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### 15th Annual Antique Tractor Day

Billings Farm & Museum will host the 15th Annual Antique Tractor Day on Sunday, August 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring both restored and unrestored tractors dating from the 1930s to the 1960s.

The narrated tractor parade at 1 p.m. provides a wonderful opportunity to see the machines operating, with interesting and historical background details about each tractor. Tractor-drawn wagon rides will be offered; make-it-take-it wooden tractors for children, a toy tractor sandbox, ice cream making, and more.

### Heritage Chicken Days

Billings Farm & Museum is featuring Heritage Chicken Days on Saturday & Sunday, August 15 & 16, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A variety of heritage chicken breeds will be featured, including threatened and rare breeds like the Blue Andalusian and Buff Laced Polish. All are protected breeds of the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy, a nonprofit membership organization working to conserve over 180 historic breeds of livestock and poultry and maintain genetic diversity.

Heritage Chicken Days will feature programs and information about each breed's unique traits, plus interesting facts about chicken and eggs. Chicken-themed activities and programs for children will include make-it-and-take crafts and games.

### 29th Annual Quilt Exhibition:

The 29th Annual Quilt Exhibition from August 1 through September 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., is hosted by Billings Farm & Museum again this year. The exhibition features quilts

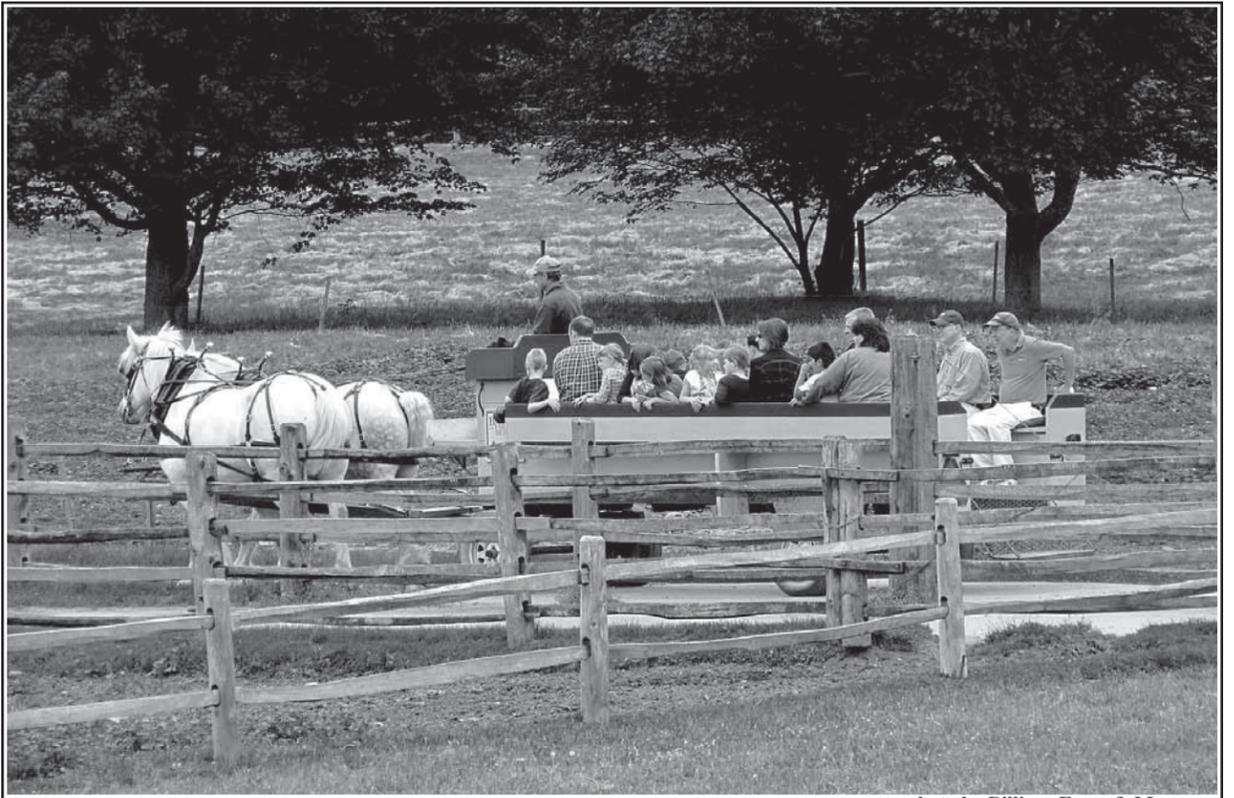


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Visitors enjoy a ride around the farm at Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT.

made by Windsor County quilters. A special highlight this year is a "feed sack quilt" made entirely of feed sacks collected at the Billings Farm during the 1950s and 1960s. Cynthia Brown Hilliard, whose father Raymond Brown was the farm's herdsman for decades, grew up on the farm and made the quilt in 2013 from feed sacks that her mother had saved many years ago.

The exhibition will include quilting activities and demonstrations for every age and skill level, with quilters on hand to discuss their work. Challenge quilts made by The Heart of the Land Quilters' Guild will be exhibited. This year's theme is "Five Seasons of Vermont - winter, mud, spring, summer and fall." (yes there is a mud season in Vermont!) A quilt challenge requires specific design and construction rules agreed upon by guild members, with the goal of improving their quilting skills.

For nearly three decades, Billings Farm & Museum has played a significant role promoting and encouraging the quilting tradition in Windsor County. Still considered both a creative and utilitarian household craft, renewed interest

in the tradition dovetails with the museum's mission of celebrating Vermont's rural heritage. Since 1985, over 270 quilters have submitted more than 1000 quilts for exhibit at the Farm & Museum.

Admission to Billings Farm & Museum's 29th Annual Quilt Exhibition, Heritage Chicken Days, and Antique Tractor Day includes the operating dairy farm, orientation and farm life exhibits, the restored and furnished 1890 Farm House, plus daily programs and activities.

The Billings Farm & Museum is owned and operated by The Woodstock Foundation Inc., a charitable non-profit institution.

Admission to the special events includes all programs and activities, plus the working dairy farm, farm life exhibits, and farm house. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & over \$13, children 5-15 \$8, 3-4: \$4, 2 & under free.

Billings Farm & Museum 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.

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

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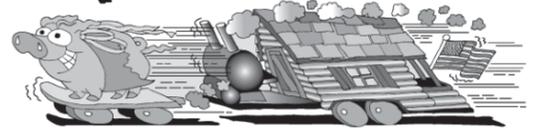


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September 5-12, Rt. 7, Rutland, VT

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There will be sand art for the kids (young and old),

a photo booth, nostalgic signs and t-shirts. Enjoy lots of kinds of street food, ice cream, cotton candy, fried dough and more.

Look over the antique tractors and classic cars. Have fun at the kid's corner including a magician, games, bouncy house, facepainting, youth vendors, and an obstacle course. Watch performances by Troy Wunderle of Circus Smirkus fame.

Bring the family and come for a day of outdoor fun from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free, parking is free, and there will be plenty to see and do!

*For information about the festival or on becoming a vendor, volunteer or sponsor for this fun-filled end of summer event, contact Carol Lighthall at the Springfield On The Move Office, 6 Valley St., Springfield, VT. (802) 885-1527. som@vermontel.net. Visit www.springfieldonthemove.net.*



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# Old-Time End-of-Summer Corn Recipes

by Ella Shannon Bowles  
And Dorothy S. Towle

When authors Ella Bowles and Dorothy Towle assembled these recipes, now over 70 years ago, they passed on to us some of the best and most authentic of eighteenth- and nineteenth-century New England dishes. These were the dishes our grandmothers and their forbears depended on and served with pride.

## Fried Corn

The following two recipes are tried-and-true corn dishes that are popular in New Hampshire.

Cut the corn from the cob, using a sharp knife, and cutting only about half the depth of the kernels. Then with the back of the knife scrape off the rest of the pulp. Put bacon fat and a little butter in an iron skillet. Use one-third cup of fat to five cups of corn. When the fat is hot, add corn and enough water to make a gravy-like mixture. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Cook five minutes, stirring constantly. Reduce the heat and cover the skillet. Let the corn simmer for about twenty minutes longer, stirring occasionally. It should be quite thick when ready to serve. Serves eight to ten.

## Corn Roasted In Ashes

Pull back the husks from ears of freshly gathered corn, remove the silk, and replace the husks. Tie the tips of the husks together. Bury the ears in hot ashes and let them stay for twelve to fifteen minutes. Brush away the ashes and turn back the husks. Rub butter over the corn and eat the ears from the husks.

Another method is to pull back the corn husks and wrap a piece of bacon around each ear. Replace the husks and roast the ears in the usual way.

## Mrs. Leslie's Corn Soup, 1846

Cut whole grains from twelve ears of corn. Add one cup rich milk and cook until the corn is soft. Add two more cups milk, two tablespoons butter cut in pieces and dredged with flour, and salt to taste. Just before serving, add two well-beaten egg yolks. Serve with sugar and nutmeg or with cayenne pepper. Serves six.

## Nantucket Corn Pudding

6 ears corn  
1 pint milk  
¼ pound butter

¼ pound sugar  
Nutmeg and mace  
4 eggs

Boil the corn and scrape the kernels from the cobs. Turn the milk over the corn. Cream the butter, sugar, and spices. Beat the eggs and fold into the butter mixture. Combine with the milk and corn and turn into a buttered baking dish. Bake in a moderate oven, 350°F, until set like custard, about thirty to forty minutes. Serve with butter and sugar or with sugar and cream. Not good cold. Serves six.

## Three Rivers Baked Sweet Corn

½ cup grated cheese  
¼ cup milk  
1 egg, beaten  
2 cups grated corn

½ cup bread crumbs  
Salt and pepper  
1 tablespoon butter

Stir half the cheese into the milk, add the beaten egg, corn, and half the bread crumbs. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Pour into a buttered baking dish, and sprinkle with the remaining cheese and crumbs. Dot with butter. Bake thirty minutes in a moderate oven, 350 degrees F. Serves four.



photo by Nancy Cassidy  
The park and boat landing on Burton Island, a great destination for a day trip. The 253-acre state park, off St. Albans Point in Lake Champlain's 'Inland Sea', is accessible only by boat. The state's passenger ferry makes the 10-minute trip from Kamp Kill Kare State Park from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (802) 524-6353. www.vtstateparks.com.

## Tried-and-True Corn Chowder

¼ cup diced salt pork  
1 onion, sliced  
3 cups boiling water  
3 cups diced potatoes  
2 cups hot milk

2¼ cups fresh corn, or 1 can corn, chopped  
1½ teaspoons salt  
⅛ teaspoon pepper  
6 crackers, split

Try out the pork and cook the onion in the fat. Remove the pork and add the boiling water to the fat and onion. Turn into a chowder kettle, add the potatoes, and cook fifteen minutes. Add the corn, hot milk, and seasonings. Remove from the fire just before the chowder comes to a boil. Add the split crackers and serve at once. Serves six.

## Ashcakes

2 cups corn meal  
1 teaspoon salt

1 tablespoon maple sugar  
Boiling water

Mix the corn meal, salt, and maple sugar with enough boiling water to make a dough you can handle. Let it stand for an hour. Then mold the dough into cakes about one inch thick. Wipe a clean place on the warm hearth and place the cakes on it. Cover with hot ashes and bake about forty-five minutes. Shake off the ashes and very quickly dip the cakes in a dish of hot water. Wipe with a cloth and serve immediately with butter. Makes about twenty-four cakes.

## Summer Succotash

This is one of the recipes from Eliza Leslie's hundred-year-old *Indian Meal Book*.

Cut one-quarter peck of young string beans in one-inch pieces. Cook until tender, fifteen to twenty minutes. Cut the grains from twelve ears of corn, add to the beans with one teaspoon salt. Cook until the corn is tender, about ten minutes longer. Add butter and pepper. Boiled bacon, cut in small slices may be cooked with the beans, and salted or smoked meat is served with the succotash. Serves eight.

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# 10th Annual Rock, Rattle & Drum Pow Wow

The 10th Annual Rock, Rattle & Drum Pow Wow will be held on the beautiful grounds of the Vermont Veteran's Home in Bennington, VT on Saturday, August 8th, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, August 9th, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Grand Entry both days is at 1 p.m.

For two exciting days, Bennington, Vermont will be the center of Native American art and culture where American Indians will gather and share the richness, diversity and beauty of their indigenous culture.

Come stomp, dance, sing and shake your tail feathers! With celebratory dance, song, and drumming, this year's pow wow will explode in a weekend of American Indian music, dance, education, entertainment, arts and crafts vendors and cultural festivities fun for the whole family!

The theme of the pow wow this year is "Rise & Shine, Coming Together As One!" Uniting in the true spirit of humankind our intertribal pow wow is a unique celebration and sharing of Native culture through traditional songs, dances and art. Native Americans ranging in age from toddlers to elders will dance in several different styles including fancy, traditional, grass and jingle dress wearing traditional and contemporary regalia. Drum groups provide vocal and rhythmic accompaniment for the dancers.

### Dance, storytelling, food & crafts!

Everyone native and non-native is welcome. In addition to watching traditional dancing there will be times when non-natives will be invited into the dance arena to share an intertribal dance including a candy dance for the children.

A variety of American Indian culture is expressed through award-winning vendor exhibits of arts, crafts, demonstrations, music, contemporary and traditional foods.

American Indian storytellers will share old native stories with the young and young at heart. American Indian vendors will sell native made arts and crafts such as native beadwork, quill work and silver. Local not-for-profit organizations will also be represented.

Traditional native foods such as Indian fry bread, Indian corn soup and buffalo will be available for purchase.

Back by popular demand, this year's pow wow will feature special performances by Arvel Bird, a Grammy Award Winner Native American violinist, flute player singer and

storyteller; and Danza Azteca—the Aztec Dance Group.

### Arvel Bird will perform

Arvel Bird is a violinist and Native American flutist extraordinaire and recording artist, known around the world for his dramatic connection between Celtic and Native American traditions, stirring up scenes that echo from North American memory. Dubbed "Lord of the Strings" by fans and music critics, his music evokes the soul of North American history.

### A stellar group

For the ninth year, Aaron Athey of the Mohegan Nation is the Master of Ceremonies; Nakia Pasaghesic of the Ojibway and Abenaki Nation is the Head Lady Dancer; Hassan Ridgeway of the Leni-Lenape/Nanticoke Indians is the Head Man Dancer; Anisha Marion/Pasaghesic, Ojibway and Abenaki, is the Head Junior Lady Dancer; and Skye Pagesiaic, Ojibway and Abenaki, is the Head Junior Man Dancer. Red Blanket will be the Host Southern Drum; Rez Dogs is the Head Northern Drum; and the Wampum Boy, an intertribal drum, will perform this year.

### Honoring the veterans

This year our pow wow will honor Veterans of the Abenaki Tribe, and share an indigenous perspective on sustainable living. Our special veteran's honoring and presentation during the Grand Entry on Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. is one of the highlights of the pow wow. All Veterans and their families are welcome to participate. There will also be an honoring of the Abenaki Bands of Vermont.

All tickets are available at the gate. Pow wow one day admission prices are \$7 adults, \$5 seniors 65+ and youth 11-17, \$1 children 10 and under. The event is rain or shine, with a pavilion available.

This event is hosted by Healing Winds, a not-for-profit Native American educational and cultural organization. Most of their programs are produced in the tri-state region of Vermont, Massachusetts and New York.

*The 10th Annual Rock, Rattle & Drum Pow Wow will be held on the grounds at The Vermont Veterans' Home, located at 325 North St. (US Rt. 7) in Bennington, VT. For more information please call Healing Winds at (413) 443-2481 or e-mail humanityinconcert@earthlink.net. Visit www.healingwinds.net. www.arvelbird.com.*



Arvel Bird will be performing at the Rock, Rattle & Drum Pow Wow in Bennington, VT.

## Visit the Robert Frost Museum in Shaftsbury

Frost's Stone House is located in So. Shaftsbury, Vermont on Historic Route 7A, a short distance from his gravesite in Bennington.

The museum features galleries in the house where Frost lived and in the very rooms where he wrote some of his finest poetry. His fourth book was published during this period and for it, he won his first Pulitzer Prize. The volume, entitled *New*

*Hampshire*, contains one of our most beloved poems, "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening." Frost wrote the poem on a hot June morning in 1922 at the dining room table.

The central hallway is dedicated to Frost's "wood-chopper," J. J. Lankes, who decorated Frost's books in the 1920s with wood cut prints.

The grounds of the property are complete with many images that evoke Frost's poetry including some of Frost's original apple trees.

A self-guided tour is offered and visitors may spend

as much or little time as desired. Please arrive no later than 4:30 p.m. Photography not permitted inside. Children are welcome.

*Robert Frost Stone House Museum, 121 Historic Rt. 7A in So. Shaftsbury, VT. Open May 1 through October 31, Wed through Sun; closed Mon and Tues. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: adults \$6, seniors (60 plus) \$5, under 18 years old \$3, under 10 years old free (cash or check; no credit or debit cards).*

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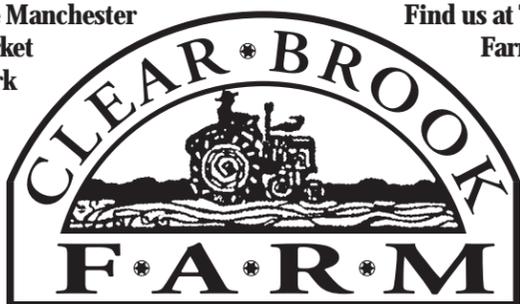


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# Fairies Set Up Residence

by Tony Marro

The fairies of legend generally hid from real people and could be mischievous and malevolent. The fairies now at the Dollhouse and Toy Museum of Vermont in Bennington are neither, nor are they—as some of the folklore bogeymen, goblins, and trolls who also were considered to be fairies—wizened and bearded men with humped backs and bulging red eyes. Instead, they are tiny winged pixies like Tinkerbell who are anxious to show off their homes in the new collection of fairy houses now on exhibit there.

### Helen Greene's fairy houses on display

The fairy houses are imaginative and enchanting creations that were carved mainly from gourds by Helen Greene, who is retiring this year after having been an art teacher at Bennington Elementary School and Monument Elementary School since 1998. Photographs of them will form the core of children's book about fairies and fairy houses that she hopes to publish, along with poems about fairies by her husband, Mitch Greene, and drawings of fairies by Adrian Sweeney, who has been teaching art at the Village School in North Bennington since 1992.

Some of the drawings and poems are included in the exhibit along with the fairy houses and fairies themselves, and with several other rustic and fully furnished fairy houses that are part of the museum's permanent collection.

### A very real tradition

Fairies—sometimes also called faeries or wee folk—are magical creatures that have long been part of the folklore of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, as well as part of Germany, Scandinavia, France and elsewhere. The term "fairy" originally meant "enchanted", and all the different kinds of fairies had some sort of magical powers. In the distant past they were depicted either as tall angelic beings or short and wizened creatures like gnomes or trolls. But since the Victorian Era they have mainly been depicted as tiny winged creatures, like miniature young women. In the past, they often were shown flying on ragwort stems or on the backs of birds, but fairies today are generally pictured as flying with insect wings or butterfly wings of their own.

Fairies have been a part of folklore for thousands of years, but constructing fairy houses—which in recent years has become something of a phenomenon—dates back just about a hundred years, when people began making them in coastal Maine to attract fairies that were thought to protect livestock and children in the harsh winters.

### Just how do you make a fairy house

Most fairy houses are small structures made from natural materials such as rocks, twigs, moss, acorns, shells and bark. All of these are incorporated into the Helen Greene fairy houses in this collection, in which some of the gourds that form the main part of the houses are carved in the form of jack-o-lanterns or combined with toadstools and tree trunks and all are inhabited by many of tiny fairies also made by Helen Greene. The exhibit will stay in place until autumn.

The permanent collection of the dollhouse museum includes many large and fully-furnished dollhouses, from modest Cape Cods to elaborate Victorian homes; a large collection of Madam Alexander dolls; an exciting collection of puppets and marionettes, one of which has a rabbit magician pulling a man out of a hat; and such toys for boys as vintage trains, planes, circus wagons and Erector sets.

*The Dollhouse and Toy Museum is located at 212 Union St. (at the corner of Valentine St.) in downtown Bennington, VT. It is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2 children three and older, \$4 adults, and \$10 families. For information, please visit [www.dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com](http://www.dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com) or call (802) 681-3767.*



photo by Tony Marro  
This kind little fairy brought cake to share with the mice living in the upstairs pumpkin.



Helen Greene. photo by Tony Marro

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The public is invited to visit farms and farmers markets throughout the state to meet local farmers and explore their farms for a behind-the-scenes agricultural experience. It's a great opportunity to learn more about food production in Vermont.

Over eighty farms from across the state are participating in Open Farm Week, each offering unique activities, including tours, demonstrations, product tasting, scavenger hunts, and more.

A complete list of participating farms can be found at [diginvt.com](http://diginvt.com). The NOFA-VT website, [www.nofavt.org/openfarmweek](http://www.nofavt.org/openfarmweek), features an interactive map and a list of agricultural businesses such as farmers markets, CSAs, and farm stands.

"This weeklong event is

really a celebration of our farmers and our agricultural landscape," said NOFA-VT's Erin Buckwalter.

NOFA Vermont is member-based organization working to grow local farms, healthy food, and strong communities in Vermont. The members are farmers, gardeners, educators and food lovers of all sorts—anyone who wants to help create a future full of local food and local farms.

NOFA-VT programs include farmer and gardener technical assistance, farm to school support, organic certification, advocacy, an online apprentice and farm worker directory, an annual Winter Conference, and programs that work to ensure access to fresh, local food for all Vermonters, regardless of income.

For more information about NOFA-VT, call (802) 434-4122. [kim@nofavt.org](mailto:kim@nofavt.org). Visit [nofavt.org](http://nofavt.org).



A curious Jersey and a Holstein heifer out enjoying a late summer field in Central Vermont. photo by Nancy Cassidy

### Evening at the Farm

Over the hill the farm boy goes,

His shadow lengthens along the land,  
A giant staff in a giant hand.  
In the poplar tree, about the spring,  
The katydid begins to sing:

The early dews are falling;  
Into the stone heap darts the ink;  
The swallows skim the river's brink;  
And home to the woodland fly the crows,  
When over the hill the farm boy goes,  
Cheerily calling,

"Co', boss! co', boss! co'! co'!"

Farther, farther, over the hill,  
Faintly calling, calling still,

"Co', boss! co', boss! co'! co'!"

Into the yard the farmer goes,  
With grateful heart, at the close of day;  
Harness and chain are hung away;  
In the wagon-shed stand yoke and plough,  
The straw's in the stack, the hay in the mow,

The cooling dews are falling;—  
The friendly sheep their welcome bleat,  
The pigs come grunting to his feet,  
And the whinnying mare her master knows,  
When into the yard the farmer goes,  
His cattle calling,—

"Co', boss! co', boss! co'! co'! co'!"

While still the cow-boy, far away,  
Goes seeking those that have gone astray,—

"Co', boss! co', boss! co'! co'!"

Now to her task the milkmaid goes,  
The cattle come crowding through the gate,  
Lowing, pushing, little and great;  
About the trough, by the farmyard pump,  
The frolicsome yearlings frisk and jump,

While the pleasant dews are falling:  
The new-milch heifer is quick and shy,  
But the old cow waits with tranquil eye,  
And the white stream into the bright pail flows,  
When to her task the milkmaid goes,  
Soothingly calling,

"So, boss! so, boss! so! so! so!"

The cheerful milkmaid takes her stool,  
And sits and milks in the twilight cool,  
Saying, "So! so, boss! so! so!"

To supper at last the farmer goes.  
The apples are pared, the paper read,  
The stories are told, then all to bed.  
Without, the crickets' ceaseless song  
Makes shrill the silence all night long;

The heavy dews are falling.  
The household sinks to deep repose,  
But still in sleep the farm-boy goes  
Singing, calling,—

"Co', boss! co', boss! co'! co'! co'!"

And oft the milkmaid, in her dreams,  
Drums in the pail with the flashing streams,  
Murmuring "So, boss! so!"

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# A Vermont Almanack for Late Summer

by Bill Felker

*The backyard  
overgrown with wild grape,  
hollyhock, creeping charlie,  
is home to a thousand  
white butterflies this August....*

—Ann Filemyr

## The Cicada & Cricket Moon And the Windfall Apple Moon

Cicadas still call in August, and the chorus of crickets grows stronger throughout the month. Now the unpicked summer apples start to fall, one sign that the all the fruits of August are ripening.

*July 31:* The Cicada and Cricket Moon is full at 5:43 a.m. *August 2:* Lunar Perigee. *August 6:* The Cicada and Cricket Moon enters its final quarter at 9:03 p.m. *August 14:* The Windfall Apple Moon is new at 9:54 a.m. *August 17:* Lunar Apogee. *August 22:* The moon enters its second quarter at 2:31 p.m. *August 29:* The moon is full at 1:35 p.m. *August 30:* Lunar Perigee

## The Sun

August 22nd is Cross-Quarter Day and marks the halfway point between summer solstice and autumn equinox. The sun enters Virgo on the same day. Having fallen just five and a half degrees between summer solstice and August 1 (from a declination of 23 degrees 26 minutes to a declination of 18 degrees), the sun now accelerates its retreat from middle summer to one degree every three days, and it holds that rate of decline through September, rushing headlong into autumn.

## The Shooting Stars

The Perseid meteors reach their best on August 12 and 13, and the dark moon will run no interference with your meteor watch. The Southern Delta Aquarid meteor shower began on July 18 and continues through August 19.

## The Stars

August is the month of the Milky Way in the eastern early night sky. Cygnus can be found there, its formation like a giant cross or like a swan in flight. Below Cygnus, Aquila spreads from its keystone, Altair, like a great eagle. Almost directly overhead, Vega is the brightest star in Lyra. By the time you get up in the morning for chores, the Milky Way will have spread all across the sky from east to west. Cassiopeia and Perseus will be almost overhead, and the Big Dipper will lie along the northern horizon. Cygnus, Aquila and Lyra will be setting in the far west.

## The Planets

Venus remains in Leo as the evening star until August 11; it then retreats from the night and reappears on August 20 as the morning star in the east, still in Leo. Jupiter also remains in Leo, but, following behind Venus, is visible in the west until August 13. Then it too disappears from the night sky, remaining absent until next month, when it rises in the morning behind Venus. Mars, having been lost in the sun since the middle of April, comes up in the east on August 6 in Cancer, rising just before dawn and following Orion into the day. Saturn remains in Libra hugging the western horizon at dusk.

## August Notebook

## Phenology for Late Summer

by Bill Felker

When honeysuckle berries ripen, and hickory nuts and black walnuts drop into the undergrowth, then gardeners dig their potatoes.

When robins make their clucking migration calls, then farmers make corrective lime and fertilizer applications for August and September seeding.

When green acorns fall to the sweet rocket growing back for next year's flowers, then black walnut trees have lost about a third of their leaves and hummingbirds, wood ducks, Baltimore orioles and purple martins start to disappear south.

When the violet Joe Pye weed flowers become gray like the thistle-down, then peaches, processing tomatoes and peppers are almost all picked, and the fruit of the bittersweet ripens orange.

When watermelons are ripe and firefly season comes to a close, then farmers and gardeners cut the last of the oats and put in fall peas.

When spiders start to increase their building of webs in the woodlot, then yellow jacket season begins in the windfall apples and plums, and morning fogs increase in the lowlands.

When the first field corn is mature, then gardeners divide and transplant the lily-of-the-valley. When cardinals stop singing before dawn, the soybean leaves are yellowing in the fields and farmers start to cut corn for silage.



A Monarch Butterfly rests in the garden in Randolph, VT.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

## Autumn Geese

by Bill Felker

The geese are restless now. I heard their first late summer flights July 25th this year. Some years they begin earlier: July 6th in 1986, July 20th in 1990. Some years I hear them later: July 30th in 1984, July 31st in 1992, August 11th in 1991.

I don't think all the geese are migrants, many seem to stay in the area year round. Sometimes a great flock comes over my house, and will even spend a day at the edge of town. I suspect, though, that most of the birds I see or hear, are only going from one nearby pond or part of the river to another.

The geese fly over more often some years than others, but always most consistently in October and November, and they continue only slightly less frequently through the winter. Beginning in late February, they find their nesting sites and settle down through spring and early summer to have and raise their young. Only occasionally does a pair or flock leave the water to come by in May and June. Then in July or early August, the pattern starts again.

My notes on the geese tell me less about the habits of local wildlife than about myself. Like the coming of fall, the flights above my house make me uneasy, and remind me of things I haven't thought much about in the summer. They remind me of the way I used to be, or of the ways I wanted to be, of the ways might have been or still might be.

Even if they are like I am now, tied to this place and not to thousands of miles of open sky, they speak the same lan-

guage as the migrant geese, and their message is as clear as that of the wildest birds. They tell me to forget everything practical, and to fly away.

Their calls, like the changes in the color of the leaves, excite a primitive seasonal conscience in me that says I shouldn't really stay, that there's too much left unexplored. That conscience suggests I ought to be moving on no matter how happy I may be now, that there's a larger purpose than to be here, to obey the overriding survival imprint: to follow the primal autumnal directive into the south to the ocean.

It shows me that passions grow stronger instead of breaking down with time. It transcends commitments and social contracts and physical limitations, is the voice of the deepest self that has to go back alone to its source, follow what August Derleth called its own "dark laws" to an encounter that doesn't have a name except in the call of late summer geese.

## Listen, Hilaria...

"...Listen, Hilaria; we are born and die and then are immortal. But death is not the quiet sleep that comes at the end of life; or the little curtain that falls while we cast off the winter garment of the body, and wander off into June sunshine and singing waters.

There is a death that comes to all of us in life, as it came to me when was taken from me the sight of my eyes, as it came to you when the Welshman from Claregalway entered your sleeping-room—and we sit a little while by ourselves in an apart dark place, and we learn truths, of how certain things one believes to be good are but vulgar selfish things, and how certain things the small think evil are but futile accidents.

And we learn to be kind: such wisdom comes when we are dead. And those who have never died in life, Hilaria, are pleasant shallow people, soulless as seals. O Hilaria, open your blind eyes!"

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From *Blind Raftery and His Wife, Hilaria*



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The Federated Church on Main Street, described as builder Thomas Royal Duke's architectural masterpiece, is a popular stop on the tour. The pulpit, with its intricate moldings and panels is one of the most extraordinary in the state. Duke is also famous for his beautifully scaled spiral staircases. Several of the homes on this year's tour will feature staircases and entryway arches by Duke.

At the Higley House, home of the Castleton Historical Society, visitors can tour the exhibits, antique tools, carriage collection and period fashion display of 19th century clothing and accessories.

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The 2015 Castleton Colonial Day House Tour will be held rain or shine from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tour tickets are \$20 (\$18 for seniors 62+) and can be purchased on Colonial Day at ticket booths on Main Street.

An Ice Cream Social at the Castleton Library will be held from 12-2 p.m. At 2 p.m. there will be a guided tour of the old cemetery next to the Federated Church which has the graves of many of the early settlers.

For more info about the Colonial Day Tour call (802) 468-5691 or e-mail: [rileyjtvt@comcast.net](mailto:rileyjtvt@comcast.net). The Federated Church of Castleton is located at 504 Main St., (802) 468-5725. The Castleton Free Library is at 638 Main St., (802) 468-5574. The Langdon-Hitchcock House is at the corner of Main St. and North Rd. The Higley House, Castleton Historical Society, is at 407 Main St., (802) 468-5105.



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

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## Castleton's Lost Children

by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

When summer arrived this year and our screen windows got put in, we heard around us the unaccustomed sounds of children. Our Lamy neighbors had a new-mother daughter visiting, and sometimes we caught faint baby-wails.

On the other side of us, Susan Farrow, who'd put her former-church-home and gallery on the market and moved into an upstairs apartment next door, had her two young grandchildren and their mother staying with her.

Our own three-year-old grandson also lives next door, in the downstairs apartment, and he and the Farrow grand children played together, toiling after supper in a mountain of dirt by the barn, and later doing cartwheels on the front lawn.

I heard shouts and gibberish songs. I felt the reassuring presence of a coming-on generation, but the Lamy granddaughter soon went back to Colorado, and the Farrow grandchildren returned to their home in Seattle. The neighborhood grew still.

Castleton's big Main Street houses used to be filled with big families, but there are no big families on Main Street anymore.

In the 1980s, our next-door-neighbors, the Sullivans, were the parents of four young boys. Dr. Holman Jordan, a Castleton State College history professor, and his wife Judy had owned the nine room house before the Sullivans. The Jordans had two sons and two daughters. Before the Jordans, the Rampones owned the property. Al was a CSC science professor with six children.

Next door to the Sullivans lived Bob and Betty Parento, the parents of five offspring who rode each morning into Rutland to attend Mount Saint Joseph Academy.

The Flowers family lived across Main Street in a big house next to the Federated Church graveyard. Ken Flowers, a CSC science professor, and his wife had three sons and a daughter.

My husband and I were a family of six living in The Manse, the former home of Reverend Olaf and Elizabeth Johnson and their four sons. Down the street toward the center of town, the Marcottes had eight children, five still at home.

***"These were the buildings in which a whole generation of big families grew up. When they went away, they were never replaced by new big families."***

It was the same for the western end of Main Street. In big old houses, the Grays raised four children, the Burditts five, the Terrys four, the Roberts five, and the Hackels four. In 1980, there were forty-nine children in my oldest daughter's first grade class.

When I looked over our fence to the Sullivan's house, I always saw a sagging clothes line heavy with boys' jeans. One day, when I went out to get in the car I came across the youngest, five-year-old, Sullivan son—a handful, his mother admitted—glaring from the gloom in the back of my barn and threatening me with a tree branch if I didn't leave my own property at once.

Many afternoons, we observed Pam Ellis, who lived down the street, the oldest of five, walking home from the center-of-town, high school bus stop with the boy who in a few years would become—and is still—her husband.

We watched the Parento kids practicing basketball jump shots in their driveway. We saw the Flowers sons hurrying down the street to serve as alter boys at Saint John's. Each winter, my husband borrowed a fire department hose and flooded the town green to make a skating rink soon crowded with kids.

These many youngsters who were all around me, seemingly long ago, grew up and went away, and no new big families took their place. I've realized that a number of them were the offspring of CSC professors who had moved to town from other states. For them, Castleton was simply a picturesque place to bring up their many children before sending them off into—and not expecting them to return from—the wider world.

After his wife died, Jim Sullivan sold his house and moved to upstate New York to start a new life. The Parentos divorced. Their children left for distant colleges. The Flowers boys' parents now live alone across the street.

The Roberts sons are gone, except for Jim, a local car-



penter. The Hackels have scattered, one daughter as far as Australia.

Pam, Martin, Roger, Ed and Jill Ellis stayed closest to where they grew up, probably because they were as long and locally connected a family as you'd be likely to find in Castleton. Roger moved up the hill to his grandfather's place. Ed built a house on the family's former-orchard land. But none of the Ellis children had big families of their own.

Now, the large Main Street houses are handsome arks, lived in by elderly parents and by the widowed. A few places have new owners. Some big houses have been carved up into college rental units.

These were the buildings in which a whole generation of big families grew up. When they went away, they were never replaced by new big families. Things had changed.

Looking back, I didn't see that change coming, and I never foresaw the extent to which this loss would make Castleton a different place.

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For then I wandered through the woods for cones,  
And scuffed the brown leaves where the nuts lay deep,  
And dug the gold-thread, listening for the tones  
Above my head where winds waked leaves from sleep.

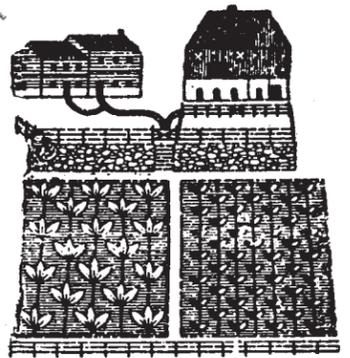
One time I found a fruited pippin tree  
Far in the woods beside a straight-limbed pine;  
And stood and picked wild grapes—all I could see—  
From off a high-grown, swaying, frost-curl'd vine.

Oh, I have lived among and loved the trees,  
And now that I am old and cannot roam  
(For who can follow trails with creaking knees?),  
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## DAILY EVENTS SUNDAY, JULY 26

**LUDLOW.** Okemo Mountain Blueberry Fest. Celebrate all things blueberry! Start the day with a blueberry pancake brunch in the Jackson Gore courtyard. Live music, games, local vendors, a pie eating contest and nearby blueberry picking (conditions permitting). 10 am – 2 pm. SouthFace Village at Okemo. (802) 228-4041. [okemo.com](http://okemo.com).

**MARLBORO.** Marlboro Music Festival. Three weeks of daily rehearsals and concerts to follow on Saturday and Sunday evenings through August 16 and on Friday evenings August 7-14. Marlboro College, 2582 South Rd. (215) 569-4690. [www.marlbormusic.org](http://www.marlbormusic.org).

**NORWICH.** Norwich Lions Club Fair. Live music and meadow muffin contest. Free admission and parking. Costs vary, \$20 for unlimited rides. Noon-5 pm. On the Green, Main St. (802) 649-9080.

**RANDOLPH.** Summer Pride Festival of LGBT. Jonathan Harvey's 1993 play "Beautiful Thing", a classic teen coming-out play. Tickets \$20; students \$15. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-9878. [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org).

**WOODSTOCK.** Bookstock—The Green Mountain Festival of Words. More than forty outstanding authors, poets and other artists gather for readings and presentations. On the green will be a giant used book sale, a literary marketplace for publishers, writers, and artists, activities for children, live music and great food. The historic Norman Williams Public Library will hold its annual vintage book sale, 9 am. On the Green and around the village. (802) 457-3456. [info@bookstockvt.org](mailto:info@bookstockvt.org). [www.bookstockvt.org](http://www.bookstockvt.org).

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## MONDAY, JULY 27

**ADDISON.** 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Evening to Remember Social. Spend a relaxing summer evening in an old resort on Lake Champlain. Enjoy the museum, music, children's activities, rock on the porch, watch the sun set and the full moon rise, and visit with costumed personages from Chimney Point's past. Adults \$3, children under 15 free. 1-3 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

**RUTLAND.** Books and More Sale. 4-8 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. [rutlandfree.org](http://rutlandfree.org). Also August 3 & 10.

## TUESDAY, JULY 28

**CASTLETON.** Concert: Left Eye Jump. 7 pm. At Castleton Pavillion. Castleton State College, 62 Alumni Dr. (800) 639-8521. [castleton.edu](http://castleton.edu).

**PUTNEY.** Yellow Barn Concert: Lutoslawski, Beethoven, Loevendie, and Mozart. Free admission, to thank the Putney community. 8 pm. The Big Barn at Yellow Barn, Main St. For tickets or information call (802) 387-6637. [tickets@yellowbarn.org](mailto:tickets@yellowbarn.org). [www.yellowbarn.org](http://www.yellowbarn.org).

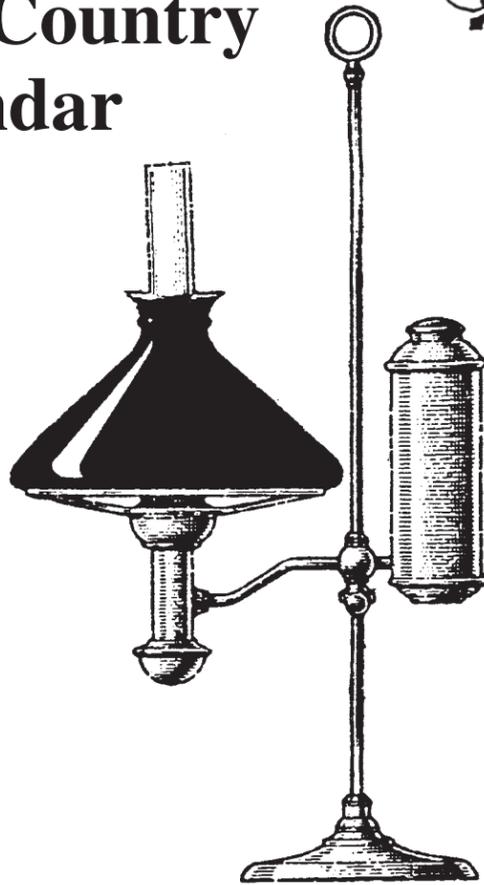
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**KILLINGTON.** Third Annual Chili Cook Off. Entertainment by the Chad Hollister Band. Admission \$10 a person, \$15 a couple, \$25 for a family of four. 5-7 pm at Sherburne Memorial Library, 2998 River Rd. (802) 773-4181.

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**PUTNEY.** Yellow Barn Concert: Berg and Schubert. Tickets: \$25, seniors \$22, students \$12. 8 pm. The Big Barn at Yellow Barn, Main St. For tickets or information call (802) 387-6637. [tickets@yellowbarn.org](mailto:tickets@yellowbarn.org). [www.yellowbarn.org](http://www.yellowbarn.org).

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# Vermont Country Calendar

**RUTLAND.** Concert: Zappa Plays Zappa. Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the release of One Size Fits All in 1975, the five-member band recreates live the final studio album from Frank Zappa and The Mothers of Invention. Tickets: \$42.50-\$79.50. 8 pm. A master class (\$75) with Dweezil Zappa is also offered the afternoon of the performance. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [www.paramountvt.org](http://www.paramountvt.org).

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

**BARNET.** 100th Anniversary Celebration Last Conn Valley Lumber Co. Log Drive. 8 am Lumberjack Breakfast at Barnet Congregational Church. Aden Marcotte opens with his log drive song Tables. Green Mountain books, Barnet Historical Society, (also selling pies), Barnet Library book sale, Waterford Historical Society, St. Johnsbury History & Heritage Center with tools, blacksmith Craig Marcotte, Cannan Historical Society. Lumberjack demos and many readings. Festival from 10 am – 3:30 pm. Maplemont Farm, Rt. 5 between Barnet and McIndoes Falls. [barnetpl@hotmail.com](mailto:barnetpl@hotmail.com).

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Rockingham Old Home Days. Live music all day, bounce houses, food, bands, street performers, festivities, fireworks. 10 am. [www.gfrcc.org](http://www.gfrcc.org).

**BENNINGTON.** Southern Vermont Art & Craft Festival. Over 120 booths of fine art and artisan craftwork, and a great selection of Vermont craft beers, wine, and spirits. Children's activities, and entertainment. Fri-Sat 10 am – 5 pm. Sun 10 am – 4 pm. Camelot Village, 1.5 miles west of downtown on Rt. 9. (802) 442-5758. [www.betterbennington.com](http://www.betterbennington.com). Also August 2.

**BRANDON.** Town Wide Sale. Scores of yard sales all over town. 9 am to 9 pm, rain or shine. Pick-up the official list at the Visitor's Center at the Stephen A. Douglas Birthplace, next to church at junction of Rts. 7 & 73 West. (802) 247-6401. [brandon.org](http://www.brandon.org).

**BRANDON.** Concert: Snake Mountain Bluegrass & The Connor Sisters. Show \$20. Pre-concert dinner \$20. BYOB. Reservations required for dinner and recommended for the show. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 247-4295. [www.brandon-music.net](http://www.brandon-music.net).

**BROWNSVILLE.** 8th Annual Vermont Mountain Bike Festival. Premier mountain biking event. 75 miles of trails, guided rides, demos, games, contests, food, live music, vendors, free onsite camping, swag, MBT Olympics, kids' rides, womens' clinics, raffles, showers & bike wash, BBQ. Fee: \$65. Ascutney Mountain Resort, 400 Ski Tow Rd. [info@stabvt.org](mailto:info@stabvt.org). [ascutneytrails.com](http://ascutneytrails.com). Also August 2.

**BURLINGTON.** Musical: Once on This Island. This highly original and Calypso-flavored re-invention of Hans Christian Andersen's The Little Mermaid. Starring 25 top-notch, local teens. Tickets \$16/\$14. 2 & 7 pm. FlynnSpace. (802) 863-7992. [flynncenter.org](http://flynncenter.org). Through August 2.

**DORSET.** Farm to Ballet Project. Includes food, drinks, a silent auction and other performances. Tickets \$90. Event begins at 4 pm, performance at 5 pm. Marble House Project, 1161 Dorset West Rd. [info@marblehouseproject.org](mailto:info@marblehouseproject.org). [marblehouseproject.org](http://marblehouseproject.org).

**EAST DORSET.** Vermont Summer Festival Horse Show: Manchester & the Mountains. Watch the world class horses and athletes—hunters and jumpers, and grand prix jumping. Shop the boutiques or have lunch and a drink. Spectator admission: \$6 adults, \$3 children, Tuesday thru Friday; \$9 for adults and \$5 for children, Grand Prix, Saturday and Sunday. Tuesday thru Sunday, 8 am – 4 pm. Harold Beebe Farm, 2971 Rt. 7. (802) 362-7548. [www.vt-summerfestival.com](http://www.vt-summerfestival.com). Tuesday through Sunday through August 9.

**EAST HARDWICK.** 13th Annual Phlox Festival. See the majority of our 134 phlox blooming. Garden tour at 1 pm. Guest speakers including Dr. Leonard Perry, UVM Extension Agent. 1-5 pm. Perennial Pleasures Nursery, 63 Brickhouse Rd. (802) 472-5104. Through August 14.

**GLOVER.** Bread & Puppet Museum. A performance of *Underneath the Above Shows* in the Paper Mache Cathedral. \$10 suggested donation. Museum tour at 6 pm. Show at 7:30 pm. Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. (802) 525-3031. [breadandpuppet.org](http://breadandpuppet.org). Saturday nights through August 29 and September 12-26.

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

**KILLINGTON.** 33rd Annual Killington Music Festival Concert. KMF's 33rd season culminates on Killington's Peak when KMF co-founder joins KMF faculty members to perform rare gems of duos and trios by Bach, Borodin and Strauss. Tickets \$30 (includes round-trip Killington Gondola ride to the peak. Arrive by 6 pm at the K-1 Lodge, to board gondola up to the Peak Lodge.) 7 pm. Rams Head Lodge at the Killington Resort. For tickets and info call (802) 773-4003. [killingtonmusicfestival.org](http://killingtonmusicfestival.org).

**KILLINGTON.** 1st Annual Vermont JerkFest—A Food & Reggae Festival. A Caribbean-style family-friendly food festival with Jamaican jerk hot food and reggae music. Tickets \$5-\$50. Killington Resort, 4763 Killington Rd. (617) 395-7680. [vermontjerkfest.com](http://vermontjerkfest.com).

**LUNENBURG.** Old Home Day and Concert with The Sky Blue Boys. Come for a day of family fun! Visit vendors with outstanding products, see a parade, tour the historical displays in the historical Congregational Church building, enjoy a chicken Bar-B-Q, and come to the concert with the Sky Blue Boys at 6 pm, admission \$12. Lunenburg Congregational Church, Rt. 2. For information call Dianne at (802) 892-1154. [www.skyblueboys.com](http://www.skyblueboys.com).

**ORFORD.** Annual Flea Market. Over 190 vendors show antiques, handcrafted items and produce. Free admission. Sponsored by Orford Volunteer Fire Department. 9 am – 5 pm. town common, Rt. 10. (603) 353-4855. Also August 2.

**PLYMOUTH NOTCH.** Plymouth Old Home Day. Join us for this long-time town tradition, which includes a special presentation by agricultural historian Paul Wood (sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council's Speakers Bureau) at 1:30 pm, and a reenactment of Calvin Coolidge's "Homestead Inaugural" at 2:47 pm. Wagon rides, chicken barbecue, old-time music, sheep shearing, traditional craft demonstrations, and "Clara's Games" (historic children's games organized by the Vermont Historical Society). Adults \$9, children 6-14 years \$2, children under 6 years free, family pass (up to 8 people) \$25. 10 am – 4 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

**PUTNEY.** Yellow Barn Concert. Program includes Schubert, Ran, J.S. Bach, and Brahms. \$25 (\$22 seniors, \$12 students). 8 pm. The Big Barn at Yellow Barn, Main St. For tickets or information call (802) 387-6637. [tickets@yellowbarn.org](mailto:tickets@yellowbarn.org). [www.yellowbarn.org](http://www.yellowbarn.org).

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**QUECHEE.** Incredible Insect Festival. Demonstrations, lectures and hands-on activities conducted by insect specialists. Admission \$11.50-\$13.50, under 3 free. 10:30 am – 5 pm. Vermont Institute of Natural Science, 6565 Woodstock Rd. (802) 359-5000.

**RANDOLPH.** "Dip and Donate" Supper. Donation. 5-7 pm. First Congregational Church, East Bethel Rd. (802) 728-4294.

## Birding Hot Spots in Rutland County

Rutland County Audubon is developing a list of places to bird in our area—places that are special to us.

Bomoseen State Park, located on the western side of Lake Bomoseen in Castleton, offers a variety of habitats for great birding for a good part of the year. If non-birding friends and family accompany you in the summer, they can find plenty to do while you look at the birds.

In spring and summer the entrance area to the campground, the trail that runs between the parking area and a small marsh, and the picnic area are good spots for Wood Duck, Eastern Kingbird, Yellow-throated and Warbling vireos, Gray Catbird, American Redstart, Yellow Warbler, and Baltimore Oriole. All nest here.

Mid to late fall, before the lake freezes, check the beach area for congregating ducks including Common Loon, Ring-necked Duck, Common Goldeneye, Hooded and Common mergansers, and the occasional scoter. (After you leave the park a stop at the Kehoe Fishing Access south of the park is another good spot to look for these species.)

A 1.5-mile nature trail loop leaves the north side of the entrance road just before the parking area. Turn left after crossing a road and a grassy field, where a short climb to the left takes you to a ridge from which you can catch glimpses of nearby Glen Lake.

The trail is good for Hermit and Wood thrush, a variety of warblers including Black-

throated Green, Blackburnian, and Canada warbler. Listen for Eastern Wood-pewee and Scarlet Tanager as well. In winter it's fairly easy to spot Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, and Golden-crowned Kinglet.

About ¾ of a mile along the trail, on the left, if you are walking in a clock-wise direction, there is a small pond created by the old slate industry. It is a little hard to find, but it's not far off the trail and worth the effort. Dead trees provide nesting for Tree Swallows and Great Crested Flycatchers. Wood Duck and Hooded Mergansers are often present.

Red-shouldered Hawk is frequently seen and heard at the park starting in mid-March. Osprey is often seen over the lake.



The park is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day during which period there is a \$3 entrance fee. It is well worth it for the birds and the support of our Vermont State Parks.

*Directions:* From Route 4A in Hydeville, VT (west of Castleton), take Lake Road north for four miles on the west side of the lake.

For more information on birding in Rutland visit Rutland County Audubon Society's website at [www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org](http://www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org).

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**RUPERT.** Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides. Make a morning or afternoon out of your wagon ride, and bring a picnic lunch with you. Before or after your ride, walk or hike to one of several picnic destinations. 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, 12 noon. Cost: \$150/ride for two to six people. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. [www.merckforest.org](http://www.merckforest.org). Saturdays and Tuesdays through Oct. 31.

**RUTLAND.** The Annual Sidewalk Sale Days & Circus. Affordable shopping, outdoor dining, children's activities, live music and entertainment for all ages. Street circus and rides. Center Street and Merchants Row are blocked off for vendors. Local musicians on both streets. 9 am - 3 pm.

**SHELBURNE.** Ben & Jerry's Annual Concerts on the Green. The Avett Brothers. Tickets \$50. Tickets online: [highergroundmusic.com](http://highergroundmusic.com). By phone: (888) 512-7469. Gates open 6 pm; show at 7 pm. Shelburne Museum, 6000 Shelburne Rd. (802) 985-3346. [shelburnemuseum.org](http://shelburnemuseum.org).

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Summer Dog Party! A bounce house for the kids, door prizes, food, dog contests, and foot-tapping live music by Vermont folk duo The Endorsements! Dog Mountain staffers will be busy grilling up hot dogs, serving chips pouring lemonade. With plenty of room to run and play, visiting families and their dogs and can enjoy Dog Mountain's open leash policy from the pastures to the whimsical art gallery. Free to the public, rain or shine. 12-4 pm. Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. off Spaulding Rd. (800) 449-2580. [www.dogmt.com](http://www.dogmt.com).

**TOWNSHEND.** Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day. A day full of fun. 22 bargain booths, food, Birthday Parade, live auction. Free admission and fun for all ages. 9 am - 7 pm. On the Townshend Green, Rts. 30 & 35. (802) 365-9109. [www.gracecottage.org](http://www.gracecottage.org).

**WAITSFIELD.** Vermont Festival of the Arts. August is Art in the Mad River Valley with scores of art events—exhibits, performances, workshops & demos! (802) 496-6682. [www.vermontartfest.com](http://www.vermontartfest.com). August 1 through September 7.

**WOODSTOCK.** 29th Annual Quilt Exhibition. features quilts made by Windsor County quilters. A special highlight this year is a "feed sack quilt" made entirely of feed sacks collected at the Billings Farm during the 1950s and 1960s. Activities and demonstrations for every age and skill level, with quilters on hand to discuss their work. Admission includes all programs and activities: adults \$14, age 62 and up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, ages 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org). Exhibit runs through September 20.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

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**BURLINGTON.** Lake Champlain Dragon Boat Festival. Watch 90 teams, 2000 paddlers race 41-ft long dragon boats all day long. Entertainment all the day, children's activities, delicious food and treats from local vendors. Pick-Your-Prize Raffle and 50-50 Raffle. Bring friends, family, and lawn chairs, and plan on a rousing day! Free to public for viewing dragon boat races. 8 am - 4 pm. Waterfront Park. (802) 999-5478. [info@ridethedragon.org](mailto:info@ridethedragon.org). [www.ridethedragon.org](http://www.ridethedragon.org).

**CHESTER.** Program: Hero or Traitor? Nick Daniloff, retired Northeastern University professor of journalism and resident of Andover, VT, will discuss Edward Snowden and issues of privacy. Excerpts will be shown from Citizenfour, a feature-length documentary about Edward Snowden and his revelations of NSA activities. The lecture/discussion is free and open to the public. Donations accepted. 7 pm at Misty Valley Books, On the Green. (802) 875-3400. [mvbooks.com](http://mvbooks.com). Also August 9.

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**LUNENBURG.** Program: A Sense of Place—Vermont's Farm Legacy. Presented by Gregory Sharrow. In Vermont the cultural legacy of farming has strongly influenced the identity of Vermonters, and it is these distinctive traditions, which have persisted even with the decline in farm numbers, that help make the state unique. Light refreshments. 2 pm at the Lunenburg Primary School, 49 Bobbin Mill Rd., off Rt. 2 in the center of town. [questions@lunenburghistoricalsociety.org](mailto:questions@lunenburghistoricalsociety.org). (802) 892-6654.

**MONTPELIER.** Play: *Stone* by Kim Bent. A portrait of Barre's Granite community shaped from interviews & oral histories. Traditional Irish, Italian and French-Canadian music serves as a bridge between characters. Tickets: \$10-\$30. 2 pm. Lost Nation Theater, City Hall, 39 Main St. (802) 229-0492. [info@lostnationtheater.org](mailto:info@lostnationtheater.org). [lostnationtheater.org](http://lostnationtheater.org). Also August 6-9.

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**RUTLAND.** Rutland City Band Concert in Main Street Park. Free, bring your blankets and lawn chairs. 7-8:30 pm. Main Street Park Gazebo, corner of West St. and Rt. 7. (802) 773-1822. [rutlandrec.com](http://rutlandrec.com). Every Sunday till August 16.

**SHELBURNE.** 19th Annual Vermont Fresh Network Forum. Vermont artisanal products tasting. Walk-around dinner featuring over 20 of Vermont Fresh Network's best chef and farm partnerships. Ice Cream Social. Fee: \$75. Cash bar; alcohol samplings are free. Tickets at [www.flyntix.org](http://flyntix.org), (802) 86-FLYNN. 5-8 pm. Coach Barn, Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 434-2000. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org). [www.vermontfresh.net](http://www.vermontfresh.net).

**WOODSTOCK.** 15th Annual Antique Tractor Day. Featuring both restored and unrestored tractors dating from the 1930s to the 1960s. The narrated tractor parade at 1 pm provides a wonderful opportunity to see the machines operating, with interesting and historical background details about each tractor. Tractor-drawn wagon rides will be offered; make-it-take-it wooden tractors for children, a toy tractor sandbox, ice cream making, and more. Admission includes all programs and activities: adults \$14, age 62 and up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, ages 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).

## MONDAY, AUGUST 3

**MISSISQUOI.** Northern Forest Explorers—Missisquoi Fishing Adventure. Five-day trip where fishing skills will be taught in beautiful northern Vermont. Our guide for the trip is Montgomery Adventures. Open to all young people ages 10-14. Cost: \$500; scholarships available. Monday 9:30 am - Friday 9:30 am. [www.celebratethemissisquoi.com](http://www.celebratethemissisquoi.com). [www.northernforestexplorers.org](http://www.northernforestexplorers.org). Through August 7.

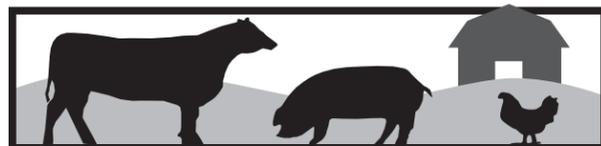
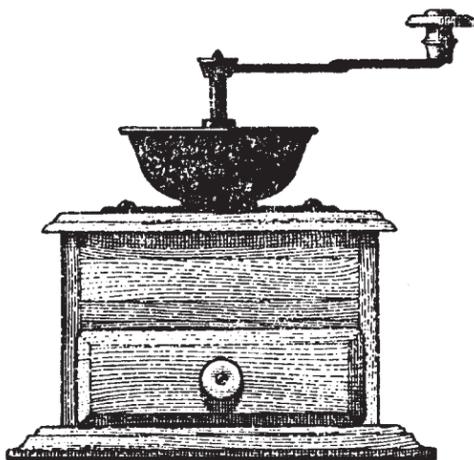
**PUTNEY.** Yellow Barn Concert. Luke Hsu, violin; SuJin Lee, cello; Joseph Liccardo, piano. Program includes Bartók, Manoury, Widmann, and Schubert. \$18 (\$16 seniors, \$9 students). 8 pm. The Big Barn at Yellow Barn, Main St. For tickets or information call (802) 387-6637. [tickets@yellowbarn.org](mailto:tickets@yellowbarn.org). [www.yellowbarn.org](http://www.yellowbarn.org).

**RUTLAND.** Library Book Sale. Sponsored by Friends of Rutland Free Library. Thousands of books organized by genre/author for all ages. CDs, DVDs, puzzles and games. Proceeds support library programs, activities and collections. 4-8 pm at Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. [rutlandfree.org](http://rutlandfree.org). Also August 10.

**STATEWIDE.** Open Farm Week. Farms across Vermont welcome visitors to explore and learn. Meet the farmers, plants, and animals that bring your favorite high-quality Vermont products to your plate. [www.diginvt.com/blog/openfarmweek](http://www.diginvt.com/blog/openfarmweek). Through August 9.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

**CASTLETON.** Concert with The Sky Blue Boys. Dan and Willy Lindner (of Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys) will be performing. 7 pm. Castleton State College Pavilion. [banjodan@pshift.com](mailto:banjodan@pshift.com). [www.skyblueboys.com](http://www.skyblueboys.com).



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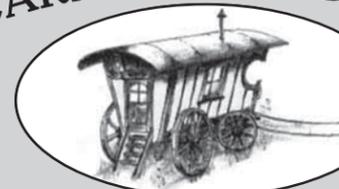
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**NEW HAVEN.** Addison County Fair and Field Days. Vermont's largest agricultural fair! Horse, cattle, goat, and sheep shows. Ox, horse and tractor pulls. Children's barnyard, demo derbies, midway, parade. Fairgrounds on Rt. 17. (802) 545-2557. [www.addisoncountyfielddays.com](http://www.addisoncountyfielddays.com). *Through August 8.*

**PUTNEY.** Yellow Barn Composer Portrait: Jorg Widmanna. An evening of performances and conversation. \$18 (\$16 seniors, \$9 students). 8 pm. The Big Barn at Yellow Barn, Main St. (802) 387-6637. [www.yellowbarn.org](http://www.yellowbarn.org).

**SHELBURNE.** Farm to Ballet Performance. The full-length production reinterprets classical ballet pieces to tell the story of a Vermont farm from Spring to Fall. Bring a picnic or purchase farm burgers and seasonal salads grown right here. Free; donations accepted. Gates open 5 pm; show at 6:15 pm. Coach Barn Lawn (rain site: West Hall, Coach Barn), Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org). [www.farmtoballet.org](http://www.farmtoballet.org).

**SHELBURNE.** Ben & Jerry's Annual Concerts on the Green. Bonnie Raitt. Tickets \$50. Tickets online: [highergroundmusic.com](http://highergroundmusic.com). By phone: (888) 512-7469. Gates open 6 pm; show at 7 pm. Shelburne Museum, 6000 Shelburne Rd. (802) 985-3346. [shelburnemuseum.org](http://shelburnemuseum.org).

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

**PUTNEY.** Yellow Barn Concert. Program includes Adès, Mozart, Debussy, Widmann, and Couperin. \$18 (\$16 seniors, \$9 students). 8 pm. The Big Barn at Yellow Barn, Main St. For tickets or information call (802) 387-6637. [tickets@yellowbarn.org](mailto:tickets@yellowbarn.org). [www.yellowbarn.org](http://www.yellowbarn.org).

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**SHELBURNE.** Shelburne Farms Community Concert Series: Brett Hughes. Bring a picnic or purchase farm burgers, hot dogs, and seasonal salads grown right here on the Farm! Free. Gates open at 5:30 pm/concert starts at 6:30 pm. Farm Barn, Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org). *Wednesdays through August 26.*

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

**BARNARD.** Feast and Field Farmers' Market. 4:30-7:30 pm, bluegrass music at 5:30 pm by Haywire. 1544 Royalton Turnpike. (802) 999 3391. [clovermont@gmail.com](mailto:clovermont@gmail.com). [www.feastandfield.com](http://www.feastandfield.com). *Every Thursday through October 22.*

**BENNINGTON.** Sixth Annual Car Appreciation Day and Hemings Cruise-In. Trophies awarded, no registration required. Canceled in the event of rain. Refreshments & free popcorn! 5:30-8:30 pm. Hemings Headquarters, 222 Main St. (800) 227-4373. *Also July 23, August 20.*

**BELMONT.** Music on the Green. Performance by Tim Caira. 7 pm. 26 Maple Hill Rd. (802) 259-2562. [mounthollyvt.org](http://mounthollyvt.org). *Thursdays through August 27.*

**BURLINGTON.** Lake Champlain Maritime Festival. View the classic boats, long boats, canoe, kayak and Dragon boat demonstrations. Experience boat building, sample local fare, enjoy music and bring the children for hands-on exhibits. Waterfront, 220 Lake St. (917) 865-8665. [www.lcmfestival.com](http://www.lcmfestival.com). *Through August 9.*

**FAIR HAVEN.** Concert in the Park: J.P. Murphy, Irish melodies. Free admission. 7 pm at the town park. Bad weather location: Fair Haven Baptist Church. (802) 265-3010. [www.fairhavenvt.org/concerts](http://www.fairhavenvt.org/concerts). *Also August 13.*

**PUTNEY.** Yellow Barn Concert. Program includes Stravinsky, Carter, Widmann, and Schoenberg. \$18, \$16 seniors, \$9 students. 8 pm. The Big Barn at Yellow Barn, Main St. For tickets or information call (802) 387-6637. [tickets@yellowbarn.org](mailto:tickets@yellowbarn.org). [www.yellowbarn.org](http://www.yellowbarn.org).

**QUECHEE.** Concert with the John Lackard Blues Band. Part of Hartford Parks and Recreation Summer Concert Series. Free. 6:30 pm. Quechee Green, 70 Village Green Circle. (802) 295-5036. *Thursdays through August 20.*

**SOUTH HERO.** Summer Concert with Tommy Fletcher. Family friendly. Food, beer & wine available for purchase including Rookies Root Beer and Homemade Island Ice Cream. Bring your own chairs and blankets. Weather dependent, call to check. Picnicking begins at 5 pm, music from 6:30-8:30 pm. Snow Farm Vineyard, 190 West Shore Rd. (802) 372-9463. [snowfarm.com](http://snowfarm.com). *Thursdays through August 20.*

**WEST RUTLAND.** Summer Concert. Jim Gilmore performs. 7-8:30 pm at Town Hall Auditorium, 35 Marble St. [www.rutlandvermont.com](http://www.rutlandvermont.com). *Also August 13.*

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

**BURLINGTON.** Lake Champlain Maritime Festival. View the classic boats, long boats, canoe, kayak and Dragon boat demonstrations as we commemorate the past, present, and future of Lake Champlain. Experience boat building, sample local fare, enjoy music and bring the children for hands-on exhibits. Waterfront, 220 Lake St. (917) 865-8665. [www.lcmfestival.com](http://www.lcmfestival.com). *Through August 9.*

**ISLAND POND.** Concert in Pavilion Park with Mark Shelton, vendors, food, family fun. 6-10 pm. (802) 673-8050. [islandpondchamber.org](http://islandpondchamber.org). *Fridays through August 28.*

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

**LUDLOW.** Hops in the Hills Beer & Wine Festival. Sample more than 50 craft beers and ciders from regional brewers and enjoy a selection of great wines. Beer pairing dinner. Live music. Admission. 5-9 pm. Jackson Gore Courtyard. (802) (802) 228-1600. [okemo.com](http://okemo.com). *Through August 9.*

**LUDLOW.** Jackson Gore Summer Music Series: East Coast Soul. Free. 6-9 pm. Jackson Gore Courtyard, 480 Ranta Rd. (802) 228-1600. [okemo.com](http://okemo.com). *Fridays through August 28.*

**NEWPORT.** Newport Vermont Jazz Festival. Fabulous three-days of live music—Jazz, Blues, Folk, Funk, Bluegrass, and Country bands will perform on two waterfront stages. Free admission at Gateway Center until 5 pm on Friday and 4 pm on Saturday. Tickets for music events at the Gateway Center after that are \$10. The music starts at 2 pm and the finale is at the Eastside Restaurant on Sunday evening. 84 Fyfe Dr. (802) 777-7372. [info@newportvtmusic.com](mailto:info@newportvtmusic.com). [www.newportvtmusic.com](http://www.newportvtmusic.com). *Through August 9.*

**PUTNEY.** Yellow Barn Concert. Program includes Widmann, Wood, and Janáček. \$25 (\$22 seniors, \$12 students). 8 pm. The Big Barn at Yellow Barn, Main St. For tickets or information call (802) 387-6637. [tickets@yellowbarn.org](mailto:tickets@yellowbarn.org). [www.yellowbarn.org](http://www.yellowbarn.org).

**SHELBURNE.** Vermont Shakespeare Company presents *Romeo and Juliet*. 6 pm, box office opens at 5 pm. Tickets separate from museum admission: \$25-\$22, seniors/students \$15. Available at flyntix.org. Circus Building Lawn, Shelburne Museum, 6000 Shelburne Rd. (802) 985-3346. [www.vermontshakespeare.org](http://www.vermontshakespeare.org). *Also August 8 & 9.*

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Concert: First Friday WRJ. Part of Hartford Parks and Recreation Summer Concert Series. Free. 6:30 pm. Lyman Point Park, 167 Maple St. (802) 295-5036. *Wednesdays through August 19.*

**WINDSOR.** Daylily Days—Daylily Sale. Over 150 varieties! Daylily season is June through September. The Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery at 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. Open daily from 10 am - 6 pm. (800) 232-4337. [flowers@ciderhillgardens.com](mailto:flowers@ciderhillgardens.com). [www.garymilek.com](http://www.garymilek.com). [ciderhillgardens.com](http://ciderhillgardens.com). *Through Aug 9.*



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# Vermont Country Calendar

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

**BELMONT.** Roast Pork Supper. All-you-can-eat, served home style. Adults \$12, children 11 and under \$6. Settings start 5 pm at The Odd Fellows Hall. Hosted by The Odd Fellows. Take-outs available. (802) 259-2460.

**BELVIDERE.** Belvidere Old Home Day. Fun for all ages. Games for kids and adults with great prizes to win. 9:30 am – 11 pm. 4411 VT Rt. 109. (802) 644-2751.

**BENNINGTON.** Tenth Annual Rock, Rattle & Drum Pow Wow. Theme, "Rise & Shine, Coming Together As One!" A weekend of American Indian music, dance, education, entertainment, Native American foods, arts and crafts vendors and cultural festivities. One day admission: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors 65+ and youth 11-17, \$1 children 10 and under. Saturday 10 am – 10 pm, Sunday 10 am – 6 pm; Grand Entry both days at 1 pm. Vermont Veteran's Home, 325 North St. (US Rt. 7). (413) 443-2481. [humanityinconcert@earthlink.net](mailto:humanityinconcert@earthlink.net). [www.healingwinds.net](http://www.healingwinds.net). [www.arvelbird.com](http://www.arvelbird.com). Also August 9.

**BURLINGTON.** Lake Champlain Maritime Festival. Stroll along the shore, view the classic boats, long boats, canoe, kayak and Dragon boat demonstrations as we commemorate Lake Champlain. Experience boat building, sample local fare, enjoy music and bring the children for hands-on exhibits. Waterfront, 220 Lake St. (917) 865-8665. [www.lcmfestival.com](http://www.lcmfestival.com). Also August 9.

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

**DANVILLE.** 83<sup>rd</sup> Danville Fair. Children's parade at 10:30 am. Carnival games, bingo, volleyball tournament, rib cook-off, music all day, fireworks at 9 pm. Arcade game tickets are \$0.25. From 10 am on. On the Green. [www.danvillevtchamber.org](http://www.danvillevtchamber.org).

**DERBY LINE.** 14th Annual Derby Line Community Day and Village Wide Yard Sale. Free music, entertainment, activities, face painting, antique car show, horse drawn wagon rides, wrestling, demonstrations, bounce houses, fireworks and much, more! 10 am – 9 pm. Baxter Park. Info call Sharon Booth at (802) 873-3420. [myersbethany@hotmail.com](mailto:myersbethany@hotmail.com). [myersbethany.wix.com/derbylineday](http://myersbethany.wix.com/derbylineday).

**DERBY LINE.** Concert: Third Annual Banjo Dan's Bluegrass Revue presents Bob Amos & Catamount Crossing and The Blue Sky Boys. Dynamic picking and wonderful harmonies, and traditional and original songs and tunes in the duo style of early bluegrass. Tickets: \$18. 7:30 pm. Haskell Opera House, 93 Caswell Ave. (888) 757-5559. [www.catamountarts.org](http://www.catamountarts.org).

**EAST POULTNEY.** Annual East Poultney Day. This year's theme: "Coming Home: Poultney and the Civil War." Exhibit of recently discovered Civil War documents and artifacts from the Poultney Historical Society whose buildings will be open as well as the 1791 Union Academy (Vermont's second oldest school building), the Melodeon Factory Museum, and the 1897 Schoolhouse. Speakers on historical topics, music, dancing, and demonstrations of beekeeping, rug hooking, spinning and weaving. Vendors selling crafts and folk arts, antiques and collectibles, maple syrup, jams, herbal soaps, vintage linen, handmade pottery and jewelry. 9 am – 4 pm. East Poultney Green, 1500 E. Main St. (802) 287-5252. [poultneyhistoricalsociety.org](http://poultneyhistoricalsociety.org).

**JAY.** 8th Annual Jay Summer Fest. Parade with Hanaford Volunteer Fife & Drum Corps, 10:30 am. Music tent, over 50 flea market and food vendors, ice cream social, kids activities. Wooden Horse Arts Guild show. Free admission, free parking. 10 am – 5 pm. Downtown. (802) 343-5687. [jayfocusgp@gmail.com](mailto:jayfocusgp@gmail.com). [www.jayvt.com](http://www.jayvt.com).

**JAY.** Jay Peak's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Augustwest Music Festival. Celebrating the music of The Grateful Dead and the community in and around Jay Peak. Local vendors, free Ben & Jerry's ice cream, tie-dye, BBQ, kids games. Kids and well-mannered dogs welcome. 12-6 pm on the town green. (802) 327-2596. [www.augustwestfest.com](http://www.augustwestfest.com).

**JEFFERSONVILLE.** 7th Annual Cambridge Festival of the Arts. Art, music, festivities. Sponsored by the The Cambridge Arts Council. All along Main St. (802) 644-1960. [cambridgeartsvt.org](http://cambridgeartsvt.org).

**NEWPORT.** Newport Vermont Jazz Festival. Live music—Jazz, Blues, Folk, Funk, Bluegrass, and Country bands will perform on 2 waterfront stages. Free admission at Gateway Center until 4 pm on Saturday. Tickets for music events at the Gateway Center after that are \$10. The music starts at 2 pm and the finale is at the Eastside Restaurant on Sunday evening. 84 Fyfe Dr. (802) 777-7372. [www.newportvtmusic.com](http://www.newportvtmusic.com). Through August 9.

**PUTNEY.** Yellow Barn Concert. Program includes Widmann, Dvorák, and Schumann. \$18 (\$16 seniors, \$9 students). 12:30 pm. The Big Barn at Yellow Barn, Main St. For tickets or information call (802) 387-6637. [tickets@yellowbarn.org](mailto:tickets@yellowbarn.org). [www.yellowbarn.org](http://www.yellowbarn.org).



**PUTNEY.** Yellow Barn Season Finale Concert. Program includes Donatoni, Mozart, Widmann, Britten, and Harvey. \$28 (\$25 seniors, \$14 students). 8 pm. The Big Barn at Yellow Barn, Main St. For tickets or information call (802) 387-6637. [tickets@yellowbarn.org](mailto:tickets@yellowbarn.org). [www.yellowbarn.org](http://www.yellowbarn.org).

**RANDOLPH CENTER.** Open House at Silloway Maple. Part of Open Farm Week. Tours of our solar powered sugarhouse, and maple treats to sample and purchase. Old-fashioned raised doughnuts with maple syrup, hot dogs boiled in "sap", and other maple treats. 10 am – 6 pm. Silloway Maple, 1303 Boudro Rd. (802) 272-6249. [www.sillowaymaple.com](http://www.sillowaymaple.com).

**RUTLAND.** 54th Annual Art in the Park. Chaffee Art Center hosts art exhibits, food, music, craft demonstrations, kids activities. Gate donations benefit Chaffee Art Center programs. 10 am – 5 pm. Main Street Park, corner of West St. and Rt. 7. (802) 775-0356. Also August 9 and October 10 & 11.

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**WEST RUTLAND.** St. Bridget Annual Tag and Bake Sale. Collectibles, housewares, furniture, toys etc. Wonderful baked goods. 50/50 raffle. At 1:30 pm stuff a bag for \$5. 7 am - 2 pm. St. Bridget Church Parish Hall, Pleasant St. (802) 438-2490.

**WEST RUTLAND.** Pancake Breakfast. Hiram Lodge #101, F&AM and Gilman Chapter #88, OES, host pancake breakfast to support charitable projects. \$8 adults and \$3 under 6 years. 8-11 am. Masonic Lodge, 63 Franklin St. (802) 775-2204.

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**WOODSTOCK.** The Taste of Woodstock—A Community Festival. A fun-filled day of great food, music, beer, wine, cheeses and specialty products. Dance, eat street fare, and visit your favorite shops. Free children's activities, hosted by The Purple Crayon run from 10 am - 5 pm. Woodstock Fire spinners close out the night. Live music from 10 am - 9 pm. Elm St. (802) 457-3555. [www.woodstockvt.com](http://www.woodstockvt.com).

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

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**CHESTER.** Program: Hero or Traitor? Nick Daniloff, retired Northeastern University professor of journalism and resident of Andover, VT, will discuss Edward Snowden and issues of privacy. Excerpts will be shown from Citizenfour, a feature-length documentary about Edward Snowden and his revelations of NSA activities. The lecture/discussion is free and open to the public. Donations accepted. 7 pm at Misty Valley Books, On the Green. (802) 875-3400. [www.mvbooks.com](http://www.mvbooks.com).

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**ORWELL.** Hike into History. On this tour, walk in the footsteps of Revolutionary War soldiers. Mount Independence Coalition President Stephen Zeoli is your guide. Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather. 2-4 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov/MountIndependence](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov/MountIndependence).

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**ROCHESTER.** Rochester Chamber Music Society Concert—Best of Baroque. Vivaldi, The Four Seasons, Bach Concerto in D minor for harpsichord. Performed by Katherine Winterstein, violin; Letitia Quanto, violin; Jane Kittredge, violin; Dieuwke Davydov, cello; Evan Premo, double bass; Cynthia Huard, harpsichord. Freewill donations gratefully accepted. 4 pm at the Rochester Federated Church, 15 N. Main St. (802) 767-9234. [www.rcmsvt.org](http://www.rcmsvt.org).

**SHAFTSBURY.** Sunday Afternoons with Robert Frost series hosts Professor Donald Sheehy, who will talk about "New Revelations of Frost as a Renaissance Man in 'New Hampshire,'" a poem Frost wrote in the kitchen of the Stone House. Free. 2 pm. Robert Frost Stone House Museum, 121 Historic Rt. 7A. (802) 447-6200. [frostnow@sover.net](mailto:frostnow@sover.net). [www.frostfriends.org](http://www.frostfriends.org).

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## TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

**RICHMOND.** Live Music while U-Pick Blueberries. Two quart minimum, \$6/quart. Pack a picnic dinner. Music by St. Andrews Pipers at 6 pm. Call ahead to check on weather and picking conditions. At Owl's Head Blueberry Farm, 263 Blueberry Farm Rd. (802) 434-3387. [contactus@owlsheadfarm.com](mailto:contactus@owlsheadfarm.com). [owlsheadfarm.com](http://owlsheadfarm.com).

**RUTLAND.** 34th Annual Winter in August Celebration. Street party with local craft brews and food. 5-8 pm at 50 Merchants Row, downtown. (802) 773-2747. [chamber@rutlandvermont.com](mailto:chamber@rutlandvermont.com). [www.rutlandvermont.com](http://www.rutlandvermont.com).

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

**BURLINGTON.** Concert: Craftsbury Chamber Players perform music of Beethoven, Mellits, Bach, and Brahms. Tickets: adults \$25, students \$10, child 12 and under free (but still need a ticket). 7:30 pm. University of Vermont Recital Hall, 384 South Prospect St. (800) 639-3443. [www.craftsburychamberplayers.org](http://www.craftsburychamberplayers.org).

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## THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

**BRATTLEBORO.** Artist Talk: Anne Spalter and Leslie Thornton. In connection with the exhibit Art + Computer/Time, digital artist and collector Anne Spalter and filmmaker and digital artist Leslie Thornton discuss their work. Free. 7 pm. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. [www.brattleboromuseum.org](http://www.brattleboromuseum.org).

**HARTLAND.** Upper Valley Seed Savers meet on the second Thursday of the month at 5 pm at member's gardens. Our mission is to further knowledge about seed saving and to work on projects that will help develop a body of locally-adapted open-pollinated vegetable seeds. For information, or if you can't come to meetings but would like to receive a monthly e-mail 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.

**SPRINGFIELD.** 2015 Stellafane Convention. A gathering of amateur telescope makers. Mirror-grinding and telescope-making demonstrations, technical lectures on telescope making and the presentation of awards for telescope design and craftsmanship. Keynote: Alan Stern, New Horizons Principal Investigator. Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc., PO Box 601, Springfield, VT 05156. [webmaster@stellafane.com](mailto:webmaster@stellafane.com). [www.stellafane.com](http://www.stellafane.com). Through August 16.

## Ants, Ants, Ants—Vermont's Summertime Guests

by Charles Sutton

As the years go by most everyone will surely have to deal with bug infestations of some kind—be it ants, fleas, houseflies, no-see-ums (sand fleas) or even earwigs. Household pets can and do bring in fleas in a big way, but the most common unwanted visitor to our homes in the country or city are ants.

They can show up around our outside picnic table or make their presence known looking for food left-overs on the kitchen counter. These early ants are scouts who'll report back to their colony about the availability of food. If they like what they see, look out, droves will follow.

My brother and I were first introduced to the lifestyle of ants at an early age when we were given a two-sided glass enclosure—an art farm. A small colony of ants came with ours. To watch the busy ants on the move, creating a home out of sand, collecting food and other odd jobs was more interesting than watching a tank full of tropical fish which we also managed. At some point we freed the ants far from home at our mother's urging who was apprehensive that they would end up in the kitchen.

Back then if ants were a problem they would be done in by poison ant cups the size of a coke bottle top.

Although I have never seen them at work, I've lived in old houses where carpenter ants have had their day converting posts and beams to near sawdust. Unlike kitchen ants, these ants thrive on all types of wood and some have earned the names of Cherry, Chestnut and Walnut ants. Others are named after a region—like American, Eastern, Nearctic and New York carpenter ants, or some sport such titles such Red, Great, Black, Slightly Bearded, and Dark ants.

My most recent experience with an insect infestation was with very small ants, coming in droves, some with wings. These flying ants are virgin queens or males who fly out of the nest to mate and establish a new colony. If you have

them, you want to examine one carefully, comparing it to a picture to be sure you don't have termites, which are another problem entirely. That said, they are not hard to identify.

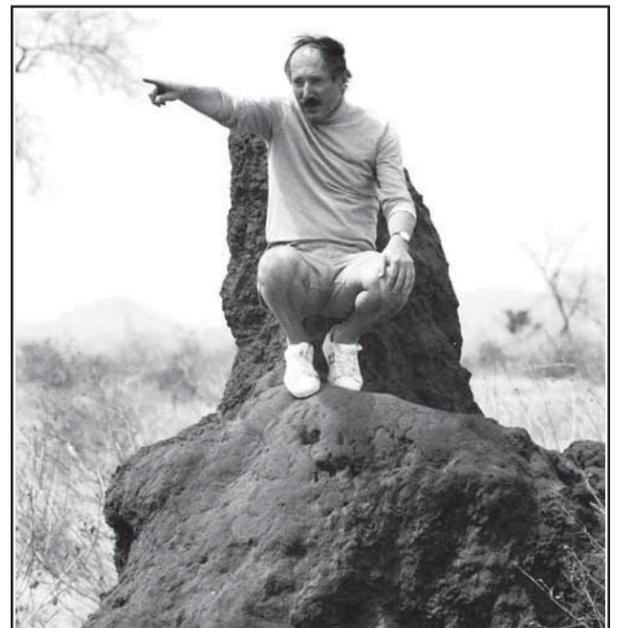
The little winged ants will swarm, leaving their colony in search of a new home, and they frequently swarm to the highest place around. In our case, it was a ceiling skylight improperly sealed. This may all be well and good for them but not for us, so I found several natural ways to persuade them to leave and go someplace else.

Ants don't like crossing areas painted with white vinegar, diluted dish soap with lemon or peppermint oils, and worse yet for them, powdered cinnamon. These remedies do work with repeated uses until the ants get the 'no trespassing' message and go away for good. Our flying friends left after a week.

I encountered a different kind of ant years ago on a photographic safari to Kenya. These were giant army ants on the march, and our guide warned us that we do best not disturb them as they 'eat' most anything blocking their march. Like human armies on the move they bivouac and don't settle down.

Once in my VW camper on Sanibel Island in Florida an infestation of no see-ums, a type of sand flea, made their way through my mesh screen widows to feast on my exposed face. Red-faced I fled into a home of friends and slept on the floor! That was way worse than ants which usually don't bite and can be seen.

If you are intrigued with the natural world, ants are an ideal and fascinating subject to study. A good place for you and your children to learn about them is an ant farm (outside the family kitchen). Read all about them in the 400-page *Field Guide to the Ants of New England* by Aaron M. Ellison, Nicholas J. Gotelli, Elizabeth J. Farnsworth and Gary D. Alpert (published by Yale University Press, \$40, [yalebooks.com](http://yalebooks.com)). Author Gotelli is a professor of biology at the University of Vermont.



Charles Sutton rests on an abandoned ant hill during a photographic safari in Kenya in 1979.

We learn here that there are nearly 150,000 species of ants worldwide, more than any other order of insects except beetles. Hundreds of color photographs and meticulous line drawings will help you identify the ants in your kitchen, on the patio, in the basement, or in the garden. "These little things that run the world" have fascinating lives, a 115-135 million year evolution, and intricate social patterns. The book goes into exact detail about the 140 ant species living in New England and abutting areas of New York and eastern Canada.

The authors note that if humans don't respond to climate change, our own livelihood and survival as a species will be threatened, and they add: "But even long after we are gone, the ants of New England will still be here."

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# Vermont Country Calendar

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

**PEACHAM.** Peacham Acoustic Music Festival. Roots music from the Celtic traditions, old time fiddle tunes, blues and bluegrass. Workshops on songwriting, fingerstyle guitar, old-time bluegrass. Dance, craft fair with over 17 craft, food, and service exhibitors and vendors. Family tent. Food choices including Jamaican, Asian, BBQ, seafood, and homemade ice cream! Ticket prices: \$15-\$90. In "Downtown" Peacham. (802) 748-2600. [www.pamfest.com](http://www.pamfest.com). *Through August 15.*

**RANDOLPH.** 23rd Annual Central Vermont Chamber Music Festival Concert: former Kronos Quartet cellist Jeffrey Zeigler, performing works from his newly released solo album, *Something of Life*. Free admission, goodwill offerings welcome. 7 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org). [www.centralvtchambermusicfest.org](http://www.centralvtchambermusicfest.org).

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

**BARRE.** Concert: "The Master and His Fiddle." Canadian Master Fiddler, Louis Schryer, with Erin Leahy (piano) and Siobheann Donohue (bass). Schryer's daughters, Chelsey and Kaitlyn, both competitive step dancers, will also perform. The concert benefits Community of Vermont Elders (COVE). Tickets: \$28, seniors and students \$25. 7-9 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. (802) 476-8188. [www.barreoperahouse.org](http://www.barreoperahouse.org). [www.vermontelders.org](http://www.vermontelders.org).

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington Battle Day Celebration. Living History Encampment. Drill presentations, musket and artillery demonstrations, educational exhibits, and activities for children. Authentic cannons will be on display and fired during the day Saturday and Sunday. Free. 10 am - 5 pm. Bennington Battle Monument State Historic Site. (802) 447-0550. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). *Also August 16.*

**CASTLETON.** 77th Annual Colonial Day House Tour. Self-guided walking tour includes 20 sites throughout the village including outstanding period homes, public buildings, galleries and historic sites. Spinning and chair caning demonstrations. 10 am - 4 pm. Tickets: \$20 (\$18 for seniors 62+). Ticket booths on Main Street. (802) 468-5691. [rileytjvt@comcast.net](mailto:rileytjvt@comcast.net).

**DUMMERSTON.** Peach Shortcake Supper. Dinner includes baked ham, mac & cheese made with Vermont cheddar, mixed vegetable casserole and fresh peach shortcake for dessert with homemade biscuits and real whipped cream. \$10 for adults and \$5 six and under. Cost is \$10 adults and \$5 six and under. Serving 5-7 pm. Dummerston Grange, 1008 East-West Rd. (802) 254-2517.

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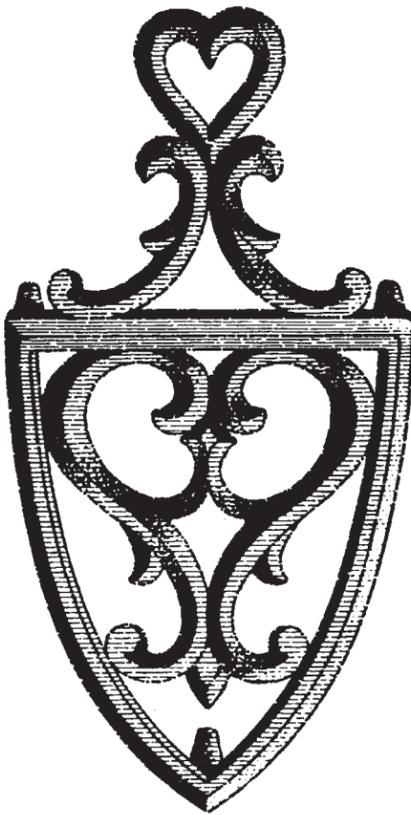
**TUNBRIDGE.** 41st Annual Lippitt Country Show. An old-fashioned horse show, featuring the Lippitt Morgan horse. Camping available on site. At the Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. For information call (802) 763-2516. [denlore3@denlore.com](mailto:denlore3@denlore.com). [www.lippittcountryshow.com](http://www.lippittcountryshow.com). *Also August 16.*

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** 5th Annual Abenaki and Indigenous Peoples Honoring Day. Feast and festivities sponsored by The Hartford Historical Society. Learn about the culture and traditions of the Vermont Native people. The Black Hawk Singers will perform. Wild meat barbeque & potluck dinner 12-1 pm. Free, donations welcome. 11 am - 5 pm. At Lyman Point Park. (802) 296-3132. [hartfordhistory.org](http://hartfordhistory.org).

**WOODSTOCK.** Heritage Chicken Days. See a variety of heritage chicken breeds including threatened and rare breeds like the Blue Andalusian and Buff Laced Polish. Programs and information about each breed's unique traits, plus interesting facts about chicken and eggs. Chicken-themed activities and programs for children. Adults \$14, age 62 and up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, ages 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. [billingsfarm.org](http://billingsfarm.org). *Also August 16.*

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

**BENNINGTON.** Annual Bennington Battle Day 5K Road Race. Starts and ends at the Bennington Monument, started with the firing of a cannon. Registration opens at 8 am and the race starts at 9:30 am. Registration forms are available at the Monument gift shop. 8 am - 5 pm. Bennington Battle Monument State Historic Site. (802) 447-0550. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).



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**FERRISBURGH.** Pie & Ice Cream Social. Music, chat, and pie! Homemade pies of every type, plain or à la mode, served in the Museum's shady back yard. Proceeds support the Museum's work. 1-4 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. [rokeby.org](http://rokeby.org).

**NORTH HERO.** In Good Taste: Savor the Islands. Join the farmers, vintners, brewers, and chefs of Northwest Vermont for an evening of fresh local foods, culinary delights, regional wines and handcrafted beers. Enjoy a beautiful afternoon at Knight Point State Park and an evening under the tent sampling the deliciousness. Tickets: adult (age 13 and up) \$15; children (ages 4-12) \$10; family: (up to 2 adults + 3 children) \$55; Children aged 3 and under are free. 4-7 pm. Knight Point State Park, 44 Knight Point Rd. (802) 595-9581. [www.vtfarmtoplate.com](http://www.vtfarmtoplate.com).

**POULTNEY.** Farm to Ballet Performance. A benefit for RAFFL. Suggested donation \$10. 6 pm. Green Mountain College, 1 Brennan Circle. [www.farmtoballet.org](http://www.farmtoballet.org).

**RANDOLPH.** 23rd Annual Central Vermont Chamber Music Festival: Annual Breakfast with Bach. Concert features Villa-Lobos's *Bachianas Brasileiras #1*, performed by eight cellos in collaboration with the Vermont Youth Orchestra. Modest fee for breakfast; admission to the concert free with a goodwill offering at the door. Three Bean Café, beginning at 11 am; concert at Bethany Church across the street at 12:30 pm. (802) 728-6464. [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org). [www.centralvtchambermusicfest.org](http://www.centralvtchambermusicfest.org).

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## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

**BARTON.** Orleans County Fair. In its 148th year! Horse, pony & ox pulling, 4-H exhibits and contests. Horse show. Cattle, sheep, goat, rabbit and poultry competition. Grange and antique exhibits. Midway, shows, demo derby. Roaring Brook Park. (802) 525-3555. [www.orleanscountyfair.net](http://www.orleanscountyfair.net). *Through August 23.*

**RUTLAND.** Vermont Farmers' Market. Local produce, crafts, prepared foods. Live music. 3-6 pm. At Depot Park. (802) 342-4727. [info@vtfarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@vtfarmersmarket.org). [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org). *Wednesdays through October 26.*

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

**BENNINGTON.** Sixth Annual Car Appreciation Day and Hemings Cruise-In. New England's best informal car show. Trophies awarded, no registration required. Canceled in the event of rain. Refreshments, free popcorn! 5:30-8:30 pm. Hemings Headquarters, 222 Main St. (800) 227-4373.

## Panna Cotta with Raspberries

2 cups buttermilk  
2/3 cup heavy cream  
2 cups fresh raspberries

1 1/2 tsp. unflavored gelatin  
3/4 cup sugar

Sprinkle gelatin over 1 cup of the buttermilk. Let stand to soften, about 5 minutes. Meanwhile, bring cream and scant 1/2 cup of sugar to a boil on top of a double boiler. Add gelatin mixture; place over simmering water and stir until gelatin is dissolved. Stir in remaining buttermilk; strain through a cheese cloth. Divide among 6 4-ounce ramekins on a baking sheet. Cover, refrigerate until set, about 4 hours. Sprinkle berries with remaining sugar. Let stand for 1 hour. To serve, unmold onto plates and serve with berries and their juices. (To unmold, dip into hot water and run tip of a knife around the edge.) *Serves 6.*

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[www.vermontfarmersfoodcenter.org](http://www.vermontfarmersfoodcenter.org)

All proceeds go to the Vermont Farmer's Food Center

# Vermont Country Calendar

**RANDOLPH.** 23rd Annual Central Vermont Chamber Music Festival: Open Rehearsal of the Mozart and Brahms quintets. The public is welcome to stop by any time and experience music in the making. 7 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org). [www.centralvtchambermusicfest.org](http://www.centralvtchambermusicfest.org).

**WILMINGTON.** Deerfield Valley Farmer's Day Exhibition. The 98th year! Full midway with rides, truck, horse, and ox pulls. Farm exhibits. Horse show, livestock competitions. Children's activities, sawing competition, exhibit halls. Demo derby Sunday. Fairgrounds on Baker Field. (802) 319-0117. [www.dvfair.com](http://www.dvfair.com). *Through August 23.*

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

**GLOVER.** Bread & Puppet Museum. A performance of *Underneath the Above Shows* in the Paper Mache Cathedral. \$10 suggested donation. Museum tour at 6 pm. Show at 7:30 pm. Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. (802) 525-3031. [www.breadandpuppet.org](http://www.breadandpuppet.org). *Saturday nights through August 29 and September 12-26.*

**LUDLOW.** Ludlow Farmers' Market. Locally grown produce, prepared foods, crafts, and live entertainment. A very pleasant market. EBT and debit cards. Fridays 4-7 pm. Front lawn of Okemo Mountain School, 53 Main St., Jerry Milligan. (802) 734-3829. [lfmkt@tds.net](mailto:lfmkt@tds.net). [ludlowfarmersmarket.org](http://ludlowfarmersmarket.org). *May 22 - October 9.*

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

**HUBBARDTON.** Fourth Annual 1776 Mount Independence-Hubbardton Military Road Car Tour. Explore the 1776 military road from Mount Independence in Orwell to Hubbardton. Meet at the Mount Independence State Historic Site with your own vehicle for orientation. Tour ends at the Hubbardton Battlefield. Admission: adults \$6, children under 15 are free. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

**LUDLOW.** Fletcher Farm Annual Arts and Crafts Festival. Over 90 of New England's finest artists and craftsmen exhibiting top quality wares. 10 am - 4 pm, rain or shine. 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).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Ciderstock 2015. Day-long event featuring live music, great food trucks, and of course, Woodchuck cider. Tickets: advance \$25, 12 & under free. 2-10 pm. The Woodchuck Cider, 1321 Exchange St. (802) 388-0700. [www.woodchuck.com/ciderstock](http://www.woodchuck.com/ciderstock).

**QUECHEE.** 42nd Annual Scottish Festival and Celtic Fair. Pipe band competition. Sheep dog trials at 11 am. Children's games at 1 pm. Highland Dancing competition. Over 50 clan tents. Scottish arts & crafts, Historic Highlanders, Highland athletics, Scottish wares for sale. Live music. Scottish and American specialty food and drink available on the grounds. Admission: adults \$15, children 5-16 \$10, under 5 free. No dogs, please. 8 am - 4:30 pm at the Quechee Polo Field, 45 Deweys Mills Rd. (802) 295-5351. [www.quecheescottishfestival.com](http://www.quecheescottishfestival.com).

**RANDOLPH.** 23rd Annual Central Vermont Chamber Music Festival Concert: viola quintets by Mozart and Brahms, performed by Festival veterans violinists Basia Danilow, Arturo Delmoni, and Adela Peña; violists David Cerutti and Kathryn Lockwood; and cellist Peter Sanders. Admission, 8 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org). [www.centralvtchambermusicfest.org](http://www.centralvtchambermusicfest.org).

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**STOWE.** Concert: Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas, Scottish Fiddle and Modern Cello. Tickets: \$20-\$37. 8 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. [sprucepeakarts.org](http://sprucepeakarts.org).

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

**WOODSTOCK.** 23rd Annual Central Vermont Chamber Music Festival Concert. Viola quintets by Mozart and Brahms, performed by Festival veterans violinists Basia Danilow, Arturo Delmoni, and Adela Peña; violists David Cerutti and Kathryn Lockwood; and cellist Peter Sanders. Admission by freewill donation. 4 pm. Unitarian Universalist Church on the green. (802) 728-6464. [centralvtchambermusicfest.org](http://centralvtchambermusicfest.org).

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

**LYNDONVILLE.** Caledonia County Fair. Celebrating 167 years of tradition. Agricultural, floral, and 4-H exhibits. Horse, pony and ox pulling. Cattle, sheep and horse shows. Family entertainment, lumberjack competition, country music, demo derby. Fairgrounds at Mountain View Park. (802) 626-5917. [www.vtfair.com](http://www.vtfair.com). *Through August 30.*

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**WOODSTOCK.** Wagon Ride Wednesdays. Horse-drawn wagon rides from 11 am - 3 pm. Admission includes all programs and activities: adults \$14, age 62 and up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, ages 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 1/2 mile north of the village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. [billingsfarm.org](http://billingsfarm.org). *Wednesdays through September 30.*

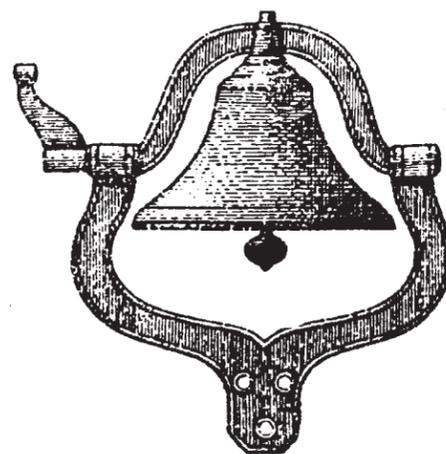
## THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

**KILLINGTON.** Killington Classic Motorcycle Rally. Vermont's premier motorcycle event featuring some of the best touring in New England along the picturesque roads of Vermont. Social events, a vendor village, stunt shows, live music, and more. The Foundry Restaurant at Summit Pond, Killington Rd. (518) 798-7888. [www.killingtonclassic.com](http://www.killingtonclassic.com). *Through August 30.*

**MIDDLEBURY.** Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival. The work of first and second time filmmakers. Three venues: Town Hall Theater, Marquis Theater, Dana Auditorium at Middlebury College. Attend just the film screening for \$25 or enjoy both the film and the party for \$50. (802) 247-4650. [middlefilmfest.org](http://middlefilmfest.org). *Through August 30.*

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

**BONDVILLE.** Bondville Fair. Since 1797! Agricultural displays and contests. Quilt show and exhibit, crafts, rides & games. Live entertainment, bingo. Every kind of pull. Clog dancing, school house and sugarhouse museums. Fairgrounds on Rt. 30. (802) 297-9810. [bondvillefair.org](http://bondvillefair.org). *Through August 30.*



## Free Seminar for Landowners on New Forestry & Wildlife Management Practices in Hartland, VT on August 8

A free seminar for landowners entitled "Managing your land for wildlife and forestry, a guide to U.S.D.A. Farm Bill Programs" will be presented from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cobb Hill Cohousing Community Room, Linden Rd. in Hartland Four Corners, Hartland, VT.

The seminar is offered by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation, and the U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Staff from all three agencies will provide participants with an understanding of forestry and wildlife practices related to Farm Bill programs

available to landowners. "With more than 80 percent of Vermont's land in private hands, landowners can do much to promote sustainable forestry practices for wildlife" said Mary Beth Adler, wildlife habitat technician for Vermont Fish & Wildlife. "The programs we will highlight can give landowners the funding and skills they need to improve the health of their forests and provide food and cover for wildlife."

The morning will be spent on presentations and discussion. The group will head out after lunch for a field trip to see management practices in action on the Cobb Hill lands, which have been enrolled in Farm Bill programs for several years. The walk will highlight wildlife habitat and forest management practices that have been completed and



A seminar for landowners in Hartland will discuss improving land for wildlife and forestry through the federal Farm Bill.

others in progress. Plan to bring lunch, a water bottle, and dress appropriately for the weather and to guard against ticks.

Participants are encouraged to pre-register by e-

mailing Mary Beth Adler at [marybeth.adler@state.vt.us](mailto:marybeth.adler@state.vt.us) or calling (802) 885-8836.

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**COLEBROOK, NH.** 24th Annual North Country Moose Festival. Street Fair. Kidz Korner. Entertainment, art exhibit, quilt show, wildlife encounters, guided tour of the River Walk, dance performance, live music. Moose Cruise Parade. Food & craft vendors. Self-guided moose tours! Along Main St. (603) 237-8939. [www.chamberofthenorthcountry.com](http://www.chamberofthenorthcountry.com).

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Champlain Valley Exposition. Vermont's largest fair. Livestock, farm and home exhibits. Art show, crafts, vegetable, fruit and flower competitions. 40-ride midway, 80 food booths, 250 commercial exhibitors, demo derby & major concerts. Rt. 15. (802) 878-5545. [champlainvalleyfair.org](http://champlainvalleyfair.org). *Through Sept 6.*

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

**CANAAN.** 24th Annual North Country Moose Festival. Moose Watcher's Breakfast, Country Fair. Auto show, magic show, horse & wagon historical tours, 13th annual dog show, jazz band, moose stew cook-off, photography show, kidz korner, watershed on wheels. Moose Calling Contest. Food & craft vendors. Adults (age 16 and up) \$5, couple \$8, seniors \$4, family of four \$12 (additional child \$2). 9:30 am - 3 pm. Community Park. (603) 237-8939. [chamberofthenorthcountry.com](http://chamberofthenorthcountry.com).

**VERGENNES.** 34th Annual Vergennes Day. Crafter & vendor booths, food, fun, entertainment and other activities around town. 10 am - 4 pm. Main Street. (802) 388-7951.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

**MIDDLEBURY.** Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival. The work of first and second time filmmakers. Three venues: Town Hall Theater, Marquis Theater, Dana Auditorium at Middlebury College. (802) 247-4650. [middfilmfest.org](http://middfilmfest.org).

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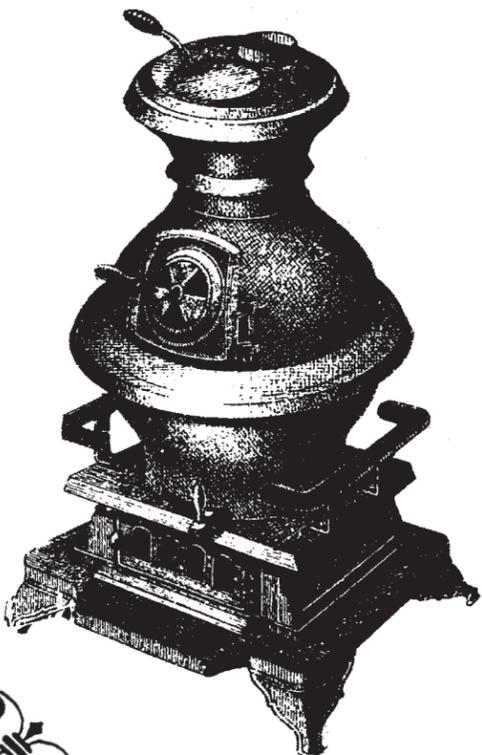
**ADDISON.** Chimney Point State Historic Site. Learn how to use the atlatl (ancient spear thrower). Children's French Colonial dress-up basket. 9:30 am - 5 pm, Wed. - Sun. and Monday Holidays. 8149 Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). *May 23 through October 12.*

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington Battle Monument. Vermont's tallest structure, is open to the public from 9 am to 5 pm daily. Admission \$3 adults, \$1 children ages six through 14 years. Children under six years and scheduled school groups are free. (802) 447-0550. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). *Through October 31.*

**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. [www.echovermont.org](http://www.echovermont.org).

**BURLINGTON.** ArtsRiot Truck Stop. A food truck rally selling everything from pork belly and barbecue to Malaysian street food and vegan noodles. Pies, tacos, fish, meats, waffles, toffee, souvlaki, ciders, and so much more. Truck Stop bar is open. Live or DJ music. Free admission. Rain or shine. 5-10 pm. At ArtsRiot, 400 Pine St. (802) 540-0406. [artsriot.com](http://artsriot.com). *Every Friday thru Oct. 9.*

**EAST DORSET.** Vermont Summer Festival Horse Show: Manchester & the Mountains. Watch the world class horses and athletes—hunters and jumpers, and grand prix jumping. Shop the boutiques, have lunch and a drink. Spectator admission: \$6 for adults and \$3 for children, Tuesday thru Friday; \$9 for adults and \$5 for children, Grand Prix, Saturday and Sunday. Tuesday thru Sunday, 8 am - 4 pm. Harold Beebe Farm, 2971 Rt. 7. (802) 362-7548. [www.vt-summerfestival.com](http://www.vt-summerfestival.com). *Tuesday through Sunday through August 9.*



**FAIRFIELD.** President Chester Arthur Historic Site. Admission by donation. Open Saturday and Sunday, and Monday holidays 11 am - 5 pm. 4588 Chester Arthur Rd. (802) 933-8362. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). *July 4 through October 12.*

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**HUBBARDTON.** Hubbardton Battlefield. Admission: adults \$3, children 14 and under free. 9:30 am - 5 pm. Thursday through Sunday and Monday holidays. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. [elsa.gilbertson@state.vt.us](mailto:elsa.gilbertson@state.vt.us). [www.historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton). *May 23 through October 12.*

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

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**ORWELL.** Mount Independence State Historic Site. Special exhibit: Mount Independence Depicted. Children's Discovery Corner. Special events. \$5 adults, free for children under 15. Open daily, 9:30 am - 5:30 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov/MountIndependence](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov/MountIndependence). *May 23 - October 12.*

**PLYMOUTH NOTCH.** President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. Adults \$8, children 6 to 14 \$2, under 6 free. Family pass \$25. 9:30 am - 5 pm daily. 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov). *May 23 through October 18.*

**PROCTOR.** Vermont Marble Museum. Marble Cafe and Gift Shop—enjoy pastries, soups and sandwiches, free wifi, open Tuesday thru Saturday year round from 9 am - 3 pm. Admission: adults \$7, seniors \$5, kids & teens and Proctor residents free. Museum hours, 10 am - 5 pm, seven days a week, May 24 through October 14. Marble Museum, 52 Main St. (802) 459-2750. [www.vermontmarblegifts.com](http://www.vermontmarblegifts.com).

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

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

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**STRAFFORD.** Justin Morrill Homestead. Admission: adults \$6, children 14 and under free. Open Wednesday through Sunday and Monday holidays, 11 am - 5 pm. 214 Justin Morrill Hwy. (802) 765-4484. [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

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**WINDSOR.** Cider Hill Gardens & Art Gallery. Open May-June 10 am – 6 pm daily; July-October Thursday-Sunday 10 am – 5 pm daily. At 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. [flowers@ciderhillgardens.com](mailto:flowers@ciderhillgardens.com). [ciderhillgardens.com](http://ciderhillgardens.com). [garymilk.com](http://garymilk.com).

**WINDSOR.** Old Constitution House. Admission: adults \$3, 14 and under free. Open weekends and Monday holidays, 11 am – 5 pm. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 Main St. (802) 672-3773. [www.historicsites.vermont.gov/constitution](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov/constitution). *May 23 through October 12.*

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

**WOODSTOCK.** Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park. 20 miles of trails and carriage roads, gardens and mansion. Vermont's only national park. Guided tours \$4/\$8, under 15 free. Visit the Carriage Barn Visitor Center daily 10 am – 5 pm through October 31. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park, 54 Elm St. (802) 457-3368 x 22. [nps.gov/mabi](http://nps.gov/mabi).

## MUSEUMS, EXHIBITS & GALLERIES

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

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

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington Center for the Arts. Small Works Show May 23 – December 20. Permanent collections, theater productions, workshops. Admission: adults \$9, seniors & students \$8, families \$20, under 12 are free. Open Wed-Mon, 10 am – 5 pm. 44 Gypsy Lane. (802) 442-7158. [shirley@thebennington.org](mailto:shirley@thebennington.org). [www.thebennington.org](http://www.thebennington.org).

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington Museum. Exhibits and programs, founding documents, fine art. See Bennington Pottery, the 1924 Wasp Touring Car, and the Bennington Flag—one of America's oldest flags. George Aiken Wildflower Trail. Adults \$10, seniors and students over 18 \$9, children under 18 free. Free admission to the Gift Shop. 10 am – 5 pm daily, closed Wednesdays. 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. [benningtonmuseum.org](http://benningtonmuseum.org).

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

**BRATTLEBORO.** Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. Daily 11-5, closed Tues. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$4 students, free for 18 and under. 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. [brattleboromuseum.org](http://brattleboromuseum.org).

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**FERRISBURGH.** Rokeby Museum. Exhibits, buildings to tour, grounds to explore. Admission \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 students, children under 5 free. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. [rokeby@comcast.net](mailto:rokeby@comcast.net). [www.rokeby.org](http://www.rokeby.org). *Open through October 25.*

**GLOVER.** Bread and Puppet Museum. One of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world, open daily 10 am to 6 pm and after shows until Nov. 1. Museum tours Saturdays at 6 pm and Sundays at 1 pm. Admission free, donations welcome. Events and exhibits. Bread and Puppet, 753 Heights Rd., Rt. 122 off Rt. 16 and I-91 S, exits 24/25. For more information, visit [www.breadandpuppet.org](http://www.breadandpuppet.org). *Open daily June through October.*

**GRAFTON.** The Nature Museum at Grafton. Hands-on natural history exhibits, mounted specimens and wildlife garden, nature programs, plus tours. Admission is free, donations welcome. Visit [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org) for upcoming programs. Open Thursdays and Saturdays 10 am – 4 pm from Memorial Day through Columbus Day. 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org).

**HUNTINGTON.** Birds of Vermont Museum. Features over 500 carved wooden birds, representing 259 species. "Birds of a Fiber"—Community Art Show through October 1. Museum, bird walks, exhibits, children's programs, gift shop, restrooms and trails with maps. Adult \$7, senior \$6, child 3-17 \$3.50. Open daily 10 am – 4 pm. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. [www.birdsofvermont.org](http://www.birdsofvermont.org). *May 1 through October 31.*

**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](http://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. \$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](http://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. Hogback Mountain Gift Shop next door. Admission: adults \$5, seniors \$3, children 5-12 \$2, kids 4 and under are free. Open 10 am – 4 pm weekdays, 10 am – 5 pm weekends. Rt. 9, Hogback Mountain. (802) 464-0048. [museum@sover.net](mailto:museum@sover.net). [www.vermontmuseum.org](http://www.vermontmuseum.org).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont. The oldest chartered community history museum in the United States, welcoming visitors since 1882. Current Exhibit: Warren Kimble All-American Artist—An Eclectic Retrospective, through October 18. Exhibits, research center, and museum shop. Admission: adults \$5, youth 6-18 \$3, senior \$4.50, family \$12, under 6 free. Open Tues-Sat 10 am – 5 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History, One Park St. (803) 388-2117. [www.henrysheldonmuseum.org](http://www.henrysheldonmuseum.org).

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**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. www.vermonthistory.org.

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**WESTMINSTER.** The 1858 Bradley Law Office. This tiny, two room law office is furnished just as William Czar Bradley left it in 1858. The office contains furniture of that time including a large, painted, multi-draw filing cabinet. The surveyor's chain he used when surveying the US/Canadian border plus many large and small accessories are on display. The office is a treasure to behold. Free admission. Open Sundays July 5 through September 6 from 2-4 pm. Located two buildings south of the Westminster Town Hall at 3613 Rt. 5 (802) 387-5778 or (802) 722-4203.

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

**WINDSOR.** American Precision Museum. Housed in the original Robbins & Lawrence Armory, the museum now holds the largest collection of historically significant machine tools in the nation. Exhibits, collections, events, museum shop. Admission: adults \$8, students \$5, children under 6 free, families \$20. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. American Precision Museum, 196 Main St. (802) 674-5781. americanprecision.org. Through Oct. 31.

**WINDSOR.** Cider Hill Gardens & Art Gallery. Display gardens, plant collections, art gallery, special events. Open May-Aug, Wed-Sun, 10 am – 5 pm; Sept-Nov, Fri-Sun, 10 am – 5 pm. At 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. ciderhillgardens.com. garymilk.com. Summer season May through November.

**WOODSTOCK.** 29th Annual Quilt Exhibition. features quilts made by Windsor County quilters. A special highlight this year is a “feed sack quilt” made entirely of feed sacks collected at the Billings Farm during the 1950s and 1960s. Activities and demonstrations. Quilters on hand to discuss their work. Admission includes all programs and activities: adults \$14, age 62 and up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, ages 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org. August 1 through September 20.

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Louis Schryer. photo by Lois Siegel

## Master Fiddler Louis Schryer In Concert in Barre, VT

Four-time Canadian Master Fiddler, Louis Schryer will perform at a benefit concert at the Barre Opera House in Barre, VT from 7-9 p.m. on Saturday, August 15.

Born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, Louis now resides in Chapeau, Quebec. Schryer has been playing the fiddle since the age of eight and has been performing for over 25 years. He is an eight-time Canadian Fiddle Champion and four time Grand Master Fiddle Champion and winner of the famous Pembroke Competition for the third consecutive year.

Schryer is one of Canada's most respected and in-demand fiddle players and is featured on the CDs of many top country recording artists. Louis has four CDs of his own that showcase the many fiddle styles he can play. He spends a great deal of his time instructing, educating, and guiding others. Erin Leahy, a multi-talented musician and dancer will accom-

pany Schryer on the piano. Siobheann Donohue will play bass. Both are members of the famed Leahy family as well as being known for their solo performances.

A special feature is planned for the concert. Louis Schryer's daughters, Chelsey and Kaitlyn, both competitive step dancers, will perform.

The concert will benefit Community of Vermont Elders (COVE), a state-wide, non-profit organization working to protect and enhance the quality of life for Vermont's seniors through public policy education and advocacy.

Tickets are \$28, seniors and students are \$25, available at the Barre Opera House at (802) 476-8188 or www.barreoperahouse.com. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

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# 23rd Annual Central Vermont Chamber Music Festival

The 23rd annual Central Vermont Chamber Music Festival will kick off on August 10th in Randolph featuring two weeks of world-class music in the heart of Vermont. Led by artistic director and cellist, Peter Sanders, the festival features musicians who offer talent that has been seasoned by performances around the globe.

The first concert in the series at Chandler Music Hall in Randolph takes place on Friday, August 14 at 7 p.m. in the main Gallery, featuring former Kronos Quartet cellist Jeffrey Zeigler, performing works from his newly released solo album, *Something of Life*. The album is one of over a dozen recordings released in the course of his career and features premier recordings of works by Philip Glass, John Zorn and others. Admission is free, goodwill offerings welcome.

## Saturday concerts

There are two Saturday evening concerts scheduled for the main hall at Chandler. The first one, on August 15th at 8 p.m., "A Cello-bration!" features a cello quartet performing music of the 1500's through today, including Bach, Pachelbel, Vivaldi, Debussy, Wagner, Michael Jackson, Lady Gaga, and many more. Sanders will be joined by Zeigler, Hannah Holman of the New York City Ballet, and Chris Finckel of the Manhattan String Quartet.

The second Saturday concert, on August 22 at 8 p.m. features viola quintets by Mozart and Brahms, performed by Festival veterans violinists Basia Danilow, Arturo Delmoni, and Adela Peña; violists David Cerutti and Kathryn Lockwood; and cellist Peter Sanders. This program will be performed again on Sunday, August 23 at 4 p.m. at the Woodstock Unitarian Universalist Church on the green in Woodstock, VT. Admission for this concert is by freewill donation.

## Breakfast with Bach

The annual Breakfast with Bach takes place on Sunday, August 16th, with a new twist. The breakfast will again be served in the Esther Mesh Room of Chandler's Upper Gallery, catered once again by the Three Bean Café, beginning at 11 a.m. The concert at Bethany Church across the street at 12:30 p.m. features Villa-Lobos's *Bachianas Brasileiras #1*, performed by eight cellos in collaboration with the Vermont Youth Orchestra, conducted by Jeffrey Domoto. In addition, Sanders also promises a surprise or two. There is a modest fee for the breakfast and admission to the concert is free with a goodwill offering at the door.

## Cello workshop

On Saturday morning, August 15 at 10:30 a.m. a free cello workshop is offered in coordination with the Vermont Youth Orchestra. This is an informal event for cellists to play



Breakfast with Bach orchestra and conductor Jeffrey Domoto.

and learn about different aspects of cello performance and practice. The exercises will focus on etudes by Dotzauer and Schroder and both beginners and more advanced cellists are encouraged to participate. To reserve a space, contact Jeffrey Domoto: domoto@vyo.org. The workshop is also free and open to the public to observe.

## Children's concert

The annual Children's concert takes place on Saturday morning in the main hall at Chandler on August 22 at 10:30 a.m. Prokofiev's timeless musical story, *Peter and the Wolf*, will be presented by a piano, string quartet and bass ensemble, narrated by Braintree's Charlie McMeekin. An exhibit of Peter and the Wolf drawings by the local school children will be on display. A special free ice cream social follows the performance in the Upper Gallery. Tickets for the performance are available at the door and are \$6 per person.

## Festival previews

VPR opera host Peter Fox Smith will broadcast highlights on Saturday, August 8th at noon. VPR Classical host Walter

Parker will invite the Festival musicians into the Colchester studio at 365 Troy Ave, Colchester, VT on Friday, August 14th at 12 noon for a chat and live performance.

There will be an open rehearsal of the Mozart and Brahms quintets on Thursday, August 20th at 7 p.m. at Chandler Music Hall in Randolph. The public is welcome to stop by any time and experience music in the making. There is no charge for sitting in on a rehearsal.

The Central Vermont Chamber Music Festival is proud to have Vermont Public Radio as its Media Sponsor for 2015.

Chandler Music Hall is located at 71-73 Main St. in Randolph, VT. It is handicapped accessible and equipped for the hearing impaired.

For more information call (802) 728-9878 or visit [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org). For tickets call Chandler's box office at (802) 728-6464. 3-6 p.m., Monday-Friday. Open at 11 a.m., until two hours before the show, on the day of a performance.

For more information about the Central Vermont Chamber Music Festival, visit the festival website at [www.centralvtchambermusicfest.org](http://www.centralvtchambermusicfest.org).

## Summer Dreams

Drowsy old summer, with nothing to do,  
I'd like to be drowsin' an' dreamin' with you;  
I'd like to stretch out in the shade of a tree,  
An' fancy the white clouds were ships out at sea,  
Or castles with turrets and treasures and things,  
And peopled with princesses, fairies and kings,  
An' just drench my soul with the glorious joy  
Which was mine to possess as a barefooted boy.

Drowsy old summer, your skies are as blue  
As the skies which a dreamy-eyed youngster once knew,  
An' I fancy to-day all the pictures are there—  
The ships an' the pirates an' princesses fair,  
The red scenes of battle, the gay, cheering throngs  
Which greeted the hero who righted all wrongs;  
But somehow or other, these old eyes of mine  
Can't see what they did as a youngster of nine.

Drowsy old summer, I'd like to forget  
Some things which I've learned  
an' some hurts I have met;  
I'd like the old visions of splendor an' joy

Which were mine to possess as a barefooted boy  
When I dreamed of the glorious deeds I would do  
As soon as I'd galloped my brief boyhood through;  
I'd like to come back an' look into your skies  
With that wondrous belief an' those far-seeing eyes.

Drowsy old summer, my dream days have gone:  
Only things which are real I must now look upon;  
No longer I see in the skies overhead  
The pictures that were, for the last one has fled.  
I have learned that not all of our dreams can come true;  
The the toilers are many and heroes are few;  
But I'd like once again to look up there an' see  
The man that I fancied some day I might be.

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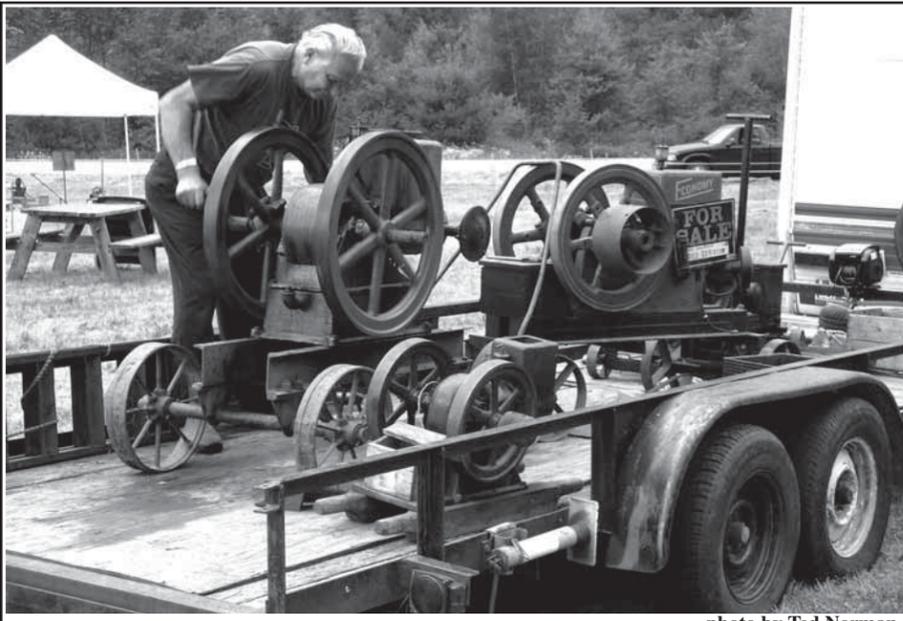
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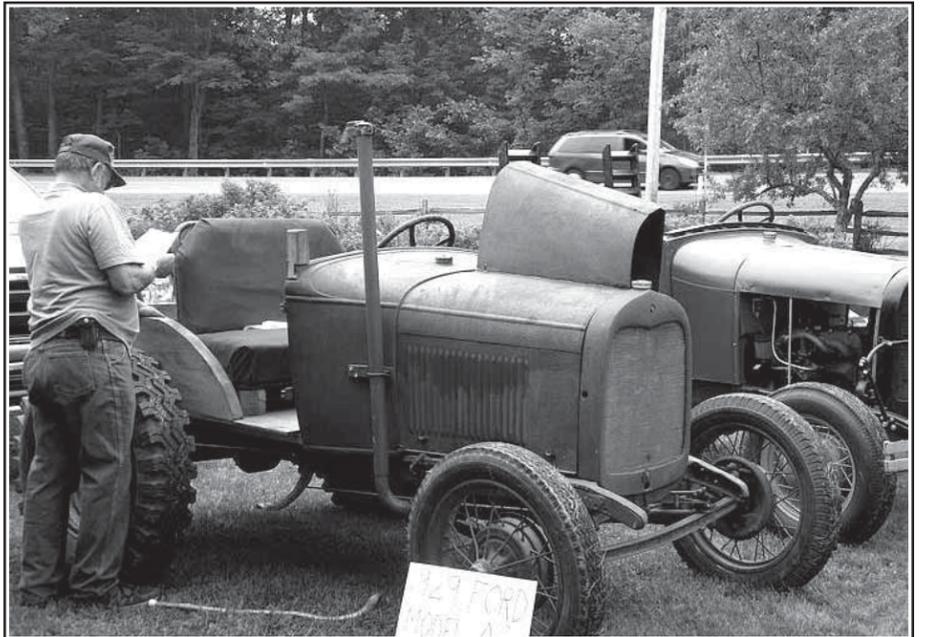
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Richard Stride of Tunbridge, VT had a trailer carrying a variety of makes of antique engines. Note: Richard Stride was a long time member of the organization who passed away last year one day after he participated in the Stockbridge show. photo by Ted Norman



Steve Stocking of Fairlee, VT standing next to his antique Model A "doodle-bug." The red "doodle-bug" next to it is owned by Gary Ulman of Thetford Center, VT. photo by Ted Norman



The man with the blue hat, standing on the trailer with his back to you is Doug Lunna of Stockbridge, VT showing spectators his impressive collection of 12 "International" antique gas engines (ranging in horsepower from 1 1/2 HP to 12 HP). photo by Ted Norman



(Left to right) Iain Portalupi of Barre, VT, Shae Martin of Northfield, VT, Ron Bruce of Moretown, VT, and David Newhall of Orange, VT are all working on baling hay using the Vermont Antique Farm Machinery Association's "Turner Stationary Haypress," manufactured in the early 1930s in Statesville, North Carolina. photo by Ted Norman

## Quechee, VT

# Vermont Gas & Steam Engine Association, Inc. Show Comes to Quechee, VT on August 1 & 2

The Vermont Gas & Steam Engine Association will be presenting one of their 2015 shows at Quechee Gorge Village in Quechee, VT on the weekend of August 1 & 2. And another is coming up on September 4 at the intersection of Rts. 100 & 107 in Stockbridge, VT. The final show of the season will be in East Burke on September 26 at the Fall Foliage Festival.

The association been in existence for over 40 years and is the oldest continually operating antique engine club in Vermont and one of the oldest in New England. It has approximately 75 members from all over the Northeast. One of the main goals of our organization is keeping the history of this machinery from being lost.

Members have varying interests relating to antique engines and antique machinery and tools. In some instances, the interest is driven by nostalgia—remembering their fathers or grandfathers operating engines, etc. in their every-day lives as farmers, loggers, manufacturers, quarrymen, etc. Some members simply have a deep admiration of these machines as being the ultimate in technical advances during America's Industrial Revolution. Whatever the reason behind the interest, there is a loyal following.

The group of people who ultimately formed the Vermont Gas & Steam Engine Association, Inc. held their first meeting at Doug Lunna's home in Stockbridge, Vermont on April 25, 1974 and started having engine shows that year. The association was officially formed in 1976.

By the end of the first year, the association had a total of 40 active members. At that time membership cost \$5.00. The first show was held at the "hang-flyers building" in Gaysville, VT and they also had a show in Bellows Falls, VT. There were exhibitors from five states and 85 engines were on display. By 1978 the Vermont Gas & Steam Engine Association's show in Gaysville had 141 different engines on display by people from all of the Northeastern states.

### The upcoming show at Quechee Gorge Village

Last year was the first year the organization held a show at Quechee Gorge Village, and they had 11 exhibitors from Stockbridge, Tunbridge, Bethel, Randolph, Fairlee, Thetford Ctr., Orange, Moretown, Northfield (all in Vermont), as well as Leominster, MA and Newport, NH. Displays included model engines, approximately 15 full-size antique engines, several glass cases filled with small antiques, three to four antique tractors, antique water pumps, two "doodle bugs," a stationary haypress, and a number of other items.

Weather is always a consideration, but this year they have hopes of more exhibitors and a good variety of exhibits. They

will also have the participation of the Carz Car Club who will be exhibiting their vintage, custom and muscle cars. This year they are also hoping to display a large antique steam engine which was donated to them a couple of years ago.

Admission is free and there will be ample free parking. There is food available at Quechee Gorge Village and nearby.

### Show Schedule

- Old Stone House Museum, Brownington, VT. June 19 & 20.
- Show and Gas Up. Quechee Gorge Village, Rt. 4, Quechee, VT. August 1 & 2, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact: Ted Norman, (802) 485-8224.
- Show & Swap Meet, intersection of Rts. 100 & 107, Stockbridge, VT. Friday, September 4, 12 noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday, September 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Labor Day weekend). Contact: Doug Lunna, (802) 234-9177.
- Show in conjunction with the East Burke Fall Foliage Festival off Belden Hill Rd., East Burke, VT. September 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be coffee and donuts and a nearby barbeque. Contact: Jack Manning, (802) 234-9170.

For more information about The Vermont Gas & Steam Engine Association call (802) 485-8224, e-mail [gailnorman@trans-video.net](mailto:gailnorman@trans-video.net) or visit [www.vermontgasandsteam.com](http://www.vermontgasandsteam.com).

If you're interested in a membership, write to: VGSEA, c/o Gail Norman, 523 VT Rt. 12 N, Northfield, VT 05663. Include name(s) of applicant(s), mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address. Memberships are \$15 per person or family (couple and any minor children residing with them). Members receive periodic newsletters, about four per year.

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# Montreal Botanical Gardens A Destination to Please Everyone

by Judith Irvén

We Vermonters are so lucky! Just an hour north of the US-Canadian border (and less than a day's drive from even the southern-most part of the state) we can experience the world-renowned Montreal Botanical Gardens, a vast parkland in the heart of a major city.

From the three Cultural Gardens to numerous specialty display gardens, plus a hundred acre arboretum (home to almost every species of tree capable of growing in Montreal's climate), this 190-acre complex offers delightful and varied experiences for everyone.

### Imposing arrival

At the entrance to the gardens we were greeted by the majestic 'Lion de la Feuillée', a huge cast-iron sculpture of a noble lion reposing with his fore feet stretched out in front of him.

Back in 1831 a well-known architect, René Dardel, created four identical lions to guard the main bridge into the City of Lyon in France. Then in 1992, to mark the 350th anniversary the City of Montreal, the people of Lyon presented one of their lions to the citizens of Montreal.

Next we strolled through the colorful rose garden which, like everything else, is on a bountiful scale. There are 100 beautifully maintained beds and 900 varieties of roses all displayed to perfection—and not a weed in sight!!

### Three cultures

Perhaps fittingly, the three unique Cultural Gardens—Japanese, Chinese, and First Nations—each comprising over six acres, are situated at the epicenter of the entire complex.

We spent a long time exploring the Japanese garden, a place of peace and tranquility where one can retreat from the hustle of everyday life.

It encompasses grand sweeping spaces, still ponds and cascading waterfalls, where every tree, shrub and stone has been carefully positioned to contribute to the feeling of harmony. Be sure to go through the pavilion, a secluded quiet space that also contains a wonderful collection of ancient bonsai.

Many of the paths in the Japanese Garden are lined with grasses that sway gently in the breeze, while numerous rhododendrons, azaleas, crab apples and pine trees provide structure and height. And, as an observant gardener, I marveled at the painstaking manner in which each plant had been pruned to perfection.

The Chinese garden is also meticulously laid out, with many narrow winding paths that take the visitor alongside gentle waterways and ponds brimming with exotic lotus plants.

But, by design, the Chinese Garden is also a place of contrasts. Here the large pavilion, with a wide up-curving roof in the traditional Chinese style, positively bustles with people.

The pavilion is also home for another beautiful collection of time-honored bonsai. And, from the back of the building you can look across the large pond and see people ascending the artificial mountain beyond.

We were lucky enough to visit in September, when the Chinese garden was all decked out with specially crafted colorful lanterns to celebrate the coming of fall. Now this 'Garden of Lights' festival has become an annual event, and includes the Japanese garden as well. This year it will be held from September 4th to November 1st.

The third Cultural Garden, that of the First Nations, sits between the Chinese and Japanese gardens. It was created as a tribute to the earliest inhabitants of North America and to their contemporary descendants. Here, from the information supplied on numerous display boards, you can learn about their culture, traditions and agricultural practices.

The First Nations Garden also boasts over three hundred different species of native trees, shrubs and grasses, something with particular appeal to horticulturists.

### Display gardens

As befits a major botanical garden, there are also numerous specialty gardens where you can see many types plants that you might like to try in your own garden back home. You will find specific areas devoted to perennials, annuals, plants for shade, shrubs of all kinds, vegetables and other 'economic plants', as well as medicinal and healing plants.

Many of these are set out in large rectangular beds in the long space that runs the entire southwest side of the complex—probably mostly of interest to the home gardener, but perhaps less so for other visitors.

There are also several display gardens where the plants are grown in a more naturalistic setting, including the delightful Flowery Brook, the new Alpine Garden, as well as the Rose Garden which we saw upon our arrival, and are more conducive for strolling around on a hot summer's day.

### A green oasis in the snow

And, should you happen to find yourself in Montreal in midwinter, why not plan a delightful afternoon in the warmth of the huge greenhouse complex that mimics various ecosystems of the world and the plants that grow in them. Here you can wander through a lush rainforest and an arid desert, and see amazing collections of ferns, begonias and flowering orchids.

### A bumpy history

I am always fascinated with the story behind any major human endeavor, whether a medieval cathedral or a contemporary building. And certainly the creation of Montreal Botanical Gardens counts as a major human endeavor.

The genesis of these gardens can be traced back to a single man, Brother Marie-Victorin (a member of the Christian Schools religious order) who was both a visionary teacher and also a trained horticulturist.

Brother Victorin dreamt of creating a monumental new public garden for the people of Montreal to enjoy fresh air, sunshine and the natural world. And indeed, to this day, citizens of Montreal can use the gardens free of charge.

In 1929 Brother Victorin unveiled his ideas to an audience that included Camillien



photo by Dick Conrad

The Chinese Garden at the Montreal Botanical Gardens

Houde, one of his former students who was now the city's influential mayor. Houde was captivated by the concept and for the next two years worked tirelessly to gain political support for what, at the height of the depression, must have felt like a pipe dream. It always helps to have friends in high places!!

Ground-breaking began in 1931, only to cease a year later when Houde was ousted as mayor. In 1936 he regained his office and work began on the gardens once more. This time Brother Victorin was appointed as Director, and he in turn persuaded an award-winning landscape architect, Heinrich Teuscher, to serve as Chief Horticulturist.

Teuscher created a comprehensive landscape design and was able to hire over 2000 workers to work on his plan. Within two years they had completed both the main building and the extensive greenhouses.

Soon Houde was back out of office once more and World War II demanded all available resources.

Then, in 1947 Brother Victorin was killed in a car crash. And without a champion, there would be a thirty year hiatus before work would resume on the gardens. The arboretum was designed and planted in 1970, followed in 1976 with the rose garden.

The Japanese garden was created in 1988, the Chinese garden in 1991, and finally the First Nations Garden was opened in 2001.

Today the Montreal Botanical Gardens, which began as the dream of a single man, stands as one of the great gardens of the world.

And it is less than a day's drive for anywhere in Vermont. There is even a bus tour planned for this coming September 14-15, led by UVM Professor Leonard Perry and sponsored by Greenworks (the Vermont Nursery and Landscape Association). You can see details and sign up at [greenworks.vermont.org/news-events](http://greenworks.vermont.org/news-events).

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*Dick Conrad is a landscape and garden photographer; to see his photographs go to [northcountryimpressions.com](http://northcountryimpressions.com).*



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## Goats for the Asking

by Burr Morse

Our new tenants appeared recently one day riding in the back of a Jeep station wagon. I had signed the contract, so to speak, with a verbal "OK, I'll take 'em next summer" way back in January—easy thing to do when you think winter'll never end. Well, it did, and the woman, Sherry, called one day and said "they're ready". OK, just so you know, I'm talking about two Nigerian Dwarf goats, cute as buttons but needing a goat-tight enclosure that wasn't ready.

Our old enclosure had sat uninhabited since our elderly goat, Otis, died two years ago. Otis was famous for pulling a container of grain up via a pulley system to a her platform eight feet off the ground. The platform, and the entire goat pen sat in relative disrepair. When I got the word from Sherry, I went there with tools and boards, and came away satisfied that Otis' old home would contain our new tenants.

*"They stayed in about a week before the 'Houdini' effect kicked in. Goats, as you may have heard, are notorious escape artists."*

They stayed contained for about a week before the "Houdini" effect kicked in. Goats, as you might have heard, are notorious escape artists and, try as I may, with added boards, woven wire, and lots of cuss words, I could not keep them in. One recent Sunday, things came to a head when Betsy and I witnessed them going off the eight foot high platform to goat freedom. "My God", she exclaimed, "I just saw a flying goat!" I was so frustrated that I impulsively went to my computer and advertised them on Front Page Forum: "Two goats complete with grain, minerals, goat medication...all free".

The next day I got minor interest in my ad but had spent a sleepless night before, reassessing my situation. "Maybe I'll give it one more try," I thought, "after all, they're awful cute!" I went and bought an expensive roll of extra high woven wire and spent the day building a smaller, platformless goat area which, unfortunately, gives them less room to roam but keeps them in. They've been contained now for about a month. I go there two times a day, feed them hay, grain, and some of their favorite treats like banana peels and Sumac leaves (contrary to popular belief, goats don't eat tin cans but do savor all sorts of other strange things).

This talk of goats reminds me of Mr. Rome VanOrman from up in Maple Corner. Rome, a bachelor, became widely known for his family of goats. A visit to his place always



photo by Morse Farm Sugarworks  
Charming goats welcome visitors at Morse Farm in Montpelier, VT.

brought, not only chuckles about his eccentricities, but a complete understanding that at the VanOrman residence, goats "ruled the roost". One time when my dad went there for a visit, Rome invited him into his parlor to sit for a spell. As conversation went on, Dad suddenly realized there was some leakage coming through the ceiling and ending up right in his lap. Rome stopped what he was saying, his eyes rising up to the source of the problem, and then back down to my father's wet pants. "Gol dern it!" he said in his high-pitched Vermont twang, "guess them goats'r upstayahs in th'bedroom again pissin' right through th'floah boards". My dad, no doubt, just brushed it off with a "no problem, Rome" but when he returned home, he was grinning from ear to ear with another "Rome" story to tell.

Our two goats are still in their pen as I write this but I do worry about the "Houdini" affect kicking in at a moment's

notice. Lots of folks are coming up to see them and I'm so glad nobody took them off my hands. I've even grown quite attached to the little rascals but I do have my limits. If the gol' derved things ever show up in my bedroom, they'll be, once again, free for the taking! Don't let anyone get your goat today!

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## Peacham Acoustic Music Festival, August 14 & 15

The Peacham Acoustic Music Festival is coming August 14th & 15th to Peacham, VT. The festival is a blend of the old and the new—roots music from the Celtic traditions, old time fiddle tunes, and a touch of blues and bluegrass.

They'll have the very finest in local and national talent. Hear performances by:

- Mollie O'Brien and Rich Moore. Mollie is a Grammy award winner and they are both recording artists.

- Skip Gorman. His 1995 album, *A Greener Prairie* was named a top ten folk recording of the year by the Boston Globe.

- Bob Amos & Catamount Crossing featuring Sarah Amos. Bob Amos is an internationally recognized and acclaimed bluegrass musician and songwriter.

- Ken and Brad Kolodner. Ken, one of the most influential hammered dulcimer players and old-time fiddlers performs with his son, a rising star in the clawhammer banjo world.

- Pete's Posse with Pete Sutherland. Pete is a well known multi-instrumentalist and troubadour with decades of concert touring.

- Adina Gordon. Adina calls contra, English and squares both old and new.

- Green Mountain Playboys. Vermont-based band play rocking Cajun music made for dancing!

- Village Harmony. Based in Vermont, the group is dedicated to the study & performance of traditional polyphonic singing.

- The Sky Blue Boys. Willy and Dan Lindner have played together for decades. They formed the celebrated Vermont bluegrass band Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys in 1972.

- Chickweed. A mixture of jazz, latin, folk, and blues.

- The Bayley-Hazen Boys. A rollicking ride from the hills of northern Vermont down through Americana to the southern Appalachians.

- Alan Greenleaf. One of Vermont's most prolific and beloved songwriters.

There will be Contra Dances, Morris Dancing, a Cajun Dance, and a Grand Contra Dance Finale.

A popular event that challenges the creative soul of musicians of every ability level is the Band Scramble. Throw your name in the hat and get thrown together with

three or four other adventurous souls to put together a song or two for presentation during the Saturday Afternoon concert.

The Craft Fair will have over 17 craft, food, and service exhibitors and vendors.

Attend workshops on songwriting, fingerstyle guitar, old-time bluegrass, and more. A Family Tent will have music and art projects for exploration and fun. Visit the Craft Fair and the Entertainment Tent on the town green.

Enjoy plenty of food choices including Jamaican, Asian, BBQ, seafood, and homemade ice cream!

The festival is on – rain or shine. The dance and concert venues are indoors and if the weather fails to cooperate, the Craft Fair and associated

entertainment will move into the gym.

Check out the website [www.pamfest.com](http://www.pamfest.com) for concerts, workshops, jam sessions and dance schedules!

Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$90 depending on the duration and event. Rough camping is available in Peacham village. Visit the website for details on both.

Peacham is nestled in the corner of Vermont known as the Northeast Kingdom. It is a land of pastoral beauty and gently rolling hills.

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# North Country Book News

Children's Book Reviews by Charles Sutton

## Summer Stories About Our Best-Ever Grandparents!

Most children learn early on that they have a 'second' set of parents—their grandparents. Most of the time these family members seem more tolerant and 'with it' than their own parents. We all know that kids and grandparents have a special bond. Here are some stories about them.

As one can readily see in *Because Your Grandparents Love You* by Andrew Clements and illustrated by R.W. Alley (Clarion Books, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$16.99, [www.hmhc.com](http://www.hmhc.com)), grandmother and grandfather never lose patience, perhaps remembering the trouble little kids can get into and the fun of it all.

In this amusing story a young boy and his sister visit their grandparent's farm where their 'mis-fit' behavior clashes with farm animals and farm life. However, the grandparents are good sports and save the day (and some of the animals) without getting upset or angry. See how grandma gets her granddaughter to retrieve eggs from under a sitting hen without upsetting the hen and getting pecked.

Grandfather has his turn, too, when his grandson just has to pick apples from the top of the tree (when Grandpa might think the lower ones are just as good). He lifts the boy up on his shoulders so he can do as he pleases—and lets him pick nine of the reddest apples on the tree.

We see just how nice grandparents can be as they put the kids to bed with grandpa reading a story and grandma promising to sit in the rocking chair until the grandchildren fall asleep. We can count on our grandparents to be on our side.

Nic had always had mother and sisters with her when she visited her grandparents on an island in Maine, but this summer she was to be there all alone as we learn in *Nic and Nellie* by Astrid Sheckles (Islandport Press, \$17.95, [www.islandportpress.com](http://www.islandportpress.com)).

Even though she has her big black dog Nellie with her, Nic was nervous and worried about being lonely and homesick. Staying in her mom's childhood room, which still had some of mother's things laying around, only made her more homesick.

On her first morning there Grandma urges her to take her dog and hike to her mother's favorite beach known for its smooth rocks and pebbles. Then on another day they visit the giant rocky ledge call 'The Elephant'. Nic also goes blueberry picking with her grandma and a cousin Kate takes her to the island store for ice cream. She starts to make friends—she feeds ducks with Rosie and a boy name Jed takes the two girls and Nellie for rowboat ride in the harbor. Grandfather arranges a picnic on the beach for her and her new friends with a fire to roast hot dogs and toast marshmallows. And the next day she tells grandfather: "I love it here. And I want to come back every summer. Just me and Nellie." Grandpa gets a big hug. Life really can be okay.

The author Astrid Sheckles, is also an award-winning illustrator and the drawings of Nic accompanied everywhere by her furry companion Nellie are just wonderful.

At some point in time children must face the loss of their grandparents, and this can be a sad time as seen in *Grandma Lives in a Perfume Village* by Fang Suzhen and illustrated by Sonja Danowski (NorthSouth Books, Inc., \$19.95, [www.northsouth.com](http://www.northsouth.com)).

A young Chinese boy Xiao Le (pronounced Shall La meaning "little joy") is taken on a train trip with his mother to visit his grandmother who is in failing health and about to die. While the tearful mother has difficulty dealing with her grief, the young boy plays games with grandmother and does things to help her, creating a brief moment of oneness, happiness, and understanding.

On the way home Xiao Le senses the future and that some day his mother would be leaving, too. Yet he comforts her, reminding her that when it rains, Grandma is washing her clothes in the sky...and although the Perfume Village where she is living in heaven cannot be reached by train, it can be accessed by the heart. This story of compassion is portrayed by beautiful drawings of masterpiece oil painting quality.

Our thanks to NorthSouth Books for bringing such a sensitive book to American readers. Its author Fang Suzhen, who lives on Taiwan, has written more than 200 books and has won numerous awards. Through her many years of promoting reading in Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and other countries, she has garnered the title of "Mrs. Rumphius, the woman who sows seeds—hers, the seeds of reading."

The animal kingdom has its grandparents, too, and the animals we meet enjoy entertaining and looking after their young ones no matter what the species are, as seen in these colorful, little board books with the stories told in rhyme: *The Best Grandma in the World* and *The Best Grandpa in the World*, both by Elena Livanios and Susanne Lute (NorthSouth Books, Inc., \$7.95 each, [www.northsouth.com](http://www.northsouth.com)).

We see a grandmotherly rabbit, mole, frog, elephant, sheep and bear in playful adventures with their grandchildren. Included are grandma rabbit baking alphabet cookies and grandpa frog making a phone line linking cans with a string to her grandchild sitting on a different lily pad. In the final scene we see a human grandma singing a lullaby to her granddaughter,

In the companion book, the grandfathers are a bear, hedgehog, beaver, kangaroo, badger and mouse.

The games they play with their grandchildren include flying folded paper planes, playing on a rocking horse and making a snowman. The book closes with a human grandpa and his grandson admiring the starry sky at water's edge.



## Book News

### Crafts, Games and Fun for Kids

Thanks to the newly published *Boxcar Children Guide to Adventure*, all Boxcar Children fans can learn their secrets to surviving, solving mysteries, and having some fun along the way.

*The Boxcar Children Guide to Adventure—A How-To for Mystery Solving, Make-It-Yourself Projects and More* created by Gertrude Chandler Warner (Albert Whitman & Co., \$12.99, [www.albertwhitman.com](http://www.albertwhitman.com)) harkens back the original Boxcar Children series, now (thankfully) republished by Albert Whitman & Co. Warner's original work was first published in 1924.

The Boxcar stories are about four run-away orphans named Henry, Jessie, Violet and Benny who make a home in an abandoned boxcar in the forest. They eventually meet their grandfather, whom they had believed to be cruel, but he is wealthy and kind and lets the children relocate their boxcar to his backyard.

For becoming a sleuth, one will find directions for putting together a detective kit, making disguises, mirror writing, making invisible ink, whistles, hand signals, and basic code. There is a guide to American sign languages called 'finger spelling,' and if you meet foreigners on your adventures, some basic lingo is provided for Spanish, French, German, Italian, Japanese and even Swahili.

When the Boxcar Children visited a village in Quebec in *The Mystery of the Screech Owl*, they had to speak some French and sampled a *tarte du sucre*—maple sugar pie!

The guide has instructions for camping out, road trips, making crafts including pressing flowers, making a yarn octopus doll, and making a terrarium. They share their games, too, with more than a dozen variables of tag; hopscotch; capture the flag.

This is the perfect book to help entertain your kids away from today's electronics.

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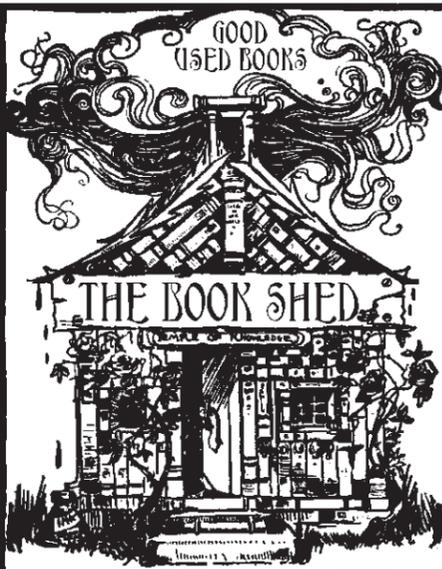
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# Summer is Here—What to Do With All Those Lovely Vegetables!

One can't but help but notice today how much of our food supply has become local with such names as Slow Food USA, Locavore, Farm to Table, and others. This trend toward producing and eating natural and locally-grown foods is being reflected in many new food and recipe books where good food is presented as the centerpiece of a community, culture and environment.



An excellent portrayal of how this food-as-it-should-be movement has grown over the past 20 years has been recreated by the people who live there in *Occidental Arts & Ecology Center Cookbook – Fresh-from-the-Garden Recipes for Gatherings Large and Small* by The OAEC Collective with Olivia Rathbone, forward by Alice Waters (Chelsea Green Publishing, \$40, [chelseagreen.com](http://chelseagreen.com)).

What started on an 80-acre farm-oriented collective in Sonoma County, CA, known as Mother Garden, with seven residents two decades ago, has evolved over the years developing ways for restorative farming, community building, continuing ecological research, farm-oriented workshops, and advocacy. Many, many people have come there to learn about this type of life and to attend its workshops on starting schoolyard gardens, conservation hydrology, food politics, ecological justice, bio-intensive gardening, seed-saving and biodiversity, climate change's effect on agriculture.

Participants had be fed. And that they were, from the farm's naturally-grown foods. Based on that experience this cookbook has instructions for preparing dishes for four or 40 hungry persons. The authors have advice on serving 'marching band' groups in an un-institutional way: "make eaters feel special; serve food on a platter, not right out of the hotel pan."

The collective is keen on salads, and one will be amazed at the many kinds of flowers, their petals or blossoms, that are in their salads. Among their 50 summer salad green mixes are cilantro, celery, garlic chive, yellow mustard and wild radish flowers; rose, hollyhock and daisy petals; and nasturtium, tarragon, day-lily buds and spinach tips.

The farm's biodiversity program has been instrumental in curating and propagating a plant and seed collection of over 3,000 varieties of heirloom, open-pollinated annuals and over 1,000 varieties of habitat-friendly, edible, medicinal and ornamental perennials.

Among its many projects are growing indigenous crops from the Americas such as quinoa, amaranth, and Jerusalem artichokes, and especially oca (*oxalis tuberosa*), a sorrel that produces a tuber, the second most important crop in the Andes, next to the potato.

You will be anxious to try many of their tempting recipes. Some examples: polenta moons with roasted red peppers, collard ribbons, and feta; smokey corn chowder with fire-roasted poblano peppers; stuffed tomatoes with borage, nettles, and ricotta; and elephant heart plums, dapple dandy pluots, and blueberries with Japanese shiso (the secret ingredient in umeboshi plums), cardamom whipped cream, and carnation petals.

Much as the book's photographs show the dedication and care given its immense gardens. This same thoughtfulness is shown in the kitchen and not incidentally in the attractive layout of this 400-page book.



If one is a food photographer and writer, it won't be long before what is seen, photo-

graphed and hopefully eaten on the job must later be cooked at home. Such a person, living in Australia, has clued us in on this work lifestyle in *What Katie Ate on the Weekend...* by Katie Quinn Davies (Viking Studio, Penguin Group, \$40, [www.penguin.com](http://www.penguin.com)).

Her first book *What Katie Ate* won the coveted James Beard Award for Best Photography and was nominated for Best General Cookbook in May, 2013. Since then it has sold in 20 countries worldwide and been translated into 10 languages.

This new book is about weekend eating and what Katie loves best, cooking for her family and friends using materials from a monthly column she does for Australia's "delicious." magazine. Her remarkable photographs enliven each page of her new book and will put your appetite on edge.

In one highlight of the book we are taken to a Weekend Girls' Lunch where Katie cooks for nine women, invited guests whom she made friends with through her blog, [whatkatieate.com](http://whatkatieate.com). Through photographs in full or double-page spreads we meet her guests and see them enjoying the dishes prepared by Katie that included pomegranate chicken, bulgur and herbs with semi-dried tomatoes, Indian-spiced lamb cutlets and double chocolate brownies with salted butterscotch and cherry. Drinks were raspberry and pomegranate martinis.

A native of Dublin, Ireland, Katie takes us back there, and also to Italy, to New York City and to the wine-producing Barossa Valley in Australia. In each locale she photographs remarkable scenes and scenery, people enjoying food, and of course, the ever-tempting food itself.

Her artistic talents are shown throughout in the layout of this 310-page masterpiece. And we gather that she is a fine, friendly person in addition to one excellent cook.



It's not unusual when preparing vegetables to discard some of the plant be it its leaves, stems or roots. You don't have to waste those edible parts according to *Root to Leaf – A Southern Chef Cooks Through the Seasons* by Steven Satterfield with photographs by John Kernick (Harper Wave, HarperCollins Publishers, \$45, [www.harpercollins.net](http://www.harpercollins.net)). In this massive 500-page tribute to all kinds of vegetables (some we've never even tried), the author, who has been described as 'The Vegetable Shaman,' will take you through the seasons with the best way to cook (and not just boil) and enjoy the bounty from vegetable gardens, vegetables that grow in the wild, and the seasonal fruits that blend well with vegetables. Although author-chef Satterfield is in the South, his cookbook is a veritable bible for vegetable lovers everywhere.

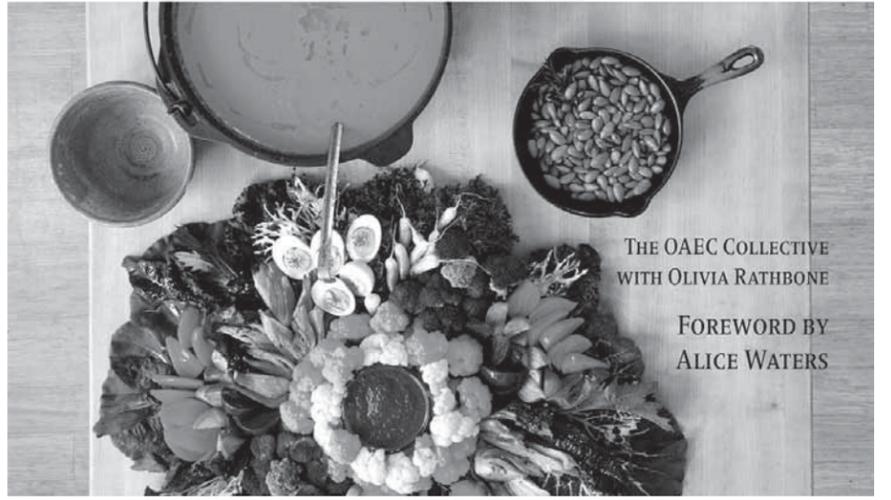
More than 300 color photographs present vegetables as an enticing and often beautiful sight (raw or cooked). The author-chef makes them interesting from an historical perspective while converting what often may be thought of as lowly vegetables to a much-deserved gourmet status.

His book will encourage you to try more exotic vegetables, even ones "drab in color and irregular in shape and form" like parsnips, rutabagas and sunchokes. He presents some delicious recipes for these "ugly ducklings" noting that rutabagas "look like fat, overgrown turnips, with rough skin that is mottled with purple, yellow and brown." Yet he combines rutabagas with carrots making a dish that is popular in England at Chistmastime.



## THE Occidental Arts & Ecology Center COOKBOOK

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FOREWORD BY ALICE WATERS

Learn also how to make tasty presentations of okra, celeriac, kohlrabi, fennel, and Asian greens like Napa cabbage, Bok and Pak choi, and Komatsuna, a mustard green.

With all vegetables, including ones we eat regularly, this chef shows ways to use as much of the plant as possible, hence the title of the book, *Root to Leaf*. He uses, for instance, the leaves of Brussel sprouts and sage in a salad with pears, pecans, and bacon. He notes that beautifully colored chard stems, often discarded, are actually a delicious compliment to the chard's tender leaves.

The book has recipe suggestions for vegetables as they mature to eating stages through the seasons. This is not just a vegetarian cookbook, but shows how vegetables can also enhance meat and seafood dishes.

The author is the executive chef of the award-winning restaurant Miller Union in Atlanta, GA.



We're so fortunate in Vermont having the ideal climate to support an array of different berries overlapping each other as the seasons progress – strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, and then summer and fall raspberries.

You will learn much about these "edible jewels, distillations of sunlight, soil and floral perfumes" in *Berries* by Roger Yepsen (W.W. Norton & Company, \$24.95 [www.norton.com](http://www.norton.com)). His insightful writing and illustrations also highlighted his two other works *Apples* and *Heirloom Vegetables*.

Yepsen offers advice on going wild berry picking, growing berries including neglected varieties in your backyard, how to preserve them, plus 100 tasty berry recipes.

Perhaps you've seen elderberry bushes growing in the wild along Vermont's back roads. This would be the year to collect some of their clusters of berries and convert them into jams, pies or wine. But beware of its wood, roots and leaves as they are toxic. We learn that in Denmark elderberry shrubs are planted around homes because its shrub, spartan scent was believed to repel both insects and trolls.

Learn about checkerberries, gooseberries, mulberries, lingonberries, juniper berries, snowberries and huckleberries. If you are a home gardener, try growing cranberries as you don't have to have a bog in your backyard, just ordinary garden soil that is fairly acidic and high in humus. With or without your own cranberries, you will be tempted to try his recipe for cranberry orange flan.

Yepsen is especially keen on black currants for their ambrosial sweet-sour flavor and curious scent, while others may describe the flavor as "foxy," "flamboyant," "mawkish." He also finds them the easiest fruit to grow and harvest without exception. The French make them into a tasty liquor called creme de cassis.

This berry-friendly book is illustrated with 60 of Yepsen's close-up watercolors of these pretty berries offset on a leafy branch.

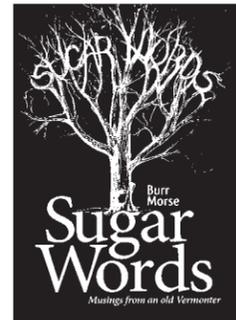
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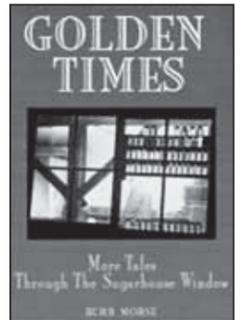


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# Banjo Dan's Bluegrass Revue Returns to the Haskell

The clarion sounds of bluegrass music will once again ring through the Haskell Opera House this summer. The grand old theatre, sitting astraddle of the U.S.-Canada border at Derby Line, Vermont and Stanstead, Quebec, will host the Third Annual Banjo Dan's Bluegrass Revue on Saturday, August 8th, at 7:30 p.m.

The show once again features a pair of the Northeast's top acoustic acts, with Bob Amos & Catamount Crossing joining The Sky Blue Boys—Dan and Willy Lindner.

Bluegrass found a special North Country home in the year 2000, when Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys first presented "folk music in overdrive" at the Haskell Opera House. The now-legendary Plowboys returned a dozen more times to thrill lovers of bluegrass and country music prior to their retirement in September 2012. "But there was no way I was going to let this thing die out," says Dan Lindner, namesake of the band, and since 2013 he has presented a twin bill featuring not one but two sterling acoustic groups.

Since the Plowboys' retirement Bob Amos & Catamount Crossing have more than earned the billing as Vermont's top bluegrass band. With a repertoire featuring Bob's award-winning original songs, the group has been featured at top bluegrass festivals all around the Northeast and beyond. Driven by Bob's dynamic banjo picking, Catamount Crossing features stirring vocals along with fiddle, mandolin, guitar and string bass. And summer is the best time to catch Bob and his band, as vocalist daughter Sarah Amos joins the group.

Carrying on in the tradition of Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys, The Sky Blue Boys—Banjo Dan and Willy Lindner—will anchor the show with their exciting recreation of the early "brothers duos" whose music in the early and middle parts of the last century gave rise directly to what we now know as bluegrass. Dan and Willy, with that authentic sibling harmony, switch off between guitars, banjo, mandolin, dobro and autoharp to deliver a virtuoso performance of early bluegrass, old-time country and folk songs along with plenty of originals. For fans of acoustic music it doesn't get any better than this.

All tickets are \$18, U.S. or Canadian. They may be ordered from [www.haskellopera.com](http://www.haskellopera.com), (802) 873-3022 x 205 or [www.catamountarts.org](http://www.catamountarts.org), (802) 748-2600, or purchased at Derby's fine crafts shop, Country Thyme Vermont, located at 60 Rt. 111, (802) 766-2852. Advance purchase is definitely encouraged, though tickets will be available at the door.

Get ready for another incredible evening of great bluegrass at the Third Annual Banjo Dan's Bluegrass Revue!

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



The Sky Blue Boys—Dan and Willy Lindner photo courtesy of Sky Blue Boys

## Lunenburg, VT

### Sky Blue Boys Perform at Lunenburg's Old Home Day

Lunenburg's Old Home Day will be celebrated on Saturday, August 1, 2015 on the Town Common on Rt. 2 in Lunenburg, VT. Come for a day of family fun! Enjoy vendors, a parade, the historical displays in the Congregational Church building, a chicken Bar-B-Q, and the Sky Blue Boys concert at 6 p.m.

Lunenburg's Top of the Common Committee is hosting the Sky Blue Boys, Dan and Willy Lindner, in a concert at the Old Congregational Church building at the top of the Town Common. Tickets are \$12.

Dan and Willy Lindner were featured instrumentalists, writers, and vocalists with the celebrated Vermont bluegrass band Banjo Dan

and the Mid-Nite Plowboys, touring and recording extensively until the band's retirement in 2012.

Today we have two fellows with a mandolin and guitar and a single microphone between them, their music nearly seamless, built of habit, their voices fused in the special blend produced by kinship. These were called "brothers duets," and there was a period in the 1900's when this was the predominant format in American rural music, practiced by now-legendary teams of brothers on radio stations and personal appearances throughout the countryside.

In Vermont, Dan and Willy Lindner, The Sky Blue Boys, keep that tradition alive. Dan and Willy have built

up a large repertoire of old ballads, parlor songs, heart songs, and sacred numbers that still tell timeless truths.

Both of them songwriters, the Sky Blue Boys also deliver their own material, and expand on traditional instrumentation.

It's that evocative and soul-stirring sound that The Sky Blue Boys recreate—a reminder of things past, and of things constant.

The Old Congregational Church building is at the top of the Town Common on

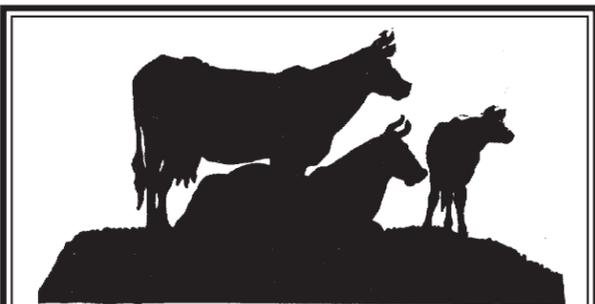
Rt. 2, Lunenburg, VT in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. The building is handicap accessible. For information call Dianne at (802) 892-1154.

Tickets are \$12 and are available at the door the evening of the event (cash, check); and through Paypal on the website: [www.topofthecommon.org](http://www.topofthecommon.org). For information call (802) 892-6654.

For information and CD's featuring the Sky Blue Boys and Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys, visit [www.skyblueboys.com](http://www.skyblueboys.com).



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



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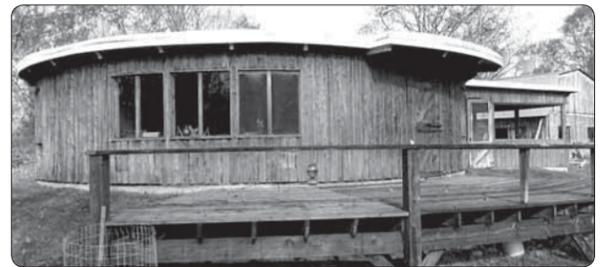
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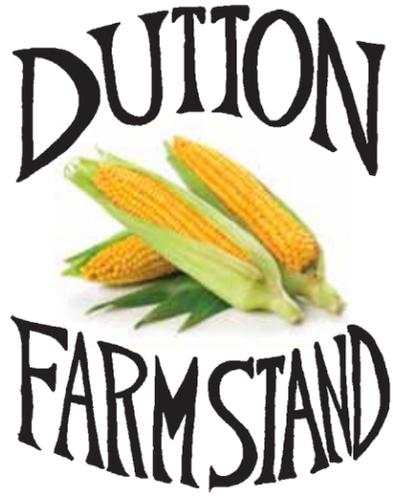
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