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Cosmic Children

by Bill Felker

5:00 a.m.—Gibbous moon setting behind the locust trees. After a soft, long night rain, low, broken, round clouds drift from due west, uncovering the moonlight in creases and lumps. High-pitched screech of tree or ground crickets. Katydid low and distant.

I stand in the dark, deaf to the sources of the sounds, aware that I can only hear a fraction of what is happening around me. My references that describe different insect calls help a little, but recordings of this cricket or that cricket mostly demonstrate that my hearing is not good enough to hear them all.

So I can identify maybe three kinds of crickets, and I am quite aware that I am only able to hear a fraction of the species that live in my neighborhood. I conclude that I must accept the immensity of my inability and my lack of awareness of all but the tiniest fraction of what is happening.

The first cardinal sings at 6:07 a.m. I ruminate more about the fragments that I perceive, about how incompleteness is the normal state of

things, how immersed in the world I am, but isolated, too, separated from the outside by my inability to sense all that is holding me in place.

I can only fall back upon random detail to make the world of what I know from rippling, disconnected meteors of sound and color.

I write down the number of butterflies in my garden each day. I keep track of bird calls (the ones I can hear). I note the beginning and the end of flower bloom. And I remember, too, that events do not end when they take place.

If I cannot see every facet of the Great Comet Time itself come back, I can at least watch a few of its shining, cosmic children reappear year after year, comforting, filling in my insufficiency with repetition and maybe even with a promise of understanding.

Steady cardinal calls and high, un-named crickets at 6:30 a.m. Zinnias, orange and violet, red and yellow, slowly take form and color in the twilight by 6:34 a.m. Crows wake at 6:40 a.m., cardinals quieting down a few minutes later.



A proud contestant with her Gilfeather turnip enters the Annual Turnip Contest at the Gilfeather Turnip Festival. photo courtesy of the Friends of the Wardsboro Library

Wardsboro, VT

15th Annual Gilfeather Turnip Festival on October 28

Every October after autumn's first few hard frosts, Wardsboro, VT honors, sells and "cooks up" the bounty of one particular turnip in a very special way.

On Saturday, October 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., hundreds will gather to celebrate Vermont's state vegetable at the 15th Annual Gilfeather Turnip Festival. The turnip cart filled with bushels and bushels of turnips along with craft and farmers market vendors arrive early on festival day to "take over" the small village, inside and outside of Town Hall and under big and small tents on Main Street. It is the largest community fundraising event supporting the town's public library. The free event takes place rain, snow or shine. A \$2 donation is suggested for parking.

12 and under who enter a turnip will receive an honorable mention award ribbon.

Delicious turnip treats!

The Turnip Café, located in the Wardsboro Town Hall, serves homemade cider donuts and coffee beginning at 10 a.m., followed by lunch beginning at 11 a.m. featuring ala carte servings of turnip tastings. Local cooks peel, slice and shred the tubers to make the delicious, creamy Gilfeather turnip soup, served until the food runs out. Donuts, coffee and hot soup to go are also sold at an outdoor kiosk. All food served that day is found in the 3rd edition of the Gilfeather Turnip Cookbook on sale in the Turnip Boutique in Town Hall.

Farmers market and vendors galore

More than 40 craft and farmers' market vendors are set up inside Town Hall and outdoors under the several big and small tents on Main Street. Vendors sell goods such as pottery, cheeseboards, folk art and, of course, food. All food vendors at this year's festival are from Vermont. A complete vendor list is available at www.friendsofwardsborolibrary.org. One of the most popular booths is the Friends' Turnip Boutique featuring shirts, hats, kitchen towels, aprons, cookbooks, children's books, handmade turnip pins & ornaments, mugs, notecards and DVDs—all about the Gilfeather turnip—as well as many other gift items of local interest.

Live music and entertainment

Live music is always a big draw at the Turnip Fest. Wardsboro's own strolling troubadour, Jimmy Knapp, loves to serenade visitors throughout the festival with his original Gilfeather turnip ballads and many more of his original guitar compositions. Other local musicians and entertainers are scheduled to perform in the town hall throughout the event. The Wardsboro School Club is sponsoring face painting and games throughout the day to entertain the younger set.

Best Raffle Ever

On October 28, at 2 p.m., the drawing for the Friends of the Wardsboro Library's annual "Best Raffle Ever" takes place at Town Hall. This year's prize is a one of a kind, hand hooked Christmas tree skirt, handmade and donated by fiber artist Linda Gifkins of Wardsboro. Details about the tree skirt, "Christmas in New England" and raffle tickets are available online at www.friendsofwardsborolibrary.org or at the festival until the drawing. The winner need not be present. Throughout the day four large gift baskets will be raffled off beginning at 10:30 a.m. Winners must be present at the drawings. The baskets contain items donated by festival vendors—food, decor items, ceramics, and jewelry.

Wardsboro is located in southeastern Vermont on Rt. 100 between Stratton and Mount Snow Ski Areas. For more information call (802) 896-3416 or visit www.friendsofwardsborolibrary.org or www.wardsborovermont.com.

Annual Turnip Contest

The most exciting part of the Turnip Festival is the annual Turnip Contest, free for all to enter. Contestants may register Gilfeather turnips in one or more categories from 10 to noon upstairs in Town Hall. Contest categories are: largest grown in Wardsboro; largest grown outside Wardsboro; best turnip name; and best strange and funny turnip. The largest turnip, total weight with greens, will be awarded "Grand Champion" of the festival. Winners are announced and ribbons awarded immediately after the judging. All children

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

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Woodstock, VT

Autumn at Billings Farm & Museum

Billings Farm is an operating Jersey dairy farm that continues a 146-year tradition of agricultural excellence and offers farm programs and historical exhibits that explore Vermont's rural heritage and values.

Billings Farm & Museum has served as a gateway to Vermont's rural heritage and is celebrating its 34th Anniversary this year. Whether you are a visitor or make Vermont your home, plan a trip to Billings Farm this fall. You'll have a great time!

Pumpkin & Apple Celebration

The Annual Pumpkin & Apple Celebration is coming on Saturday and Sunday, September 30 & October 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This family-friendly celebration features engaging hands-on activities, programs, and displays centered around these vital crops and explores their historical importance and many uses.

Take the apple taste test and vote for your favorite! Lend a hand pressing cider, making pumpkin or apple ice cream, and peeling apples for drying. Join in the "pumpkin and apple fun" with apple races, pumpkin bowling, apples-on-a-string, sampling pumpkin bread, and watch apple butter being made in the farmhouse kitchen. Horse-drawn wagon rides are included with admission.

33rd Annual Harvest Weekend

The Billings Farm & Museum will host the 33rd Annual Harvest Weekend on October 7 & 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The weekend features a husking bee and barn dance, plus a variety of 19th century harvest activities and programs for the entire family.

Each day, a traditional husking bee will begin at noon, followed by a barn dance from 1-4 p.m. Lend a hand pressing cider, preserving apples, threshing grain, and making butter and ice cream. Harvesting the heirloom vegetable garden will be nearing completion and children can help dig potatoes and other root crops and learn how crops are "put up" for the winter.

Activities include shelling beans, fence building, apples-on-a-string, and 19th century games. Hot-spiced cider and homemade doughnuts will be on hand for all to enjoy!

Autumn Wagon Ride Weekend

The 10th Annual Autumn Wagon Ride Weekend takes place on Saturday and Sunday, October 14 & 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Capture the brilliant colors of a Vermont autumn on a scenic narrated horse-drawn wagon ride around the farm fields. Visit the dairy farm and restored farmhouse.

24th Annual Family Halloween

Plan to come to the 24th Annual Family Halloween on Sunday, October 29, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Children in costume receive free admission when accompanied by an adult (adults pay the regular admission fee).

Pumpkin carving, doughnuts-on-a-string, wagon rides, cranking pumpkin ice cream, plus "not-too-scary" Halloween stories, pumpkin games, and animal programs will be featured. Costume parades around the farm will be held at 12 & 2 p.m., and all children will receive a ribbon.

Billings Farm & Museum is open daily April 1 through October 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; weekends November through February; and Christmas & Presidents' weeks, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: adults \$15; 62 & over \$14; children 5-15 \$8; 3-4 \$4; 2 & under, free. The dairy farm, farm life exhibits, restored and furnished farmhouse, and activities are included in the entrance fee. The Farm & Museum is located one-half mile north of the Woodstock village green on VT Rt. 12. For more information call (802) 457-2355 or visit www.billingsfarm.org.



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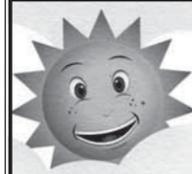
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Mount Holly, VT

Cider Days on the Belmont Green

Imagine watching fresh cider being made on a century old press and then enjoying a cup of that cider (hot or cold) with home-baked apple pie or crisp topped with ice cream or Crowley Cheese. You don't have to imagine it. Come to Belmont, VT on October 7 & 8 and take it all in along with wonderful fall colors, fresh cider for sale by the gallon, food and crafts vendors, an antique chair auction and more. And check out the special wishing well. Cider Days, sponsored by the Mount Holly Community Association has grown in popularity over the years.

It builds on a community tradition of local residents bringing their apples to the green to be pressed by neighbors—originally on a hand-cranked press. It's still a hands-on process, but the century old press used today does have an engine. And you don't have to bring your own apples. They are provided, right from the trees at Brown's Orchard in Poultney, VT.

You can also see a special viewing of photos taken around Mount Holly for the 2019 MHCA Calendar contest (and can purchase a 2018 calendar); get your

personal Souper Kids bowl, each uniquely decorated by students at the Mount Holly Elementary School, who also make delicious soups to go in the bowls. Browse among hundreds of books at the library used book sale. The Mount Holly Museum, located next to the green, will be open.

Cider Days will be open Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, October 8, 12 noon to 4 p.m. On Saturday, stick around for a roast beef dinner, seatings at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. \$12 for adults, \$5 for children.

Belmont is located in southwestern Vermont. Turn toward Belmont at the flashing light on Rt. 103 or turn at the Belmont sign from Rt. 155. Head up the hill, find a place to park and stroll through Belmont village to the Green.



Filling the cider press at Cider Days on the Belmont Green.

Dummerston, VT

Annual Apple Pie Festival!

The Dummerston Apple Pie Festival, sponsored by the Dummerston Congregational Church, is coming to Dummerston, VT on Sunday, October 8th.

It begins with the Pancake Breakfast at the brand new Center Fire Station from 7-11 a.m. Pancakes will be offered with Vermont maple syrup, sausage, biscuits and sausage gravy, apple sauce, and drinks. From there you can mosey around the center attending some tag sales that are often set up at nearby homes.

At 9 a.m. the Festival Craft Fair opens at the Grange across the street from the church. 28-30 crafters are set up with everything from homemade neckties and aprons, to soaps, candles, woodcrafts, candy, jewelry, llama wool handmade socks

and other wool products, and maple syrup, just to name a few of the handcrafted items you may find.

At lunchtime you can partake of homemade baked beans, corn chowder and soft drinks or hamburgers and hotdogs hot off the grill.

Finish your afternoon by stopping by the church for homemade ice cream, one of the approximately 1500 homemade pies or a bag of Vermont-made doughnuts for sale at the church. Also included are Dummerston-made apple cider, Grafton Cheddar Cheese and pie by the slice. Bikers welcome!

Dummerston Congregational Church is located at 1535 Middle Rd. in Dummerston, in Southeastern Vermont. For info call (802) 257-0544 mornings.

Springfield, VT

Wildlands Exhibition Opens at the Great Hall on October 12th

In the 19th Century American landscape painters gave people a glimpse into the magic of wild places and long before the days of film they helped spur the public call for preservation of wilderness rather than exploitation for resources. *Wildlands*, a new exhibition opening on October 12th at the Great Hall, 100 River St. in Springfield, VT, celebrates our public lands and national parks, and the beauty and experiences we enjoy in our publicly owned wild spaces. The show puts a spotlight on preservation and how societies come to value and live in balance with natural resources in a time of climate change, development and political stresses that threaten our wild places. The exhibition, sponsored by Springfield Regional Development Corp., runs through March 30, 2018.

The 10 artists in *Wildlands* share a deep love of the land and capture the breadth and feel and temporal fragility of open spaces in their art. Artists include: Susan Abbott, Marshfield, VT; Rich Cofrancesco, Springfield VT; Walter Cudnohufsky, Ashfield, Massachusetts; Ailyn Hoey,

Rockingham VT; Joan Hoffmann, S. Royalton, VT; Jessica Houston; Montreal, Quebec; Charlie Hunter, Bellows Falls, VT; Pat Musick, Manchester Center, VT; Oliver Schemm, Grafton, VT; and James Urbaska, Newfane, VT.

The public is invited to meet the artists at a free catered reception on October 12th from 5:30-7 p.m. Several of the artists will speak about their work.

With a soaring 25-foot ceiling and clerestory windows, the 150-foot-long by 45-foot-wide world-class public art space is unique in the region.

The Great Hall is located at One Hundred River St. in Springfield, VT. For more information, call (802) 885-3061 or visit www.facebook.com/GreatHallSpringfield.

The main entrance to the Great Hall is off of Pearl St., although the entire complex is called One Hundred River Street. It can also be entered from One Hundred River Street. A pedestrian bridge crosses the Black River directly into the Center. There is plenty of parking at either entrance.

You can visit The Great Hall when The Springfield Medical Center is open, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. There are docents on Fridays from 1-4 p.m. The Great Hall will be open on Saturday, October 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to celebrate Vermont Open Studio Statewide.

Useful Vermont Websites

- Vermont Tourism Site: vermontvacation.com
- Vermont State Parks: vtstateparks.com
- Green Mountain National Forest: fs.fed.us/r9/gmfl
- Vermont Outdoor Guide Association: voga.org
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15th Annual Heirloom Apple Day at Scott Farm Orchards

October 8th
Columbus Day Weekend

The 15th Annual Heirloom Apple Day at Scott Farm Orchard in Dummerston, VT on Sunday, October 8th beckons apple lovers of all ages to celebrate this iconic fall fruit. Come visit the 571-acre historic farm and orchard that border Rudyard Kipling's former Vermont home, Naulakha, and other historic rental properties owned and renovated by Landmark Trust USA.

Scott Farm's Orchardist Zeke Goodband entertains guests at 10 a.m., 12 noon and 2 p.m., with the enlightening history of the orchard and its ecologically-grown fruits, accompanied by a free tasting of some of the more than 120 varieties of heirloom apples grown on the property.

According to Goodband, who will be giving the talks, "There's Blue Pearmain, Thoreau's favorite. And Belle de Boskoop, a strudel specialist. And Ashmead's Kernel—it would be referred to as 'fine-grained' flesh, but there's almost a crystal quality to it. When you pick it at the right time, it's just exquisite. That's the one, more than any other apple, where people pick it and come back and say, 'Oh, that's the best apple I've ever had!' When someone says that, it makes all the work of an entire year worthwhile."

Sample Old World and Early American heirloom varieties such as Esopus Spitzenburg, a favorite of Thomas Jefferson, grown at Monticello; Reine des Reinettes, a French apple from the 1700s, considered the best hard cider apple in Normandy; and Cox's Orange Pippin, an English favorite, awarded the highest honors by the Royal Horticultural Society—just to name a few of the exciting flavors bound to excite your palate.

Following the talks and tastings, guests can fill bags with their favorite selections—all available for purchase.

Visitors can also pick their own apples in the PYO orchard or select them from multiple apple bins in the Farm Market, along with Scott Farm Orchard's heirloom cider, freshly baked apple pies, fruit jams and jellies, and more.

In addition to the apple talks and tastings, Whetstone Ciderworks, of Marlboro, VT, will be on hand to offer samples of their artisanal wine-like, award-winning hard ciders, such as Orchard King, Orchard Queen, Barnyard Blend, and Moonlighter—blended primarily with apples from Scott Farm Orchard. Rigani Wood-Fired Pizza of Brattleboro, VT, will be there with their portable wood-fired oven, cooking up and vending artisanal pizzas featuring local ingredients.

"This is our favorite event of the year, when apple enthusiasts from all over New England come and sample our apples—fresh, baked and squeezed!" says Operations Manager Kelly Carlin of Scott Farm Orchard and The Landmark Trust USA.

Fall workshops

In keeping with the Farm's mission to share living history, preserve and perpetuate heirloom apples and small fruits, and educate people about their cultivation and uses, Scott Farm



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A tractor winds up the farm road at Scott Farm Orchards in Dummerston, VT.

also offers a variety of fall workshops. Local cider maker Jason MacArthur of Whetstone Ciderworks teaches an introduction to making hard cider on October 1st and Pastry Chef Laurel Roberts Johnson of The Queen of Tarts offers hands-on apple and fruit pie making workshops on October 21st and November 11th.

Harvest dinner

To further showcase the many delicious uses of apples, Scott Farm and the Vermont Fresh Network co-host the 10th Annual Heirloom Apple Harvest Dinner at the Farm on October 28th. The five-course meal, prepared by Chef Tristan Toleno of Entera Catering, features heirloom apples and heirloom cider with other local foods.

Scott Farm Orchard is located at 707 Kipling Rd. in Dummerston, VT. The Scott Farm Market is open daily through November 22, and you-pick apples are available into October. For information on Heirloom Apple Day, workshops, and the dinner, please call (802) 254-6868, e-mail events@scottfarmvermont.com or visit scottfarmvermont.com

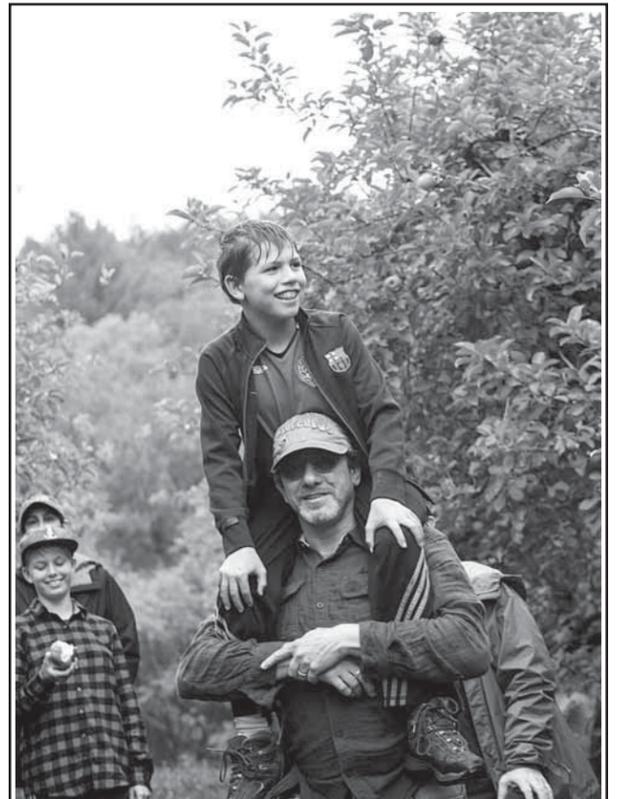


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Picking apples at Scott Farm Orchards.



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Visitors picnicking at Scott Farm Orchards in Dummerston, VT.

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Jersey heifers getting ready for winter in Central Vermont.

The Cow

'Let it be winter now,' says the cow.
'I am all haired in for cold weather
The grass is all dried up,
I'm getting tired of moseying around the pasture.
Let the cold come.

'Let the cold come,' says the cow.
'Everything is ready for it.
I see where the mow is all full of clover and cornstalks for me to eat,
And the barnyard is all full of straw for me to sleep on.
I smell chopfeed and oilmeal in the feeding aisle.
Let her come cold.

'What's keeping the winter, anyhow?
By this time of year you'd expect every morning to be frosty
And you'd expect to see the sky hanging over the world
Like a pewter bowl over an old plate.
Something's gone wrong somewhere.
I hope it gets straightened out before there's another generation of flies.

'I remember last spring how sick and tired I was of the barn.
All you can do in a stable is stand a while and lie down a while.
It got to be so that it was a pleasure
To go out into the cold in the evening in the ice.
And drink water out of a hole chopped
Next spring, if I'm still living, I'll feet the same way.
Now I wish it would freeze in.

'If it could always be summer,' says the cow,
'That would be fine.
I would like it when the grass grows high
So I can get me a bellyful in an hour.
That leaves the cream of the day
For standing under the tree with your feet in the water.
Listening to birds, watching the snake-feeders,
Thinking things over.

'Summer is all right.
Spring is good for awhile, because you're sick of winter,
Fall is no good at all.
Fall is just waiting for winter.
The flies bite hardest in fall
And the grass gets toughest.

'At night in winter, after the lantern goes
And the lights go out in the house,
After the old dog rounds a nest in the hay-pile,
There will be feelings to feel.

'Feelings that make the hair prick where it sticks in the hide —
Feelings that make the old dog growl out
And the horses stamp in the stable.
When I was a heifer I bawled when the cold ghosts came.
Now I am old, and I get so I like the feeling.

'Let it get cold,' says the cow. 'What's keeping winter?'
The world has been biding its dread like a man coming down with sickness,
Let the cold come, so we know what we're in for.'

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 Waiting for the train to come in at the Newfane Railroad Station circa 1885.

Newfane, VT

Grand Opening of the West River Railroad Museum

The Historical Society of Windham County announces the Grand Opening of the West River Railroad Museum in Newfane, VT on Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 12-4 p.m. The event will begin with a ribbon cutting at noon, followed by tours of the restored Depot and Water Tank House, exhibits of the West River Railroad, telegraph demonstrations, and food and music. The celebration will honor all those who have helped in the restoration of the Newfane Railroad Station and the establishment of the West River Railroad Museum. All are welcome.

Three years ago, the Historical Society of Windham County purchased the Newfane Railroad Station to save a historic landmark and to preserve a piece of Vermont history that would otherwise be lost forever. Since that time, the Society has been restoring the Station which includes the old Depot Building and its associated Water Tank House, both of which were built in 1880 under the auspices of the Brattleboro—Whitehall Railroad—later called The West River Railroad.

The Historical Society is fortunate to have an extensive collection of West River Railroad artifacts, manuscripts, photographs and documents which will be housed in the new Railroad Museum. The Museum will offer an interdisciplinary learning experience that examines the railroad's influence on economic and community development from the late 19th century leading up to World War II. The restored Railroad

Station will provide a visual and accessible presentation for a broad audience, as well as an engaging teaching tool for educators and parents.

Since the Historical Society's purchase of Station, a vigorous fund raising campaign for its restoration was launched. The Society has raised \$150,000 towards its project goal of \$170,000 thanks to generous community support.

During its operation from 1880 to 1936, the West River Railroad played a critical role both economically and socially. In 1905, the narrow gauge was replaced with standard gauge tracks and around the same time, the Depot was expanded to accommodate the increase in freight traffic. However, due to frequent accidents and weather related disasters including the Flood of '27, the West River Railroad became infamously known as "36 Miles of Trouble."

The last train rolled down the West River Railroad in 1936. Since that time, the Station was in private hands until it was purchased by the Historical Society of Windham County in 2014. The Station is a contributing resource in the Newfane Village Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Newfane is the County seat and a popular tourist attraction and stopping point for travelers. The Station property also preserves a section of the proposed West River Rail Trail, along the railroad bed that extended 36 miles from Brattleboro to South Londonderry.

Plan to come to the Grand Opening and visit this new mu-

seum and community resource. The event is free of charge and everyone is welcome.

The West River Railroad Museum is located at the Newfane Railroad Station on Cemetery Hill Rd. in Newfane, VT. (802) 365-4148, info@historicalsocietyofwindhamcounty.org. See the Historical Society's website for updated information at www.historicalsofwindhamcounty.org.

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Poor Will's Guide To Farming and Gardening

by Bill Felker

Pack the dark fibre in the potters bowl;
Set bulbs of hyacinth and daffodil,
Jonquil and crocus (bulbs both sound and whole,)
Narcissus and the blue Siberian squill.
Set close, but not so tight
That flow'ring heads collide as months fulfil
Their purpose, and in generous sheaf expand
Obedient to th' arrangement of your hand.
Yours is the forethought, yours the sage command.

—V. Sackville-West, *The Garden*

October 1—Test your soil after harvest and fertilize as needed.

October 2—The likelihood of frost becomes greater as October progresses, and the October 2 front often combines with a secondary front a day or two later to double the risk to tender pasture and garden

October 3—When the first killing frost takes the peppers and tomatoes, then dig up the onions, remove the mum tops, cut flowers and herbs for drying.

October 4—Check sludge depth in septic tanks while the weather is still mild.

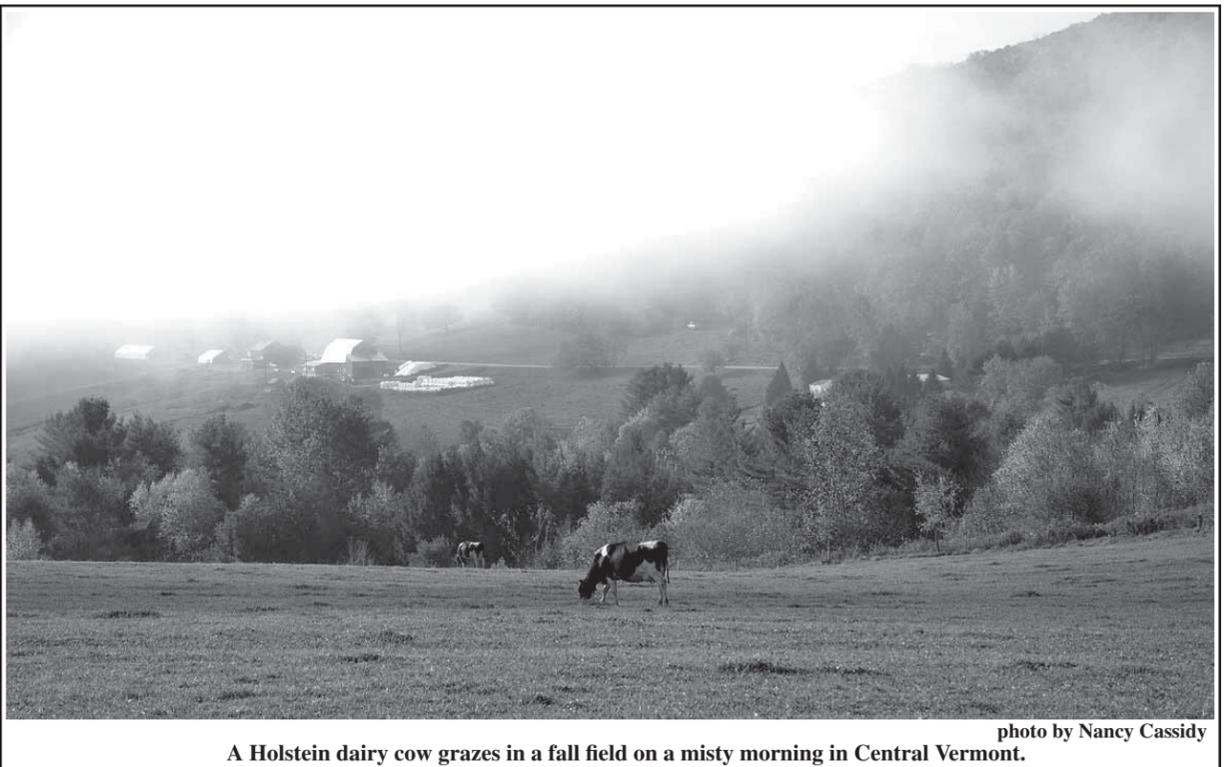
October 5—The moon is full today: Expect frost all across Vermont.

October 6—As the moon wanes after the 5th, clip hair, trim hooves, worm livestock, prune shrubs or trees to retard growth and cut firewood.

October 7—After all the wheat and corn are harvested, then wrap new trees with burlap to help them ward off cold winds.

October 8—Harvest honey from your hives (leaving plenty for the bees). Also bring in pumpkins and winter squash before the weather gets much colder.

October 9—Lunar perigee occurs today, strengthening the power of the moon and increasing the chance for frost.



A Holstein dairy cow grazes in a fall field on a misty morning in Central Vermont.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

October 10—The October 10 cold front almost always brings in a chillier and more dramatic sub-season of autumn known as middle fall.

October 11—Fields may be re-greening with secondary growth and fall varieties. Provide plenty of free choice hay to livestock in order to reduce the chance they will gorge themselves on fresh growth.

October 12—The coldest morning so far in the season often occurs as the October 13 front arrives, and chances of a low in the teens or 20s reach 30 percent for the first time since spring.

October 13—The moon is darkening, favoring vaccinations, surgery and livestock care. Today through the 15th, the Hindu feast of Navaratri (or Navadurgara) honors the goddess, Durga and provides an opportunity to market lambs and does.

October 14—Highs below 50 degrees now occur about 40 percent of the time in the upper half of the United States.

October 15—After the passage of the October 17 front, the average amount of cloud cover increases, clouds being twice as likely to occur than in the first half of the month. Clouds mean slower drying time for hay and wool, not to mention an increase in seasonal stress.

October 16—New moon on the 19th is expected to add freezing temperatures to the clouds.

October 17—After the leaves come down from each of your trees, provide fertilizer that will gradually feed their roots through the late fall and winter.

October 18—Gradually increase the feed to your livestock as the cold intensifies in order to provide them with sufficient autumn and winter energy.

October 19—New moon today: look for frost and stress.

October 20—As the moon waxes, bring in the honey from your hives (leaving plenty for the bees).

October 21—Look for the Orionid meteors in Orion after midnight.

October 22—The period between the 23rd and the 31st can be one of the mildest and driest times of autumn, and lunar apogee on the 24th increase the chances for good weather.

October 23—Today is Cross-Quarter Day, when the sun reaches halfway to winter solstice. The rapid advance of the sun towards winter accelerates changes in the color of leaves as well as causing changes in hormonal patterns for humans, livestock and wild game.

October 24—Lunar apogee today reduces the chance for frost.

October 25—Late pastures often contain less nutrition when soil temperatures drop near 40 degrees..

October 26—When the first killing frost takes the peppers and tomatoes, then dig up the onions, remove the mum tops, cut flowers and herbs for drying.

October 27—After the October 30, milder but rainier weather typically follows for the first few days of November.

October 28—When sugar maple leaves are down, then plant crocus, daffodils, tulips, snowdrops and aconites before November turns the weather chillier

October 29—Feed sugar or corn syrup to beehives when the nights grow cold and flowers grow scarce..

October 30—Daylight Saving Time ends on November 5. Make a gradual feeding transition from Daylight Savings Time to Standard Time.

October 31—The budding of last year's Christmas cacti is a marker for planting amaryllis and paperwhite bulbs for mid-December blooms.

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A Vermont Almanack for Middle Autumn

by Bill Felker

If people could only disintegrate like autumn leaves, fret away, dropping their substance like chlorophyll, would not our attitude toward death be different? Suppose we saw ourselves burning like maples in a golden autumn?
—Loren Eiseley

The Sun's Progress

Cross Quarter Day is October 23, the halfway mark between autumn equinox and winter solstice. The sun enters Scorpio at the same time.

Phases of the The Corn Harvest Moon and the Apple Cider Moon

- September 27:** The moon enters its second quarter at 8:54 p.m. and reaches apogee (when it is farthest from Earth).
- October 5:** The Corn Harvest Moon is full at 1:40 p.m.
- October 9:** Lunar perigee
- October 12:** The moon enters its second quarter at 7:25 a.m.
- October 19:** The Apple Cider Moon is new at 2:12 p.m.
- October 24:** Lunar apogee
- October 27:** The moon enters its second quarter at 5:23 p.m.

The Planets

Venus is still the morning star, shadowed by Mars (the two planets in conjunction on October 5). Jupiter returns to the morning sky in October's third week, joining Venus in the east. Keep watching those huge planets move closer together before dawn. They will reach conjunction on November 13, after which Venus disappears from view. Saturn is visible along the western horizon at dusk.

The Stars

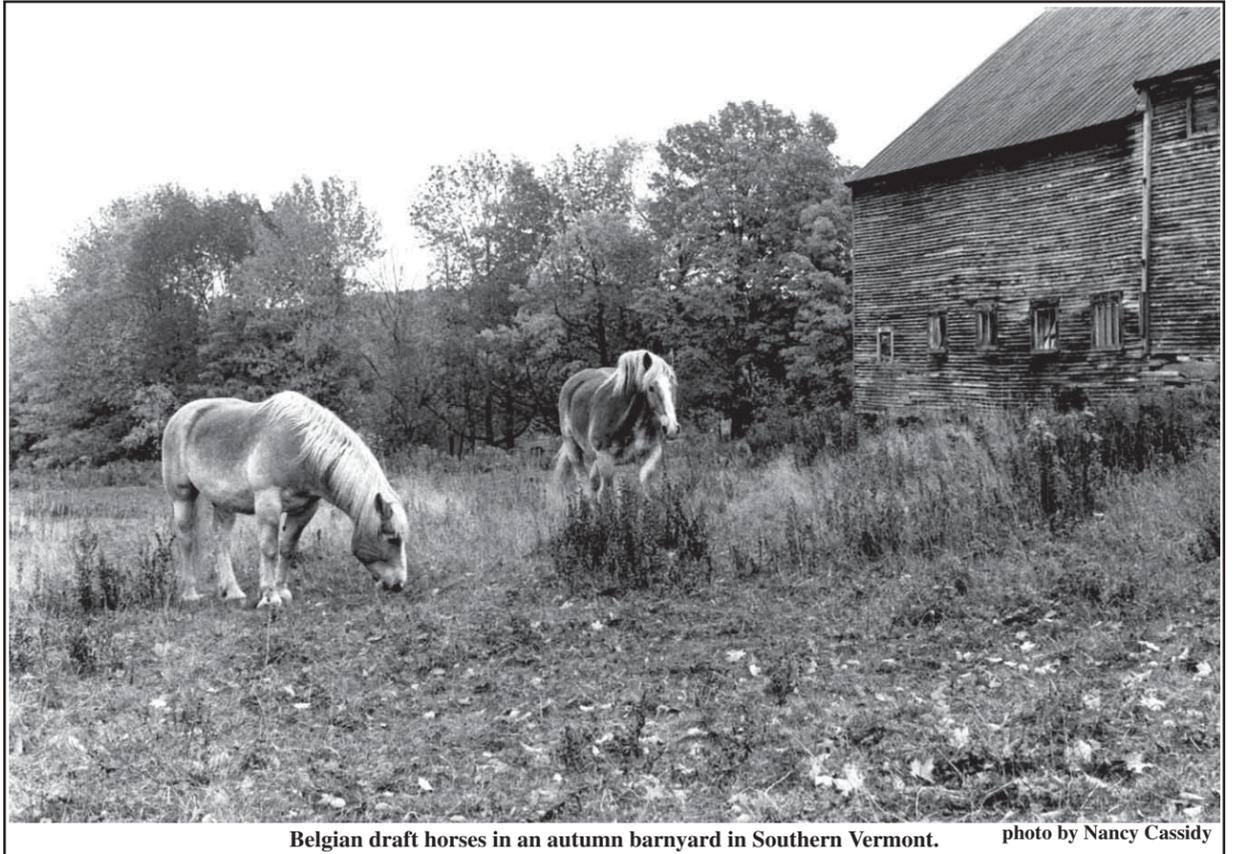
Before sunrise, Orion fills the east, Sirius, the Dog Star, lying due south. Castor and Pollux, following along behind. The Milky Way forms a band from the southeast up into the northwest. Far in the northeast, the Big Dipper will be pointing to Polaris, the North Star.

The Shooting Stars

The Draconid meteors fall (at the rate of about ten per hour) in the vicinity of the North Star after midnight on October 7. The gibbous moon will make viewing difficult. The Orionid meteors appear in Orion during the early morning hours of October 21 and 22 at the rate of 15 to 30 per hour. The dark moon will favor viewing them.

Meteorology

Weather history suggests that cold waves usually reach Vermont on or about October 2, 7, 13, 17, 23, and 30.



Belgian draft horses in an autumn barnyard in Southern Vermont. photo by Nancy Cassidy

A Vagabond Song

There is something in the autumn that is native to my blood—
Touch of manner, hint of mood;
And my heart is like a rhyme,
With the yellow and the purple and the crimson keeping time.
The scarlet of the maples can shake me like a cry
Of bugles going by.
And my lonely spirit thrills
To see the frosty asters like a smoke upon the hills.
There is something in October sets the gypsy blood astir;
We must rise and follow her,
When from every hill of flame
She calls each vagabond by name.

—BLISS CARMAN

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16th Annual Dead Creek Wildlife Day

If you enjoy wildlife be sure to make plans to attend the 16th Annual Dead Creek Wildlife Day in Addison, VT on Saturday, October 7.

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

Early risers can begin the day with a bird banding demonstration at 7 a.m. Two large tents at Dead Creek WMA headquarters will open at 9:30 a.m. featuring wildlife-related exhibits and activities such as decoy carving, building bluebird boxes, and wildlife photography.

The brand new Dead Creek Visitor Center will also open at 9:30 a.m. and will feature displays about conservation and wildlife management in Vermont.

One of the highlights of the festival will be a youth waterfowl calling contest with prizes, as well as live music by a local band called The Swing Peepers.

Nature walks, illustrated talks, live wildlife presentations, hunting dog demonstrations, fishing and hunting tips, and much more will be held until 4 p.m.

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

"There's nothing quite like Dead Creek Wildlife Day," said Amy Alfieri, manager of the Dead Creek WMA. "The activities are fun; the demonstrations are very exciting and the setting is beautiful. Visitors love to see the live animals and working dogs, and kids love to build their own blue bird box to take home. With the new visitor center operational, there are many ways for people to experience and learn about Vermont's wildlife."

The festival is hosted by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, and Otter Creek Audubon Society.

For information and a schedule, visit Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com and check under Watch Wildlife.



Many of the activities at this year's Dead Creek Wildlife Day are tailored to children. VTF&W photo by Lil Lumbr



A hunter with his chocolate Lab, surrounded by Canada goose decoys at Dead Creek. VTF&W photo



Snow geese landing at Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area in Addison, VT. photo by Nancy Cassidy

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Camping On Columbus Day

by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

When it's the last camping trip of the season it's hard to know where to head, especially realizing that it's after Labor Day and most camp grounds by now are closed.

But a few remain open until Columbus Day, and one of these is our favorite Battlefield Campground—not very far from Castleton—on the south shore of Lake George, close to Lake George Village.

We fit up the Airstream one last time, load in the blankets and shawls and sleeping-pillows and throw-pillows until our bed is as artistically piled and draped as a Bloomsbury fainting couch.

We've decided to take along Leroy, our twenty pound half-Bichon Frise, half-Shih Tzu. He came with us once before on an early spring trip to Cumberland Bay Campground where after we'd arrived, it rained so heavily and continuously that we had to pack up, turn around, and head home, our only redeeming activity a stop at Ausable Chasm.

That foray was brief, and we're not sure what kind of a traveler Leroy

"Outside it's silent and cold. Real fall is coming on. It's time for us to go home to Castleton..."

will prove himself to be, but he's certainly game. He lunges up the Airstream steps and takes a flying leap onto our Bloomsbury bed. There he lies buried in afghans, shawls, and pillows, vaguely-menacing, the only part of him visible his little beetle-brown eyes which follow us around. I'm put in mind of a diminutive crocodile hiding in reeds.

One of the best things about a trip to Lake George is that it's only forty-five minutes away. We pack up; we pile in; we haul Leroy into our truck, and we're off.

This time of year, the lake front and the village make me think of John le Carre spy novels where le Carre has characters hiding out, or fading away, in melancholy off-season holiday spots on the coast of England.

Most of the stores along Canada Street are closed up with scrawled cardboard Thank You signs hung on locked and chained front doors. But some of the motels are still open and have tour busses in their parking lots.

Down on the beachfront footpath where my husband and I and the straining, prancing Leroy walk, we pass a few meditative souls sitting on municipal benches, contemplating the vast lake.

The sun is paled by high thin clouds, and the autumn light colorless. The whole world seems muffled and deserted. We decide on a boat ride, a dependable tourist activity, but our usual choices, the Minnie Ha Ha and the Lac du Saint Sacrement don't allow dogs.

As my husband talks to the man in the ticket booth, Leroy strains at his leash and threatens a nearby Maltese and a long-haired Chihuahua. But when a German Shepard approaches, he grows quiet, creeps close, and flops down on my feet.

We imagine that a boat trip is not going to be possible, but when we walk on around the shore to where the smaller Horicon is moored, we learn that little dogs are OK.

My Hayes grandfather was from Horicon, New York. That seems like a significant connection, so we buy our tickets and let ourselves be manhandled up the gang plank by two boat-employee Lake Dogs—the raffish, fresh-water, cousins of salt-water Sea Dogs.

Away from the shore, up on the foredeck, the wind is steady and chilling. Twenty or so fellow passengers have materialized. The Lake Dogs have gone downstairs to gather enthusiastically behind the bar and prepare for the unlikely task of selling passengers mid-morning drinks.

I take an exploratory walk and find on the afterdeck a black poodle, held safe in its owner's arms and surrounded by a loving family. The poodle seems happy, but Leroy is not. When I return to where my husband and I are sitting, I see that Leroy's begun to shake—maybe it's the boat vibrations, maybe the cold wind, maybe a canine intuition that there might be larger, fierce pets on board—and he's soon, once again, flattened across my feet.

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Pam Rehlen and Leroy enjoy a Columbus Day cruise on the Horicon on Lake George.

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Red withering brown in the smoke and the haze.
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There was ice on the pond last night.

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The quince in your hand
Is warm as a grandmother's cheek.

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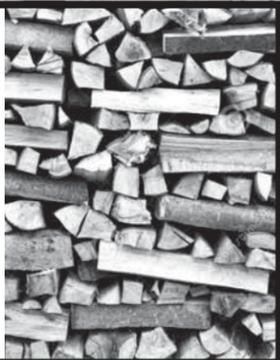
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October in Vermont

The clump of maples on the hill,
And this one near the door,
Seem redder, quite a lot, this year
Than last, or year before;
I wonder if it's jst because
I love the Old State more!

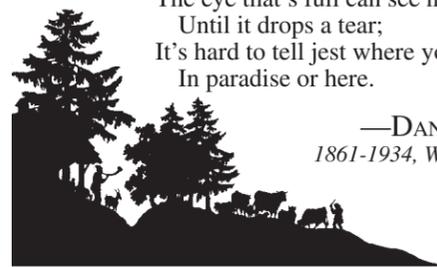
If there was any poppies left,
I guess they'd jst be vexed
To see the hillsides all on fire
Without the least pretext;
Sometimes I think I'm in this world,
And sometimes in the next.

Jst look! the woods are made of trees,
Instead of wholesale green;
Jst see the "wine glass elms" stand out,
With hemlocks in between;
Jst see the birch flags on their staffs
So long and white and clean!

From Killington and Sterling peaks
The flames are pouring down;
The ferns below the pasture woods
Are scorched and dead and brown;
The shoemaker fire-bugs set the blaze
I heard last night in town.

It's kinder more than folks can stand,
This beauty, every year;
The eye that's full can see no more
Until it drops a tear;
It's hard to tell jst where you are,
In paradise or here.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

BENNINGTON. Annual Chicken Pie Supper. Chicken pie, homemade mashed potatoes, butternut squash, apple-cabbage salad, cranberry orange relish, hot biscuits, apple crisp with real whipped cream. Adults \$12, under 13 \$5, under 3 free. Seatings at 5 pm & 6:30 pm. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 200 Pleasant St. (802) 442-2911.

BENNINGTON. A Day of Family Fun in the Spirit of Grandma Moses and Jane Stickle. Free and open to everyone. Free passes to the museum. 11 am - 2 pm. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. benningtonmuseum.org.

CAVENDISH. Fall Foliage Supper. Buffet style: pork roast, gravy, applesauce, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, coleslaw, pickles, rolls, pies, decaf coffee, tea, cider or punch. Adults \$10; children 6 to 12 \$5, and under 6 free. Take-outs available. 5:30-7 pm. Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St. (802) 226-7724 after 9 am.

CORNISH, NH. Draft Animal-Power Field Days. Celebrating draft animals in modern day farming and logging. Cornish NH Fairgrounds. (802) 763-0771. dapnetinfo@gmail.com. draftanimalpower. Also Oct. 1.

EAST BURKE. 30th Annual Burke Fall Foliage Festival. 10 am parade. Farm critters, horse-drawn wagon rides, free ice cream, kids activities. Raffles, shoebox & silent auction, tag sale. School open house, cider sale and farm stand. Cow Plop Bingo. 70 vendors. BBQ. Live music. (802) 626-4124. burkevermont.com.

LEBANON, NH. Russian Grand Ballet presents Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*. Classical production includes the rarely seen "Waltz of the Black Swans", and features Russia's brightest ballet stars. Tickets: \$35, \$50, \$65, \$80. 7:30 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. russiangrandballet.com.

MANCHESTER CENTER. 29th Annual Manchester Art and Craft Festival. 150 juried artists and artisans under Camelot tents. 10 am - 5 pm. Riley Rink at Hunter Park, 410 Hunter Park Rd. (802) 362-0150. Also October 1.

RANDOLPH. A Capella Concert. The Persuasions perform. Maple Jam, and the Dartmouth Aires open. Tickets \$35. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. chandler-arts.org.

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. 9 am - 2 pm, in Depot Park downtown across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. Saturdays through October 28.

RUTLAND. Sixth Annual Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet. Vendors selling new and gently used toy trains and accessories, DVD's, books and railroad memorabilia. Large operating HO Scale model railroad display. Operating 1960s era Disneyland Model Railroad Layout. Historical society displays. Admission: \$5, children under 12 free. 10 am - 3 pm. College of St. Joseph Gym, 71 Clement Rd. (802) 774-8412 or (802) 259-2129. www.facebook.com/CenterRutlandDepot.

TUNBRIDGE. 29th Annual Vermont Sheep & Wool Festival. Animal barn. Fibers, yarn, equipment and supplies vendors. Shepherd workshops. Fiber arts classes. Contests. Fleece show & sale. Cashmere goat exhibit and show. Floral hall. Sheep herding demonstrations. Food vendors. On-site camping. No pets. Adults \$6, seniors \$5, kids under 12 \$1. 10 am - 5 pm, Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. vtsheepandwoolfest.com. Also October 1.

WOODSTOCK. Annual Pumpkin & Apple Celebration. Lend a hand pressing cider and making pumpkin and apple ice cream, and enjoy harvest activities. Horse-drawn wagon rides around the farm. Adults \$15, 62 & up \$14, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Wagon rides 11 am - 3 pm. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org. Also Oct. 1.

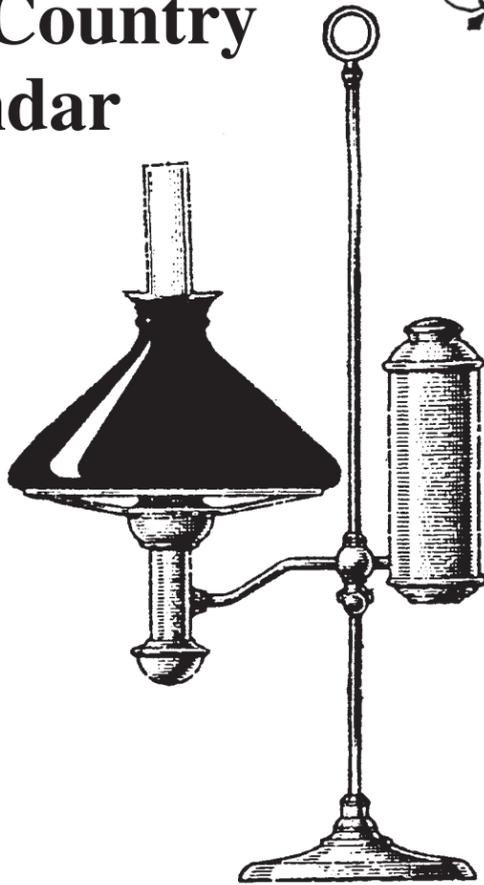
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

BARRE. Concert: Soovin Kim and Gloria Chen. Tickets: \$20-\$27. 2:30 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 North Main St. (City Hall). (802) 476-8188. www.barreoperahouse.org.

CORNISH, NH. Draft Animal-Power Field Days. Educational event celebrates the use of draft animals in modern day farming and logging. Cornish NH Fairgrounds. (802) 763-0771. www.draftanimalpower.

DUMMERSTON. Orchard Stroll. With orchardist Zeke Goodband. Discuss orchard ecology and grafting, scout for pests and discuss how we manage them. The Farm Market will be open. Free. 10 am. Scott Farm Orchard, 707 Kipling Rd. (802) 254-6868. events@scottfarmvermont.com. www.scottfarmvermont.com.

DUMMERSTON. An Introduction To Making Hard Cider. With Cider Maker Jason MacArthur. The equipment you will need, and the steps between fresh juice and your own homemade elixir. Basic cider making equipment and fresh cider suitable for fermenting will be for sale. Fee: \$50, includes printed reference material. Reservations required. 10 am - 12 noon. Scott Farm Orchard, 707 Kipling Rd. (802) 254-6868. events@scottfarmvermont.com. www.scottfarmvermont.com.



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RUPERT. Third Annual Be Brave for Life Hike-A-Thon. A hike to inform, support, and improve the lives of individuals affected by benign brain tumors and cerebrovascular disease. Set hiking goals and join Scavenger Hunts. Register at runsignup/race/vt/rupert/bebravehike. 9 am - 1 pm. Merck Forest & Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. merckforest.org.

RUPERT. Hike Mount Antone. Let's do lunch—atop Mount Antone. Bring your cold lunch (no grilling available). This is a difficult hike. Dress for the weather with sturdy hiking gear. Call to pre-register. Held as the weather permits. Cost: \$3. 11 am. Merck Forest & Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. www.merckforest.org.

RUTLAND. Harvest Festival. 4-7 pm. At the Vermont Farmers Food Center. 251 West St. www.vermontfarmersfoodcenter.org.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

BURLINGTON. Musical: *Jersey Boys*. The true story of how The Four Seasons, became one of the greatest successes in pop music history. Tickets: \$25-\$90. 7:30 pm. MainStage, Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, 153 Main St. (888) 974-3698. flynnntix.org.

BURLINGTON. Musical: *Fun Home*. Produced by Vermont Stage. Tickets: \$44.50-\$35. Wed-Sat 7:30 pm, Sat & Sun 2 pm. FlynnSpace, Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, 153 Main St. (888) 974-3698. flynnntix.org. Through October 29.

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. Farm fresh seasonal veggies and fruits, and more. EBT and debit cards. 3-6 pm in Depot Park downtown across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. Wednesdays through October 25.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

BELLOWS FALLS. Concert: Arc Iris performs Joni Mitchell's *Blue*. Tickets: \$15 advance, \$18 at the door. \$5 discount on dinner with a ticket purchased online (Popolo recommends 5-6 pm with reservations). Concert at 8 pm, doors open at 7:30 pm. Windham Ballroom/Popolo, 36 The Square. (802) 460-7676. popolomeanspeople.com.

CHESTER. Fall Foliage Train Rides. Ride the train from Chester to Ludlow. Rolling past quintessential Vermont towns, over rivers, and through the trees of the Green Mountains. 10 am - 3 pm. Green Mountain Railroad, 1858 Railroad Ave. (800) 707-3530. October 10, 12.

HUBBARDTON. Hike in Taconic Mountains Ramble State Park. Explore the Falls Trail in Vermont's new state park; visit the Japanese Garden. Moderate. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for Vermont weather. Bring bug spray and guard against ticks by wearing long sleeves and pants. Meet at 9 am at the Godnick Center on Deer St. in Rutland to car pool. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Contact leader for details: Bob Perkins, (802) 773-0184. greenmountainclub.org.



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(Thursday, October 5, continued)

PEACHAM. Fall Foliage Day. Local Vermont arts & crafts, farmers market, blacksmith shop, library book sale, scenic bus tour. Lunch at elementary school, \$7. Historical House, ghost walk. 4-6 pm concert at Congregational Church. 5 pm & 6:30 pm Spaghetti Supper, adults \$10, children 6-12 \$5, under 6 free. 6:30 pm movie at Peacham Library. 9 am - 3 pm. (802-592-3326) or (802-592-3320).

RUTLAND. Book & Author Event. Join Archer Mayor in a talk about his new Joe Gunther mystery, *Trace*. Free. 6:30 pm. Phoenix Books Rutland, 2 Center St. (802) 855-8078. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

DUMMERSTON. 15th Annual Heirloom Apple Day. Free tasting of some of our 120 varieties of apples. Listen to the history of apples with orchardist Zeke Goodband. Heirloom apples and cider for sale. Sample Whetstone Cider Works hard ciders and Rigani Wood-Fired Pizza. Free. 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm. Scott Farm Orchard, 707 Kipling Rd. (802) 254-6868. events@scottfarmvermont.com. www.scottfarmvermont.com.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

BENSON. Haunted Hayride. A spooky 45-minute hay wagon ride through the woods of Benson. Lots of terrifying sites to get you in the Halloween spirit. Tickets should be bought in advance—only a limited number of tickets will be sold each night. Sponsored by Benson Volunteer Fire Department. \$10. 6:30-10 pm. Benson Volunteer Fire Department, 2646 Stage Rd. (802) 537-2611. www.facebook.com/bfdvt.

BURLINGTON. Concert. Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, led by Wynton Marsalis. Features 15 of the finest soloists, ensemble players, and arrangers. Tickets: \$25-\$75. 8 pm. MainStage, Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, 153 Main St. (888) 974-3698. flynnntix.org.

LEBANON, NH. Concert: Joan Soriano, internationally touring bachata artist. This African and Spanish-based soul music—aka “Dominican Blues”—is infused with equal parts romance and grit. Tickets: Adults \$20, under 18 \$10. 7:30 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. lebanonoperahouse.org.

READING. First Friday. View our exhibitions without a guide and at your own pace. Wood-fired pizza available from La Pizza Lupo. Prepared in a vintage truck with an Italian-made wood-burning oven, with local, seasonal and artisanal ingredients. 5-8 pm. Hall Art Foundation, 544 VT Route 106. (802) 952-1056. Also November 3.

RUTLAND. Friends of the Rutland Free Library Book Sale. Thousands of organized, gently-used books, CDs, DVDs and puzzles for all ages. Most items 25 cents to \$3. This month's special: all mysteries, hard cover or paperback—buy one, get one free! 10 am - 4 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. rutlandfree.org.

STOWE. 35th Annual Stowe Foliage Arts Festival. 150 juried artists and artisans display and sell original art and contemporary crafts under heated tents. Rain or shine. Craft demos, live music, creative food court, and entertainment. Topnotch Field, 3500 Mountain Rd. (802) 253-7321. Through October 8.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

ADDISON. 16th Annual Dead Creek Wildlife Day. Bird banding demonstration at 7 am. Two large tents at Dead Creek WMA headquarters open at 9:30 am featuring wildlife-related exhibits and activities such as decoy carving, building bluebird boxes, and wildlife photography. Youth waterfowl calling contest with prizes, live music by The Swing Peepers, nature walks, illustrated talks, live wildlife presentations, hunting dog demonstrations, fishing and hunting tips. All events free. 7 am - 4 pm. At Vermont Fish & Wildlife Dept's Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Rt. 17 west of Rt. 22A. For information and a schedule, visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com and check under Watch Wildlife.

BELMONT. Cider Days. Old fashioned cider pressing on the Village Green at the crossroads in Belmont. Local artisans selling their crafts, cider sale, bake sale, and book sale. Voting in the photo contest for the 2018 Mount Holly Calendar. 10 am - 4 pm. Mount Holly Community Association, 26 Maple St. (802) 259-9130. Also October 8.

BELMONT. Roast Beef Supper to benefit the Mount Holly Community Association. Roast beef supper with all the trimmings and homemade pies for dessert. Seatings at 5 pm & 6 pm. Odd Fellows Hall, 37 Lake St. (802) 259-9130.

BENNINGTON. The Progression Ensemble will perform works by Gene Pritsker, Eric Despard, Conrad Kehn, Bjorn Bolstad Skjelbred, and Yuji Takahashi. 2 pm. Everett Theater, Southern Vermont College, 982 Mansion Dr. (518) 384-2515.

CLARENDON. Run/Walk Color-a-thon. Super fun color run (1 mile and 5K distances), complete with color blasting will raise money for the PTO. After-race color party, including a dance color party, bounce houses, and fun treats. \$30 registration, includes t-shirt and your own dye pack for the after party. On-site day of registration at 9am (no t-shirt guaranteed); event starts at 10 am. 9 am - 12 noon. Clarendon Elementary School, 84 Grange Hall Rd. (802) 775-5379. heatherhildebrant@gmail.com. shop.schoolathon.org.

GRAFTON. Nature Program. Kindred Spirits: The Fortunes of Fall—A Time of Harvest in Fields and Forests. Come learn about autumn occurrences in the fields and forests as we take a hike in the woods. Enjoy some local apple cider. Also, hands-on activities both indoors and out. Donation \$10. 10-11:30 am. The Nature Museum, 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. info@nature-museum.org.

JAY PEAK. Eighth Annual Bean & Brew Festival. Coffee and beer sampling, live music and lawn games. The event is kid and family friendly. 12 noon - 6 pm. Jay Peak Resort, 830 Jay Peak Rd. (802) 988-2611.

LUDLOW. Fall Into Winter. Live music, hayrides, pumpkin painting, pie eating contest, apple cider and hot chocolate. Enjoy a beverage from the beer garden and great food selections. 11 am - 4 pm. Jackson Gore Courtyard, Okemo Mountain Resort, 77 Okemo Ridge Rd. (802) 228-1600.

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

MIDDLEBURY. Concert: Danish String Quartet. Program includes Bartók's first quartet, Beethoven's first Razumovsky quartet, and traditional Nordic folk tunes. Tickets \$28. 8 pm. Mahaney Center for the Arts, Robison Hall, 72 Porter Field Rd. (802) 443-3168.

MIDDLEBURY. The Milk and Honey Quilters' Guild Bi-Annual Quilt Show. “Quilting in the Land of Milk and Honey” will feature 100 quilts, including projects made by local children. Vendor booths, raffle baskets, consignment booth, and raffle quilt. Lunch available. Tickets \$5. 10 am - 5 pm. Middlebury Recreation Facility, 154 Creek Rd. (802) 758-2357. milkandhoneyquilters.com. Also October 8.

MOUNT HOLLY. Cider Days. Watch fresh cider being made on a century old press and then enjoying a cup of that cider (hot or cold) with home-baked apple pie or crisp topped with ice cream. Come and enjoy it along with wonderful fall colors, fresh cider by the gallon, food and crafts vendors, a library book sale, an antique chair auction and more. Check out the special wishing well, 10 am - 4 pm. On the Belmont Green. Stick around for a roast beef dinner, seatings at 5 and 6 (\$12 for adults, \$5 for children). (802) 259-2460. Also October 8.

NEWFANE. 47th Annual Newfane Heritage Festival. 90+ juried arts, crafts and specialty products. Homemade apple pie & crisp, super raffle, books, fleas, live music. Free admission. 10 am-4 pm. On the Common, Rt. 30. (802) 365-4079. Also Oct. 8.

Rutland, VT

Autumn Abundance at the Vermont Farmers Market

October is the last outdoor month for the Vermont Farmers Market in Rutland, VT and our indoor move to the Vermont Farmers Food Center on West St. next month will come just in time, as we have already had some very cool market days and the next few weeks will be even more so.

But what's better than autumn in Vermont? Chilly nights and sunny days and beautiful fall foliage painting the landscape incredible colors, colors only matched by the bounty of fresh produce available at market! Here come winter squash, potatoes and pumpkins in all shapes sizes and flavors to cook and carve, cabbages and root veggies, plus gourds and Indian corn for a little seasonal scene-setting around your home and table, and still plenty of green beans, carrots, tomatoes and many varieties of leafy greens for fresh salads or cooked up with a little olive oil and local garlic as a side dish. Of course, there will be plenty of apples and fresh cider. And

you may even find a farmer still offering fall raspberries!

Many of our crafts vendors will have Halloween themed items, and, as any Rutland resident knows, this city takes Halloween very seriously with the 58th Annual Halloween Parade coming October 28th! Cooler weather is also a perfect incentive to stock up on hearty local meats to roast or use in delicious stews and soups—the kind that simmer all day and make the whole house smell like a cozy warm kitchen! So wear some extra layers, bring your seasonal ingredients wish list, and come join us at the market, where great autumn eating begins!

—Gabriella Mirolo

Vermont Farmers Market is located for the summer at Depot Park in downtown Rutland, VT across from Walmart. Open Saturdays through October 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesdays through October 25th from 3-6 p.m.

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Indian Summer

Lyric night of the lingering Indian Summer, Shadowy fields that are scentless but full of singing, Never a bird, but the passionless chant of insects, Ceaseless, insistent.

The grasshopper's horn, and far off, high in the maples The wheel of a locust leisurely grinding the silence, Under the moon waning and worn and broken, Tired with summer.

Let me remember you, voices of little insects, Weeds in the moonlight, fields that are tangled with asters, Let me remember you, soon will the winter be on us, Snow-hushed and heartless.

Over my soul murmur your mute benediction, While I gaze, oh fields that rest after harvest, As those who part look long in the eyes they lean to, Lest they forget them.

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ORWELL. The Year 1777 and the American Revolution. Site interpreter and historian Paul Andrisin gives an illustrated talk about events on Long Island, New York City, and British Gen. William Howe's effort to capture Philadelphia. Adults \$5, children under 15 free. 1-2:30 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. www.historicsites.vermont.gov.

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

PLYMOUTH. Plymouth Notch Antique Apple Fest. A celebration of the harvest, with special attention to the apple! Tour our new heirloom orchard with its unusual and rare antique apple varieties. Special guest Anne Collins, author of *Vintage Pies*, speaks at 2 pm. Activities for the entire family: apple recipe competition, cider pressing, wagon rides, historic farm & craft demonstrations, barbecue & harvest treats, cheese making and guided tours of the Plymouth Cheese Factory. 10 am - 4 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicsites.vermont.gov.

PROCTOR. Deadberry Manor Haunted Tours. Underground tours, real unspoken horrors, terror in the dark, the scariest Vermont! \$15. 7-10 pm. Wilson Castle, 2708 West St. (802) 773-3284. wilsoncastle.com. *Also October 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29.*

RANDOLPH. Central Vermont Brew Fest. Awesome craft beer and cider, local food, farms, art & music. Live music from three Vermont bands plus fireside acoustic jam. Local Arts Corner highlighting local artisans. Over 60 beers and ciders. Nearby camping available. 3-8 pm. Ayers Brook Goat Dairy, 301 VT Rt. 12. (802) 565-8117. www.braintree357.com.

RANDOLPH CENTER. Sweeten Your Leaf Peeping! Stop by the Silloway Maple sugarhouse for free sugar on snow. 4-7 pm. 1303 Boudro Rd. (802) 272-6249. www.sillowaymaple.com.

RIPTON. Concert. The Joe K. Walsh Band, hailed by CBC-Newfoundland as "one of the best mandolinists of his generation" will appear with the all-star band featuring Avril Smith on guitar, Brittany Karlson, bass, and John Mailander on fiddle. Admission \$10-\$15, kids under 12 \$3. 7:30 pm. Ripton Community Coffee House, Rt 125. (802) 388-9782. rcc.org.

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ST. JOHNSBURY. Annual Fall Dog Party. Foot-tapping live music by Vermont folk duo The Endorsements, bounce house for the kids, door prizes, food, dog contests, and more. Free. 12 noon - 4 pm. Rain or Shine. Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. (802) 748-3075. dogmt.com.

STOWE. 35th Annual Stowe Foliage Arts Festival. 150 juried artists and artisans display and sell original art and contemporary crafts under heated tents. Rain or shine. Craft demos, live music, creative food court, entertainment. Topnotch Field, 3500 Mountain Rd. (802) 253-7321. *Also October 8.*

SPRINGFIELD. 35th Annual Vermont Apple Festival. Live music, craft fair, apple cider making, pony rides, food vendors, beer & wine tent, pie baking contest. Farmer's market, apple crisp, amusement rides, kids' races and activities. Pie eating contest, Donut eating contest, door prizes, get your photo taken with Miss Vermont! 9 am - 4 pm. Riverside Middle School, 13 Fairground Rd. (802) 885-2779. springfieldcoc@vermontel.net. springfieldvt.com.

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TUNBRIDGE. "Anything Apple" Harvest Fest. Apple pie contest judging at noon. Soup and sandwiches, apple foods to eat in and take out, silent auction of goods and services. The Arts Bus from 11 am - noon. Community groups, crafts and farm vendors on the lawn. Proceeds benefit The Tunbridge Church painting fund. Free. 11 am - 2 pm. Tunbridge Town Hall, 279 Rt. 110. (802) 889-5528.

WEST DOVER. 20th Annual Mount Snow Oktoberfest. Oom-pah music, schnitzel toss, keg toss, yodeling and stein-holding contests, apple slingshot, and of course, tons of beer and German fare! Scenic chairlift rides. Pumpkin painting, corn maze, and more. 7 am - 8 pm. Mount Snow Resort, 39 Mount Snow Rd. *Also October 8.*

WEST NEWBURY. 59th Annual Turkey Supper. Served family style on china by friendly neighbors. Menu: roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, coleslaw, cranberry sauce, rolls. Pie (apple, pumpkin, mince meat), coffee, tea or cider. Craft and bake sale in the church. Adults \$13, children (10 and under) \$6. Take-outs \$13. Reservations highly recommended—call (802) 429-2632 or e-mail westnewburyhall@gmail.com. Settings at 5 pm, 6:15 pm and 7:15 pm. West Newbury Hall, 219 Tyler Farm Rd. www.westnewburyhall.org or Facebook

WESTMINSTER. Moonlight Hike at Bald Hill. Meet at the Covered Bridge kiosk at 232 Covered Bridge Rd. 7 pm. For information and required reservation, contact (802) (802) 463-4948. davidandvanessa@gmail.com. www.windmillhillpinnacle.org.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Open Fields Great Goose Egg Auction. Works of art incorporating goose eggs by artists from around the world (including many children's book illustrators) are available in an auction to support Open Fields School, a small independent elementary school in Thetford. Doors open at 11:30 am; auction begins at 1 pm. 11:30 am - 4 pm. Newberry Market, 19 S. Main St. (802) 785-2077. nellie.pennington@openfields.org. www.openfields.org.

WINDSOR. 2017 Harpoon Oktoberfest Vermont. Nonstop live oompah music, chicken dancing, bratwurst, cake eating, and freshly brewed Harpoon beer. Delicious German style food. Keg bowling game. Outdoor Bavarian style "Beer Garden" with live music. Free Brewery tours. Must be 21 years or older with proper ID to be served beer. Cover charge \$15, includes one Harpoon beer ticket or non-alcoholic beverage ticket. 11 am - 6 pm. Harpoon Brewery, 336 Ruth Carney Dr. (802) 674-5491. *Also October 8.*

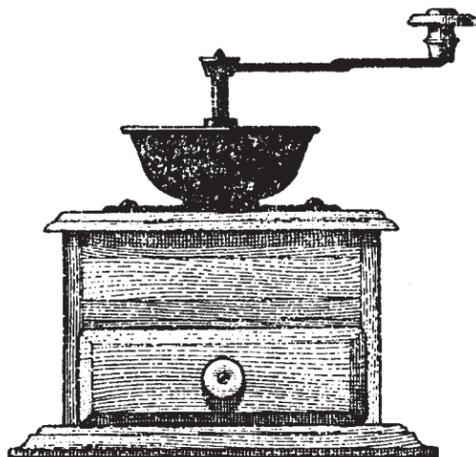
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

BELMONT. Cider Days. Old-fashioned cider pressing on the Village Green at the crossroads in Belmont. Local artisans selling their crafts, cider sale, bake sale, and book sale. Voting in the photo contest for the 2018 Mount Holly Calendar. 12 noon - 4 pm. Mount Holly Community Association, 26 Maple St. (802) 259-9130.

BURLINGTON. Performance: *Compagnie Herve Koubi—Ce Que le Jour Doit à la Nuit (What the Day Owes to the Night)*. Capoeira, martial arts, and contemporary dance, set to music ranging from traditional Sufi compositions to Johann Sebastian Bach. Tickets: \$15-\$48. 7 pm. MainStage, Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, 153 Main St. (888) 974-3698. flyntix.org.

BURLINGTON. Organic Soil Rally. Join fellow organic farmers and movement leaders for a parade and rally to keep Vermont's soil organic. Tractor parades will start rolling at noon, followed by brief speeches, local food, live music, and celebrations. Speakers include: Senator Bernie Sanders (tentative), Eliot Coleman, VT Lieutenant Governor David Zuckerman, Maddie Monty Kempner, Dave Chapman, Will Raap, Christa Alexander, Pete Johnson, and Joe Tisbert. Intervale Center, 180 Intervale Rd. (802) 318-0576.



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DERBY LINE. Concert: Wood and Belsher. Richard Wood, Prince Edward Island fiddler, artist, composer and entertainer, with Gordon Belsher. Tickets: \$20. 7:30 pm. Haskell Opera House, 93 Caswell Ave. (802) 748-2600.

DUMMERSTON. 15th Annual Heirloom Apple Day. Free tasting of some of our 120 varieties of apples. Listen to the history of apples with orchardist Zeke Goodband. Heirloom apples and cider for sale. Sample Whetstone Cider Works hard ciders and Rigani Wood-Fired Pizza. Free. 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm. Scott Farm Orchard, 707 Kipling Rd. (802) 254-6868. events@scottfarmvermont.com. www.scottfarmvermont.com.

DUMMERSTON. Apple Pie Festival. Come and enjoy homemade apple pies, either whole or by the slice, Vermont-made doughnuts, maple syrup and home-churned ice cream. Doors open 10 am until 5 pm or when pies are sold out. Dummerston Congregational Church, 1535 Middle Rd, (802) 257-0544.

EAST THETFORD. Annual Pumpkin Festival. This 15th annual event offers on-farm enjoyment for the entire family with horse-drawn wagon rides, pumpkin picking, live music, kids' activities, storytelling, birds of prey, cider pressing, and local food concessions. Visit the "Circle of Cedars" Enchanted Forest—where entertainment includes award-winning storyteller Simon Brooks of New London, NH who weaves folk and faerie tales from 10:30-11:30 am and Vermont storyteller-musicians, The Swing Peepers who play from 12-1 pm and 1:30-2 pm. Vermont jam band, Sensible Shoes, from 1-3 pm. Suggested donation of \$10-15 per car includes parking and admission to all events. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Road just off of Rt. 5 www.cedarcirclefarm.org/events/festivals.

FERRISBURGH. Tintype Artist. Presentation. Photographer Jeff Howlett has perfected the art of making tintypes — early photographs made on small rectangles of metal. He'll be offering his services and showing folks how it was done in the old days. Come and have your picture made! Tintypes \$50 each. 10 am – 5 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. rokeby.org.

HUBBARDTON. 20th Annual Mount Zion Hike. Enjoy the autumn colors and sweeping views of the battlefield. Mount Zion is now in Vermont's newest State Park—Taconic Mountains Ramble. Wear sturdy shoes, dress for the weather, and bring water. Meet at the visitor center. 2-5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov/directory/hubbardton.

MIDDLEBURY. The Milk and Honey Quilters' Guild Bi-annual Quilt Show. "Quilting in the Land of Milk and Honey" will feature 100 quilts, including projects made by local children. Vendor booths, raffle baskets, consignment booth, and raffle quilt. Lunch available for purchase. Tickets \$5. 10 am – 3 pm. Middlebury Recreation Facility, 154 Creek Rd. (802) 758-2357. milkandhoneyquilt@yahoo.com. www.milkandhoneyquilters.com.

MOUNT HOLLY. Cider Day. Watch fresh cider being made on a century old press and then enjoying a cup of that cider (hot or cold) with home-baked apple pie or crisp topped with ice cream. Come and enjoy it along with wonderful fall colors, fresh cider by the gallon, food and crafts vendors, a library book sale, an antique chair auction and more. Check out the special wishing well. On the Belmont Green. Noon-4 pm. (802) 259-2460.

NEWFANE. 47th Annual Newfane Heritage Festival. 90+ juried arts, crafts and specialty products. Homemade apple pie & crisp, super raffle, books, fleas, live music. Free admission. 10 am – 4 pm. On the Common, VT Route 30. (802) 365-4079.

PITTSFORD. Pittsford Sheep Festival. Sheep shearing, felting, dog herding, and spinning. The Leaping of the Lambs: sheep run through an obstacle course to reach a treat at the finish line. Visit with local shepherds and learn about raising sheep in Vermont. Food for sale: tasty lamb and Big Lenny's hotdogs. Local craft vendors, live music and children's craft activities. 11 am – 4 pm. Pittsford Recreation Area, off of Furnace Rd. (802) 446-2830.

PLYMOUTH. Grace Coolidge Musicale #4. Kate Jensik and Abigail Charbeneau conclude the series with a program of cello and piano masterpieces by Beethoven and Schumann. Donation suggested. 4-5:30 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 VT Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773.

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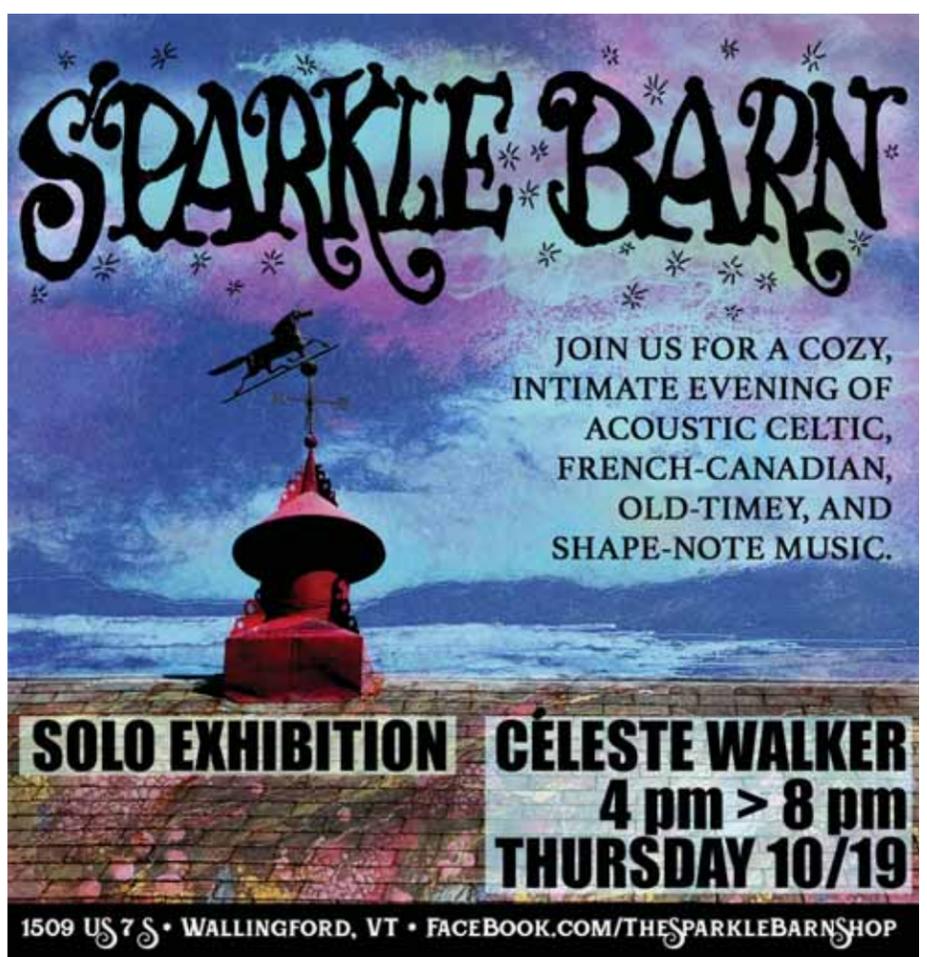


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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

CHESTER. Fall Foliage Train Rides. Ride the train from Chester to Ludlow. 10 am – 3 pm. Green Mountain Railroad, 1858 Railroad Ave. (800) 707-3530. *October 12.*

HUNTINGTON. Program: Nestlings Find Nature. Preschoolers discover birds through stories and investigative play. Books, crafts, nature walks, and outdoor activities enrich the hour. Intended for preschoolers; parents and siblings welcome. Adult \$7, senior \$6, child 3-17 \$3.50. 10:30–11:30 am. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. birdsofvermont.org. *Also October 24.*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

CHESTER. Fall Foliage Train Rides. 10 am – 3 pm. Green Mountain Railroad, 1858 Railroad Ave. (800) 707-3530.

SPRINGFIELD. Wildlands Exhibition. Celebrate the beauty and experiences enjoyed in our publicly owned lands and national parks and other wild spaces with the works of 10 artists. Sponsored by Springfield Regional Development Corporation. Meet the artists at a free catered reception from 5:30-7 pm. The Great Hall, One Hundred River St. (802) 885-3061. www.facebook.com/GreatHallSpringfield. *Through March 30.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

BARRE. Concert: Sam Bush, the legendary "King of Newgrass." Tickets \$35–\$39. 8 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 North Main St. (City Hall). (802) 476-8188. www.barreoperahouse.org.

BELLOWS FALLS. Book & Author Event. New Hampshire author Howard Mansfield will be speaking about his new collection of essays, *Summer Over Autumn*. Free. 7 pm. Village Square Booksellers. (802) 463-9404. villagesquarebooks.com.

BRATTLEBORO. Performance: David Sedaris. One of America's pre-eminent humor writers. Tickets: \$47, \$42. 7:30 pm. Latchis Theater, 50 Main St. (802) 748-2600.

LEBANON, NH. Comedy Performance: Juston McKinney. Tickets: \$25 General Admission. 7:30 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. lebanonoperahouse.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Concert: Soovin Kim, violin, performing Bach's six sonatas and partitas for solo violin. A Nelson Series event. A Performing Arts Series event. Reserved seating. Tickets: \$28. 8 pm. Middlebury College, Mahaney Center for the Arts, Robison Hall, 72 Porter Field Rd. (802) 443-3168.

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SPRINGFIELD. Stellafane 36th Annual Fall Open House and Up All Night Star Party. View the heavens like you have never before! Hosted by the Springfield telescope makers. Light refreshments. Free, open to the public. Other events scheduled in case of inclement weather. At the Stellafane Clubhouse on Breezy Hill (directions on website). (603) 504-2996. stellafane.org. *Also October 14.*

TINMOUTH. Tinmouth Old Firehouse Fall Concert: Tim Connell. A world-touring, world class virtuoso mandolinist. One of the top North American interpreters of Brazilian choro. Suggested donation \$10 to \$15. Homemade desserts, coffee and tea available. Doors open 7 pm. The Old Firehouse is at Mountain View Rd. and Rt. 140 in downtown Tinmouth. old.firehouse.concerts@gmail.com. On Facebook.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

BELLOWS FALLS. Concert. Dave Keller Band and the Mo' Sax Horns. One of the finest soul and blues men of his generation. Tickets: \$25, seniors \$20. 7:30 pm. Stone Church Arts, 20 Church St. (802) 460-0110. sca@sover.net. www.stonechurcharts.org.

BENNINGTON. Seventh Annual Oktoberfest. Live music featuring the Rymanowski Brothers; ethnic food, beer tent, vendors. German DJ. Children's activities, wagon rides; rain or shine. Large Camelot tent. All proceeds benefit the community. Admission: adults \$5, children under 12 free. 11 am – 5 pm. Historic Colgate Park, Route 9 West. (845) 641-6007.

BURLINGTON. Concert: *The King Returns*. A Tribute to the music and style of Elvis Presley, featuring Mark Shelton & the Mark Shelton Band. Tickets: \$49.75/\$42.25/\$35/\$26.50. 8 pm. MainStage, Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, 153 Main St. (888) 974-3698. flynntix.org.



CABOT. Cabot Apple Pie Festival. Games, pie making contests, local entertainment, Homemade award winning pies for sale, raffles and many tables of local artisans crafts. Admission is Free. 9 am – 3 pm. Cabot School Gym. (802) 563-2526. www.nek4u.net/cabothistory/ApplePie.html.

HANOVER, NH. Performance: *Animalesco*. Animal Tales From Around the Globe with Antonio Rocha. Unique fusion of verbal narrative, mime and realistic sound effects. Performance begins with pre-show clowning around, includes audience participation. Free, no tickets required. 11 am. Alumni Hall, Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

HARTFORD. Roast Turkey Supper. Roast turkey, mashed potato, gravy, stuffing, boiled onions, squash, coleslaw, cranberry sauce, homemade rolls and pies. Served family style. Handicapped accessible. Adults \$12, children under 12 \$5. Servings at 5 and 6 pm. Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple St., Rt. 14. (802) 295-2510.

HUBBARDTON. Night Sky Viewing Night. Explore the mysteries of the sun before it sets and the universe with the Green Mountain Astronomers. They share their telescopes and knowledge with you. Bring flashlights and a blanket. Call to confirm. Donation. 5-10 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282.



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JAY PEAK. Eighth Annual Bean & Brew Festival. Coffee and beer sampling, live music and lawn games. \$20 for a commemorative pint glass and twelve draught tickets for sampling. 12 noon – 6 pm. Jay Peak Resort, 830 Jay Peak Rd. (802) 988-2611.

KILLINGTON. Killington WitchCraft. The fall festival that's a scary amount of fun for everyone. Hay rides, haunted house, pumpkin launch, craft beer and more. 10 am – 9 pm. Killington/Pico Ski Resorts, 4763 Killington Rd. (800) 621-6867. *Also October 15.*

MIDDLEBURY. Fifth Annual Cocoon. A special evening of true stories told live without notes. Community-wide event produced by the creators of the Middlebury Moth-UP. A reception with the storytellers follows. Tickets: \$15. 8 pm. Mahaney Center for the Arts, Robison Hall, 72 Porter Field Rd. (802) 443-3168.

NEWFANE. Grand Opening of the West River Railroad Museum. Tours of the restored Depot and Water Tank House, exhibits of the West River Railroad, telegraph demonstrations, food and music. Festivities begin with a ribbon cutting. 12-4 pm. Newfane Railroad Station, Rt. 30, Main St. (802) 348-7891. willvill123@gmail.com. historicalsofwindhamcounty.org.

NORTH CLARENDON. Green Mountain Flyer Annual Fly-In Drive-In Breakfast. "Fly-in style" eggs and pancakes with sausage, coffee and orange juice. Adults \$10, children 5-12 \$6. 8 am – 12 noon. Southern Vermont Regional Airport, 1002 Airport Rd. (802) 322-3767. www.968.eaachapter.org.

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

RUPERT. Hike Mount Antone. Bring your cold lunch (no grilling available). This is a difficult hike. Dress for the weather with sturdy hiking gear. Fee: \$3. 11 am. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. www.merckforest.org.

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

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SPRINGFIELD. Painting Demonstration. Artist Gil Perry will demonstrate his oil painting techniques at a special Open Studio demonstration from 12-4 pm. Gil's paintings are inspired by his travels from New England to France and are now on exhibit in his Little Gems show at Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. www.vermontcrafts.com.

STATEWIDE. The Vermont Crafts Council Fall Open Studio Weekend. A statewide celebration of the visual arts and creative process, offering a unique opportunity for visitors to meet a wide variety of local artists and craftspeople in their studios, and purchase high quality, hand made artwork. The Vermont Open Studio Guide is available throughout the state at Tourist Information Centers, galleries and studios and on the VCC website at www.vermontcrafts.com or by calling (802) 223-3380. *Also October 15.*

WEST FAIRLEE. Harvest Supper. Home-cured corned beef and cabbage, red flannel hash and home-baked beans. Adults \$13; kids 5-12 \$6; under 5 free. Reservations recommended. 5-7 pm. West Fairlee Church, 954 Route 113. (802) 685-3141. garrowstephen@gmail.com.

WOODSTOCK. Autumn Wagon Ride Weekend. Admire the autumn display first-hand at the Billings Farm on narrated horse-drawn wagon rides around our fields. Interactive programs and activities will be offered, including programs with our Jersey cows and Southdown sheep. Adults \$15, 62 & up \$14, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org. *Also October 15.*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

HANOVER, NH. Performance: "Cuentos—Tales from the Latino World" with David Gonzalez. Daniel Kelly, keyboard and Willie Martinez, drums, Wilson "Chembo" Corniel, percussion. Hilarious and fantastical characters and places of the Spanish-speaking world. Tickets: \$13-\$23. 3 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

HANOVER. Organic Soil Rally. Join fellow organic farmers and movement leaders for a parade and rally to keep soil organic. Tractor parades at noon, followed by brief speeches, local food, live music, and celebrations. Rally speakers include NOFA-VT executive director Enid Wonnacott, and farmers Michael Phillips, Jake Guest, Roger Noonan, Laura Carpenter, Will Allen, Davey Miskell, Lisa McCrory, Dave Chapman, and Karl Hammer. On the Green. (802) 299-7737.

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LEBANON, NH. Concert: The Wailers. The reggae legends are back to share their revolutionary sound and impart Bob Marley's timeless messages of Jah love and unity. Tickets: \$25, \$39, \$45. 6 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. www.lebanonoperahouse.org.

NORTH TUNBRIDGE. Ghost Walk. Costumed past residents talk about their lives and families. Presented by the Tunbridge Historical Society. Free. 2 pm. Dickerman Hill Cemetery, Angell Rd. (802) 889-5528. kjayvt@gmail.com. *Rain date: October 22.*

ORWELL. Hike into History. With Mount Independence Coalition president Stephen Zeoli. The focus will be on the effects of British Lt. Gen. John Burgoyne's surrender at Saratoga October 17, 1777, and the British withdrawal from the Mount on November 8, 1777. Meet at museum. Adults \$5, children under 15 free. 1-3:30 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. historicites.vermont.gov.

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Way Back Then

Our Old Apple Orchard and the Hurricane of '38

by Charles Sutton

Driving around Vermont this fall one will surely notice here and there many old apple trees that are still producing a wonderful array of colorful apples. These were planted by farmers years ago or by apple-eating wildlife that left the seeds behind.

They remind me of an orchard of such apples I grew up with including a few trees that survived a hurricane.

After World War I, my father bought a small, antique farmstead in Fairfield, CT. This was when he was starting a career in finance in New York City and before he married. He used the place for weekends and even kept a horse there. Although the property only covered about two acres it had an orchard of a dozen apple trees, three pear trees, one sour cherry tree, a quince tree and numerous berry bushes.

He met my mother, married her, and this became the family home for the next 80 years. We moved there permanently

from New York City just in time for the devastating Hurricane of 1938.

On that memorable day my brother Fred and I were sent home early from grade school as the storm approached. By 3 p.m. the storm was moving over us, having followed a track up the Atlantic coast, then over Long Island and well into New England.

I remember standing on tiptoe (I was seven years old) in the hallway between our dining and living rooms to be able to see through a band of windows that overlooked the orchard. I could see the apple trees, one after another, being blown over in waves of wind and rain. It was as if they were knocked off their feet—actually they were uprooted, or huge limbs were torn off. Only four of the apple trees survived, having been protected by groups of other trees.

The wreckage, including other kinds of trees and branches, was an unforgettable sad sight, but the cut-up apple wood did make many a cheerful fire for some years into the future. It had a long-lasting burn, smelt refreshing, and its flames often put out a rainbow of colors.

The remaining trees still produced a good crop of mostly inedible hard, small, green apples, often with brown spots or scabs. But they were free of chemical sprays.

My father for years would collect the best of the drops in burlap bags to be made into applejack, an alcoholic drink. We boys were young enough to not even care about sampling the jack as we were years away from 'grown-up' drinks.



One of the surviving apple tree's branches were spread out in such way as to make a perfect landing place for a tree house. My brother and our friends spent many hours there playing games or eating picnic foods. The tree house overlooked our Victory garden and free-ranging chickens.

Our apple crop was also appreciated by a man named Charlie Frenter who came once a week to do chores and cut our extensive lawn with a hand lawnmower. This was no easy task as my brother and I learned later when we had to cut the whole place by hand, too. Charlie would always ask if he could pick up some apples, as his wife made apple pies or other dishes out of them. We made sure he also went home with vegetables from our garden and farm-fresh eggs.

After my mother died the homestead was sold to new owners who took down the old barn and carriage shed which were by then in poor condition, but they kept the house and made renovations. When I drove by I noticed a few of the old apple trees were still there, doing their thing—making little green apples.



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WESTMINSTER. Program: Forgotten People on the Connecticut River. Alec Hastings, Vermont author and history enthusiast, will tell you about fascinating characters who emerged in southern Vermont and New Hampshire in the nineteenth century. Sponsored by the Westminster Historical Society. Donations welcomed, refreshments served. 7 pm. Westminister Fire & Rescue Department, Grout Ave. (802) 387-5778.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. EBT and debit cards. 3-6 pm in Depot Park downtown across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. *Wednesdays through October 25.*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

SHREWSBURY. Hike the North Branch of Cold River. North Branch Road along the river from Brown Bridge. Moderate. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for Vermont weather. Bring bug spray and guard against ticks by wearing long sleeves and pants. Meet at 9 am at the Godnick Center on Deer Street to car pool. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Contact leader for details: Edith Kellogg, (802) 775-1246. greenmountainclub.org.

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WALLINGFORD. Concert & Exhibition. Céleste Walker of Spindrift Studio will share songs in Gaelic, French, Scots, and a variety of English accents accompanied by guitar along with an exhibition of her Saori and transparency weavings. Céleste is an internationally published author, textile artist, farmer, and traditional musician residing in Rutland. 4-8 pm. Sparkle Barn, 1509 Rt. 7, south of Wallingford. (802) 446-2044. thesparklebarnshop@gmail.com. thesparklebarnshop.com.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

BARRE. Concert: Pilobolus. The dance company is continually exploring new ways of using the human body as a graphic and expressive medium. Tickets: \$28-\$49. 8 pm; K-12 student matinee at 10 am, \$8:50. Barre Opera House, 6 North Main St. (City Hall). (802) 476-8188. www.barreoperahouse.org.

BELLOWS FALLS. Book & Author Event. Archer Mayor talks about his new novel, *Trace*. Free. 7 pm. Village Square Booksellers, 32 the Square. (802) 463-9404. vsbooks@sover.net. www.villagesquarebooks.com.

BELLOWS FALLS. Concert. Joe Davidian Trio, an American jazz trio comprised of some of the nation's hottest up-and-coming young lions. Tickets: \$25, seniors \$20. 7:30 pm. Stone Church Arts, 20 Church St. (802) 460-0110. sca@sover.net. www.stonechurcharts.org.

BURLINGTON. 2017 Vermont International Film Festival. 7 am – 11:30 pm. Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center, 60 Lake St. (802) 660-2600. *Through October 29.*

BURLINGTON. Performance. Sean Dorsey Dance—*The Missing Generation: Voices from the Early AIDS Epidemic*. Choreographer Sean Dorsey distills 75 hours of interviews with survivors into a moving series of dance-theater vignettes. Tickets: \$15-\$38. 8 pm. MainStage, Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, 153 Main St. (888) 974-3698. flynnntix.org.

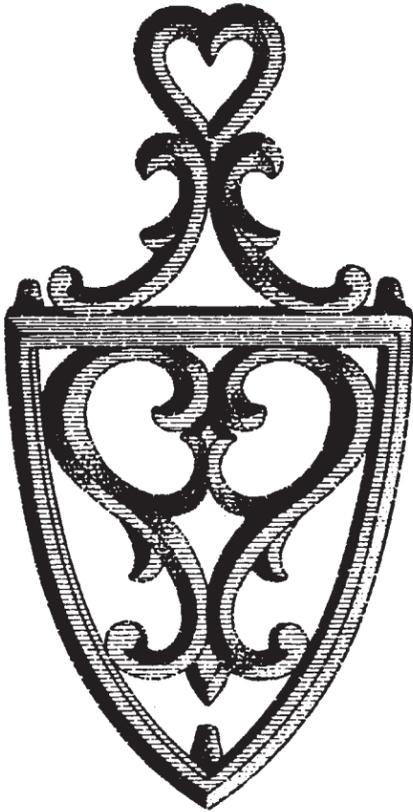
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

BELLOWS FALLS. Class: Simple Celtic Doodles and Tangles, with Sadelle Wiltshire. Learn to draw some of the simple ornamental designs found in *The Book of Kells*, *The Book of Durrow* and *The Lindisfarne Gospels* and apply them to abstract drawings using the Zentangle method or as free-flowing line art. Fee \$45. 10 am – 1 pm. Currier Hall, Stone Church Center, 12 Church St. (802) 460-0110. sca@sover.net. www.stonechurcharts.org.

BURLINGTON. 2017 Vermont International Film Festival. Main Street Landing Film House, Lake Lobby, Black Box & Atrium. 7 am – 11:30 pm. Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center, 60 Lake St. (802) 660-2600. *Through October 29.*

BURLINGTON. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Masterworks Concert. Featuring Jinjoo Cho, violin. Music by Mozart, Chausson, Saint-Saëns, and Dvorak. 7:30 pm, preceded at 6:30 pm by Musically Speaking, a free pre-concert discussion. Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, 153 Main St. (802) 864-5741 x 10. grace@vso.org. vso.org.



DUMMERSTON. Heirloom Apple Pie Workshop. With Pastry Chef Laurel Roberts Johnson. Learn how to prepare flaky pie dough and effortlessly roll out pie crust. Prepare and bake pies using heirloom apples from Scott Farm. Fee: \$50, includes the pie you bake, the dough you make, and a tote of heirloom baking apples. Reservations required. 10 am – 1 pm. Scott Farm Orchard, 707 Kipling Rd. (802) 254-6868. events@scottfarmvermont.com. scottfarmvermont.com.

EAST POULTNEY. 15th Annual Horace Greeley Writers' Symposium. Explore the art of writing as presented by publishers and writers in the fields of literature, poetry, philosophy, and history. Fee \$80, students \$20. 9 am - 5 pm. United Baptist Church On the Green. (802) 287-2577. www.horacegreeleyfoundation.org.

HANOVER, NH. Concert: "Music, She Wrote". Dartmouth College Wind Ensemble perform selections from some of today's exciting wind composers who happen to be female. Tickets: \$9-\$10. 8 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

LEBANON, NH. Concert: Young@Heart Chorus: Welcome to Your Life. Accompanied by a rockin' band, two dozen seniors ranging in age from 76 to 89 perform poignant reinterpretations of music by Tears for Fears, Radiohead, Sam Cooke, Buffalo Springfield and more. Tickets: \$39, \$49, \$59, \$69, \$79. 4 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. lebanonoperahouse.org.

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

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers' Market. Live music. EBT and debit cards. 9 am – 2 pm, in Depot Park downtown across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through October 28.*

SHOREHAM. Church Breakfast. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, home fries, beverages, and a special surprise! \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, and \$20 for families with small children. 8-10 am. Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School Rd. (802) 897-2687.

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WEST RUTLAND. Audubon Marsh Walk. A monthly bird monitoring walk. Kids, new birders and non-members welcome. Join us for the 3.7 mile loop around the marsh (dirt and paved roads) or go halfway. Learn from friendly bird experts and join us for brunch afterwards. Meet at the West Rutland Price Chopper parking lot at 8 am. birding@rutlandcountyaudubon.org.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

BURLINGTON. 2017 Vermont International Film Festival. 7 am – 11:30 pm. Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center, 60 Lake St. (802) 660-2600. *Through October 29.*

FERRISBURGH. Talk: Rare and Unusual Vermont Plants. Botanist Robert Popp tracks and inventories rare and unusual plants for Vermont's Department of Fish and Wildlife. His talk reminds us of the Robinsons' deep interest in natural history. \$2 program only or free with Museum admission. 3 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. rokeby.org.



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Sheep shearing, felting, dog herding, and spinning are just some of the activities.

Polar, Moxi, Poppy, Quigley and Omni are in training for their big event: The Leaping of the Lambs. Here the sheep compete against each other by running through an obstacle course to reach a treat at the finish line.

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(Sunday, October 22, continued)

GRAFTON. A Capella Concert. The Big Woods Voices are a pure a cappella vocal ensemble comprised of four local singers who will thrill you with their repertoire. The group features Alan Blood, Will Danforth, Becky Graber and Amanda Witman. Admission \$10-\$25. 4 pm. The White Church, 55 Main St. (802) 843-2111. nature-museum.org.

HUNTINGTON. Program—Fledglings Figure It Out: “How Do You Get There From Here?” Kids ages 5-10 meet up for a new bird science/craft challenge. Free with Museum admission: adult \$7, senior \$6, child 3-17 \$3.50. Please pre-register. 2-3 pm. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. birdsofvermont.org.

LEBANON, NH. Concert: Rusted Root. Percussive, world beat rock, the band transcends age, generation, culture and musical style. Tickets: \$25, \$35, \$45. 6 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. lebanonoperahouse.org.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

HANOVER, NH. Concert: Sounds of the Seasons. World Music Percussion Ensemble, with guest ensemble Ladama, perform African and Latin American-influenced contemporary jazz. Tickets: \$9-\$10. 7 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers’ Market. Fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables, meats, cheeses, maple, jams. EBT and debit cards. 3-6 pm in Depot Park downtown across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. *Wednesdays through October 25.*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

BURLINGTON. 2017 Vermont International Film Festival. Main Street Landing Film House, Lake Lobby, Black Box & Atrium. 7 am – 11:30 pm. Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center, 60 Lake St. (802) 660-2600. *Through October 29.*

MIDDLEBURY. Play: *Glengarry Glen Ross*. By David Mamet. For mature audiences. Tickets: \$15. 7:30 pm. Mahaney Center for the Arts, Seeler Studio Theatre, 72 Porter Field Rd. (802) 443-3168. *Through October 28.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

BELMONT. Mount Holly Halloween Party. 4-7 pm Scarecrow Jamboree at Mount Holly Library, 26 Maple St., with trick or treating, hayride, snacks, costume contest and crafts, Free. 8 pm. Adult Halloween Party: BYOB party with live music at the Community Center. Dress up and join the fun. Cover charge. (802) 259-9130.

BURLINGTON. 2017 Vermont International Film Festival. Various venues. 7 am – 11:30 pm. Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center, 60 Lake St. (802) 660-2600. *Through October 29.*

MIDDLEBURY. Play: *Glengarry Glen Ross*. By David Mamet. For mature audiences. Tickets: \$15. 7:30 pm. Mahaney Center for the Arts, Seeler Studio Theatre, 72 Porter Field Rd. (802) 443-3168. *Also October 28.*

MIDDLEBURY. Concert: Heath Quartet. Performing a rich, mixed repertoire program including works by Haydn, Tippett, Bach, and Mendelssohn. Tickets: \$28. 8 pm; Pre-concert lecture by Professor of Music Larry Hamberlin, 7 pm, Room 221. Middlebury College, Mahaney Center for the Arts, Robison Hall, 72 Porter Field Rd. (802) 443-3168.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

BELLOWS FALLS. Concert: The Fretless, Celtic and Folk Quintet, transforms fiddle tunes and folk melodies into intricate, beautiful, high-energy arrangements. Tickets: \$25, seniors \$20. 7:30 pm. Stone Church Arts, 20 Church St. (802) 460-0110. sca@sover.net. www.stonechurcharts.org.

BENNINGTON. Fallapalooza. Store-to-store trick-or-treating for kids in costume. Train rides, petting zoo, medieval combat exhibitions, pumpkin carving, henna tattoos, free balloons, prizes, giant public art project, and carnival games. Food trucks. Admission and parking free. 11 am – 4 pm. Main Street. (802) 442-5758.

BURLINGTON. 2017 Vermont International Film Festival. Main Street Landing Film House, Lake Lobby, Black Box & Atrium. 7 am – 11:30 pm. Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center, 60 Lake St. (802) 660-2600. *Also October 29.*

DUMMERSTON. 10th Annual On-Farm Heirloom Apple Harvest Dinner. Five-course meal will showcase our delicious heirloom apples along with many other local foods. Chef Tristan Toleno of Entera Catering will prepare the meal. Dinner is \$50. BYOB. Make your reservations early – it sells out fast! 6 pm. Scott Farm Orchard, 707 Kipling Rd. (802) 254-6868. events@scottfarmvermont.com. www.scottfarmvermont.com.

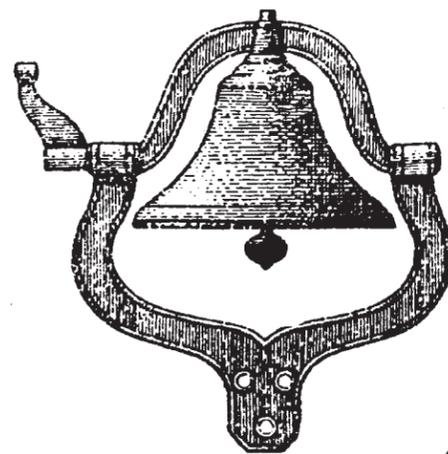
HANOVER, NH. Concert: Dartmouth Symphony Orchestra. New DSO-Italy collaboration begins with renowned Italian guest soloist and celebratory Mahler symphony. Tickets: \$10-\$20. 8 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

HUNTINGTON. Bird Monitoring Walk. All birders welcome, outdoors on the Museum’s trails in forest and meadow. We often have coffee afterwards, indoors at our viewing window. Last Saturday of every month. Most fun for adults, older children. Bring your own binoculars. Free. Please pre-register. 8-9 am. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. birdsofvermont.org. *Also November 25.*

MIDDLEBURY. Play: *Glengarry Glen Ross*, by David Mamet. For mature audiences. Tickets: \$15. 2 pm. Mahaney Center for the Arts, Seeler Studio Theatre, 72 Porter Field Rd. (802) 443-3168.

RUTLAND. 58th Annual Halloween Parade. Parade Route: Madison St. & Strongs Ave. to Wales St., left to West St., left onto Merchants Row ending at the plaza. 6:30 pm. Sponsored by the Rutland Recreation Department. (802) 773-1822. rutlandrec.com.

RUTLAND. Vermont Farmers’ Market. Live music. EBT and debit cards. 9 am – 2 pm, in Depot Park downtown across from Walmart. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through October 28.*



Final Autumn Murmurs

by Ron Krupp

By late October, the tourists, or what we call “leaf-peepers,” are gone. They love to come and take pictures ad infinitum of the lovely red, orange, and yellow maple leaves, and experience the hues and glows of autumn colors. They also tie up traffic.

By late October, the hard- and softwood leaves take on the look of washed out watercolors, sort of like grandma’s tattered comforter. They eventually rest on the forest floor. Only the yellow needle-like leaves of the tamarack (larch) and the green needles of the firs and other conifers are left standing. A late cold

October sun shining through them is a glory to behold. It almost makes the other gray, raw days seem bearable.

November is a quiet time, a period in between, a space where we wait for the snows to come. In the year 2000, we had three inches of snow on October 29, but that was early and only stayed for a day.

The folks that live in the higher elevations and the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont always experience colder fall temperatures, earlier snows and longer winters than I do in the warmer Lake Champlain Valley.

November is the last time

of the year to finish garden chores unless you are one of those nonstop gardeners who grow greens in their greenhouse all winter. My energy level begins to wane, but there are a couple more tasks to complete: I cover some of my raised beds with leaves so the earthworms can have a good meal, pick those sweet brussels sprouts, cut off some kale or chard, and dig beets and carrots.

My pantry is packed with canning jars full of summer’s bounty, and the cold frame still has some fall greens waiting to be picked. The compost has been spread and dug into my garden.

It’s comforting to know the garden has been laid to rest. The honkers have now flown south, and, at last, there ain’t no more weeding to do.

Perhaps I’ll sit in the easy chair next to the wood stove and think back to early spring when the first seeds germinated and the young green plants grew in summer and finally produced their fruits in fall. There is much to be thankful for.

I know from years of experience that working in the fall garden is like insurance for the spring season. I temper this with the idea that even though the gardening season is complete, the end is just another beginning. Of course, some tasks do not get done, like the sumac patch that continued to grow and further its expansion. But that’s okay. Sometimes we forget that the strong red hues of the sumac add glory to the symphony of autumn colors.

I make applesauce and start carving pumpkins and roasting the seeds on the wood stove for Halloween or what some call All Hallow Even. After the pumpkin festival is over, a great autumn festival unique to North America arrives. Thanksgiving is a special holiday in New England, for this is when the First Nation Tribes shared their gifts with the “newcomers.”

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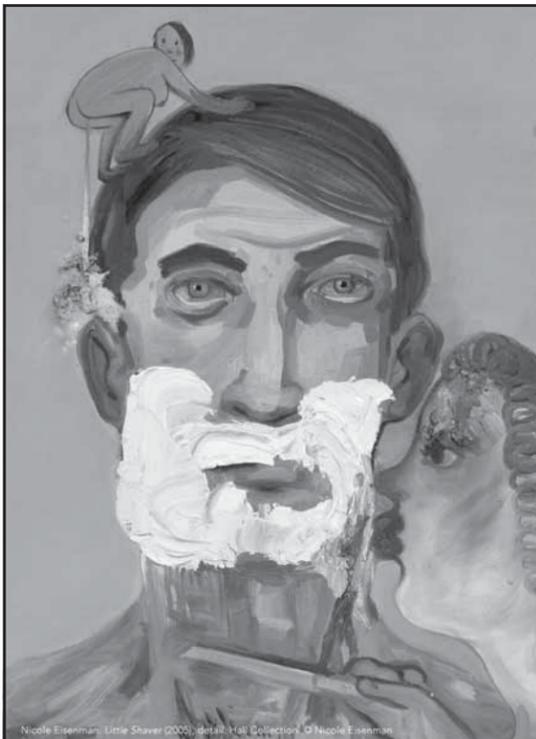
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WARDSBORO. 15th Annual Gilfeather Turnip Festival. All-day, indoor-outdoor, family-friendly celebration of Vermont's State Vegetable. Craft and farmers market booths, turnips and seeds for sale. Turnip boutique, turnip cafe, raffles, live music, and the annual turnip contest. Free admission, Parking: suggested donation \$2. 10 am - 3 pm, rain, snow or shine. Main Street. (802) 896-3416. friendswardsborolibrory.org. wardsborovermont.com.

WESTMINSTER. Walk to Ober Hill Gorge and Old Homestead Cellar Hole. Start at the Bemis Hill Road trailhead, walk mostly downhill to the homestead complex, then north to the Route 35 trailhead. Car shuttle will return participants to cars parked at the starting place. Bring water, snack, and clothing appropriate for the weather. 1-4 pm. Pre-registration is required to plan for the shuttle by contacting Camilla Roberts at (802) 869-1388 or camil@vermontel.net. windmillhillpinnacle.org.

WINDSOR. American Precision Museum's 18th Annual Model Engineering Show and Maker Space. Informative workshops and demonstrations throughout the day. Admission \$10, students \$5. 9 am - 4 pm. Windsor Recreational Center and American Precision Museum, 29 Union St. (802) 674-5781. www.americanprecision.org.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

BURLINGTON. 2017 Vermont International Film Festival. 7 am - 11:30 pm. Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center, 60 Lake St. (802) 660-2600.

SHELburne. Haunted Happenings. Be creative and dress up in your most playful costumes as you trick-or-treat on the grounds of Shelburne Museum. Cost: \$7 ages 3 and up, children 2 and under are free. General admission charged after 1 pm. 10 am - 1 pm. Shelburne Museum. (802) 985-3346. shelburnemuseum.org.

WOODSTOCK. Concert: The Fretless. Karrnel, fiddle; Trent Freeman, fiddle; Eric Wright, cello; and Ben Plotnick, fiddle. 4-6 pm. Woodstock Town Hall Theatre, 31 The Green. (802) 457-3981.

WOODSTOCK. A Family Halloween at Billings Farm. Pumpkin carving, doughnuts-on-a-string, wagon rides, cranking pumpkin ice cream, plus "not-too-scary" Halloween stories, pumpkin games, and animal programs. Costume parades around the farm at 12 & 2 pm, and all children will receive a ribbon. Children in costume receive free admission when accompanied by an adult (adults pay regular admission fee). Adults \$15, 62 & up \$14, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

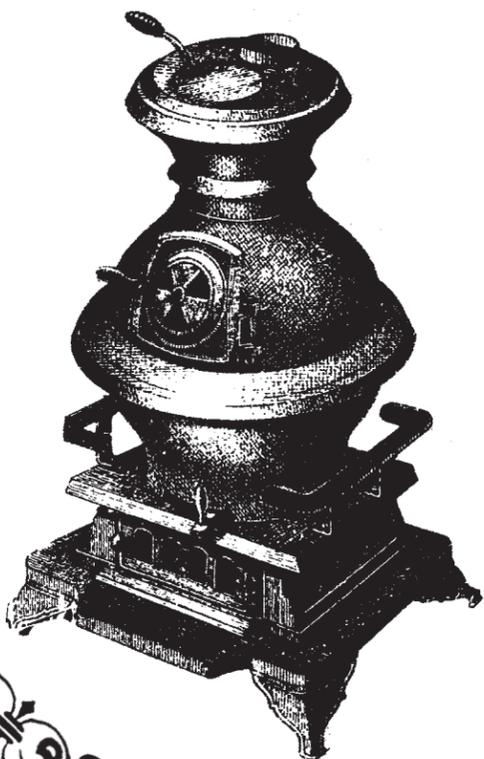
ST. JOHNSBURY. Halloween Tricks & Treats. Fur and feathers camouflage and call attention to the diverse creatures in our displays. Compare claws and fangs as you get ready for the great St. Johnsbury Halloween Parade. 4-6 pm. Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium, 1302 Main St. (802) 748-2372. fairbanksmuseum.org.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

SPRINGFIELD. Open Wall Exhibit: Magical Light. Open Tuesday-Saturday, 11 am - 5 pm. Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. galleyvault.org. Exhibit runs through December 28.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

BURLINGTON. Concert: Yo-Yo Ma & Kathryn Stott perform a repertory of Russian composers, including Stravinsky, Prokofiev, and Rachmaninoff. Tickets \$25-\$150. 7:30 pm. MainStage, Flynn Center, 153 Main St. (888) 974-3698. flyntix.org.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

HANOVER, NH. Concert: Barbary Coast Jazz Ensemble. Exciting explorations of jazz past and present, with special guests and some of Bynum's own compositions. Tickets: \$9-\$10. 8 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

MIDDLEBURY. Concert: The King's Singers, the world's most renowned a cappella ensemble, present a program surveying five decades of King's Singers repertoire, plus new works commissioned for this anniversary year. Tickets: \$30. 8 pm. Middlebury College, Mead Memorial Chapel, 75 Hepburn Rd. (802) 443-3168.

READING. First Friday. View our exhibitions without a guide and at your own pace. Wood-fired pizza available from La Pizza Lupo. Prepared in a vintage truck with an Italian-made wood-burning oven, with local, seasonal and artisanal ingredients. 5-8 pm. Hall Art Foundation, 544 VT Route 106. (802) 952-1056.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES 2017

ADDISON. Chimney Point State Historic Site. Newly updated and expanded permanent exhibit on the Native American, French Colonial, and early American history of the Chimney Point area incorporates archaeological findings from the Lake Champlain Bridge project. Learn how to use the atlatl (ancient spear thrower). Children's French Colonial dress-up basket. Admission \$5, children 14 and under free. Wednesday through Sun and Monday holidays, 9:30 am - 5 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicites.vermont.gov. Through October 15.

BENNINGTON. The Bennington Battle Monument will be open for the season. An elevator takes visitors to the observation floor for a spectacular view of three states. \$5 adult admission, 6-14 \$1, under 6 free. The Monument and gift shop are open seven days a week from 9 am - 5 pm. Bennington Battle Monument, 15 Monument Circle, (802) 447-0550. marylou.chicote@vermont.gov. www.historicites.vermont.gov. Through October 31.

FAIRFIELD. President Chester Arthur State Historic Site. In 1881, Vermonter Chester Alan Arthur was sworn in as the nation's 21st President. The son of an impoverished Baptist minister, Arthur was born in a small temporary parsonage. He became a lawyer who advocated for civil rights and as President, a champion of civil service reform. Donations appreciated. Chester Arthur Historic Site, 4588 Chester Arthur Rd. (802) 933-8362. historicites.vermont.gov. Through October 15.

HARTLAND. Upper Valley Seed Savers meet on the second Thursday of the month. 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 for meeting time and place please contact Sylvia Davatz at sdav@valley.net or call (802) 436-3262.

HUBBARDTON. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site. Exhibit: Hubbardton Battle—American Rebels Stem the Tide, July 7, 1777. Period artifacts, battle diorama, and a large fiber optic map. Children's colonial dress-up basket, Interpretive Trail. Bring your flag to be raised over the Hubbardton Battlefield and receive a certificate. Adults \$3, children under 15 free. Open 9:30 am - 5 pm, Thurs - Sun and Monday holidays. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov. Thru October 15.

ORWELL. Mount Independence State Historic Site. Celebrating the 240th anniversary of the start of American construction of the Revolutionary War's Mount Independence and the military road to Hubbardton and Rutland, the 50th anniversary of the trail system, and the 25th anniversary of the Mount Independence Coalition. Children's Discovery Corner, trails. Adults \$5, children under 15 free. Open daily 9:30 - 5:30. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. historicites.vermont.gov. Through October 15.

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

PLYMOUTH. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. Plymouth Notch, Vermont is the birthplace and boyhood home of Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President of the United States. Adults \$9, children 6-14 years \$2, children under 6 years free, family pass (up to 8 people) \$25. Open daily 9:30 am - 5 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Route 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicites.vermont.gov. Through October 22.

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

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

Small Happenings

There isn't much to write about.
The day is almost through.
Nothing at all has happened—
At least, there's nothing new.
I washed the dishes, made the beds,
And finished the new dress,
The green and black, and though old stuff,
It's got to do, I guess.
I've swept the floor and fed the cat—
Oh, yes, I made some hash,
And tried to cook some turnips that
Were bound they would not mash.
I wrote two letters, knit some lace,
And read a page or two
In my new book, and now again,
At night, I write to you!



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

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

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

SHELburne. Shelburne Farms Property Tours, Farmyard and Trails. Check in with the Welcome Center to walk on the trails. Admission: \$8 adult; \$6 senior; \$5 child 3-17; property tours additional. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. shelburnefarms.org. *Through October 22.*

SPRINGFIELD. Eureka Schoolhouse State Historic Site. the oldest one-room schoolhouse in Vermont and one of the few surviving eighteenth century public buildings in the State. Donation appreciated. Open weekends 10 am – 5 pm. Eureka Schoolhouse State Historic Site, 470 Charlestown Rd. (802) 828-3051. historicsites.vermont.gov. *Through October 15.*

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

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

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum. Visit the Jersey herd, draft horses, oxen, and sheep and tour the restored and furnished 1890 Farm House. Admission: adults \$15, age 62 & up \$14, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open April 1 through October 31, 10 am – 5 pm. Open January weekends and MLK Day and February 11-26. 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

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

MUSEUMS, EXHIBITS & GALLERIES

BARRE. Vermont History Center and Leahy Library. 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. vermonthhistory.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. www.dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com.

BENNINGTON. Bennington Center for the Arts. Small Works Show, *May 13 – December 23*. Permanent collections, theater productions, workshops. Adults \$9, seniors & students \$8, families \$20, under 12 are free. Open Wed-Mon, 10 am – 5 pm. Bennington Center for the Arts, 44 Gypsy Lane. (802) 442-7158. www.thebennington.org.

BENNINGTON. Bennington Museum. Founding documents, fine art, Bennington Pottery, the 1924 Wasp Touring Car, Vermont furniture, and the Bennington Flag—one of

America's oldest flags. Lectures, workshops, concerts, films, and the George Aiken Wildflower Trail. Adults \$10, seniors and students over 18 \$9. Open 10 am – 5 pm every day except Wednesdays. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. www.benningtonmuseum.org.

BRANDON. Compass Music and Arts Center. Exhibit: "Natural Affection", botanical watercolors by Susan Bull Riley, through October 28. Arts businesses and studios, workshops & classes, exhibits, concerts, and community events. A gift shop features art and music related books, collectibles, and the music of the classical recording company, Divine Art Records. Onsite café. Open Monday-Saturday 10 am – 5 pm. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Drive, Park Village, 1.5 miles north of downtown off Rt. 7. (802) 247-4295. cmactvt.org.

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

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

BURLINGTON. Fleming Museum of Art. Adults \$5, family \$10, students and seniors \$3, children 6 and under free. Tue, Thu, Fri 10 am – 4 pm, Wed 10 am – 7 pm, Sat-Sun noon – 4 pm. Fleming Museum of Art, 61 Colchester Ave. (802) 656-0750. flemingmuseum.org.

CENTER RUTLAND. The Rutland Railroad Museum. Housed in the Rutland Depot, built in 1917. See railroad artifacts and historical exhibits including HO & N scale model railroad layouts and a children's layout. Open Saturdays from 11 am – 1 pm. Rutland Railway Association, 79 Depot Lane. For information call John Schaub at (802) 768-8427. www.rutlandrailroadmuseum.org.

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

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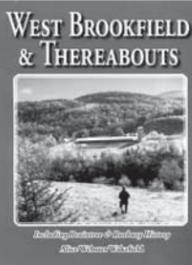
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Looking Back

by Bette Lambert, sillowaymaple.com

I walked crosslots, feeling giddy and free after weeks of recovery from a traumatic injury, that damaged not just my hand, but my sense of independence. Took some time to get past that fragile state, where sudden bouts of crying and startled jumpiness prevailed.

Alone I went down across the field, held my shoes high while feeling my way through the swale, and falling suddenly into the brook, unseen through the tall sawgrass. How I laughed, well again at last.

Long ago Old Man Farnsworth put up a five-strand barbed wire fence, with woven wire to boot, keeping his cows in his own pasture before the days of electric fences. Long gone, he kept me in, too, as one-handed

climbing over seemed imprudent. I finally found a high place and squirmed under, also finding nettles.

Beautiful, tall pink thistles, Queen Anne's Lace, and enormous sprawling juniper prevailed.

Back on the dirt road over in the hollow, I grinned at my dogs and walked on, content that the worst of this lies behind me and I am on to new adventures.

So many of you have asked, "How's your hand?" I am happy to report that, although I still have a splint and cannot use it, it is on the mend! The stories of cables and fingers, corn choppers and hands, legs thrust out to show me the long scar of a skilaw dropped, have been ongoing. Take a little more time, stay safe.

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

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READING. Exhibits: *Hope and Hazard: A Comedy of Eros* curated by Eric Fischl of over sixty-five artists from the Hall and Hall Art Foundation collections. *Ready, Fire! Aim.* curated by DJ Hellerman, exhibited in Reading, and also at BCA Center in Burlington. And a Solo exhibition by British artist David Shrigley in the newly opened visitor center. Outdoor sculptures by Richard Deacon, Olafur Eliasson, and Marc Quinn. Admission is free. Open weekends and Wednesdays by appointment at 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm, and unguided tours first Fridays from 5-8 pm. Box lunches for purchase 24 hours before your visit. Hall Art Foundation, 544 VT Rt. 106. (802) 952-1060. vermont@hallartfoundation.org. hallartfoundation.org. *Through November 26.*

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SPRINGFIELD. Exhibit: "Falling in Love With Fall". The latest collection of hand drawn and painted scarves from silk painter Teresa Hillary, *September 14 through November 2.* Exhibit: "Little Gems 2", Gil Perry has created 100 splendid small paintings with prices at (around) \$100 each, *through October 25.* Open Wall Exhibit: "Shifting Shapes", *through October 26.* Tuesday-Saturday, 11 am – 5 pm. Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. galleryvault.org.

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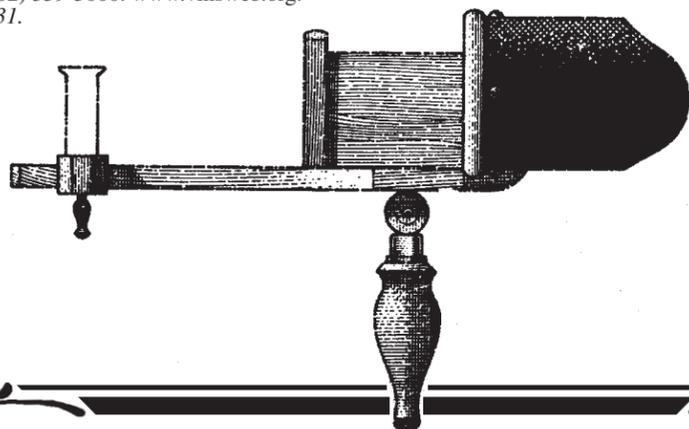
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WINDSOR. Art Show: Converging Viewpoints. Featuring artists Gary Milek and Charlie Shurcliff and their landscape paintings from opposite sides of the Connecticut River Valley. 10 am – 5 pm. Cider Hill Art Gallery, 1747 Hunt Rd. (802) 674-6825. *Sept. 16 through Oct. 28.*

WINDSOR. Old Constitution House. On July 8, 1777, the first Constitution of the "Free and Independent State of Vermont" was adopted at the Windsor Tavern owned by Elijah West. West's tavern, the location of many of the deliberations charting the future of Vermont, is now preserved as a historic site and called "The Old Constitution House." Adults \$3, children 14 and under free. Open weekends and Monday holidays 11 am – 5 pm. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 N. Main St. (802) 672-3773. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. *Through October 15.*

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Digging

Today I think
Only with scents,—scents dead leaves yield,
And bracken, and wild carrot's seed,
And the square mustard field;

Odours that rise
When the spade wounds the root of tree,
Rose, currant, raspberry, or gout-weed,
Rhubarb or celery;

The smoke's smell, too,
Flowing from where a bonfire burns
The dead, the waste, the dangerous,
And all to sweetness turns.

It is enough
To smell, to crumble the dark earth,
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Sad songs of Autumn mirth.

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North Country Reflections

A Community Garden Where Food, Flowers and Friendships Flourish

by Judith Irven

The Middlebury Area Community Garden is hidden away in a sunny corner at the northern end of the grounds at Porter Medical Center (near the employee parking and not far from the new dog park) in Middlebury, VT.

Here you will find sixteen individual garden plots filled with ripening vegetables and bountiful flowers. Each plot measures 24' long x 4' wide, and is separated from its neighbor by a neat two-foot wide straw covered path.

Since I was eager to learn more about communal gardening in Vermont, I asked Megan Battey, the current leader of this Community Garden, and fellow plot holders, Susan Smiley and Alice Leo, to tell me how it all worked.

The Middlebury Area Community Garden

For a small annual fee, anyone can rent a plot in the Community Garden. Indeed, some avid gardeners rent two plots. It falls to Megan, an impeccably organized person, to maintain a record of the names of the plot holders, as well as the availability of plots in the coming year. Currently she anticipates that there will be a few plots available for new gardeners next spring. So, if you are interested, this would be the perfect the time to contact her (battey@middlebury.edu).

It came as no surprise for me to learn that several plot holders are apartment dwellers who jumped at the opportunity to grow more food than they could possibly raise in containers on their balconies. Megan also recounted how, each spring, one dedicated gardener grows all the seedlings for her summer garden right on the sunny windowsills of her apartment.

Other people find the available space around their own houses is too shady to grow vegetables successfully. So for them the Community Garden complements their home garden environment.

It is also apparent that many Community Gardeners truly relish the opportunity to get together with fellow gardeners. Alice, a nurse at the Medical Center, told us how she absolutely loves the social aspect of communal gardening. In addition she admits to keeping a close eye on her plot, just in case her friends once again decide to hide her special garden gnome among the zinnias.

Also, to foster connections among everybody, from time to time there are 'Work Mornings' where fellow gardeners can get to know one another, share tips and maybe even swap excess plants.

Plots with personalities

Just as each gardener has his or her individual reasons for joining the Community Garden, so too each plot acquires its distinct personality.

Most people grow at least some veggies. On my visit I saw tomatoes ready for picking, some beautiful maturing Brussels Sprouts and plenty of health-giving kale. At this stage in the season the beets, green beans and lettuce had mostly been harvested, but several gardeners still had basil, dill and chives available for their kitchens.

A number of plots also sported a wonderful mix of flowers and veggies, with sunflowers and zinnias happily growing alongside the tomatoes and kale—an added enticement for butterflies and bees.

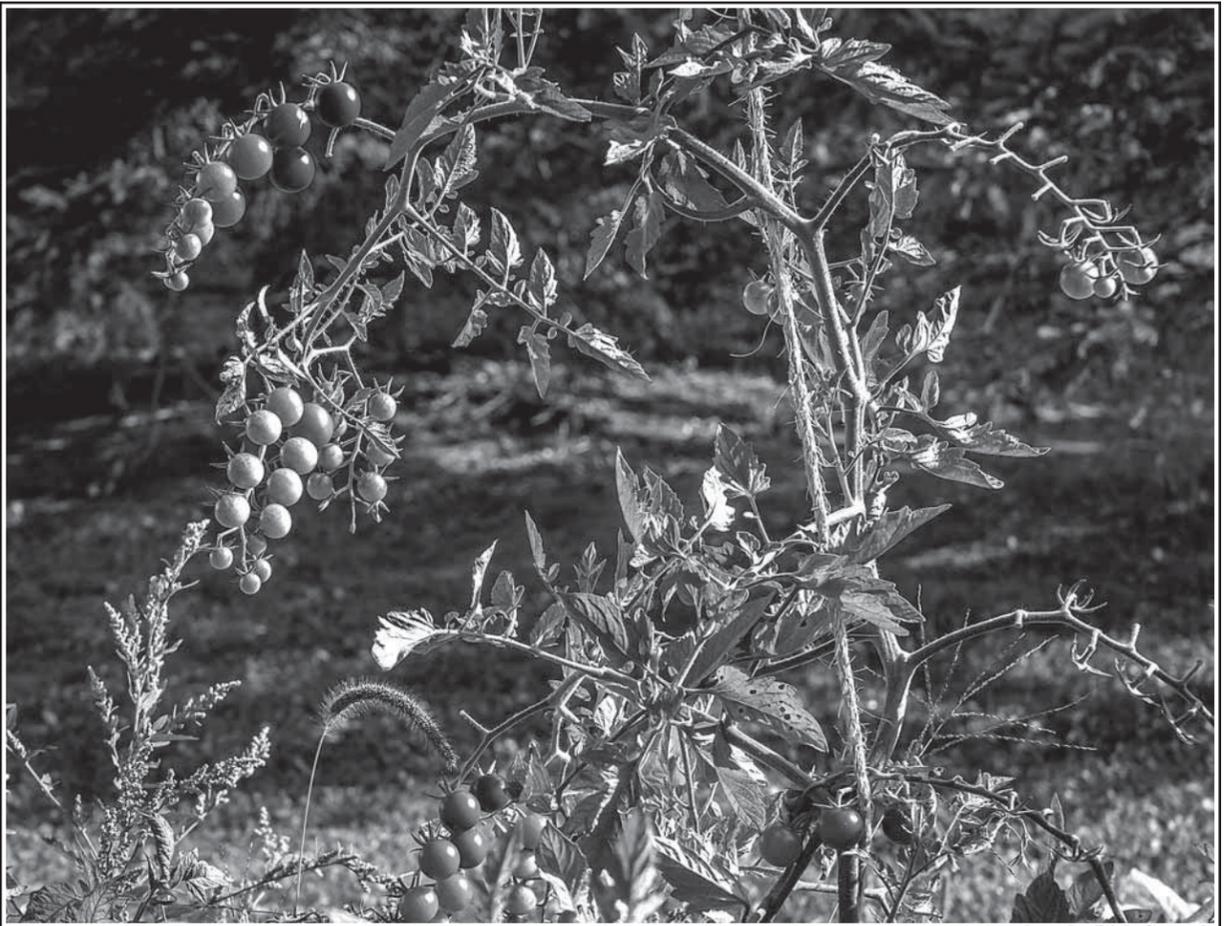


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Luscious Cherry Tomatoes at the Middlebury Community Garden make a lovely picture.

I was also struck by two plots with elegant and elaborate vertical structures built to support pole beans, morning glories and some huge tomatoes. As Megan pointed out, these particular plots had been thoughtfully sited along the north side of the overall space to prevent them from shading other people's plots.

What's eating our plants?

When I enquired about problem pests, I was not at all surprised to hear that the number one scourge is the local deer population, but flea beetles are also a menace. To combat the deer several gardeners have resorted to wrapping their special plants in invisible deer netting. And Alice told us that she was able to entrap those annoying flea beetles with 'yellow sticky sheets' (available at your local garden center).

Shared growing spaces: a far-flung tradition

For many people, our gardens are those personal and often private spaces that surround our homes, where we strive to grow beautiful plants plus some favorite veggies.

But communal growing—where people create gardens in a shared growing environment—is a very different kind of gardening.

We are ever grateful to our local garden club members who work together to grow the beautiful flowers in our public spaces and downtown streets. Also, a little less visible but no less valuable, groups of the master gardeners nurture therapeutic gardens with the residents in nursing homes and other care facilities.

And then there are community gardens—shared growing spaces where individuals can grow their own food and flowers—which nowadays seem to be mushrooming everywhere.

However, community gardening is by no means solely some new-fangled American phenomenon. As a child growing up in post-war Britain, when food was strictly rationed and arable land at a premium, I vividly remember how every inch of spare land was an opportunity to create a garden.

For instance, I still recall those long triangles of free vacant land where the railroad lines from outlying towns merged before entering the London terminus. But, rather than letting these triangles just succumb to weeds, each was filled with individual gardens—or 'allotments' as the Brits call them—reached via little footbridges above the tracks. Here working people from the surrounding communities would devote countless hours of their free time, tending their allotments and raising food for their families.

Even today, although local food is abundant in the stores, the tradition of growing one's own, both in home gardens and in communal allotments, still flourishes throughout Britain.

About ten years ago and half a world away, we visited Taiwan, another island nation where arable land is at a pre-

mium. We took the coastal train down the eastern side of the island, following the narrow strip of land that is sandwiched between the ocean and the mountains. And all along the route we saw clusters of little gardens—separated from one another by tidy low fences—each filled to the brim with leafy green vegetables.

I also recall the incredibly steep hillsides that embrace the city of Taipei on three sides. Here the ancient technique of terracing—carving flat areas of manageable land, or terraces, into the hillside—had been used to create level growing spaces. And, driving up out of the city, we could see how many of these terraces were again being used by individual people to raise their own food.

Community Gardening takes hold in Vermont

Today, all across Vermont, Community Gardens are springing up in both urban and rural communities. Indeed, according to the Vermont Community Garden Network website, there are almost 400 communal gardens throughout the state.

Over half of these are associated with schools and colleges, where young people are exposed to the value and fun of growing their own food. (Of course we all remember the excitement of those few lucky children who were able to join Michelle Obama in her White House garden and learn about growing healthy food.)

A few communal gardens are sponsored by particular organizations, such workplaces and housing projects, and not available for the public.

But there are also about a hundred Community Gardens, like the one in Middlebury, with individual growing plots that are open to all area residents.

Are you interested in communal gardening?

Perhaps you work in an office building with a large unproductive lawn, or maybe you live in an apartment complex or a retirement community that is surrounded by ample open space. Approach the management and suggest that some of this vacant land be converted to a shared garden for the use of your coworkers or fellow residents.

Maybe there is a community garden already functioning in your own town: ask your town clerk or check the Vermont Community Garden Network website (www.vcgn.org). And, if nothing is available, the VCGN is an excellent starting point if you want to start a new one.

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



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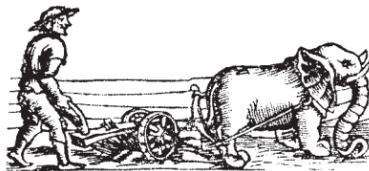

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A Diversity of Genres Coming to the Barre Opera House

The Barre Opera House presents the 2017-2018 TD Bank Celebration Series, celebrating its 34th anniversary this year. Building upon the success of past seasons, organizers have assembled another stellar lineup.

October 1 • Soovin Kim and Gloria Chen

Leading off on October 1 at 2:30 p.m. is Soovin Kim and Gloria Chen. The artists are members of the prestigious Lincoln Center Chamber Music Society Two. Chien is founder and artistic director of Chattanooga's String Theory at the Hunter and Director of the Chamber Music Institute at the Music@Menlo Chamber Music Festival in California. Kim is first prize winner of the International Paganinni violin competition. He is also first violinist of the Johannes String Quartet and a faculty member at the New England Conservatory. Closer to home, Kim was a founder of the Lake Champlain Chamber Festival and he and Chien are currently the festival's artistic directors.

October 20 • Pilobolus

Next, on October 20 at 8 p.m. is Pilobolus. The dance company is committed to constantly making things, always creating collaboratively, and continually exploring new ways of using the human body as a graphic and expressive medium. Pilobolus has been frequently featured on U.S. Television on The 79th Annual Academy Awards Broadcast, 60 Minutes, Sesame Street, Oprah, Ellen, Late Night with Conan O'Brien, and The Today Show. Pilobolus has earned many honors, including a Scripps Award in 2000, a Dance Magazine Award in 2010, a TED Fellowship, a 2012 Grammy® Award Nomination, and several Cannes Lion Awards at the International Festival of Creativity. In 2015, Pilobolus was named one of the Dance Heritage Coalition's "Irreplaceable Dance Treasures." Pilobolus will also offer a student matinee at 10 a.m. on October 20.

November 11 • Rosanne Cash

Rosanne Cash visits the Opera House on November 11 for a 7:30 show. One of the country's pre-eminent singer/songwriters, Rosanne Cash has released 15 albums of extraordinary songs that have earned four Grammy Awards and nominations for 11 more, as well as 21 top-40 hits, including 11 No. 1 singles. She is also an author whose four books include the best-selling memoir *Composed*, which the Chicago Tribune called "one of the best accounts of an American life you'll likely ever read." Cash's landmark 2009 album, "The List," won the Americana Music Album of the Year award. Her latest release, "The River and the Thread," a collaboration with husband/co-writer/producer and arranger John Leventhal, received impressive worldwide acclaim and attained the highest debut in the Billboard charts of any of her previous albums. It received three Grammy Awards in 2015. Rosanne is the daughter of revered singer Johnny Cash.

November 18 • Sharon Shannon

One of Ireland's best-known musicians, button accordionist and fiddler Sharon Shannon, and her band come to the Barre Opera House on November 18 at 7:30 p.m. Shannon was born and raised in rural County Clare, a member of a family that all play traditional Irish music. She's recorded and toured with a who's who of the Irish and Global Music Industry, including Bono, Adam Clayton, Sinéad O'Connor, Jackson Browne, John Prine, Steve Earle, The RTE Concert Orchestra, The Chieftains, The Waterboys, Willie Nelson, Nigel Kennedy, Alison Krauss and Shane MacGowan. The genre-defying star has had multi-platinum album sales and several number one albums, singles and DVDs in her home country. Her album *Galway Girl* went four times platinum in Ireland with the title track winning her the Meteor (Irish Grammy) award two years running for the most downloaded song. She's also the youngest recipient of the Meteor Lifetime Achievement Award. Sharon is joined by band members Jim Murray (guitar), Sean Regan (fiddle) and Jack Maher (guitar) for this American tour.

January 13 • Neko Case

Neko Case performs in concert on January 13 at 7:30 p.m. Equally well-regarded in the indie rock and alt-country worlds, Case has built a career, solo and as a member of The New Pornographers, defined by both strong will and musical versatility. Her chief attribute is her astonishing, siren-like voice, which she applies to songs that are simultaneously rugged and heartbreaking. Her "Middle Cyclone," was nominated for Best Contemporary Folk Album at the 52nd Annual Grammy Awards in 2010. This will be a rare performance in Vermont, her adopted state.



Rosanne Cash will be performing in concert at the Barre Opera House on November 11.

February 3 • LeVent du Nord

Le Vent du Nord, the group The World Music Network calls "the leading exponents of Quebec's culture" return to the Barre Opera House on February 3 at 7:30 p.m. This group knows how to turn the lost past into intense and beautiful performances. Considered a driving force in progressive folk, the quartet captures the energy and mirth of a Saturday night kitchen party, infusing old Québec with a breath of fresh, cosmopolitan air. The quartet has performed over 1,600 concerts, acquiring several prestigious awards along the way, including a Grand Prix du Disque Charles Cros, two Junos (Canada's Grammys), a Canadian Folk Music Award, and 'Artist of the Year' at the North American Folk Alliance Annual Gala.

March 28 • One Night of Queen

The TD Bank Celebration Series concludes on March 28 at 7:30 p.m. with the world's preeminent Queen tribute act. One Night of Queen with Gary Mullen and the Works recreates the look, sound, pomp and showmanship of one of the greatest rock bands of all time. It's a spectacular live show that is guaranteed to rock you! One Night of Queen has been offering such hits as "Bohemian Rhapsody," "Somebody to Love," "We Are the Champions," and "Killer Queen" to sell-out audiences throughout the UK, the U.S., Europe, South Africa and New Zealand for the last decade, drawing crowds as large as 40,000.

The Barre Opera House presents additional shows through its "BOH Presents" series. Scheduled so far for this season are:

October 10, 2017—Sam Bush, the legendary "King of Newgrass," winner of the Americana Music Association Lifetime Achievement Award, a suite of Grammys and International Bluegrass Music Association trophies, returns with his band.

March 10, 2018—Skipper's Alley, a modern Irish folk band with an old-school approach. They have been described as "a young Irish ensemble who look like a punk band and sound like The Chieftains," Skipper's Alley specialize in gritty, high-octane Irish dance tunes on Uilleann pipes, whistles, fiddle, bodhrán, bouzouki, flute and harp, with forays into the rich Irish song tradition.

March 18, 2018—No Strings Marionettes present Nick of Time, a tale of time travelers heroically saving the world.

March 30, 2018—Red Molly, the Americana powerhouse trio, is known for their gorgeous harmonies, infectious songwriting, and captivating stage presence.

April 22, 2018—Bookends performs Simon and Garfunkel Through the Years. The show has been called "One of the greatest tribute shows anywhere in the world" by the BBC. The British duo Bookends is filling houses on both sides of the Atlantic.

Tickets to this season's shows are now available. Call the Barre Opera House box office at (802) 476-8188 or order online at www.barreoperahouse.org. The box office at 6 N. Main St. is also open Tuesday through Friday, 12 noon to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Special discounts are available to Opera House members, students, seniors, and people with disabilities.

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Sunday, October 8th

Cedar Circle Farm hosts its Annual Pumpkin Festival on Sunday, October 8th from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Now in its fifteenth year, the Pumpkin Festival offers on-farm enjoyment for the entire family, with horse-drawn wagon rides, pumpkin picking, live music, kids' activities, storytelling, birds of prey, cider pressing, and local food concessions.

Kids and families will want to visit the "Circle of Cedars" Enchanted Forest—where entertainment includes award-winning storyteller Simon Brooks of New London, NH who weaves folk and faerie tales from 10:30-11:30 a.m., and Vermont storyteller-musicians, The Swing Peepers, who play from 12-1 p.m. and 1:30-2 p.m.

Enjoy a horse-drawn wagon rides to the pumpkin patch and watch the cider pressing. Children will love the live birds of prey brought by the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS), plus face painting, educational activities, and crafts.

Dance or listen to an eclectic mix of American songs at the main stage with live music by the popular Vermont jam band, Sensible Shoes, from 1-3 p.m.

"The Pumpkin Festival is not only a Cedar Circle Farm tradition but it has become an Upper Valley tradition! People from all walks of life come to celebrate the season with great food, engaging entertainment, and educational activities suited for kids and adults alike." says CCF Education Manager Eric Tadlock.

Be sure to arrive hungry! The food concessions, open from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., feature delicious, farm-fresh organic soups, salads, grilled local sausages and farm-made veggie burgers, and pumpkin desserts prepared by CCF Chef Theo and her Farm Kitchen crew. NOFA-VT's mobile wood-fired oven returns to offer artisan pizza. New this year are Piecemeal Pies of White River Junction offering savory pies and soups; Griddle and Groovy of East Thetford serving gourmet grilled cheese and mac and cheese; and JUEL Juice + Smoothies with their food truck. The Cedar Circle Farm's Farmstand and Hello Café coffee shop will be open until 5 p.m.

"Pumpkin Festival is a great community event. People love to come out and enjoy the fall splendor, eat good food, and learn about where their food comes from. It's definitely time to celebrate the season's bounty and spend time with family and friends." says CCF's Farm Manager Kate Duesterberg.

The Pumpkin Festival is a "Green Event" with a waste recovery station, which has yielded just two bags of trash for more than 1500 visitors in previous years.



photo by Ben Fleishman

Two little girls carefully select their pumpkins at Cedar Circle Farm's Pumpkin Festival.

A suggested donation of \$10-\$15 per car includes parking camps and farm tours, cooking classes, and a community harvest festival. In designated fields and free admission to all events. Carpooling is encouraged. No pets please. Rain or shine.

Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center is an organic farm with a social mission, engaging the community to develop and share practices that promote regenerative agriculture, good health, and a resource-rich environment.

The farm offers a retail farmstand and greenhouses, a farm kitchen, and coffee shop. We feature a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program, pick your own berries and pumpkins, educational school programs, summer day

Cedar Circle Farm is located on Pavillion Rd. along the Connecticut River, just off of Rt. 5 in East Thetford, VT.

The Farmstand is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. through October 31. Hello Café is open 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily, also through October 31. From November 3 through December 17, the Farmstand is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For information call (802) 785-4737. For details and directions, go to CedarCircleFarm.org.



photo by Rori Kelleher

Visitors taking a horse-drawn wagon ride to the Pumpkin Patch at Cedar Circle Farm in East Thetford, VT.

Autumn

'Tis golden Autumn, and a mellow haze
Envelops all the dreamy countryside;
Soon o'er the world will sweep a crimson tide
Of fairy fire and set the woods ablaze
With sullen splendor. By the dusty ways
The golden-rod is drooping, and beside
The wall the grapes are swelling in their pride
Of purple lusciousness. The drowsy days
Are almost silent, save where orchard trees
Are dropping down their ripe and ruddy store,
Or where the farmer beats the threshing-floor
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Colors From Sublime to Ridiculous

by Burr Morse

Once again, Autumn in Vermont puts me in a “colorful” mood. Let’s talk colors—colors from the sublime to the ridiculous and all those in between. For the sublime, our fall foliage has been as usual a masterpiece right from God’s paint brush! The textures and hues around here are magical, ethereal, and, frankly, beyond interpretation by even the most expensive camera...you’ve gotta live it to see it the right way. Being a Vermonter, I’m so lucky to be able to live it and share it with folks from all over the world.

The last weekend of September we had some visitors who brought their colors on wheels, the antique tractor people. They moved in on Friday afternoon with pickups pulling trailers and unloaded their wares: John Deere greens, Ford grays, Farmall reds, Case yellows, and Allis Chalmers oranges all lined up to complement the bursting foliage. The tractor folks, all good Vermonters, stood ready with knee-slappin’ stories and braggin’ rights intact—their purpose, to entertain everyone from English gentlemen to out-West good ol’ boys.

I was particularly drawn to a funny little machine that looked like a cross between a Ford tractor and a bull dog. On close inspection, I found the name “Worthington” printed on the side of its grey Ford Jubilee-shaped hood. It stood low to the ground as if ready to pounce. Even with my limited mechanical knowledge, I could see it had the motor of a tractor but the transmission and rear end of a truck. I was craning to see its frame and steering setup when the Worthington’s proud owner Paul Garcia came along...“Set up t’ mow golf courses and haul airliners” he said. Paul, self proclaimed antique tractor addict, went on to describe stumbling across this strange little machine and how he just had to have it. Talking with him reminded me of another “mongrel” tractor from my own past.

Back in the early seventies, money was scarce and “farmer toggling” was the order of the day. After a tough lifetime of use, the motor blew out on our Allis Chalmers WD-45

“Talking with him reminded me of another ‘mongrel’ tractor from my own past.”

Diesel tractor. Since the cost of a replacement diesel engine was prohibitive, Dad and I decided to have a car engine put into it. Roy Haggett, a mechanical genius and Jack of all steel fabrications had a shop up the road in Adamant. One night my father, Roy, and I traveled to the sticks of Roxbury to the junkyard of one Rod Flint. Somehow between the end of a regular work day and twilight, we wrestled a Plymouth slant-six out of a rusted-out Valiant and took it to Roy’s shop where the Allis sat waiting to be resurrected.

A couple weeks later, Roy called with the message “I can’t do this—I give up!” My father, no pushover with messages like that said “Aw, c’mon, give it one more try”. Roy did and a few days later drove into our yard with the thing. He dismounted through a cloud of blue smoke shaking his head...“cussed thing don’t know whether it wants t’ be a car or a tractah”. He punctuated those words with “it’ll never work!” He was right. Long story short, a high horsepower car engine is just not adaptable to the low horsepower needs of a tractor. Roy had done a good job but that old slant six went right back to the junk yard, tractor and all!

At the end of this writing, our beautiful foliage is “raining” down into dry crunchy piles under foot and the tractor folks have returned to haul their colorful machines away.

Soon all this color will be replaced and we’ll live with white for a few months. Through it, this writer’ll yearn for



Antique tractors on display at Morse Farm Sugarworks in Montpelier, VT.

a return of the more colorful mix. Yup, in spite of one drawback, you can’t beat Fall season in Vermont.

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North Country Book News

Children's Book Reviews by Charles Sutton

Falling Leaves, Autumn Harvests and Halloween!

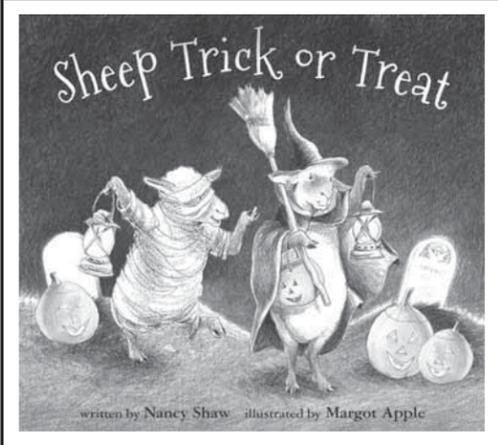
Among the fall crops some of us are harvesting will be turnips. But suppose there's a really big one that refuses to come out of the ground? In this retelling of the 19th century Russian folktale, *The Gigantic Turnip* by Aleksei Tolstoy, illustrated by Niamh Sharkey, and narrated by Imelda Staunton (\$8.99, Barefoot Books, www.barefootbooks.com) see how an old man and woman finally find a way to get such a turnip up out of the ground with the help of all their farm animals.

The last unlikely animal to join the pull which finally extracts the turnip is a tiny mouse. Others already enlisted into the seemingly futile task were geese, canaries, hens, cats, pigs and one lone cow. Once out of the ground the old couple made a huge turnip stew and all those present ate as much as they could with—"The hungry little mouse eating most of all."

Irish artist Niamh Sharkey's whimsical and humorous drawings follow the old folks and their farm animals as they struggle with the giant turnip. She was an Irish Children's Laureate from 2012-2014. The book was first published in Great Britain. Included is a bonus CD of the story told by actress Imelda Staunton.

Even with colder fall nights and trees turning bright colors we know there is still wildlife hidden behind the leaves. But suppose you are an elephant, how can you hide? In *Where's The Elephant* by Barroux (\$14.99, Candlewick Press, www.candlewick.com) you will be challenged to find not only an elephant but a parrot and a snake among the colorful trees. However this game of hide-and-seek gets harder and harder as a growing city encroaches on the forests that the animals call home. As you see more and more of the trees being cut down you wonder where these animals will go.

The author was inspired to create this story told exclusively in inventive full-page illustrations having visited Brazil where he saw firsthand the rainforest being burned down to make way for soybean production. This book will make all of us aware of the destruction of deforestation. The story



has a trick ending as the elephant and his companions find a place to hide...and not in a zoo!

One never knows when one goes trick-or-treating on Halloween who will end up being spooked the most? In this 'can't-put-it-down' board book join half a dozen sheep on a Halloween trek in *Sheep Trick or Treat* by Nancy Shaw and illustrated by Margot Apple (\$7.99, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, www.hmh.com).

"As the Halloween moon rises, Sheep are fixing up disguises..." First we see the sheep friends using glue and tape to make a monster suit with a shiny cape. Then they make a costume of a giant ape and then a dinosaur with bumps, and mummy wraps. They don their spooky clothes and off they go with a lantern into the Halloween night, unaware they are being tracked by pack of wolves. Their trick or treating was a great success, but will they get home safely from the wolves? See who spooks who the most! Appreciate the amusing drawings including wolves dressed in sheep clothing.

When one spots wildlife on the move often all one get is a glimpse of the tail. Better than nothing at all as one will learn from *Animal Tails* by Mary Holland (\$9.95, Arbordale Publishing, www.arbordalepublishing.com).

Once again Vermont naturalist and nature photographer brings us this fascinating and beautifully illustrated book on animal tails. This book explores the fields, forests and waterways of Vermont. Among her explorations we see a white-tail deer waving its tail as a sign of danger; a beaver flapping its tail to warn others of dangers; a skunk lifting its tail to spray its unpleasant oil on predators; an opossum using its tail as a fifth leg; a fox using its tail as a blanket to keep warm; and birds using their tails like rudders to steer and turn. Visit Mary's blog at naturallycuriouswithmaryholland.wordpress.com.

Many of us will be taking photographs of the fall foliage now that cell phones are instant cameras. There's plenty going on that could be pictures 'worth a thousand words.' In *Hello Autumn* by Shelley Rotner (\$16.95, Holiday House Publishing, www.holidayhouse.com) ones see dozens of vivid color photographs that should inspire us to capture the changing scenery ourselves. Enjoy the colorful trees, a flock of swallows, fall flowers, acorns and pinecones scattered on the footrest floor. See many children enjoying the outdoors, animals like squirrels and other animals getting ready for winter, birds flying south, and many harvest scenes of pumpkins, apples and fall vegetables. Enjoy it all now as winter is on its way!



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Michael Lange Discusses His New Book, Meanings of Maple

Phoenix Books Rutland will host Michael A. Lange for a book talk on *Meanings of Maple* on Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30 p.m. Copies of *Meanings of Maple* will be available for attendees to purchase and have signed. This event is free and open to all.

In *Meanings of Maple*, Michael A. Lange provides a cultural analysis of maple syrup making, known here in Vermont as sugaring, to illustrate how maple syrup as both process and product is an aspect of cultural identity. So much more than a commodity study, *Meanings of Maple* frames a new

approach for evaluating the broader implications of iconic foodways, and will animate conversations in food studies for years to come.

Michael A. Lange is a professor of anthropology and folklore at Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont. He is the author of *Norwegian Scots: An Anthropological Interpretation of Viking-Scottish Identity in the Orkney Islands*.

Phoenix Books Rutland is located at 2 Center St. in Rutland, VT. For information call (802) 855-8078 or visit www.phoenixbooks.biz.

Bellows Falls, VT

Author Howard Mansfield Speaks at Village Square Books

New Hampshire author Howard Mansfield will be speaking about his new collection of essays, *Summer Over Autumn*, (\$16, Bauhan Publishing, www.bauhanpublishing.com) at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls, VT on Friday, October 13th at 7 p.m.

Mansfield's book will delight readers from all walks of life, whether small town or big city, and encourage them to further explore their own homes. He has an uncanny ability to entice hidden stories from everything around him and it shines through in these essays about neighbors, animals, tractors, trees, yard sales, funerals, money, and fidelity to time itself.

Writing about preservation, architecture and American history, Howard Mansfield has contributed to *The New York Times*, *American Heritage*, *The Washington Post*, *Historic Preservation*, *Yankee* and

other publications. He has explored issues of preservation in eight books, including *In the Memory House*, of which *The Hungry Mind Review* said, "Now and then an idea suddenly bursts into flame, as if by spontaneous combustion. One instance is the recent explosion of American books about the idea of place...But the best of them, the deepest, the widest-ranging, the most provocative and eloquent is Howard Mansfield's *In the Memory House*." He lives in Hancock, NH with his wife, author Sy Montgomery.

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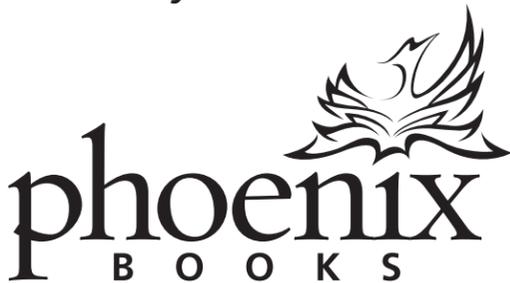
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Ken Haedrich started a career as a chef some 30 years ago cooking at a group home in New Hampshire for 40 kids who had gotten off to a rough start in life. "I could design my own culinary education and cook virtually anything I wanted, but what I prepared had to be vegetarian," he recalls. Hungry kids and only vegetables?

"The critics could be merciless: since diplomacy wasn't their strong suit, the kids I cooked for left no doubt as to whether I'd struck out or hit a home run."

The school had an organic vegetable garden and sooner or later Ken always found ways to work veggies into yeast breads, rolls, pizza, calzones, biscuits, cakes and cookies and the like. And he has been doing that ever since.

One might initially ask why ruin a 'delicious' baked good with vegetables? However, we have been doing just that for a variety of tasty staples for a long time. Consider carrot cake, zucchini bread, fresh

vegetables piled on top of a pizza, squash, pumpkin, and pot pies, and corn muffins.

In this 300-page masterpiece cookbook, Ken shows how a baker-pasty chef can combine vegetables, herbs and fruits into 150 sweet or savory good things to eat.

We learn that the type of dough one starts out with is very important. For most doughs the author uses all-purpose or unbleached flour, sometimes dry yeast, always unsalted butter and a pinch or more of salt. The recipes include: basic pie dough, oat and cornmeal pie dough, slab pie dough, turnover dough (made with lard), hand-made pizza dough, and yeasted olive oil dough.

Most if us have seen or tried potato bread. Ken first started baking such bread while serving in the Seabees. On one of his return trips from overseas deployment he made it for his fellow Seabees who "thought it pretty odd that I was buying cookbooks instead of stereo systems and Springsteen albums... until they tasted the results." His recipe is a moist, classic all-purpose bread and his go-to loaf for grilled cheese sandwiches using a recipe from James Beard's classic *Beard on Bread*.

Potatoes are a key ingredient in many of his recipes. You will want to try his Baked Stuffed Potato Bread; Mashed Potato Biscuits; Potato Pan Bread with Cherry Tomatoes; and Kale, Potato and Sausage Pockets.

The cookbook has more than 20 suggestions for using a variety of vegetables for pizzas. Among the ones that sparked our appetites were: White Bean, Spinach and Bacon Pizza; Broccoli Sauce and Cheddar Cheese Pizza; Cracker Bread Pizza with Red Onions, Pesto and Parmesan Pizza; Pepperoni and Veggie Pull-Apart Pizza; and Fresh Fennel and Italian Sausage Pizza.

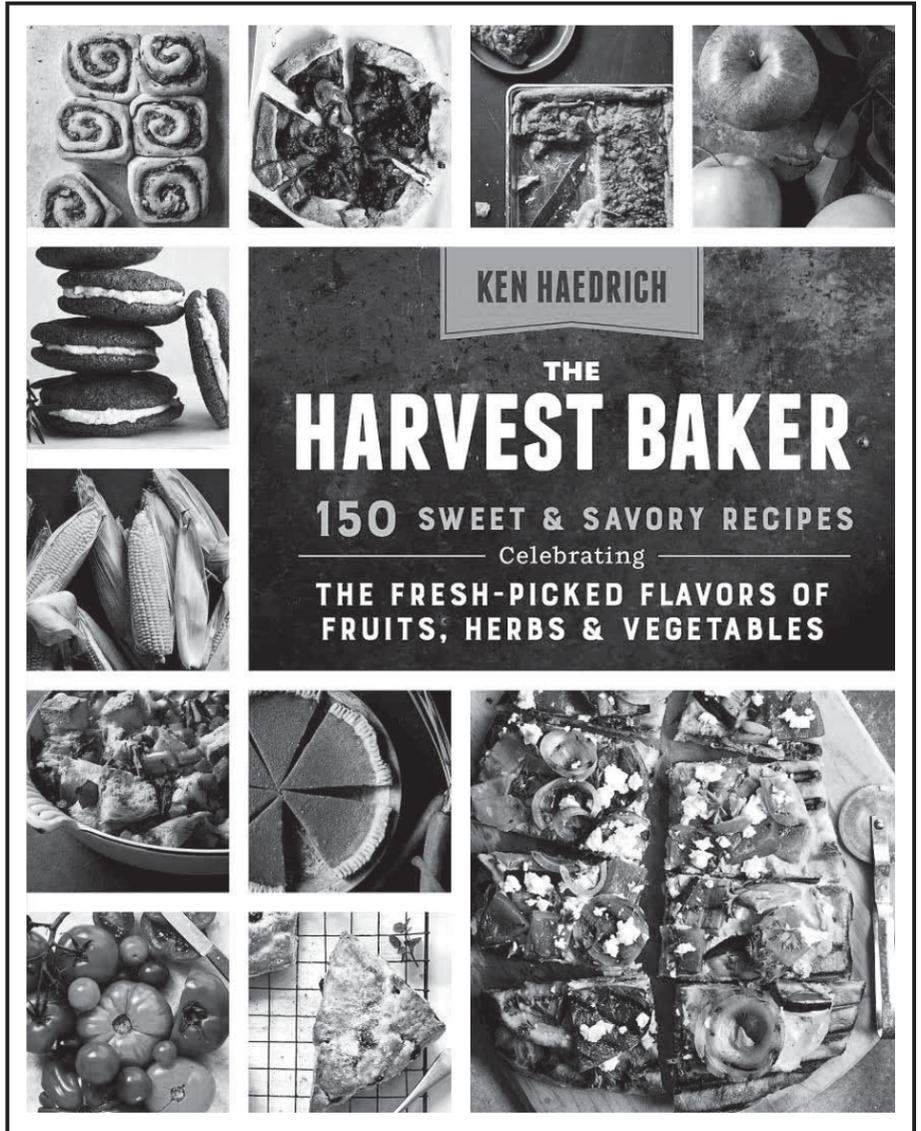
Ken is keen on fennel which he describes as something that looks like a "flattened bunch of celery with a fist-like bulb at the base, but "It has a delicious crunch and a subtle anise flavor... Fresh fennel is one of those under-utilized vegetables—such as broccoli rabe and parsnips that cooks don't miss until they've tried it and then can't imagine how they lived without it."

Another under-appreciated vegetable that Ken uses are collard greens and he writes; "collards are proud of their humble roots and they like to keep company with other salt-of-the-earth ingredients that bring out their best—an onion and ham hock in the pot, a dash of hot sauce or vinegar on the plate." His book includes Shepherd's Pie with Collards and Beef, and Collard Greens and Sausage Calzone."

The book covers four aspects of baking: breads, rolls, buns and biscuits; crusty entrees like pizza, calzones, quiches and pot pies; the 'baker's sweet tooth' covering cakes, cookies and pies; and top-it-off with glazes, sauces and more.

This time of year when so many pumpkins are on display one's thoughts turn to pumpkin pie and other pumpkin-favored treats. Although Ken always uses fresh products for his baking he says canned pumpkin puree is almost as good as fresh once spices and seasonings are added. Plus one can make pumpkin pie year-round when cooking pumpkins aren't available.

For some different uses for pumpkin puree he has recipes for Oatmeal Chocolate Chip



Pumpkin Cookies, Pecan Pumpkin Spice Cookies, and Pumpkin Cheesecake Crumb Cakes.

He tells us that the crumb cake starts with a tender, spiced pumpkin cake batter, a bit of which gets spooned into muffin cups. Then a dollop of "cheesecake"—sweetened cream cheese—is plunked in the middle, followed by more batter and crumb toppings. "It makes for an enticing easy treat that's especially fun to assemble with kids or grandkids," he adds.

Some of his baked goods are covered with different glazes (chocolate, mint, brown sugar, citrus, confectioner's sugar, and maple syrup). Maple gazes are made simply by boiling maple syrup, unsalted butter and confectioner's sugar.

Among recipes using the maple glaze are

Sweet Potato Pound Cake, All-Pear Pie, and Apple Pecan Pound Cake. Other maple-syrup flavored recipes include Honey Parsnip Cake with Maple Cream Cheese Frosting, and Maple Sweet Potato Pie.

Having lived in New Hampshire for a number of years, the author made friends with maple sugar products and was inspired to write his 100-recipe *Maple Syrup Cookbook*.

Ken Haedrich is the founder of The Pie Academy, an online resource for pie-makers, www.thepieacademy.com. An in-demand speaker, he has given talks at The Smithsonian and numerous other venues.

He is the author of more than 16 cookbooks including *Maple Syrup Cookbook*; *Home for the Holidays*; *Pie*; *Apple Pie*; *Comfort Food*; and *Ken Haedrich's Country Baking*.

Book Review by Charles Sutton

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The Jam and Marmalade Bible

More than 250 Recipes for Preserving Fruits, Vegetables, Nuts, and Flowers

by Jan Hedh

(Skyhorse Publishing, \$14.99, www.skyhorsepublishing.com)

This is the season of the year when homemakers and cooks are busy making jams and jellies. Visit their kitchens with steaming pots and pans and enjoy the smell of fresh-picked fruits being processed and saved for future use in rows of glass jars. Maybe one of those jars can be sampled now!

Preserve-making is a labor of love as one can see by this 239-page book with exact instructions for making more than 250 perfect jams, jellies, preserves and marmalades. Beautiful, color photographs show the fruit before and after conversion from fresh to preserved. (If the fruit could 'see' it would be pleased with how it ended up).

The author, Jan Hedh, an internationally recognized master baker and confectioner, is a partner in the artisan bakery Peter's Yard in Malmo, Sweden, famous for its crispbread (knacklebrod).

Jan grew up when both his mother and grandmother's homes were fully stocked with jars of jams, pickled beets, onion and cucumbers of every kind—Asian cucumber, salt cucumber, and his mother's specialty: mustard cucumber with yellow mustard seeds

Later in the 1950s, as a child, Jan would accompany them while shopping for foods to be preserved. He recalls his mother always made "drottningssyt," a jam made out of raspberries and blueberries. She also made blueberry jam for his father and a black currant jelly served with Sunday roasts. Another favorite was green tomato marmalade made with ginger and cinnamon.

It's no small wonder that Jan would go on to work in baker-

ies and hotels as a pastry chef, where his gift and knowledge for making preserves was much used and appreciated. And he writes:

"Applesauce and apple jelly, raspberry jam, strawberry jam, gooseberry jam, prune jam, and banana jam were often prepared and made use of in bakeries back then. Generous amounts of jam would be used for roll tarts, puffed pastries, biscuits and thumb print cookies." Also a variety of compotes (apple, prune, apricot and plum) would be served with pastries.

He tells us that it wasn't until he traveled out of Sweden that he learned to properly boil jam and marmalade the traditional way, as done in France and Switzerland, without the help of processed pectin and other preservatives. So in this book he stresses how releasing the pectin from the fruit (as a thickener) must be done with care and as quickly as possible. And he advises:

"You shouldn't boil larger quantities than 3½ lbs. of fruits or berries to obtain a gel. If the quantities are too large and it is cooked for too long, you will often end up with gluey jam and marmalade."

Jan tells us how to make pectin from an apple jelly and what fruits contain the most pectin and the least. Fruits with extra pectin are gooseberries and red currants.

A helpful chart in the book lists the sugar content in edible percentage of fruits and berries. Among the most sweet are dried dates, 69.3%; dried figs, 59.9%; raisins, 59.5%. Some of the least sweet are limes, lemons, cranberries, musk melon and kiwis, 1 to 5 percent. This is helpful in determining how much sweetener to add to each type of fruit.

The book has chapters devoted to preserving fruits and berries; citrus fruits; exotic fruits (jackfruit, passion fruit, kiwi, papaya and others); and vegetables (rhubarb, fennel, tomatoes celeriac and more); flowers (violet and roses); and nuts (walnuts, chestnuts and more). There are some amazing drawings of what fresh spices look like in their leaf form.

Although these recipes are universally-made, the author, being Swedish, does treat us to some unique tastes of Scandinavia: cloudbberries, arctic raspberries, wild strawberries, elder and sea buckhorn berries and lingonberries.

This is a wonderful collection of recipes for both beginners and skilled jam makers looking for tasty new ideas.



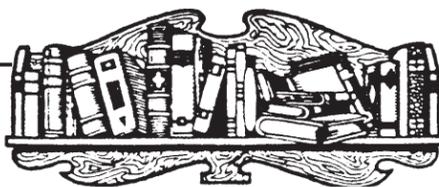
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Of Turkey Suppers and Vermont Communities

by Larry Minear

When the people of West Newbury, Vermont (population c. 200) and their guests sit down to a sumptuous feast on October 7, they will be continuing a long tradition. They will also be demonstrating how small New England communities adapt and flourish. This marks the 59th year of this ongoing series of turkey suppers. The West Newbury community dinner builds on a tradition of chicken pie suppers dating back to the early days of the Ladies Aid Society, which built the West Newbury Hall in which they are held in 1910.

The turkey suppers are a community event in every sense of the word, from organization and publicity to serving and clean-up. Three sittings at 5, 6:15, and 7:15 p.m. make the most of the limited space in the Hall. This year organizers are planning for 500. The scene is straight out of Dylan Thomas: small-town Vermont could easily be mistaken for Wales.

The menu? Roast turkey, stuffing, rolls and coleslaw, potatoes and squash, with gravy and cranberry relish and topped off with a slice of home-made pumpkin, apple, or mince pie. The twenty-plus turkeys needed to feed the multitude are purchased; other ingredients are contributed by merchants and townspeople. Proceeds underwrite an array of community activities and the costs of maintaining the hall itself.

The feeding of five hundred people doesn't just happen. It involves prodigious planning and a detailed division of labor. Peeling 250 pounds of squash and 200 pounds of potatoes is a formidable task. Peelers gather the day before, refrigerating their handiwork overnight until the cooks arrive on Saturday.

Everyone has an assignment. Aroline Colbeth recalls working as a "runner" when she was eight or ten, portaging serving dishes from the basement kitchen to diners on the first floor. In more recent years, she has had the task of lining up commitments from individuals to bake 96 pies. People know what to expect when they receive her annual call.

Virginia Fuller remembers as a toddler doing the running as well, but then she went away to school. "Returning from college," she recalls, "I re-entered the realm of the turkey supper." Now she helps with the dishwashing—an essential task since all meals are served on proper plates. As a retired nurse, she knows something about cleanliness. Whatever the task, "people are always happy to help."

Keeping the turkey supper tradition alive and flourishing has not been easy, even for a hamlet that has "community" in its DNA. "A lot of the older generation has gone to their rewards," one veteran notes. Robert Atwood, a retired dairy



The community turns out to chop the squash for the West Newbury Turkey Supper. photo courtesy of West Newbury Hall

farmer who lives in the neighborhood, agrees. "The aging of our population has made it increasingly difficult to mount major activities such as this." That has led to changes in organization and outreach that have sparked new energy. "it isn't a real community unless you work to keep it that way," says Atwood. "Everybody needs to contribute."

A West Newbury Hall Committee has recently assumed responsibility from the Women's Fellowship of the UCC church across the road for the Hall building and its use. The Committee has reached out to enlist people who may or may not be active in the church. The availability of the turkey supper on a "take-out basis" has been positive. This year's supper will also benefit from recent improvements in the hall: a new paint job, a wider set of stairs, some changes in the interior. The problem of access for the handicapped is the next major challenge.

In recent years, the Hall has become increasingly sought after for community events and family occasions. It is "at

the center of West Newbury," says the Hall web site, "bringing people together in celebration and common purpose, creating the sense of community that makes our town such a wonderful place to live."

Alexis de Tocqueville, a visitor from France in the 1830s who in his travels around the country was struck by the vibrancy of participatory democracy, would surely have lingered at a turkey supper in West Newbury.

Reservations are highly recommended for the October 7th Turkey Supper. Sittings are 5:00 p.m., 6:15 p.m., and 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$13 for adults and take-out; \$6 for children 10 and under.

West Newbury Hall is located at 219 Tyler Farm Rd. in West Newbury, VT. Contact westnewburyhall@gmail.com or call (802) 429-2632. Visit www.westnewburyhall.org or Facebook.

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But I am in love with final beauty,
Even the ended song.

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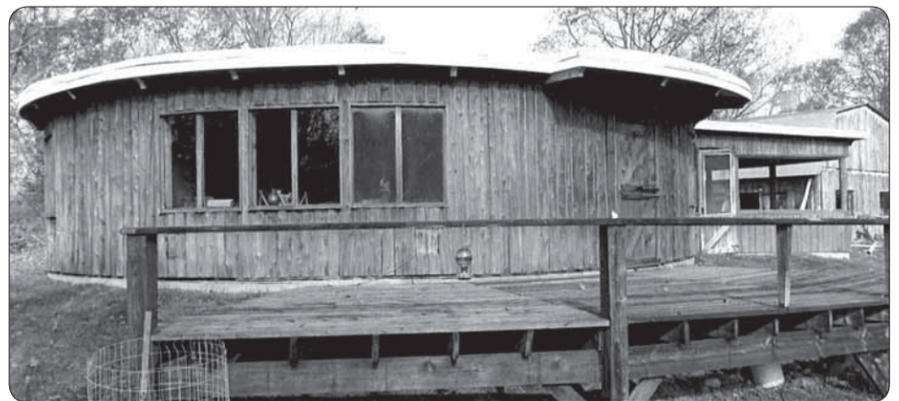
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