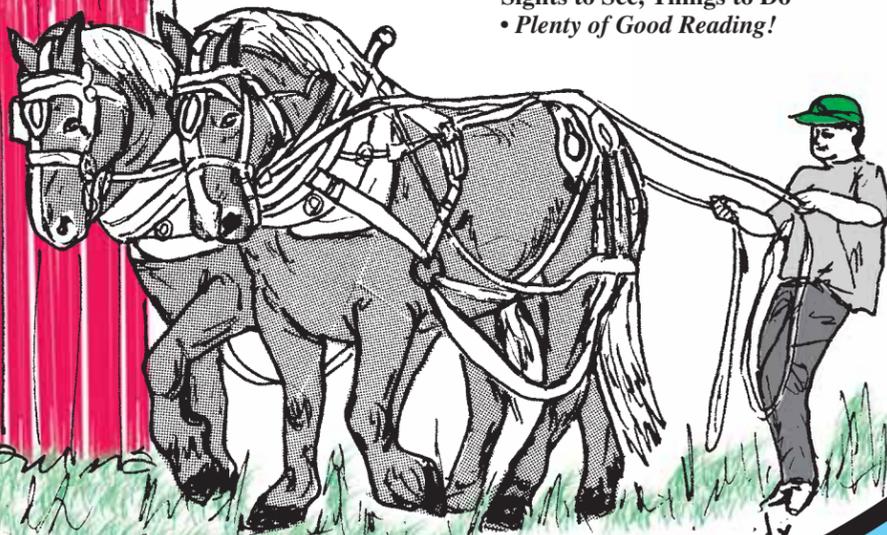


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# Lesson in Beatitude The Butterfly and the Bird

by Bill Felker

A few afternoons ago I was sitting in the back yard enjoying the mild weather and the sun. By chance, I happened to look up into the tall locust tree at the edge of my property.

There, high on a branch, I saw a small yellow butterfly which appeared to be attacking a robin. The butterfly left its place on the branch, flew quickly at the bird, then away from it and returned to the tree. In a few seconds, it repeated the pattern. After three such assaults, the robin left, and only the insect remained, perched victorious and unmoving on the locust. The whole incident was over in less than a minute.

Now, other than my personal observation, there is

no evidence that butterflies can drive off robins. Like stories of frogs aggressively guarding their territories against huge pike and carp, my bird-butterfly tale lies on the fringes of natural history.

Still, the incident seems more than just an illusion created by my ignorance or by my distance from the ostensibly feuding creatures. In the quiet of early summer I saw the meek and the fragile inherit the earth, the weak overcome the strong, and I thought that maybe if I really watched more closely, took my time, sat in the afternoon sun through all of summer, I would witness the other beatitudes fulfilled, see the secret balance of the world revealed.



Winners of the Turnip Contest at the Gilfeather Turnip Festival in Wardsboro, VT proudly display their Gilfeathers. photo courtesy of the Friends of the Wardsboro Library

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Wardsboro, VT

## Vermont's New State Vegetable is the Gilfeather Turnip

On April 29th, 2016 the Vermont legislature voted to designate the Gilfeather Turnip as the Official State Vegetable of Vermont.

The Gilfeather Turnip is an unusual hybrid, created by Farmer John Gilfeather in Wardsboro, VT in the early 1900s. It's roots in Vermont's history are deep and legendary. Seeds are commercially available. Since 2002, there has been an annual Gilfeather Turnip Festival in late October, a one-day fundraising event for the local library.

Vermont is only the 14th state to name a State Vegetable. This came about as the result of a two-year effort by the students in Grades 4-5-6 at the Wardsboro Elementary School. The students appeared at hearings at the State House in Montpelier, expertly testifying and giving illustrated presentations about their hometown, homegrown, humble turnip before both House and Senate committees.

Now that the Gilfeather Turnip is officially the Vermont State Vegetable, Wardsboro resident Mike Cooney, chairperson for The Friends of the Wardsboro Library, expects that the news of the annual Gilfeather Turnip Festival and Gilfeather Turnip Contest in late October will spread far and wide.

The Friends also gain revenue from the sale of their self-published *Gilfeather Turnip Cookbook*, now in its third edition with 137 Gilfeather Turnip recipes, as well as from Gilfeather Turnip apparel, tote bags, ornaments, mugs, and more sold at the Gilfeather Turnip Boutique at the festival. And by the way, anyone who has ever tasted a Gilfeather can tell you how sweet and delicious they are!

This year the 14th Annual Gilfeather Turnip Festival is slated for Saturday, October 22, rain or shine, and takes place on Main Street in Town Hall and under a big tent. Friends' volunteers are currently planning a special tribute to honor the designation of the Gilfeather Turnip as the Vermont State Vegetable.

Wardsboro is a small town, population 850, located on scenic Route 100 in Windham County in southern Vermont, a few miles from the Stratton and Dover ski resorts.

For info on the October festival and the Gilfeather Turnip visit [friendsofwardsborolibrary.org](http://friendsofwardsborolibrary.org), [wardsborovermont.com](http://wardsborovermont.com), and on facebook at [facebook.com/gilfeatherturnip](http://facebook.com/gilfeatherturnip).

## Old-Fashioned Strawberry Supper in Dummerston Center

The Dummerston Congregational Church is holding its Old-Fashioned Strawberry Supper on Saturday, June 25 in the Evening Star Grange Hall in Dummerston Center from 5-7 p.m.

Enjoy ham, baked beans, potato salad, tuna-macaroni salad and coleslaw, a variety of sweet breads, and various beverages. Dessert features "all you can eat" old-fashioned whole strawberry shortcakes with real whipped cream and locally-grown strawberries. These cakes

are brought to the table and served to our guests by our smiling, helpful waitresses & waiters. No reservations are needed. Adults \$10, children 6-12 \$5.

There is ample parking and the hall is handicapped accessible.

The Evening Star Grange Hall is at 1008 East-West Rd. in Dummerston Center, VT.

For info call (802) 257-0544 or visit [www.dummerstonchurch.org](http://www.dummerstonchurch.org). On Facebook.

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# Summer Festivities at Billings Farm & Museum

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## Billings Farm & Museum Celebrates National Dairy Month with Ice Cream Sundays

Billings Farm & Museum will celebrate National Dairy Month by hosting Ice Cream Sundays each Sunday in June: June 5, 12, 19, and 26. Visitors may lend a hand making and tasting hand-cranked ice cream at 12:15 p.m. and 2:15 p.m., while learning the history and science of the "great American dessert." Sunday, June 19th will include an "historic" base ball game played in the Billings' fields in the early afternoon. Visitors are invited to participate or enjoy as spectators.

Admission to Ice Cream Sundays includes all programs and activities, plus the operating dairy farm, farm life exhibits, and the restored and furnished 1890 Farm House. On any Ice Cream Sunday, purchase a combination ticket (which includes a mansion tour of the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park) and receive admission to the park's Ice Cream Parlor Sundays!

## "Foodways Fridays"

Billings Farm & Museum announces a program designed for children and adults to learn the importance of heirloom vegetables, while seeing them used in historic recipes prepared in our 1890 Farm House. Foodways Fridays will be offered each Friday through October 28, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will feature traditional late 19th and early 20th century recipes.

Visitors can learn about the history, importance, and uses of traditional vegetable varieties as they are prepared in the farmhouse kitchen. Each Friday will feature a different menu, including such traditional New England favorites as Ladies Cabbage, Flemish Carrots, Cymling Pudding, and Pink Velvet Soup. Recipes will be available to take home. This program also includes a visit to the heirloom garden to chat or tour with the Billings Farm gardener and is a great way for children to learn the importance of preserving heirloom seeds and caring about where their food comes from.

Foodways Friday activities are included with regular admission to the Farm & Museum and no pre-registration is necessary.

## "An Old Vermont 4th"

Celebrate the Billings Farm & Museum's "Old Vermont 4th" on Monday, July 4, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., featuring traditional music, flag-making, hand cranked ice cream, horse-drawn wagon rides, patriotic speeches, and a debate. A special feature will be the showing of *Island of Hope, Island of Tears*, a 28-minute documentary by the late internationally-recognized filmmaker Charles Guggenheim.

Throughout the day, families may make their own 43-star flags (the flag of 1890), Uncle Sam bookmarks, presidential silhouettes, fireworks stencils, and compete in sack races and the egg toss, crank fresh strawberry ice cream, and enjoy a wagon ride.

Debates and speeches have played a key role in the Independence Day observance, as was the reading of the Declaration of Independence, which will occur at noon. At 1 p.m., there will be a men's debate on the topic, "Should the Electoral College be continued?" Adults and older students can test their 19th century vocabulary skills in spirited spelling bees.

The dramatic documentary *Island of Hope, Island of Tears*, which tells the story of Ellis Island—the port of entry for millions of European immigrants from 1892 to 1954—will be shown on the hour in the visitor center theater.

Admission to An Old Vermont 4th includes all activities and programs, plus the operating dairy farm, farm life exhibits, and the restored and furnished 1890 Farm House.

*The Billings Farm & Museum is owned and operated by The Woodstock Foundation, Inc., a charitable non-profit institution. It is open daily May 1 through October 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekends Nov. – Feb., and Christmas & Presidents' weeks, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: adults: \$14; 62 & over: \$13; children 5-15: \$8; 3-4: \$4; 2 & under: free.*

*The Farm & Museum is located one-half mile north of the Woodstock village green on VT Rt. 12. For information: call (802) 457-2355 or visit [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).*



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Visitors on a wagon ride at the July Fourth celebration at Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT.

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# 17th Annual Roots on the River Festival

June 3-5, 2016

The 17th Annual Roots on the River Music Festival, will be held Friday, June 3, through Sunday, June 5. Headliners Dave Alvin, Mary Gauthier, and The Steel Wheels, will highlight the three-day Americana musical fiesta.

The schedule has been expanded to add more hours and artists to both Friday and Sunday, as well as a Sunday morning gospel hour.

"This year's lineup has a particularly wide range of national and local artists," Ray Massucco, of Vermont Festivals, the event promoter said. "Our Friday headliner, Dave Alvin, routinely fills far larger venues than Roots on the River, but he has a special affinity for Bellows Falls, having performed at Roots and Boccelli's in its heyday."

Gauthier's return is always eagerly anticipated. "Mary Gauthier, a Roots veteran since 2000, now routinely holds forth at Nashville's Grand 'Ol Opry and her music has been featured on the television series, "Nashville," Massucco said. "Her soulful voice soars in the historic Rockingham-Meeting House.

"Virginia's The Steel Wheels are also Roots veterans, having performed to packed crowds under the Big Tent in 2012 and 2013, and last March, they played to a sold out house at the Bellows Falls Opera House," Massucco said. "We expect them to fill the tent again on Saturday night this year. They will make a second, much anticipated, appearance, at the newly instituted Sunday Morning Full Gospel Hour at the Meeting House."

Much of Southern Vermont's premiere music festival will take place under the Big Tent at the Rodeway Inn on Rt. 5 on Friday and Saturday. This will be augmented with the traditional Friday Bellows Falls Farmer's Market and other



The Steel Wheels, Brian Dickel, Trent Wagler, Jay Lapp, and Eric Brubaker, will be headlining at Roots on the River in Bellows Falls, VT on Saturday, June 4.

events, including a popular open mic, sprinkled throughout town during the weekend.

Sunday's show at the Rockingham Meeting House will include the new Full Gospel Hour Show in the morning with three artists returning from Saturday for second appearances: The Steel Wheels, Joe Crookston and Lula Wiles. The traditional closing concert in the 1787 Meeting House will feature Mary Gauthier and newcomer Bobby Dove.

Pleasant Valley Brewing is now presenting a Thursday night show, and will continue to feature the closing sets of the weekend on Sunday.

Other artists for the festival include Friday performances by newcomer Izzy Serebrov, 17-year veteran Roger Marin, Brock Zeman, and Blair Hogan, The Ballroom Thieves with the Maine Youth Rock Orchestra, and Della Mae.

Saturday will also feature local musicians The Milkhouse Heaters, along with Lula Wiles, Lara Herscovitch, Spuyten Duyvil, Joe Crookston, The Young Novelists, and The Defibrulators.

As a new feature, the festival will offer a hospitality tent to patrons and high-end Roots ticketholders on Friday evening.

The festival is smoke-free and family-friendly, with a special staffed youth tent on the Saturday of the festival. There are a limited number of Deluxe passes for guaranteed seats under the big tent, so plan to come early or bring a small lawn chair or blanket. Vendors will be on-site to provide food and beverages.

For more information, and to purchase tickets, please call (802) 460-3333 or go to [www.rootsontheriver.com](http://www.rootsontheriver.com).

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# Phoenix Books Adds Misty Valley Books to It's Growing Family of Independent Bookstores in Vermont

Michael DeSanto and Renee Reiner, the owners of Phoenix Books, an independent bookstore with locations in Essex, Burlington and Rutland, VT, have purchased Chester's Misty Valley Books from Bill and Lynne Reed. "Twenty-one years ago," says Reiner, "as Mike and I embarked on this adventure, we considered buying Misty Valley Books from the original owners, Dwight Currie and Michael Kohlmann. So it feels like we've come full circle. We are so delighted to have Misty Valley as part of our Phoenix family!"

"It feels fitting to keep Misty Valley going and growing as part of our goal to preserve local independent bookstores and strengthen the communities hosting the stores," adds DeSanto. "Bill and Lynne Reed have lovingly owned and operated this iconic New England independent bookstore, and our intent is to keep intact all the traditions surrounding the store while adding a few new ideas. The present staff has been invited to stay on, so customers may not even notice the change in ownership."

DeSanto and Reiner were the owners of The Book Rack and Children's pages, first located in Winooski, VT, and then Essex, for eight years. They sold the store in 2003, but the appeal of bookselling was too strong to resist. The couple founded Phoenix Books in Essex, VT in 2007 and, in 2012, opened a second location in Burlington. Last September, following a recruitment effort by Green Mountain Power in collaboration with the City of Rutland, Downtown Rutland Partnership, and local residents and businesses, DeSanto and Reiner opened Phoenix Books Rutland.

The couple discovered that Misty Valley Bookstore was for sale at the New England Independent Booksellers Association Fall Conference in October of 2015, where Bill Reed wore a sign hanging on his back that read "Bookstore for Sale. (We're retiring.) Inquire other side."

Now in its 29th year, Misty Valley Books occupies a beautiful historic building in a storefront location adjacent to the Fullerton Inn on the Chester Green. Approximately 6,000 books are stocked, including current fiction and nonfiction in hardcover and paperback, art, poetry, spirituality, history, biography and Vermontiana, a young reader section and a children's room, plus greeting cards, magazines, calendars and toys.

The store hosts numerous author events, including the prestigious "Vermont Voices" series in the fall and nationally recognized "New Voices" in January.

"We are so pleased that Michael and Renee of Phoenix Books are buying Misty Valley Books!" says Lynne Reed. "Bill and I have had a perfect life here in Chester for the past fifteen years. What could be better than having a bookstore where everyone who comes in loves to read, where you get to have interesting and meaningful conversations every day, and where you know and love your customers."



Misty Valley Books on the Green in Chester, VT. photo courtesy of Chestertelegraph.org

"We will miss the daily involvement with bookselling," adds Bill Reed, "but we are convinced by the Phoenix people we have met, and knowing that Misty Valley staff members Kim, Amanda, John and Sylvan will continue to be the faces of Misty Valley Books, that Phoenix Books is the perfect succession. The bookstore we have loved and nurtured will be in very good hands."

Phoenix Books—with locations in Essex, Burlington, and Rutland, VT—was established in 2007 on the principles of social responsibility, community, and sustainability, and is a proud member of Local First Vermont and Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility. The mission of Phoenix Books is to preserve and expand locally owned, independent

bookstores while supporting the communities that host them. Their Essex location also houses a gallery and cafe. Phoenix Books was one of five finalists for Publishers Weekly's 2016 Bookstore of the Year.

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For more information contact Michael DeSanto at (802) 872-7111. [info@phoenixbooks.biz](mailto:info@phoenixbooks.biz). [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz).

## Hauling Stones Out of the Brook

by David Budbill

Early this morning, not long after the sun came up, I went out to the woods to our brook to get some big, flat stones to line the edges of the new fire pit I'm building out in front of the grape arbor, just above the garden, where we have cookouts and campfires.

The brook is seriously low, yet there's water to slosh around in, and rocks to slip on. I found some nice ones: big, flat slabs of ledge, now half buried in the brook, pieces of the ridge that looms a hundred feet above the brook just to the east, slabs broken off that ridge thousands of years ago and tumbled slowly down into the brook over the ages.

I staggered with them up the hill over blow-downs and rocks to the logging road where my trusty wheelbarrow waited. Again the miracle of the wheelbarrow, able to haul hundreds of pounds of stone because of the principle of the fulcrum, wheel and lever.

When you're pushing a

wheelbarrow uphill, if you'll cup your hands around the ends of the handles, it's easier, and when the going gets tough, lean forward a little and get your gut right into the back edge of the wheelbarrow itself and push with your gut too. This, by the way, is the only advantage to a serious pot I've ever found.

But going uphill isn't nearly as tough as down. The weight of the stones creates so much momentum that you've got to hold back with all your might to keep the load from getting away. There are no brakes on a wheelbarrow.

I was covered with sweat, done and back in the house for breakfast by 7:30.

Now with a hammer and a coal chisel I can modify the stones I've hauled in from the brook so that they'll fit nicely around the oval edge of my new fire pit, which will be ready for our company and the campfires come August this summer.

If you were assuming that here at the end I was going to come up with some kind of conclusion, profound insight, meaningful wrap-up, to show you how all the above is poetic and significant, you're going to be disappointed. I'm just telling you what I did this morning.



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Following is a calendar of 2016 Interplay Jazz & Arts Summer Intensive performances open to the public around the Upper Valley.

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*North Country Reflections*

# Seduced By a Lady's Slipper

by Judith Irven

There is something mysterious and secretive about Lady's Slippers flowers that almost takes your breath away. What could they possibly be hiding inside those elegant pouches? And who are they trying to seduce?

Actually this special show is not for people at all! It is all part of an elaborate scheme to lure an unsuspecting bee into delivering pollen.

The story begins when a bee, beguiled by the sweet-smelling flowers, eagerly enters the pouch in search of nectar. But alas, the flower contains no nectar! However the bee, now temporarily trapped, is gradually able to work its way towards a hidden back-door exit, picking up some pollen on the way.

Then the whole process starts all over again. The bee is tempted to come inside a second sweet smelling flower. Here it brushes past the female flower parts, inadvertently transferring the pollen and thus fertilizing the seed.

Lady's Slippers, so called because their flowers are reminiscent of delicate sandals or slippers, are a type of orchid. World-wide there are about 50 different species of Lady's Slippers, many of which are quite rare.

And four species—the Moccasin Flower, the Ram's Head Lady's Slipper, the Yellow Lady's Slipper and the Showy Lady's Slipper—all considered rare, grow wild here in Vermont.

### Eshqua Bog: Vermont's botanical extravaganza

Eshqua Bog, on Garvin Hill Road in Hartland, VT, is a unique eight-acre wetland that abounds with Showy Lady's Slippers. And, although less numerous, it is also home to Yellow Lady's Slippers, Pitcher Plants and many other rare plants that have adapted to this special environment.

A while back two venerable conservation organizations—the Vermont Nature Conservancy and the New England Wildflower Society—joined forces to jointly manage this singular habitat and to create a place where we, the public, can enjoy some of these rare plants up close. (There are driving directions on both websites).

Last year they installed a sturdy accessible, 450 feet long



photo by Dick Conrad  
The boardwalk at Eshqua Bog Natural Area.



Lady's Slippers at the Eshqua Bog in Hartland, VT.

photo by Dick Conrad

boardwalk that traverses the bog, so that visitors can enjoy the flowers without getting wet feet or trampling on any of the special plants that grow there.

If you would like to see the Yellow Lady's Slippers (*Cypripedium parviflorum*) in bloom, plan a visit in the first week in June. But be sure to return during the third week in June for the Showy Lady's Slippers extravaganza.

Showy Lady's Slippers (*Cypripedium reginae*) are sturdy plants with multiple stems that grow about 30 inches high. And, as you can see in this picture from our visit last year, the abundant flowers are readily visible amongst the ferns and other bog plants.

### Lady's Slippers for your garden

A while back, a visitor to our garden, seeing my three clumps of Showy Lady's Slippers, blurted out in a horrified voice 'Did you take those plants from the wild?' Nothing could be further from the truth! It goes without saying that taking rare plants like Lady's Slippers from the wild is strictly forbidden.

But, some ten years ago, I bought a single plant of the Showy Lady's Slipper from Don Avery of Cady's Falls Nursery in Morrisville who has perfected the technique of propagating these difficult plants from seed in a nursery setting.

In the wild the seeds of Lady's Slippers will only germinate in the presence of a particular fungus, a condition that is next to impossible to duplicate in the nursery. But about twenty years ago it was discovered that, if the dust-like seeds are infused with a special mix of hormones and sugars, they can also be persuaded to germinate. The resulting seedlings are very slow-growing—it take about five years before you have a salable plant.

However, with great patience, over time Don has painstakingly built up a large stock of Showy Lady's Slippers, including a rare white form, which he both grows in his gardens and also offers for sale.

And, when we gardeners buy from him, Don provides careful instructions for how to site and care for our new treasure. I followed his rules to the letter, my plant flourished, and after a few years I decided it was large enough to divide. Now I have a small group of these beauties grouped together in a special spot where, each June, I can enjoy them every time I walk into the garden.

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Eshqua Bog Natural Area in Hartland, VT.

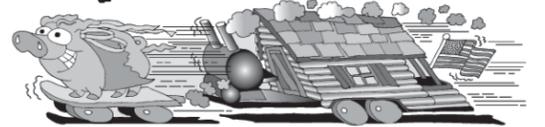
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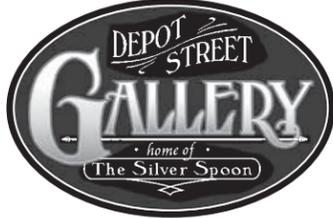
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# Old-Time Strawberry Recipes

## Strawberries Preserved in the Sun

While the sun-preserved fruits require time and patience, they are without doubt, much better than those cooked over the fire. In the country, where a hot-bed is at command, the work is easily done.

Put the strawberries into a wire basket, which plunge down in a pan of cold water, drain thoroughly, stem carefully without bruising. Weigh the strawberries, and to each pound allow one pound of granulated sugar.

Select large, stoneware plates, make them very hot either on top of the stove or in the oven; sprinkle over a layer of the granulated sugar and cover this closely with the berries. Cover with glass and stand in the sun's hottest rays. Move the dish as the sun changes its position. At four o'clock bring them in, and stand aside in a closet or cool place.

Next day put them out again in the sun. By this time they will no doubt have become clear, almost transparent, and thoroughly soft, but perfectly whole. Lift each berry carefully with a fork, and put into a tumbler or bottle. Boil the syrup over the fire for a few minutes until it thickens; strain, cool, and pour it over the fruit. This recipe will answer also for raspberries.

—Sara Tyson Rohrer, 1902

## Picnic Strawberry Rolls

Wash and hull 2 boxes of strawberries, drain and slice them, spread on a platter, sprinkle over them a very little lemon juice and 6 tablespoonfuls powdered sugar. Remove crusts from a dozen thin slices of white bread; spread melted butter, then the berries, roll and tie with baby ribbon at each end. Wring a napkin from cold water, pack the rolls in it, and then fold in a dry napkin.

—Times Cookbook by California Women, 1905



Flocks of kids picking bunches of ripe red strawberries at Cedar Circle Farm in East Thetford, VT. Kimberly Grant Photography

## Baked Strawberry Batter Pudding

½ pint of cream  
1½ cups of flour  
2 eggs

1 tablespoon of butter  
2 rounded teaspoonfuls of baking powder

Separate the eggs, beat the yolks, add the milk, then the butter, melted, then the flour and baking powder sifted together. Beat them five minutes and stir in carefully the well beaten whites of the eggs. Turn into a shallow greased baking pan, and cover the top with strawberries (other fruit can be used). Dust with four tablespoonfuls of granulated sugar, and bake in a quick oven thirty minutes. Serve warm with hard sauce or with plain milk or cream. (Note—have the pan sufficiently large to hold the batter, not over an inch thick.)

—Sara Tyson Rohrer, 1902

## Mother's Strawberry Shortcake

I believe your household will agree with me in thinking Puck never ate any strawberry shortcake. We may be ancient, but don't we remember, as well as if it was but yesterday, the dear, delightful ones made by mother in our childhood. And don't we know just how they were made, too; we heard her tell so many times, as every one wanted her recipe.

She made them as follows: sour cream, 1 cup; cream of tartar, 1 teaspoonful; soda, ¼ teaspoonful; with flour to make a suitable dough to roll ½ an inch thick. Baked nicely, split open and spread each piece with the sweetest, freshest butter. Then pour on to one of the halves, not 6 or 7 gritty, mussy berries, but 2 whole cups of those large, luscious ones from the south side of the garden. Of course, first slice the strawberries and let stand with some sugar. Put on the other half for a cover, and pour over sweetened cream when eaten.

Remarks—This is about as my own mother used to make it, so I know it will prove a good and worthy receipt to be followed by all who have the nice "sour cream" But good rich milk with soda—no cream of tartar—will also do very nicely. Any berries, ripe peaches, or even a nice, thick custard, may take the place of strawberries when they are not plenty.

—Aunt Lulu, Red Willow, Nebraska, 1884

These recipes have been excerpted from: *The Times Cook Book, No. 2* by California Women, 1905; and *Mrs. Rohrer's New Cookbook* by Sara Tyson Rohrer, 1902.

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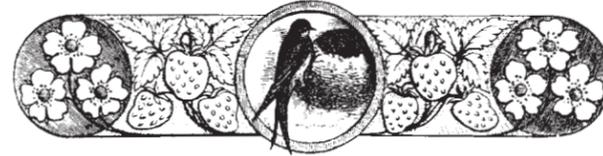
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by Bill Felker

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From blossom to blossom  
To impossible blossom,  
To sweet impossible blossom.

—Li-Young Li

## The Sun

The Sun enters its middle summer sign of Cancer on June 20, and summer solstice occurs on June 20 at 6:34 p.m. Between June 19 and 23, the Sun remains at its solstice declination of 23 degrees 26 minutes, and the day's length remains virtually unchanged everywhere in North America.

## The Shooting Stars

June 14: The June Lyrids.

## The June Stars

The Corona Borealis, directly overhead these June evenings, tells you that lilies and dayflowers, trumpet creepers and sweet clover are coming in all across the land. In the far west, Leo and its bright Regulus take the last of the privets and angelica and sweet rockets. Rising in the east, the great Milky Way forecasts goldenrod and asters.

## The June Planets

Jupiter is the evening star, the brightest light in the far west after sundown, close enough (almost) to touch the moon on June 11. Find Mars and Saturn along the southern horizon near the boxy constellation of Libra. Venus will not be visible until August.

## The Allergy Index

Estimated Pollen Count—on a scale of 0-700 grains per cubic meter: Pollen from flowering trees has reached very low levels. Most of the pollen in the air this month comes from grasses. June 1: 80; June 5: 60; June 10: 40; June 15: 35; June 25: 30; June 30: 25. Estimated Mold Count—on a scale of 0-7,000 grains per cubic meter: June 1: 2600; June 5: 3000; June 10: 2500; June 15: 2600; June 20: 3200; June 25: 3700; June 30: 3000.

## Meteorology

Cool fronts are due to reach Vermont on or about June 2, 6, 10, 15, 23 and 29. Precipitation is likely as the barometer falls in advance of each system. Since the moon may exert less influence on ocean tides and on human and animal behavior when it comes into its 2nd and 4th quarters, it might make more sense to perform routine maintenance on your livestock and pets on or about June 12 and 27. On the other hand, tidal lunar influences have been shown to be greater at full moon and new moon; you might expect more trouble with your herd, flock, significant other and children, therefore, on or about June 4 and 20.

## The Weeks of the Moon

### Week One

The Mulberry Moon, reaching perigee on June 3, wanes until it becomes the new Raspberry Moon at 10 p.m. on June 4. While mulberries are easily recognized landmarks of late spring, the flowering of raspberries becomes a simple marker for the arrival of early summer. Rising after midnight and setting in the afternoon, this moon will reach its most powerful position overhead in the late morning.

The June 6 cool front should be preceded by a dropping barometer and southerly winds, telling the fish to bite. Since the fourth-quarter moon will be overhead in the morning, mornings should be best for catching your limit.

Lunar position in Cancer on June 5-8 will provide astrological support for your gardening efforts.

### Week Two

The Raspberry Moon waxes throughout the period, entering its second quarter at 3:10 a.m. on the 12th. Rising in the morning, setting in the dusk, the first-quarter moon is overhead in the afternoon.

According to lunar lore, all flowers, and every vegetable and field crop that will bear its fruit above the ground should be planted now as the moon is waxing, especially under Cancer, June 5-8. After planting, go fishing with the moon overhead after lunch, especially before the arrival of the June 10 and 15 cool fronts. As the moon weakens and moves towards its second quarter, it will favor medical procedures,



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major purchases, and fruitful discussions with clients and family members.

### Week Three

The Raspberry Moon waxes throughout the period, reaching apogee (its position farthest from Earth) and becoming totally full at 6:02 a.m. on June 20.

As the moon becomes more gibbous, it will be overhead in the evening hours, making late afternoon through midnight the best time for fishing. As the barometer gradually falls in front of the June 23 cool front, fish should be more active.

Try to complete planting of all field and garden crops that will bear their fruit above the ground before full moon, especially under Scorpio, June 15-17. Plant root crops after full moon under Capricorn, June 20-23.

### Week Four

The Raspberry Moon wanes through the remainder of June, entering its final quarter at 1:23 p.m. on the 27th. Rising late at night and setting in the late morning or early afternoon, the third quarter moon is overhead after midnight; the fourth-quarter moon is overhead after dawn. The arrival

of a cool front could set off showers on the 28th or 29th, but the low pressure cell that brings rain will also favor fishing—especially around breakfast time. Plant root crops under Capricorn, June 20-22 and Pisces, June 24-27.

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**Saturday, June 18th—Guilford, VT. Annual Guilford Community Church Strawberry Supper.** Ham and homemade baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, deviled eggs, homemade rolls, beverages, and strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream. Seatings at 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$6 children under 11, pre-school \$3. At the Guilford Community Church, 38 Church Dr. off Bee Barn Rd. **Directions:** I-91 Exit 1; go south on Rt. 5; turn left onto Bee Barn Rd., just past Guilford County Store and before the bridge. (802) 254-9019. [guilfordchurchsupper@gmail.com](mailto:guilfordchurchsupper@gmail.com).

**Saturday, June 18th—Hartford, VT. Annual Strawberry Supper.** Menu: baked ham, baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, cole slaw, sweet breads, and strawberries in a shortcake, sundae or plain, for dessert. Served family style. Handicapped accessible. Adults \$12, children under 12 \$6, pre-schoolers free. \$4. Reservations recommended. 5 & 6 p.m. Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, Route 14. (802) 295-2510.

**Saturday, June 18th—Manchester Center, VT. Annual Ham and Strawberry Supper.** Baked pit hams with delicious special sauce and homemade baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, broccoli salad, homemade rolls, and beverages. Freshly-picked strawberries on homemade biscuits with real whipped cream. Served family-style. Handicap accessible. Take-out available. Adults \$12, children 8 and under \$5. One seating at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, corner of Rts. 7A & 11/30 across from Northshire Bookstore. Reservations recommended, call (802) 362-3473.

**Saturday, June 18th—North Clarendon, VT. Annual Strawberry Festival.** Menu: ham, coleslaw, potato salad, deviled eggs, baked beans, beverages, strawberry shortcake or strawberries & ice cream. Adults \$10, children (6-12) \$5, 5 & under free. Dessert only, \$5. 4-7 pm. The Brick Church (Clarendon Congregational Church), 298 Middle Rd. (802) 773-3873. [www.brickchurchvt.com](http://www.brickchurchvt.com).

**Sunday, June 26th—Middletown Springs, VT. 40th Annual Strawberry Festival.** To benefit the Middletown



The Middletown Springs Historical Society hosts their 40th Annual Strawberry Festival on the Green in Middletown Springs, VT on June 26. The Historical Society Museum is open for the event.

Springs Historical Society. Museum exhibits and live music. Local crafts and artists. Raffle. Quarts of strawberries for sale. Strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits, ice cream, and whipped cream, coffee, ice tea, and lemonade. 2-4 p.m. on the Green, Rt. 140. Rain or shine. (802) 235-2376.

**Sunday, June 23rd—Shoreham, VT. Annual Strawberry Festival.** Strawberry shortcake, strawberry pies, strawberry sundaes, just plain strawberries, and more! Prices \$2-\$7. A limited number of whole strawberry pies may be available as well. 5-7 pm. Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School Rd. (802) 897-2687.

**Friday, June 24th—Waterbury, VT. 43rd Annual Strawberry Supper.** Delicious buffet dinner at historic downtown church followed by strawberry shortcake (made with local strawberries). Full meal includes drink & dessert, or you can get "just desserts." Take-out too! \$12 adults, 12 and under \$8, families \$30, dessert only \$4. Handicap accessible. First come, first served. 5-7 p.m. Waterbury Congregational Church, 8 N. Main St. (802) 244-6606.

**Saturday, June 25th—Dummerston Center, VT. Annual Old-Fashioned Strawberry Supper.** Ham and baked beans, potato salad, tuna-macaroni salad, coleslaw, homemade

sweetbreads, beverages, and "all you can eat" old-fashioned whole strawberry shortcakes with real whipped cream and locally grown berries! Adults \$10, children 6 and under \$5. Sponsored by the Dummerston Congregational Church. Held at Evening Star Grange Hall, 1008 East West Rd. 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. (802) 257-0544 or (802) 257-1128.

**Saturday, June 25th—North Pomfret, VT. Annual Strawberry Supper.** Baked ham and baked beans, potato salad, tossed salad, deviled eggs, rolls, coffee, punch, strawberry shortcake & whipped cream. Ladies Circle Bazaar and quilt raffle tickets. Supper benefits the North Pomfret Congregational Church. Seatings at 5, 6:15 & 7:30 at the Pomfret Town Hall. \$12 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. Call for reservations! (802) 457-1014.

**Saturday, June 25th—Springfield, VT. First Annual Strawberry Festival.** Strawberry shortcake. 30 vendors with food, crafts and wares. Face painting, petting zoo, picnic area, pick-you-own and already-picked strawberries for sale. Live music. Farm store. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Wellwood Orchards, 529 Wellwood Orchard Rd. (802) 263-5200.

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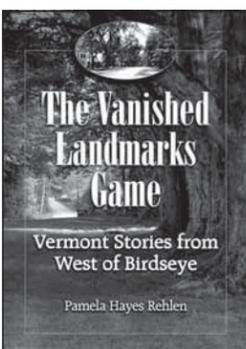
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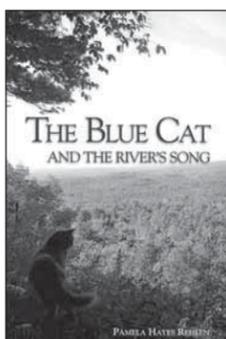
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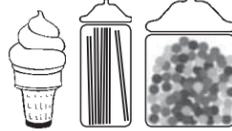
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## Waitressing At the Prospect House

by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

Castleton University classes were over in early May, and it was time for students to get summer jobs. I remember years ago when around here the best local summer jobs were at Lake Bomoseen's three resort hotels. The very best job was waitressing at the Prospect House. To get in there, you had to be hired by my father.

As maitre d', he'd start receiving applications soon after Christmas. He had his legateses, the daughters of the waitresses who had once worked with him when he and they were all at the Castleton Normal School.

Then he had his favorites. They were farmers' daughters who were often home economic majors at UVM. They could handle anything, and he assigned each of them five or six big tables. Every summer, they made a lot of money.

Then, there was me.

I was young for my age and shy. I stayed away from the intimidating summertime crowd at the lake. But when I was eighteen, and about to head off to Castleton State College, my father told me he was putting me to work. That summer, he and I would drive up together each morning to his glamorous hotel.

The three lake resorts were ranked, and the Prospect House was seen as more prestigious than the Cedar Grove or the Trakenseen. My father had been head waiter for a number of

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years at the Cedar Grove, working for the formidable owner Mrs. Quinlan, but he'd started at the Prospect House, and when he got a chance to return to that hotel, he did.

He was a maitre d' out of central casting, movie star handsome and people savvy. He told me that he'd first gone up to the hotel with a Fair Haven High School friend, and my father was immediately hired as a bell hop. He said that the first day—maybe the first hour—he made more in tips than he would have in a week doing farm work for his father in Benson. He never looked back.

In the 1950s, the Bomoseen resort hotels were right out of Downton Abbey, so I've lived in that world. At the Prospect House, there was a small army of employees who came from Castleton and Fair Haven, and even far-away Rutland.

Jobs were seen as sinecures and handed down in local families. Grounds men took care of the sweeping hotel lawns and the golf course. Fair Haven men staffed the boat house. There were a number of chambermaids, but I didn't know any of them, and I thought of chambermaiding as a lesser job. There was a strict hierarchy in the summer hotel world.

Young and naïve, I didn't have a clue about most of what was going on around me. I just remember some of what I saw. That included the pie ladies, bosomy local farm wives, who baked in a special room in the back of the hotel's cavernous



Bellhops and waitresses, just outside the kitchen door at the Prospect House in Bomoseen, VT, August, 1961.

19th century-style kitchen. In the fall, they moved on to make pies at Castleton State College.

I remember the dishwashers, tough teen-aged boys working over greasy pots half submerged in the dirty water of set-tub sinks. I remember best the cooks—led by head cook Uncle Bee—southern Blacks who came up for the season and were always a little bored and contemptuous of the locals and the sleepy quality of local life.

My father learned quite soon that I couldn't successfully wait on more than two tables. Eight guests were my limit. He would carefully choose my two tables and make sure they were occupied by kindly, generous tippers, patient folks

who were flattered to have his daughter taking care of them. This worked well until he miscalculated and assigned me a new-to-the-hotel New York Times editor, his wife, and two stylish friends.

One night, right at the beginning of their week's vacation, this foursome stayed much too long out on the porch at the pre-dinner cocktail party. I'd never in my sheltered life dealt with people who were seriously intoxicated. When the group finally came in and sat down to eat, the editor said something in response to my bumbling that was so excoriating I might as well have been standing at the site of a nuclear blast.

I fled to the kitchen to hide. The cooks, who somehow always knew what was going on, were up in arms. They grabbed tenderizer mallets and rolling pins and were set to head out to the dining room.

But, suddenly, my smooth, silver-summer-suited, never-flustered father was right there taking charge. Always the consummate-accommodator, this time was different. Seating assignments were immediately switched. The table was no longer mine.

A top girl—crack UVM Home Ec. major—was summoned, sent out through the swinging doors and told to give as good as she got. I knew what those girls were capable of, and I knew this would be an epic confrontation.

It must have been. Soon after, the editor and his friends were gone.

*Pamela Hayes Rehlen has written and lived most of her life in Castleton Vermont. She is the author of many stories, articles, essays, magazine features, and of two books: **The Blue Cat and the River's Song** (\$17 plus shipping and handling) and **The Vanished Landmarks Game—Vermont Stories from West of Birdseye** (\$20 plus shipping and handling) available at the Castleton Village Store, P. O. Box 275 Castleton, Vermont 05735, and at a number of Vermont bookstores. To reach the store, call (802) 468-2213.*



Prospect House on Lake Bomoseen, VT, circa 1910.



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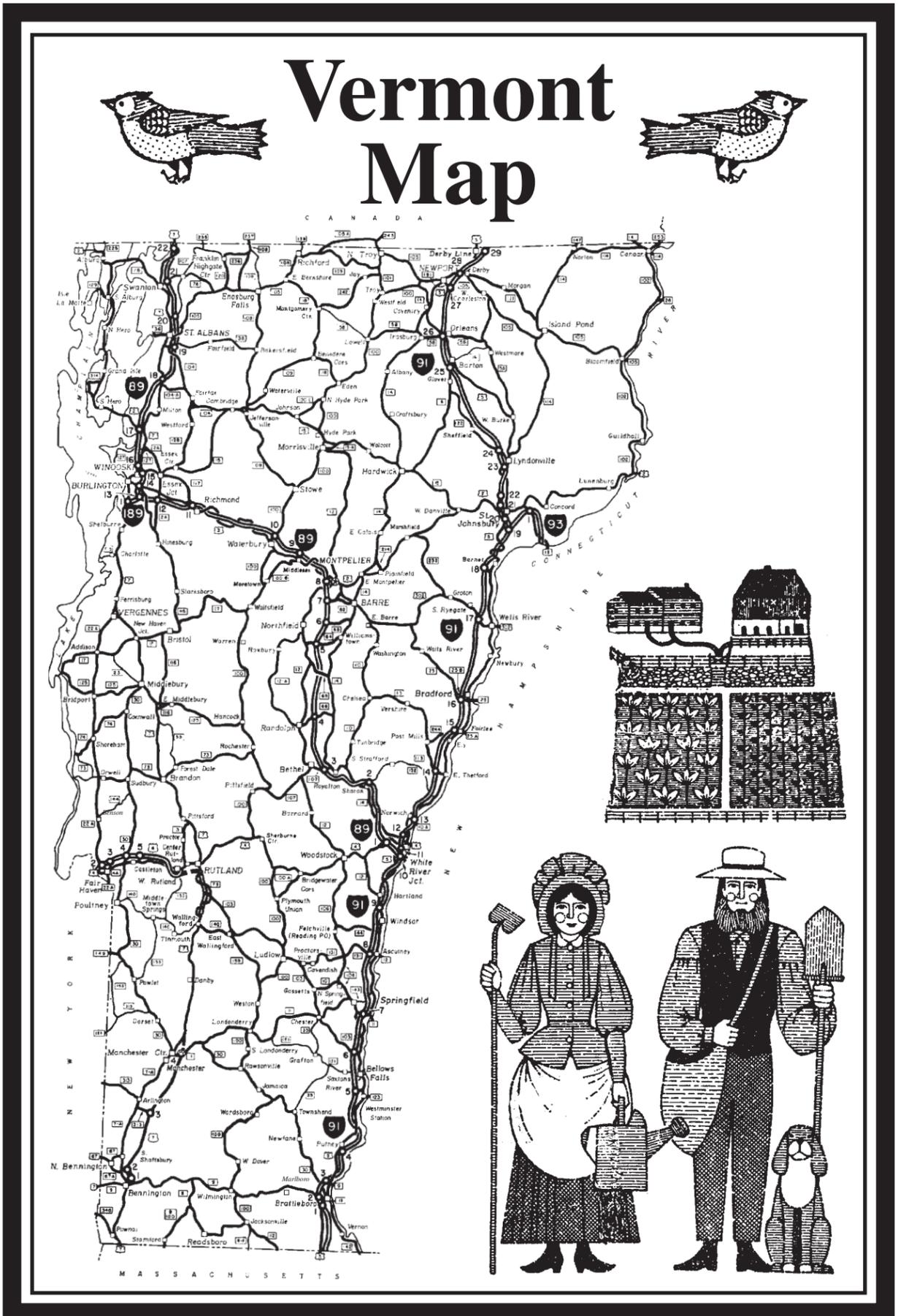
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**A Traditional Gymanfa Ganu—Welsh Hymn Sing Hosted by the Poultney Area St. David's Society**

On Sunday, June 12th at 2 p.m., a "Gymanfa Ganu & Te Bach," a Welsh heritage traditional hymn sing and tea social, will be held at the historic Peniel Presbyterian Church in Granville, NY just across the border from N. Pawlet, VT. The event is sponsored by Poultney Area St. David's Society. It is one of several Welsh Weekend events being held in the region's slate valley this June weekend. All are welcome.

The gymanfa (hymn sing) will be officiated by The Reverend R. Raymond Lloyd and The Reverend Jerry McKinney, spoken in the English language.

Scripture will be spoken in the Welsh language by Meredith R. Rehbach, born in an eastern New England Welsh community, who is a Vermont resident. Meredith Rehbach is the great-granddaughter of a slate quarryman from Bethesda, North Wales. Her father, the late Gwilym R. Roberts, is the author of *New Lives in the Valley: Slate Quarries and Quarry Villages in North Wales, New York, and Vermont, 1850-1920*. Meredith has taught Welsh language classes for Cymdeithas Madog (a week-long intensive Welsh course), at

the National Festival of Wales, as well as in Vermont, where she and her husband live.

Hymns, sung in both English and Welsh, will be conducted by Crystal Everdyke; organ accompanist will be Lois Warner. Special music will feature solos performed by the late Cyril Lloyd, Welsh Tenor, from recently remastered privately owned recordings of Lloyd which were professionally recorded by the late John Lloyd in 1990 within Peniel's sanctuary.

A Te Bach (tea social) will follow the sing in the fellowship hall at Peniel Presbyterian Church. The site is handicap accessible.

A limited number of gymanfa hymnals will be available. If you have your own gymanfa hymnal, please bring it with you. A freewill offering at the Gymanfa Ganu will be for the benefit of the renovation fund of historic Peniel Presbyterian Church.

Peniel Presbyterian Church is located at 4 Quaker St., Granville, NY, just across the border from N. Pawlet and Wells, VT. (Take Rt. 149 from Rt. 30.)

Contact The Reverend Jerry McKinney at (518) 642-9039 with questions about Peniel Presbyterian Church. *Deuwch, Canwn I'r Arghwydd (Come, Sing to The Lord)*.

For more information about this and other Welsh Weekend events, contact Poultney Area St. David's Society: Nancy Williams (518)-642-0709 or Janice B. Edwards (802) 287-5744, or email: pasds88@yahoo.com. The Welsh Weekend schedule is posted at: [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vtpasds](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vtpasds).

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# Vermont Country Calendar

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## SATURDAY, MAY 28

**BURLINGTON.** Mayfest Arts and Craft Festival. Over 100 crafters and artisans from throughout New England. Favorites include fried dough, gourmet seafood, wood fired pizza, baked potatoes, ice cream and more. Free admission. 10 am – 5 pm. Downtown. [www.fairsandfestivals.net](http://www.fairsandfestivals.net).

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Memorial Day Parade. Parade steps off at 10 am and leaves gate F of the Champlain Valley Exposition. At noon, the VFW Post 6689 Chicken barbecue begins at Champlain Valley Exposition, 73 Pearl St. (802) 363-8401. [essexmemorialdayparade.com](http://essexmemorialdayparade.com).

**FAIR HAVEN.** Spring Fling. Farmers market, food & festivities, crafters and flea market, regional all-day yard sales. 9 am – 3 pm. (802) 468-5141, (802) 265-8600. [vtlakesregionchamber.org](http://vtlakesregionchamber.org).

**KILLINGTON.** The Killington Stage Race. A series of three races covering a variety of terrain and distances. Nearly 500 cyclists each year. 7 am – 8 pm. (802) 773-4181. [killingtonstagerace.com](http://killingtonstagerace.com). Also May 29 & 30.

**MONTPELIER.** Fifth Annual Birdfest! Featuring bird walks & workshops, live raptors, kids activities, bird banding demo, bird house building, photo contest and much more! Fee: \$15, free for kids. 7 am – 2:30 pm. North Branch Nature Center, 713 Elm St. (802) 229-6206. [www.northbranchnaturecenter.org](http://www.northbranchnaturecenter.org).

**RUPERT.** Meet the Baby Lambs. A family-fun day with horse-drawn wagon rides, sausage breakfast, farm tours, children's activities. Free admission. 9 am – 12 noon. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. [www.merckforest.org](http://www.merckforest.org).

**STATEWIDE.** Spring Open Studio Tour Weekend. Artists and crafts throughout Vermont open their studios to visitors. 9 am – 5 pm each day. Look for the yellow signs or get a map from the Vermont Craft Council. [www.vermontcrafts.com](http://www.vermontcrafts.com). Also May 29.

**THETFORD.** Annual Open Fields Medieval Festival. Enjoy music, dancing, games, storytelling, food, sword play, demonstrations, crafts, animals, revelry, parades and a host of colorfully costumed peasants and noble-folk. All day. Open Fields School, 37 Academy Rd. (802) 785-2077. [www.vtmedfest.com](http://www.vtmedfest.com).

**WARDSBORO.** Annual Spring Plant Sale: "From Our Gardens to Yours." Shop for annuals, perennials, shrubs, vegetable seedlings, including Gilfeather turnips. Same day raffle. Bake sale on Town Common Tickets also available for "2016 Best Raffle Ever Prize", a handmade VT quilt with drawing Oct. 22nd at the Gilfeather Turnip Festival. Sponsored by the Wardsboro Library Trustees. Free admission. Rain or shine. 9 am – 1 pm. On the library lawn at 170 Main St, along Main Street, and the Town Common. (802) 896-3416. [friendsofwardsborolibrary.org](http://friendsofwardsborolibrary.org).

**WOODSTOCK.** Seventh Annual Cheese and Dairy Celebration. Meet New England cheesemakers, sample their delicious artisan cheeses & dairy products, and take part in engaging dairy education programs. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & over \$13, children 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, 2 & under free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, one-half mile north of the Woodstock village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org). Also May 29.

## SUNDAY, MAY 29

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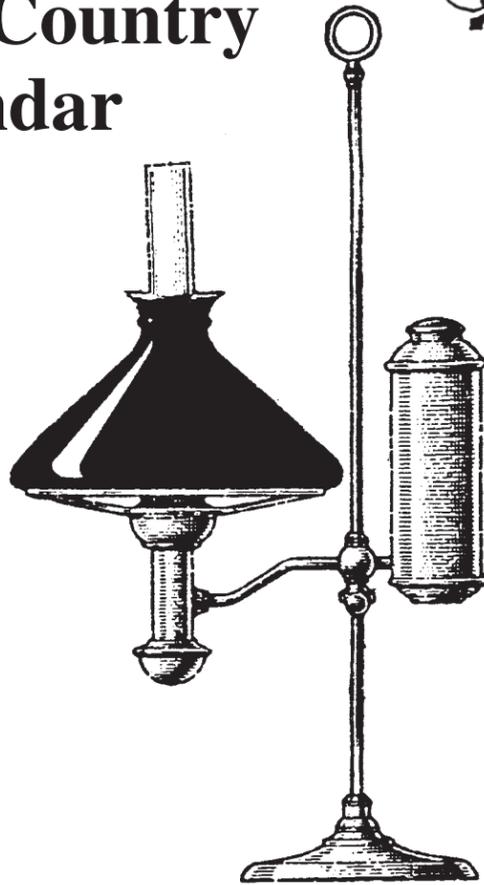
**PLYMOUTH NOTCH.** Grace Coolidge Musicale #1. "Songs from the Home Front" features Abigail Charbeneau (piano) and Ellen Nordstrom (mezzo-soprano), who will take listeners down memory lane with songs from World War I & II. Refreshments follow at the Wilder House Restaurant. 4-5:30 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

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## MONDAY, MAY 30

**BRANDON.** Memorial Day Parade. The parade begins at 10 am at the Brandon Post Office right of Conant Square, then winds its way down Route 7 and ends at the Inn at the town green. First grade girls place flowers at the Monument, Brandon's oldest tradition. Organized by Brandon American Legion. (802) 247-6401. [www.brandon.org](http://www.brandon.org).



**HUBBARDTON.** Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site Memorial Day Remembrance. At noon battlefield flags will be raised to full-mast and tribute paid to the soldiers of Hubbardton at the battle monument. 12-12:15 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton).

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**LEBANON, NH.** Memorial Day Parade. Beginning on Hanover Street at 10 am at the old Sacred Heart School. Sponsored by the American Legion Post 22. (603) 448-3429.

**POULTNEY.** Memorial Day Parade. Starts at Stewart's at 10 am. (802) 287-2010. [poultneyvt.com](http://poultneyvt.com).

**ST. ALBANS.** Memorial Day Parade. Parade begins at BFA High School at 10 am and will be in the park around 11 am. Annual Memorial Day Chicken BBQ with all the fixins beginning at noon following the parade at the Legion. 71 South Main St. (802) 524-5561. [www.greenmountainpost1.org](http://www.greenmountainpost1.org).

**VERGENNES.** Memorial Day Parade. Known as one of Vermont's largest Memorial Day celebrations, this parade begins at the High School at 11 am. There are two miles of color guards, veterans' groups, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, lots of colorful floats, antique cars, parade horses, fire trucks, the Greater Burlington Cellarsavers, 12 marching bands, kids on bikes and a lot more. (802) 877-3216. [vergennes.org](http://vergennes.org).

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

**MANCHESTER.** Presentation of Design Concepts for the Merck Forest and Farmland Center's Master Site Plan. Students from the Conway School of Landscape Design will present their preliminary analysis of the 225-acre site comprising the main approach to the Merck Forest Visitor Center. Free. 4-5:45 pm. Manchester Community Library, 138 Cemetery Ave.. (802) 394-7836. [merckforest.org](http://merckforest.org).

## THURSDAY, JUNE 2

**ENOSBERG FALLS.** 60th Annual Vermont Dairy Festival Weekend. The four-day family festival includes midway rides, pancake breakfast, Marco the Magician, parade on Saturday, fiddlers, dairy farm tours, a 10,000 meter milk run, a cow plop contest and lots of children's activities. 6-10 pm. Admission free. Fairgrounds Rt. 105. (802) 863-0139. [vermontdairyfestival.com](http://vermontdairyfestival.com). Also June 3, 4 & 5.

**ESSEX.** Book & Author Event. Join Elizabeth and James Wallace for a talk on their biography of the beloved children's illustrator Garth Williams, *Garth Williams, American Illustrator: a Life*. Open the pages of so many children's classics—*Stuart Little*, *Charlotte's Web*, *The Rescuers*, the *Little House* books and you will see Williams' artistry. Free. 7 pm. Phoenix Books, 21 Essex Way. (802) 872-7111. [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Book Reading and Performance. John Elder will read from his latest book, *Picking Up the Flute*, and will play Irish flute as part of the presentation. Reception to follow. Free. Open to the public. 2-3 pm. Vermont Book Shop, 38 Main St. (802) 388-2061. [www.vermontbookshop.com](http://www.vermontbookshop.com).

**SHELBURNE.** Nourish Vermont: Traditional Foods and Health Gathering. Learn the core principles of traditional diets, and explore health, wellness and longevity. Presenters: Sally Fallon Morell, Jack Wolfson D.O., Beth Lambert, Jeff Leach, Melinda Kenzie. Registration required. 9 am – 5 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8686. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org). Through June 4.



## Wild Plum

They are unholy who are born  
To love wild plum at night,  
Who once have passed it on a road  
Glimmering and white.

It is as though the darkness had  
Speech of silver words,  
Or as though a cloud of stars  
Perched like ghostly birds.

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And homeless in men's sight  
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**WEST PAWLET.** Grazing School. UVM Extension is sponsoring a grazing school at Consider Bardwell Farm. Sarah Flack will lead a pasture walk discussing grazing for dairy cows and goats. Angela Miller will discuss the farms' business model, cheese making and other farm products. The farm and their partner Wayward Goose Farm are certified as 'Animal Welfare Approved.' 9:30 am - 2 pm. Fee \$35. Register online at [www.regonline.com/grazingschoolwestpawlet](http://www.regonline.com/grazingschoolwestpawlet). Consider Bardwell Farm, 1333 VT Rt. 153. (802) 388-4969. [karen.gallott@uvm.edu](mailto:karen.gallott@uvm.edu). [www.considerbardwellfarm.com](http://www.considerbardwellfarm.com).

## FRIDAY, JUNE 3

**BELLOWS FALLS.** 17th Annual Roots on the River Festival. Musical performances. Come early or bring a small lawn chair or blanket. Food and beverages available. Under the Big Tent at the Rodeway Inn, 593 Rockingham Rd. (802) 460-3333. [www.rootsontheriver.com](http://www.rootsontheriver.com). *Through June 5.*

**BRATTLEBORO.** 14th Annual Strolling of the Heifers. Three-day weekend begins with gallery walk & street festival featuring a culinary competition—the great bread pudding cookout, farm art exhibits, plus food, music and dancing on Main St. 5:30-8:30 pm. (802) 380-0226. [info@strollingoftheheifers.com](mailto:info@strollingoftheheifers.com). [strollingoftheheifers.com](http://strollingoftheheifers.com).

**BURLINGTON.** Burlington Discover Jazz Festival. 10 days of live music for all ages at the Flynn Center, Waterfront Tent, and restaurants and venues all over town! Randy Newman opens the festival with a performance at Flynn Center. (802) 863-7992. [discoverjazz.com](http://discoverjazz.com). *Through June 12.*

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**HUBBARDTON.** Saturn in Opposition Night. Tonight, Saturn, the 6th planet outward from the sun, is in a direct line between the earth and sun. The Green Mountain Alliance of Amateur Astronomers will share their telescopes for public viewing of Saturn with its rings and moons, as well as other deep space objects. Call to confirm. Inside program if inclement weather. Donations appreciated. 8:30 pm - 12 am. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton).

## SATURDAY, JUNE 4

**ADAMANT.** 14th Annual Adamant Black Fly Festival. This quirky festival celebrates blackflies with music, food cooked on grill, a parade, silent action, poetry 'slam' and a pie contest. Also nature walk, fashion show, black fly jeopardy, and a piano concert with students from the Adamant Music School. 9 am - 4 pm. At the Adamant Coop, 1313 Haggett Rd. (802) 223-5760. [adamantcoop@ezcloud.com](mailto:adamantcoop@ezcloud.com). [www.blackflyfestival.org](http://www.blackflyfestival.org).

**BARRE.** Performance: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Presented by the Moving Light Dance. Tickets: \$24/\$16. 7 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. (802) 476-8188. [barreoperahouse.org](http://barreoperahouse.org). *Also June 5.*

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**BURLINGTON.** Jamerry Story Time. Enjoy Saturday morning with City Market and Phoenix Books for a reading of the children's book *Jamerry* by Bruce Degen. After we read together there will be our own berry celebration! Free and open to all ages. 11 am. Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz).

**BURLINGTON.** Burlington Discover Jazz Festival. 10 days of live music for all ages. Tribute to the legendary "Big Joe" Burrell at 12:30 pm and 5 pm at City Hall Park. (802) 863-7992. [discoverjazz.com](http://discoverjazz.com). *Through June 12.*

**BRATTLEBORO.** 14th Annual Strolling of the Heifers. Parade at 10 am kicks off day-long events with lovable heifer calves, groomed and decorated and led by future farmers followed other farm animals, bands, tractors, floats, clowns and surprises. Slow Living Expo for food, music, dance, demonstrations, exhibits and fun. 9 am - 4 pm at the Brattleboro Commons and retreat grounds. Includes cooking with local chefs, home energy village, crafts village, woodlands exhibit, goat olympics, healthy living village and human foosball! 9 am - 5 pm. (802) 380-0226. [strollingoftheheifers.com](http://strollingoftheheifers.com). *Also June 5.*

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**FAIRFAX.** Book & Author Event. Megan Price, author of the *Vermont Wild—Adventures of Fish & Game Wardens* series will talk about her popular stories. All four volumes will be available for purchase, dedicated by the author. 11 am - 12:30 pm. Fairfax Community Library, 75 Hunt St. (802) 849-2420. [www.pinemartenpress.com](http://www.pinemartenpress.com).

**HANOVER.** Jumble Sale. Annual tag sale, baked goods and lunch. Free pony rides for children. Free, 8 am - 2 pm. St. Thomas Church, 9 West Wheelock St. (603) 643-4155. *Also June 5.*

**MIDDLEBURY.** Illsley Library Monthly Book Sale. 11-2:30 pm. Illsley Library, 75 Main St. (802) 388-4095.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Seventh Annual Rhubarb Festival. Celebration of all things rhubarb. Rhubarb pies, sweets, used bling, plants, books for sale. Kids' activities, live music. Half of the proceeds go to HOPE. Turkey-rhubarb luncheon, three sittings: 11:15 am, 12 pm, and 12:45 pm. Adults \$8, ages 12 and under \$5. Takeout \$10. Park at the high school. 10 am - 2 pm. Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Court. (802) 388-8080.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Vermont Gran Fondo—Extravaganza Ride for Bicyclers. A day of biking featuring two new climbs with short, medium and long routes starting at 9 or 11 am on Exchange Street and returning there. Après ride party with live music by singer, songwriter and guitarist Daby Touré as well as food, beverages and local ice cream at Stonecutter Spirits. The fee is \$125 for the Gran distance, \$115 for Medio riders and \$80 for Piccolo riders. (802) 388-7951 x 100. [www.vermontgranfondo.com](http://www.vermontgranfondo.com).

**MONTPELIER.** CVHS Walk for Animals. Registration at 9:30 am and walk starts at 10 am. After-walk party with free refreshments and prizes for the top fundraisers. Walkers who collect at least \$50 each receive a Walk for Animals t-shirt. Free. 9:30 am - 12 pm. 5 High School Dr. (802) 476-3811. [linnea@centralvermonthumane.org](mailto:linnea@centralvermonthumane.org). [centralvermonthumane.org/walk](http://centralvermonthumane.org/walk).

**NORWICH.** Cantabile Women's Chorus Spring Concert "Come to the Garden." Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 seniors, and \$5 students, children 13 and under free. 4-5:30 pm. Norwich Congregational Church, 15 Church St. (603) 276-0601. [info@cantabilewomen.org](mailto:info@cantabilewomen.org).

**ORWELL.** National Trails Day and Hike into History. Hike around Mt. Independence and experience history. Led by retired history teacher Mark Brownell. Free. Open to the public. 2-3:30 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, Mt. Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. [historicsites.vermont.gov/MountIndependence](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/MountIndependence).

## Birding Hot Spots in Rutland County

Rutland County Audubon Society has developed a list of places to bird in our area—places that are special to us and are representative of variety of habitats we are fortunate to have in our area.

These birding hotspots are places that are publicly accessible; some large, some small. A few involve hiking and others can be canoed or kayaked.

The spots are selected because they host special birds or habitats. Some are chosen because they are a good place to take kids or a place for a quick break from our everyday lives.

We hope you will visit these places and report your sightings to [www.ebird.org](http://www.ebird.org) as well so that we can increase the knowledge of the birds of Rutland County. If there is a place that is special to you, please let us know!

**The CCC Road**  
The CCC Road, which includes Coolidge State Forest, Tinker Brook Natural Area, Shrewsbury Peak and Plymouth Wildlife Management Area, can provide a full day of great birding.

The road, running between Plymouth and Rutland offers opportunities to see some higher elevation species.

The CCC Road is now open from Shrewsbury to Plymouth after repairs for damage from Tropical Storm Irene. It is closed in winter and may not open until after Memorial Day. Birding is best May through early July.

Although you can stop anywhere along the road and pull off, there are several places you can get out to walk and explore.

Taking the road from Rt. 100 in Plymouth the first stop at one mile is Tinker

Brook State Natural Area. Access is on the south side at a curve in the road (there is no sign, only a small pull off for parking).

A short walk in takes you to the hiking shelter and the fifteen acres that make up the spruce-fir/hardwoods area along a steep ravine. This is a reliable spot for Blackpoll Warbler, Blackburnian, Canada, and Black-throated Green warblers as well as Blue-headed Vireo.

At 2.0 miles (one mile east of Tinker Brook) is the east access to Shrewsbury Peak. Blackpoll Warbler is easily observed along the trail up and Swainson's Thrush can also be seen and heard.

At 2.9 miles (1.9 miles east of the east Shrewsbury Peak access) is a gated access on the north side of the road. This leads to the remains of a stone house, which served as the CCC-era ranger's cabin when the area was Coolidge State Park. Blue-headed Vireo, and Winter Wren are frequently heard here.

Numerous small trails lead off from this area. Swainson's Thrush is a confirmed



nester in this area as is Golden-crowned Kinglet.

On the south side of the road is a small pull-off and access into the Plymouth Wildlife Management Area. Numerous warblers are present as well as raptors such as Sharp-shinned, Broad-winged and Red-tailed hawks along with Northern Goshawk and Barred Owls. Wild Turkey and Ruffed Grouse are abundant.

At 3.9 miles is a brushy area on the south side of the road. Cleared in the 1990s, the now brushy area hosts Chestnut-sided, Mourning and Common Yellowthroat warblers and Indigo Bunting although it may not be too long until this area becomes too grown up for them.

For more information on birding visit the Rutland County Audubon Societys at [rutlandcountyaudubon.org](http://rutlandcountyaudubon.org).



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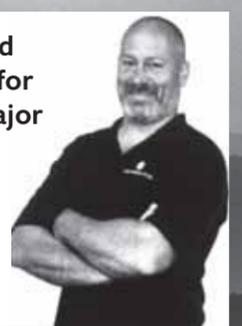
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**POULTNEY.** Spring Town Wide Yard Sales. In the shops and on the sidewalks. 9 am – 4 pm. Rotary Club Chicken Barbecue, 10 am – 1 pm. (802) 287-2010. [www.poultneyvt.com](http://www.poultneyvt.com).

**RUPERT.** Game of Logging: Chain Saw Safety Training Level 3. \$175 per level; levels must be taken consecutively. Bring a sound hard hat, lunch & water, sturdy working boots and weather/work appropriate clothing. 8 am to 4 pm. Merck Forest & Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. [merckforest.org](http://merckforest.org). [woodlandtraining.com](http://woodlandtraining.com). *Level 4 on June 5.*

**RUTLAND.** Vermont Summer Farmers' Market. 9 am – 2 pm. Downtown at Depot Park (across from Walmart). (802) 342-4727. [info@vtfarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@vtfarmersmarket.org). [vtfarmersmarket.org](http://vtfarmersmarket.org). *Saturdays through October 29.*

**SWANTON.** Kids Fishing Derby. Bring lawn chair, blanket, pail, or something similar to sit on to watch or angle for fish. Free goody bag and prizes. Night crawlers provided. No fee. 8 am. Along Macs Bend Rd. at Louie's Landing boat launch located about three miles from Swanton Village on Rt. 78. Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, 29 Tabor Rd. (802) 868-4781. [www.fws.gov/northeast/missisquoi](http://www.fws.gov/northeast/missisquoi).

**WATERBURY.** Annual Kids Fest. Children learn to play, learn, listen, eat, move, ride, laugh, watch, dance and celebrate healthy living through physical and athletic activities featuring yoga, martial arts, cycling, gymnastics, hockey, dance, soccer and more. New this year: the Burton Riglet snowboarding experience and Northern Lights rock wall. Free food provided by local growers and merchants. Free. 9 am – 1 pm. Rusty Parker Park, Park Row. (802) 355-8281. [waterburykidsfest@gmail.com](mailto:waterburykidsfest@gmail.com).

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Bargain Bin Yard Sale. Free admission. 8 am-3 pm. Also silent auction at 2 pm. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 749 Hartford Ave. (802) 295-5415. [stpaulsvt@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsvt@gmail.com).

**WOODSTOCK.** Trek to Taste. Celebrate local food and healthy living with guided walks through the park. Family games, crafts, ice cream and complimentary tastings of local food along the trails. 10 am – 3 pm. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, Elm St. (802) 777-2964 x 222. [Julia\\_Lynam@nps.gov](mailto:Julia_Lynam@nps.gov).

## SUNDAY, JUNE 5

**ADDISON.** Potluck Supper. The Town of Addison Historical Society's business meeting followed by a program based on Bill Doyle's television program "Addison County in the Early 1900s" led by Geoff Nelson. Audience participation encouraged. Potluck supper follows. Bring a dish to share, place setting and cup. Coffee, decaf, tea and juice provided. 4 pm. Addison Fire Station, 44 Rt. 17. (802) 759-2300.

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**BELLOWS FALLS.** 17th Annual Roots on the River Festival. Sunday Morning Full Gospel Hour at the Meeting House. Performances by The Steel Wheels, Joe Crookston and Lula Wiles, plus Mary Gauthier and newcomer Bobby Dove. Smoke-free and family-friendly. Food and beverages available. Rockingham Meeting House off Rt. 103. (802) 460-3333. [www.rootsontheriver.com](http://www.rootsontheriver.com).

**BRANDON.** Pastels Exhibit. Exhibit opening reception for "The Sky's the Limit," a juried exhibit of work by members of the Vermont Pastel Society. 1-3 pm. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Dr. (802) 247 4295. [www.cmavt.org](http://www.cmavt.org). *June 3 through July 29.*

**BRATTLEBORO.** 14th Annual Strolling of the Heifers. Famous farmers' breakfast 9 am – 1 pm. Marina Restaurant (off Putney Rd., just north of the West River Bridge). Tour de Heifer—Vermont's most challenging dirt road cycling rides of 15, 30 or 60 miles (plus family-friendly three-mile Round Mountain hike). Rides begin and end at Lilac Ridge Farm, W. Brattleboro. Guided tours at five area farms. Reservations encouraged. (802) 380-0226. [info@strollingoftheheifers.com](mailto:info@strollingoftheheifers.com). [www.strollingoftheheifers.com](http://www.strollingoftheheifers.com).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Chamber Music Concert. Jinjoo Cho, violin, and Hyun Soo Kim, piano, perform music of Corigliano, Clara Schumann, Robert Schumann, Tower, and Zwilich. Tickets: preferred \$30, general \$20. 4 pm. Centre Congregational Church, 193 Main St. (802) 257-4523. [www.bmcvt.org](http://www.bmcvt.org).

**BROOKFIELD.** Floating Bridge Farmers Food & Farms Market & Plant Sale. Farm products: local honey, goat milk caramel, farm produce, crafts, and food items for sale. Free demos on beekeeping, natural plant dye, and more. Certified organic plants: medicinal herbs, culinary herbs, dye plants, flowers, perennials, annuals, vegetable seedlings. 9 am – 2 pm. Twin Ponds Herb Farm, 2007 Twin Pond Rd. [www.floatingbridgefoodandfarms.com](http://www.floatingbridgefoodandfarms.com).

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**HARDWICK.** Perennial Pleasures Free Guided Tour. Over 900 varieties of flowers, herbs and shrubs, specializing in heirloom and medicinal plants, and a special fondness for phlox. An eclectic gift shop, specializing in summer hats, is located in the old wooden extension, and a seasonal tea-room serves English Cream Teas and light lunches in the display garden or conservatory. 10 am – 5 pm, Tuesday through Sunday. Perennial Pleasures Nursery, 63 Brickhouse Rd. (802) 472-5104. [www.perennialpleasures.net](http://www.perennialpleasures.net).

**LEBANON.** Concert. Bela Fleck and the Flecktones. Tickets \$84, \$69, \$58, \$47. 7:30 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. [www.lebanonoperahouse.org](http://www.lebanonoperahouse.org).

**LYME, NH.** Cantabile Women's Chorus Spring Concert "Come to the Garden." Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 seniors, and \$5 students, children 13 and under free. 4 pm. Lyme Congregational Church, 15 Church St. (603) 276-0601. [info@cantabilewomen.org](mailto:info@cantabilewomen.org).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Third Annual Gran Fondo Bike Ride. Starting and ending on Exchange Street with two new climbs. Includes bicycle safety check, apres-ride party, live music, food beverages, local LuLu ice cream, music by singer-songwriter Daby Toure. The fee is \$125 for the Gran distance, \$115 for Medio riders and \$80 for Piccolo riders. Start times 7:30 and 11 am on Exchange St. (802) 388-7951 x 100. [sue@addisoncounty.com](mailto:sue@addisoncounty.com).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Performance. The Opera Company of Middlebury presents Verdi's "Macbeth" with a cast of professional singers under the direction of Douglas Anderson. Tickets \$55/\$60/\$75. 2 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. (802) 382-9222. [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org). *June 9, 10 and 11.*

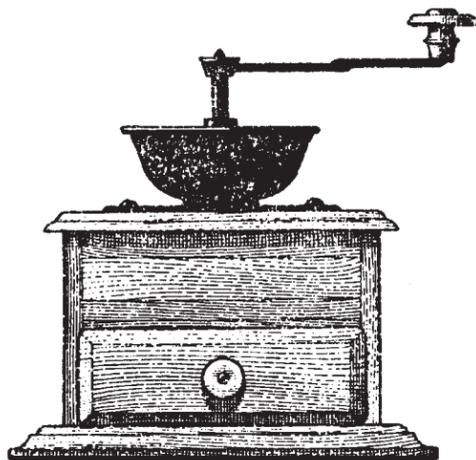
**MONTPELIER.** Flapjack Fundraiser! Enjoy pancakes, syrup, maple cured bacon, OJ and coffee while supporting Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity. 8-10 am. \$8 adults. Morse Farm, 1168 County Rd. (800) 242-2740. [morsefarm.com](http://morsefarm.com). [www.centralvermonthabitat.org](http://www.centralvermonthabitat.org).

**RUPERT.** Game of Logging: Chain Saw Safety Training Level 4. \$175 per level; levels must be taken consecutively. Bring a sound hard hat, lunch & water, sturdy working boots and weather/work appropriate clothing. 8 am to 4 pm. Merck Forest & Farmland Center, 3270 VT Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. [info@merckforest.org](mailto:info@merckforest.org). [merckforest.org](http://merckforest.org). [www.woodlandtraining.com](http://www.woodlandtraining.com).

**RUTLAND.** Concert: The Samples. over 1 million records sold. Tickets: \$25. 7 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [www.paramountvt.org](http://www.paramountvt.org).

**SOUTH CHITTENDEN.** Teenie's Fishing Derby for Handicapped & Seniors. Food served at 11:30, fishing starts at 1pm. Pond stocked for the event by state and federal fish hatcheries. Bring your own chair, bait & tackle. All Free. 11 am – 3 pm. Teenie's Tiny Poultry Farm, off Chittenden Rd. (802) 773-2637.

**SOUTH BURLINGTON.** Rhododendron Walk and Talk. Beth Gutwin, Curator of the Rhododendron Collection, will give a slide presentation and lead a walking tour of the Hort. Farm's acclaimed collection of Rhododendrons and native Azaleas. Fee: \$15. 2-4 pm. UVM Horticulture Farm, 65 Green Mountain Dr. (802) 864-3073. [info@friendsofthehortfarm.org](mailto:info@friendsofthehortfarm.org). [friendsofthehortfarm.org](http://friendsofthehortfarm.org).



## Joe-Pyeweed

And the name brings back those kindly hills  
And the drowsing life so new to me;  
And the welcome that those purple blossoms  
With their tiny trumpets blew to me.

Stout and tall, they raised their clustered heads,  
Leaping, as a lusty fellow would,  
Through the lowlands, down the twisting cow-paths;  
Running past the green and yellow wood.

How they come again—those rambling roads;  
And the weeds' wild jewels glowing there.  
Richer than a Paradise of flowers  
Was that bit of pasture growing there.

Weeds—the very names call up those faint  
Half-forgotten smells and cries again...  
Weeds—like some old charm, I say them over,  
And the rolling Berkshires rise again:

Basil, Boneset, Toadflax, Tansy,  
Weeds of every form and fancy;  
Milk-weed, Mullein, Loose-strife, Jewel-weed,  
Mustard, Thimble-weed, Tear-thumb (a cruel weed).

Clovers in all sorts—Nonesuch, Melilot;  
Staring Buttercups, a bold and yellow lot.  
Daisies rioting about the place  
With Black-eyed Susan and Queen Anne's Lace...

Names—they blossom into colored hills;  
Hills whose rousing beauty flows to me...  
And with all its soundless, purple trumpets,  
Lo, the Joe-Pyeweed still blows to me!

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## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

**ADDISON.** Program: Discovering Vermont Architecture Through "Buildings of Vermont." Architectural historians Glenn Andres and Curtis B. Johnson, authors of the 2014 book *Buildings of Vermont* will give an illustrated talk on Vermont's architectural heritage. Johnson's architecture photographs are on display at Chimney Point through August 7. Admission \$5, children 14 and under free. 7-8 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint).

**BURLINGTON.** Burlington Discover Jazz Festival. 10 days of live music! (802) 863-7992. [discoverjazz.com](http://discoverjazz.com). Through June 12.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 9

**ADDISON.** Historic Architecture Talk. Historians Glenn Andres and Curtis B. Johnson to present "Buildings of Vermont," an illustrated talk on Vermont's architectural heritage. 7-8 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, off Rt 17. (802) 759-2412. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint).

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Four-Day Creative Cello Summit. Featuring the insights, artistry and leadership of stellar contemporary cellists Mark Summer, Crispin Campbell and Eugene Friesen. Cellists will also rehearse and perform in multiple cello ensembles. Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 463-3100. [www.stonechurcharts.org](http://www.stonechurcharts.org).

**BURLINGTON.** Burlington Discover Jazz Festival. 10 days of live music for all ages. (802) 863-7992. [discoverjazz.com](http://discoverjazz.com). Through June 12.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Verdi Opera. The rarely performed "Macbeth," with a cast of professional singers. Tickets \$55/\$60/\$75. Concert 8 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. (802) 382-9222 or [www.townhalltheater.org](http://www.townhalltheater.org). Also June 10 & 11.

**RUTLAND.** Concert: Ceelo Green. A five-time Grammy Award Winning singer-songwriter-producer, television personality. Tickets: \$36 + tax. 8 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [www.paramountvt.org](http://www.paramountvt.org).

**SOUTH ROYALTON.** Valley Fest. Family-friendly regional festival with live music, the Arts Bus, wild and local foods workshop, farmers market, community groups, fiber crafting demonstrations, used book sale, face painting for kids, community plant swap and more. (Rain or shine). 3-9 pm. On the Green. (802) 763-7094. [librarian@royaltonlibrary.org](mailto:librarian@royaltonlibrary.org).

**VERGENNES.** Brass Band Concert. A free public concert by U.S. Air Force Heritage Brass, which is currently touring northern New England. 7 pm. Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. (802) 877-6737. [www.vergennesoperahouse.com](http://www.vergennesoperahouse.com).

## FRIDAY, JUNE 10

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Creative Cello Concert. Three stellar contemporary cellists Mark Summer, Crispin Campbell and Eugene Friesen come together, combining cutting edge creativity and amazing technical skill on the cello in this not-to-be-missed concert that spans the musical genres. 7:30. Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 463-3100. [www.stonechurcharts.org](http://www.stonechurcharts.org).

**BURLINGTON.** Burlington Discover Jazz Festival. 10 days of live music for all ages. (802) 863-7992. [discoverjazz.com](http://discoverjazz.com). Through June 12.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 11

**BRANDON.** Old Bones In Concert. Bill Casavant and his band bring down-home Vermont folk singing. Family-friendly. Adults \$6; seniors, students and military \$4. 7:30 pm. Brandon Town Hall, One Conant Square. (802) 247-6720.

**BRANDON.** Gypsy Reel in Concert. Celtic and Old World mix. Tickets \$20. Reservations recommended. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 247-4295. [www.brandon-music.net](http://www.brandon-music.net).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Jazz Concert: Eugene Uman's Convergence Project. Tickets: \$20-\$40, \$15 for students w/ valid ID. Vermont Jazz Center, 72 Cotton Mill Hill, Suite 222. (802) 254-9088. [vtjazz.org](http://vtjazz.org).

**BURLINGTON.** Burlington Discover Jazz Festival. 10 days of live music for all ages. Kenny Barron Trio at the Flynn MainStage. (802) 863-7992. [www.discoverjazz.com](http://www.discoverjazz.com). Through June 12.

**DANVILLE.** Danville Equestrian Center Summer Horse Show Series. Refreshments on site. Starts 9 am. Danville Equestrian Center, 1906 Joe's Brook Rd. (802) 684-2033. Also July 9 & August 13.

**EAST POULTNEY.** Historic St. John's Episcopal Church will reopen as a summer chapel with a service of evening prayer led by local Episcopal clergy and music from the original 1860's William Nutting hand-pumped organ accompanying hymns. The Third Annual Welsh service will honor this region's rich Welsh heritage. Light refreshments. 4 pm. St. John's Episcopal Church, Rt. 140. (518) 499-1850. (802) 287-9744. Also July 2 and August 13.

**FAIRFAX.** Book & Author Event. Megan Price, author of the *Vermont Wild—Adventures of Fish & Game Wardens* series will talk about her popular stories. All four volumes will be available for purchase, dedicated by the author. 2:30-4 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. [www.pinemartenpress.com](http://www.pinemartenpress.com).

**KILLINGTON.** Town Wide Yard Sales. 12 noon - 6 pm. Killington Welcome Center, 2319 Route 4. (802) 773-4181. [killingtonpico.org](http://killingtonpico.org).

**LEBANON, NH.** Performance: Stephen Wright, Comedian. Tickets \$49.50/\$45/\$35. 7:30 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. [hclow@lebanonoperahouse.org](mailto:hclow@lebanonoperahouse.org). [www.lebanonoperahouse.org](http://www.lebanonoperahouse.org).

**LUDLOW.** Okemo Valley Home, Garden and Recreation Show. Shop various vendors home and garden displays as well as recreational items. Free admission, Food and beverages available. 10 am. 31 Rt. 103 South. (802) 228-5830.

**MANCHESTER.** 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique and Classic Car Show. Flea market, car corral, poker run, cocktail reception. Parade at 4 pm. Free admission. All day at Dorr Farm on Rt. 30. (802) 362-6313. [manchestercarshow.com](http://manchestercarshow.com). Also June 12.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Portrait Day. Silhouette artist Carolyn Guest to cut silhouette portraits, both bust (\$25) and full figure (\$55). 10 am - 3 pm. Sheldon Museum, One Park St. (802) 388-2117. [www.HenrySheldonMuseum.org](http://www.HenrySheldonMuseum.org).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Verdi Opera. The rarely performed "Macbeth," with a cast of professional singers. Tickets \$55/\$60/\$75. Concert 8 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. (802) 382-9222 or [www.townhalltheater.org](http://www.townhalltheater.org).

**NORWICH.** Contradance. Featuring Nova (Kathleen Fownes, fiddle; Guillaume Sparrow-Pepin, accordion and keyboard; Everest Witman, guitar and feet) and caller Luke Donforth. Everyone is welcome—no partner or experience necessary. Please bring clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing. Admission \$9; students \$6; seniors by donation; under 16 free! Event is sponsored by Muskeg Music. Pot-luck snacks at the break—please bring something to share! Regular dance starts at 8. Newcomers may arrive at 7:45 pm for a walk-through. 8-11 pm. At Tracy Hall. [uvdm.org](http://uvdm.org).

**ORWELL.** Lecture on the Revolution. Historian and journalist Jack Kelly to discuss Revolutionary War characters Seth Warner, Henry Knox and others. 2-3:30 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, Mt. Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. [historicsites.vermont.gov/MountIndependence](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/MountIndependence).

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**STATEWIDE.** Vermont Days. Free admission to VT State Historic Sites and State Park day use areas. *Also June 12.*

**STATEWIDE.** Vermont Free Fishing Day. Kids, families, and fishing enthusiasts are all welcome to join this statewide free fishing day. [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com).

## SUNDAY, JUNE 12

**BURLINGTON.** Burlington Discover Jazz Festival. 10 days of live music. Diane Schuur and the Legendary Count Basie Orchestra at the Flynn MainStage. (802) 863-7992. [discoverjazz.com](http://discoverjazz.com). *Through June 12.*

**MANCHESTER.** 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique and Classic Car Show. Flea market, car corral, poker run, tailgate competition. Free admission. All day at Dorr Farm on Rt. 30. (802) 362-6313. [manchestercarshow.com](http://manchestercarshow.com).

**MANCHESTER.** Community Day at Hildene. Come and experience the Lincoln Family Home free of charge. Stop at the Welcome Center for a sticker and then tour the house, gardens, farm, Pullman Car "Sunbeam", Dene Farm, and 12 miles of walking trails and scenic woodland. 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. Hildene, off Rt. 7A. (802) 362-1788. [www.hildene.org](http://www.hildene.org).

**RUTLAND.** Ballet: *The Little Mermaid*. Presented by The Vermont Center for Dance Education. Tickets: \$25/\$20/\$15. 1 & 6 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [www.paramountvt.org](http://www.paramountvt.org).

**SHARON.** Concert: Lute Songs. Green Mountain Monteverdi Ensemble will feature the Lamentations of Jeremiah by Thomas Tallis, a masterpiece of the Renaissance era. Lutenist Doug Freundlich from Boston to perform a series of lute songs in English and Italian. Ensemble Zephyrus to offer some four-part settings with lute. Admission by donation. 6-7:30 pm. Seven Stars Arts Center, 5126 Rt. 14. (802) 223-0687.

**STATEWIDE.** Vermont Days. Free admission to Vermont State Historic Sites and State Park day use areas.

**STRAFFORD.** Justin Morrill State Historic Site Open House. Featuring an ice cream social with live music by composer and recording artists Jeremiah McLane and Tim Cummings, performing on accordion and guitar. A "Vermont Raptors" program at 3 pm with live hawks, owls and falcons, presented by Michael Clough, assistant director of the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. 2-4 pm. Free. Morrill Homestead, 214 Morrill Memorial Highway. (802) 765-4288. [director@morrillhomestead.org](mailto:director@morrillhomestead.org). [www.morrillhomestead.org](http://www.morrillhomestead.org).

## MONDAY, JUNE 13

**MONTPELIER.** Celebrating Vermont Poet David Budbill. A distinguished group of readers will read from his remarkable body of work including poems and plays. Music will be provided by David's longtime collaborator Eric Nielsen. A reception and book signing will follow the program. Admission is free. Reservations appreciated, seating is limited. 7:30 pm. Lost Nation Theater. [lisavonkann@gmail.com](mailto:lisavonkann@gmail.com). [www.lostnationtheater.org](http://www.lostnationtheater.org).

## TUESDAY, JUNE 14

**BURLINGTON.** Concert. Brian Wilson Presents *Pet Sounds* in its entirety. Celebrating the 50th Anniversary with special guests Al Jardine and Blondie Chaplin. Tickets \$94.25/\$73/\$52.25. 8 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. [www.flynnntix.org](http://www.flynnntix.org).

**CASTLETON.** Summer Concert Series: Satin & Steel. Free. 7 pm. Concert immediately following the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce mixer hosted by Castleton University. Castleton College Pavillion, 62 Alumni Drive. (802) 468-1202. [www.castleton.edu](http://www.castleton.edu).

## FRIDAY, JUNE 17

**QUECHEE.** 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Quechee Hot Air Balloon and Craft Festival. Features over 20 hot air balloons with flights scheduled for 6 pm (weather and wind permitting). Continuous music and entertainment. Gates open at 3 pm today. Tickets good for whole weekend: adults \$15, children \$5 and under 5 free. Quechee Village Green, Main St. (802) 295-7900. [quecheeballoonfestival.com](http://quecheeballoonfestival.com). *Also June 18 & 19.*

**QUECHEE.** Week-Long Library Book Sale. Thousands of books, sorted and priced to sell, downstairs at the library during Quechee Balloon Festival. All topics, all ages. Free. 10 am - 6 pm. Quechee Library, 1957 Quechee Main St. (802) 295-1232. [director@quecheelibrary.org](mailto:director@quecheelibrary.org). [www.quecheelibrary.org](http://www.quecheelibrary.org). *Also June 18, 19, 20, 22, 23 & 24.*

## SATURDAY, JUNE 18

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Music for and by Fathers and Sons. Frank Wallace's concert "Of Love & Soul" provides an "intimate connection" to the composer's personal life with songs and poems by his grandfather, about his childhood and his own father in the 1890s. Guitar & baritone. 7:30. Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 463-3100. [www.stonechurcharts.org](http://www.stonechurcharts.org).

**BRANDON.** Piano Concert. Northern Third Piano in concert of classical music. Tickets \$20. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. Reservations recommended. (802) 247-4295. [www.brandon-music.net](http://www.brandon-music.net).



**BRANDON.** Concert. Melissa Durkee and Chill. Adults \$8, seniors, students and military \$6, ages 5 and under free. 7:30 pm. Brandon Town Hall, One Conant Square. (802) 247-6720.

**BRISTOL.** Music Festival and Street Fair. Pocock Rocks. Regional bands, wine, microbrews, hard ciders, specialty foods, craft vendors, and kids' activities. 3-8 pm. Downtown. (802) 760-6076.

**BROWNINGTON.** Antique Engine Show and Chicken BBQ. The Vermont Antique Gas and Steam Engine Assoc. will crank up their old engines, and exhibit old tools and antiques. Members of Cars of Yesteryear will park their antique and classic cars across the road by the Lawrence Barn. Lunch by the Brownington Ladies Aid. Auction at 2 pm. Chicken Barbecue at 4 pm with baked potatoes, beans, salad and sugar-on-snow held beside the Samuel Read Hall House. Bring your instrument and sit in for the Blue Grass Jam. Free admission. 8 am - 4 pm. Old Stone House Museum. (802) 754-2022. [www.oldstonehousemuseum.org](http://www.oldstonehousemuseum.org).

**CHITTENDEN.** Annual Lobster Clam Bake Fundraiser for Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County. \$85. 4:30 pm silent auction, 6 pm dinner, 7 pm live auction. The Pavilion at Mountain Top Inn & Resort. (802) 747-4944. [www.rutlandbgclub.org](http://www.rutlandbgclub.org).



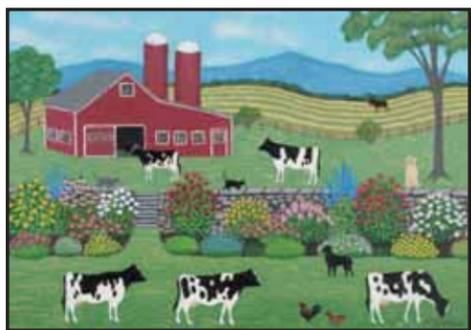
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**COLCHESTER.** Sam Mazza's 20th Annual Strawberry Festival. Fresh-picked strawberry shortcake with whipped cream. Strawberry milkshakes, strawberry fudge, strawberry jam & chocolate-dipped strawberries. Pony rides, kids games, petting zoo, face painting & Vermont specialty food samples. 11 am – 4 pm. Sam Mazza's, 277 Lavigne Rd. (802) 655-3440. [www.sammazzafarms.com](http://www.sammazzafarms.com).

**GUILFORD.** Guilford Community Church Annual Strawberry Supper. Ham and homemade baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, deviled eggs, homemade rolls, beverages, and strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream. Seatings at 5 & 6:30 pm. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$6 children under 11, pre-school \$3. Guilford Community Church, 38 Church Dr. off Bee Barn Rd. Directions: I-91 Exit 1; go south on Rt. 5; turn left onto Bee Barn Rd., just past Guilford County Store and before the bridge. (802) 254-9019. [guilfordchurchsupper@gmail.com](mailto:guilfordchurchsupper@gmail.com).

**HARTFORD.** Annual Strawberry Supper. Menu includes baked ham, baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, cole slaw, sweet breads, and for dessert—strawberries in a shortcake, sundae or plain. Served family style. Handicapped accessible. Adults \$12, children under 12 \$6, pre-schoolers free. Reservations recommended. 5 & 6 pm. Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, Rt. 14. (802) 295-2510.

**HARTLAND.** Fifth Annual Hartland Jazz Fest. Featuring jazz guitarist Freddie Bryant and The Armen Donelian Trio, one of America's finest contemporary jazz pianists. Sponsored by The Hartland Community Arts. Noon-8 pm. Hartland Library Field, Rt. 5. [hartlandcommunityarts.org/jazz-festival](http://hartlandcommunityarts.org/jazz-festival).

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Annual Ham and Strawberry Supper. Baked pit hams with delicious special sauce and homemade baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, broccoli salad, homemade rolls, and beverages. Freshly-picked strawberries on homemade biscuits with real whipped cream. Served family-style. Handicap accessible. Take-out available. Adults \$12, children 8 and under \$5. One seating at 6 pm at the First Baptist Church, corner of Rts. 7A & 11/30 across from Northshire Bookstore in downtown Manchester. Reservations recommended. (802) 362-3473.

**NORTH CLARENDON.** Annual Strawberry Festival. Menu includes ham, coleslaw, potato salad, deviled eggs, baked beans, beverages, strawberry shortcake or strawberries & ice cream. Adults \$10, children 6-12 \$5, 5 & under free. Dessert only \$5. 4-7 pm. The Brick Church, 298 Middle Rd. (802) 773-3873. [www.brickchurchvt.com](http://www.brickchurchvt.com).

**NORWICH.** Annual Summer Revels! Sing, dance and make merry to celebrate the longest day of the year. Festivities begin at 5:30 pm with giant puppets and roving performers, craft activities, food stalls selling locally-produced fare, ringmaster Nils Fredland leads a variety of acts, group singing and a lot of dancing—clogging, broom dancing, and even Morris Dancing. A Mummer's Play. Free, family-friendly event. 7 pm. On the Norwich Green. (866) 556-3083. [revelsnorth.org](http://revelsnorth.org).

**QUECHEE.** 37th Annual Quechee Hot Air Balloon and Craft Festival. Over 20 hot air balloons with flights scheduled for 6 am and 6 pm (weather and wind permitting). Music and entertainment, over 60 craft artisans and commercial vendors, food, a beer and wine garden. Children's activities include a bounce house and more. Gates open at 5:30 am on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets good for whole weekend: adults \$15, children \$5 and under 5 free. Quechee Village Green, Main St. (802) 295-7900. [www.quecheeballoonfestival.com](http://www.quecheeballoonfestival.com). Also June 19.

**RUTLAND.** Salvation Army and All Saints Church Spring Fling. Tag sale, music, food and fun. 8 am – 4 pm. Salvation Army, Howe Center, 1 Scale Ave. (802) 775-5150. [giancola.biz](http://giancola.biz).

**RUTLAND.** Vermont Summer Farmers' Market. 9 am – 2 pm. Downtown at Depot Park (across from Walmart). (802) 342-4727. [info@vtfarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@vtfarmersmarket.org). [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org). Saturdays through October 29.

**TUNBRIDGE.** Vermont History Expo. Storytellers, artists, musicians, history organizations, authors, crafters, animals, and genealogists complete this history-filled extravaganza! Parade at noon. Food and refreshments available. Admission \$10 adults; \$5 children; ages 5 and under are free; \$20 family pass. Half price for visitors in period dress. 10 am – 5 pm. Tunbridge World's Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 828-2180. [vermonthistory.org](http://vermonthistory.org). Also June 19.

**VERGENNES.** City-wide Yard Sale. Rain or shine. Dozens of yard sales will be out all over town, including the city green. Both businesses and residents are participating. 9 am – 3 pm. Official map online at [addisoncounty.com/yardsale](http://addisoncounty.com/yardsale), or at the information booth on the green.

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**WESTON.** Birthday Bash. To celebrate Weston Playhouse (80 years) and Vermont Country Store (70 years). Parade at 11 am. Free birthday cake and ice cream, kid's activities, museum tours, scavenger hunt, live music and entertainment, local food and drink, free playhouse performance and open mic cabaret. All around town. [www.westonplayhouse.org](http://www.westonplayhouse.org).

## SUNDAY, JUNE 19

**HARDWICK.** Perennial Pleasures Free Guided Tour. Over 900 varieties of flowers, herbs and shrubs, specializing in heirloom and medicinal plants, and a special fondness for phlox. An eclectic gift shop, specializing in summer hats, is located in the old wooden extension, and a seasonal tea-room serves English Cream Teas and light lunches in the display garden or conservatory. 10 am – 5 pm. Perennial Pleasures Nursery, 63 Brickhouse Rd. (802) 472-5104. [www.perennialpleasures.net](http://www.perennialpleasures.net). Tuesday through Sunday.

**HUBBARDTON.** Battlefield Third Sunday—Early Fathers of Hubbardton. In honor of Father's Day, site interpreter Carl Fuller talks about the early town fathers of Hubbardton and their settlement and Battle of Hubbardton experiences. 2-3 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton).

**QUECHEE.** 37th Annual Quechee Hot Air Balloon and Craft Festival. Features over 20 hot air balloons with flights scheduled for 6 am and 6 pm (always with weather and wind permitting). Music and entertainment, over 60 craft artisans and commercial vendors, food, a beer and wine garden. Children's activities including a bounce house and more. Gates open at 5:30 am. Tickets good for whole weekend: adults \$15, children \$5 and under 5 free. Quechee Village Green, Main St. (802) 295-7900. [www.quecheeballoonfestival.com](http://www.quecheeballoonfestival.com).

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## Fireflies An Unforgettable Summer Event

by Charles Sutton

When my brother Fred and I were young children we were fascinated by the fireflies (also called lightning bugs) that put on a light show every June evening among our gardens, lawn and in the trees in the apple orchard.

One time we collected a jar full of these fireflies so we could enjoy their on-again-off-again lights in our bedroom at night. After mother told us this was mean to the insects that gave us so much pleasure, we freed them and never put them in jars again.

We learned that the light signals called bioluminescence come from their bellies to attract mates, defend territory and warn off predators.

Sadly, today we see fewer fireflies. How much we miss

their summer display. Naturalists tell us fireflies are disappearing because of development, pollution, pesticides and from logging in their habitat. Human lights from cars, street lights, homes and stores also interfere with their signaling.

You can see rare synchronous fireflies (*Photinus carolinus*) in early June at a special viewing area at the Great Smokey National Park in Gatlinburg, TN but the event is popular—you have to apply ahead of time. The park is home to one of only a few species in the world whose individuals can synchronize their flashing light patterns.

Imagine how excited and happy my wife and I were one evening when, as we

headed home on Rt. 7 from Manchester, VT, we were suddenly driving past a canopy of thousands of flashing lights. An endless mass of fireflies were hovering along the Otter Creek wetland in the valley just west of the Green Mountains. The fireflies seemed to stretch on for miles. How fortunate we were to experience such beauty and in such magnitude.

In a whole lifetime there are extraordinary happenings in the natural world available for one brief unforgettable moment in time. And this gathering of fireflies was certainly one of them!

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# Vermont Country Calendar

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Concert: Louis Armstrong Remembered. Celebrates the founding father of jazz and the creative spirit of Louis Armstrong. Tickets: \$24. 8 pm. Barrette Center for the Arts, 76 Gates St. [www.interplayjazzandarts.org](http://www.interplayjazzandarts.org).

## MONDAY, JUNE 20

**RUPERT.** Solstice Moon Viewing and Hike. Sculptor Roderick Wilson has planned a special Solstice Full Moon experience, to be followed by a moonlit hike led by Chris Hubbard. Free. 7-9 pm. Merck Forest & Farmland Center, 3270 VT Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. [info@merckforest.org](mailto:info@merckforest.org). [www.merckforest.org](http://www.merckforest.org).

## TUESDAY, JUNE 21

**HARTLAND.** Eshqua Bog Natural Area Hike. Join Ted Ellman on a tour of this botanical wonderland. This 40-acre parcel of land protects an eight-acre wetland known for its abundance of showy lady's-slipper's and other wild orchids. Habitat: fen and rich mesic hardwood forest. Fee: \$24. 10 am - 12 pm. Call for registration and directions. (508) 877-7630. [newenglandwild.org](http://newenglandwild.org).

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

**RUTLAND.** Vermont Summer Farmers' Market. 3-6 pm. Downtown in Depot Park (across from Walmart). (802) 342-4727. [info@vtfarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@vtfarmersmarket.org). [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org). *Wednesdays through October 26.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Swing Dancing. The heyday of swing dancing in Harlem's Savoy Ballroom is re-enacted. The public can swing dance the night away to the sounds of Interplay's student and faculty Big Band. Tickets \$20. 7-10 pm. Little Theater, 54 River St. [woodstockrec.com](http://woodstockrec.com).

## THURSDAY, JUNE 23

**HANOVER, NH.** Red Baraat Performance. Featuring hefty horns and drums including booming dhol. Brooklyn-based Red Baraat with a dance-trance mix of North Indian banghra and elements of jazz, rock and go-go. Pre-show percussion "petting zoo" at 4:30 pm with World Music Percussion Ensemble director Hafiz Shabazz. Free. Concert at 5:30 pm. Hopkins Center for the Arts, Dartmouth Green. (603) 646-2422.

**RUTLAND.** Hops on Top: Annual Craft & Micro Brew Festival. Area brews and snacks catered by Roots the Restaurant. Live music by George's Back Pocket. \$25 (Includes 8 (4 oz.) samples and snacks). Additional samples \$5 (4 samples) and \$10 (8 samples). \*Must be over 21! 5:30-8:30 pm on the top floor of the Laz parking deck on West St. in downtown Rutland. (802) 773-9380. [rutlanddowntown.com](http://rutlanddowntown.com).

**SHOREHAM.** Annual Strawberry Festival. Strawberry shortcake and pies, strawberry sundaes, and just plain strawberries, and more! Prices \$2-\$7. A limited number of whole strawberry pies may be available. 5-7 pm. Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School Rd. (802) 897-2687.

**TINMOUTH.** Concert: Waxwing. A jubilee quartet, singing rollicking radio gospel from the 1930s and '40s as well as bluegrass quartets, shape note hymns, and Appalachian ballads. Suggested donation \$10. 7:30 pm. The Old Firehouse Stage. (802) 446-2780. [tinmouthvt.org](http://tinmouthvt.org).

**TUNBRIDGE.** Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival. Tickets \$30-\$130. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 238-4106. [www.jennybrookbluegrass.com](http://www.jennybrookbluegrass.com). *Through June 26.*

**WINDHAM.** The Friendly Gathering. Three days of music, camping, inspiration and a big dose of friendship. Admission: \$54.50-\$260.50. Timber Ridge Resort, 431 Glebe Mountain Rd. [www.friendlygathering.com](http://www.friendlygathering.com).

**WOODSTOCK.** Interplay Jazz Brown Bag Concert. Presented by Pentangle Council on the Arts. Bring chairs and picnics. Free. 5:30 pm. The Woodstock Village green. [www.pentanglearts.org](http://www.pentanglearts.org).

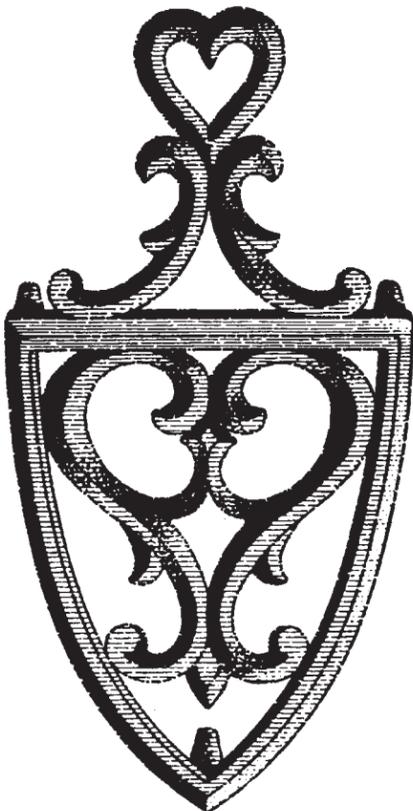
## FRIDAY, JUNE 24

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Vermont Quilt Festival. New England's largest and oldest quilt event with eye-popping color and design in the hundreds of new and antique quilts on display. Admission \$12, children under 14 free. 9 am - 6 pm. Champlain Valley Exposition. (802) 872-0034. [www.vqf.org](http://www.vqf.org). *Through June 26.*

**ETNA, NH.** Old Timers Fair. Street dance, book sale, white elephant sale, oxen pull, games, food, parade and chicken barbecue. Proceeds benefit the First Congregational Church of Hanover. Free. 4-10 pm. Old Parade Ground, Parade Ground Rd. (603) 795-2224. *Also June 25.*

**MANCHESTER.** Film Screening. *America's First Forest: Carl Schenck & The Asheville Experiment*. This is the first film to examine the pivotal role of Biltmore Estate chief forester Carl Schenck and America's first school of forestry in American history. The screening will be followed by a discussion period. All are welcome. Free. 7-8:30 pm. Riley Center at Burr & Burton Academy, 57 Seminary Ave. (802) 394-7836. [www.merckforest.org](http://www.merckforest.org).

**TUNBRIDGE.** Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival. An all-star line-up! Music, camping and fun! Tickets \$30-\$130. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 238-4106. [www.jennybrookbluegrass.com](http://www.jennybrookbluegrass.com). *Thru June 26.*



**VERGENNES.** Annual Vergennes Junior Fishing Derby. With learning activities, boat rides, music, food and lots of fishing. All day, Vergennes Falls Basin. (802) 877-9986 or [marsulli@aol.com](mailto:marsulli@aol.com). [vergennes.org](http://vergennes.org). Also June 25.

**WATERBURY.** 43rd Annual Strawberry Supper. Delicious buffet dinner at historic downtown church followed by strawberry shortcake made with local strawberries. Full meal includes drink & dessert, or you can get "just desserts." Take-out too! \$12 adults, 12 and under \$8, families \$30, dessert only \$4. Handicap accessible. First come, first served. 5-7 pm. Waterbury Congregational Church, 8 N. Main St. (802) 244-6606.

**WEBSTERVILLE.** Rockfire. A unique combination of art, music and fire on a monumental scale, celebrating central Vermont's colorful granite heritage, set in the abandoned quarries and granite ruins. An event for the whole family with both day and evening activities including historical actors and a FireWalk at the Barre Granite Museum, a concert with Bow Thayer, and performances with the Iron Guild. Three-mile long procession, lit by thousands of luminaries with dozens of bonfires, all leading to fire-lit granite art installations and live performance stages. The Lodge at Millstone Hill, 59 Little John Rd. (802) 497-1000. [www.rockfirevt.com](http://www.rockfirevt.com). *Through June 26.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Interplay Jazz Concert. Sponsored by Pentangle Council on the Arts. \$24. 8 pm. Town Hall Theater, 31 The Green. (802) 457-3981. [www.pentanglearts.org](http://www.pentanglearts.org).

## SATURDAY, JUNE 25

**ADDISON.** Ham Radio Field Day. Operators set up a simulated emergency station using only emergency power supplies to practice communications with no reliance on phones, internet or commercial power sources. Come watch and ask questions. 9:30 am - 2 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 7305 Rt.125. (802) 759-2412. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint).

**BRANDON.** Maple Jam in Concert. A cappella group. 7:30 pm. Tickets \$20. Reservations recommended. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 247-4295. [www.brandon-music.net](http://www.brandon-music.net).

**BRISTOL.** Annual Town Wide Yard Sale. This year offering "Porchfest," with live music on various front porches around town. Also in homeowners' yards, in Holley Hall and on the town green. 9 am - 3 pm. (802) 453-5885. [bristolrec.org](http://bristolrec.org).

**CASTLETON.** 9th Annual Town Wide Yard Sale. Also 50 vendors selling their wares at the Castleton Community Center. Bargains, treasures, and one-of-a-kind. "Drive Around Maps" available at the Community Center, 2108 Main St. (802) 468-3093.

**CHESTER.** Music in the Meadows. Two days of fun and music. At Motel in the Meadows, Rt. 11. (802) 875-2626. [www.komenvtnh.org](http://www.komenvtnh.org). *Also June 26.*

**DUMMERSTON CENTER.** Annual Old-Fashioned Strawberry Supper. Ham and baked beans, potato salad, tuna-macaroni salad, coleslaw, homemade sweetbreads, beverages, and "all you can eat" old-fashioned whole strawberry shortcakes with real whipped cream and locally grown berries! Adults \$10, children 6 and under \$5. Sponsored by the Dummerston Congregational Church. Held at Evening Star Grange Hall, 1008 East West Rd. 5-7 pm. (802) 257-0544.

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**FERRISBURGH.** Vermont Breakfast on the Farm. Free breakfast and a first-hand look at a modern dairy farm to better understand how Vermont's agricultural community works together to produce safe and wholesome food. Tickets are free but you need to have a reservation. Nea-Tocht Dairy Farm, 28 Vander's Way. (802) 828-2430. [vermontbreakfastonthefarm.com](http://vermontbreakfastonthefarm.com).

**MONTPELIER.** Eat More Kale Festival. A community based, family friendly festival geared toward Vermont's love of farm fresh, music, the arts and farmer's market vendors. Tickets: \$22-\$27. 10 am - 11pm. Morse Farm, 1168 County Rd. (800) 242-2740. [morsefarm.com](http://morsefarm.com).

**NORTH POMFRET.** Annual Strawberry Supper. Baked ham and baked beans, potato salad, tossed salad, deviled eggs, rolls, coffee, punch, strawberry shortcake & whipped cream. Ladies Circle Bazaar and quilt raffle. Supper benefits the North Pomfret Congregational Church. Seatings at 5, 6:15 & 7:30 pm. \$12 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. At the Pomfret Town Hall. Call for reservations! (802) 457-1014.

**ORLEANS.** Vermont Reindeer Farm Open House Weekend. See the reindeer antlers growing. Take a walk through the forest on our Nature Trail. Bring back some ferns to feed the reindeer! Gift shop, handmade VT products. Craft station, Vermont maple cotton candy! Admission \$5, under one is free. 10 am - 4 pm. Vermont Reindeer Farm, 3108 Chilafaux Rd. (802) 754-9583. *Also June 26.*

**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.*

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**SPRINGFIELD.** First Annual Strawberry Festival. Strawberry shortcake. 30 vendors with food, crafts and wares. Face painting, petting zoo, picnic area, pick-you-own and already-picked strawberries. Live music. Farm store. 10 am - 4 pm. Wellwood Orchards, 529 Wellwood Orchard Rd. (802) 263-5200.

**STOWE.** Vermont Renaissance Faire. Artisans and craft vendors from across New England. Adults \$18, kids under 10 free with adult ticket. Come with your friends, kid friendly. 10 am - 6 pm. 80 Weeks Hill Rd. (802) 778-9178. [info@vtrenfaire.com](http://info@vtrenfaire.com). [vtrenfaire.com](http://vtrenfaire.com).

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**VERGENNES.** Abenaki Heritage Weekend. Members of the Elnu Abenaki Tribe, the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk and Koasek Traditional Band of the Koas Abenaki Nation, and the Vermont Abenaki Artists Association present a program on indigenous arts and traditions, illustrated talks and round table including efforts to preserve Abenaki as a living language, the cultivation, use and exchange of heirloom plants. 10 am - 5 pm. Adults \$12, seniors \$11, youth 6-17 \$8, children 5 & under free. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4275 Basin Harbor Rd. (802) 475-2022. [info@lcm.org](mailto:info@lcm.org). [www.lcm.org](http://www.lcm.org). *Also June 26.*

**WATERBURY.** Green Mountain BBQ and Music Festival. Annual Saturday morning parade and evening fireworks extravaganza. Authentic barbecue, food trucks, craft brews and live music. More than 6,000 BBQ enthusiasts will come to watch 50 pit masters from across the region compete in the Green Mountain BBQ Championship. Admission \$12 adults, \$5 kids (5-12) and \$25 family pass (2 adults and 2+ kids). 12-9 pm. Farr's Field. [www.greenmountainbbq.com](http://www.greenmountainbbq.com). *Also June 26.*

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**WOODSTOCK.** Park Celebration. Jazz in the park, concert & art show. Performances by Interplay jazz students and faculty. 3:30 pm. Vail Field, South St. (802) 356-5060. [info@interplayjazzandarts.org](mailto:info@interplayjazzandarts.org). [www.interplayjazzandarts.org](http://www.interplayjazzandarts.org).

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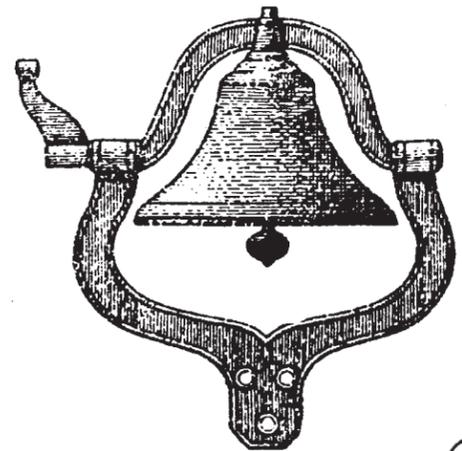
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**LYME, NH.** Summer Buffet Music Series on Post Pond. Mimi & Gus will be performing. Buffet dinner at 6 pm. Adults \$22, kids 5-12 \$8, 4 and under free. Reservations required. Loch Lyme Lodge, Rt. 10 just north of town. (603) 795-2141. [www.lochlymelodge.com](http://www.lochlymelodge.com).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Second Annual Foodaroo. Food truck festival with live music by Josh Panda and the Hot Damned. 3-9 pm. Merchants Row in front of Town Hall Theater. (802) 382-9222. [www.townhalltheater.org](http://www.townhalltheater.org)

**MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS.** 40th Annual Strawberry Festival. Museum exhibits, live music, local crafts and artists. Raffle. Quarts of strawberries for sale. Strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits, ice cream, and whipped cream, coffee, ice tea, and lemonade. To benefit the Middletown Springs Historical Society. Rain or shine. 2-4 pm on the Green, Rt. 140. (802) 235-2376.

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## A Journey Over the Green Mountains with Ease, Circa 1917

by Charles R. Cummings

If I were to advise a person traveling across the state between Montpelier and Windsor or Middlebury and Wallingford, I would say try passage over the mountains on the steam engine automobiles of the Cross State Transportation Co. If this sounds like sailing on dry land, it is very much like it. Leisurely traveling in a large Stanley vehicle with plenty of power is quite akin to flying. The mountain barrier lowers before you and you skim right over it almost without knowing where it was.

A neat gasoline car seating about 25 passengers operates between Bethel and Stockbridge on the White River Railway or you may be conveyed by a steam train. The cost is \$1.50 between Bethel and Rutland.

The ride up the line from Bethel is novel. It is a proper suburban trolley line but more substantially built. Grasses and flowers come down to the track in places. Shrubs and trees reach toward the right of way. Now and then a little brook comes down to the ever present river through a fascinating woodland grotto. The view is banked with wooded slopes but greater are to come.

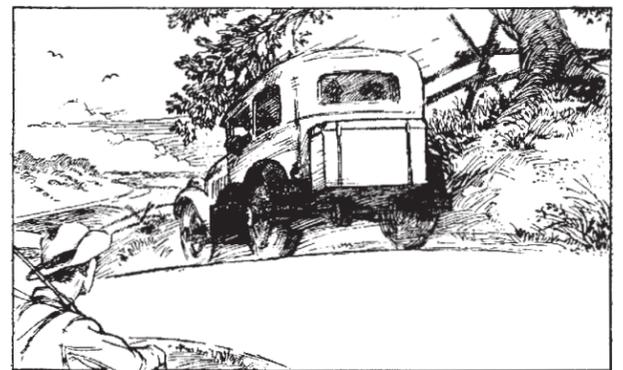
At Gaysville, the first stop, there is a sawmill and chair factory of good proportions. This is a small place, a group

of houses along the main street. The winding river is even more in evidence after the farming region of the lower valley is passed, brawling and flashing over the stones in its way.

The Stockbridge station is reached all too soon, the place of departure to the mountain district. Splendid views and wayside cordiality develop in less than two minutes on the road to Pittsfield which proves a very pleasant village with long shady park and an impressive church.

The distance from Stockbridge to Rutland is 23 miles. At about 14 miles from Rutland you are in a perfectly delightful region, fern-lined, tree-bordered and brook-bordered. Farm life here is enlivened by the songs of birds and topped by the most invigorating air. The fields are gay with buttercups. Plenty of mountain tops fringe the horizon. The Gifford cutoff at North Sherburne saves the three miles of going through Sherburne. The sylvan forest depths in some lights are worth going miles to see. Not far away on a steeper road over the mountain stands the famous Coffee House once a hotel on the main traveled route, the scene of justice trials or happy gatherings.

The car jumps at the hills and could climb Bunker Hill Monument if there was a road up it, says our chauffeur, never



bothered by ditches or narrow places. Mr. Houston, by the way, is an experienced railway engineer from the mainline. At 11 miles from Rutland we set off on the Sherburne road, the main highway from Woodstock to Rutland.

Chickens hotfoot it out of danger. Bold crows fly lazily up to the low branches of the nearest hemlock near the summit of Pico where we cross the Long Trail of the Green Mountain Club. Men and oxen are at work at a log runway. Likely enough, here you may have a novel experience if the day has been dull and gloomy. You may find yourself as on Mt. Washington, truly in the clouds. You may not be able to see 100 feet ahead of you.

At the Deer's Leap teahouse just over the summit, lunches are served but our car stops only for passengers. The car rides over road inequalities like a cockleshell on waves. We hurry past the old Ranger farm with its excellent view of Pico and Killington outsped by wild running tourists plunging downgrade with the car out of control and by a fast running rival line from another town who go past with a yell.

At four miles from Rutland roads and homes show the approach to a large town and we presently arrive downtown close by the Bardwell, a large hotel on which a great deal of money has been expended by new proprietors.

The journey west is over but one looks forward with continued delight to its continuance on the strange west side of the mountains. If you glory in a novel and safe mountain journey you may do well to do the real thing and make this journey. You won't regret it.

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**TUNBRIDGE.** Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival. An all-star line-up! Tickets \$30-\$130. Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. (802) 238-4106. [www.jennybrookbluegrass.com](http://www.jennybrookbluegrass.com).

**VERGENNES.** Abenaki Heritage Weekend. Members of the Elnu Abenaki Tribe, the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk and Koasek Traditional Band of the Koas Abenaki Nation, and the Vermont Abenaki Artists Association present a program on indigenous arts and traditions, illustrated talks and round table including efforts to preserve Abenaki as a living language, the cultivation, use and exchange of heirloom plants. 10 am – 5 pm. Adults \$12, seniors \$11, youth 6-17 \$8, children 5 & under free. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4275 Basin Harbor Rd. (802) 475-2022. [info@lcm.org](mailto:info@lcm.org). [www.lcm.org](http://www.lcm.org).

**VERGENNES.** Festival of Fidos. A day for the dogs to benefit Lacey's Fund. Events include Lacey's Fund 5K starting at Schoolhouse Rd., and demonstrations by Vermont Police Canine Association, Animal House Agility and Green Mountain Dock Dogs. Kid's activities: face painting, jumpy castle & fido-fun DJ Charlie. \$8 adults, \$4 per child ages 3-12 (5K registration additional). 9 am – 3 pm. Basin Harbor Club, 4800 Basin Harbor Rd. (802) 475-2311. [pr@basinharbor.com](mailto:pr@basinharbor.com). [basinharbor.com](http://basinharbor.com).

**WATERBURY.** Green Mountain BBQ and Music Festival. Annual Saturday morning parade and evening fireworks extravaganza. Authentic barbecue, food trucks, craft brews and live music. More than 6,000 BBQ enthusiasts will come to watch 50 pit masters from across the region compete in the Green Mountain BBQ Championship. Admission \$12 adults, \$5 kids (5-12) and \$25 family pass (2 adults and 2+ kids). 11 am – 5 pm. Farr's Field. [www.greenmountainbbq.com](http://www.greenmountainbbq.com).

**WEBSTERVILLE.** Rockfire. A unique combination of art, music and fire on a monumental scale, celebrating central Vermont's colorful granite heritage, set in the abandoned quarries and granite ruins. An event for the whole family with both day and evening activities. The Lodge at Millstone Hill, 59 Little John Rd. (802) 497-1000. [www.rockfirevt.com](http://www.rockfirevt.com).

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

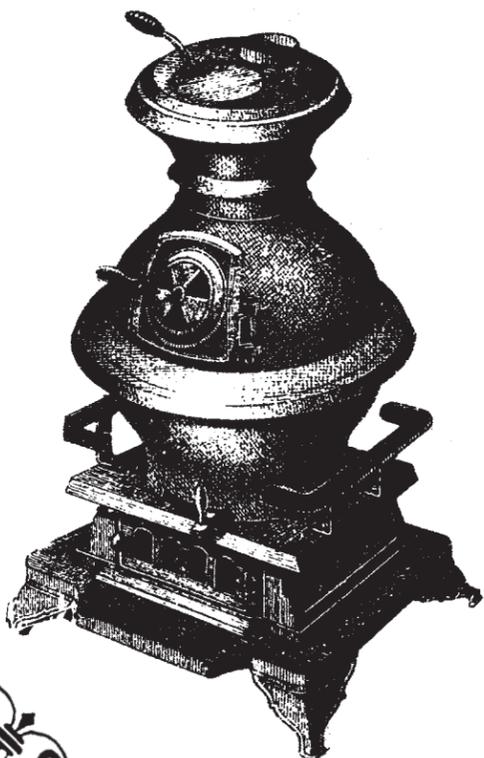
**ADDISON.** Boatbuilding Talk. Douglas Brooks gives an illustrated lecture titled "From Skiffs to Sail Ferries: The Story of Vermont's Small Boat Traditions." Free. 7-8:30 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 7305 Rt. 125. (802) 759-2412. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Stargazing. See planets, stars, star clusters and nebulae through 24-inch dome and smaller rooftop telescopes. Check for weather after 7 pm. Free. Middlebury College Observatory, McCardell Bicentennial Hall. (802) 443-2266. [middlebury.edu/observatory](http://middlebury.edu/observatory).

**RUTLAND.** Vermont Summer Farmers' Market. 3-6 pm. Downtown in Depot Park (across from Walmart). (802) 342-4727. [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org). *Wednesdays through October 26.*

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

**ADDISON.** Chimney Point State Historic Site. The newly updated and expanded permanent exhibit on the Native American, French Colonial, and early American history of the Chimney Point area incorporates archaeological findings from the Lake Champlain Bridge project. Learn how to use the atlatl (ancient spear thrower). Children's French Colonial dress-up basket. Admission \$5, children 14 and under free. Wednesday through Sun and Monday holidays 9:30 am – 5 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint). *May 28 to October 10.*



**BELLOWS FALLS.** TransCanada Bellows Falls Visitor Center and Fish Ladder. Sponsored by the Nature Museum at Grafton. Free admission. Program at 11 am. 10 am – 4 pm. Bellows Falls Visitor Center and Fish Ladder, 17 Bridge St. (802) 843-2111. [info@nature-museum.org](mailto:info@nature-museum.org). [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org). *Every Friday, Saturday & Sunday May 27 through September 3.*

**BENNINGTON.** The Bennington Battle Monument is open for the season. A brand new elevator takes visitors to the observation floor for a spectacular view of three states. Events through the season include the 125th anniversary celebration in August. \$5 adult admission, \$1 for youth, five and under free. The Monument and gift shop are open seven days a week from 9 am – 5 pm. Bennington Battle Monument, 15 Monument Circle, (802) 447-0550. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov).

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

**HARDWICK.** Perennial Pleasures Free Guided Tour. Over 900 varieties of flowers, herbs and shrubs, specializing in heirloom and medicinal plants, and a special fondness for phlox. An eclectic gift shop, specializing in summer hats, is located in the old wooden extension, and a seasonal tea-room serves English Cream Teas and light lunches in the display garden or conservatory. 10 am – 5 pm, Tuesday through Sunday. Perennial Pleasures Nursery, 63 Brickhouse Rd. (802) 472-5104. [perennialpleasures.net](http://perennialpleasures.net).

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

**HUBBARDTON.** Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site. Children's colonial dress-up basket. Bring your flag to be raised over the Hubbardton Battlefield and receive a certificate. Admission: adults \$3, children 14 and under are free. Open 9:30 am – 5 pm Thurs through Sun, and Monday holidays. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton](http://historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton). *May 28 to October 10.*

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

**MANCHESTER.** Celebration of Peonies. 1,000's of peony blooms; many of them from the original 1907 plants. Hildene, 1005 Hildene Rd. off Rt. 7A south of the village. (802) 362-1788. [www.hildene.org](http://www.hildene.org). *May 21 through June 12.*

**MONTPELIER.** Summer Booksale. Open during library hours. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, 135 Main St. (802) 223-3338. [www.kellogghubbard.org](http://www.kellogghubbard.org). *June 1 through July 2.*

**NORTHFIELD.** Countryman Farm. See our large display of peonies in bloom. Tuesday through Sunday, June 1 to July 10. 9 am – 4 pm. Countryman Farm, 868 Winch Hill Rd. (802) 456-7890. [www.countrymanfarm.com](http://www.countrymanfarm.com).

**ORWELL.** Mount Independence State Historic Site. Celebrating "Strong Ground," the 240th anniversary of the start of American construction of the Revolutionary War's Mount Independence and the military road to Hubbardton and Rutland, the 50th anniversary of the trail system, and the 25th anniversary of the Mount Independence Coalition. Special Exhibit: "Independence Must Be Won: The Art of Ellen Viereck." Admission \$5 for adults, free for children under 15. Open daily, 9:30 – 5:30. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov). *May 28 – October 10.*

**PERU.** Mountain Adventure Park. Alpine slides, giant swing, trampolines. Tree-top Aerial Adventure Park, half-mile-long zipline ride. Open weekends and holidays through June 12; 7 days-a-week June 17 through Labor Day. Bromley Mountain Ski Resort, 3984 VT Rt. 11. (802) 824-5522. [www.bromley.com](http://www.bromley.com).

**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.*

**PLYMOUTH NOTCH.** President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. Adults \$9, children 6 to 14 \$2, under 6 free. Family pass \$25. 9:30 am – 5 pm daily. 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). *May 28 through October 16.*

**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).



## Writings of Vermont Author Mildred Boyce Now Available

Adam Boyce of West Windsor, VT, has just released a compilation of his paternal grandmother's writings, entitled *Because I Loved the Daffodil: The Writings of a Vermont Farm Wife, Mildred F. Boyce*.

Mildred Farr Boyce (1884-1965) grew up in the Mad River Valley of central Vermont, becoming a teacher and librarian, later marrying a Williamstown farmer, Earl Boyce. She wrote many poems and articles which appeared in New England newspapers and magazines including *The Vermonter*, *New England Homestead*, *Driftwind*, *Rural New Yorker*, *The Barre Daily Times*, and the *Boston Herald*.

Mildred's love of beauty and spirituality sings through this collection, covering topics from chickadees to pearl buttons, or advice on dealing with antique dealers, as well as gardening tips including her most beloved daffodil.

Over 180 copies of this volume are being sent to local libraries throughout Vermont. It should also be available at your favorite bookstore or from Adam Boyce.

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**SPRINGFIELD.** Eureka Schoolhouse. Open weekends 10 am - 4 pm. Free admission, donations appreciated. Eureka Schoolhouse State Historic Site, 470 Charlestown Rd. (802) 828-3051. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov). May 28 through October 10.

**STRAFFORD.** Senator Justin Morrill Homestead and Education Center. Adults \$6, children 14 and under free. Open Wednesday-Sunday and Monday holidays 11 am - 5 pm. Justin Morrill Homestead, 214 Morrill Memorial Hwy. (802) 765-4484. [morrillhomestead.org](http://morrillhomestead.org). May 28 through October 10.

**VERGENNES.** Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Step aboard replica 1776 gunboat Philadelphia II. Explore some of the lake's 300+ historic shipwrecks in our Nautical Archaeology Center. Key to Liberty exhibit. See the replica 1862 schooner Lois McClure and our collection of canoes, kayaks, and wooden boats on display in the new Hazelett Watercraft Center. Take a boat cruise on Lake Champlain. Adults \$12, seniors \$11, youth 6-17 \$8, children 5 & under free. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. off Rt. 22A. (802) 475-2022. [info@lcm.org](http://info@lcm.org). [www.lcm.org](http://www.lcm.org). May 21 through late October.

**WEST RUTLAND.** Vermont Herbal General Store. Owned and operated by a registered pharmacist. Tai' Chi Gung classes, Tuesdays at 5 pm at the store. Free intro classes. 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-Saturday 12-6, Sunday 1-4, closed Friday. Vermont Herbal General Store, 578 Main St. (802) 438-2766. [info@vermonthherbal.com](http://info@vermonthherbal.com). On Facebook and Twitter. [www.vermonthherbal.com](http://www.vermonthherbal.com).

**WINDSOR.** Old Constitution House. Adults \$3, children 14 and under free. Open weekends and Monday holidays 11 am - 5 pm. The Old Constitution House is on Main Street at the northern end of the village on Rt. 5. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 N. Main St. (802) 672-3773. [William.jenney@vermont.gov](http://William.jenney@vermont.gov). [www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov). May 28 through October 10.

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**BENNINGTON.** The Dollhouse and Toy Museum of Vermont. Dolls and dollhouses, puppets, trucks and trains, toys, and educational displays. Museum shop. Admission \$2 for children three and older, \$4 adults and \$10 families. Open Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 pm. 212 Union St. at the corner of Valentine St. (802) 681-3767. [www.dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com](http://www.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](mailto:shirley@thebennington.org). [www.thebennington.org](http://www.thebennington.org).

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington Museum. Exhibits, 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. Adults \$10, seniors and students over 18 \$9. Free for younger students, museum members, or to visit the museum shop. Open 10 am - 5 pm daily except Wednesdays. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. [www.benningtonmuseum.org](http://www.benningtonmuseum.org).

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**BRATTLEBORO.** Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. Five Exhibits: Contemporary Artists vs. The Masters: Homage, Battle, Reclamation. Visions from the Edge: An Exploration of Outsider Art. Photographer Michael Sacca: flow-MOTION. Wishing for the Moon: scratchboard drawings by Karen Gaudette, through June 13. Open daily 11-5, closed Tues. Admission \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$4 students, free for youth 18 and under. 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. [brattleboromuseum.org](http://brattleboromuseum.org).

**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. [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).

**CHESTER.** 103 Artisans Marketplace. Hand crafted gifts, decorative accessories, small batch Chocolates and Vermont Maple products. Greenleaf Café now open. Owned by artists Elise & Payne Junker, exclusive showroom of Junker Studio metalwork. Open every day 10 am - 5 pm, closed Tuesday. 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).

**FERRISBURGH.** Rokeby. From 1793 to 1961, Rokeby was home to four generations of Robinsons — a remarkable family of Quakers, farmers, abolitionists, artists, and authors. Today, the Robinson family's home is a National Historic Landmark, designated for its exceptional Underground Railroad history. Enjoy house tours, outbuildings and hiking trails. Open daily however the house may be seen by guided tour only, with tours at 11 am and 2 pm on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Admission \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 students, children younger than 5 are free. Admission is free on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 5 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. [rokeby@comcast.net](mailto:rokeby@comcast.net). [rokeby.org](http://rokeby.org). May 22 through late October.



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**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. svac.org.

**MANCHESTER.** Visit Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home. Summer home of presidential son, Robert Lincoln. House, gardens, Pullman car, working farm and cheese-making facility, floating boardwalk, walking trails, museum store and welcome center. Admission: \$18 adults, \$5 children 6-14, under 6 free. Open daily 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Hildene, off Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 362-1788. www.hildene.org.

**MARLBORO.** Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. 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. 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. museum@sover.net. www.vermontmuseum.org.

**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. 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. 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.

**MIDDLEBURY.** The National Museum of the Morgan Horse. Exhibit: Stacey Stanhope Dundon's oil paintings, functional pottery, and full size horse heads, and local artist Gayl Braisted's paintings of barns. Gift shop full of Morgan horse t-shirts, books, and posters. Open Thursday & Friday 1-5 pm, Saturday 10 am - 5 pm, and by appointment. The National Museum of the Morgan Horse, 34 Main St. (802) 388-1639. morganhorse.com/museum.

**MONTPELIER.** Vermont History Museum & Bookstore. One admission fee gives access to both the Vermont History Museum and the Vermont Heritage Galleries. Adults: \$5; families: \$12; students, children, seniors: \$3; members and children under 6: free. Open 9 am - 4 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. Pavilion Building, 109 State St. (802) 828-2291. vhs-info@state.vt.us. 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.

**PROCTOR.** Vermont Marble Museum and Marble Gift Shop. Admission. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. Vermont Marble Museum, 52 Main St. (800) 427-1396. www.vermontmarblemuseum.org. *May 21 - October 31, 2016.*

**RANDOLPH.** Chandler Gallery. Open Friday 3-6 pm, Saturday and Sunday 12-3 pm. At Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 431-0204. chandler-arts.org.

**READING.** Exhibit Opening. "Landscapes after Ruskin: Redefining the Sublime" which includes paintings, photographs and sculptures selected by Joel Sternfeld from the Hall Collection. Admission is free. Open weekends and Wednesdays by appointment. Hall Art Foundation, 551 VT Rt. 106. (802) 952-1056. www.hallartfoundation.org. *Through November 27.*

**ROCHESTER.** BigTown Gallery. Exhibits, readings, events. Gallery hours: Wed-Fri 10-5, Sat 12-5. 99 N. Main St. (802) 767-9670. bigtowngallery.com.

**RUPERT.** Sculpture Exhibit: *A Gathering of One.* By Rod Wilson. Free. 9 am - 4 pm. Merck Forest & Farmland Center, 3217 Rt. 153. (802) 394-7836. (518) 677-8955. www.merckforest.org. *Weekends through June 26.*

**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. chaffeeartcenter.org.

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**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.

**SPRINGFIELD.** Gallery at the VAULT. Exhibit: "Sun-sational." Beautiful photographs, paintings, sculpture, nature-made creations, wood carvings, and pottery through July 28. A Vermont State Craft Center featuring fine art and hand-crafted gifts from over 125 local and regional artists and craftsmen. Exhibits, classes, workshops. Tuesday - Saturday 11 am - 5 pm. Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. galleryvault.org.

**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.

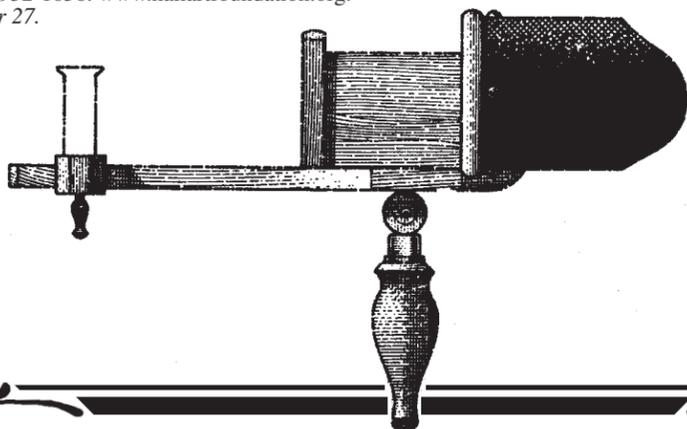
**ST. JOHNSBURY.** The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain and Dog Chapel. Free. Summer hours: Gallery open seven days a week. Dog Chapel open seven days a week from dawn to dusk. Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. off Spaulding Rd. (800) 449-2580. contact@dogmt.com. www.dogmt.com.

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

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**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. 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. Adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. *May 1 through October 31.*



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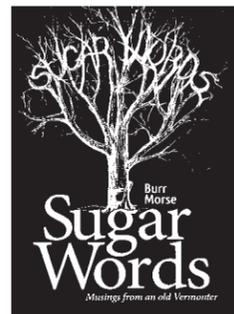
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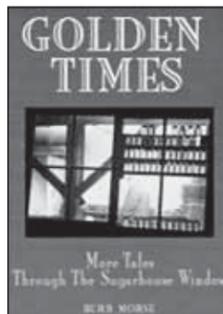
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## Burlington, VT

# Burlington Discover Jazz Festival—10 Days of Music!

The Annual Burlington Discover Jazz Festival will take place June 3-12, 2016 in Burlington, VT, for a 10-day celebration of live music for all ages. Headlining shows will be at the historic Flynn Center for the Performing Arts and the Waterfront Tent; free live music daily on four stages in downtown Burlington; and nightly showcases in restaurants and venues all over the city.

### Randy Newman opens the festival followed by The Afro-Cuban All Stars, and Bela Fleck

Opening the 2016 festival on Friday, June 3 on the Flynn MainStage will be Randy Newman, who Rolling Stone called "one of the most brilliant composers and songwriters of his generation." His art has moved generations of fans, from listeners drawn to 1977's sardonic *Little Criminals* to those listeners' children, enchanted by his many beloved film scores (the *Toy Story* series, *A Bug's Life*, *The Princess and the Frog*, *Monsters Inc.*, and others).

Juan de Marcos and the Afro-Cuban All Stars take the Flynn MainStage on Sunday, June 5 to close out the first weekend of the festival. Assembled in Havana during the legendary sessions that produced *The Buena Vista Social Club*, the Afro-Cuban All Stars exhumed 1950s Cuban music and elevated it to an international stage. In 1996, bandleader Juan de Marcos González summoned Cuba's most venerable players to record the All Stars' first album, *A Toda Cuba le Gusta*, immediately prior to the Ry Cooder-produced *Buena Vista*.

Béla Fleck and the Flecktones reunite for an exclusive summer tour and will make a stop at the festival to headline at the Waterfront Tent on Thursday, June 9. Formed in 1988, the multi-Grammy Award winning Flecktones established themselves as one of music's most innovative supergroups.

### Kenny Barron Trio at Flynn MainStage

Kicking off the second weekend on the Flynn MainStage will be Kenny Barron Trio. Before hearing him play a single note, Dizzy Gillespie hired pianist Kenny Barron into his band in 1962 upon the recommendation of tenor saxophonist James Moody. In Gillespie's quartet, Barron cut his teeth on Latin and Caribbean rhythms that would later mellow into



Juan DeMarco and the Afro-Cuban All Stars will be performing at the Burlington Discover Jazz Festival on June 5th. photo by Eniac Martinez

the lyrical improvisation that made him as one of jazz's most influential pianists. Barron was honored by the National Endowment for the Arts as a 2010 Jazz Master and has been nominated for over 15 Grammy Awards.

### Marcus Roberts Trio performs for Jazz Junior

For the young ones not quite ready for a night of heady improvisation, Jazz Junior returns after its inaugural performance at the 2015 festival. Artist-in-Residence Marcus Roberts Trio will lead an afternoon performance welcoming

music fans of all ages to learn about the uniquely American art form that is jazz.

### Performances at the Waterfront Tent

Performances at the Waterfront Tent on the shores of Lake Champlain, include the Brooklyn, NY group Antibalas. In 2008, Antibalas was featured in the off-Broadway play *Fela!*, which celebrated the life and music of the Afrobeat maverick. The massive horn section is responsible for the infectious refrains on Bruno Mars's 2015 record *Uptown Special*, which included the single *Uptown Funk*.

### Diane Schuur and Legendary Count Basie Orchestra

Closing out the last night of the festival is Grammy Award-winning vocalist and pianist Diane Schuur and the Legendary Count Basie Orchestra. During its tenure the Legendary Count Basie Orchestra, has scored 18 Grammy awards, performed for kings, queens, and other royalty, and has featured some of the greatest soloists in music history, including Lester Young, Billie Holiday, and Joe Williams. Now led by Scotty Barnhardt, the orchestra includes a number of musicians hand-selected by Basie himself.

### Headliners at Long Trail Live's three stages

Long Trail Live presents bands on three stages from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. On Saturday, June 4, celebrate the legendary local musician, the late "Big Joe" Burrell with performances from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. in City Hall Park. Local pop powerhouse Madaila performs on Friday, June 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. on the Top Block Stage.

For a full schedule and ticket information, call (802) 863-7992, visit [discoverjazz.com](http://discoverjazz.com), or download the Burlington Discover Jazz Festival mobile app for iPhone and Android phones to create your own schedule and listen to music.

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# Celebrate the Summer Solstice at the Summer Revels!

Come sing, dance and make merry as together we celebrate the longest day of the year on Saturday, June 18 on the Norwich Green in Norwich, VT. The Green opens at 5:30 p.m. Performance begins at 7 p.m. The Summer Revels is a free, family-friendly event.

The Summer Revels is taking us to a traditional circus, with ringmaster Nils Fredland leading a variety of acts, as well as the audience, in a celebration of summer!

Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. with giant puppets and roving performers, craft activities, and food stalls selling locally-produced fare.

The bugle will sound at 7 p.m. and the Summer Revels performers will parade

in to begin the show! The audience will be encouraged to participate in the almost theatre-in-the-round performance and truly be a part of the festivities.

There will be group singing and a lot of dancing—clogging, broom dancing, and even Morris dancing to “Take Me Out to the Ballgame.” A Mummer’s Play will add to the theatrics, and we will end the evening with performers and audience members alike singing and dancing as the sun goes down.

For more information contact Revels North at P.O. Box 415, Hanover, NH 03755. (866) 556-3083. Revels North.org.



Giant puppets parade on the Green at the Annual Summer Revels in Norwich, VT. photo by Evan Oxenham



Exuberant dancers perform at the Summer Revels in Norwich, VT. photo by Evan Oxenham



Climbing the pole at the Summer Revels in Norwich, VT. photo by Evan Oxenham



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# Plan to Visit The Vermont History Expo, June 18-20

This year the Tunbridge World's Fairgrounds in Tunbridge, VT will come alive on June 18 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with The Vermont History Expo, a celebration of Vermont's history with fun for the whole family.

The Vermont Historical Society will make a huge splash with the theme H2O: The Power of Water in Vermont History.

During the Expo weekend, Vermont museums and historical societies come to the historic Tunbridge Fairgrounds to share their community's history in five different buildings, four tents, and throughout the grounds. Four barns are filled with heritage animal breeds and educational demonstrations by the 4-H youth who care for them.

The Vermont Historical Society hosts contemplative presentations by authors and historians in two different tents, features various living history encampments, and provides a large space devoted to historic children's games and crafts, Let's Go Fishing and the Science of Water tent.

Storytellers, artists, musicians, history organizations, authors, crafters, animals, and genealogists complete this history-filled extravaganza!

For over a decade, the Vermont Historical Society has organized the Vermont History Expo, a weekend festival showcasing and engaging thousands of Vermonters with their state's history. This event is unique in the United States and has been established as a biannual event.

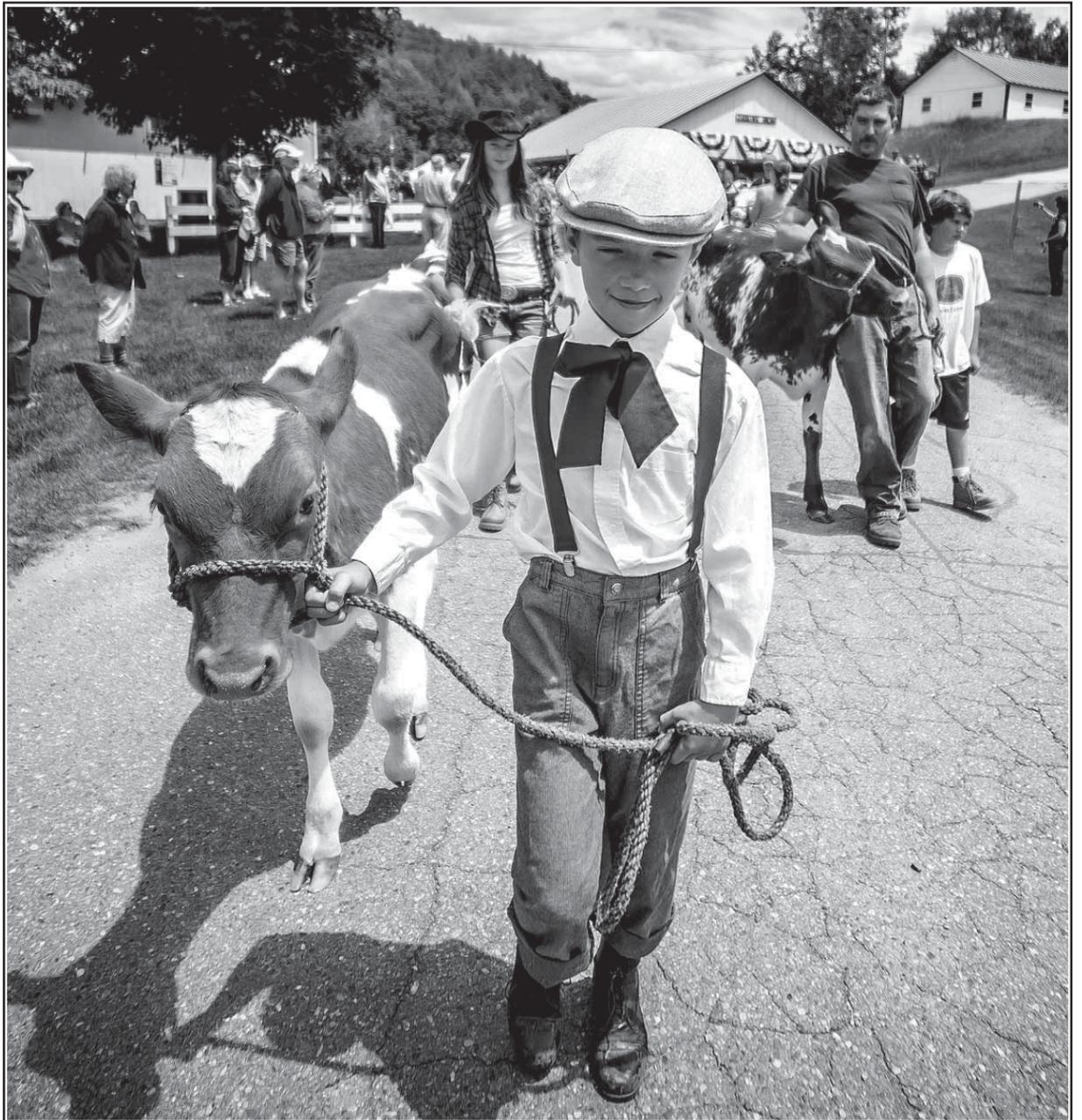
## History Expo Special Features

**Artist of History Expo 2016**—With creative eye and steady hand, Vermont artists have always helped enhance the stories of Vermont's history. The 2016 History Expo features Huntington, Vermont's own Daryl Storrs—her pastel painting entitled Lake Champlain will be used as Expo's signature artwork.

**Historical exhibits**—History exhibits will feature stories from over one hundred local historical societies, heritage organizations, and museums. Visitors will find many exhibits about the effects of water throughout Vermont history. Snow and ice have made Vermont a winter sports capital and each Vermont town can boast of a beloved community swimming hole, covered bridge, or water's impact on local industry. This is also a forum to tell the story about Vermont floods..

**Crafters and artisans**—Crafters and artisans will provide demonstrations from timber framing to hooking rugs and spinning wool to show visitors how their ancestor did it, linking past to present. Plan to view other traditions at the working blacksmith shop, printing press, 19th-century one-room schoolhouse, and more.

**Living Historians**—Every History Expo includes living history encampments. Experience the chill of soldier's strife and the extraordinary efforts of battle-fatigued Vermonters during some of our earliest wars. Visitors will learn from living historians watching their toils unfold with reenactments about Vermont's past.



A young exhibitor leads his calf in the parade at the Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge, VT.

**Music and entertainment**—Expo attendees will find music and entertainment at two different stages, one on Antique Hill and one at the Gazebo in the center of the fairgrounds. The Larkin Contra Dancers and other favorites return.

**Family Fun**—There is always an emphasis on family fun at the History Expo with games and child's play on both Saturday and Sunday. The day-to-day lives of children growing up in Vermont have changed dramatically through the

years but play provides a link across generations. Hands-on activities that include Let's Go Fishing will encourage new connections.

**Heritage Animals**—Don't miss the parade each day of the weekend at noontime. Many heritage-breed animals will be shown in the parade and demonstrations of horses, pigs, cattle, poultry, and more can be seen up close at Expo. Visitors will be able to see Morgan horses in action.

**Genealogy**—Genealogy presentations abound at History Expo with public access computers providing interested attendees with the opportunity to search for their family histories. The Historical Society's Leahy Library staff members can provide expert advice.

**Authors**—Sara Rath, author of the Vermont Historical Society's newest book *Seven Years of Grace: The Inspired Mission of Achsa W. Sprague* will be the featured author at Expo. Other authors at Expo will highlight Vermont's history—or simply tell the story about a way of life in Vermont.

*The Tunbridge World's Fairgrounds are on Rt. 110 in Tunbridge, VT. Admission to the Vermont History Expo is: \$10 adults; \$5 children; ages 5 and under are free; \$20 family pass. Half price for visitors in period dress. Visit [vermonthistory.org/expo](http://vermonthistory.org/expo). For info contact Amanda Gustin at (802) 828-2180 or [amanda.gustin@vermonthistory.org](mailto:amanda.gustin@vermonthistory.org); Julie Nelson at (802) 479-8519 or [julie.nelson@vermonthistory.org](mailto:julie.nelson@vermonthistory.org).*

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# Hummingbirds, Skunks and Humans

by Burr Morse

Did you ever hear a hummingbird scream? Well, actually they don't really scream but make a sort of a feeble peep... "feep, feep, feep". The other day I was going home for lunch. As I passed through our loading dock, there was a tiny hummingbird fluttering against the roofing between two rafters. He was in great distress, feep, feep, feeping, and taking quite a battering. He could have escaped very easily by simply losing a few inches in altitude and flying out the large opening over the loading dock but was bent on only going up.

I felt sorry for the little guy, but thought he would surely figure it out while I was at lunch. Half an hour later I returned and there he was, still in a panic between those rafters. Clearly the little guy needed my help so I got the step ladder and climbed to where I gently grabbed him and released him to the freedom of the great outdoors.

This reminds me of a story my father, Harry, used to tell. He came across a skunk one day who's front end was firmly stuck in a jar while its back end was a rigid turret, poised and ready for action. As you might imagine, my father was stumped over just how to approach helping this creature. Knowing he had to do something, he opted for psychology over force.

Talking gently to it, he crept toward its relaxing posterior. Reaching point blank range, Harry knelt down and gently stroked the skunk's back. More like a beagle, Mr. Skunk warmed up to the massage with obvious pleasure and a slow wriggling from the jar. Before he ambled away, he turned toward my father and said "thanks a lot" in a language only understandable to other skunks and a relieved Harry Morse.

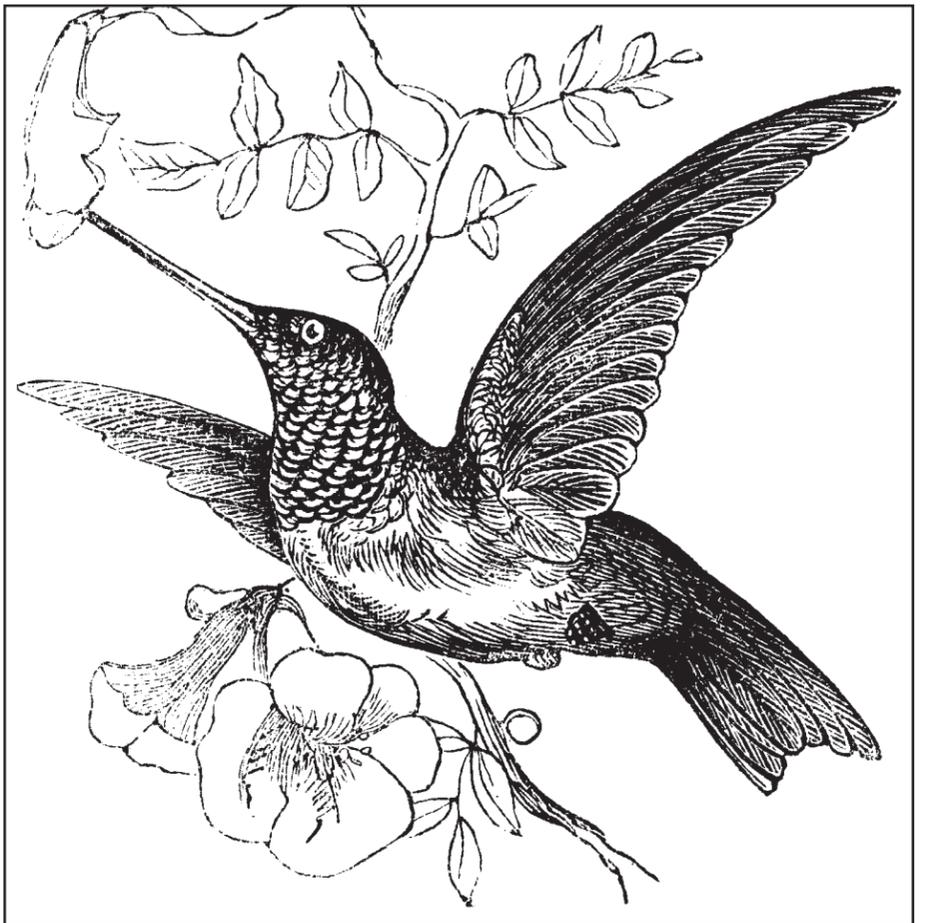
It seems people are doing the same thing a lot these days. We get into tough spots, panic and begin flail-

ing ourselves. Like the hummingbird flying down and the skunk relaxing its tightened muscles, if we would only count to ten and think, we would walk away from many a predicament.

Here in Vermont, life is a little slower and we find ourselves saying "feep, feep, feep" a little less often. I love what I do, so an occasional panic attack is ok anyway.

Oh by the way...the next time you see a skunk stuck in a bottle and it's saying "feep, feep, feep", it might only be a hummingbird; thereagain, it's probably a skunk, but for heaven's sake, Help the guy out 'cause he's in trouble!!

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## Strawberry Time

Strawberry time—and my grandma isn't here, But I can hear her plainly, "Go on, child dear, Down to Martin's fallow and pick a bowl or two, To eat with cream and sugar. Do, child, do." And I would take the largest bowl and pick, As fast as fast, To get it full for Grandma, and at the very last I'd pile the top with bunches of berries dark and red, I couldn't seem to leave them, although she'd smiled And said to snatch them off as quickly, As quickly as could be— "So we can have a little feast—just for you and me." I'd soon be running home again, and she would laugh And say, "Smart girl," and stroke my hair— You know a grandma's way. But once when we were eating them old Harriet went by, And peeked in at the window, and I knew by her eye That she'd be telling Mother and stirring up a fuss The way she always did, and loved to do, about us. And she did! Then Mother scolded poor Grandma and me, For she needed all that cream. We were so poor, you see. But Grandma took it nicely, and braided up my hair, And rocked me off to sleep in the red rocking-chair.

It's strawberry time, and the loveliest of the year, But to me it's always lonely since Grandma isn't here, But I think of her a lot and very often dream Of when I picked the berries And Grandma stole the cream.

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# North Country Book News

Book Reviews by Charles Sutton

## Some Great Summer Stories for Children

This is the time for enjoying outdoor adventures, games, and gardens—the substance of summer but what about summer reading. Here are some stories to savor on a rainy day or in the shade of a tree in your backyard.

We know bears are clever finding food even from bird feeders in the backyard, but did you know they may also have a talent for music? You'll find out all about this in *The Bear and the Piano* written and illustrated by David Litchfield (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$16.99, [www.hmhco.com](http://www.hmhco.com)).

Follow the story of one bear cub who happens upon an abandoned 'thing' in the woods. He touches it with his stubby paws and it makes an awful sound. He is challenged to make 'it' sound better and he practices the abandoned piano for days, weeks, months, years through all seasons until the sounds become beautiful.

He is now a grown bear and plays for other bears making "magical melodies from the strange thing." Unfortunately his spectators, a girl and her father, hear the bear playing and convince him to come to the city to play before countless people. The bear becomes a great success, performing sold-out concerts with passion and grace. But he misses home and decides he must return.

But when he reaches his old familiar clearing it is empty. No piano, no bears, no anything. A gray bear appears and leads him into the deep forest to his friends who have kept the piano safe and ready for his return. He plays a concert for them—the most important audience of all.

Beautiful drawings orchestrate this unforgettable musical tale. Learn more at [davidlitchfieldillustration.com](http://davidlitchfieldillustration.com).

The earth provides the life-sustaining air, water and the food we need, but way too often these gifts are taken for granted, unappreciated, and despoiled. So it's refreshing to see one of earth's gifts played out in an allegorical tale—*Greenling* written and illustrated by Levi Pinfeld (Candlewick Press, \$17.99, [www.candlewick.com](http://www.candlewick.com)).

An odd green-colored baby is found abandoned among the wildflowers on the Barleycorn's property. The wife says, "It belongs to the wild, then, and back to the land it should go." But her husband brings the baby Greenling inside the house to be bathed and cared for, even though the couple realizes it's a "different breed and has needs only the trees understand, a vegetable hunger to feed."

The wife says keeping the baby is not right and exclaims "get rid of the goblin by morning. He goes, or we're in for a fight."

But strange events begin the next morning when a huge crop of melons and variety of colored peppers are found growing in their kitchen and fruit-bearing apple trees in their living room. Plants also overgrow their truck and motorcycle, grass is growing out of the phone amidst a garden of black-eyed Susans, and flowers are growing in the bedroom.

Suddenly there's a great commotion from passengers on

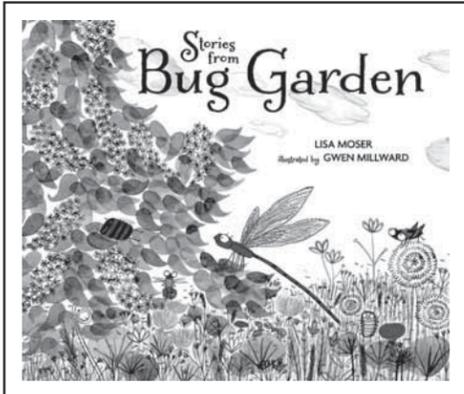
a train that has stalled with thick vines growing over the tracks. An angry crowd demands the vegetable baby must go, but Mrs. Barleycorn says the baby is "just strange and not bad. I think you've got it wrong. We should welcome this Greenling into our house, we've been living in his all along."

The Greenling then sits up and speaks: an old magic word, long since forgotten, casts an odd spell for weeks.

The crowd finally catches on and starts enjoying and eating apples, mangoes, plums and oranges while the Barleycorns and the baby watch.

The land continues to bear its fruits but the Greenling leaves as winter comes. The Barleycorns wonder what the hills and the trees have planned when winter has passed, and spring is to hand...

The author's drawings set in the vast Australian landscape are mystical, thoughtful and amazing. It is no wonder he won an award for Best Emerging Illustrator. He tells us he was inspired to write this story by a chile plant growing through crack in the concrete of his back steps.



Summer may be a good time to visit a playground, but just getting there might be more fun as seen in *Playground* by Mies Van Hout (Lemniscaat, \$17.95, [www.lemniscaat-USA.com](http://www.lemniscaat-USA.com)). A little boy and girl are headed to the playground joined by an assortment of animals along the way. This is challenging as they must decide which path to take. Follow this happy entourage up and down trees, across a river on logs and planks, through a blackberry

patch where they stop for a snack, past a busy anthill, getting from one cliff to another by jumping cloud to cloud, sliding down a hillside, through a cave with its monster, and finally to the playground. What a disappointment—just one swing and a wooden bird to ride! The children all agree—let's go back the way we came—that was more fun.

You'll be taken with the drawings of all animals: bats, penguins, deer, goat, cat, wolf, and a sprinkling of ants.

Readers can follow the trip through the maizes with their fingers because each adventure features a red arrow to show where to start and where to end.

The insect season is here. But your children may never complain again about bugs after reading *Stories from Bug Garden* by Lisa Moser and illustrated by Gwen Millward (Candlewick Press, \$16.99, [www.candlewick.com](http://www.candlewick.com)). This enchanting book takes us into a forgotten garden with its tumbledown wall, one-wheeled barrow, lots of weeds, but still pretty flowers. We meet a variety of bugs who get along together sharing the space, with amusing encounters people may never see. Watch how an ant and cricket get to eat the peach they couldn't shake loose from its branch in a tree.

The bug family includes a big and small ant, horsefly, dragonfly, lightning bug, cricket, bee, and ladybug. Also sharing the garden are a snail and an earthworm who loves the flowers from down below under a rainbow of roots. Double page spreads highlight the bugs adventures including a spectacular scene when the flowers burst into bloom.

The artist has given the bugs expressions that make them just enchanting, while still bugs.

Children the world over play hide and seek, a fun game especially if there are no toys. In this very amusing story, *Have You Seen Elephant?* by David Barrow (Gecko Press, \$16.99, [www.geckopress.com](http://www.geckopress.com)) we meet a tiny boy with an unusual playmate for a game of hide and seek—a giant elephant.

The elephant tells the boy: "I'm very good." The boy agrees to play but the elephant must hide first. As the game progresses the elephant regardless of his size is always able to hide from the boy. He covers up with a blanket. He hides behind a TV screen where a soccer match is being played. Also under a lamp shade. The boy keeps seeking.

The game moves outside and still the boy doesn't see the elephant hiding in a tool shed and even behind a tree. "I give up," the boy exclaims as the elephant reappears.

A turtle arrives on the scene who asks the boy if he wants to play tag, but warns with those familiar words, "But I am very good." Readers have to wonder if the little boy will try again. A very amusing tale with wonderful illustrations.



## Book News

### Vermont Wild Books for Dads & Grads

Just in time for Father's day, *Vermont Wild, Adventures of Fish & Game Wardens* author Megan Price will appear at two Vermont public libraries to share details of her popular stories and dedicate copies for fans seeking an unique gift for "dads and grads."

Megan Price will be at the Fairfax Community Library, 75 Hunt St. in Fairfax, VT on Saturday, June 4th, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and on Saturday, June 11th, at the Rutland Free Library at 10 Court St. in Rutland, VT from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

This is an opportunity for fans to purchase any of the four volume *Vermont Wild* series and have their books dedicated by the author.

A former reporter and state legislator, Price began collecting and writing humorous retired warden encounters to preserve Vermont's best outdoor adventures. The men's encounters with hungry bears, charging moose, hard headed hunting dogs and wily poachers became an instant hit. Price has been called a folklore artist for her efforts in collecting and preserving these stories for all ages to enjoy.

The family-friendly warden adventures are used as bedtime stories, in schools

to encourage children to read, shared at hunting camp and even read out loud in nursing homes. Vermont Wild books are best sellers at the state's independent bookstores.

"Without the hard work and tenacity of fish and game wardens, Vermonters would not enjoy the wildlife we see today," Price said. "These books preserve and share what I believe is a critical part of our history while thanking them for protecting what I cherish most—wildlife."

*Vermont Wild* has been featured on Vermont Public Radio and has twice earned a mention on the nationally recognized Publisher's Weekly website. Published in paperback by Pine Marten Press, the volumes feature water resistant covers and large print to encourage readers to stuff them into a backpack and head into the woods to read the stories out loud to friends around a campfire.

*Vermont Wild! All four volumes are available for \$19.95 each at Northshire Bookstore in Manchester, VT; Misty Valley Books in Chester, VT; Phoenix Books in Essex and Burlington, VT; Kinney Drugs, and fine shops statewide!*

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# Nature's Bounty For Our Summer Table

Jennifer Trainor Thompson has been sailing along the New England coast since she was a small girl. She knows where the best coves and harbors to drop anchor are, but also the best ports to put into for good seafood or just to admire the sights and their particular 'personalities.'

If you love seafood, read her book, *Fresh Fish—A Fearless Guide To Grilling, Shucking, Searing, Poaching and Roasting Seafood* by Jennifer Trainor Thompson (Storey Publishing, \$19.95, [www.storey.com](http://www.storey.com))

Considering South Norwalk, CT, she writes, a "local, salty, gritty and coming on, with tequila bars around the corner from oyster joints and places like Hillard Bloom Shellfish Co. which farms oysters from some 11,000 underwater acres from Greenwich to Branford."

Learn also about New Bedford, MA where the scallop industry may be booming now, but the fishermen are still cautious, remembering the collapse of the fishing industry in the 1980s. "Today the former whaling capital of the world is a city with a past, a commercial waterfront tangle of ice houses, fish houses, docks, vacant mills, bars, and boat engine manufacturers, with the smell of brine in the air."

As for Portland, ME, Jennifer calls it "a tablecloth kind of place and a spirited food culture which includes turnip farmers, divers who deliver hand-harvested scallops to back doors, hot

of seaweed of which 250 species grow from islands in the Gulf of Maine north to the Bay of Fundy. She reports rockweed is one of Maine's most valuable resources, a \$20 million a year market.

After the collapse of the herring industry in the 1990s, fishermen kept on lobstering and shell fishing, but took to aquaculture and fish farming, and started exporting dulse and other sea vegetables. Among these are nori, kombu, alaria and kelp.

Ecosystems also created an oyster renaissance where East Coast oyster production has doubled in the past five years. Some change since the 1970s when many people wouldn't eat raw oysters for fear of pollution.

Jennifer writes that only a small percentage of oysters today are caught wild, but instead are farmed in nets and trays suspended in the water. Her book has recipes for oysters including grilled oysters with habanero sauce, naked oysters with citrus mignonette and cornmeal-crusted oysters with old bay sauce.

Fresh Fish concentrates on species that are native to New England's coastal waters and out in the ocean as far as the Grand Banks. Included are a wide choice of gourmet recipes for bass, bluefish, clams, codfish, crab, flounder, fluke, haddock, lobster, mussels, oysters, scallops, shrimp, skate, swordfish, tuna, whitefish, as well as several chowders.

## Book Reviews by Charles Sutton

This fascinating cookbook should be your top choice for preparing fish. It also has a place with the

history books in your library.

Jennifer Trainor Thompson is the author 18 books including *The Fresh Egg Cookbook* and *Hot Sauce*. She divides her time between the Berkshires and Buzzards Bay in Massachusetts.

Imagine a lifestyle where just about everything you eat comes from the countryside, woodlands, rivers, sea and shore, and your own garden. And this is not just "back-to-the earth" survival.

See how it is possible to have outdoor adventures but also ending up delicious meals in *The Field to Table Cookbook—Gardening, Foraging, Fishing & Hunting* by Susan L. Ebert (Rizzoli International Publications, \$40, [www.rizzoliusa.com](http://www.rizzoliusa.com)).

The author, who grew up in Kentucky, learned about organic gardening while working for Rodale publications in the 1980s. In the mid-1990s she became editor and publisher of *Texas Parks & Wildlife* magazine which she writes "led me hunt, fish, paddle, and adventure in breathtaking wild places from the Red River to the Rio Grande Valley."

Her unusual cookbook has 150 tempting recipes arranged for each month of the year, whose ingredients come from the natural world, not the supermarket or butcher shop. They are fresh vegetables grown in her garden; fruits, berries, and other surprises from foraging, and fresh-caught fish and game in season. Her husband sometimes hunts with her, and her two daughters are fishing companions. Readers will find most of the game and some fish, fruits and vegetables available in northern climates. This includes whitetail deer, feral hogs, rabbit, quail, pheasant, wild turkeys, doves, teal, ducks and geese.

Here's what Susan will be cooking for June: smoked whole sucking pig, smoked fresh ham, streamside sunfish and skillet potatoes, classic catfish fish fry, blue corn hushpuppies, grilled red snapper and peaches with peach chutney, elderberry ice cream, elderberry energy bars, peach tart in almond

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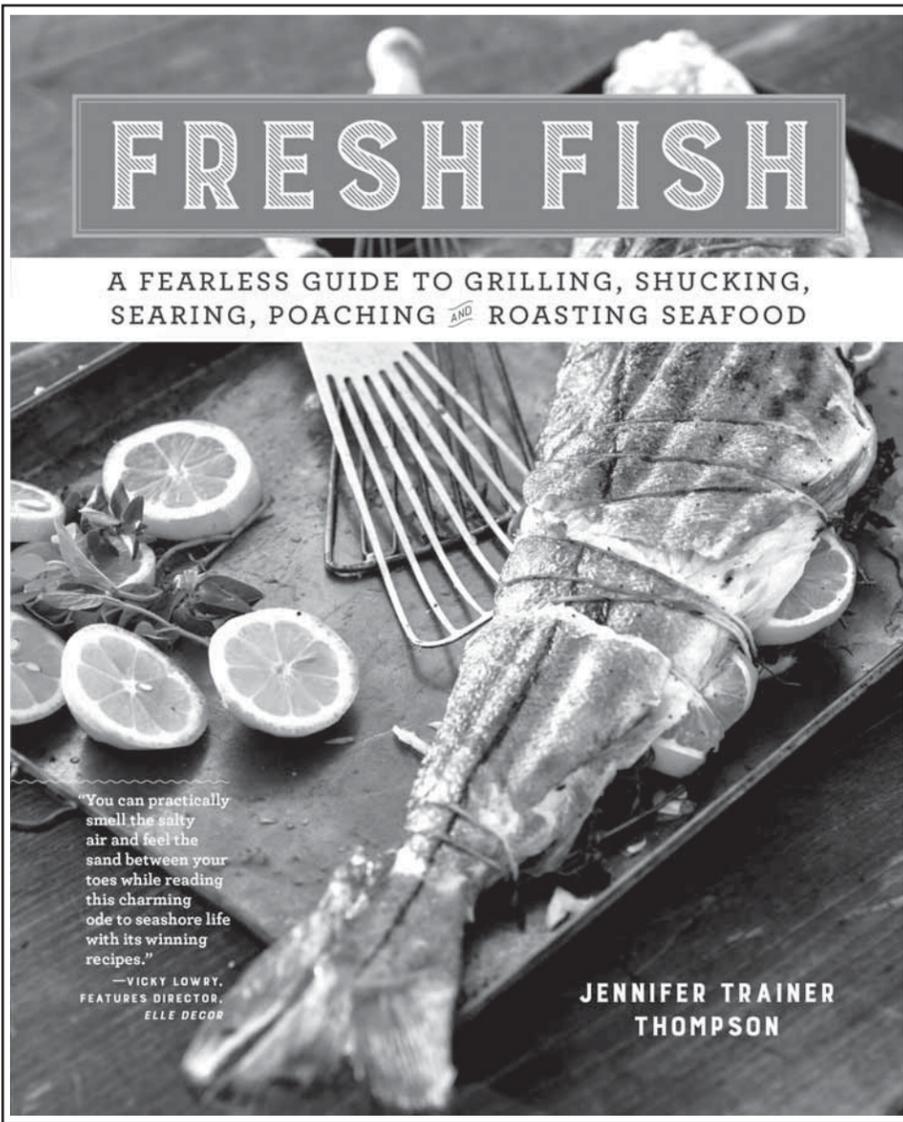
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This 425-page masterpiece with its spectacular color photographs is the work of a 'culinary alchemist,' professional forager and wild food instructor who may live in southern California, but his expert advice for foraging techniques and how to preserve and use this harvest in your home cooking applies anywhere.

Topics include preserving by dehydrating; creating wild spice blends; making cold infusions; brewing primitive wild beers; freezing herbs; putting together hot wild sauces; and making jams and syrups with wild ingredients. He tells us what's edible versus unpalatable and poisonous.

One intriguing chapter is "cooking with dirt, sticks, bark, leaves, sap and stones." See a photo of a trout cooked in bark with riverbank plants and herbs!

The author is especially keen on collecting and cooking with cattails and has uses for their roots, shoots and flowers and how to make cattail starch.

This foraging encyclopedia closes with photographs of a 10-course dinner he and his wife-chef Mia put on for their friends, which took three hours to eat.

Among the 'foraged-based' dishes served were forest floor goat stew; quail confit with elderflower beurre blanc; duck prosciutto infused in chaparral sages; cactus pad palletas; local black walnut nocino and white fir aged in our own oak barrel; acorn burger, charcoal bun with elderberry ketchup and wild spicy black mustard.

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# Why We Celebrate June as Dairy Month in Vermont

by Roger Albee

There are many reasons to celebrate Vermont's dairy industry, and many facts bear that out. We know that dairy brings in \$2.2 billion to Vermont's economy and accounts for 70% of agricultural sales. Six to seven thousand jobs in our state depend on dairy. In addition, New England depends on the state's milk production with sixty-three percent of the region's supply coming from farms in Vermont. There have been many changes in Vermont's dairy industry over the years.

History shows that dairy started slowly. The commercial dairy industry in Vermont did not begin until the demise of the world-renowned Marino sheep sector in the mid-1800s.

## It all started with butter

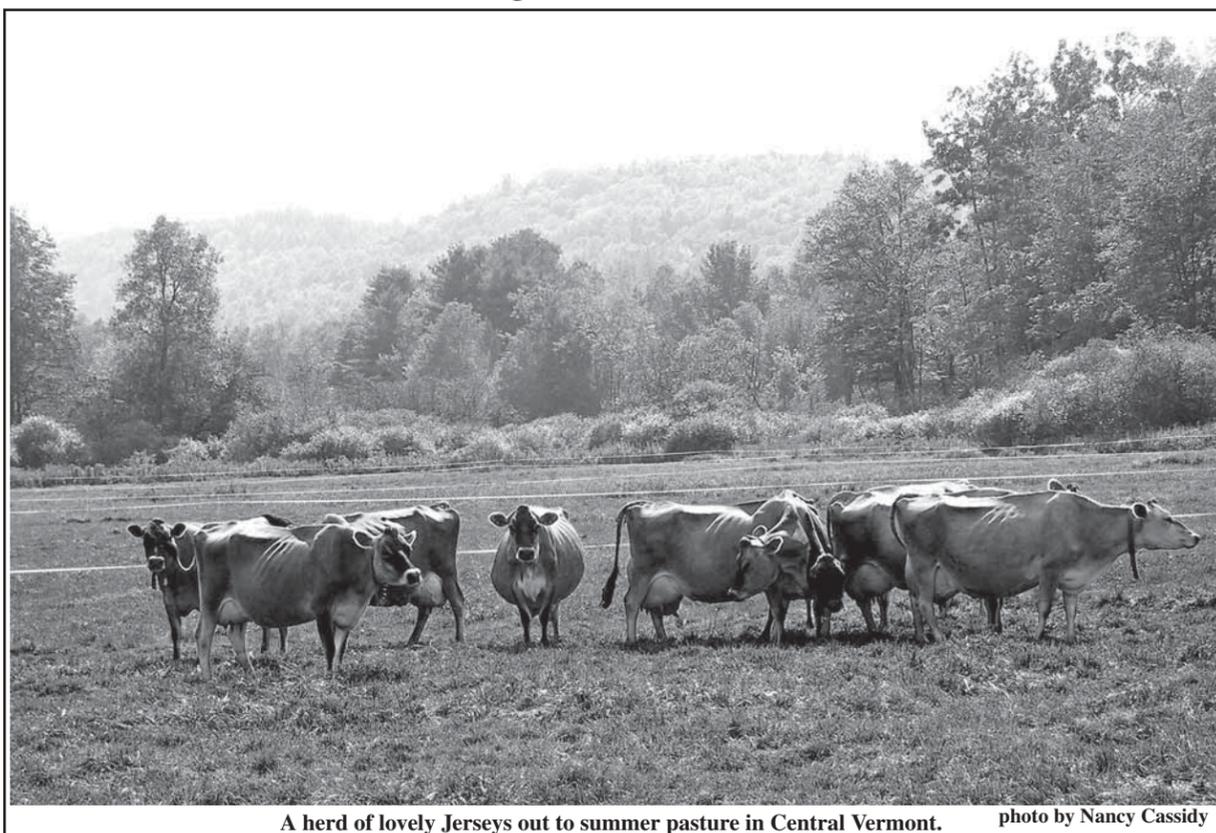
Dairy, from the beginning, has been well suited for our state's grassland economy. At first butter was the main product produced on the farm. By the mid- to late-1800s there was a growth in local creameries due to the fact that milk could not be shipped long distances. For example, by 1900 there were 186 creameries and 66 cheese factories in the state. In the late-1800s St. Albans was known as the butter capital of the world, with one butter train per week leaving for the Boston Market. Buyers from as far away as New York and Boston came to the town each week to bid on blocks of butter, and by 1880 one-fourth of the state's butter production came from that area.

There was increased attention to dairy cow genetics as many farmers came to realize that making good butter required good milk and more than milking the old family cow. Entire new support industries, like the butter tub factories in Montgomery and Stowe, Vermont, and the Vermont Machine Factory in Bellows Falls that made butter churns, grew up around the butter trade. During this period, Vermont butter won international awards for best butter in the world.

Laws were enacted at the state and national levels to protect this industry. For example, it was unlawful to serve any imitation butter product at any place of business in the state. When margarine was introduced, it was illegal to sell the product except in its original white color or form (some might remember the yellow coloring sold separately from the margarine in the way distant past.)

## The advent of shipping fluid milk

Changes in demand and in the industry itself took place when nearby cities reached out for fluid milk in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Producing and shipping fluid milk to urban markets in other states created some new challenges for dairy farmers in Vermont. They now depended on others



A herd of lovely Jerseys out to summer pasture in Central Vermont. photo by Nancy Cassidy

for shipping and for marketing and they had to comply with new health requirements. This led to the establishment of dairy cooperatives within Vermont and nationally to better control pricing and quality standards. The first milk train left Bellows Falls, Vermont for Boston in 1890. By 1928 the profitability of Vermont's dairy farmers was linked to the fluid market. Today about \$400 million in sales come from fluid milk and \$650 million from cheese, with the remainder of the \$1.3 billion in sales from other products like yogurt and ice cream.

## Family dairy farms abound in Vermont

A lot has changed over the years and continues to change as in any industry sector linked to national and international markets. Today the 850 plus dairy farms in Vermont are family owned with the majority having less than 200 cows. Five percent of the 321 million gallons of milk sold is certified organic, and dairy cooperatives are important to those sales. It is no wonder that dairy is still so revered in our state with 97% of Vermonters saying that this industry is important to the state, its beauty, and way of life.

In 1937, June was designated as National Dairy Month as a way of promoting the drinking of milk. As we think about Vermont's dairy industry and its importance to our state today, join your neighbors across the nation, as well as the state, in celebrating June as dairy month.

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## Pasture Bars

He found the Jerseys waiting patiently,  
Grouped near the bars beneath the pasture hill,  
Calm-eyed, serene, a part of patient days  
And seasons going by with footsteps still.

With grave regard they watched the bar's release  
Bring freedom and the fresh, sweet wayside grass  
And homeward turned sedately, while he paused  
Waiting the pleasure of an idling lass.

And then delayed beside the open bars,  
Beyond which he could see the dark hills' blue  
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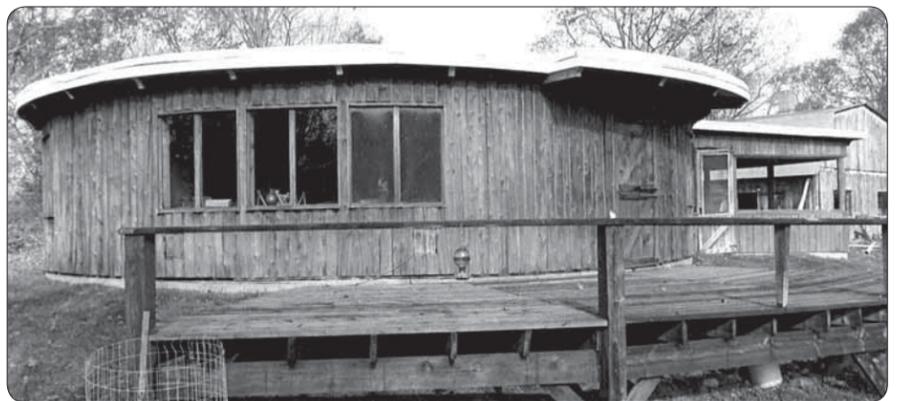
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 By an old stone cellar there are daffodils  
 And bluets where a pasture brook runs slow.

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

I cannot remember the path that winds along there,  
 I remember only a wild rose in the lane  
 Where you cross by a thicket beyond the maidenhair,  
 Past the place I found a gentian in the rain.

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