

Vermont Country Calendar

WINDSOR. Spring Sports Car Race. 3.2 mile race by Sports Car Club of New Hampshire at Mt. Ascutney State Park, 1826 Back Mountain Rd. (802) 674-2060. parks@state.vt.us. www.vtstateparks.com/events.cfm. *Through May 18.*

WOODSTOCK. Contra Dance with Delia Clark (caller) and the Old Sam Peabody Band at the Little Theater. 5:30 pm dinner, 6:30 pm family dance, 7:30 pm break and dessert (potluck), 8-11 pm for the dance. Bring a pair of clean soft-soled shoes. Contact Steve Hoffman (802) 785-4039 or Jed Dickinson (802) 457-1807. *Third Fridays.*

SATURDAY, MAY 17

BRADFORD. Concert with Drunk Stuntmen. 8:30 pm at Middle Earth Music Hall, Barton St. (802) 222-4748. www.memh.com.

BRATTLEBORO. Author Appearance—Katherine Hall Page, author of *The Body in the Gallery*. Free. 4 pm at Mystery on Main Street Bookshop, 119 Main St. (802) 258-2211. info@mysteryonmain.com. www.mysteryonmain.com.

MIDDLEBURY. Trail Work on Bread Loaf Section of the Long Trail. Free, non-members and newcomers welcome. Bring water and a snack. Sponsored by the Bread Loaf Section of the Green Mountain Club. For details call the leader Chip Morgan, (802) 388-9868. www.greenmountainclub.org.

BURLINGTON. Spring Trail Work to Clear the Long Trail. Bring work gloves, lunch, water. Tools provided or bring your own. Meet at UVM visitor's lot at 8 am or Richmond Park & Ride (Exit 11) at 8:30 am. Moderate hike at a moderate pace; 4-10 miles. Free. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. For details call leaders Pam Gillis 879-1457 or John Sharp (802) 862-3941. www.greenmountainclub.org.

BURLINGTON. Kids Day. Vermont's largest children's festival! Art displays, entertainment, crafts, games, food, and a fabulous parade!! Admission. 9:30 am - 3:30 pm at Burlington's Waterfront Park. (802) 864-0123. nbove@ci.burlington.vt.us. www.enjoyburlington.com/program/kidsday.

DUXBURY. Bamforth Ridge Trail Work and Hike. 3-4 mile round trip. All abilities. Wear work clothes and gloves. Meet at 8 am. Free. Sponsored by the Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club. For details call leader, Ken Hertz: (802) 229-4737 or trails@gmcmontpelier.org. www.greenmountainclub.org.

ESSEX. 2nd Annual Vermont Chocolate Show. Featuring Fine Chocolatiers from New England, New York and beyond. Admission. Sat 10 am - 6 pm, Sun 10 am - 4 pm at the Inn at Essex, 70 Essex Way. (802) 244-8354. vcs2008@vermontchocolateshow.com. www.vermontchocolateshow.com. *Through May 18.*

ESSEX JUNCTION. Meet Vermont author Rebecca Rupp. She'll read from her new middle grade novel *Sarah Simpson's Rules for Living*. Free. 11 am. Phoenix Books & Café, Essex Shoppes & Cinema. (802) 872-7111. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

FAIRLEE. Wilderness First Responder Review & Re-certification Course. A fee of \$215 includes course, meals & lodging. Day students welcomed. Pre-registration required. Hulbert Outdoor Center. (802) 333-3405. www.alohafoundation.org. *Through May 18.*

JAMAICA. Fifth Annual Jamaica Fiber Festival. Community-centered Fiber Fun for all! Sheep, spinning, weaving, knitting, vendors, music, food, fibercraft activities. Free, everyone is welcome. Sat 10 am - 4 pm at Margie's Muse Fire & Fiber Arts, 3796 Rt 30. (802) 874-7201. margaret@margiesmuse.com. www.jamaicafiberfestival.org.

MANCHESTER. Spring Outing. Beginner backpack hike to Bourn Pond in Lye Brook Wilderness. Easy & moderate, 2.3 mi. each way. Suitable for families & children. Full moon! Free. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. For details, meeting place and time call leader Trina Perkins, (802) 295-6456. www.greenmountainclub.org.

RUTLAND. Annual Long Trail Spring Cleaning. We'll clear water bars, trim brush, and cut blowdowns on the lower elevation stretches. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, and lunch; tools will be provided. (Rain date: 5/18). Free. 9 am. Sponsored by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. For details call leader Herb Ogden at (802) 293-2510. www.greenmountainclub.org.

SOUTH BURLINGTON. Annual Bloom-Time Festival. Come see the extensive collections of crabapples, lilacs, viburnums and other flowering plants and trees in bloom at the UVM Horticultural Research Complex. Workshops: Rain gardens presentation; tree walk 11 am - 12 pm; the world of bats 12-1 pm including a walk to the new bat house; lilac collection tour. Lilacs and other plants will also be on sale. Sponsored by Friends of the Horticulture Farm. 10 am - 3 pm at the Hort Farm, 65 Green Mountain Dr. Free admission. (802) 864-3073. David.Heleba@uvm.edu. friendsofthehortfarm.org.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

BELLOWS FALLS. Encaustic Painting with Jen Bradley. Introduction and demonstration of a more contemporary method of encaustic painting. Admission. 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at Great River Arts Institute, 33 Bridge St. (802) 463-3330. info@greatriverarts.org. www.greatriverarts.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Children's Day Festival of Japan and China. Activities include kite making, crafts, poetry, and much more. Free. At Kiwanis Shelter at Memorial Park. (802) 257-7898.

MARLBORO. Concert: Brattleboro Community Chorus. Works of two of France's greatest composers: the Gloria by Francis Poulenc, and the Requiem of Maurice Duruflé. 4 pm. Persons Auditorium, Marlboro College. \$18 adult, \$12 students 18 and under. Tickets: www.brattleborotix.com, and from the Brattleboro Music Center. (802) 257-4523. www.bmcbvt.org.

NEWPORT. Concert: Music for a Sunday Afternoon—Constitution Brass Quintet. The quintet's extensive repertoire spans over four centuries of music. Donation. 4 pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 44 Second St. (802) 334-7365. info@musicforasundayafternoon.com. www.musicforasundayafternoon.com

SHELburne. Annual Lilac & Gardening Sunday. Opening day for Shelburne Museum's 2008 season and one of the most popular spring flower and gardening events in the region. Walking tours of over 400 lilacs in 90 varieties. Workshops on planting and caring for lilacs and other plants. Also opening day for eight new museum exhibitions. Admission: adults \$18, students \$13, age 6-18 \$9, under 6 free. Shelburne Museum, Route 7. (802) 985-3346. shelburnemuseum.org.

THETFORD. Spring Bike Ride. Choice of 10 or 20 miles, both starting at Union Village Dam Rec Area. Lots of dirt roads; mountain or hybrid bike needed. Free. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. For details call leader Inge Trebitz, (802) 785-2129. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WARREN. Hike Mt. Ellen Ski Trails. We'll hike up the easiest ski trails to the summit of Mt. Ellen (4083'). There might still be snow on top, so bring snowshoes just in case. Moderate difficulty, moderate pace, 5 miles, 2600' elevation gain. Meet at 9 am at the Richmond Park and Ride or 10 am at Sugarbush Mount Ellen Base Lodge. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. For details call leader Russ Kinaman at (802) 879-6666. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WATERBURY CENTER. Annual Sugar Social. Sugar-on-snow, all maple bake sale and book sale. Admission. 1-4 pm at Waterbury Center Community Church, Rt. 100 next to the Cold Hollow Cider Mill. (802) 244-8089. bbtravelers@aol.com.

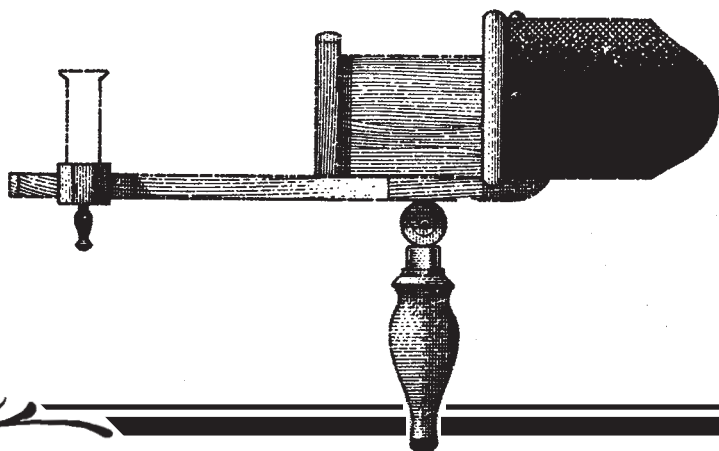
MONDAY, MAY 19

FAIRLEE. Wilderness First Responder Course by SOLO. An 80-hour intensive wilderness emergency care course. Excellent for outdoor enthusiasts or outdoor trip leaders. A fee of \$755, includes meals, lodging and course; day student fee: \$585. Pre-registration required. Hulbert Outdoor Center. (802) 333-3405. www.alohafoundation.org. *Through May 28.*

HINESBURG. Hinesburg Artist Series Concert. The Hinesburg Community Band, In Accord, and South County Chorus present their annual Spring Concert. Free admission. 7:30 pm at Champlain Valley Union High School Auditorium. (802) 877-6962. chocal@aol.com. www.hinesburgartistsseries.org.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

BURLINGTON. Concert by Voice Students of Margot Button: Songs for a While. Free admission. Noon to 1 pm at Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 2 Cherry Street. (802) 864-0471. info@cathedralarts.org. www.cathedralarts.org.



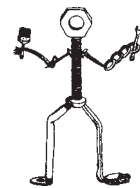
MAPLE PIE AND LOST MUFFLERS

Spring comes quickly, by and by.
It brings with it
sugar snows and maple pie,
and dandelion greens, not so serene
and lost mufflers on muddy roads.
Did I forget the sounds of peepers and toads?

—RON KRUPP

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