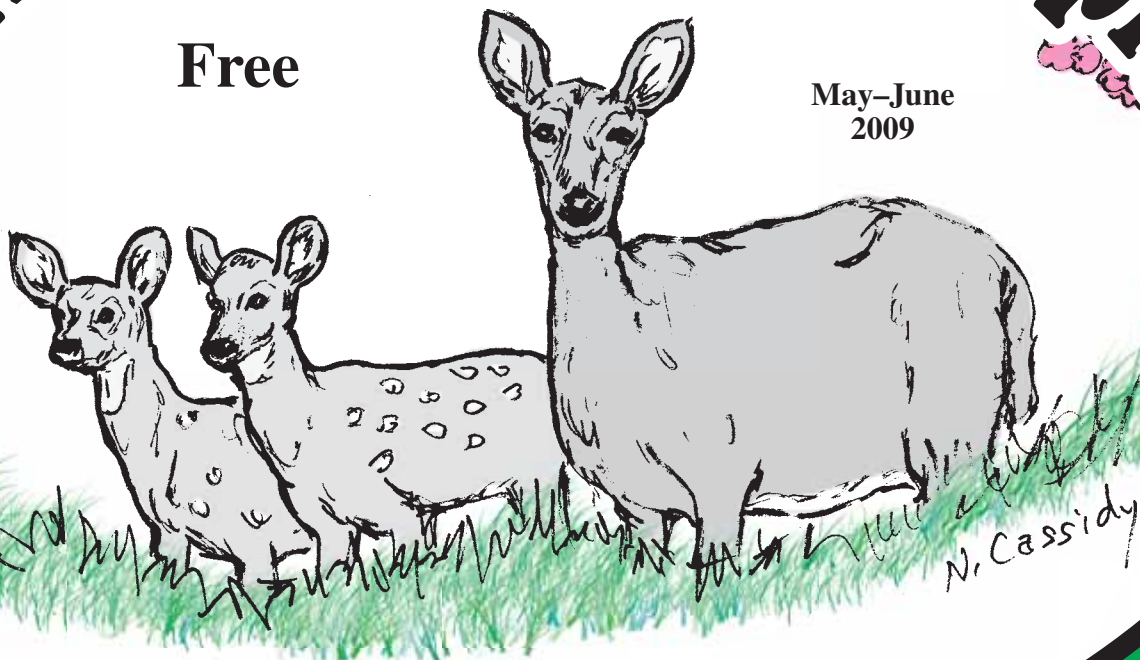


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The market is open each Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. May 15th to October 16th. It is located at the Waypoint Center on Depot Street in Bellows Falls, VT, next to the Amtrak station.

For additional information about the Bellows Falls Farmer's Market, contact market manager Abi Miller Healey at bellowsfallsmarket@gmail.com, call (802) 387-6128, or visit the website at www.bffarmersmarket.com.

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The Eighth Annual Friends of Brooks Memorial Library Booksale is scheduled for Saturday, June 6, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (same day as The Strolling of the Heifers.) Books are piling up for this important annual event. This is the Friends of the Library's main fund raiser of the year.

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May in Vermont

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And limbs that spread and run;  
And lots of branches there and here,  
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And then jest have the time of year  
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And then get up as good, warm rain,  
And then a sunny week,  
And when, by Gol! you see that tree  
Perhaps your voice can speak;  
Perhaps it can't, perhaps you'll look,  
Perhaps you'll turn away,  
And go and get a picture book  
And wish 'twasn't May.

But I guess not; I guess you'll stand  
And let your fluttering eyes  
Alight on that there apple tree,  
Like two big butterflies;

You'll thank, great goodness, furthermore,  
You ain't a city jay  
A-living on the eighteenth floor  
The nineteenth day of May.

Such lovely loads of blessed bloom!  
That pink amongst the white!  
A chandelier of trees like that  
Would light the world at night;  
'Twould dim the silver on the moon  
And make the stars look gray —  
I'd move to Europe soon  
If 'twasn't, by George! for May.

Don't bring me 'round no earthen pots  
Or dooryard dabs of bloom,  
I want an apple tree that's out  
To give my eyesight room;  
No reaching sweet pea plants for me,  
With nothing much to say,  
I want a whole-souled apple tree  
Along around in May.

—DANIEL L. CADY

Post Oil Solutions Sustainability Workshops

**Gleaning in Windham County Forum**  
May 20, 7-9 p.m., Room 2 East, Marlboro College Graduate Center, 28 Vernon St., Brattleboro, VT

Post Oil Solutions will host a forum with Theresa Snow from the Vermont Foodbank. She will talk about the Salvation Farms Gleaning Network whose mission is to harvest excess farm produce through gleaning, the act of salvaging surplus produce that would otherwise go to waste. Free, donations gratefully received. Light refreshments will be available.

**Backyard Chicken Raising Workshop**  
May 23, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Fair Winds Farm, Upper Dummerston Rd., Brattleboro, VT

Bekah Murchison will lead this workshop. Along with her parents, Janet and Jay Bailey, Bekah runs Fair Winds, a diversified horse-powered farm that has been raising chickens since 1978. The workshop is geared toward those with little or no experience with chickens. The fee is a \$10/\$15 sliding scale. Pre-registration required.

**3rd Annual Root Cellar Workshop**  
June 7, 1-3 p.m., Robert King's Chosen Garden, 125 Joy Road, Putney, VT

Considered a must-have resource for anyone who wants to be a year-round consumer of local food, this workshop will be presented by garden guru Robert King. Not only will he explain and exhibit to participants his own magnificent root cellar, but also provide ideas and plans that people can take home with them on how they can root cellar this coming season...even without a root cellar! \$5/\$10 sliding scale fee per person. Pre-payment & registration is required.

**Food Sovereignty Forum**  
June 17, 7-9 p.m., Marlboro College Graduate Center, 28 Vernon St., Brattleboro, VT

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# A Vermont Almanac for Late Spring

by Bill Felker

*I wonder at the beauty and wisdom in this repetition of days, the accumulation of days, meditation of rhythm, the song of rhythm, the adventure of the repeated path, discoveries of old childhood treasures buried far in both space and time from home: so that each fragment of awareness is blessed with such a history and promise that summary is impossible, that only enumeration can quiet the hunger for understanding.*

—Bill Felker

## The Warbler Moon & The Fledgling Moon

Warblers have almost completed their migrations and the first young birds are leaving the nest throughout the northern half of the nation as the Fledgling Moon becomes new. You may see them from your window as they fluff and flutter, begging for food from their parents. The rituals of birth and feeding continue throughout early and middle summer. **May 17:** The moon enters its final quarter at 2:26 a.m. **May 24:** The Fledgling Moon is new at 7:11 a.m. **May 30:** The moon enters its second quarter at 10:22 p.m. **June 7:** The Fledgling Moon is full at 1:12 p.m. **June 15:** The moon enters its final quarter at 5:15 p.m.

## The Sun, Planets, Stars & Shooting Stars

On May 9th, the sun reaches three-fourths of the way to summer solstice. Between this date and August 5th, the nation enjoys the longest and sunniest days of the year.

And June is the year's highest tide, the sun's declination remaining within two degrees of solstice all month. The midpoint of the solar year, the day on which the sun reaches as high in the sky as it will ever go, occurs on June 21st at 1:45 a.m. (EDT).

Perhaps the most reliable phenological gauge, the best of seasonal calendars, is the night sky. The stars of May could stand for flowers and fruits of late spring, could prophesy early summer as well, their signs arbitrary and infinite as the constellations: Arcturus overhead for peonies; the Corona Borealis beside it for Japanese Honeysuckle; Virgo below for the sweet locust, rhododendron, and meadow goatsbeard; Regulus in western Leo for wild roses and swamp iris; Vega in the far east for blackberry and mock orange; Castor and Pollux, setting in the west, for poppies and daisies; Libra in the south promising strawberries and mulberries; Scorpius in the low southwest pledging coneflowers and thistles to come.

Venus and Mars share May and June mornings in Pisces, prominent in the east before sunup. Jupiter rises in Capricorn after midnight and lies along the southern horizon at dawn. Saturn remains with Leo in the western sky at twilight.

The Lyrid meteors will be visible on June 14th through the 16th, but only at the rate of about one every six minutes. Even though the meteors will be few and far between, the dark moon will favor the sighting of at least one. Look for the Lyrids after midnight at the western edge of the Summer Triangle in Lyra.

## Weather Patterns

Barometric and temperature records indicate that cold waves will arrive in Vermont around the following dates: May 16, 21, 26, June 3, 11, 17, 24, 29 Storms can occur prior to the passage of each major front. Tornadoes, floods or prolonged periods of soggy pasture are most likely to occur within the following windows: May 17–23, June 5–8, June 13–16, June 24–28.

## Zeitgebers

*(Events in Nature That Tell the Time of Year)*

**May Week 2:** Zeitgebers of this week include the budding of thistles and privet bushes, the reddening of the first strawberry, the forming of buckeye fruits, budding peonies, garlic mustard, celandine and buckeyes flowering.

**May Week 3:** Zeitgebers include the blooming of sweet Cicely, common fleabane, meadow goatsbeard, sweet rocket, poppies, iris, Korean lilac, and honeysuckle bushes, wild



photo by Nancy Cassidy

Beautiful team of dapple gray Percherons compete in the spring plowing match at Billings Farm, Woodstock, VT.

cherry and locust trees, petalfall from most of the flowering crab apple trees, redbuds, azaleas and standard lilacs, the peak of warbler migration, the appearance of swallowtail butterflies, red admiral butterflies, white-spotted skipper butterflies, spitbugs, blue-tailed dragonflies, and scorpion flies in local gardens, goslings and ducklings along the rivers, webworms in the trees along the roadsides.

**May Week 4:** Zeitgebers of this week include daddy longlegs in the flowerbeds, and ducklings along the water. There are Northern Spring Field Crickets singing in the fields. Newly hatched doves and robins explore the honeysuckles. Tadpoles grow legs and swim to deeper water. Mayflies swarm, and the first monarch butterfly arrives in Pennsylvania from the South.

**June Week 1:** Zeitgebers of this week include locust flowers in the high canopy, cedar waxwings and catbirds arriving, and a monarch butterfly or two. Blackberries and wild parsnips join sweet rockets in bloom along the roadsides.

**June Week 2:** Zeitgebers of this week include the very first lilies and thistles in bloom, sweet mulberries, box turtles

laying eggs, cucumber beetles in the cucumber patch, hollyhocks and purple coneflowers budded in the dooryards, and blue chicory flowering in the waysides.

## May Farming & Gardening

Seed root crops after full moon. The dark moon also favors spring vaccinations and worming. Wean livestock then, too.

Superb lunar field crop and pasture planting conditions as well as conditions for planting flowers and garden vegetables that will produce their fruit above the ground occur as the moon is waxing.

Here in Vermont, it is usually safe to set out bedding plants at the end of May or the first week of June.

*Bill Felker observes and writes about our seasons for several periodicals. More of his almanac information is available at [www.poorwillsalmanack.com](http://www.poorwillsalmanack.com). To hear his weekly almanack on the radio, visit [www.wyso.org](http://www.wyso.org).*

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JoAnne will also teach how to make a simple melon basket on Sunday, June 7, from 1–4 p.m. No basket making skills are required. JoAnne will provide the dyed reed to make a rib constructed basket approximately 8x8". Class fee \$20, materials \$10. Bring scissors and an old towel.

Marilyn Miller will teach a touch drawing class on Tuesday, June 9, 6–8 p.m. Touch drawing is simple and fun—you move your fingers over a piece of paper placed on an inked surface, creating an image on the backside. You do a number of drawings, then “read” them for insights and inspirations. No art experience is necessary. \$25 fee includes materials. Marilyn Miller is an artist and Reiki teacher who offers classes through Wings of the Dove Healing. (802) 885-1051.

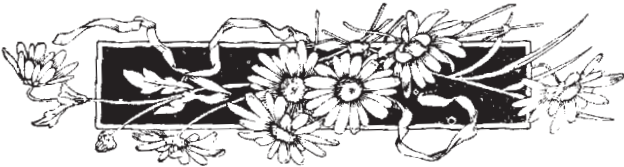
Join artist Mary Hill from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 14 to create flags full of color for your garden, porch, or outdoor party. Use potato prints, stencils, hand-painting and collage fabrics on muslin. No experience is necessary and supplies are provided. \$45 fee includes all materials. Mary Hill lives in Underhill, VT and owns Mary Hill Studios. She produces a line of greeting cards, and sells her banners and paintings nationally and locally at Gallery 103. She has painted and printed on fabric for many years. You can contact her directly at mary.hillstudios@gmail.com.

Gallery 103 is located east of Chester, VT on Rt. 103. For registration and information call (802) 875-7400. The gallery is open every day except Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. [www.gallery103.com](http://www.gallery103.com).

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Glory be to God for dappled things —  
For skies of couple-color as a brindled cow;  
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;  
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And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.  
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# An Enduring Friendship

by Sally O’Kane McClintock

When my friend Alice arrived by train from the east to visit me in Tacoma, she put down her bags and stood looking at my mother’s paintings. She studied the one of me in my Dutch girl costume, another of my brother Mike and me sword-fighting on a barn roof, and two pensive portraits of me at ages 8 and 11.

Finally Alice said, “I feel like I’ve come home.” She pointed to the younger portrait. “I like this one best. That’s when I met you.”

We met in the third grade at Oak Lane Country Day School almost 69 years ago. I remember Alice was hopping in a corner, humming to herself, her two braids looped over her ears and tied with ribbons. My classes with Alice were in a homelike building on a former estate, where we ran up and down the wooden stairs. We would become lifelong friends.

Oak Lane was a private experimental school run by Temple University, non-competitive, with no grades given. The students came from varying backgrounds, some driven to school by family, others chauffeured from Philadelphia. My two brothers and I attended on scholarships.

My father, a restless person, moved us a lot. This was my fifth school in three years. I welcomed the new freedom, warmth and creativity of Oak Lane. Unlike the strict public

*“Alice and I would wander the fields, stretching out next to a stream to reach the watercress”*

school teachers, our teacher seemed sincerely interested in our progress. At recess and after lunch, we were allowed to run down a steep hill into the woods where there were wildflowers, which Alice loved. Sometimes the school put on plays in the woods.

We had art in the afternoon. Alice and I water-colored and made things of clay. We had a potter’s wheel and a kiln. I made dinosaurs and a Santa with a pack which I still have.

I started Oak Lane in third grade and stayed until fifth. Our fifth grade classroom was in a long, low building with many windows. Our teacher, an artist, handed out large pieces of heavy muslin for us to paint scenes from different countries that would be hemmed and hung in the windows.

I chose Spain and began painting a bullfight scene. I drew hundreds of circles for the faces of spectators, then began painting expressions on the faces in the front rows behind a maroon fence. I planned to continue this with all the faces. I painted a matador holding up a large red cloth, and a brown bull with fierce white eyes and menacing horns, tail up, charging toward the unaware matador.

It was on weekends that Alice and I really got to spend time together. My family had rented White Feather Farm that included the farmhouse, a barn full of hay, a spring-fed pool, and a spring-house. Alice and I played being witches in an old shed down the road, mixing magic potions in old jars on the rotting window sill. My younger brother Mike tried to join us but we didn’t let him. Nor did we allow him in my room unless he had a “room permit” that we printed up with our new hectograph, a gelatin printer.

Alice and I would wander the fields, stretching out next to a stream to reach the watercress. Or we’d swim in the cold pool where Alice saw mosquito larvae. One time we read books all night but my mother didn’t seem to know. Perhaps she was more immersed in her painting. She was studying art at the Barnes Foundation and oil-painting in her studio at home, paying us a nickel an hour to pose for her. When Alice came, she saw the familiar paintings on the walls at White Feather Farm, and later in all of our homes that she visited.

When Alice was not there, I played roughly with my brothers, Dick and Mike, and Noam, Dick’s classmate a grade



Sally (r.) and friends at work on their paintings at Oak Lane Country Day School, circa 1939.

above me. We climbed trees and buildings, sword-fought on a roof, and played king of the mountain in the barn, knocking each other off the haystack until only “the king” was left. When I knocked Noam down, he hit his head on the barn door and my mother took him to the doctor for stitches.

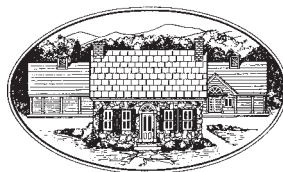
I left Oak Lane halfway through fifth grade. I took my unfinished painting of the bullfight with its hundreds of spectator faces, some with features painted in, others still blank. My mother hung the bullfight painting in our homes for years.

Alice and I still kept in touch, visiting each other when we could. When I moved to Tacoma, Washington in 1943, she said she was devastated because she thought she would never see me again. But we moved back to Pennsylvania 10 months later and resumed our visiting. But then with marriage and children, we lost touch for many years. Then in the 1980s, I saw her more often in Maryland, on my trips to see my mother in Virginia.

We are both 79 now, widowed a month apart six years ago. We talk on the phone or e-mail each other, and Alice visits me once a year. When we take long walks around the neighborhood, she exclaims at the beauty of our lavender, roses, and

geraniums. I point out good trees for climbing and tempting bushes to hide in, remembering our childhood play.


In the afternoons, we have tea in the kitchen. We sit and talk at the table where the bullfight painting hangs now. It is still unfinished but enduring, like our friendship. When Alice is here with me, sharing stories of our past, I feel like I too have come home.



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And rufous, up ahead, that fluttered  
Out of the way.

He stopped and went and stood and stared,  
And moved and stared some more,  
Until at last he discovered what  
He was looking for.

Back on his seat, he raised his plow  
And made a brief detour.  
Two times round he skipped a space  
Just to be sure.

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Minced back on spindly legs  
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The Museum is open to the public and members regularly on Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., during most school vacations, and by appointment.

For more information and to inquire about membership, or to register for camps or programs, visit [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org) or call (802) 843-2111. The Museum is located at 186 Townshend Rd. in Grafton, VT.

## Spring Schedule

**Wednesday, May 20, 10 a.m. to noon. Mighty Acorns Preschool Explorers Club.** For ages 3-5. See what's awake after a long winter. This fun-filled time for pre-schoolers and their caregivers has outside exploration plus indoor hands-on creativity at The Nature Museum. Bring snack and water. *Fee: members \$3, non-members \$7 (prices for participating children). Please pre-register.*

**Saturday, May 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nature Museum's Birthday Party and Open House.** Free activities for all ages. Come enjoy music by The Junkman, acts by Circus Smirkus, games and activities, cake & ice cream, and free visits to the Museum to see a new resident! *Please pre-register.*

**Tuesday, June 9, 9:30-11 a.m. Women's Hike.** Meet at Herricks Cove, Rockingham, VT. Join Alma Beals of Ascutney Mountain Audubon for a hike near the Connecticut River that will focus on birds. Bring binoculars, if available. Bad weather may cancel, so call the Museum if in doubt. Wear waterproof shoes and bring water. *Fee: members \$3, non-members \$5. Please pre-register.*

**Sunday, June 14, 2 to 4 p.m. Athens Dome Hike.** Join Jon Binhammer, Director of Land Protection for the Vermont Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, to learn more about plants, animals, and various habitats that make conservation of the Athens Dome so important to The Nature Conservancy and cooperating partners. Wear sturdy, waterproof shoes and bring water. Meet at The Nature Museum to carpool to the nearby site. *Fee: members free, non-members \$5. Please pre-register.*

**Wednesday, June 17, 10 a.m. to noon. Mighty Acorns Preschool Explorers Club.** Ages 3-5. Celebrate the start of summer with this fun-filled time for preschoolers and their caregivers. Explore outside and inside the Museum. Enjoy hands-on creativity that connects children more closely to the natural world. *Fee: members \$3, non-members \$7 (prices are for all participating children). Please pre-register.*

**Wednesday, June 24, 7 p.m. Backyard Pollinators: Butterflies, Bees and Flies?** Meet at Rockingham Free Public Library in Bellows Falls. Certified Wildlife Habitat Naturalist Bonnie Caruthers will discuss the lives of pollinators, the part they play in human lives, the threats they face, and the difference people can make in their own backyard. Co-sponsored by the Museum, Rockingham Library, Ascutney Mountain Audubon, and partially funded by TransCanada. *This is a free program.*

**Saturday, June 27, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, June 28, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 45th Annual Gilsum Rock Swap and Mineral Show.** Meet on your own at the Gilsum Elementary School and Community Center, 640 Route 10 in Gilsum, NH. Rain or shine. Enjoy a touch of Country Fair flavor as more than 70 dealers and swappers with gems, jewelry, or minerals exhibit items for sale or trade. *Admission is free, but donation requested.*

**Monday, July 6, 9 a.m. – Friday, July 10, 12 p.m. Bug Hunter Camp.** Explore the pond, meadow, stream, and



photo courtesy of The Nature Museum  
The joy of flying kites on a spring day! The Nature Museum at Grafton offers lots of activities for all ages.

forest looking for six-legged friends. We'll find new ways to find, trap, and observe insects. Ages 6-9. At The Nature Museum. *Fee: \$90. Please pre-register.*

**Monday, July 13, 9 a.m. – Friday, July 17, 12 p.m. Preschool Camp: Walk, Hop, Splash, Soar—Animal Movement.** Learn about how animals use feet, fins, and feathers to move around. We'll play games, do hands-on activities, sing songs, create crafts, and explore the Museum's gardens, meadows, woodlands, and collections during our time together. Ages 3-5. At The Nature Museum. *Fee: \$90 for five days, \$60 for three-days. Please pre-register.*

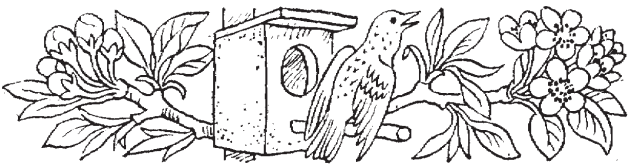
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# Vermont Spring

by Donna Markwell

—May 1940—

Spring is here! "No," you say, thinking of all the snow banks that you have eyed indignantly for weeks and weeks. It seems that spring was reluctant to appear this year. However she cannot hide the fact that she is here now. The crows and bluejays have been shouting for some time. Rascals they maybe, but every Spring they bring to us the same cheery greetings. The sparrows have a faith beyond our own and have been with us all winter. The robins and the blue-birds come on suspicion that winter must be ready to depart and the phoebes cannot be far behind them.

The sun is shining warmer every day and the snow has surely given way before its steadfast gaze. A spider here, a fly there appears, lowly tokens of awakening life.

Spots of green grass show here and there and then suddenly its everywhere. Woodland trips reveal spring beauties, painted trilliums, adder tongues, arbutus and shy violets. Tucked in beside them everywhere are many gay little jack-in-the-pulpits, in their clownish striped suits.

These spring flowers are so fragrant and dainty in their pastel shades of lavender, pale yellow and blue and then too, the bolder ones, clad in dark red, appeal to many. Too lovely to pick! They fade so quickly. Bouquets of wildflowers seem a needless destruction. We have our cultivated gardens to pick from and replant. The wildflowers must do their own replanting.

Every spring it is the same. Never was the grass so green, the apple and cherry blossoms so beautiful.

The pussy willows add a touch of their own, growing close beside the winding brooks. The birds never sang so sweetly, as they planned for their summer homes. Such a variety of homes, some in the treetops, some in the bushes, in the tall grasses, under the eaves, in the marshes among the cattails, in sandbanks and in homes that man has prepared.

Time to let the cattle out now that everything is green. They never fail to recapture the delight of that first trip to pasture. If their

antics are a sample of their joy then the breath of late spring never fails to please them. Over the hills they go, stiff-legged

from their long stay in the barn. They gambol awkwardly, tails over their backs, pausing now and then to resume an old family feud.

Take a peep into the pond. The ice is gone. Ferns of varied heights terrace the banks, slowly unfurling their fronds. Gazing into the water, you see the pollywogs herded closely together. The lizards lie motionless, halfway between top and bottom of the pond. Toss in a tiny pebble and there are flashing small bodies everywhere, nowhere, now gone.

When all the flowers of spring have vanished, myriads of strawberry blossoms dot the green carpet of grass. Summer flowers are coming to life on all sides. Raspberry, blackberry and blueberry bushes crowd overhanging banks. Their millions of blossoms proclaim a bountiful crop of delicious berries.

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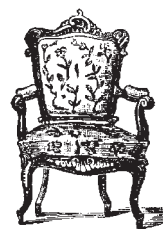
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# Green Mountain Club Springtime Hikes

A variety of outings are planned by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club and you are invited to come along. Newcomers and non-members are welcome and the outings are free. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont!

Unless otherwise noted, all of these trips leave from Rutland's Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station. Distances are round trip. Trips vary in level of difficulty. Call the leader with any questions.

*Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.*

### Long Trail Spring Cleaning

All are welcome to help prepare the trail for the summer hiking season. 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. Have fun while doing a good deed. *Leader: Herb Ogden, (802) 293-2510.*

*Saturday, May 23, 9 a.m.*

### Bird Mountain (aka Birdseye), Castleton, VT

Climb to a sweeping view atop a spectacular cliff. Moderate, 3 to 4 miles with some steep pitches and a little bush-whacking. *Leader: Tom Copps, (802) 770-9394.*

*Friday–Sunday, May 29–31*

### Green Mountain Club Annual Meeting, Waterbury Center, VT

Choose from over a dozen outings (hike, bike, or paddle) on Saturday and a work party on Sunday. Visit [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org) for details or call the GMC at (802) 244-7037.

*Saturday, June 6, 9 a.m.*

### Upper Elevation Trail Maintenance, Killington, VT

On National Trails Day volunteers from all over the country will be out readying the trails for the summer hiking season by clearing brush and waterbars, cutting blowdowns, and painting blazes. Join us to work on our local treasure, the Long/Appalachian Trail. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, bug repellent and lunch. Tools will be provided. *Leader: Herb Ogden, (802) 293-2510.*

*Saturday, June 13, 1 p.m.*

### Mystery Hike, Shrewsbury, VT

An easy two-mile hike with great views. *Leader: Jerry Parker, (802) 775-6208.*

For information about the GMC Killington Section visit [web.mac.com/gmckillington](http://web.mac.com/gmckillington). For GMC membership and activities contact the Green Mountain Club at (802) 244-7037 or [gmc@greenmountainclub.org](mailto:gmc@greenmountainclub.org). [greenmountainclub.org](http://greenmountainclub.org).



photo courtesy of VT. Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation  
And baby makes three! This family of hikers keep to the trail on the alpine summits of Mt. Mansfield.

## Tips for Low Impact Hiking

Warm weather is here, summer is coming fast, and everyone is spending as much time outside as they can. But The Green Mountain Club, VT Dept. of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, and Green Mountain National Forest ask us to limit use of the state's hiking trails till Memorial Day weekend to protect the fragile alpine tundra and prevent soil erosion. Rain and melting snow at higher elevations keep many of Vermont's hiking trails wet and muddy.

#### Trail Guidelines

When hikers tramp on saturated soils, they cause irreversible erosion and damage to the trail and surrounding vegetation. Some of the

Long Trail has been worn down to bedrock. Higher elevation soils take longer to dry out. A trail may be dry at the trailhead, but it will get muddy if you climb very high this time of year. Trails at lower elevations, dirt roads, and recreation paths provide excellent opportunities for early spring walking.

Walk through the mud, not around it! If a trail is so muddy that you need to walk on the vegetation beside it, turn back, and seek an alternative area to hike.

Hike in the lower-elevation hardwood forest (unless it is muddy!) with southern exposure (south facing slopes dry out first in Spring). Avoid the spruce-fir (conifer) forests at higher elevations.

The State of Vermont closes all trails on state land until Memorial Day weekend.

The Green Mountain National Forest opens their trails as of May 1, but asks you to avoid higher elevations.

#### Hiking Alternatives

**Northern VT**—Burlington Bike Path, Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail, Stowe Bike Path, Cotton Brook Area—Moscow/Stowe, Alburg Recreation Trail, Mallets Bay Causeway, Cambridge Greenway Recreation Path, Mount Philo.

**Central VT**—The Austin Brook Trail in Warren/Granville, Thresher Hill & Pine Brook Trails, The Cross VT Trail—runs west to east

across VT, Liberty Hill & Contest Trails, Lefferts Pond, Robert Frost Interpretive Trail, Travel Around Middlebury Trail (TAM).

**Southern VT**—Emerald Lake State Park Trail, Hariman Trail, Delaware and Hudson Rail Trail, Woodford State Park Trails, West River Trail, Jamaica State Park Trails.

For trails in State Parks, check with the VT Dept. of Forests, Parks, and Recreation to see if the park and trails are open. Call (802) 241-3655.

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# Artists Celebrate 17th Annual Open Studio Weekend

Have you ever wondered why the lights were on all night at the painter's studio up the street, or what exactly created that pile of sawdust outside the furniture maker's shop? Now's your chance to find out! Thirty southwestern Vermont artists and artisans will join with more than 270 throughout Vermont as the Vermont Crafts Council sponsors its 17th Annual Open Studio Weekend on this Memorial Day weekend, May 23-24, 10 am to 5 pm.

The Artisans of Southern Vermont represent painters and sculptors, furniture makers, printmakers, hooked rug designers and makers, potters and ceramic makers, photographers, milliners, jewelry makers, and even a maker of handmade shoes.

The event represents a unique opportunity to meet this exciting variety of artists and craftspeople in their studios, some of which are only open to the public during this weekend. Some studios will feature talks and demonstrations, while others will have special event pricing.

In the Manchester area, a group of long-time Open Studios participants—the Artisans of Southern Vermont—are actively promoting the event. Their open studios range from Manchester south to Bennington, north to Danby, and west to Dorset, Pawlet, Rupert, and Wells—just look for the yellow signs and balloons.

These artisans have developed a 2009 studio driving

tour map designed to take you over beautiful country roads—some known only to locals—as you travel from studio to studio. It offers instructions on how to plan one's tour and to get to all the studios during the two-day open house. The map and instructions are available at many inns, motels, restaurants, shops, and tourist information centers in the area.

The Artisans of Southern Vermont are also sponsoring a "Studio Sleuth" event. If you collect eight signatures from the 30 listed on the map, you will be eligible for a drawing to win a \$150 gift certificate to the studio of your choice! You can learn more about Studio Sleuth, this special tour, and the Artisans of Southern Vermont, at [www.artisansvt.com](http://www.artisansvt.com).

The Vermont Crafts Council created Open Studio Weekend in 1992 to increase the visibility of artists and craftspeople in Vermont, and to foster an appreciation for the creative process.

The Crafts Council publishes a free state-wide map with directions to all participating studios. This guide is available at Vermont Information Centers, from individual studios and galleries, and by request.

*You can find more information about Open Studio Weekend by calling the Vermont Crafts Council at (802) 223-3380 or by visiting [www.vermontcrafts.com](http://www.vermontcrafts.com).*



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**May 23 & 24: Sheep Shearing Weekend**—The spring shearing of the Southdown flock, plus carding and spinning wool, planting the heirloom garden, historic games, and more. Admission includes our 24th annual commemorative button and children's art show.

**May 27 & 28: Programs for Preschoolers**—Wednesday and Thursday mornings: 9:00-10:30 a.m. Each program will feature a different farm theme with a story, special visit to the farm, hands-on activity, and snack. Fee and pre-registration required.

**June 20 & 21: Wagon Ride Weekend**—Enjoy the gentle breezes of early summer on a narrated horse-drawn wagon ride around the corn fields and along the Ottauquechee River; farm programs and activities.

**June 22-26: Wild & Woolly Camp**—For children ages 8 to 14. This week long program introduces the children to the Farm's Southdown lambs and sheep and includes work-

ing with wool activities and more. Fee and pre-registration required.

**July 4: Old Vermont 4th**—A traditional celebration featuring the reading of the Declaration of Independence at noon, wagon rides, historic debates, making 1890 flags, a spelling bee, ice cream making, and the egg toss.

**July 7-August 25: Time Travel Tuesdays**—Lend a hand with 19th century chores and past times in the farmhouse. There's plenty of work—and fun—for every age!

**July 17-October 16: Foodways Friday**—Discover how we use our heirloom garden vegetables in historic recipes prepared in the farmhouse kitchen each Friday.

**July 18: Cow Appreciation Day**—Dairy education programs, judging Jerseys with the farm manager, butter and ice cream making. Have fun with dairy trivia in the Cowlege Bowl competition for all ages.

**July 25: Sheep Herding with Border Collies**—Border Collies demonstrate their instincts and training as they herd sheep in the farm fields. Learn how we care for our Southdown flock and why this breed was important on this farm a century ago. Spinning, carding, and weaving.

**August 1-September 27: Quilt Exhibition**—Our 23rd annual juried exhibition of colorful and exquisitely designed quilts made in Windsor County, Vermont. Quilting demonstrations and activities for children and adults.

**August 9: Antique Tractor Day**—See tractors dating from the 1930s to the 1960s and learn more from the folks who restored them; narrated tractor parade at 1:00 p.m. Tractor-drawn wagon rides and tractor activities for children. Plan to purchase lunch at the Teago Volunteer Fire Department.

*Billings Farm and Museum is open daily May 1 through October 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekends Nov-Feb, and Christmas & Presidents' weeks, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is: adults: \$11; 62 & over: \$10; children 5-15: \$6; 3-4: \$3; 2 & under: free.*

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A Revolutionary War Reenactment at Hubbardton Battlefield is one of many special events at Vermont Historic Sites this summer.

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## Visit Historic Sites During Vermont Days

Join in on the fun at Vermont Days, June 13 and 14, a weekend of free admission at the Vermont State Historic Sites and State Parks, by enjoying a number of special events at the Mount Independence, Hubbardton Battlefield, and Chimney Point State Historic Sites. All events are free and open to the public. They are also among the many Champlain Quadricentennial programs being held this year in honor of the 400th anniversary of Samuel de Champlain's arrival into Lake Champlain.

### Mount Independence, Orwell, VT

Mount Independence is located six miles west of the intersections of VT Routes 22A and 73 near the end of Mount Independence Road. Call (802) 948-2000 for information.

**Saturday, June 13, 2:00 p.m.** The Nature of Lake Champlain. Mike Winslow, staff scientist of the Lake Champlain Committee and author of the new book, *The Nature of Lake Champlain*, leads a "talk and walk" to learn about the natural world of Lake Champlain. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.

**Sunday, June 14, 1:00 p.m.** The French and Indian War at Mount Independence. Reenactor and historian James Ross talks about the French and Indian War "battle of snowshoes," with Robert Rogers and a party of French woodcutters that took place in March 1759, 250 years ago. M/V Carillon cruise tour to follow, to view French and Indian War related sites on southern Lake Champlain (fee for cruise; leaving from Mt. Independence dock)

### Hubbardton Battlefield, Hubbardton, VT

The Hubbardton Battlefield is on Monument Hill Road, six miles east of Vermont Route 30 in Hubbardton or six miles north of exit 5 on US Route 4 in Castleton. Call (802) 273-2282 for information.

**Saturday, June 13, 1:00 p.m.** Seth Warner: Sideline by History. Clifford Mullen, a long-time Revolutionary War reenactor from Warner's Regiment, will tell the story of Green Mountain Boy Seth Warner and his military career, with a focus on the Battle of Hubbardton. Hear about Mul-

len's searches in the archives for information about Warner and his men.

**Sunday, June 14, 1:00-4:00 p.m.** Go Fly a Kite. Make a simple kite (materials and instructions provided) or bring your own. Then fly it in the wide open spaces of the site, celebrating our many freedoms won during the Revolution. Alternate program inside if weather is inclement. Free. Small materials fee.

### Chimney Point, Addison, VT

Chimney Point is located in Addison at the intersections of Vermont Routes 125 and 17, at the foot of the Champlain Bridge. Call (802) 759-2412 for information.

**Saturday, June 13, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Second Saturdays Explore the French colonial past at Chimney Point with hands-on activities for all ages. Try the dress-up box, play

games, and learn what archaeology and the study of period sources can reveal.

**Sunday, June 14, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Sunday Afternoon Special Hands-on activities and period games. Learn about ancient stone tools or how to throw an atlatl, play period games, and enjoy other fun for all ages.

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Businesses, organizations and many home sites display goods and wares for sale on virtually every street, highway and byway within the approximately 65 square miles of the town and village. Great deals, interesting food and surprises of all sorts can be found.

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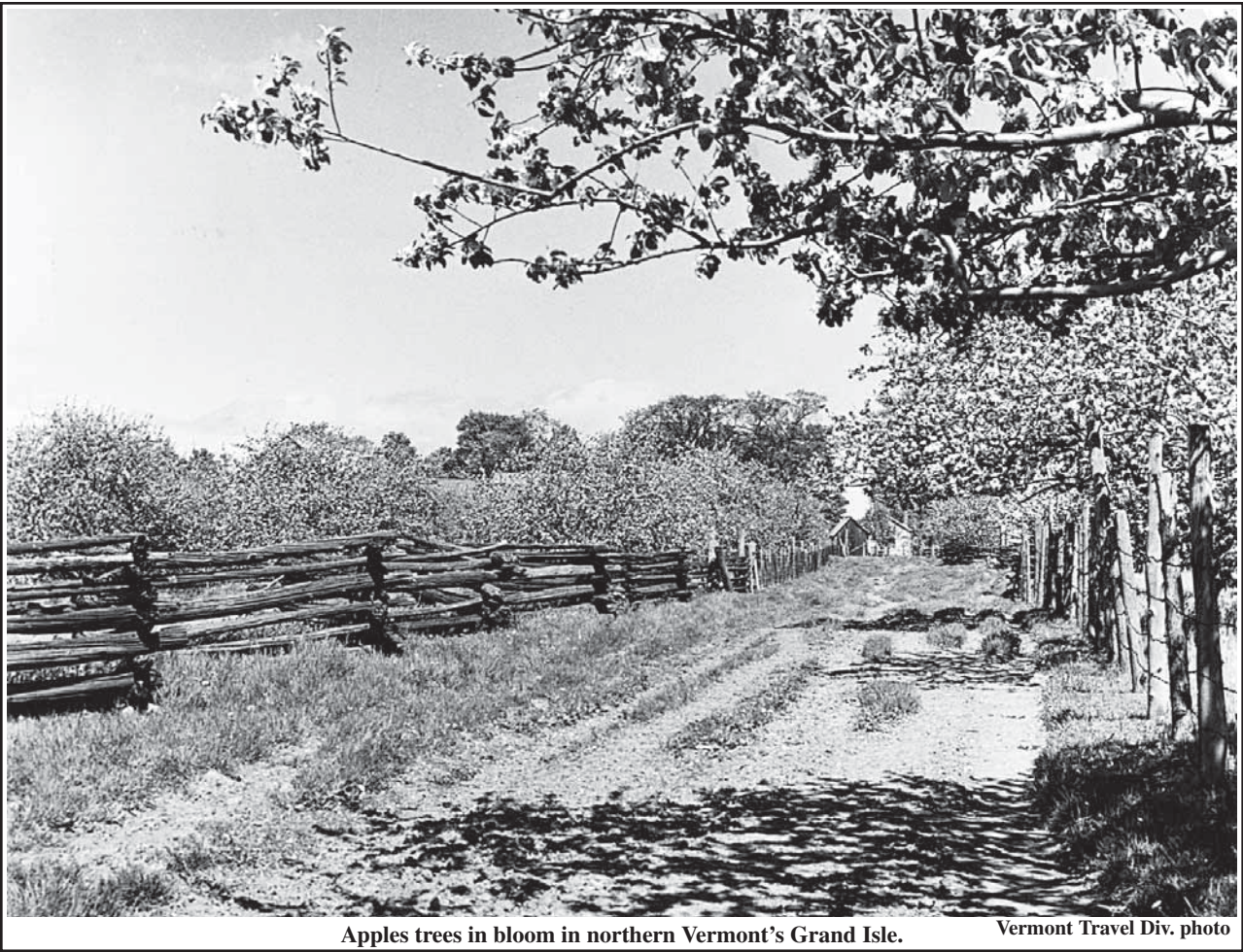
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Feeding Hummingbirds  
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By Charlie Nardozzi, Senior Horticulturist, National Gardening Association, and  
Dr. Leonard Perry, Extension Professor, University of Vermont

Proper flowers and feeding for hummingbirds, proper watering, and correct timing on moving spring-flowering bulbs, are some of the gardening tips for this season.

Hummingbirds arrive back in our area usually by early May. After their incredibly long journey northward, they're ready for food. Hang a hummingbird feeder or two this time of the year, and either use hummingbird food you can buy (a powder to mix with water), or make your own. Add two cups of sugar to a quart of water, heat to dissolve, then allow to cool before placing out. Don't use any other additives such as food coloring. Refrigerate what you don't use, and replace the feeder food every few days. If your feeder hangs from a pole, and ants find it, put vaseline on a section of the pole to deter the ants.

Even if you put up hummingbird feeders, also plant some of their favorite flowers, such as fuchsias, salvias, columbines, nicotiana, trumpet vine, bleeding hearts, foxgloves, and others that have trumpet-shaped blooms. They are attracted to the color red but they visit flowers of other colors, too, as long as they are the right shape.

To encourage good rooting of new plants in the ground, make sure you water long enough to moisten the soil around the root zone of the plant. Sprinkling a little water on plants every day can do more harm than good by encouraging the roots to stay close to the surface where they are susceptible to drying out faster. Stick your finger into the soil and if it's dry two inches deep, it's time to water. Apply enough water to moisten the soil a bit deeper than the roots.

If you want to move some spring-blooming bulbs to another spot, wait until the foliage has turned yellow later in

summer, then carefully dig them up and let them dry in a shady spot for a few days. Store the bulbs in a cool, dry place for the summer until it's time to plant them in fall. If you need to move the bulbs sooner, dig and "heel" in (temporarily plant) out of the way, marking where they are so you can find them once the foliage has died.

Use clay or metal "plant feet" underneath large containers to help with drainage and to keep pots from staining wood decks and steps. For heavy indoor plants that you summer outdoors, use plant trivets with four casters to make moving them in and out less backbreaking.

Brace plants that tend to flop over now, while they're still small. Use wire rings and supports, or make your own by placing sturdy branches in the ground in a ring around the plant. Then loop twine from stake to stake to encircle the plant. Or you can wrap the twine around each stake and the one across from it, to make a criss-cross pattern for the plant stems to grow through. If you set the cages in place now, the foliage will soon hide them. Trying to tie up toppled plants is frustrating and usually ends up looking ridiculous.

Other tips for this busy time of year include planting cool vegetable crops early, such as carrots, lettuce, peas, broccoli and cabbage. Wait until the usual last frost is past for warm crops such as tomatoes, eggplants, and peppers, and for sowing seeds of melons, squash, and corn.

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# Memories

by Elisabeth Doren

The last time I drove by the old farmhouse where I grew up, there was a swimming pool in the front yard and a new porch, and a wide driveway reaching over to the narrow strip of land where we used to plant wildflowers, along with many other signs of progress.

But my mind's eye is blind and still sees the old porch and the wildflower garden across the road. Yes, even the orchard reaching up to the old family graveyard where we played as children, being careful not to step on the ground where the bodies lay, but still studying the names on the stones enclosed within that sturdy fence. There rested our great grandmother and great grandfather, and a son who died at 19 and a boy of 12, who was our father's brother. These dead were, for us children, a great mystery. In another century they had lived and worked this same farm, and were closely related to us, yet we never knew them. That little family cemetery looms large in my early memories.

For the past few years I had been writing about the events of my childhood, the farm where I grew up, my father and mother, my ponies, my pigs, my chickens, all those little personal things that meant so much to me.

Apparently they meant something to a few other people, too. When my daughter came east to visit me from California, she wanted to see these scenes from my childhood. She had a great curiosity about them. So we took a trip together and visited many places—the old farm, the church, the site of the one-room school—every tangible evidence of my early memories. She craned her neck and squinted and peered at all the landmarks of my journey through childhood.

But what she found in those forgotten homesteads was only the empty chrysalis of a butterfly that took wing for its journey through life. Small wonder my daughter yearned for more! She even asked me to draw a map, marking the site of every event.

*But how do you draw a map of a time and place that exists somewhere between your heart and your memory?*

Do you turn right at your father's ambition to become a mathematician, and again right when your mother took her large family of little people on a camping trip, and maybe left when your little sister, the one you played and romped with the most, was laid to rest?

What is the map of your memory's wanderings? And what earthly papyrus do you draw it on? I think the paper is made of woven cobwebs, and the ink that invisible kind seen only for a short period of time—just a lifetime, perhaps.

*Elisabeth Doren (1904–1998) helped found the Sampler and shared with us her early childhood experiences growing up on a north country farm. She is missed.*



## Fresh Spring Greens Are Here!

The first spring greens are available now at your local farmer's market and, if you're lucky, in your own garden! Some like to gather their own in the wild, but if you'd rather get yours already picked, here are some farms where you can buy them.

**Brotherly Farm Organic.** 570 Lavendar Rd., Brookfield, VT. (802) 276-9904, brotherlyfarm@yahoo.com, brotherlyfarm.com. We have lettuce, arugula, spinach & starts available in mid/late May at the VTC Farmers Market and the Randolph Farmers Market. Some starter packs available, all certified organic.

**Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center.** Pavilion Rd., East Thetford, VT. (802) 785-4737 growing@cedarcirclefarm.org, cedarcirclefarm.org. We will be selling certified organic salad greens, mesclun, spinach, beet greens, radishes, and pea shoots, at our farmstand starting May 1. Open daily 10 am – 6 pm.

**Crossroad Farm.** 811 West Fairlee Rd., Post Mills, VT. (802) 333-4455, tim@crossroadfarm.com, crossroadfarm.com. We specialize in mesclun and also offer a variety of other greens. Check our greenhouse in mid-May for lettuce, arugula, mesclun and spinach. Our stand opens in June.

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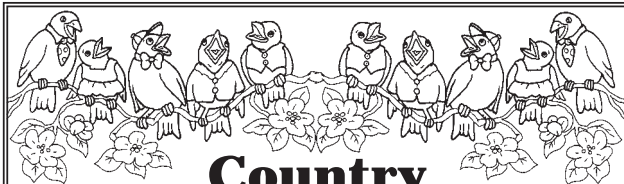
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Kids’ Spring Fishing Events

Here’s a great opportunity for young people to give fishing a try. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department has released a list of more than 60 upcoming fishing events, most of them intended just for kids.

The department has a “Children’s Fishing Program,” which provides kids with the opportunity for a successful fishing experience at locally organized fishing events. The program provides free trout to the children of the state. Organizers of these events often are charitable, community, or non-profit groups such as fire departments, fish and game clubs, Rotary, Lions, town recreation committees, 4-H clubs, and scouts.

Most kids fishing events are open to the public, although they may be restricted to town residents or to a particular group of individuals. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department provides about 20,000 eight-to-ten inch trout for the program, each event

receiving 150 to 300 fish. Kids’ fishing events generally start in late April and continue through June. A list of the events, which is periodically updated, appears on Fish & Wildlife’s website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com). Click on “Fishing” and then on “Kids Fishing Events.”

Vermont Fish & Wildlife also has a “Let’s Go Fishing” Program where trained volunteers teach and encourage young people and their families how to fish. The volunteer instructors teach fishing skills, how to use different types of tackle, the importance of good aquatic habitat, fishing ethics, and fishing regulations. Clinics are planned throughout the state during the spring and summer months. Check your local newspapers and bait shops for clinics in your area. You can learn more about “Let’s Go Fishing” on Fish & Wildlife’s website (vtfishandwildlife.com) under Fishing or Youth Pages.



photo by John Hall  
These kids get a chance all of their own to fish Vermont waters during the annual Kid’s Fishing Program.

Help Keep the “Wild” in Wildlife

Here’s a reminder to give wildlife the space they need to raise their young. The urge to “come to the rescue” of injured or seemingly helpless animals may result in harm to the animal as well as to the rescuer. Understanding what many animals are doing at this time of year can help us resist the urge to help wildlife when they probably don’t need our interference.

Some adult animals nurse or feed their young at varying intervals throughout the day. As a result, some young are left alone for long periods of time—a normal phenomenon.

Bird chicks that are chirping on the ground may be signaling their parents to feed them.

Young animals will often follow their parents. A “wandering” animal’s family may be nearby but just out of sight.

Animals that act sick can carry rabies, parasites, or other harmful diseases. Healthy-looking raccoons, foxes, skunks, and bats and their “cuddly-looking” young also may be carriers.

Domestic animals can prey upon or disturb wildlife species. For example, a songbird that is bitten by a cat is likely to eventually die from bacteria in the cat’s saliva.

We can all benefit by having a better understanding of what we can do to treat wildlife with respect, while at the same time protecting ourselves.

Observe an “orphaned” animal for an hour or two (to be sure it’s really orphaned) before calling for assistance from licensed rehabilitators. Taking a wild animal into captivity is against the law, although a permit may be granted to specially trained individuals. Contact the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department for a list of licensed wildlife rehabilitators in your area.

Keep domestic pets indoors, leashed, or fenced in. Observe wildlife from a distance. Use binoculars when a closer view is desired. Heed signs that ask you to stay a certain distance from wildlife and their reproduction areas. Also please stay off trails that may be temporarily closed for the same reason. Many wildlife species will not feed and raise their young when people are so close that the animal feels threatened. Sometimes even 300 feet can be too close.

Prevent injuries to birds from flying into glass by breaking up the reflection with string, ornaments, windsocks, or streamers.

Avoid removing trees, shrubs, and dead snags that contain nests during the spring and summer. Wait until fall if possible.

Young wildlife belong in the wild, so remember the slogan: “If you care, leave them there!”

For general information about rabies and suspect animals, call the Vermont Rabies Hotline at 1-800-4-RABIES. If bitten or in direct contact with a raccoon, fox, skunk, or bat, or domestic animal that’s been in contact with such a species, call the Vermont Department of Health at 1-800-640-4374. Report suspect rabid animals to your local game warden directly or via state police.

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The weekend of June 13 and 14 is a great time to celebrate summer with a free sample of Vermont’s excellent fishing, state parks, and historic resources during Vermont Days.

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This year, Vermont is also celebrating the State’s first Forestry Centennial—the 100th birthday of the Division of Forestry and our first state forest.

June 13 is Vermont’s Free Fishing Day—the one day in the year when residents and nonresidents may go fishing without a license. It’s a great opportunity to take the family fishing and create memories to last a lifetime.

The “Grand Isle Fishing Festival” will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 13 at the Ed Weed Fish Culture Station in Grand Isle. Especially for youngsters, this event offers basic fishing instruction and a chance for kids to catch big trout.

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For more information about Vermont Days, visit vermontdays.vermont.gov.



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## Bennington Moosefest 2009

Bennington, VT • May 19, 2009

Have you "herd?" The moose are returning to Bennington! They will be positioned for all to see through mid-October. For more information call (802) 447-3311 or visit [www.benningtonmoosefest.com](http://www.benningtonmoosefest.com).

## 8th Annual Strolling of the Heifers Parade, Dairy Festival & Green Expo

Brattleboro, VT • June 05, 2009

Three days of fun. The Saturday parade features up to 100 bovine beauties, followed by farmers, floats, tractors, bands, and clowns, culminating with the Dairy Fest, Marketplace and Family Farm Fun Tent. For more information contact (802) 254-4565 or visit [www.strollingoftheheifers.com](http://www.strollingoftheheifers.com).

## Vermont Quilt Festival

Essex Junction, VT • June 19, 2009

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## 28th Annual Lake Champlain International Father's Day Fishing Derby

Lake Champlain, VT • June 20, 2009

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## Yellow Barn Music Festival

Putney, VT • June 25 - August 9, 2009

Celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2009, Yellow Barn Music Festival will present more than 30 captivating chamber music concerts plus public master classes, workshops and free community events. Contact (800) 639-3819 or (802) 387-6637, [www.yellowbarn.org](http://www.yellowbarn.org) for more information.

## 39th Annual Antiques & Uniques Festival

Craftsbury Common, VT • July 11, 2009

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## 5th Annual Taste of Stowe Arts Festival

Stowe, VT • July 24, 2009

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## SolarFest 2009—The New England Renewable Energy Festival

Tinmouth, VT • July 10, 2009

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A beautiful Jersey heifer ringed with daisies in the Strolling of the Heifers Parade & Festival in Brattleboro, VT.

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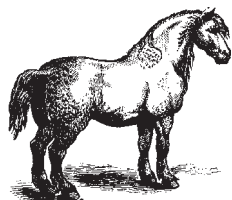
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Every time I speak a kind word I am adding a brick to my house of humanity.

Every time I pay a debt I am doing right and helping to put money in circulation.

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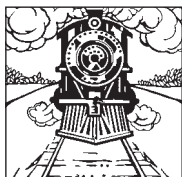


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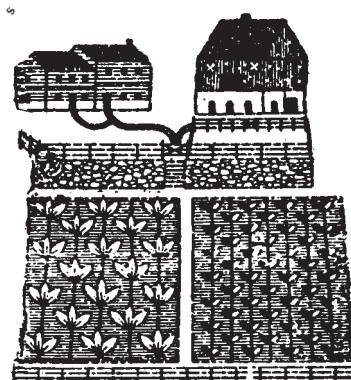
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## Rokeby Museum Presents "Quakers & Slavery"

Rokeby Museum, a 90-acre historic site on Rt. 7 in Ferrisburgh, VT, and National Historic Landmark designated for its exceptional underground railroad history, will open for the season with a program on "Quakers and Slavery" on Sunday, May 24 at 2 pm. Rokeby Museum Historian and Friend Betsy Cazden will present her research on Quaker ownership of slaves in New England.

Yes, Quakers did own slaves at one time. Today,

we associate the Religious Society of Friends with anti-slavery, but wealthy Friends owned slaves in the seventeenth and most of the eighteenth centuries—and that includes ancestors of the Robinson family, who lived at Rokeby for nearly 200 years. It began with one or two speaking out against the sin of slavery, but eventually Quakers were forced to choose between their religion and their slaves. Ms. Cazden received a fellowship from

the National Endowment for the Humanities to research this history and will share what she's found.

Rokeby will be open from May 24 to October 11, 2009. Guided tours of the house are available Thursday through Sunday at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2 p.m.

For more information contact Jane Williamson at (802) 877-3406 or [rokeby@comcast.net](mailto:rokeby@comcast.net), or visit [www.rokeby.org](http://www.rokeby.org).

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**ADDISON.** Sunday Afternoon Specials. Activities and period games. Sunday afternoons, 2-4 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 7305 Rt 125. Admission. (802) 759-2412. [www.HistoricVermont.org/chimneypoint](http://www.HistoricVermont.org/chimneypoint). Elsa.Gilbertson@state.vt.us. *June 14 through October 11.*

**ADDISON.** History Program. Explore the French colonial past at Chimney Point. Second Saturdays 2-4 pm, June 13 through Oct 10. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 7305 Rt. 125. Admission. (802) 759-2412. [www.historicvermont.org/chimneypoint](http://www.historicvermont.org/chimneypoint). elsa.gilbertson@state.vt.us.

**BARRE.** Exhibits: Circus!, 12x12, and Etchings. Tues-Fri 10 am – 5 pm, Sat 12-4 pm. Studio Place Arts, 201 N. Main St. Free. (802) 479-7069. [www.studioplacearts.com](http://www.studioplacearts.com). info@studioplacearts.com. *June 16 through July 25.*

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Bellows Falls Farmers Market. Great farm products, ready-to-eat food and live music. Also honey, pizza, cut flowers, herbal mixes, perennial bedding plants and hanging baskets, apples, mushrooms, and pottery. Free. 4-7 pm at Visitors Center, Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce, 17 Depot St. (802) 387-6128. [bffarmersmarket.com](http://bffarmersmarket.com). *Fridays, May 15 - October 16.*

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Third Friday Art Walk. Stores and galleries in town and in the surrounding area host special exhibits and events. 5-8 pm. (802) 463-9404. [villagesquarebooks.com](http://villagesquarebooks.com). *Monthly on the third Friday.*

**BENNINGTON.** Bennington Battle Monument. Events include the Climb of Your Life, June 6th; reading of the Declaration of Independence and Fourth of July Celebration, July 4; and Bennington Battle Day, Aug 15 & 16 with an encampment and cannons ceremonies. The Monument and gift shop, located at 15 Monument Circle, are open 9 am - 5 pm daily through Oct 31. Admission \$2 adults, \$1 children 6–14, 5 and under are free. (802) 447-0550. [www.bennington.com](http://www.bennington.com). [www.historicvermont.org](http://www.historicvermont.org).

**BENNINGTON.** Exhibits. Small Works. Figurative, landscape, still lifes and city scenes, through Nov. 29. Art of the Animal Kingdom XIV, one of the country’s most prestigious wildlife exhibitions, June 13 through July 26. Spirits of the Serengeti—photography of Chris Dei, thru Aug. 10. Every day but Tues, 10 am - 5 pm. Bennington Center for the Arts, Rt 9 at Gypsy Ln. Adm. \$9. (802) 442-7158. [benningtoncenterforthearts.org](http://benningtoncenterforthearts.org). *Thru Nov 29.*

**BRANDON.** Chess Club and Dungeons & Dragons. Chess players of abilities welcome, 12:30 pm Sundays. D&D players, 2:30 pm Sundays. Briggs Carriage Bookstore, 16 Park St. (802) 247-0050. [briggscarriage.com](http://briggscarriage.com).

**BRANDON.** French Roundtable—Parlez-vous français? Everyone—any ability—is welcome. 9:30 am Saturday mornings. Briggs Carriage Bookstore, 16 Park St. (802) 247-0050. [www.briggscarriage.com](http://www.briggscarriage.com).

**BRANDON.** Farmer’s Market. In Brandon’s Central Park. Produce, breads, jams, honey, maple products, and crafts. *Fridays, 9 am - 2 pm, May - October.*

**BURLINGTON.** 26th Annual Discover Jazz Festival. Ten days of stellar, world-class performers including Branford Marsalis, Yusef Latef, Diana Krall, and more, in a mix of fancy or free concerts, dances, and events. Check out the website for a full schedule. (802) 863-7992. info@discoverjazz.com. [www.discoverjazz.com](http://www.discoverjazz.com). *Through June 14.*

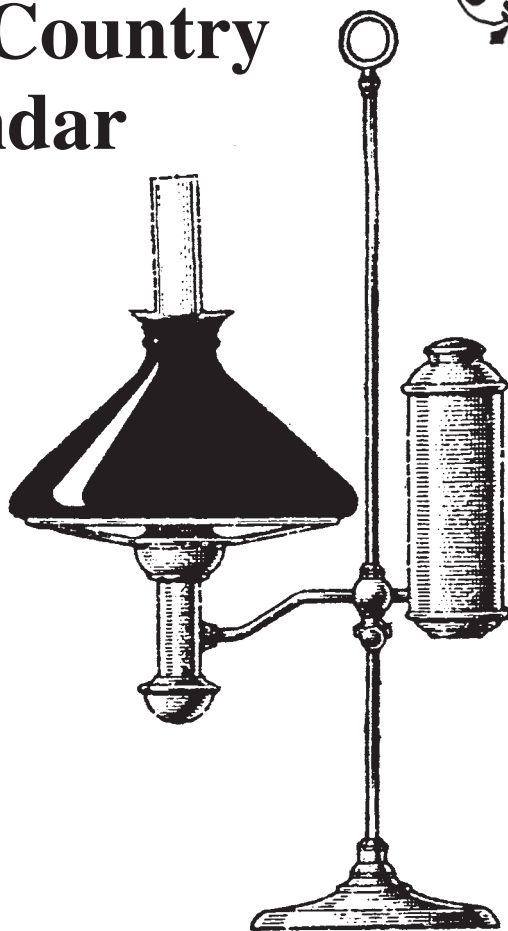
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**BRATTLEBORO.** Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. Open daily except Tues & Wed, 11 am - 5 pm. Exhibits: “Playing Around,” “lightpaintings,” and “Winter Thunder.” In Union Station at Main St. (Rt. 5) and junction of Rts. 119 and 142, downtown. Admission \$6 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 students, free for 5 and under. (802) 257-0124. [brattleboromuseum.org](http://brattleboromuseum.org).



**BRATTLEBORO.** Post Oil Solutions meets frequently and sponsors events with a mission to advance cooperative, sustainable communities in an age of global climate change and declining fossil fuels. Contact Tim Stevenson at info@postoilsolutions.org or [www.postoilsolutions.org](http://www.postoilsolutions.org).

**BURLINGTON.** First Friday Art Walk. Galleries, studios, and interesting venues all around town. See works in progress and finished works. Explore with a map. Free. 5-8 pm. (802) 264-4839. [www.artmapburlington.com](http://www.artmapburlington.com).

**BURLINGTON.** Exhibit: “Wind: Power & Play” explores and celebrates the aerodynamics through innovative interactive featuring a Hurricane Simulator and a dazzling collection of kites. Daily 10 am - 5 pm. \$7 children age 3 - 17, \$8 seniors (age 62+) and students with ID, \$9.50 adults age 18 - 61, children under 3 are free. ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center, One College Street. (802) 864-1848. [www.echovermont.org](http://www.echovermont.org). *May 16 through November 1.*

**CENTER RUTLAND.** The Center Rutland Railroad Depot Museum. See exhibits including HO & N scale model railroads. Photographs and prints. Open Thursdays from 6-8 pm. The museum is also available to educational groups and schools for tours by appointment. Rutland Railway Assoc., 79 Depot Ln. rra@rutlandrailway.org. [www.rutlandrailway.org](http://www.rutlandrailway.org).

**CHESTER.** Activities at Gassets Grange Hall. Bingo, refreshments on sale in the kitchen, every Thursday night 6:30–9 pm, doors open at 4:30 pm. Free Crochet lessons, everyone welcome, open to the public, Thursdays 2-4 pm, free refreshments and coffee, info: Bonnie, (802) 875-3500. Square Dance and Round with Arnie Stoddard, caller, the first Saturday every month from 7-11 pm. Bluegrass Open Mike Jam, the second Sunday every month from 1-4 pm with raffles and 50/50 drawing and refreshments on sale in the kitchen; donations at the door, info call Ted at (802) 259-2382. Community breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8-10 am, menu: bacon, sausage, eggs, home fries, pancakes, Vermont maple syrup, and beverages for \$5! Gassets Grange Hall, junction of Routes 10 and 103. For more information call Donna at (802) 228-3108.

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**DANVILLE.** Farmer’s Market—On the Green. Fresh veggies, Vermont-made products, crafts and more. Every Wednesday 9 am – noon, beginning June 3. Town Green. (802) 684-3352.

**EAST THETFORD.** Cedar Circle Farm and Education Center. A certified organic, fifty-acre vegetable and berry farm. Farmstand and pick-your-own, Hello Cafe with wireless internet, seasonal events. Open Mon–Sat 10 am – 6 pm, Sun 10 am – 5 pm. 225 Pavillion Rd off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. [growing@cedarcirclefarm.org](mailto:growing@cedarcirclefarm.org). [www.cedarcirclefarm.org](http://www.cedarcirclefarm.org). *Open thru Oct.*

**FAIR HAVEN.** Farmer’s Market held downtown in the park on the green. Plenty of vendors with a variety of fresh vegetables, canned jams, jellies, pickles and numerous hand-made crafts. Fridays, 3-6 pm, June-Oct. (802) 265-8600.

## Killington Music Festival Fourth Annual Garden Party

The Killington Music Festival will hold a Jazz & Garden Party on Sunday, June 14 at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Vicky and Bob Young in Proctor, VT.

Treat yourself to the music of The Green Brothers Band, champagne and wine, and tempting hors d’oeuvres created by chef Robert Barral of Café Provence.

This is an important annual fund-raiser for the Killington Music Festival. The Festival is the only resident classical music program in central Vermont. It brings faculty members from prestigious

conservatories and promising young musicians from around the world together for six weeks of study during the summer.

The faculty presents concerts open to the public Friday July 3rd and each Saturday night beginning July 11th through August 8th in Rams Head Lodge at Killington Resort.

*To make reservations for the garden party or for further information, please call the Killington Music Festival at (802) 773-4003. Tickets are \$100 per person.*

## CIA’s Haviland Smith Lectures At Rutland Free Library June 3

Haviland Smith, a 25 year veteran of the Central Intelligence Agency, will speak on “The Impact of the U.S. Invasion and Occupation of Iraq” on June 3 at 7 p.m. at the Rutland Free Library. The lecture is free.

Smith discusses ethnic rivalries, terrorism, oil supplies, Israel and Iran’s roles as well as future U.S. interests and policy options in the region.

Over the span of his CIA career Smith served as station chief in Prague, Berlin, Beirut, and Tehran. Upon his return to Washington he served as chief of the counterterrorism staff and executive assistant to the deputy director of central intelligence.

*For more information call the Rutland Free Library at (802) 773-1860 or e-mail [programs@rutlandfree.org](mailto:programs@rutlandfree.org).*

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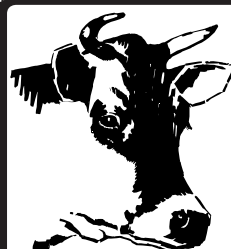
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(Ongoing events continued)

**FERRISBURGH.** Rokeby Museum, a National Historic Landmark, one of the best-documented Underground Railroad sites in the country. The farm was home to a family of Quakers, farmers, abolitionists, authors, and artists. Furnished house and outbuildings, exhibits, tours, hiking trails, and special events. House tours Thurs–Sun 11 am, 12:30 pm, 2 pm. Fee: \$6 adults, \$4 seniors/students, \$2 children 12 and under. Open Tues–Sun, 10 am – 4 pm. Grounds open year round during daylight. Rokeby Museum, Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. rokeby.org. *Mid-May - Mid-Oct.*

**FERRISBURGH.** The Elderberry Plants are Ready! Two cultivars, Coomer & Berry Hill, from the stock of Lewis Hill, are ready. The elderberry has a long history on the Vermont homestead, and is used for plant medicine, stream bed erosion control, food for birds. \$12/plant. Honey Gardens Apiaries, 2777 Rt. 7. Todd Hardie (802) 877-6766. www.honeygardens.com.

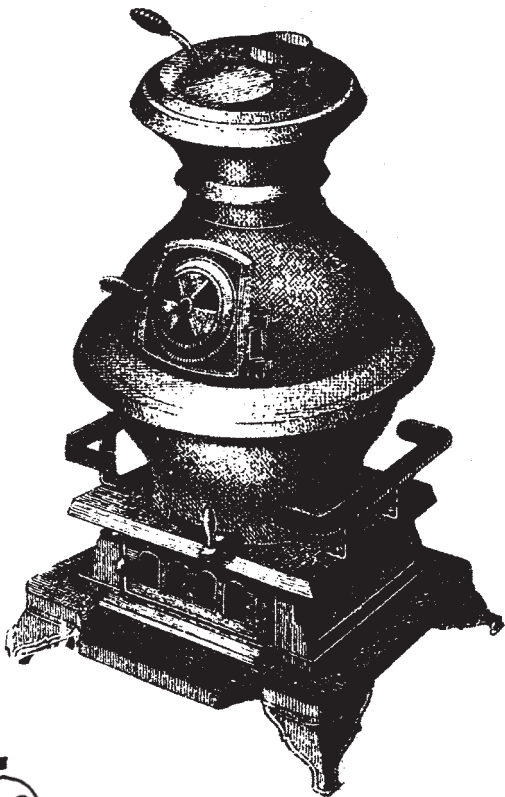
**LUDLOW.** Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts. Classes and workshops. For information or to request a catalog, contact (802) 228-8770. www.fletcherfarm.org.

**GRANVILLE, NY.** The Slate Valley Museum. Exhibits, events, demonstrations, programs, and gift shop. Open Tues thru Sat 10-5, Sun 1-4 pm. Admission \$5. Museum is downtown at 17 Water St. (518) 642-1417. www.slatevalleymuseum.org.

**GROTON.** Groton Growers Summer Market in the park. Saturdays 9 am – noon beginning June 20. Veterans Memorial Park. (802) 584-3595.

**HARDWICK.** Hardwick Farmers Market. Local produce, baked goods, crafts and more. Fridays through fall, 3-6 pm. Granite Junction, Rt. 15. (802) 472-5906.

**HARTLAND FOUR CORNERS.** River Excitement. Fishing trips and scenic & birding floats. 30 years of fly fishing experience and 15 years of guiding on the Upper Connecticut River. Safe, fun gondola-type McKenzie drift boat. Streamside lunches. Call for schedule, information, and reservations. (802) 457-4021.



**HUBBARDTON.** Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site. The only Revolutionary War battle fought entirely in Vermont. Bring your flag to be raised over the Hubbardton Battlefield and receive a certificate. Adults \$2, 14 and under free. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd, seven miles north of Rt 4. (802) 273-2282. www.historicvermont.org. chimneypoint@historicvermont.org. *Open late-May through mid-Oct.*

**ISLAND POND.** Island Pond Farmers Market. Fresh produce, locally made products, baked goods and more. Fridays through fall beginning June 19, noon - 4 pm. 640 Rt. 105. (802) 723-4046.

**LEBANON, NH.** ValleyNet Community Technology Center. 10-seat computer lab in the new Grafton County Senior Citizens Council building, Campbell St., downtown. Center is open for walk-ins 9 am - 4:30 pm, Mon-Fri. Free. (802) 649-2126.

**LEBANON, NH.** NorthEast Shakespeare Ensemble Performances. *Comedy of Errors*. June 18 – July 3, 8 pm. *Waiting for Godot*, June 24 – July 4, 8 pm. Tickets: \$30/\$16. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400.

**LEBANON, NH.** Listen Community Dinner. Free nutritious meals served from 5–5:30 pm every Tuesday and Thursday. At Sacred Heart Church on Hough St. (603) 448-4553.

**LYNDONVILLE.** Lyndonville Farmers Market. Fresh local vegetables, beef, milk, baked goods, maple syrup. Sundays through the fall, 11:30 am - 3 pm. 1000 Broad St. (802) 626-1400.

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Southern Vermont Tours. Explore the area's best-kept secrets with a local guide. 1-4 pm. Leave from the Chamber Information Booth, Rt. 7A, 5046 Main St. Fee. (802) 362-4997. bckrddisc@aol.com. backroaddiscovery.com. *Through Sept. 28.*

**MIDDLEBURY.** Exhibit. "Making Sense of Thomas Kinkade." Tues-Fri 10 am – 5 pm & Sat-Sun 12-5 pm. Mahaney Center for the Arts, Overbrook Gallery. Free admission. (802) 443-5235. museum.middlebury.edu/. *Through August 9.*

**MIDDLEBURY.** Exhibit. Pastoral Vermont: Paintings and Etchings of Luigi Lucioni. Tues-Fri 10 am - 5 pm & Sat-Sun 12-5 pm. Mahaney Center for the Arts. Free admission. (802) 443-5007. museum.middlebury.edu. *Through August 9.*

**MONTPELIER.** *Love, Isadora.* Playwright Rick Foster's tribute to the founder of modern dance, Isadora Duncan. Thurs 7 pm, Fri & Sat 8 pm, Sunday 7 pm, final Sunday at 2 pm. Lost Nation Theater, City Hall Arts Center, 39 Main St. For tickets please call (802) 229-0492. www.lostnationtheater.org. *Through June 14.*

**MONTPELIER.** *Deathtrap.* Ira Levin's comic thriller tingles the spine and tickles the funny bone. Thurs 7 pm, Fri & Sat 8 pm, Sun 7 pm, except final Sunday at 2 pm. Lost Nation Theater, City Hall Arts Center, 39 Main St. For tickets please call (802) 229-0492. www.lostnationtheater.org. *June 25 through July 12.*

**MONTPELIER.** Library Book Sale. Thousands of books at reasonable prices, organized by subject. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, 135 Main St. Open Mon–Thur 10 am – 8 pm, Fri & Sat 10 am – 5:30 pm. (802) 223-3338. www.kellogghubbard.org. info@kellogghubbard.org. *June 15 - July 11.*

**NEWPORT.** Newport Farmers Market. Fresh produce, baked goods, crafts. Every Wed and Sat through the fall, beginning June 24, 9 am - 2 pm. On the causeway between the Gazebo and the COC Information Center. (802) 754-9496.

**ORWELL.** Mount Independence State Historic Site. In 1776, this military complex was one of the largest communities in North America. 300 acres of pasture, woodlands, spectacular vistas of Lake Champlain and trails, some wheelchair accessible. Visitor's Center and Museum with archaeological artifacts. Open daily 9:30 am – 5 pm. Admission: adults \$5, children 14 and under free. On Mount Independence Rd., off Rt. 73. (802) 948-2000. www.historicvermont.org. *Open late-May through mid-Oct.*

**PITTSFORD.** New England Maple Museum. Tour through Vermont's famous Maple Industry and visit our gift shop. Open daily 8:30 am - 5:30 pm. On Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. www.maplemuseum.com.

**POULTNEY.** Poultney Farmers' Market. Fresh Vermont produce, baked goods, maple syrup, crafts and more! Thursdays, 9 am to 2 pm along Main Street. June through October. (802) 325-3202.

**QUECHEE.** Vermont Institute of Natural Science Nature Center. Live animal programs daily. Exhibits, special events, gift shop. Admission. VINS Nature Center, 6565 Woodstock Rd., 1/4 mile west of the Quechee Gorge on Rt. 4. (802) 359-5000. www.vinsweb.org. *May 23 to Sept. 7.*

**RUTLAND.** WalkRutland. Get out and get your exercise with friends and neighbors in volunteer-led groups. Lots of great locations and convenient schedules. Call for the schedule in your town or to volunteer. (802) 775-0555, www.WalkRutland.com.

**RUTLAND.** Himalayan Salt Cave. Come relax in the only public Himalayan Salt Cave in North America. Mon–Fri 10 am – 8 pm, Sat & Sun 10 am – 6 pm. \$10. Pyramid Holistic Wellness Center, 120 Merchants Row. Reservations. (802) 775-8080. www.pyramidvt.com.

**RUTLAND.** Arthop. Gallery openings, demonstrations, entertainment, food and fun all around downtown. 5-8 pm, every 2nd Friday of the month.

**RUTLAND.** The Rutland County Farmers' Market. Saturdays 9 am - 2 pm, Tuesdays 3-6 pm from May-October. Vegetables, fruits, eggs, cheese, honey, maple syrup, cut flowers, herbs, annuals, perennials, baked goods, specialty foods, sauces, jams, jellies, and pickled veggies. Arts and crafts. Downtown in the park by Wal-Mart. Call Judy for more info (802) 773-4813.

**RUTLAND.** Seward's "Cruise-In." Join us for a nostalgic summer evening of cars, ice cream, and memories of the good old days. 6 pm till dark in the parking lot at Seward Family Restaurant and Ice Cream, 224 N. Main St. (802) 773-2738. *2nd and 4th Tuesdays through mid-Sept.*

**SAXTONS RIVER.** Main St. Arts. Workshops and classes for adults, teens, and children. Something for every interest. (802) 869-2960. www.mainstreetarts.org.

**SHELBURNE.** Shelburne Farms. Welcome Center, Farm, and Farm Store. Family programs, workshops, events. Open year round 10 am – 5 pm. Enjoy eight miles of walking trails in woodlands and meadows. Walkers, check in with the Welcome Center. Admission. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org.

**SOUTH LONDONDERRY.** Visit Anjali Farms, growing Certified Organic heirloom vegetables, culinary and medicinal herbs. Lots of beautiful produce and Lotus Moon Medicinals. The farm stand is open May through Oct, Wed to Sat 10 am – 6 pm, some Sundays. Anjali Farms, 395 Middletown Rd. off Rt. 100. (802) 824-4658. www.anjalifarms.com.

**SPRINGFIELD.** Eleanor Ellis Springweather Nature Area. Overlooks North Springfield Lake. Trails meander through 70 acres of fields and forests, and provide many opportunities to enjoy the natural world. Reservoir Rd, off Rt 106 (Exit 7, I-91), turn at the sign for North Springfield Lake. Free to the public. (802) 263-5321. www.weathersfieldvt.org.

**SPRINGFIELD.** Stellafane. A place and an organization devoted to amateur astronomy, founded by Russell W. Porter in 1923, and considered by many to be the "Birthplace of Amateur Telescope Making." Home to The Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc., an active amateur astronomy and telescope-making club that sponsors many events, classes, activities, and a convention. Something for all levels. For more information write the Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc., PO Box 601, Springfield, VT 05156. Webmaster@Stellafane.com. www.stellafane.com.

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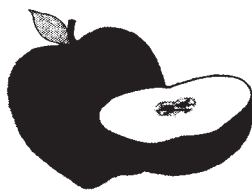
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**SPRINGFIELD.** Shape Note Singing. Come and Join us. 7 pm on the first and third Fridays at Pat and Walt Colteryahn’s, 8 Lincoln St. For more information please call (802) 885-9521.

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** First Wednesdays Lecture Series at 7 pm. Also seminars, exhibits, writers’ group, scrabble club. St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main St. Free. (802) 748-8291. [www.stjathenaeum.org](http://www.stjathenaeum.org). [igelber@stjathenaeum.org](mailto:igelber@stjathenaeum.org).

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** St Johnsbury Caledonia Farmers Market. Homemade baked goods, fruits & veggies, crafts and more. Saturdays though fall, 9 am - 1 pm. Downtown St. Johnsbury. (802) 626-8396.

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Exhibit: Carolyn Guest—Polish Folk Art of Wycinanki (vee-chee-non-kee) or paper cutting. Carolyn worked with sheep shearing shears in tribute to her Polish teachers and the Polish women who only had sheep shears with which to cut. 1-6 pm, Mon-Fri. Catamount Arts Center, 115 Eastern Ave. (802) 748-2600. [www.catamountarts.com](http://www.catamountarts.com). *June 1-30.*

**TINMOUTH.** Contra Dance every fourth Friday of the month. Admission \$8, \$6 for teens, \$3 for children 5-12, under 5 free. Refreshments available. 8 pm at Tinmouth Community Center, Rt. 140, 5 miles west of Wallingford. For info or directions call (802) 446-2928. [Tinmouthvt.org](http://Tinmouthvt.org).

**WAITSFIELD.** Green Mountain Opera Festival. A three-week festival featuring open rehearsals and master classes plus “The Marriage of Figaro” at the Barre Opera House, June 19, 21. Other events May 29 – June 21 at Joslin Round Barn, 1661 East Warren Rd. (802) 496-7722. [www.greenmountainoperafestival.com](http://www.greenmountainoperafestival.com).

**WEATHERSFIELD.** Weathersfield Trail, Cascade Falls Rd. Of four hiking trails that go to the summit of Mt. Ascutney, the Weathersfield Trail is probably the most scenic. Highlights include Little Cascade Falls (.04 miles), Crystal Cascade Falls (an 84 foot high waterfall at 1.1 miles), Gus’s Lookout and the West Peak Vista where hang gliders launch from in the summer. Great observation platform on the summit for hikers. For more information contact Rick White, VT Dept. of Forest, Parks and Recreation at (802) 886-2215. [www.weathersfieldvt.org](http://www.weathersfieldvt.org).

**WESTMINSTER.** Homemade soup and bread. Every Wednesday noon to 2 pm at the First Congregational Church on Route 5 in Westminster. The simple meal is free, with donations accepted. (802) 722- 4148.

**WEST NEWBURY.** Eastern Dance. Traditional singing squares, waltzes, polkas, foxtrots, two-steps, Virginia Reel, Portland Fancy, Paul Jones, others. With Adam Boyce, fiddler/caller. 8 pm at the Community Hall on Tyler Farm Rd. (802) 484-7719 or [adamrboyce@juno.com](mailto:adamrboyce@juno.com). *Fourth Saturdays.*

**WEST RUTLAND.** Free Financial Fitness Classes by NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont. Topics covered include: Basic Budgeting, Using a Checkbook, Saving and Investing, Borrowing Basics, Credit, and Renting in Vermont. Call to find out the dates of topics that interest you. 3-5 pm Thursdays at the NeighborWorks office at 110 Marble St. (802) 438-2303 x 216.

**WEST RUTLAND.** Reiki Experience. Classes at 11 am with Sylvie Lio and open-share healings at 3 pm. All are welcome. Vermont Herbal General Store, 518 Main St. (802) 438-2766. [info@vermontherbal.com](mailto:info@vermontherbal.com). [www.vermontherbal.com](http://www.vermontherbal.com). *The last Sunday of each month.*

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** “Appreciate Your Life,” Shambhala Buddhist meditation practice and discussion on Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30 pm. Shambhala Meditation Center of White River, 158 South Main St. Call (802) 785-4304 for information. [whiteriver.shambhala.org](http://whiteriver.shambhala.org).

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Listen Community Dinner. Free nutritious meals served 5:15-5:45 pm every Monday and Wednesday, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 749 Hartford Ave. For information call (603) 448-4553.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Second Hand Rose Shop at the United Methodist Church, 106 Gates St. is open Wednesdays from noon to 3 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm.

**WINDSOR.** Exhibit—“Woman’s Work: The Artistry of the Women of the Cornish Colony.” Tues-Sat 10 am - 4:30 pm. Cornish Colony Museum (in the 1920s Firehouse), 147 Main St. Admission. (802) 674-6011. [www.tourwindsorvermont.com](http://www.tourwindsorvermont.com). [info@cornishcolonymuseum.org](mailto:info@cornishcolonymuseum.org), [tourwindsorvt@gmail.com](mailto:tourwindsorvt@gmail.com). *Through October 26.*

**WINDSOR.** Old Constitution House State Historic Site. The restored Old Constitution House looks as it did more than 200 years ago. See an exhibit recounting the writing of the most progressive constitution of its time. Open 11 am – 5 pm, Sat–Sun. Admission: adults \$2.50, children 14 & under are free. 16 N. Main St. (802) 672-3773. [www.historicvermont.org](http://www.historicvermont.org). *Late May through Mid-October.*

**WINDSOR.** American Precision Museum. Peruse many historical and interesting exhibits and collections. Admission. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm, May 23 through Oct 31. 196 Main St. (802) 674-5781. [www.americanprecision.org](http://www.americanprecision.org).

**WINDSOR.** Cider Hill Gardens and Gallery. Meander through mature display gardens nestled within a wild apple orchard, woodlands, and fields. See herbs, unusual perennials, special collections of primroses, wildflowers, woodlanders, peonies, daylilies, and hostas. View Gary Milek’s botanical prints and other paintings in the gallery. Special events. Free admission. Open daily 10 am - 6 pm. 1747 Hunt Rd., 2-1/2 miles from the traffic light in the center of town. For info call (800) 232-4337. [flowers@ciderhillgardens.com](mailto:flowers@ciderhillgardens.com). [www.ciderhillgardens.com](http://www.ciderhillgardens.com). [www.garymilek.com](http://www.garymilek.com).

**WOODSTOCK.** Billings Farm & Museum. Premiere Jersey dairy farm. Tour the barns, the 1890 Farm House, and exhibits! 10 am – 5 pm. Adults \$11; over 62 \$10; children 5–15 \$6; 3–4 \$3; 2 & under free. Located 1/2 mile north of the Woodstock village green on Rt 12. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).

**WOODSTOCK.** First Run Movies at the Woodstock Town Hall Theatre. Old-fashioned movie-going experience, with state-of-the-art Dolby Digital sound system and the largest movie screen in the Upper Valley! Fri-Mon, 7:30 pm. Adult \$7, senior \$6, under 12, \$5. (802) 457-3981. [www.pentanglearts.org](http://www.pentanglearts.org).

**WOODSTOCK.** Hand-in-Hand Community Meal. All are welcome. Free, donations accepted. Every Thursday, 5-7 pm in the Social Hall of the Unitarian Church, 7 Church St. (802) 457-9272.

## FRIDAY, MAY 15

**LUDLOW.** Rummage Sale. 10 am - 4 pm. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, 611 Route 103 South. Admission. (802) 228-3663. [www.brgn.org](http://www.brgn.org). *Through May 17.*

**PITTSFIELD.** Letters to Vermont. Letters to the Rutland Herald recount the experiences of Vermont soldiers during the Civil War. 7 pm. Town Hall (upstairs). Free. (802) 746-8157.

## SATURDAY, MAY 16

**BARRE.** Walk/Run for Animals. Supports the Central Vermont Humane Society. 9 am - 12 pm. Knights of Columbus, Pine Hill Rd. Donation. (802) 476-3811. [www.cvhumane.com](http://www.cvhumane.com). [info@cvhumane.com](mailto:info@cvhumane.com).

**BURLINGTON.** Kids Day Festival. Vermont’s largest children’s festival. Burlington Waterfront Park. Admission. (802) 864-0123. [www.enjoyburlington.com](http://www.enjoyburlington.com).

**JAMAICA.** Sixth Annual Jamaica Fiber Festival. Enjoy sheep shearing, spinning, weaving, demonstrations, live music, food and more. 10 am – 4 pm. downtown in Jamaica Village, Rt. 30. Free. (802) 874-7201. [www.JamaicaFiberFestival.org](http://www.JamaicaFiberFestival.org).



**WASHINGTON.** Lambs & Family Felting. 1-4 pm. Grand View Farm, 1638 Scales Hill Rd. Admission. (802) 685-4693. [www.grandviewfarmvt.net](http://www.grandviewfarmvt.net). [kinggoodling@yahoo.com](mailto:kinggoodling@yahoo.com).

## SUNDAY, MAY 17

**ASCUTNEY.** Annual Spring Car Race—Sports Car Club of New Hampshire. Mt. Ascutney State Park. (802) 241-3655. [www.vtstateparks.com](http://www.vtstateparks.com). [parks@state.vt.us](mailto:parks@state.vt.us). *Through May 18.*

**CHESTER.** Misty Valley Books presents naturalist Bernd Heinrich. He will discuss his newest book, *Summer World*. 2 pm. First Universalist Church on Rt. 103 North. (802) 875-3400. [www.mvbooks.com](http://www.mvbooks.com).

**SHELburne.** Lilac and Gardening Sunday. A celebration of spring featuring Shelburne Museum’s 400-plus lilacs. Admission. Shelburne Museum, 5555 Shelburne Rd. (802) 985-3346. [www.shelburnemuseum.com](http://www.shelburnemuseum.com). [info@shelburnemuseum.org](mailto:info@shelburnemuseum.org).

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

**BRATTLEBORO.** “Building Sustainable Communities” Forum: Gleaning in Windham County. Post Oil Solutions will host Vermont Foodbank’s Theresa Snow, Free. Refreshments. 7 pm. Room 2 East, Marlboro College Grad Center, 28 Vernon St. (802) 869-2141. [www.postoilsolutions.org](http://www.postoilsolutions.org).

**MANCHESTER.** Green Mountain Club Work Hike: meet at Rt. 11/30 parking lot for the Long Trail, bring hoe or shovel, pruning saw, and work gloves. Clean water bars and cut blowdowns on the Long Trail from Rt. 11/30 to the summit of Bromley. Sponsored by the Manchester Section of the GMC. Leader: Marge Fish (802) 824-3662. [www.gmcmanchester.net](http://www.gmcmanchester.net).

**WEST RUTLAND.** Afternoon Bird Walk at Pine Hill Park. Meet at the information kiosk behind the Giorgetti Athletic Complex at 4:30 pm. For more information contact Tracey Busony at (802) 770-4443.

## THURSDAY, MAY 21

**BENNINGTON.** Annual John Dostal Lilac Walk. Honor the memory of John Dostal, the man who planted lilac bushes all over Bennington. Meet at Carmody’s on Main St. at 5:30, walk to the Veteran’s home to view lilacs in bloom, then return to Carmody’s for dinner. Sponsored by Bennington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Non-members welcome. Free. Leader: Tim Marr, (802) 442-3469, [hauptmarr@comcast.net](mailto:hauptmarr@comcast.net).



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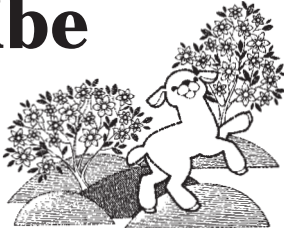
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**BRANDON.** Book & Author Event: Peggy Armitage—*Around Pittsford*, a photographic history of Pittsford, Chittenden, and Proctor, is part of Arcadia Publishing's *Images of America* series, and contains more than 170 images—many of which have never before been published. 7 pm. Upstairs at the Ball & Chain Café, Briggs Carriage Bookstore, 16 Park Street. (802) 247-0050. briggs-carriage.com. info@briggs-carriage.com.

**RUTLAND.** Rutland Youth Theatre presents *Seussical, JR.* May 21 & 23 at 7:30 pm, May 24 at 2 pm. Paramount Theatre. Tickets \$7-\$10. (802) 775-0903. paramountlive.org.

## FRIDAY, MAY 22

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Bellows Falls Farmers Market. A vibrant community market with great farm products, ready-to-eat food and live music. Visitors Center—Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce, 17 Depot Street. Free. (802) 463-3669. bellowsfallsmarket@gmail.com. www.bffarmersmarket.com. *Fridays, 4-7 pm.*

**BRANDON.** Concert: John Bryant—Pianist. Ragtime to Rachmaninoff, from blues to Beethoven, from lullabies to Liszt, and perhaps a little Vince Guaraldi. 7 pm. Upstairs at the Ball & Chain Café, Briggs Carriage Bookstore, 16 Park Street. (802) 247-0050. www.briggs-carriage.com.

**BRATTLEBORO.** Live Music by Shingle the Roof. 11 am – 1 pm at the Brattleboro Farmer's Market on Rt. 9 www.brattleborofarmersmarket.com.

**FAYSTON.** Farm Workshop: Lambing on Pasture with Helen Whybrow. Our purebred Icelandic ewes live outside year-round, deliver their lambs in the field, and are an incredible low-maintenance asset to our farm. Co-sponsored by the Mad River Valley Localvore Project. Fee: \$10 per person. 4-6 pm at the Center for Whole Communities, Knoll Farm at 700 Bragg Hill Rd. (802) 496-5690. info@wholecommunities.org. www.wholecommunities.org.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Festival of Music culminating with *The Barber of Seville*. Town Hall Theater, 68 South Pleasant St. For tickets call (802) 382-9222. www.ocmvermont.org. *Through June 11.*

**NORWICH.** Contra Dance with Ruth Sylvester (caller) and Cuckoo's Nest (musicians) with guests Thal Aylward and Ken Sweeney. 8 pm at Tracy Hall. Sponsored by Muskeg Music. (802) 785-4607, rbarrows@cs.dartmouth.edu.

**RUTLAND.** Performance: Comedian Andrew Dice Clay. 2 pm and 8 pm. Paramount Theatre. Tickets: \$40-\$50. (802) 775-0903. paramountlive.org.

**RANDOLPH.** Showcase: The Next Generation. Exceptional young talent. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. For tickets call (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org.

**TINMOUTH.** Contra Dance. Music by the Cold River Band. All ages, all dances are taught. Bring clean soft-soled shoes. \$8 adults, \$6 teens. 8-11 pm. Tinmouth Community Center, 473 Route 140. (802) 236-2718.

**WATERBURY CENTER.** Annual Tag Sale at Waterbury Center Community Church. 9 am - 4 pm. Lots of great bargains. Refreshments. Waterbury Center Community Church, Route 100. Free admission. (802) 244-8089. bbtravelers@aol.com. *Through May 25.*

## SATURDAY, MAY 23

**STATEWIDE.** The Vermont Crafts Council 17th Annual Open Studio Weekend. More than 285 Vermont artists and craftspeople invite the public to visit them working in their studios. Glass blowers, jewelers, printmakers, potters, furniture makers, weavers, ironworkers, painters, sculptors, quilt makers and wood carvers. Free map/booklet with directions available at galleries, and by calling (802) 223-3380. www.vermontcrafts.com. *Also May 24.*

**BARRE.** Cody Michaels—Solo Piano. Vermont piano soloist and composer's exhilarating sound tapestries celebrate nature and the human spirit. 7-9 pm. Barre Universalist Church, 19 Church Street. Donation. (802) 479-0114. www.codymichaels.com.

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Hungrytown in Concert. Stone Church Arts, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. Admission. (802) 463-3100. www.immanuelepiscopal.org.

**BELMONT.** Baked Ham Supper. Menu: baked Ham with all the fixings and home baked pies for dessert. At the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont with settings starting at 5 pm and 6 pm. Served family style. Admission \$10 adults and \$5 children 11 years and under. For more information call (802) 259-2679.

**BELVIDERE JUNCTION.** Trail Work Walk-Through. Clear blow-downs and trim branches over Laraway Mountain. 4.8 miles. Bring gloves, lunch, water and branch clippers. Sponsored by the Laraway Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Non-members welcome. Leader: Bruce Bushey, (802) 893-2146, BrBushey@comcast.net.

**BENNINGTON.** 24th Annual Mayfest Arts & Crafts Festival. Main Street becomes a pedestrian-only thoroughfare with artisans and entertainers. 10 am - 5 pm. Free. (802) 442-5758. admin@betterbennington.com. www.betterbennington.com.

**BETHEL.** 3rd Annual Bethel Postcard & History Fair. Postcards, books, ephemera, sports memorabilia, old item evaluations, exhibits, stamp dealers. "Antiques Road Show" style appraisals. Flea market. The United States Postal Service will operate a temporary Post Office station on site to cancel mail or other collectibles, special cancellation featuring Civil War Gen. Stephen Thomas. Food available. Hosted by The Bethel Historical Society. 9 am - 3 pm. Whitcomb High School, Pleasant St. Free admission. (802) 234-5064.

**CASTLETON.** Bird Mountain Hike. Climb to a sweeping view atop a spectacular cliff on Bird Mountain (aka Birdseye) in Castleton. Moderate, 3 to 4 miles with some steep pitches and a little bush-whacking. 9 am. Sponsored by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Non-members welcome. Leader: Tom Cops, (802) 770-9394.

**CUTTINGSVILLE.** Spring Plant and Bake Sale. 9 am to 2 pm. Rain or shine. On the lawn of the Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum on Rt. 103.

**DERBY.** First Annual Kingdom Dandelion Run. To some, there is nothing more beautiful than the sight of uncut green fields blanketed with thousands and thousands of dandelions in May. It's time to run! A 13.1 half-marathon for runners of all ages and abilities. Walkers welcome on a five-mile course. To register contact call (802) 334-8511. run@orleansrecreation.org. www.dandelionrun.org.

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** 24th Annual EBPA Memorial Day Parade. Begins at 10 am at Champlain Valley Exposition, and down Lincoln St. Free. (802) 878-4088.

**ESSEX.** Book and Author Event: Beloved New Yorker cartoonist, cover artist, and children's illustrator Harry Bliss will present his newest book. Phoenix Books and Cafe at Essex Shoppes and Cinema, 21 Essex Way #407. Free. (802) 872-7111. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

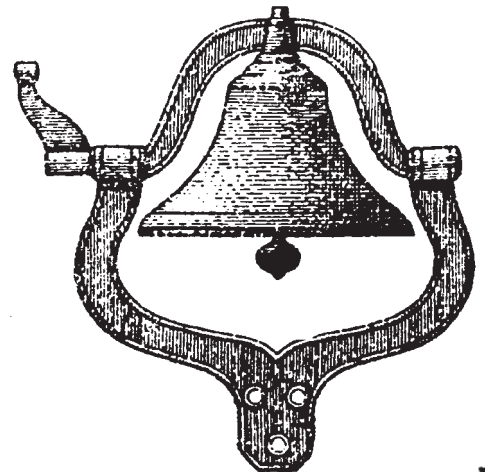
**FAIR HAVEN.** Memorial Day Parade & Spring Fling. On the town green. Crafters, children's games, flea market vendor, and more!

**JERICHO.** 16th Annual Jericho-Underhill Open Studio Tour. 19 local artists open their studios for sales and demonstrations. 9 am - 5 pm. Free admission. For information contact the Emile Gruppe Gallery, 22 Barber Farm Rd. (802) 899-3211. www.emilegruppegallery.com. ealexander22@yahoo.com. *Through May 24.*

**MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS.** "Silent Movie Night" featuring "The Battle of the Silent Stars: Charlie vs. Buster!" Leslie Klami accompanies the film with live piano music. On the green at 7 pm. Come dressed as your favorite silent movie star! Free admission, all welcome.

**MOUNT HOLLY.** The Mount Holly Town Library and Community Yard Sale. 10 am to 4 pm. (802) 259-3707.

**NORTH TROY.** Open Studio Weekend at the Wooden Horse Arts Guild. 10 am - 5 pm. Rose Apple Acres Farm, 721 East Hill. (802) 988-4300. camilla@woodenhorsearts.com. www.woodenhorsearts.com. *Through May 24.*



## Advice on Helping Imperiled Bats

Citizen reports to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department indicate that bats affected with white nose syndrome continue to die as they leave their areas of hibernation to reach their summer ranges.

White nose syndrome, named after the fungus that can appear on a bat's muzzle, has been documented in many caves and mines in Vermont and other states. Officials have identified a new, cold-loving fungus associated with the affected bats.

"We were hoping a majority of the bats that survived the winter and emerged from their caves would regain their health after feeding on insects this spring," said Scott Darling, wildlife biologist for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. "However, the many observations of dead or dying bats from the public

demonstrates that the effects of white nose syndrome are still being felt."

Bats affected with white nose syndrome lost much of their fat reserves during the winter, and many were seen flying during the day, struggling on the ground, and dying on lawns, decks and houses.

"The bats are now returning to their summer range," explains Darling, "which is why reports of bats flying during the day and dying are more geographically widespread. It is not unusual for bats to be seen flying during the day in the spring as the animals feed to build up their energy reserves. However, the number of dead or dying bats being found at residences is unusual."

Dead or sick bats should not be handled because a small percentage of them

may carry rabies. Darling says it is far more likely they are affected by white nose syndrome. To date, 650 bats were tested and only one had rabies.

To assist in the monitoring of the disease, the department is asking for citizen reports of sightings of dead or dying bats, as well as unusual observations of bats flying in the daytime. People are asked to report their observations on-line by visiting the department's website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com and clicking on the Sick-acting Bat Citizen Report Form.

Citizens not having access to the internet can call (802) 786-0055 to report the information.

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is working closely with other state agencies and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as well as several wildlife health laboratories to determine the cause and possible management strategies for white nose syndrome.




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**SOUTH HERO.** C.I.D.E.R. Apple Blossom Book and Bake Sale. Over 10,000 books sorted by genre, tasty baked goods, and a silent auction of antiques & collectibles. 9 am - 4 pm. Hackett's Orchard, 86 South St. Free. (802) 372-6425. cidervt.org. *Through May 24.*

**VERGENNES.** Blacksmith Hammer-In Day—Blacksmithing Festival. 10 am - 5 pm. The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd, adjacent to Basin Harbor Club. Admission. (802) 475-2022. www.lcmm.org. chrism@lcmm.org.

**W. BRATTLEBORO.** Backyard Chicken Raising Workshop. Sponsored by Post Oil Solutions. Led by Bekah Murchison. The fee is a \$10/\$15 sliding scale. 10 am - 12 pm. At Fair Winds Farm. Call to reserve a place. (802) 869-2141. www.postoilsolutions.org.

**WARDSBORO.** From Our Garden to Yours—Annual Plant Sale. Affordable prices, garden goods raffle, bake sale. 9 am. Wardsboro Town Common, Main St & Rt 100. Free. (802) 896-3416. www.friendsofwardsborolibrary.org. info@friendsofwardsborolibrary.org. *Through May 24.*

**WILLIAMSTOWN.** Memorial Day Parade. 12 noon along Rt. 14. Afterwards, fun-filled events across from Pump N Pantry! Music, BBQ at 4 pm, Silent auction, bands, and more. Come spend a great day! williamstownvt.org.

**WINDSOR.** Memorial Day Weekend Plant & Print Sale. Herb and vegetable plants and Gary Milek's prints. Free admission. Open daily 10 am - 6 pm. Cider Hill Gardens and Gallery, 1747 Hunt Rd., 2-1/2 miles from the traffic light in the center of town. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. www.ciderhillgardens.com. www.garymilek.com. *Sale through May 25.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Annual Sheep Shearing Weekend. Join us for the shearing of the Southdown flock. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm and Museum. Rt 12 North and River Rd. Admission. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. info@billingsfarm.org. *Also May 24.*

## SUNDAY, MAY 24

**STATEWIDE.** The Vermont Crafts Council 17th Annual Open Studio Weekend. More than 285 Vermont artists and craftspeople invite the public to visit them working in their studios. Glass blowers, jewelers, printmakers, potters, furniture makers, weavers, ironworkers, painters, sculptors, quilt makers and wood carvers. Free map/booklet with directions available at galleries, and by calling (802) 223-3380. www.vermontcrafts.com.

**BARTON.** W. Glover Congregational Church Benefit Day. Equine gymkhana, log sled tractor pull, and horse and pony pull at the Orleans County Fairgrounds starting at 9 am. Gate admission \$5, children 12 and under free. Food on the grounds. For information contact Dave Hathaway at (802) 525-3084.

**BROOKFIELD.** Bike Ride. Moderate. 20 miles. Meet and bike from Brookfield Floating Bridge to Randolph Center. Rte. 66 to Rte. 14, north of Rte. 14 to Rte. 65, uphill to starting point. Helmet required. Meet at 10 am. Sponsored by the Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Non-members welcome. Leader: Fred Jordan, (802) 223-3935, jordan29fn@msn.com.

**FAIR HAVEN.** Free Concert & Dance. With The Bluebillies, Hartford, NY's own classic country band. 2-5 pm at Fairwood Lanes Again, 801 S. Main St. (Rte 22A). (802) 265-7900. thebluebillies@gmail.com.

**FERRISBURGH.** Opening Day Exhibit—Quakers and Slavery. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt 7. (802) 877-3406. www.rokeby.org. rokeby@comcast.net.

**NORTH BENNINGTON.** May Music Festival. 10 am - 7 pm. Historic Park-McCullough House, One Park St. Admission. (802) 442-5441. info@parkmccullough.org.

**NORWICH.** Craft Fair—Handmade Vermont Arts & Crafts. 10 am - 3 pm, rain or shine. Rt 5, one mile south of exit 13 off I-91. Free. (802) 436-1427. www.norwichfarmersmarket.org. dvfalls@mac.com.

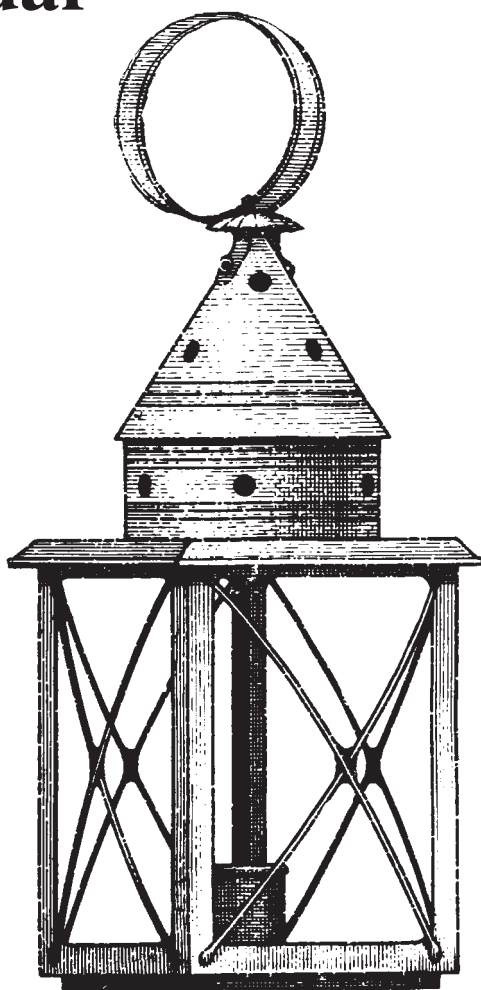
**PUTNEY.** Twilight Music Concert Series: Antje Duvekot, Ellis Paul and Anais Mitchell. Singer/songwriter folk-fest. At Landmark College's Greenhoe Theatre. 7:30 pm. Admission. www.twilightmusic.org, www.brattleboro-tix.com. (802) 254-9276.

**RICHMOND.** Spring Trail Work. Clear the Long Trail or side trails. 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. 4 to 10 miles. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Non-members welcome. Leaders: Pam Gillis & John Sharp, (802) 879-1457. pgillis@us.ibm.com.

**WILMINGTON.** The Great Duck Race. One of the valley's most beloved traditions. Downtown, Rt 9 & 100N. (802) 464-5618. www.visitvermont.com.

## MONDAY, MAY 25

**HUBBARDTON.** Memorial Day Remembrance. Tribute to the soldiers of Hubbardton. 12 noon. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. Admission. (802) 273-2282. www.historicvermont.org. elsa.gilson@state.vt.us.



**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Memorial Day Parade. Parade 11 am. Community cookout & potluck 12:30-2:30 pm. Athletic field across from Manchester Elementary School. Free food and entertainment! For more information contact (802) 362-5079. manchesterparade@comcast.net.

**POULTNEY.** Memorial Day Parade. 10:30 am starting from Stewart Shops and continuing up Main St. (802) 287-5227.

**VERGENNES.** Memorial Day Parade. Bring your lawn chair and watch Vermont's largest Memorial Day parade! Along Main Street. For more info contact the American Legion at (802) 877-3216.

## TUESDAY, MAY 26

**BURLINGTON.** Song and Dance—William Tilley, string bass and Melody Puller, piano. 12-1 pm. Cathedral Church of St Paul, 2 Cherry Street. Free. (802) 864-0471. stpaulscathedralvt.org. info@CathedralArts.org.

**MONTPELIER.** Author Appearance: Writer Laurel Neme's new book *Animal Investigators* describes the scientific methods used by the world's only forensic lab dedicated to solving animal crimes. Bear Pond Books, 77 Main St. 7 pm. Free. (802) 229-0774. bearpondbooks.com.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

**PERU.** Work Day on the Long Trail. Meet at 8:30 at Hapgood Store in Peru, bring hoe or shovel, pruning saw, and work gloves to clean water bars and cut blowdowns on the Long Trail. Sponsored by the Manchester Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Non-members welcome. Leader: Marge Fish (802) 824-3662, marge.fish@gmail.com. www.gmcmanchester.net.

## THURSDAY, MAY 28

**BRANDON.** Book & Author Event—Donald Thompson: *Lake Bomoseen: The Story of Vermont's Largest Little-Known Lake*. Spend an evening learning the history of the lake. 7 pm. Upstairs at the Ball & Chain Café, Briggs Carriage Bookstore, 16 Park Street. (802) 247-0050. info@briggscarriage.com. www.briggscarriage.com.

**RUTLAND.** The Power of Positive Energy: Solarfest Benefit Concert. Blues legend John Hammond will perform with special guest Kaitlin Canty. Tickets \$25. 7:30 pm. Lobby opens at 6:30 with displays and information. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0570. info@solarfest.org. www.solarfest.org. www.paramountlive.org.

## FRIDAY, MAY 29

**BRANDON.** Concert: Extra Stout. Lively Irish music. 7 pm. Upstairs at the Ball & Chain Café, Briggs Carriage Bookstore, 16 Park St. (802) 247-0050. www.briggscarriage.com. www.extrastoutband.com.

**BRATTLEBORO.** Concert: Violinist Leila Josefowicz, Pianist John Novacek. 8 pm. Centre Congregational Church, Main Street. For tickets call (802) 257-4523. info@bmcvt.org. www.bmcvt.org.

**RUTLAND.** The Power of Positive Energy: Solarfest Benefit Screening. *The 11th Hour*, a documentary film by Leonardo DiCaprio, offers data on global warming and wide-ranging solutions. A "Trashion Show" will be presented prior to the film. 7:30 pm. Lobby opens at 6:30 with displays and information. Tickets \$10/\$5. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center Street. (802) 775-0570. www.solarfest.org.

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**SHELDON.** Seventh Annual Farewell Reunion Concert. Featuring Will Patton and Dono Schabner, Bread and Bones, Michele and Fabe Choiniere, Roland and Gary Clark, Matt Bean, Gerlisa Garrett, Becca Hanley, Jim McGinniss with Clare Doyle, Katie Trautz and others. 7:30 pm at Grace Church. [www.gracechurchsheldon.org](http://www.gracechurchsheldon.org).

**WAITSFIELD.** Green Mountain Opera Festival. Joslin Round Barn, 1661 East Warren Rd. (802) 496-7722. [www.greenmountainoperafestival.com](http://www.greenmountainoperafestival.com). *Through June 21.*

## SATURDAY, MAY 30

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Workshop: French Fold Letterpress. Bob Walp will lead participants in creating a French Fold, a book printed on one side of a single sheet of paper. 9 am - 4 pm. Great River Arts Institute, 33 Bridge Street. Fee. (802) 463-3330. [www.greatriverarts.org](http://www.greatriverarts.org). *Through May 31.*

**BRANDON.** Concert: Folk by Association. Harmony-driven original music and eclectic covers, featuring Karen Krajacic and Jill Cowen on guitar, mandolin, banjo, and ukulele. 7 pm. Upstairs at the Ball & Chain Café, Briggs Carriage Bookstore, 16 Park St. (802) 247-0050. [info@briggscarriage.com](mailto:info@briggscarriage.com). [www.briggscarriage.com](http://www.briggscarriage.com).

**GROTON.** 11th Annual Becoming an Outdoor Family Weekend. Classes in wildlife, forestry, orienteering skills, hiking, wildlife photography, fitness, camping, kayaking, canoeing, firearm safety, and fishing. Fee. Stillwater State Park, Groton State Forest. (802) 257-7967. [parks@state.vt.us](mailto:parks@state.vt.us). [www.vtstateparks.com](http://www.vtstateparks.com). *Through June 1.*

**HARTFORD.** 4th Annual Youth Safety Fair. Bike Rodeo, obstacle course, rock climbing, child I.D. fingerprinting, and more! At Hartford High School. (802) 285-9425. [www.hartfordyouthsafetyfair.org](http://www.hartfordyouthsafetyfair.org).

**MARSHFIELD.** Barbeque and Band Fundraiser for Rhythm of the Rein Therapeutic Riding Program. Benefits special needs children and adults, and military personnel who have incurred physical and emotional trauma resulting from service on foreign soil. Silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Held indoors. 5-9 pm at Water Tower Farm, Rt. 2 just west of Rt. 232 junction. Advance ticket sales only. Call (802) 426-3781 or (802) 426-3835.

**MONTPELIER.** Contra Dance with Sue Rosen (caller) and Rodney Miller and Bruce Rosen (musicians). Bring clean, soft-soled shoes. 8 pm at the Capitol City Grange. (802) 744-6163. *Continues 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays.*

**RICHMOND.** Spring Trail Work. Clear the Long Trail or side trails. 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 to 10 miles. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Non-members welcome. Leaders: Pam Gillis & John Sharp, (802) 879-1457, (802) 862-3941, [pgillis@us.ibm.com](mailto:pgillis@us.ibm.com).

**SO. BURLINGTON.** Annual Lobster Supper. Boiled lobster, homemade rolls, potato salad, pies; coffee, tea, soft drink. \$20 single lobster dinner; \$35 twin lobster dinner; \$10 teriyaki chicken dinner; \$5 for children under 12 chicken dinner. 5 pm and 6:30 pm. Take out available. All Saints Church, corner of Swift & Spear St. Call by May 27 to reserve: (802) 862-9750.

**WEST RUTLAND.** The Art of Healing with Brian Parker—An introduction to spiritual healing. A two-day workshop: Saturday 10 am - 4 pm, Sunday 10 am - 3 pm. Free tea tastings, handmade lotions, Reiki healings, Usui and Karuna. Fee \$160. The Vermont Herbal General Store, 518 Main St. (802) 438-2766. [www.vermontherbal.com](http://www.vermontherbal.com).

## SUNDAY, MAY 31

**GUILFORD.** Spring SerendipiTea. This benefit country tea extravaganza on a beautiful sheep farm features authors, musicians and circus arts performers. Tickets \$25. (802) 257-5725. [www.windhamcountyreads.org](http://www.windhamcountyreads.org).

**JEFFERSONVILLE.** Hike: Sterling Pond via Long Trail (Dog Friendly). We'll relax on some rocks at the summit or stop at Sterling Pond Shelter to enjoy snacks and gorgeous views of the pond before we descend. Group limit 10 people, 4 dogs. Contact leader by 5/29. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Non-members welcome. Leader: Kelley Mackison, (802) 999-7839. [kelleymackison@gmail.com](mailto:kelleymackison@gmail.com).

**LEBANON, NH.** Concert: Upper Valley A Cappella Showcase. 3 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park Street. Tickets: \$10/\$7/\$5. (603) 448-0400. [www.lebanonoperahouse.org](http://www.lebanonoperahouse.org).

**WATERBURY CENTER.** Work Hike. Install a puncheon north of Sterling Pond Shelter. All abilities. 6 miles round trip. Wear work clothes and gloves. Meet at 9 am at GMC Headquarters. Sponsored by the Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Non-members welcome. Leader: Ken Hertz, (802) 229-4737. [trails@gmcmontpelier.org](mailto:trails@gmcmontpelier.org).

**THETFORD.** Cross Step Waltz Session. 4-5:30 pm at Rices Mills Community Center. For information: Gina Sonne, (802) 785-4220.

## MONDAY, JUNE 1

**SHELBURNE.** Concert on the Green: David Byrne. Food and a beer available. Coolers welcome, no glass, alcohol, or large chairs allowed. Rain or shine. Tickets \$45/\$50, children under 12 and parking are free. 6 pm. On the Green at Shelburne Museum, Rt. 7. (888) 512-SHOW. [highergroundmusic.com](http://highergroundmusic.com).

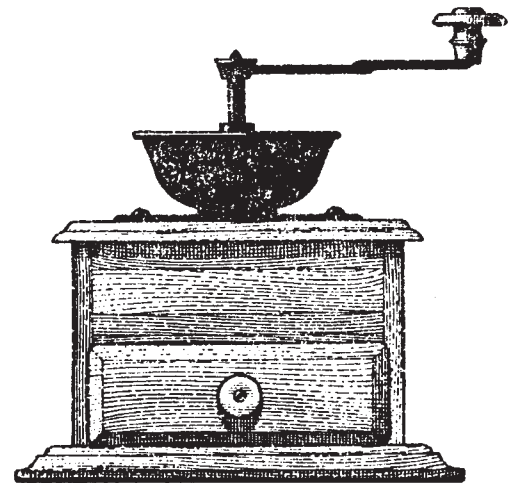
## TUESDAY, JUNE 2

**BURLINGTON.** Concert: Syrinx, a twelve-member a cappella group. Lively program including sacred and secular music. Free admission. 12-1 pm. Cathedral Church of St Paul, 2 Cherry St. (802) 864-0471. [stpaulscathedralvt.org](http://stpaulscathedralvt.org).

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

**BURLINGTON.** Book Signing Event: *A Celebration of America's Most Historic Lake: Lake Champlain, An Illustrated History* with a foreword by U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy. Cash bar on ECHO's deck overlooking the Lake, and free light hors d'oeuvres. 7 pm. ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center, One College St. (802) 864-1848. [www.echovermont.org](http://www.echovermont.org).

**ESSEX.** Phoenix Books Open Mic Night. Come check out the local talent at your local, independent bookstore! (Want to perform? Call (802) 872-7111 to sign up.) Free admission. 6-8 pm. Phoenix Books and Cafe at Essex Shoppes and Cinema, 21 Essex Way (802) 872-7111. [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz).



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# Vermont Country Calendar

**MANCHESTER.** Lecture: "The Scent of Literature." Avery Gilbert explores the relationship between artistic creativity and smell. Free. 7 pm. First Congregational Church, 3624 Main St. (802) 362-2607.

**MONTPELIER.** Book & Author Event: *Companions for the Passage: Stories of the Intimate Privilege of Accompanying the Dying* with Marjorie Ryerson. 7 pm. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, 135 Main Street. Free. (802) 223-3338.

**MORGAN.** Presentation—Old Time Rules Will Prevail: History of the Fiddle Contest in Vermont. With fiddler Adam Boyce. 1 pm. Morgan United Church, Rt. 111. Free. (802) 895-4144.

**RUTLAND.** Lecture: The Impact of the U.S. Invasion and Occupation of Iraq. Retired CIA Chief of Counterterrorism Haviland Smith considers the Iraq operation. 7 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. Free. (802) 773-1860.

**RUTLAND.** Open Stage at the Brick Box. Jam session and song swap for singers and players of acoustic instruments. Listeners welcome. 7:15 to 9:30 pm at the Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-1182. *Also on June 17.*

## THURSDAY, JUNE 4

**ENOSBURG.** 53rd Vermont Dairy Festival. Tonight, a dairy scholarship pageant. At the Fairgrounds. (802) 933-4055. [vermontdairyfestival.com](http://vermontdairyfestival.com). *Thru June 7.*

**SHELBURNE.** Concert on the Green: Emmylou Harris, Shawn Colvin, Patty Griffin and Buddy Miller. Tickets: \$50/\$54, children under 12 and parking are free. Please carpool. Food and a beer garden. Coolers welcome, but no glass, alcohol, or large chairs allowed. On the Green at Shelburne Museum. 6 pm, rain or shine. (888) 512-SHOW. [highergroundmusic.com](http://highergroundmusic.com).

## FRIDAY, JUNE 5

**BRATTLEBORO.** Strolling of the Heifers. Grilled Cheese Cook-off, gallery walk, evening program: A Celebration of Youth in Agriculture. Various locations. (802) 254-2407. [www.strollingoftheheifers.com](http://www.strollingoftheheifers.com).

**BURLINGTON.** 26th Annual Discover Jazz Festival. Ten days of stellar, world-class performers including Branford Marsalis, Yusef Latef, Diana Krall, and more, in a mix of fancy or free concerts, dances, and events. Check out the website for schedule. (802) 863-7992. [info@discoverjazz.com](mailto:info@discoverjazz.com). [www.discoverjazz.com](http://www.discoverjazz.com). *Through June 14.*

**COLCHESTER.** Exhibit: Art of Vermont—The State Collection on Tour. St. Michael's College. (802) 828-3294. [www.vermontartscouncil.org](http://www.vermontartscouncil.org). *Through Aug. 8.*

**COLCHESTER.** "Across the Lake," an English Country Dance Weekend. Tickets, at door: Friday \$28, Saturday afternoon \$20, Saturday night \$31. Elley-Long Music Center, 223 Ethan Allen Ave. For information: Val Medve, (802) 899-2378. [www.peter.burridge.net/dance](http://www.peter.burridge.net/dance). *Also June 6.*

**ENOSBURG.** 53rd Vermont Dairy Festival. Presented by the Enosburg Falls Lions Club. Fun activities, midway, rides, music, shows, concession stands, and chicken barbecue. At the Fairgrounds. (802) 933-4055. [www.vermontdairyfestival.com](http://www.vermontdairyfestival.com). *Through June 7.*

**RUTLAND.** Lobster Clam Bake. A Fundraiser to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Rutland. Dinner, live auction, kayak raffle, golf challenge, music and dancing! At the Rutland Country Club at 6 pm. For details and to reserve your ticket at \$75 per person call (802) 747-4944.

**WATERBURY CENTER.** Class: Introduction to Backpacking. 6:30-9 pm. GMC Headquarters. Fee: \$55. Register at [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

## SATURDAY, JUNE 6

**BENNINGTON.** Fundraiser: American Lung Association Climbs the Bennington Monument. Fee. 9 am – 5 pm. 15 Monument Circle. (802) 876-6861. [dpinders@lungvt.org](mailto:dpinders@lungvt.org). [climbbofyourlife.org](http://climbbofyourlife.org).

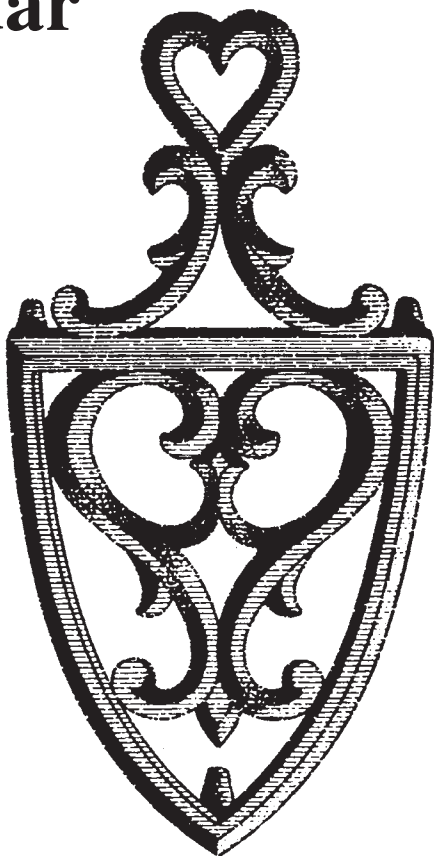
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**BRATTLEBORO.** Concert: Eugene Uman and friends. Tickets: \$20/\$15; to reserve call (802) 254-9088, go to [www.vtjazz.org](http://www.vtjazz.org), or In the Moment, 143 Main St. 8 pm at Vermont Jazz Center, 72 Cotton Mill Hill. (802) 257-8171.

**CONCORD.** Nighttime Birding Field Trip to Concord Corners. Search for owls and nightjars on a four-mile hike starting at 9 pm. Sponsored the NEK Audubon Society. (802) 626-9071. [www.nekaudubon.org](http://www.nekaudubon.org). [blackpoll@myfairpoint.net](mailto:blackpoll@myfairpoint.net).

**DERBY.** Tour de Kingdom. A one or two day competitive and recreational cycling event. IROC, 400 Quarry Rd. (802) 334-8511. *Also June 7.*



**EAST CHARLESTON.** National Trails Day Spring Paddle. Celebrate the Clyde River and Northern Forest Canoe Trail. Attend new kiosk dedication, paddle on Island Pond, more. Co-sponsored by NorthWoods Stewardship Center (802) 723-6551. [Luke@northwoodscenter.org](mailto:Luke@northwoodscenter.org). [www.northwoodscenter.org](http://www.northwoodscenter.org).

**ENOSBURG.** 53rd Vermont Dairy Festival. Presented by the Enosburg Falls Lions Club. Two-hour parade! Fun activities, live music, midway, shows, rides, concession stands, and chicken barbecue. Fireworks at night. At the Fairgrounds. (802) 933-4055. [www.vermontdairyfestival.com](http://www.vermontdairyfestival.com). *Also June 7.*

**GUILFORD.** A Cappella à la Carte. A brief meeting, all-community potluck and concert by Shoulder Narrows. 6, 6:30, 7:30 pm. Guilford Organ Barn, Church Drive. Donation. (802) 254-3600 x 3600. [www.fomag.org](http://www.fomag.org).

**ISLAND POND.** End of Spring Fling. Cycling, crafts, yard sales, fishing, & other outdoor activities. 8 am – 10 pm. Downtown. Donation. (802) 723-9889. [www.islandpondchamber.org](http://www.islandpondchamber.org). *Also June 7.*

**JOHNSON.** Trail Walk-Through. Trail work, clearing blow-downs and trimming branches over Butternut Mountain. Bring gloves, lunch, water and branch clippers. Sponsored by the Laraway Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Non-members welcome. Leader: Bruce Bushey, (802) 893-2146, [BrBushey@comcast.net](mailto:BrBushey@comcast.net).

**LEBANON, NH.** Performance by Moriglioni Moving Dance Company: *Max and the Wild Things*. 6 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. Tickets: \$20/\$10. (603) 448-0400. [www.lebanonoperahouse.org](http://www.lebanonoperahouse.org).

**MANCHESTER.** Spring Hike to Lye Brook Falls. Sponsored by the Manchester Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Non-members welcome. Leader: Mark Mikolas (802) 258-2852. [www.gmcmanchester.net/activities.html](http://www.gmcmanchester.net/activities.html).

**MONTPELIER.** Contra Dance with Nils Fredland (caller) and Elixir (musicians). 8 pm at the Capitol City Grange. Bring clean, soft-soled shoes. (802) 744-6163. *1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays.*

**MONTPELIER.** Fifth Annual Montpelier Fashion Show—"Rhythm, Fashion and Fare." Featuring the Fela Kuti tribute ensemble Movement of the People, a farmer's market, children's courtyard, street performers, live animal parade, and more. Free, rain or shine. 10 am – 2:30 pm on State St. [www.montpelierfashionshow.com](http://www.montpelierfashionshow.com).

**POULTNEY.** Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale. Goods and wares for sale on every street! Chicken BBQ at 11 am. Methodist Main Street Cafe serves their famous Sloppy Joe lunch from 11 am to 2 pm for \$5. 9 am – 4 pm. (802) 287-2010. [www.poultneyvt.com](http://www.poultneyvt.com).

**RANDOLPH.** Fourth Annual Feast of Singing. Day-long choral workshop with Peter and Mary Alice Amidon, and Rip Jackson. Fee: \$45. Call to register. Chandler Music Hall. (802) 234-9671. [jane@maresnest.com](mailto:jane@maresnest.com), [feastofsinging.stjohnsrandolphvt.org](http://feastofsinging.stjohnsrandolphvt.org).

**RICHMOND.** Trail Workday for National Trails Day. Help clear the Long Trail and side trails. 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. 4 to 10 miles. Sponsored by Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Leaders: Pam Gillis and John Sharp, (802) 879-1457, (802) 862-3941, [pgillis@us.ibm.com](mailto:pgillis@us.ibm.com).

**RUPERT.** Trail Stewards Work Day. Help get the trails ready for summer hiking. Bring lunch, water, rain gear and sturdy boots! Age 15 and over. No experience necessary! Free. 9 am – 3 pm. Merck Forest and Farmland, Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836.

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(June 6 continued)

**RUTLAND.** Upper Elevation Trail Work Day. Volunteer on National Trails Day. Work on the Long/Appalachian Trail. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, bug repellent and lunch. Tools will be provided. Sponsored by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Non-members welcome. Leader: Herb Ogden, (802) 293-2510.

**TUNBRIDGE.** Dance with the Starline Rhythm Boys. A Mountain Folk Production. 7:30-10 pm at Tunbridge Town Hall. (802) 431-3433. folkbloke@mtnfolk.org www.mtnfolk.org.

**VERGENNES.** Kid's Pirate Festival. Come in costume and swashbuckle back to the era of discovery and exploration. 10 am - 5 pm. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Basin Harbor Rd. Admission. (802) 475-2022. www.lcmm.org. chrism@lcmm.org. *Through June 7.*

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Charlie Hunter's Art Train #1. A day of train riding and painting along the Connecticut River. On-board, White River Jct. to Bradford, VT and return. Meet at 102 Railroad Row. Fee, call to reserve: (802) 463-3669 x 1. www.flyingunderradar.com. flyradar@sover.net.

**WOODSTOCK.** "Trek to Tastes on the Trails of Woodstock." Sponsored by Woodstock Trails Partnership. Starting at 10:30 am at the Forest Center of the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, walks to delicious local food for every age and ability. A Strawberry Ice Cream Social back at the Forest Center will complete the day. www.woodstockvt.com.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 7

**BURLINGTON.** Evening Prayer in the manner of the Community of Taizé. 7:30 pm. Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 2 Cherry St. Donation accepted. (802) 864-0471. www.stpaulscathedralvt.org. info@CathedralArts.org.

**CHITTENDEN.** 28th Annual Teenie's Fishing Derby. For handicapped & senior citizens. Fishing derby and raffle. Free food starting at 11:30 am, free fishing starts at 1 pm., rain or shine. Bring your own lawn chair, bait & tackle. Teenie's Tiny Poultry Farm, 11 Teenie's Tiny Rd. Free admission. (802) 773-2637. rdubin3@gmail.com.

**EAST CHARLESTON.** Candelit Dinner and Moonlit Paddle Fundraiser. Great local homemade food and an evening canoe or kayak on Lake Salem under the full moon. Siskin Ecological Adventures, Ten Mile Square Rd. (802) 673-5638. www.siskinea.org. programs@siskinea.org.

**ENOSBURG.** 53rd Vermont Dairy Festival. Enosburg Falls Presented by the Enosburg Falls Lions Club. Horse pull in the morning. Cow plop contest in the afternoon. Midway, music, shows, rides, concession stands, and chicken barbecue. At the Fairgrounds. (802) 933-4055. vermontdairyfestival.com.

**GLOVER.** Bread and Puppet Museum Open House. Bread and Puppet Museum, 753 Heights Road. (802) 525-1271. www.breadandpuppet.org. breadpup@together.net.

**MONTGOMERY CENTER.** Mountain Fiber Folk Cooperative's Farm to Yarn Tour. Daylong open house at many of our member's farms. Mountain Fiber Folk, 188 Main St. (802) 326-2092. www.mtfiberfolk.com.

**MONTPELIER.** "Fashion in Jane Austen's World," a free lecture by Hope Greenberg. Vermont College of Fine Arts, The Chapel at College Hall. (802) 864-0517. www.vermontcollege.edu/directions.asp. jasna-vt@hotmail.com.

**SMUGGLERS' NOTCH.** Hike on Whiteface Mountain (VT). A difficult hike, 11 miles, 4000' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Contact leader David Hathaway by June 5 at (802) 899-9982. 78@gmail.com.

**VERGENNES.** Lake Champlain Women's Running Camp. Basin Harbor Club. Fee. (802) 863-8412. runvermont.org. *Through June 13.*

## TUESDAY, JUNE 9

**BARRE.** Art Workshop: Intro to Acrylics. 12:30-3 pm. Studio Place Arts, 201 N. Main St. Fee. (802) 479-7069. www.studioplacearts.com. info@studioplacearts.com.

**THETFORD.** Cross Step Waltz Session. 6:30-8 pm at Rices Mills Community Center. For info contact Gina Sonne, (802) 785-4220.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

**BARRE.** Painting Workshop: Watercolor in the Park. Practice your plein air painting skills with Kathy Ravenhorst-Adams. 3-6 pm. Studio Place Arts, 201 N. Main Street. Fee. (802) 479-7069. www.studioplacearts.com.

**ESSEX.** Knit Night at Phoenix Books. Crocheters, too! All skill levels welcome. 6-8 pm. Phoenix Books and Café, at Essex Shoppes & Cinema, 21 Essex Way. (802) 872-7111.

**JEFFERSONVILLE.** Presentation: Dorothy Canfield Fisher: A Vermonter for the World. A living history presentation by Helene Lang. Free. 7 pm. Second Congregational Church. (802) 865-0155.

**MONTPELIER.** Discussion. "You Come, Too: Spring with Robert Frost." Discuss Frost's spring poems with Peter Gilbert. Free. 5:30 pm. Vermont Humanities Council, 11 Loomis St. (802) 262-2626.

**PUTNEY.** 3rd Annual Root Cellar Workshop. Sponsored by Post Oil Solutions. Led by Robert King. 1-3 pm. The fee is a \$10/\$5 sliding scale. At Robert King's Chosen Garden. Call to reserve a place. (802) 869-2141. posttoilsolutions.org.

**RUTLAND.** Musical—*The Producers*. Tickets \$25-\$30. 7:30 pm. Paramount Theatre. (802) 775-0903. paramountlive.org.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 11

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Tenth Annual Roots on the River Festival. Sonny Landreth, Chris Smither and Josh Maiocco perform at 7:30 pm. Bellows Falls Opera House. Tickets \$28. (802) 463-9595. www.vermontfestivalsllc.com. *Through June 14.*

## FRIDAY, JUNE 12

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Tenth Annual Roots on the River Festival. Free show at the Bellows Falls Farmers' Market. Ninja Monkey and Spike Dogtooth, 4-7 pm. Evening show with Roger Marin Band, Junior Brown, Fred Eaglesmith, 7:30 pm, at festival grounds behind Everyday Inn, Rt. 5 South, tickets \$28. (802) 463-9595. www.vermontfestivalsllc.com. *Through June 14.*

**IRASVILLE.** Spring Hike. Mt. Ellen via Jerusalem or MRG Ski Trails. Moderate, 10 miles. Great views. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Call leader by June 11: Pete Saile, (802) 658-0912. airhead82@burlingtontelecom.net.

**RUTLAND.** ArtHop. Gallery openings, demonstrations, entertainment, food and fun all around downtown. 5-8 pm. *Every 2nd Friday of the month.*

**WEST RUTLAND.** Play. The Marble Valley Players present "Daddy's Girl" at the West Rutland Town Hall Theater, 8-11 pm. Tickets \$12. www.paramountlive.org. *Also June 13, 19.*

**WINDSOR.** Peony Days. Talk and tour, 10:30-11:30 am. Learn how to grow herbaceous and tree peonies. See a collection of 100 varieties of peonies. Refreshments. Free admission. Open daily 10 am - 6 pm. Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery, 1747 Hunt Rd., 2½ miles from the traffic light in center of town. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. www.ciderhillgardens.com. *Through June 14.*

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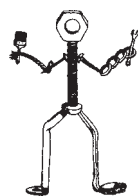
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**ADDISON.** History Program. Explore the French colonial past with hands-on activities for all ages, games, archaeology. Admission \$3, 14 and under free. 2-4 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, Rts. 125 and 17, at the foot of the Champlain Bridge. (802) 259-2412. [historicvermont.org](http://historicvermont.org).

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Charcoal Techniques Workshop with Ailyn Hoey. 9 am - 4 pm. Great River Arts Institute, 33 Bridge St. Fee. (802) 463-3330. [www.greatriverarts.org](http://www.greatriverarts.org). [info@greatriverarts.org](mailto:info@greatriverarts.org).

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Tenth Annual Roots on the River Festival. Fred Eaglesmith, Bottle Rockets, Jenée Halstead, Sweetback Sisters, Hayes Carll, Roger Marin, Red Molly, Caroline Herring perform. 12 pm through the evening. At the festival grounds, behind Everyday Inn, Rt. 5 South. Tickets \$43, kids 6-14 \$10, under 5 free. (802) 463-9595. [www.vermontfestivalsllc.com](http://www.vermontfestivalsllc.com). *Also June 14.*

**BENNINGTON.** Evening of Bellydance. 6:30-8:30 pm. Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 108 School St. Free. (802) 442-5331. [www.benningtonbeledi.com](http://www.benningtonbeledi.com). [benningtonbeledi@yahoo.com](mailto:benningtonbeledi@yahoo.com).

**BURLINGTON.** Vermont International Choral Festival Massed Sing. 7-9 pm. Ira Allen Chapel at UVM, 26 University Place. Free. (802) 862-2200. [www.music-contact.com](http://www.music-contact.com). [darcy@music-contact.com](mailto:darcy@music-contact.com).

**CABOT.** Cabot Creamery Dairy Festival. 10 am - 3 pm. Cabot Creamery Visitors Center, 2878 Main St. Free. (802) 371-1265. [www.cabotchese.com](http://www.cabotchese.com).

**EAST CALAIS.** Spring Fling at ROOTS School. R.O.O.T.S.—Reclaiming Our Origins through Traditional Skills. What good is a bow if you don't shoot it? Or a spear if you don't throw it? (802) 456-1253. [www.rootsvt.com](http://www.rootsvt.com). [info@rootsvt.com](mailto:info@rootsvt.com). *Also June 14.*

**GRAFTON.** Artist Reception. Exhibit of new oils sepia paintings of Grafton by Charlie Hunter. 5-7:30 pm. Hunter Gallery of Fine Art, 74 Main St. Free. (802) 8431440. [hunterartworks@aol.com](http://hunterartworks@aol.com).

**HUBBARDTON.** History Presentation. Clifford Mullen, a long-time Revolutionary War reenactor, will tell the story of Green Mountain Boy Seth Warner and his military career, with a focus on The Battle of Hubbardton. Admission \$2, 14 and under free. 1 pm at Hubbardton Battlefield, Monument Hill Road, six miles east of Route 30. (802) 273-2282. [www.historicvermont.org](http://www.historicvermont.org). [elsa.gilbertson@state.vt.us](mailto:elsa.gilbertson@state.vt.us).

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** 23rd Annual Manchester Antique & Classic Car Show. 800 cars exhibited—antique cars, motorcycles, fire trucks, car corral, flea market, vendors, field games, raffle, music, food, evening reception. Activities for the whole family. Spectator admission \$8, kids under 15 free. 8 am - 3:30 pm. Dorr Farm, Bonnet St. (802) 362-4144. [www.manchestercarshow.com](http://www.manchestercarshow.com). [carshow@manchesterchamber.net](mailto:carshow@manchesterchamber.net). *Also June 14.*

**ORWELL.** Walk and Talk. Led by Mike Winslow, staff scientist of the Lake Champlain Committee and author of *The Nature of Lake Champlain*. Learn about the natural world of the lake, starting at 2 pm. Mount Independence, six miles west of the intersection of Rts. 22A and 73 near the end of Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. [www.historicvermont.org](http://www.historicvermont.org).

**SHREWSBURY.** Mystery Hike. Easy two-mile hike with great views. Sponsored by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Non-members welcome. Call leader for location: Jerry Parker, (802) 775-6208.

**STOWE.** Vermont International Choral Festival. 11:30 am - 1 pm. Stowe Community Church, Main Street. Free. (802) 862-2200. [www.music-contact.com](http://www.music-contact.com). [darcy@music-contact.com](mailto:darcy@music-contact.com).

**VERGENNES.** Native American Encampment. El-nu Abenaki and descendants of early French settlers welcome visitors. 10 am to 5 pm. The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Admission \$10/\$9/\$6, under 5 free. (802) 475-2022. [www.lcmm.org](http://www.lcmm.org). [chrism@lcmm.org](mailto:chrism@lcmm.org). *Through June 14.*

**VERGENNES.** Otter Creek Basin Bash. 10 am. Otter Creek Basin and Falls Park. (802) 388-7951. [www.vergennes.org](http://www.vergennes.org).

**WARREN.** Hike Mt. Abraham. From the top of Lincoln Gap, we'll hike the Long Trail north to the top of Mt. Abraham. Moderate hike at moderate pace. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Non-members welcome. Leader: Sheri Larsen, (802) 878-6828, [larsen007@aol.com](mailto:larsen007@aol.com).

**WATERBURY.** Camels Hump Hike. Monroe Trail, then down the Long Trail to the River Road Trail head. Sponsored by the Laraway Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Non-members welcome. Leader: Bruce Bushey, (802) 893-2146, [BrBushey@comcast.net](mailto:BrBushey@comcast.net).

**WELLS.** St. Paul's Rummage Sale. 10 am to 3 pm at the undercroft of St. Paul's Episcopal church located on East Wells Rd.

**WEST RUTLAND.** Play. The Marble Valley Players present "Daddy's Girl" at the West Rutland Town Hall Theater, 8-11 pm. Tickets \$12, or purchase online at [www.paramountlive.org](http://www.paramountlive.org). *Also June 13, 19.*

**WEST RUTLAND.** Monthly Marsh Bird Monitoring Walk. To date over 900 participants have tallied 136 species from American bittern to northern shrike. Meet at the West Rutland Price Chopper parking area at 7 am. Info call Roy Pilcher (802) 459-2851.

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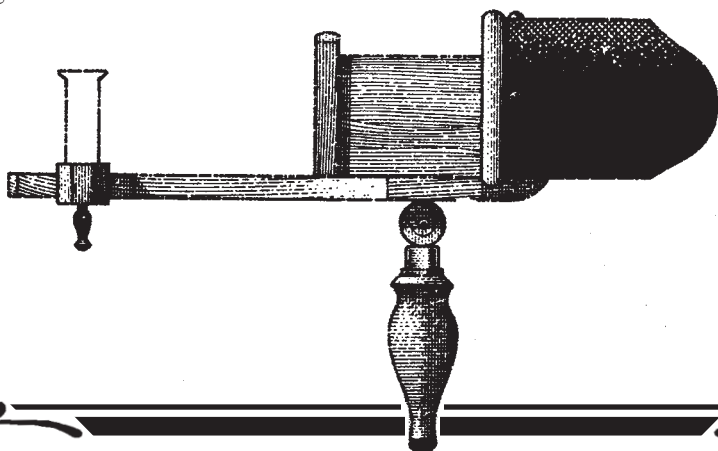
**NORTH FAYSTON.** Hike to Burnt Rock Mountain. Hike via the Hedgehog Brook and Long Trail, through nice woods and along the summit ridge, steep in some places. See a small glacial pothole on the ridge and spectacular 360 degree views. Moderate hike at a moderate pace, 5.2 miles, 2000' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Non-members welcome. Leader: Peter Cottrell, (802) 879-0755. [pcottrel@myfairpoint.net](mailto:pcottrel@myfairpoint.net).

**ORWELL.** Reenactor and historian James Ross talks about the French and Indian War "battle of snowshoes." Mount Independence, six miles west of the intersection of Rts. 22A and 73 near the end of Mount Independence Road. M/V Carillon cruise tour to follow to view war related sites on southern Lake Champlain (fee for cruise, leaving Mt. Independence dock). Call (802) 948-2000 or visit [www.historicvermont.org](http://www.historicvermont.org).

**PROCTOR.** Killington Music Festival's 4th Annual Jazz & Garden Party. The Green Brothers Band, champagne and wine, and tempting hors d'oeuvres by chef Robert Barral of Café Provence. 4 pm at the home of Vicky and Bob Young. Tickets for this fundraiser are \$100 per person. Reservations (802) 773-4003.

**WATERBURY CENTER.** Green Mountain Brass Band. 2-4 pm. Waterbury Center State Park. (802) 247-3665. [www.vtstateparks.com](http://www.vtstateparks.com). [parks@state.vt.us](mailto:parks@state.vt.us).

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Browned like a crusty, flaky bun.

I like old houses that patiently wait,  
For a new friend’s hand on the creaky gate—  
Knowing that love is never too late.  
Houses, sagacious—like prophets of old,  
Know so many things they never have told!

—JENNIE ROMANO, 1939



A family gathers on the front porch of their home on Randolph Avenue in Randolph, VT for a photo portrait. The young maples planted in front of the house are no doubt old and large by now, if still standing.

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**LONDONDERRY**  
**Ten-Room House and More than 250 Acres of Land.** One lake on property and another larger lake nearby. Beautiful views. Big porches around 3 sides of house. Unfinished space for 3 more rooms. Good opportunity for boys’ or girls’ camp. Some barns could be made over into living quarters, gymnasium and garage. Additional buildings, 14x14 and 10x16 feet and a shed 18x20 feet. Quantities of wood and timber. An abundance of pure spring water. Thirty acres of tillable land may be used for an athletic field. Telephone and electricity available. Four and one-half miles from railroad. Sale price, \$3,500.

## Looking For Home

In my dreams, I often find that I have returned to a neighborhood that was once familiar but has now been transformed, the streets no longer leading where they once did, the buildings no longer the same. I wonder sometimes if that repeating disorientation is why I keep such meticulous records of where I am. Or I often think that a childhood experience of being lost for a few hours in the woods has kept me alert for being lost in other locations and in other ways.

When I think of the house in which I grew up, I always think of the three elm trees that stood outside of the windows of my bedroom. I think of the honeysuckle bushes that surrounded the back yard and the stepping stones that led to the raspberry patch. I can remember the yard as well as I can remember almost anything else about my first home, and, as in most vivid memories, it is the details that matter.

When my wife, Jean, and I drove west to Oregon this summer, I kept track of what plants were growing and blooming along side of the road. I was not only interested in how the

landscape changed from one part of the country to the next but in how many of the plants also grew in and around my current home on High Street. Like links of an herbal chain, many of the wildflowers connected me to where I lived.

And so I drove and ruminated about things like this, and wondered and became more curious about what it is that actually creates a feeling of place. What is the essence of home? What are its trappings? How does home play in my mind? When I walk out the door of my house, how much of that house

do I carry with me? What pieces make it recognizable? What fits inside the frame? How many fragments of that world do I need in order to know it? How many pieces are necessary for me to return home here? What are the building blocks of context? What am I really looking for?

And it should all be quite simple. “Just look around,” my less inquiring self tells me: “If it looks like home, it is home.”

Of course, that’s the point.

—W. L. Felker

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Golfers play the 16th green at Montague Golf Club in Randolph, VT. On the hill overlooking the course is the Three Stallion Inn.

photo by Bob Eddy

# New Era for Montague Golf Club

by Charles Sutton

Golfers playing that tough back nine at Randolph, VT's Montague Golf Club may not realize it but they are enjoying a new phase in the history of one of Vermont's oldest golf courses. If it weren't for a set of happy circumstance the fairways today might still be pasturing cows, or even be under a small lake!

Changes taking place today are the handiwork of the club's new owners, Sam and Jinny Sammis, whose Three Stallion Inn overlooks the course, and who have been involved in the development of the course for many years.

"The beauty of the land—its hills, valleys and river views make this course a very special place," Sammis said. "You can see the Third Branch of the White River from nine of its holes." Sammis especially likes the back nine because they are the Scottish style links noted for uneven fairways, wind-blown natural terrain, and deep bunkers.

A Sammis gift of 90 acres of land to Montague Golf Club enabled the course to expand from 9 to 18 holes in 1992. Five years ago Sammis also gave the club a loan to put in new greens, upgrade the bunkers with a new kind of white sand that drains water off quickly, and new tee boxes. The course was lengthened to make two par-five holes.

The course owes its beginnings in 1897 to a Randolph philanthropist, Robert J. Kimball, who laid out some links so his children could play golf next to his summer home, The Montague House, which today is home to the White River Craft Center. These are the second oldest links in Vermont next to the Dorset Field Club.

The Kimball family let visitors play on the 1,844 yard-long course until it became the membership-owned Montague Golf Club in 1913. The Kimball sisters gave the club an additional 15 acres in 1925. An additional 65 acres of land was obtained in 1965 from the Robert L. Knight estate on the west side of the river extending the course to 2,764 yards.

A golfer himself since the age of eight and whose family members are all avid golfers, Sammis felt owning the course would be a tremendous asset to the family-run inn, putting it into a four seasons resort category. Presently, golfing guests have to drive several miles into downtown Randolph to get to the club house. Soon guests will be able to tee off right outside the inn, and begin and end their game there.

After purchasing the club, Sammis wasted no time getting the course ready for a mid-April opening. The driveway to the clubhouse has always been a challenge to golfers, so this was one of the first things that was fixed, with a coating of "stay-mat," a substance that provides a hard, non-slippery surface. The cart paths also got a coating of stay-mat. The clubhouse was painted and 36 new golf carts and Amish-built swing benches for the men's and ladies tees were purchased.

Veteran golfers at Montague were pleased to learn that golf pro Bob Hanlon would continue on as director of golf. For many years he was a teacher at Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts where his golf teams amassed an amazing record of 70 wins and only five losses. He is modest about his own golf accomplishments, but told us about the only time in all his years of playing that he hit a hole-in-one. He never saw his shot land at the National Cash Register course in Columbus, Ohio, as the green was out of sight over a little ridge. When he got up to the green, he searched for his ball. And there it was in the cup!

Hanlon had a friendship with the Claude Harmon golf family and took lessons from Claude's son Butch who was

famous for deliberately hitting into a bunker before the tee. He found a sand shot with a wedge more accurate." He'd also hit only with his right hand and he'd put his left behind his back," Hanlon recalled. Butch told golfers the sand shot was the only shot in the game where you didn't "hit" the ball.

Hanlon remembers the days when all golf courses had caddies but they were replaced by golf carts starting in the 1970s. He said today 76 percent of the players use the carts.

One thing that hasn't changed are golfers working up an appetite and thirst after their rounds. The Three Stallion Inn's pastry chef Lisa Wirth is now also the clubhouse manager where she oversees the food, the full-service bar, and private functions and outings. You'll be surprised to find her freshly baked cookies, muffins and donuts in addition to salads and sandwiches. Lisa said her grandmother got her started in baking. Two years ago she won first place at Tunbridge Fair's Best Baked Goods competition.

One group at the Montague Golf Club that is especially pleased with Sammis taking over is the grounds crew, working under course superintendent Garry Crothers. He is pleased about getting good clean gravity-flow water from the inn for the course's new tee-to-green irrigation system.

Sammis's main goal for golf club is to make it a family-friendly fun place. To attract new members he has not increased membership dues this year and members bringing in a new member can save \$100 from their membership, for each new member signed. Early dues payers were given free use of the Three Stallion Inn driving range on Rt. 66 for the entire season. Sammis said membership had been declining in recent years, but is now on its way up again. The improvements have made a difference.

The acreage used for the second nine holes historically was used for farming and for pasturing Morgan horses by the previous owners of the Green Mountain Stock Farm.

After Sammis bought the 1,300 acre farm in 1971, in addition to beginning work on the inn, he began developing building sites of 10 to 100 acres back in the woods leaving large open areas intact, an environmentally sound and forward idea for that time. It has worked out well. The front of the inn overlooks a long carpet of green peopled by a steady stream of happy golfers.

Visitors to the inn and residents of Green Mountain Stock Farm have long enjoyed the beautiful valley stretched out below and the mountains beyond. Over the years, Sammis's relationship with that valley has grown, with his donation of land to expand Montague Golf Club, followed by his loan to improve the greens and bunkers.

The purchase and upgrade of the club this year are just the most recent steps in a continuing plan for recreational development in the area, one that provides enjoyment for visitors and residents while keeping the beauty of the open spaces intact.

*Montague Golf Club is located in Randolph, VT. The rate for 18 holes is \$45 including golf cart, and the public is welcome. For information about memberships and tee times call the club house at (802) 728-3806 or visit the website at [www.montaguegolf.com](http://www.montaguegolf.com).*

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Sam Sammis has enjoyed playing at Montague Golf Club for years. In this foursome he is joined by Al Giebel (far left), former manager of The Three Stallion Inn, unidentified player (2nd from left), and the late Sheldon Dimick (far right), former president of Randolph National Bank.



# Sustainable Agriculture & Organic Farming

The Northeast Organic Farming Association-VT (NOFA-VT) sponsors a variety of interesting and informative spring workshops and also helps to publicize some of the great opportunities to attend other symposiums, conferences, and tours.

The workshops are held rain or shine, so be prepared for inclement weather. To register, for more information and more offerings go to [www.nofavt.org](http://www.nofavt.org) or call the NOFA-VT office at (802) 434-4122 or e-mail [info@nofavt.org](mailto:info@nofavt.org). Here is just a sampling of what is available.

## Spring Schedule

**Cooking Up Connections—The Northeast Farm to School Conference, May 17–18, Champlain College, Burlington, VT.** The Northeast Farm to School Network, VT FEED (Food Education Every Day), and Vermont Agency of Agriculture are co-hosting this conference. Short courses and field trips on Sunday and workshops on Monday. [www.vtfeed.org](http://www.vtfeed.org), [www.farmtoschool.org/northeastconference](http://www.farmtoschool.org/northeastconference).

**Mediterranean Dinner Garden, May 18, 10 a.m., Red Wagon Plants, Hinesburg, VT.** A workshop series for beginner gardeners at Red Wagon Plants greenhouses at 2408 Shelburne Falls Rd. The increased interest in home food production and the growing awareness for simple, straight forward gardening information is the focus of the series. *Fee: \$10. Contact: Annie Harlow. (802) 482-4060.* [www.redwagonplants.com](http://www.redwagonplants.com).

**Lambing on Pasture Workshop, May 22, 4 p.m., Knoll Farm, Fayston, VT.** Tips for successful lambing with very little infrastructure or intervention. Our purebred Icelandic ewes live outside year-round, deliver their lambs in the field, and are an incredible low-maintenance asset to our farm. We will talk about raising sheep, breeding, grazing management, and how to start a flock. *Contact: Center for Whole Communities at Knoll info@wholecommunities.org. www.wholecommunities.org.*

**Homeopathy in the Barn, May 23, 10 a.m., Vermont Grand View Farm, Washington, VT.** This intensive workshop is led by Bay Hammond who runs a small diverse family farm that focuses on direct sales of beef, lamb, yarn, wool, and VOF eggs and poultry. She has been using homeopathy for 20 years with her family and 11 years with her animals and is a member of the Addison County Animal Homeopathy Study Group. She is in the third year of a four-year Animal Homeopathy Extramural program based in New Zealand. The workshop will begin with a brief look at the history of homeopathy, outlining the guiding principles and theories. We'll review remedies and resources for common illnesses in small ruminants including how to choose and administer the appropriate remedy. *Fee: \$25/person (second person from same farm \$10) in advance. Contact: Kim Goodling, (802) 685-4693. [kimgoodling@yahoo.com](mailto:kimgoodling@yahoo.com). [www.grandviewfarmvt.net](http://www.grandviewfarmvt.net).*

**Fair Winds Farm Draft Horse Workshop: Mowing With Horses, May 29–30, Brattleboro, VT.** Meets 2–5 p.m. on Friday afternoon to discuss and make adjustments, sharpening and mower setup for several kinds of mowers in preparation for a full day of mowing. On Saturday we will cut a five-acre field regardless of the weather. Discussions will include technique and theory around opening up the field, preventing and dealing with mechanical issues, topography



Holstein dairy cows graze in a meadow in Addison, VT.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

and various plant species (milkweed and wiregrass!) Participants are encouraged to drive the horses/mowers in situations that are appropriate to their experience level. *Prerequisite: Draft Horse I or instructor permission. (802) 254-9067. [fairwind@sover.net](mailto:fairwind@sover.net). [www.fairwindsfarm.org](http://www.fairwindsfarm.org).*

**Worm Composting Workshop, May 24, 1 p.m., New Leaf Designs Eclectic Nursery, Greensboro Bend, VT.** You can visit the worms and learn all about how easy it is to compost your own food and garden waste right at home. Join the hundreds of folks who've tried it and love it. We'll set up a worm bin, show you how we feed the worms and harvest the "castings" to use for your houseplants, seed starting and gardens. Now is the perfect time to start worm composting for happy plants this summer and all year round. Worm castings provide an excellent balance of nutrients and all the beneficial micro-organisms, which are lacking in most potting "(un-) soil." Just ask anyone who has tried it! We'll be happy to answer all your questions and our own unique wooden Worm Bin Kits, castings, books, and houseplants will be available for purchase that day and orders for worms may be placed. It is always a fun event and we look forward to seeing you.

*Workshop is free and children are welcome. (802) 533-9836. [newleaf@vlink.net](mailto:newleaf@vlink.net). [www.downtoearthwormfarmvt.com](http://www.downtoearthwormfarmvt.com).*

**Successful Layer Hens, June 25, 4–6 p.m., Knoll Farm, Fayston, VT.** Knoll Farm has 40 layer hens in a mobile coop. The workshop will cover breeds, rotating hens through your pasture, predators, winter management and feed. *\$10 per person. Contact the Center for Whole Communities, [www.wholecommunities.org](http://www.wholecommunities.org).*

**Natural Design/Build Cooperative 2009 Workshop—Rocket Oven, June 25–28, Twin Pond Retreat, Brookfield, VT.** A wood-fired oven and natural structures workshop. Participants will learn how to build an earthen oven and shelter based on Permacultural principles. We will be incorporating a rocket heater that creates a more efficient use of wood and requires no cleaning. The shelter will be made from coppiced rounds and incorporate productive woodland management. With David Ludt and Ben Graham. Workshop includes meals, camping, and daily yoga. *Cost: \$350. Possible work trade may be available. Call or e-mail Jennifer for more information or to register (802) 276-3839, [jennifer@twinpondretreat.com](mailto:jennifer@twinpondretreat.com). [twinpondretreat.com](http://twinpondretreat.com).*

## Gardening

Oh, we shall have a garden  
This year, I have no doubt.  
I've started it already,  
And Pa is helping out.

But everybody's moaning,  
"The times are awful bad.  
You won't gain much by planting,  
You'll wish you never had."

I wish they'd stop their fussing.  
I know what I will gain  
Out working in the garden  
In springtime sun and rain.

"You won't gain much by planting..."  
Poor souls, they will never know  
What joy there is in watching  
A little garden grow!

—NELLIE S. RICHARDSON  
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# Nature’s Bounty From Field and Garden

Mother Earth’s generous supply of food begins in early May and gives fresh vegetable-hungry persons lots of choices.

There are parsnips that have weathered over the winter to be dug and savored. In Vermont you can sometimes find baskets of local parsnips for sale at country stores. Rhubarb and asparagus come up right after the snows melt as readily as spring daffodils and tulips.

Dozens of edible wild greens fling themselves out of the earth and can be prepared as salads or cooked like spinach. These tasty and pungent delights include marsh marigolds, sorrel, lamb’s quarters, water cress, dandelions, milkweed, and fiddleheads.

Here are some recipes from turn-of-the-century and modern-day cooks.

## DANDELION GREENS

Dandelions are one of the strong-flavored potherbs. Although some people like the bitter flavor, many prefer to have some of the bitterness removed. To do this, cover with boiling water and drain twice. Boil one quarter pound salt pork in one quart water one hour and add greens. Cook until tender. One pound will make three servings.

Another method is to use young and tender greens. Cut off all the roots, remove the buds and coarse outside leaves. Cover with boiling water, drain, cover a second time, bring to a boil, and drain again. Then cover with clear water and cook fifteen to thirty minutes, or until tender. Drain well, chop, season with salt and pepper. Cook half an onion, minced, with one slice of bacon, minced, or with salt pork until both are brown. Pour over the greens and garnish with hard-cooked egg.

— Bowles & Towle, 1947

## DANDELION SALAD, GERMAN FASHION

- 2 ounces of bacon
- 2 tablespoonfuls of vinegar
- 1 saltspoonful of paprika
- 1 saltspoonful of salt
- 1 quart of fresh dandelion leaves
- 1 tablespoonful of chopped onion or chives

Cut the bacon into strips; put it in a frying pan with two tablespoonfuls of water. Let the water evaporate and the bacon fry carefully until crisp, but not dry. Lift, and stand it aside while you shake the dandelions perfectly dry, and cool the bacon fat. Arrange the dandelions in your salad bowl and put over the slices of bacon. Add to the bacon fat the vinegar, salt, pepper and onion or chives; mix and pour over the dandelions and serve at once.

— Sarah Tyson Rorer, 1902

## RHUBARB FRITTERS

Scrape the stalks of the rhubarb, cut into quarter-inch lengths; stew in sugar and water for ten minutes; drain and set aside to get cold.

Make a batter of a half-pint of milk, three eggs, beaten light, and a cupful of prepared flour. Beat hard and stir into this batter a cupful of the rhubarb. Drop by the spoonful into deep fat, and fry to a bright brown. Serve with lemon sauce.

— Marion Harland, 1903

## PARSNIP FRITTERS

Peel, boil, and mash three large parsnips. Remove the large fibers and woody parts. Add one beaten egg, one cup milk, one tablespoon butter, one teaspoon salt, three tablespoons flour. Shape into cakes and fry. Serves six.

— Bowles & Towle, 1947

## SCALLIONS OR SPRING ONIONS

These in this country are frequently called leeks, but are different both in appearance and flavor. Spring onions are small onions grown from old mature onions, replanted; they are usually served raw or as flavoring for salads. If the first outside layer is taken off they may be boiled and served with cream sauce, the same as asparagus; or they may be substituted for leeks in cock-a-leekie.

— Sarah Tyson Rorer, 1902

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A hillside of dandelions blooming in Vermont’s Northeast Kingdom. photo by Jeff Gold

## BREADED ASPARAGUS

- 1 bundle of asparagus
- 2 tablespoonfuls of flour
- 1/2 pint of bread crumbs
- 1 level teaspoonful of salt
- 2 tablespoonfuls of butter
- 1 pint of milk
- 4 eggs

Trim and boil the asparagus for ten minutes; hard boil the eggs, remove the shells and chop them fine. Rub the butter and flour together, add the milk, stir until boiling and add the salt and pepper. Mix the eggs with the sauce. Cut the asparagus into lengths of one inch, put a layer of asparagus in the bottom of a baking dish, then a layer of sauce, then a sprinkling of bread crumbs, and so continue, having the last layer of crumbs. Bake in a quick oven until a golden brown, about twenty minutes. This may be served as a supper dish to take the place of meat and vegetables, or as a second course at lunch. (Left-over boiled asparagus may be used with French dressing as a salad.)

— Sarah Tyson Rorer, 1902

## SAUTEED FIDDLEHEADS WITH FRESH HERBS

Yield: 6 servings Time: 20 minutes

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups fresh fiddleheads, trimmed of their black tips
- 1 tablespoon chopped cilantro, packed
- 3/4 cup chopped onions
- 1/2 cup julienned carrots
- 1 tablespoon chopped basil

Fiddleheads are available only in the springtime, so this recipe will be one to look forward to during the rest of the year. The fresh herbs are a superb complement to the recipe. In Canada, the fiddlehead “harvesters” travel northward, following the warm weather and picking the fiddleheads that blossom with the change in season. Heat the oil in a saucepan. Sauté the onions, garlic, carrots, salt, and fresh herbs for about 3 minutes. Add the fresh fiddleheads and sauté 5 minutes longer, stirring occasionally to ensure even cooking. (The fiddleheads should be a rich green and semi-soft.) Serve hot.

— Brother Ron Pickarski, 1991

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## RHUBARB PUDDING

Grease a pudding-dish and put into it a layer of bread-crumbs that have been soaked in a pint of water to which have been added the juice of a lemon and a half cupful of sugar. Sprinkle these crumbs with bits of butter, and put over them a thick layer of stewed rhubarb well sweetened. Now add more crumbs and more rhubarb, and proceed in this manner until the dish is full. Sprinkle the top of the pudding with dry bread-crumbs dotted with bits of butter. Bake, covered, for half an hour; uncover, and bake for ten minutes longer. Eat with hard sauce, flavored with powdered nutmeg.

— Marion Harland, 1903

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## THIS IS THE RICHEST FIELD

This is the richest field I know,  
Bright with its sorrel and daisies,  
Green with timothy, brilliant  
With the ripened fruit of the wild strawberry.  
These are sweet meadows, and the sun  
And the rain have drawn that sweetness  
From the hills, sent it through the vines  
And the leaves into the strawberry,  
Pure as the song of the first robin  
In Spring, and as red as its breast.



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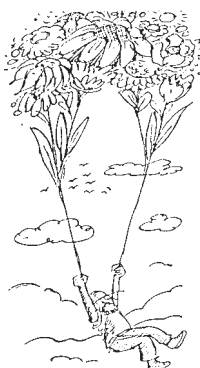
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## MY GARDEN

A garden is a lovesome thing, God wot!  
Rose plot,  
Fringed pool,  
Ferned grot—  
The veriest school  
Of peace; and yet the fool  
Content that God is not—  
Not God! in gardens! when the eve is cool?  
Nay, but I have a sign;  
'Tis very sure God walks in mine.

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**May 16**—Garden design, bed preparation, irrigation planning, plants, seeds and seedlings.

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identifying garden pests, preparing for fall crops, harvest techniques, fall cover crops and green manures, deadheading for better blooms and tastier herbs.

Will Allen has taught anthropology and agriculture at the university level and has farmed his entire life. He was one of the pioneers of organic farming in California and helped start the certification program through the California Certified Organic Farmers Organization and founded the Sustainable Cotton Project. He is known throughout the U.S. and in other parts of the world as an expert on organic cotton. Will is the author of the recently published book, *The War on Bugs: The Secret History of Pesticides Revealed* and serves on the policy and advisory board of the Organic Consumers Association.

Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center is a fifty-acre certified organic farm dedicated to growing for a sustainable future through the production of certified organic vegetables and berries and quality flowers and herbs. CCF offers a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, and educational programs and workshops for new farmers and the local community.

Conserved in 1990 with the Vermont Land Trust, CCF is a proud member of the Organic Consumers Association, Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA-VT), Rural Vermont, Slow Food USA, Valley Food & Farm, Vermont Farms!, and the Vermont Fresh Network, as well as supporters of the Upper Valley Localvores.

Cedar Circle Farm is located on Pavillion Rd., off of Rt. 5 in E. Thetford, VT, north of Hanover, NH.

The cost for gardening classes is \$20 each or \$50 for the series and participants receive a 10% discount off select bedding plants and seeds at the farmstand on the day of the workshops. Pre-registration is required and can be made online at [CedarCircleFarm.org](http://CedarCircleFarm.org) or by calling the farm at (802) 785-4737. The classes take place rain or shine.

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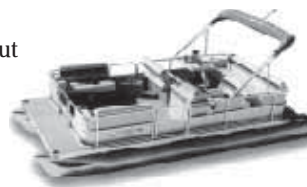
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# Beautiful Sunday

by Jake Falstaff

It was such a bright morning  
That the cows, coming out of the cool dark barns,  
Feeling a good deal better,  
Stood for a while and blinked,  
And the young heifers said to each other,  
'Oh my!  
I never saw such a pretty day!  
Let's jump over fences!  
Let's go running up and down lanes  
With our tails in the air.'  
And the old sisterly Jerseys  
Thought to themselves, 'That patch of white clover  
Over in the corner where the woodchucks are  
Ought to be about ready for a good going over.'

Well, you never saw anything in your life like the  
Way the young ducks are acting.  
They were tearing in and out of the water  
Making enough noise to be heard  
All over the township;  
Even the robins were scandalized  
And sat around in the trees looking sideways  
And one-eyed at them.  
All the crawdads in that part of the creek  
Picked up and moved  
And the sober old snake  
Slipped off his rock and went for a walk in the briars.

The ghosts of dead spiders  
Had been busy all night, and every few feet  
Along the road  
There was a rope of gossamer.  
The old white horse  
Taking two old gray people to meeting  
Held up his head and said to himself,  
'Look at those ropes!  
Watch me bust them!  
Whammy, there goes another one!  
Doggone, I'll bet there isn't another horse  
In 42 counties  
Can run along a road pulling a buggy  
And busting ropes and cables.'  
And all of a sudden he felt so good



Jersey cows and dandelions in a springtime field in central Vermont. photo by Nancy Cassidy

That he threw up his hindquarters and gave  
A big two-legged kick,  
And the old gray woman said,  
'Well, I swan to gracious,'  
And the old gray man got all tangled up  
With the lines  
And nearly fell out of the buggy  
Reaching for the whip.  
'Whoa, there,' he said. 'Whoa, there, Roosevelt!  
Hold on now! What in the Sam Hill is into you?'

About 14 hundred May-apple stems,  
With their parasols up, marched down the hill  
And all the spring beauties turned up  
Their pale, peaked noses  
And said, 'Don't them May-apples  
Think they're somebody  
With their bumbershoots up!'

Oh, it was a grand day, a specially grand day,  
And all the flowers were so sweet  
That the butterflies sneezed.  
And the young goats and the lambs  
Couldn't think of anything special enough  
In the way of capers and didoes,  
So they just stood still and looked wise.





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# North Country Book News

## 3rd Annual Bethel Postcard & History Fair

The Third Annual Postcard and History Fair, hosted by the Bethel Historical Society, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 23 at Whitcomb High School gym, Bethel, VT. Admission is free. There will be 14 postcard, book, ephemera, sports memorabilia and stamp dealers, who will have numerous interesting items for sale including many Bethel and Vermont items. The Bethel Historical Society will also have a table with books, maps and postcards for sale.

A new attraction this year will be an "Antiques Road Show" style event from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. with appraisals of old items by Josh Steenburgh of Steenburgh Auctioneers and Appraisers. They offer full auction and appraisal service.

There also will be a new large flea market under the canopy outside. Space is still available. For information call (802) 234-5064.

The United States Postal Service will be operating a temporary Post Office station on site from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will cancel mail or other collectible items, with a special cancellation featuring Civil War Gen. Stephen Thomas who

was born in Bethel, VT. They will also provide passport processing services.

Historical exhibits featuring old pictures, postcards and other interesting items will be on display. Food will be available in the lobby by the Whitcomb High School Boosters.

The Bethel Historical Society thanks each of our participants who are making this event possible and for helping us to preserve the history of our town.

For information, contact: Nick Nikolaidis, president, Bethel Historical Society, and event organizer, call (802) 234-5064, or e-mail [nick@nikolaidis.com](mailto:nick@nikolaidis.com).

## Montpelier's Bear Pond Books Hosts Author Laurel Neme

Bear Pond Books in Montpelier, VT, hosts a talk and reading with writer Laurel Neme on Tuesday, May 26 at 7 p.m.

Neme's new book *Animal Investigators* provides a look at behind-the-scenes cases by the world's only forensic lab dedicated to solving animal crimes. The book describes the scientific methods they use to safeguard endangered animals that are being poached for their body parts.

Laurel A. Neme is an international consultant specializing in natural resource management, has worked in dozens of countries around the world and understands the real-life tradeoffs between wildlife protection and human economic needs.

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### Children's Book News

## Once Upon a Saturday

Written and illustrated by Leslie Lammle

It's Saturday at last, and June has a whole day of fun planned. She can search for wild animals, learn how to fly, or maybe even discover long-lost treasures. But first she has to do her chores! She tackles them with ingenuity as does the author/illustrator as she takes us on June's imaginative adventure.

Leslie Lammle's pen and ink drawings appear regularly in the Style section of the *New York Times*. You can visit her online at [www.leslielammle.com](http://www.leslielammle.com).

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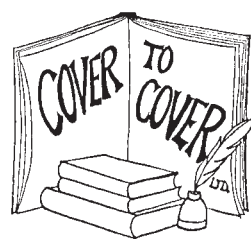
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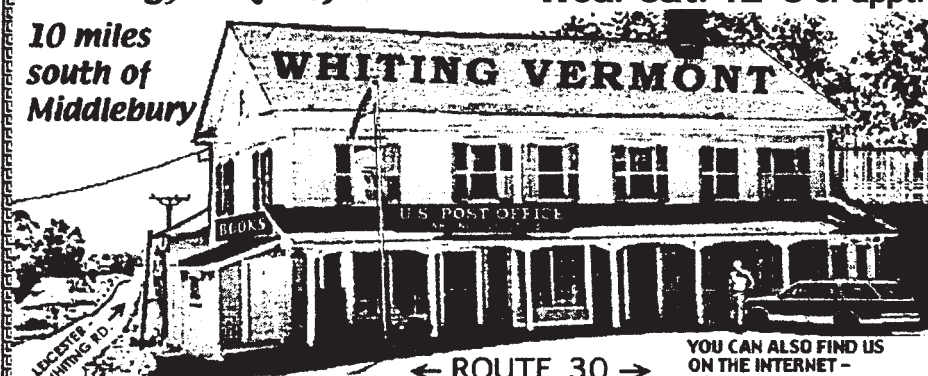
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**by Donald H. Thompson**  
*(Published by The History Press, Charleston, S.C.)*

It's not unusual today to hear about a farm going into the tourist business for extra income. In this fascinating book about the turn-of-the-century resort life around nine-mile-long Lake Bomoseen, we discover early pioneers in agri-tourism, Lyman Johnson and his son Endearing Johnson, farmers on the west shore of the lake, who sold off their Holstein cows and marino sheep and turned the farm into a mini-resort with a three-hole golf course back in the 1800s.

or Hydeville. Day-timers came out by the droves by trolley from the Rutland area.

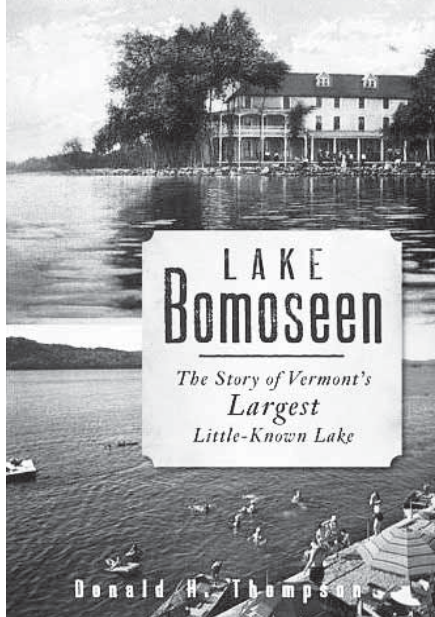
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***Book Review***  
***by Charles Sutton***

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Author Donald H. Thompson, a retired history teacher, whose family has had a place at Indian Point on the lake's east side since 1967, has put together a history and an intriguing collection of old photographs and postcards which capture an era when thousands flocked to the lake to stay at one of its many hotels, or to spend the day at a public beach, or for an evening for music and dancing with Vaughn Monroe, Frank Sinatra, Gene Krupa, the Dorsey brothers and others.



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LAKE  
**Bomoseen**

*The Story of Vermont's  
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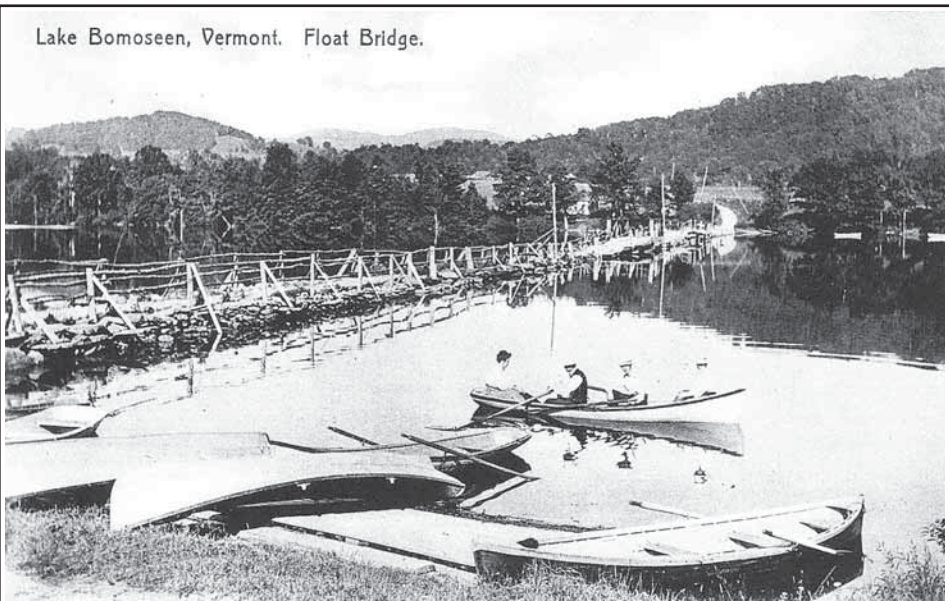
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There were many public beaches. A major attraction was Bomoseen Park that opened in 1904 with a Victorian dance pavilion, baseball diamond, and concession stands. A record 13,000 people came to the lake on July 6, 1908, during a bad heat wave.

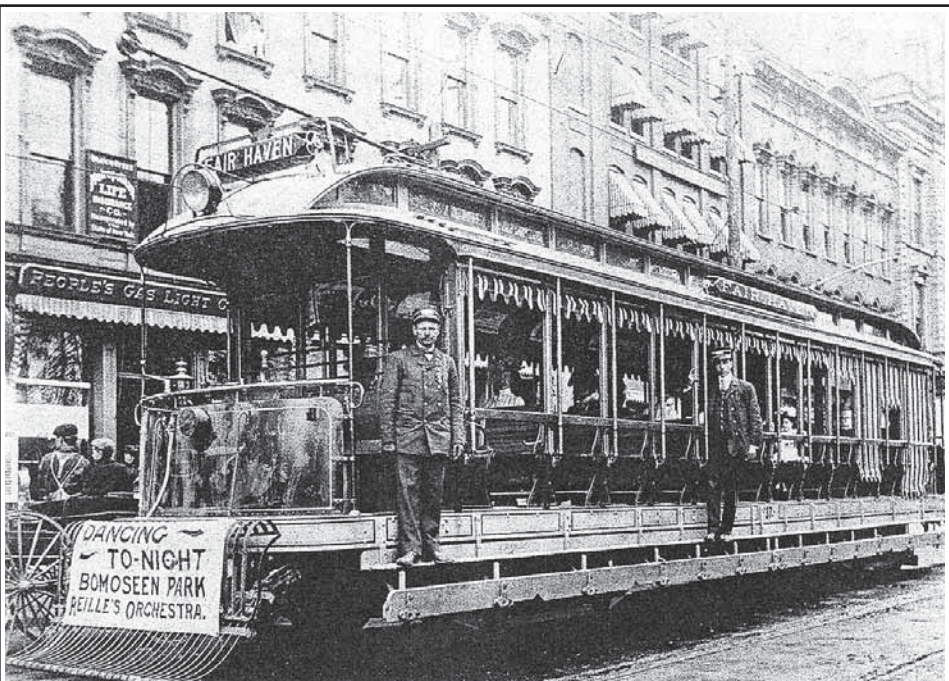
We learn there are two surviving inns, the former Lake House—Trakenseen Hotel (now the Trak-In Steak House and Edgewater Resort), which has gone through many upgrades by the long-time owners, the Poremski family. The complex includes an inn, condo units, efficiencies and a motel with 700 feet frontage on the lake. The other survivor is Hydeville's Bomoseen Inn, made famous for having the longest bar in Vermont.

In addition to writing this book, Donald Thompson is a historical interpreter and presenter. Wearing authentic period costumes, he shares stories of early American historical figures like Samuel de Champlain.

Donald Thompson will be appearing at Briggs Carriage Bookstore in Brandon, VT



A floating bridge ran across the north end of Lake Bomoseen. The bridge was built by Lyman Johnson in 1873 at the cost of \$3,000, to enable guests to come to his farmhouse which had been converted to an inn. The photo was taken in 1910.



This open air trolley, pictured here in Rutland, VT, operated between Rutland and Lake Bomoseen from 1904 to 1918. The trolley took thousands of people to the lake beaches, park, and resorts.

*Lake Bomoseen: The Story of Vermont's  
Largest Little-Known Lake by Donald H.*

*Thompson is available at Vermont bookstores or can be ordered from the author for \$19.99 plus \$3 for s&h at PO Box 113, Bomoseen, VT 05732 or call (802) 468-5309.*

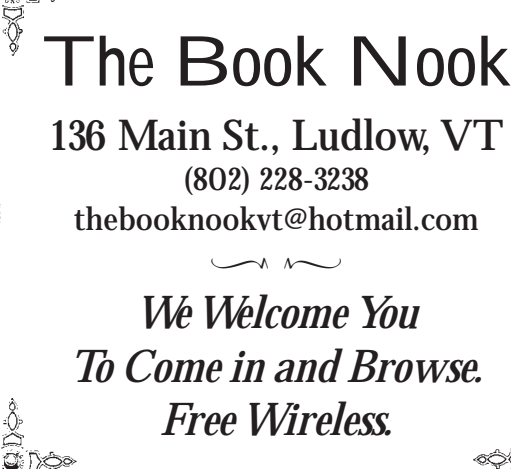
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***Around Pittsford***, a photographic history of Pittsford, Chittenden, and Proctor, is part of Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America" series, and contains more than 170 images—many of which have never before been published. Assisted by Chittenden and Proctor historians, author Peggy Armitage—president of the Pittsford Historical Society—wrote captions for the black and white photos dating from the 1850s to 1990s. The text includes chapters on people, places, and products. The author will discuss and sign copies of this must-have book of local history.

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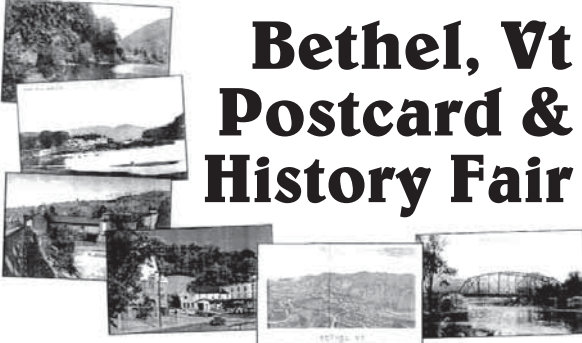


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**Annual Bloomtime Festival.** *Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.* Come view the many plant collections in spectacular full bloom! There will be a Burlington Garden Club plant sale, Friends of the Hort Farm plant sale, and guided tours. Many varieties of lilac plants will be offered. Sponsored by the Friends of the Horticulture Farm, Burlington Garden Club and the UVM Dept. of Plant and Soil Science.

**Lilac Pruning Workday.** *Saturday, May 19, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.* Presenter: Jeff Young—Lilac Curator for the Hort Farm. Learn to prune while helping groom our award-winning lilac collection, including 90 kinds of lilacs ranging from 3–15' in height and having a multitude of colors.

**Lilac Walk and Talk.** *Thursday, May 21 and Tuesday, June 2, 5:30–7:30 p.m.* Jeff Young, curator of the lilac collection at the Hort Farm, will take you on a tour and answer questions.

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