp book, if you have it. 6:30-8:30 pm. Check in advance for specific location at UVM: sometimes Ira Allen Chapel, sometimes 427-A Waterman Building. uvm.shape.note@gmail.com. youngtraditionvermont.org. *Every Tuesday.*

**CHESTER.** Green Mountain Express hosts Monthly Open Mike Country Jamboree. All musicians and singers, bands and singles welcome. Refreshments, raffles and 50/50 tickets on sale. Admission \$5 donation. 1-4 pm. Gassetts Grange, junction of Rts. 10 & 103N. (802) 875-2637. *Second Sundays monthly.*



## Community Dances and Music, continued:

**DANVILLE.** Family Contra & Square Dance. By donation. Chip Hedler caller and David Carpenter band leader. 8 pm at Danville Town Hall. (802) 563-3225 orsamlyman@sover.net. *First Friday of each month, July through May.*

**FAIRLEE.** Scottish Country Dance. Beginners are welcome, no experience necessary. Bring soft soled shoes if you have them. Admission: \$3.00 per session, and the first time is free. 7 pm. Fairlee Town Hall, 75 Common Rd. For info call Gary Apfel at (802) 439-3459 or e-mail fairlee@classicsboston.org. *Every Wednesday, September through June.*

**HANOVER, NH.** Social Singing from The Sacred Harp. Early American hymns in the shape note tradition. Free and open to the public, no experience necessary, loaner books provided. Not a performance or church function, just fellowship in song. 7-9:30 pm. Hanover Friends Meeting House, 43 Lebanon St. Information: danhertzler@gmail.com. *Second Thursdays.*

**MONTPELIER.** Contra Dance. Rotating callers and musicians. All dances taught, no partner necessary, beginners welcome! Please bring clean soft-soled shoes. Admission \$9. 8-11 pm. Capital City Grange, 6612 Rt. 12. (802) 744-2851. www.capitalcitygrange.org. *Continues 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays.*

**MONTPELIER.** North East Fiddlers Association Swedish Jam. Any level is welcome to check it out, most participants are Advanced-Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced players. 5-7 pm. 107 College St. armarcus@gmail.com. Every Monday.

**NORWICH.** Social Singing from The Sacred Harp. Early American hymns in the shape note tradition. Free and open to the public, no experience necessary, loaner books provided. Not a performance or church function, just fellowship in song. 1:30-4:30 pm. Parish Hall of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 262 Main St. For information contact Daniel Hertzler at danhertzler@gmail.com. *Fourth Sundays.*

**PLAINFIELD.** Monthly Sacred Harp Sing. A free event, with beginners and loaner books available. 3-5 pm at the Community Center above the Plainfield Co-op. For more information, call (802) 595-9951. nscottieharrison@gmail.com. *Second Sunday of every month.*

**TINMOUTH.** Contra Dance. Admission \$10, 12 and under free. Refreshments available. 8-11 pm at Tinmouth Community Center, Rt. 140, 5 miles west of Wallingford. For info or directions call (802) 446-2928. Tinmouthvt.org. *Every third Friday.*

## RECREATION & NATURE CENTERS

**BENSON.** Obstacle Race Training Center and Indoor Gym. Natural terrain with 60 man-made obstacles over five miles. Events and races. Monthly memberships. Open year round regardless of the weather. Shale Hill Adventure Farm, 517 Lake Rd. (802) 537-3561. shalehilladventure@aol.com. www.shalehilladventure.com.

**EAST CHARLESTON.** Northwoods Stewardship Center. Outdoor programs, outings, workshops, classes, and more. 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 723-6551 x 115. www.northwoodscenter.org.

**GRAFTON.** Grafton Ponds Outdoor Center. A year-round recreation center. 783 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2400. graftonponds.com.

**HUNTINGTON.** Monthly Bird Monitoring Walk. Help monitor bird populations in the different habitats at the Green Mountain Audubon Center. Our monthly walks gather long-term data on the presence of bird species, their abundance, and changes in populations. Donation appreciated. 8-10 am. Green Mountain Audubon Center, 255 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-3068. Vermont@audubon.org. vt.audubon.org.

**MONTPELIER.** North Branch Nature Center. Programs and workshops, hikes, bird counts. 713 Elm Street. (802) 229-6206. chip@northbranchnaturecenter.org. northbranchnaturecenter.org.

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

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

**RUTLAND.** Flipside Skate Park. One of the largest indoor skate parks in the state of Vermont, designed with transition and flow in mind and constructed with quality materials for skateboards, inline skaters and BMX bikers in mind. Season passes, punch passes, and daily passes available. Many camps. For ages 6-15. Register for camps. At Giorgetti Arena, 2 Oak St. Extension. (802) 775-7976. rutlandrec.com.

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

## VERMONT FARMERS MARKETS Winter 2018

**Brattleboro Winter Farmers Market** at the River Garden, 157 Main St., Brattleboro, VT. Saturdays through 3/31. 10 am – 2 pm. Sherry Maher. samaher@vermontel.net. (802) 869-2141. www.facebook.com/BrattleboroWinterFarmersMarket.

**Burlington – UVM Medical Center Farmers Market** at the Davis Concourse, UVM Medical Center, 111 Colchester Ave., Burlington, VT. Thursdays through 4/26. 2:30-5 pm. Tanya McDonald, tanya.mcdonald@uvmhealth.org. (802) 847-5823.

**Burlington Farmers Market** at the Dudley Davis Center (UVM), 590 Main St. Burlington, VT. Saturdays, 1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/7, 4/21. 10 am – 2 pm. Chris Wagner, chriscwag31@gmail.com. 802-399-0149. www.burlingtonfarmersmarket.org.

**Dorset Farmers Market** at the J.K. Adams Kitchen Store, 1430 VT Rt. 30, Dorset, VT. Sundays through 4/29 (no market 12/31 & 4/1). 10 am – 2 pm. Carol Adinolfi, marketmanager@dorsetfarmersmarket.com. (802) 353-9656. www.dorsetfarmersmarket.com.

**Montpelier – Capital City Farmers Market** at the City Center Building (1st floor), 89 Main St., Montpelier, VT. Saturdays 1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/14, 4/28. 10 am – 2 pm. Ashton Kiral, manager@montpelierfarmersmarket.com. (802) 793-8347. capitalcityfarmersmarket.com.

**Middlebury Farmers Market** at the VFM Building, 99 Exchange St., Middlebury, VT. Saturdays through 4/28 (no markets 1/13, 1/20). 9 am – 12:30 pm. Sharon Kerwin, middleburyfarmersmkt@yahoo.com. (802) 462-3486. www.middleburyfarmersmarket.org.

**Northfield Farmers Market** at Plumley Armory, Norwich University, 158 Harmon Dr., Northfield, VT. Sundays 1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/8. 11 am – 2 pm. Amanda Brigham, northfieldfarmersmarketvt@gmail.com. (802) 345-0686. northfieldfarmersmarketvt.org/index.html.

**Norwich Farmers Market** at Tracy Hall, 300 Main St., Norwich, VT. Saturdays 1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/14, 4/28. 9 am – 1 pm. Steve Hoffman, manager@norwichfarmersmarket.org. (802) 384-7447. www.norwichfarmersmarket.org.

**St. Johnsbury – Caledonia Farmers Market Association** at the St. Johnsbury Welcome Center, 50 Depot Square, St. Johnsbury, VT. Saturdays 1/6, 1/20, 2/3, 2/17, 3/3, 3/17, 4/7, 4/21. 10 am – 1 pm. Curtis Sjolander, cfmamanager@gmail.com. (802) 626-9471. sites.google.com/site/caledoniafarmersmarket.

**Vermont Farmers Market** at the Rutland Farm and Food Center, 251 West St., Rutland, VT. Saturdays through 4/28. 10 am – 2 pm. Maura Wildman, vfmrutland@gmail.com. (802) 342-4727. www.vtfarmersmarket.org.