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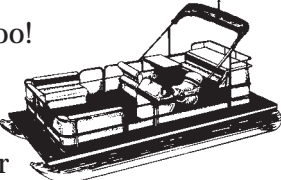
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Honey bee on crabapple—Springtime in Vermont!

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## New Jan Cannon Film Explores Honeybees

“Health & the Hive: A Beekeepers Journey,” a 53 minute film by local filmmaker Jan Cannon, explores the importance of honeybees in our lives. Topics addressed in the film include pollination, queen breeding, disease control, bee venom therapy, organic agriculture and honey-based plant medicine.

The central figure in the film is Todd Hardie of Honey Garden Apiaries on Rt. 7 in Ferrisburgh, VT. Hardie, a lifelong beekeeper, is inspired, articulate and knowledgeable about bees. For him, keeping bees and making plant medicines is a partnership with farmers, horticulturalists, queen breeders and many others. The film follows the web of teamwork that makes up Honey Gardens Apiaries.

The current bee crisis which has received so much media attention is not the central focus of the film, but it is impossible to talk about bees these days without addressing that crisis. In the view of one of the experts in the film, the “mysterious disease of the bees” is nothing more than the consequence of bad agricultural practices. Bees, one of the best bio-indicators in nature, the proverbial canaries in the coal mine, reveal how degraded our environment has become.

The film suggests that a more respectful, less industrial approach to agriculture in general and beekeeping in particular

will lead to a better outcome for both bees and the humans who are so dependent upon them.

“Health & the Hive: A Beekeepers Journey” is being shown around Vermont and the screenings are free and open to the public. Honey Gardens offering samples of raw honey and plant medicine at all of the showings.

Visit [honeygardens.com](http://honeygardens.com) for the film’s screening dates and locations. The website also has lots of interesting and useful information, and products for health and well-being using honey and plants. Elderberry Syrup, Wild Cherry Bark Syrup, and Rejuvenation Tonic are among the offerings.

For information about the film, go to [www.jancannonfilms.com/honeybee.htm](http://www.jancannonfilms.com/honeybee.htm). Also visit [www.honeygardens.com](http://www.honeygardens.com).

## Family Camp on Lake Fairlee Revived after 100 Years

1911 was a time of exploration and excitement worldwide, and Vermont was a part of this adventure. Two New York science teachers made their way to Post Mills, Vermont to start a summer camp for the families of children who were attending the other 12 summer camps on Lake Fairlee. It was a time when the pace of life was much slower and the lure of fresh air and nature drew folks from the city to the country.

2008 finds that same historic camp, originally called Shanty Shane, and now called Ohana Camp, reopening its doors. The Aloha Foundation, 100 years old itself, has recently purchased the

property. Founded in 1903, Aloha is known for its excellent camps including Hulbert Outdoor Center. Families who have the desire to slow down, reconnect and enjoy each other in the natural world will find the newly revived Ohana Camp a unique and perfect vacation spot. The historic lodge has been restored, the quaint cabins with their fieldstone fireplaces have been renovated, but the magnificent views and the tranquil setting has not changed.

For information visit [www.alohafoundation.org](http://www.alohafoundation.org), call (802) 333-3405 or e-mail: [lynn\\_daly@aloha.foundation.org](mailto:lynn_daly@aloha.foundation.org).

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