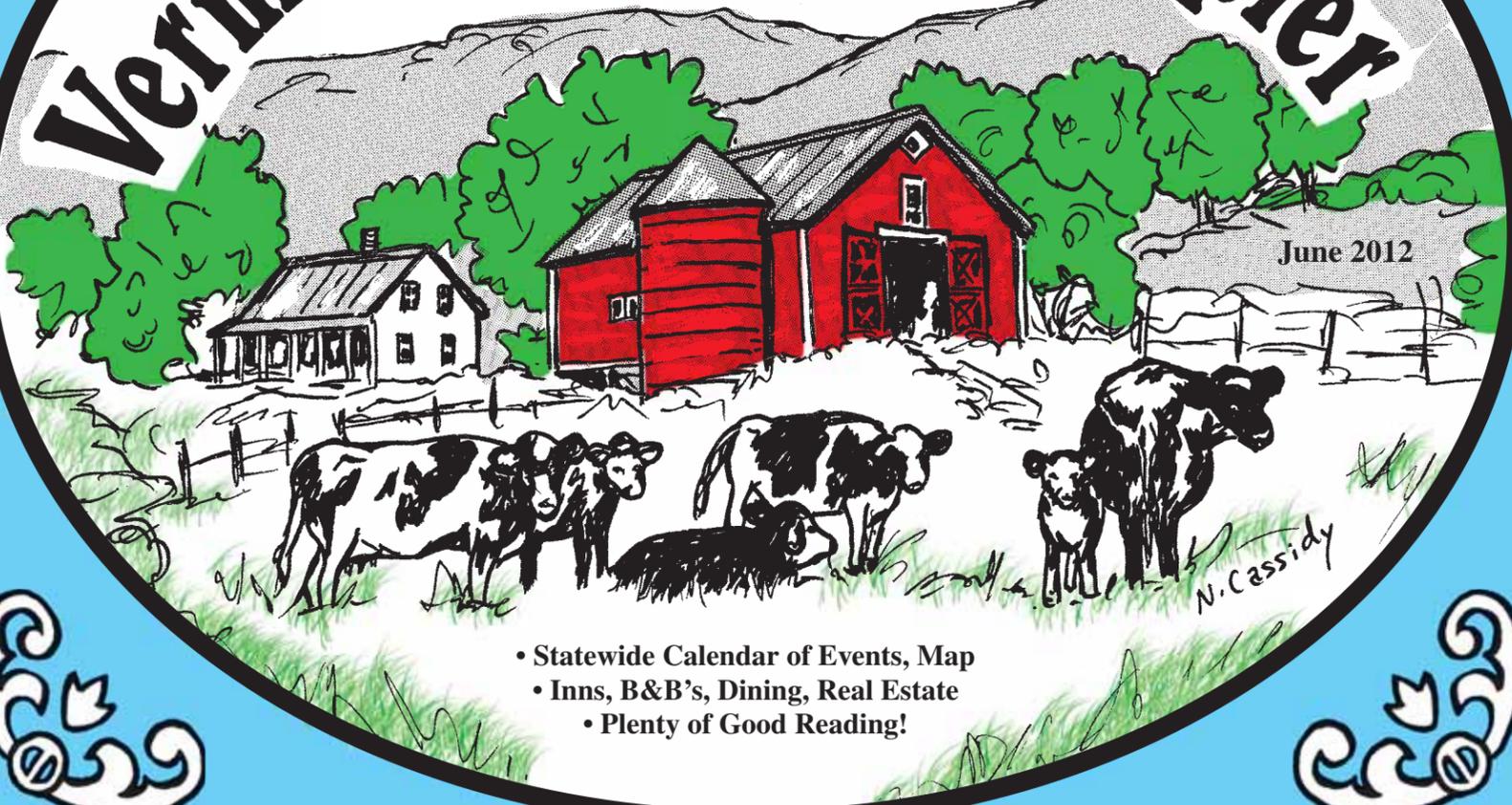


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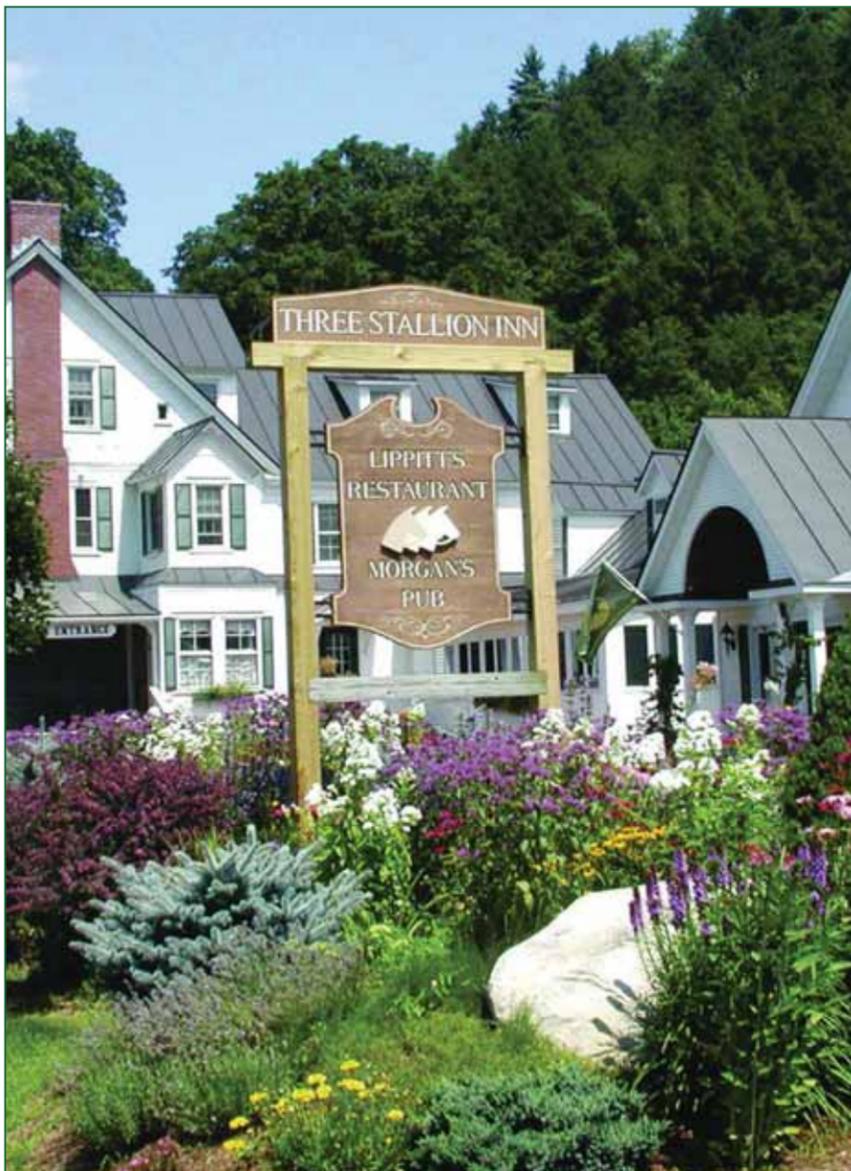
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“Vermont in the Civil War” Theme of Vermont History Expo!

The Vermont History Expo is down-home fun whether you are 8 or 88! Musicians, authors, genealogists, crafters and other talented professionals offer Expo workshops, parades, Civil War re-enactments, performances and demonstrations.

“Vermont in the Civil War” is the theme of this year’s Vermont History Expo on June 16th and 17th at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds, in Tunbridge, VT.

Visitors will learn how Vermonters lived through the Civil War period and how our state was forever changed during and after the war.

In honor of the Civil War theme, more living historians will be at the History Expo than ever before. In addition to Vermont infantry and cavalry soldiers, there will be a contingent portraying a Confederate infantry regiment plus medical personnel, musicians, and staff officers.

Others will portray civilian men, women and children of the period. At the sutler’s tent, visitors will play the role of soldiers using a signed note of credit against the next month’s pay to buy supplies and extra goods.

Buildings, tents, stalls and open spaces will be filled with history that comes alive (both Civil War and other history). Local historical societies will present exhibits about their towns. Living historians will stage scenes of the time. Crafters host hands-on and collective experiences for visitors. Authors and speakers present stories of Vermont’s past. And some wonderful musicians will entertain.

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On the Saturday evening of the History Expo, a town supper will be served by local Tunbridge school students.

After dinner, folks will stroll back down to the fairgrounds to join soldiers and musicians around the campfire and sing songs that would have been heard on a typical battlefield.

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Strolling of the Heifers Parade and Green Expo

June 1-3 • Brattleboro, VT

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June 1-10 • Burlington, VT

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President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site Re-Opening Celebration

June 9 • Plymouth Notch, VT

The President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site in rural Plymouth Notch is America's best-preserved presidential site. Calvin Coolidge, born there in 1872, also became president onsite in a dramatic early morning inauguration on August 3, 1923, after President Harding's death. An exhibit, "More than Two Words: The Life and Legacy of Calvin Coolidge," opens with a variety of activities planned to celebrate this new historical feature. historicsites.vermont.gov.

Vermont Days

June 9-10 • Statewide

Enjoy free admission at Vermont State Park day areas, state-owned historic sites and the Vermont History Museum. Hiking, biking, boating, fishing, picnicking – or just relaxing with a good book! Saturday is also free fishing day—the one day of the year when residents and non-residents may fish without a license. Vermont Days feature activities and events at state parks and historic sites, including a fishing clinic at Branbury State Park, the Green Mountain Brass Band at Waterbury Center State Park and a Lorax Storywalk at the following state parks: Silver Lake, Mt. Philo, Button Bay, Knight Point and Elmore. www.vermontdays.com.

33rd Annual Quechee Hot Air Balloon, Craft & Music Festival

June 15-17 • Quechee, VT

The skies over Quechee and the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire will be filled with vibrantly colored hot air balloons ushering in the annual Quechee Hot Air Balloon, Craft & Music Festival. The longest continuously running hot air balloon festival in New England, the Quechee Hot Air Balloon Festival is one of Yankee Magazine's Top 20 Events of summer. www.quecheeballoonfestival.com.

Vermont History Expo

June 16-17 • Tunbridge, VT

Designated by the Vermont Chamber as a Top 10 Ten Summer Event, the Vermont History Expo invites you to walk back in time at this country fair where more than 150 local historical societies, museums, and heritage organizations unite. Some exhibits commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and Vermont's significant role in that war. In addition to learning opportunities, enjoy crafters, musicians and children's games. www.vermonthistory.org/expo.

Rockfire, An Elemental Experience

June 23 • Websterville, VT

This annual summer solstice event at Millstone Hill honors the immigrant communities that lived and worked at the granite quarries for more than a century, and embraces the recreation and beauty that the space offers today. Enjoy more than 900 luminaries and 40 bonfires burning throughout the quarry while visitors walk the biking trails to see live performances. www.rockfirevt.com.

Native American Heritage Festival

June 23-24 • Vergennes, VT

Discover the vibrant Native culture of the Champlain Valley Region as members of the Elnu and Missisquoi Abenaki tribes, the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk and Koasek Traditional Band of the Koas Abenaki Nation gather at Lake Champlain Maritime Museum for the annual celebration of the region's Native American Heritage. Tribal members dressed in traditional garments will demonstrate singing, drumming, basket making, bead decoration, food preparation and other life skills. Sign up in advance for "Paddle to Prehistory" and travel by canoe to the site of an ancient Native American village with archaeologist Joanne Dennis.

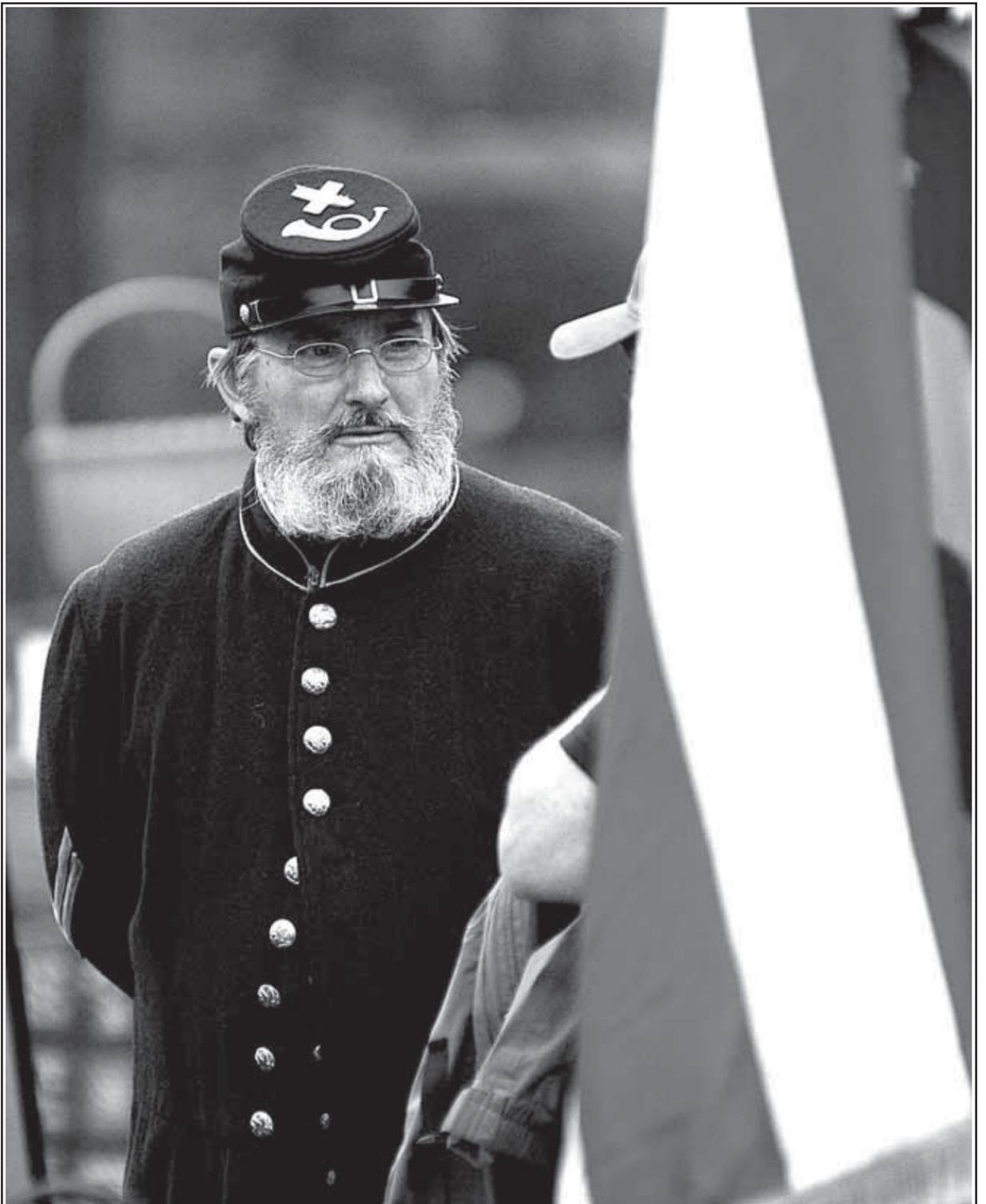


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The Vermont Civil War Hemlocks will be at the Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge VT, June 16-17.

14th Annual Stowe Wine & Food Classic

June 22-24 • Stowe, VT

A benefit for Copley Hospital and the Vermont Foodbank, the Stowe Wine and Food Classic at Trapp Family Lodge is a one-of-a-kind food and wine experience. Not only will you meet top winemakers and chefs, you will also get to know the farmers and producers these chefs count on for fresh ingredients. Enjoy more than 100 wines and an array of offerings from area restaurants, cheese makers and brewers, all in a casual and vibrant atmosphere. Up-scale meets down-home in an event you do not want to miss. www.trappfamily.com.

Event in a Tent

June 30 • Brattleboro, VT

Music New England, a new presenting and performing arts organization, debuts its unique music festival model on the grounds of the Vermont Agricultural Business and Education Center in Brattleboro, also known as the Famolare Farm. The Event in a Tent fuses live music with other performing art genres and audience participation to create a singular entertainment experience under one 1,000 seat tent. Enjoy a family-friendly atmosphere that encourages picnicking and socializing. www.musicnewengland.org.

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Headliner Fred Eaglesmith and his band will be joined by Hayes Carll, Mary Gauthier, and Red Molly all making return appearances. Over the weekend, more than 20 sets will be offered!

Thursday night's opening show will feature new and regional artists at 33 Bridge Street, an historic mill building with a large dance floor, located on the Connecticut River.

On Friday, the village of Bellows Falls hosts six free open-air concerts around the Square and at the popular Bellows Falls Farmers' Market.

The Friday evening stage at the Big Tent festival site at Everyday Inn in Rockingham features Brock Zeman, Danielle Miraglia, and Blackie and the Rodeo Kings. Former Roger Marin sideman Phil Bosley has his own set. Local talent includes Hot Mustard and Michael Hertz.

Saturday's artists includes Steel Wheels, a group that offers up a mix of blues and bluegrass, old-time sing-a-longs, and body-moving fiddling, and Hot Mustard. The bluegrass Barnstar! will entertain featuring Mark Erelli, Zack Hickman, Charlie Rose, Jake Armerding, and his father Taylor Armerding. And festival favorite trio Red Molly will perform.

Veteran performer Hayes Carll has said this is one of his favorite festivals. Eaglesmith will follow Carll in the Saturday lineup offering up his unique mix of a few stories, some songs, a few more stories and quite a few more songs.

The festival winds down on Sunday with the all-acoustic concert at the historic Rockingham Meeting House. Joining Eaglesmith at this venue will be Mary Gauthier.

Deluxe ticketholders get preferred seating under the big tent and at the Rockingham Meeting House, and early admis-



A doe with her fawns browse in a summer meadow in Randolph, VT. photo by Nancy Cassidy

sion to events. They are treated to an opening reception on Thursday, receive a "goody bag" filled with gifts, and free admission to the parting event.

The concert is always family and pet friendly, and smoke-free, just bring along a blanket or lawn chair. A popular Saturday feature is a Kids' Tent with organized activities, games, and healthy refreshments provided throughout the day. Bring a lawn-chair or blanket for Every Day Inn concerts if you have not purchased a deluxe ticket. There is free parking at all venues, and lots of great food!

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The first show is titled "Modern Mayhem" and features the textural encaustic paintings of Putney, Vermont-based artist Jacobie Z.

Mr. Z uses figures drawn and painted from life and incorporates them into a setting of mixed media using color,

tone and rhythm. The work of Jacobie Z will be up until June 15, 2012 in the Gallery.

BLCARTGRP Gallery is at 295 Main St. in Chester, VT. The entrance is at the rear of the building. Open Wed thru Sun from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For info call (802) 289-1663. www.brycelevancushing.com. Regarding the paintings of Jacobie Z please call (802) 451-6655.

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Sorting Myself Out

by Sally O’Kane McClintock

Twelve packed boxes stand in the way of my reaching a life “all sorted out.” Stored neatly in the living room and covered with a decorative cloth, the boxes wait for me to summon the courage for a final sorting. Others may consult practical books on sorting their possessions, but a playwright and a poet are my guides. But because of them, I am stuck in the middle, between postponing and exploring.

Whenever I think of sorting my things, I remember Davies’ recurring plaint in *The Caretaker*, “Got to go to Sidcup, get myself sorted out.”

In this play by Harold Pinter, Davies is a tramp who calls himself by two names. When questioned, he insists there are papers in Sidcup that will sort this all out, “They tell you who I am.” But he never makes that trip for the documents, blaming lack of shoes or bad weather—always something. I can still hear Davies repeating, “Got to go to Sidcup, get myself sorted out,” even though I saw the play 50 years ago.

Unlike Davies, I have papers here in my desk that explain my three last names. Birth certificate, marriage licenses, and divorce decree tell who I am. But I am like Davies in postponing my own sorting. While most of my stored items are

*“I may also uncover my own self,
as I remember what was once—or still
may be—important to my life.”*

organized in cabinets, basement, and the garage, there are still those twelve unsorted boxes in the living room.

Some bear strange labels: “By the file cabinet,” “On the card table.” Cancer had come to me. Chemo was in my life. My husband had died the year before and I lived alone. In a hurry between treatments, my children were moving me to live near them. “Label those boxes when you pack them,” I said as I left, “so I know what’s in them when they get there.” There was no time for me to finish the packing.

Nine years later, a cancer survivor, I look at the labeled boxes and wonder what was by the file cabinet, what was on the card table. I could open the boxes and look. But I hesitate, although there might be some precious things stored in them. Somewhere there’s a jade necklace my father gave me when I was a teenager, bought from a drunken sailor, he said, on a San Francisco wharf. Or I might find my wooden pin of the old woman who lived in a shoe. I had the pin from childhood, the size of a button, with a tiny scene of the woman and the shoe and the children. In which box might it be?

Still I hesitate to open the boxes and finish the sorting. I know that sorting is more than uncovering and rearranging the items stored. I may also uncover my own self, as I remember what was once—or may still be—important to my life. And perhaps consider rearrangement.

I wish I were bold enough to be guided by the poetry of T.S. Eliot, as he writes about exploring in *Little Gidding* from *Four Quartets*:

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.

If I explore those final twelve boxes, perhaps I will find my jade necklace or my little pin. But to arrive where I started? What would that mean? And what would it be like to know the place for the first time? Like Davies, I am fearful.

And thus I balance between postponing and exploring, caught between the play and the poem. The jade will have to wait. And the old woman in her shoe. Why chance a life all sorted out for a possible glimpse of eternity—or of nothing?



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Wild Strawberries

by Bob Krum

My first experience with wild strawberries came when my Dad, my brother, Jim, and I were on a trout-fishing trip. We had driven to a small stream, pitched our tent, and started a five-day vacation. After I had fished for two days from daylight to dark, I needed a break, so during midday I took a walk across a sand barren.

The area lacked trees and had few shrubs or grasses but it did have extensive patches of wild strawberries. While the strawberries were not much bigger than peas, they were plentiful and I managed to pick two or three cups.

The next morning, I proudly displayed the strawberries. Dad and Jim didn't say too much; they just poured them on their cold cereal, added a little sugar, poured on some milk, and started gobbling. The following morning we had strawberries sprinkled over our pancakes. Those strawberries made that fishing trip a lot more enjoyable. They added some variety to an otherwise monotonous menu of beans and hot dogs.

Wild strawberries still make welcome additions to a camper's menu. Strawberries are great for quick snacks while you're hiking, fishing, or strolling around camp. About the only preparation needed is to wash them because they do tend to pick up grit.

Although there are many places you can go to pick commercially raised strawberries, the wild ones seem so much tastier. Admittedly, wild strawberries are much smaller than tame varieties, but the wild berry packs a lot of flavor into that small package.

While strawberries are common throughout New England, they don't prosper in deep shade. Forest openings, rights-of-way, abandoned fields, timber cuts, and burns offer strawberries a perfect place to grow.

Strawberries are herbaceous (not woody) biennials that perpetuate the species by seeds and runners (stolons). The compound leaf is composed of three deeply serrated (toothed) leaflets.

Strawberries blossom in May and ripen in late June through mid-July. Each berry is about twice as large as a pea.

It's difficult to pick more than a quart of wild strawberries in a reasonable time, so most of its uses are limited to garnishes or embellishments. One of my favorite recipes

consists of a half cup of wild strawberries mixed into pancake batter. Fry the pancakes and embellish them with a few especially red-ripe berries. Then drench the pancakes with a syrup made by simmering strawberries, water, and brown sugar. Who says camp meals have to be boring?

You can mix strawberries with other berries to get a little more mileage out of them. As the strawberries are tapering off, the blueberries, black and red raspberries, junberries, and black currants are just starting. You can combine these berries and make a good berry stew. Combining berries to make cobblers, upside-down cakes, syrups, and jellies makes good sense and better taste!

You can freeze strawberries easily. Wash and stem them, drain well. Place them in plastic lock-type bags and freeze. Try putting premeasured amounts (say, one to two cups) into each bag so you won't have to bother measuring the thawed berries when you need them for a recipe.

The following recipes are great for wild strawberries but you can substitute regular berries if that's what you have.

STRAWBERRY SYRUP

This is a handy recipe for the camp cook. It goes well with pancakes. Mash ½ to 1 cup of wild strawberries in a saucepan. Add ½ cup of water and ¼ cup brown sugar. Bring to a boil, then simmer for 15 minutes.

STRAWBERRY PANCAKES

Again, this is a simple camp recipe. Use a pancake mix that only requires that you add water. I usually make enough pancake batter for three people to eat three saucer-sized pancakes, which is a cup plus of mix. When you have mixed up the pancake batter, add approximately ¼ cup of wild strawberries that have been washed and the caps removed. Cook the pancakes as usual—you might need just a little more cooking oil than normal to keep the pancakes from sticking. Serve with the above strawberry syrup and you'll have pancakes better than any you could make or buy back home.

FRUIT BATTER PUDDING

2 cups fresh wild strawberries	1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup sugar	2 cups flour
½ cup shortening	2½ tsp. baking powder
1 cup sugar	¼ teaspoon salt
1 egg, well-beaten	1 cup milk

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix berries with ½ cup sugar and put in well-greased square pan. Prepare batter: cream shortening well, and add 1 cup sugar. Add egg and vanilla. Beat until well blended. Sift dry ingredients together. Alternately add dry ingredients and milk to the batter. Pour batter over berry mixture. Bake about 45 minutes. This recipe can be used with blueberries, cranberries, red and black raspberries, and blackberries as well.

—Emily Krumm, Eaton Rapids, Michigan



WILD STRAWBERRY JAM (USING HONEY)

4 cups strawberry pulp (approx. 2 quarts)	1 package pectin
6½ cups honey	¼ teaspoon margarine, butter, or cooking oil
¼ cup lemon juice	

Wash, stem, and crush strawberries thoroughly until reduced to pulp. Measure honey in bowl and set aside. Measure fruit pulp into 6 or 8-quart saucepan or kettle. If a little short of fruit, add water. Add lemon juice. Add the package of pectin to fruit in kettle. Stir thoroughly to dissolve, scraping sides of pan to make sure all the pectin dissolves. (This takes a few minutes.) Place mixture over high heat. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly to prevent scorching. Add the pre-measured honey. Mix well. Bring to full rolling boil (a boil that can't be stirred down). Add the ¼ teaspoon of margarine, butter, or cooking oil and continue stirring. Boil hard until the temperature reaches 221° on a candy or deep-fat thermometer. Remove mixture from heat. Skim foam and pour into glasses. Securely tighten two-piece metal lids and submerge glasses in boiling-water bath for 5 minutes. Yield: ten 8-ounce jars

CRUNCHY FRUIT MUFFINS

1½ cups whole-wheat flour	2 eggs, beaten
2½ tsp. baking powder	¼ cup lemon or plain yogurt
½ cup wheat germ or rolled oats	¼ cup honey
½ cup chopped nuts or sunflower seeds (optional)	1 cup fresh strawberries

Preheat oven to 400°. In large bowl combine flour, baking powder, oats or wheat germ, nuts or seeds. In small bowl combine eggs, yogurt, and honey. Mix lightly. Add wild strawberries or other berries or chopped fruit. Combine wet and dry ingredients and mix until just moistened. Batter may be lumpy. Grease 12 muffin cups, fill two-thirds full. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes until golden. Note: If using juicy berries such as strawberries, blackberries, or raspberries, add last and mix in lightly before adding batter to muffin tins. Can be made with any berries or chopped fruit.

—Janet Belanger, Buckfield, Maine

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Good Stuff Left Behind

by Burr Morse

I've had plenty of chance to walk the farm lately what with sugaring's early tapping, mid-season's repairing, and the pulling of spouts at the end. During the first two periods, snow conceals all natural curiosities and man-made detritus but the last period, the pulling of spouts, provides a peek at the property "au naturel." In fact, I'm a slow worker at this juncture because I stop and gaze at everything; there's generations of "relics" out there and it's wicked interesting! I've stumbled across the remains of several ancient sugarhouses, dumps dating back to Civil War times, and car parts from the Al Capone era. There's one category of that man-made stuff that's not only interesting but touches a bit on my tender psyche—stuff left over from my brothers' projects.

Out in back of the house where we all grew up is the remains of an old radio antenna tower. My older brothers, Elliott and Tick, were both HAM radio operators and radio buffs in general. The tower, a combination of wood and steel, lies prostrate in the leaf mold, almost fully "melted" back

"I stop and gaze at everything; there's generations of "relics" out there and it's wicked interesting!"

to earth now but I remember it well. Those two guys were always sending metallic fingers of one fashion or another heavenward "trolling" for messages from places like China and Tasmania. I'll never forget Elliott's pink '59 Chevy with dice hanging from the mirror and a sky-high antenna clamped to the back bumper. The antenna served a device called a citizens band radio. CB radios were big and boxy compared with modern-day cell phones. The CBers called each other "old man" and used other terms like "affirmative" and "come back!" Back then folks had common sense. I wonder, was there ever an accident caused by a CBer?

On another part of our farm near a grove of maples is a boneyard for farm equipment. I was there the other day pulling spouts and pondering. It would be junk to most people but to me the two ancient Allis Chalmers corn choppers resembled Brontosaurus. Their curved discharge spouts reached up to "nibble" on young, encroaching maple and ash trees and nearby, a rusted New Holland baler with a jagged-toothed plunger looked like a Tyrannosaurus ready to pounce! My brothers have also left marks of their "mechanical" sides there. Yes, they were always tinkering on cars, motorcycles, or anything else that popped or belched, or bloodied knuckles.

I was never mechanically or technically minded. My wife says I can't even replace a battery in a clock and she's right.

Summertime Strawberry Suppers

Saturday, June 16th—Hartford, VT. Strawberry Supper. Menu: baked ham, baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, cole slaw, sweet breads, and strawberries in a shortcake, sundae or plain, for dessert. Served family style. Handicapped accessible. Adults: \$10, children (6-12) \$4. 5 & 6 p.m. Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, Route 14. *Reservations accepted, call (802) 295-2510.*

Wednesday, June 20th—Plymouth, VT. 59th Annual Strawberry Festival. Barbeque, crafts table, bouncy house, touch-a-truck(s), face painting, and a huge Vermont raffle with many, many prizes. BBQ'd burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, baked beans, home made salads and beverages. Strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits, real whipped cream, and vanilla ice cream. Park entrance is free for the evening, and the food is a la carte. 5-8 pm, rain or shine. At Camp Plymouth State Park off Rt. 100 at Echo Lake. (802) 228-3308.

Saturday, June 23rd—Cornwall, VT. 11th Annual Strawberry Festival. Family fun. Live music. Lunch a la carte with hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, fruit salad and beverages. Strawberry shortcake or sundaes. 11 am – 3 pm. First Congregational Church of Cornwall, Rt. 30. (802) 462-2170.

Saturday, June 23rd—Forestdale, VT. Annual Baked Ham and Strawberry Shortcake Supper. Baked ham, potato salad, tossed salad, homemade rolls, and beverages. Strawberry shortcake. 5-6:30 pm. Goodwill offering. Grace Episcopal Church on Rt. 73. (802) 247-6418.

Saturday, June 23rd—Guilford, VT. Annual Strawberry Shortcake Supper. Ham and homemade baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, deviled eggs, fresh-baked rolls, beverages, and strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream. Seatings at 5 pm & 6:30 pm. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children under 11, preschool \$3. At the Guilford Community Church, 38 Church Dr. off Bee Barn Rd. (802) 257-1819.

Saturday, June 23rd—Manchester Center, VT. Annual Ham and Strawberry Supper. Baked pit hams with delicious special sauce and homemade baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, broccoli salad, homemade rolls, and beverages. Freshly-picked strawberries on homemade biscuits with real whipped cream. Served family-style. Handicap accessible. Reservations recommended. Adults \$11, children 8 and under \$5. One seating at 6 pm at the First Baptist Church, Rts. 7A & 30. *For reservations call (802) 362-3473.*

Sunday, June 24th—Middletown Springs, VT. 37th Annual Strawberry Festival. To benefit the Middletown Springs Historical Society. Museum exhibits and live music by Paul Morgan and Friends. Local crafts artists. Strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits, ice cream, and whipped cream for \$6 per person. Coffee, ice tea, and lemonade are included. 2-4 pm on the Green. (802) 235-2376.



An abandoned hayrack in a summer field, Randolph, VT.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

I always thought it was unfair that th'old family genes got thrown in such different directions. Elliott and Tick always tried to help me but ended up walking away shaking their heads. I once ordered a Heath Kit radio through the mail. It was so handsome as it appeared in the catalogue, a low profile box, a green lighted front, and rows on rows of knobs and buttons. The description promised all imaginable kinds of music from exotic places. I remember the excitement I felt the day it arrived but the brown cardboard box opened up to reveal a left brain marathon for this right brain teenager. Just the word "schematic" scared me enough, say nothing of the thousand tiny parts! I rushed it up to brother Tick's house and he baled me out like he had done many times before. I enjoyed that radio for years afterward.

Elliott used to run a Volkswagen repair shop on one part of the farm back in the days when Volkswagens were Volkswagens. He was known as Mr. VW by a wide range of customers from white-collared Montpelier pencil-pushers to Goddard College hippies. I used to go over there to learn

from Elliott but he kicked me out the day I tried to check the liquid in a battery by lighting a match. "You just found out how a hydrogen bomb works," he shouted as he pointed to the door!

Yup, they tell me that my forte is the ability to write about these things and I appreciate that. And finally, alas, at the age of sixty-four I accept my lot in life. When it comes to the technical and the mechanical, I'll just have to be content to walk the acreage and fantasize over other peoples' rifferaff—good stuff in my mind—left behind by those who can tinker.

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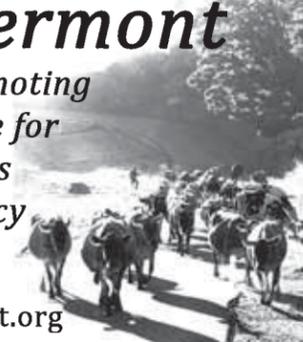
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People often mistakenly assume that young animals they see alone are helpless, lost or in trouble and need rescuing. Taking young wildlife from the wild into a human environment is not a good idea, and is against the law. The results are often permanent separation from their mother and almost always a sad ending for the animal.

Handling wildlife also involves threats to the people involved. Diseases as well as angry mothers can pose significant dangers.

Understanding the behavior of animals in the spring and early summer can help people resist the urge to assist wildlife in ways that may do more harm than good.

- Deer and moose nurse their young at different times during the day, and their young are often left alone for long periods of time. These animals are not lost. Their mother knows where they are and will return.
- Young birds on the ground may have left their nest, but their parents will still feed them.
- Young animals such as fox and raccoon will often follow their parents. The family of a "wandering" animal searching for food is usually nearby but just out of sight to a person happening upon it.

• Animals that act sick can carry rabies, parasites or other harmful diseases. Do not handle them. Healthy-looking raccoons, foxes, skunks, and bats also may also be carriers of the deadly rabies virus even though they do not show symptoms.

• Obey signs that restrict access to wildlife nesting areas, including hiking trails. Many wildlife species will not feed or care for their young when people are close.

• Keep domestic pets indoors, leashed or fenced in. Dogs and cats kill many baby animals each year.

• Avoid removing trees, shrubs and dead snags that contain bird and other nests during the spring and summer.

For information about rabies and nuisance wildlife, call the Vermont Rabies Hotline at 1-800-472-2437. If bitten or in direct contact with a raccoon, fox, skunk, or bat, or a domestic animal that has been in contact with one of these species, call the Vermont Department of Health at 1-800-640-4374.

For the safety of all wildlife taking a wild animal into captivity is illegal. If you find an orphaned animal, however, you can contact the nearest rehabilitator specializing in the species you've found. Look under "Wildlife Programs" on Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com to learn about Vermont's wildlife rehabilitates.

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Cliff Tops and Overlooks Closed to Protect Nesting Peregrines

Hiking Vermont's hillsides is a great way to enjoy a warm spring day, but the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department recommends you check to see if the area you're planning to hike or climb is open. Eleven cliff areas are currently closed to protect nesting peregrine falcons.

"Peregrine nesting activity has been observed at approximately 40 sites this spring," said John Buck, Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department biologist. "But, we only closed the cliffs where there's a chance of people disturbing the nesting birds."

Cliff areas or portions of cliff areas currently closed include:

Barnet Roadcut, Barnet—Rt. 5 pullout is closed.

Bolton Notch, Bolton—access to the Upper Upper West cliff is closed.

Bolton Quarry, Bolton—portions of the cliff are closed to climbing.

Deer Leap, Bristol—the cliff top is closed.

Fairlee Palisades, Fairlee—the cliff top is closed.

Marshfield Mt., Marshfield—portions of the cliff are closed to climbing.

Nichols Ledge, Woodbury—the cliff top is closed.

Rattlesnake Point, Salisbury—the southern lookout is closed.

Smuggler's Notch, Cambridge—access to climbing near Elephant Head is closed.

Snake Mt., Addison—the top of the cliff area south of pond and foundation is closed.

Wheeler Mt., Barton—portions of the cliff are closed to climbing and hiking.

"The areas closed include the portions of the cliffs where the birds are nesting and the trails leading to the cliff tops or overlooks," said Buck. "In many cases the lower portions of the trails are still open."

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department partners with Audubon Vermont to monitor the sites throughout the nesting season. These sites will remain closed until August 1, but if a falcon pair doesn't nest or if the nest is not successful, the sites will be reopened sooner.

According to Margaret Fowle of Audubon Vermont, at least 27 peregrine falcon pairs nested in Vermont during the 2011 season. Eighteen pairs were successful, producing at least 38 young falcons.

"We appreciate the public's support in respecting the cliff closures," said Buck. "It's helping to ensure that peregrines remain part of Vermont's landscape."

Updated information on cliff closures is listed at www.vtfishandwildlife.com or you may call (802) 241-3700.

You can report peregrine sightings by calling Vermont Fish and Wildlife or e-mailing fwinformation@state.vt.us.



photo by Steven Faccio
Scientific wildlife management has enabled peregrine falcons like this one to make a dramatic comeback since they disappeared from the eastern U.S. in the 1960s. Eighteen pairs successfully raised at least 38 young last year in Vermont.

Moveable Feasts

A few days ago, I received a letter from Jeffery Goss, a correspondent of mine who lives in Springfield, Missouri.

"This spring has rattled everything I thought I knew about phenological time measurements," wrote Jeffery. "For example, in March, zeitgebers came three to four weeks early and not even in the right order. Maybe it's climate change."

Jeffery's experience was similar to mine. I have spent years trying to define the seasons, dividing them up, connecting them to one another, looking for signs and footprints. I have found that location usually dictates the progress of the year, as measured by the blooming of plants, and that usually certain dates on the Gregorian calendar can serve as markers for the seasons. In February, I have enjoyed taking a day or two and driving south into spring, discovering the gradual unravelling of winter through the Border States, finally arriving at May or early June by the time I reach the Gulf.

Warmer than the pair of record Marches in 1945 and 1946, this past March pushed many northern states into the patterns I have charted for Columbia, South Carolina. If another exceptional March occurs this coming year, the plot will thicken, and if similar early springs occur within the decade to come, then the paradigm will have definitely shifted.

If seasonal markers become moveable feasts, then clusters of phenological events become more significant for defining the progress of the year. In a shifting climate scenario, the seasonal clusters become floating, almost existential, calendars, replacing an older fixed system tied to more stable weather cycles of the past century in which events took place more consistently and reflected geographical as well as temporal tiers.

Such an existential system might lose events from both geographical preconceptions and ties to the traditional months, bringing focus on events themselves and their relationship to one another.

The result would be to define time more by what occurs instead of what has always occurred or what is expected to occur. Freed from expectations of place and dates, the local observer would hover within the spin of this new phase of Earth's history, lightly riding its waves, fully aware, without expectations.

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Bristol Farmers' Market. Town Green. Saturdays 10-1, June 2 - October 6. www.bristolfarmersmarket.com.

Burlington—Fletcher Allen Health Care Farmers Market. Fletcher Allen Health Care, McClure lobby entrance, 111 Colchester Ave. Thursdays 2:30-5:30, May 10 - October. tanya.mcdonald@vtmednet.org.

Burlington—Old North End Farmers Market. New location: Roosevelt Park at the intersection of St. Louis and Willow Streets. Tuesdays 3-6:30, June 5 - October 30. nicholas.parrish@gmail.com. www.oldnorthendfarmersmarket.org.

Burlington—New North End Farmers Market, Inc. Elks Lodge 925 North Ave. Thursdays 3-6:30, May 24 - September 27. newnorthendmarket@hotmail.com. newnorthendfarmersmarket.wordpress.com.

Burlington Farmers Market. City Hall Park. Saturdays 8:30-2, May 12 - October 27. info@burlingtonfarmersmarket.org. www.burlingtonfarmersmarket.org.

Castleton Village Farmers Market. Main Street. Thursdays 3:30-6, June 21 - Oct 5. Lori Barker, (802) 273-2241.

Chelsea Farmers Market. North Common, intersection of Rt. 110 and 113. Friday 3-6. Late May to Mid-October. chelseacommunitymarket@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/chelseafarmersmarket.

Craftsbury—The Common Market, Craftsbury's Farmers Market. On the common. Saturdays 10-1, May 26 - October 6. cherylcrzytzer@yahoo.com.

Danville—Caledonia Farmers Market Assoc. Wednesdays 9-1, May 12 - October 27. West of Danville village on Rt. 2. elizeverts@yahoo.com.

Derby Farmers Market. Rt. 5 next to Elks Lodge. Saturdays 9:30-2:30, May 25 - October 6. gardenymom@hotmail.com. www.derbyfarmersmarket.org.

Dorset Farmers Market. H.N. Williams Store, Rt. 30. Sundays 10-2, May 20 - February 24. marketmanager@dorsetfarmersmarket.com. www.dorsetfarmersmarket.com.

Enosburg Falls Farmers Market. Lincoln Park Main St. kingstaste@franklinvt.net. Saturdays 9-1, Tuesdays 4-7:30. May 19 - October 30.



Tedding hay in East Braintree, VT.

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Essex Junction—Five Corners Farmers Market. Lincoln Place off Railroad Ave. Fridays 3:30-7:30, June 1 - October 5. 5cornersfarmersmarket.com.

Grand Isle—Champlain Islands Farmers Market. St. Joseph's Church, Saturdays 10-2, May 26 - Sept. 22. Wednesday market 4-7 pm, St. Rose of Lima Church in S. Hero. deniseboutin@gmail.com. champlainislandsfarmermarket.com.

Groton Growers Farmers Market. On the lawn in front of Groton's Community Building. Saturdays 10-1, May 26 - October 27. myfarmersmkt@gmail.com.

Hartland Farmers Market. The Library Fields at 153 Rt. 5. Fridays 4-7, June-September. hartlandfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Jericho Farmers' Market. Mills River Park. Thursdays 3:30-6:30, June 7 - September 27. jerichofarmersmarket@gmail.com. TwoTownOnline.org.

Johnson Farmers Market. United Church on Main Street. Tuesdays 3-6, May 22 - October 9. icecutting@gmail.com.

Londonderry—West River Farmers Market. Intersection of Rte 11E & 100N. Saturdays 9-1, Memorial Day Weekend - Columbus Day Weekend. wrfmvt@yahoo.com. westriverfarmersmarket.com.

Ludlow Farmers Market. 53 Main St. in front of Okemo Mountain School. Fridays 4-7, May 25 - October 5. lfmkt@tds.net. www.ludlowfarmersmkt.org.

Lunenburg Farmers Market. Town Common on Rt 2. Wednesdays 2-6, June 6 - October 10. comments@topofthecommon.org. www.topofthecommon.org/b.html.

Manchester Farmers Market. Adams Park, Rt. 7A North. Thursdays 3-6, June 7 - October 4. mfmvt@yahoo.com. www.manchestermarket.org.

Middlebury Farmers Market. By the Falls at the Marble Works. Wednesdays and Saturdays 9-12:30, May - October. middleburyfm@yahoo.com. middleburyfarmersmarket.org.

Milton. Milton Grange Farmers Market. Saturday 9:30-1:30, June-October. jamesbmilton@comcast.net.

Montpelier. Capital City Farmers Market. Corner of State and Elm Streets. Saturdays 9-1, May 5 - October 27. manager@montpelierfarmersmarket.com. www.montpelierfarmersmarket.com.

Mount Holly Farmers Market. Belmont Village Green. Sat 10-1, June - October. pappynmammy@vermontel.net. ssmith@vermontel.net.

Newport Farmers Market. On the causeway in Newport between the Gazebo and COC Info center. sargentsbear necessities@gmail.com. Wednesdays, 9-2 from June 15 to October 15. Saturdays, 9-2 from May 15 to October 15.

Norwich Farmers Market. 300 Rt. 5 next to Fogg's True Value Hardware Store. Saturdays 9-1, weekly from May through October. manager@norwichfarmersmarket.org. norwichfarmersmarket.org.

Peacham Farmers Market. Academy Green. Thursdays 3-6, May 26 - September 29. janealper@gmail.com. www.peacham.net/market.

Plainfield Farmers Market. Mill Street Park. Fridays 4-7,

June 1 - October 5. clearfamilyfarm@gmail.com.

Poultney Farmers Market. Main Street. Thursdays 9-2, June 21 - October 5. Kris at (802) 468-5805

Putney Farmers Market. Carol Brown Way, just off of US Route 5, across from the Putney Food Co-op. Sundays 11-3, May 27 - October 7. pcoopmarketing@gmail.com. putneyfarmersmarket.org.

Randolph Farmers Market. Rt. 66 next to OSSU building. Saturdays 9-1, May 19 - October 20. mrs.flint@hotmail.com.

Richmond Farmers Market. Volunteer Green. Fridays, June - Labor Day 3:30-7, after Labor Day 3:30-6:30. June 8 - October 12. rffm05477@gmail.com.

Royalton Farmers Market. Town Green. Thursdays 3-6:30, May 26 - October 6. bushrod.powers@valley.net.

Rutland—Vermont Farmers Market. Downtown Rutland in Depot Park. Saturdays 9-2, May 12 - October 27. vtfarmersmarket@gmail.com. www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org.

Shelburne Farmers Market. In Shelburne Center on Rt. 7 and Church St. Saturday 9-1, May 26 - October 13. whitaker@gmail.com. sbpavt.org.

Springfield Market. 6 Main Street, People's United Bank parking area. Saturdays 10-1, June 2 - October 6. (802) 263-5390. springfieldcommunitymarket@gmail.com. www.springfieldcommunitymarket.com.

Stowe Farmers Market. Rt. 108, Mountain Rd. Sunday 10:30-3, May 20 - October 14. info@vmlink.net. stowefarmersmarket.com.

St. Albans—Northwest Farmers Market. Taylor Park. Saturdays 9-2, May 19 - October. nwfmvt.org.

St. Johnsbury—Caledonia Farmers Market Assoc. Municipal parking lot behind Anthony's Diner. Saturday 9-1, May 12 - October 27. elizeverts@yahoo.com. sites.google.com/site/caledoniafarmersmarket.

Townshend Common Farmers Market. At the intersection of Route 30 & Route 35 in Townshend. Thursdays 3:30-6:30, June 7 - October 11. farmersmarket@postoilsoptions.org. postoilsoptions.org.

Waitsfield Farmers Market. Rt. 100, Mad River Green. Sat 9-1, Mid-May through Mid-October. marketmanager@waitsfieldfarmersmarket.com. www.waitsfieldfarmersmarket.com.

West Pawlet Community Farmers Market. West Pawlet Fish and Game Club Building, 2849 VT Rt. 153 (next to the post office). Inside and out. Fridays 5-8 pm, year round. wpcfmkt@gmail.com

Williston Farmers Market. Rt. 2, on the Village Green, corner of Rt. 2 & Central School Dr. Wednesdays, 4-7 pm, June 6 - October 10. info@willistonfarmersmarket.com. www.willistonfarmersmarket.com.

Windsor Farmers Market. Windsor Town Green, State St. mike.cammock@gmail.com. Sundays, 12-3 pm. May 20 - October 28.

Winooski Farmers Market. Champlain Mill Green, Winooski Falls Way. Sundays 10-2, June 3 - October 21. winooskimarket@gmail.com.

Woodstock—Market on the Green, downtown on Rt. 4. Wednesdays 3-6, June 13 - October 10. lalitakaroli@yahoo.com. www.woodstockvt.com.

Woodstock—Mt. Tom Farmers Market. Mt. Tom parking lot on Rt. 12 North. Saturdays 9:30-12:30. foxxfarm@aol.com. www.mttomfarmersmarket.com.

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Fragrance in the Garden

by Dr. Leonard Perry

Extension Professor, University of Vermont

How do you describe scents or fragrance in flowers? There are probably as many ways as there are people, scent being very subjective. Scent varies with personal likes and dislikes. Scientists have devised various means to categorize scents, but one scheme is most common.

It was in the Victorian times at the end of the 19th century that fragrance in the garden became really popular for just that, not for any functional use. Prior to that time, fragrance was used medicinally and to mask unpleasant odors. It was also at this time (1893) that scents were first categorized by Count von Marilaun into six groups.

Since then, these have been expanded to ten scent groups, all of which are used for flowers. These groups are based on common essential oils. It is the volatile compounds from these oils that our noses register as "scents."

Violets and roses

The aromatic group has some of the most pleasantly scented flowers with scents of vanilla, balsam, almond, and cloves such as in some primroses, peonies, stocks, and pinks. The violet group and smell is, of course, present in violets. Smelling of damp woodland moss, it attracts no insects as the flowers are self-pollinating.

The rose group is pleasant and found in roses in addition to some peonies and scented geraniums. The lemon group is more often found in leaves but also in some water lilies and evening primroses. The fruit-scented group includes many roses and some minor bulbs.

Leaf scents fall into four main groups including the turpentine group (*rosemary*), the camphor and eucalyptus group (*sage, catmint, scented geraniums*), the mint group, and the sulphur group (*mustard, onions, garlic*). Of course, other leaf scents can be placed into the ten flower groups such as some scented geraniums in the lemon and rose groups.

Unlike trees and shrubs, whose bark and roots generally fall into aromatic or turpentine groups, most herbaceous perennials with scented roots fall into one of the flower groups, such as the rose scent of some stonecrop (*Sedum*).

Not all scents are for you

The indole group has flowers smelling like and resembling decayed meat or carrion, such as the skunk cabbage (*Lysichiton*) wake-robin (*Trillium erectum*), and attracts dung flies for pollination. The aminoid group also smells unpleasant to attract flies, smelling of decayed fish or ammonia, and includes many umbel flowers such as giant fennel. The heavy group smells similar to the last, only sweeter, and includes some of the oldest known fragrant flowers such as some lilies and narcissus.

The animal-scented group is usually unpleasant and may smell of musk as in some roses, human perspiration as in valerian and ox-eye daisy, and animal fur as in crown imperial. The honey-scented group is similar to the last, only sweeter, and often more pleasant. Some examples are the butterfly-bush (*Buddleia*) and meadowsweet (*Filipendula*).

Pollinators love the scents

In most flower scent groups, insects or pollinators are the main reason for scent. The scent attracts pollinators specifically needed to pollinate a flower, and at the right time. Us-



Tiger lilies bloom in the summer garden.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

ally if a flower is not ready, or past the time for pollination, or has been pollinated, it won't have much fragrance. If a flower is fragrant at night, odds are it is pollinated by moths or even bats. Sweet scents attract bees and flies, while fruity or musty-smelling flowers attract flies or beetles for pollination.

Check your cultivars for scent

While a species of plant may have fragrance, some of its highly bred offspring may not. These cultivars may have been bred for other traits instead. Roses are a good example of a plant where you should pay attention to the fragrance of specific cultivars. Often, where there are many cultivars to choose from, as with roses, peonies, daffodils or crabapples, some will have fragrant flowers and some will not.

For your garden

If you want a fragrant garden, some of the best choices for spring are lily-of-the-valley, some primroses, and hyacinths. For annual flowers, consider sweet peas or stocks—both prefer cooler parts of the season; heliotrope, flowering tobacco, sweet alyssum (I find this fragrance best for flies), or dianthus. Fragrant summer perennials include bearded iris early in the season, tall garden phlox later on and some of the oriental lilies. For woody plants, consider roses, butterfly bush (where hardy), lilacs, crabapples, or the sweet autumn clematis at the end of the season.

For more information contact Leonard Perry, Extension Professor, Dept Plant and Soil Sciences, Jeffords Hall, 63 Carrigan Dr., University of Vermont, Burlington VT 05405. (802) 656-0479. Have you visited Perry's Perennial Pages lately? Go to: www.perrysperennials.info.

Summertime Events in Castleton, VT

The Historic Higley House in Castleton will be open for guided tours and historical research on Thursdays from June 14th through October 4th from 2-4 p.m.

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town. Higley House is owned by the Castleton Historical Society.

The Castleton Village Farmers' Market will be held on Main Street across from the Castleton Town Library from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays throughout the summer. Come by for fresh produce, jams and jellies, and delightful crafts.

The 5th Annual Castleton Town Wide Yard Sale will be held Saturday, June 23rd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It promises to be a day of fun and a chance to find bargains, treasures, food selections and one-of-a-kind items to fit everyone's pocket book. The

event is held rain or shine. All proceeds from the Yard Sale will be used for the Castleton Community Seniors programs and services.

For more information contact Maryann Feeney (802) 273-3923, mfeeney3@aol.com.

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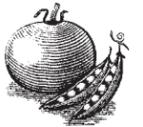
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June is the month for strawberries and early summer veggies. There will be plenty of hanging baskets and flower and vegetable plants.

With over 90 vendors, the market offers a bounty of locally grown produce, meats, wines, cheeses, pickles and jams. Handmade crafts, pet treats, mushrooms, sweet treats, breads and prepared ethnic foods add to your shopping experience.

Crafty Needles will be presenting beautiful knit items. Baby K Threads has clothing and accessories for babies, toddlers and mamas. Horsewise has all things horsey including homeopathic horse remedies and liniments.

There will be plenty of tempting prepared foods to eat or take home. Castleton Crackers is back. JIA Indian Restaurant is bringing Indian dishes, sandwiches, and samosas. Plymouth Cheese

Co. offers artisan cheese. Pinewood Farm has frozen grass-fed beef and whey-fed pork. Bomoseen Bread Basket is bringing their popular gluten-free baked goods.

Samosa Man is bringing his samosas including the new Vermont apple samosa, Vermont spicy potato samosa, and delicious chicken curry with coconut rice. Anna's Empanadas will be there with her tempting baked meat and veggie turnovers. La Ooh La La Bakery will have delicious French bread. Flavors of Asia offers Korean noodles, spring rolls, and Kimchee. And Thai Iced Tea will be available from Tondao.

The music lineup for June includes:

June 2—Woodchuck's Revenge

June 9—Paul Brothie

June 16—Phineas Gage Project

June 23—John and Marge Butterfield

June 30—Michael Kelley

Come wander the market, sample, ask questions of the vendors, have lunch and listen to live music.

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BARRE. Exhibits, classes, workshops, and artists' studios. Free. Tues-Fri 10-5, Sat 12-4. Studio Place Arts, 201 N. Main St. (802) 479-7069. info@studioplacearts.com. www.studioplacearts.com.

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BELLOWS FALLS. Farmers Market. Local produce, meats, eggs, cheese, prepared foods, and entertainment. Open mic night every fourth Friday. On Fridays 4-7 pm at the Waypoint Center. (802) 463-2018. www.bffarmersmarket.com. Through October 19.

BELLOWS FALLS. Third Friday Art Walk. Stores and galleries in town and in the surrounding area host special exhibits and events. 5-8 pm. Flyer available at Village Square Booksellers, 32 The Square. (802) 463-9404. villagesquarebooks.com. Monthly on the third Friday.

BELMONT. Mount Holly Farmers Market. Vermont-made and Vermont-grown products, fresh produce, baked goods, hand crafts. Saturdays, 10 am – 1 pm, rain or shine. On the Belmont Village Green. (802) 259-2322.

BENNINGTON. Art exhibits, permanent collections, theater productions, workshops. Admission: adults \$9, seniors/students \$8, families \$20, under 12 are free. Bennington Center for the Arts, 44 Gypsy Lane. (802) 442-7158. www.benningtoncenterforthearts.org.

BENNINGTON. Bennington-Walloomsac Outdoor Farmers Market. Fresh vegetables, baked goods, dairy products, meats, crafts, and more. Entertainment and prepared foods. Saturdays 10 am – 1 pm at the scenic Riverwalk Park along the Walloomsac River at Bennington Station on Depot Street. Tuesdays 3-6 pm at Greenberg's, 321 Main St. Market manager: Katherine Keys, (802) 688-7210. info@walloomsac.org. www.walloomsac.org. Saturdays and Tuesdays through October.

BENNINGTON. Bennington Museum—Exhibits and Public Programs, Founding Documents, Fine Art, Grandma Moses, and more. See Bennington Pottery, the 1924 Wasp Touring Car, Fine Art, Vermont Furniture, and the Bennington Flag – one of America's oldest flags. Lectures, workshops, concerts, films, and the George Aiken Wildflower Trail. Admission \$10, children under 18 free. Open 10 am - 5 pm every day except Wednesdays. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. www.benningtonmuseum.org.

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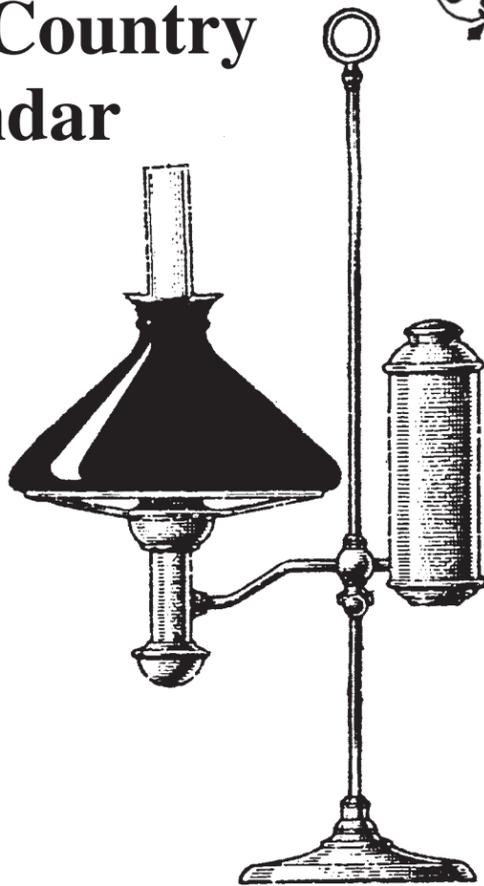
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BRANDON. Brandon Museum at the Stephen A. Douglas Birthplace. Also houses the Brandon Visitor Center with public restrooms, which is open daily 8 am – 6 pm, 365 days a year. The museum is at 4 Grove St., next to the Baptist Church at the corner of Routes 7 and 73 West. (802) 247-6401. info@brandon.org. brandon.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. Exhibits and programs. Open 11-5. Closed Tues & Wed. Admission \$6/\$4/\$3. 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. www.brattleboromuseum.org.

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BRATTLEBORO. Social Singing from The Sacred Harp. Free and open to the public, no experience necessary, loaner books provided. 7-9 pm. Kidsplayce, 20 Elliott St. For information e-mail cuvvleaver@gmail.com. First and third Thursdays.



BRATTLEBORO. Social Singing from The Sacred Harp. Early American hymns in the shape note tradition. Free and open to the public, no experience necessary, loaner books provided. Not a performance or church function, just fellowship in song. 3-5:30 pm. Centre Congregational Church, 193 Main St. Information: laurat@crocker.com. Third Sundays.

BRATTLEBORO. Gallery Walk. Monthly celebration of the arts in downtown and nearby locations. 40-50 or more exhibit openings, many with meet-the-artist receptions and live music, plus occasional readings, dance, circus arts, theater, and more. Free. First Fridays from 5:30-8:30 pm. (802) 257-2616. www.gallerywalk.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Post Oil Solutions meets frequently and sponsors events with a mission to advance cooperative, sustainable communities. For info contact Tim Stevenson at info@postoilsolutions.org or www.postoilsolutions.org.

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

BURLINGTON. Burlington Summer Farmers' Market. At City Hall Park, corner of College St. & St. Paul St. Every Saturday 8:30 am – 2 pm. Accepts EBT and debit cards. Chris Wagner, (802) 310-5172. chriswag31@gmail.com. www.burlingtonfarmersmarket.org. Through October.

BURLINGTON. Vermont Farm Tours. Artisan Cheese Tour, Vermont Farm Tour, Urban Farm Tour, Vermont Vineyards, and Islands Bike Tour. Call for rates and schedule. (802) 922-7346. chris@vermontfarmtours.com. www.VermontFarmTours.com. Through December 15.

BURLINGTON. Discover Jazz Festival. A 10-day mix of ticketed and free performances in a variety of venues, free community and educational events, and live music in bars, clubs and restaurants throughout the city. (802) 863-7992. For schedule visit www.discoverjazz.com. June 1-10.

BURLINGTON. First Friday Art Walk. Visit over 30 galleries, studios, and interesting venues all around town. Free. 5-8 pm. Map available. (802) 264-4839. www.artmapburlington.com.

CASTLETON. The Historic Higley House. Open for guided tours and historical research on Thursdays from 2-4 pm. Part of the Castleton Historical Society. 407 Main St. (802) 265-3208. mfeeney3@aol.com.

CASTLETON. Castleton Village Farmers Market. Main Street. Thursdays 3:30-6, June 21-Oct 5. Lori Barker, (802) 273-2241.

CENTER RUTLAND. The Rutland Railroad Museum. Housed in the Rutland Depot, built in 1917. See railroad artifacts and historical exhibits including HO & N scale model railroad layouts and a children's layout. The museum is also available to educational groups and schools for tours by appointment. Open Saturdays from 11 am – 1 pm. Rutland Railway Association, 79 Depot Lane. rra@rutlandrailway.org. www.rutlandrailway.org.

CHESTER. Exhibit: The Paradis Suite—Watercolors by Jeanne Carbonetti. Free. Wednesday through Sunday 11 am – 6 pm. Vermont Institute of Contemporary Arts, 15 Depot St. (802) 875-1018. info@vtica.org. www.vtica.org. Through June 17.

CHESTER. Art Exhibit. See the mixed media sculptures of curator, Bryce LeVan Cushing and other artists. Wed. thru Sun. from 10 am to 5 pm and by appointment. At BLCARTGRP Gallery, in the rear of the MoonDog Cafe Building, 297 Main St. For information contact (802) 843-1162 or visit www.brycelevancushing.com.

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CHESTER. High Tea at Inn Victoria. Afternoon savories, sweets, fruit, and a variety of teas. \$19.99 per person. Open by reservation on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 3-4:30 pm. Inn Victoria, 321 Main St. (802) 875-4288. innvictoria.com. www.innvictoria.com.

CHESTER. Gallery 103. Dedicated to promoting fine American Craft and Design, with an exclusive showroom of Junker Studio Ironwork. Monthly "Featured Artists." Owned and operated by Elise & Payne Junker. Gallery is open every day 10-5 pm, closed Tuesdays. On Rt. 103, just south of town. (802) 875-7400. Gallery103.com.

DANBY. Mountain View Ranch & Sun Bowl Ranch. Horse-drawn wagon rides, all-season trail rides, lessons, boarding, special events. 502 Easy St. off Brook Rd. Call to reserve. (802) 293-5837. www.mountainviewranch.biz.

DANBY FOUR CORNERS. Danby Dog Art Studio. Folk Art, Primitive Paintings & Reproductions by Susan Houghton Debus. Open most days—but please call ahead. Studio is located at 1764 Tinmouth Rd, 1.5 miles north of the Four Corners Store. (802) 293-2489.

DANBY FOUR CORNERS. Chipman Stables, 33 Danby-Pawlet Rd. Trail rides, kid's camps, lessons, boarding & horses for sale. New indoor arena. Open daily, reservations appreciated. (802) 293-5242. www.chipmanstables.com.

EAST CHARLESTON. NorthWoods Stewardship Center. Programs, workshops and special events in all seasons. Public is welcome. 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 723-6551. www.northwoodscenter.org.

EAST HARDWICK. Pleasures Nursery and Tea Garden. Vermont-grown heirloom plants. Buy phlox at the nursery and online. Tea Garden Café 11:30 am - 4 pm every day but Monday during the summer. Free garden skillshops Sunday mornings at 10:30. Free Sunday garden tours at 12 pm. Phlox Fest in late July. Perennial Pleasures Nursery and Tea Garden, 63 Brick House Rd. (802) 472-5104. annex@perennialpleasures.net. www.perennialpleasures.net. *Tours run early June through mid-August.*

EAST THETFORD. Cedar Circle Farm and Education Center. A certified organic, fifty-acre vegetable and berry farm. Farmstand and Hello Cafe (with wireless internet). Spring flowers, hanging baskets, tender greens. 10th Annual Strawberry Festival June 24, seasonal events, pick-your-own. Open Mon–Sat 10 am – 6 pm, Sun 10 am – 5 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org. *Open through October.*

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. *Through October 14.*

GLOVER. Bread & Puppet Museum, Rt. 122. One of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world. Events and exhibits. Free admission, donations welcome. (802) 525-3031. www.breadandpuppet.org.

GRAFTON. Grafton Ponds Outdoor Center. A year-round recreation center. Enjoy mountain biking, bike terrain park, hiking, canoeing, swimming and kids camps in summer. 783 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2400. grafftonponds.com.

GRAFTON. Grafton Valley Arts Guild invites you to visit the Cricketers Gallery in historic Grafton Village at 45 Townshend Road. Open Thursday thru Sunday from 10 am – 4 pm. (802) 843-4824. www.grafftonvalleyartsguild.com.

GRAFTON. The Nature Museum at Grafton. Exhibits, gift shop, family activities, and special events. Admission: adults \$5, seniors/student \$4, children 3-12 \$3, family \$15. Open everyday 10 am – 4 pm through Labor Day weekend, then Wed. & Sat. 10 am – 4 pm and Sun. 10 am – 1 pm through October. The Nature Museum, 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. www.nature-museum.org.

GRANVILLE, NY. First Fridays. A monthly community event held with Slate Valley Museum, The Pember Library and the Museum of Natural History. 7-9 pm. Slate Valley Museum, 17 Water St. (518) 642-1417. www.slatevalleymuseum.org.

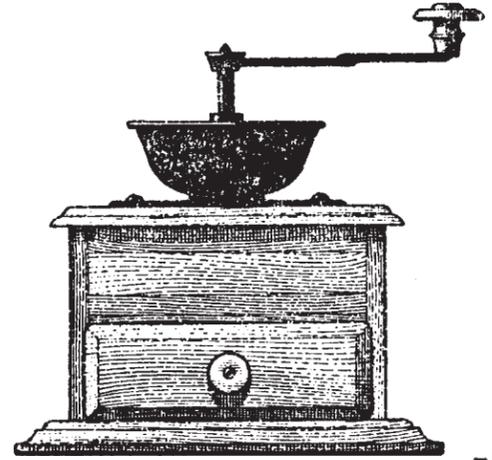
GRANVILLE, NY. The Slate Valley Museum. Exhibits, events, demonstrations, programs, and gift shop. Tues-Fri 1-5 pm, Sat 10 am – 4 pm. Admission \$5, under 12 free. Downtown at 17 Water St. (518) 642-1417. www.slatevalleymuseum.org.

HANOVER, NH. Social Singing from The Sacred Harp. Early American hymns in the shape note tradition. Free and open to the public, loaner books provided. Not a performance or church function, just fellowship in song. 7-9:30 pm. Hanover Friends Meeting House, 43 Lebanon St. danhertzler@gmail.com. *Second Thursdays.*

HARTLAND. Upper Valley Seed Savers meet on the second Thursday of the month at 5 pm at member's gardens. Our mission is to further knowledge about seed saving and to work on projects that will help develop a body of locally-adapted open-pollinated vegetable seeds. For information, or if you can't come to meetings but would like to receive a monthly email with our minutes which contain information on our projects, please contact Sylvia Davatz at sdav@valley.net or call (802) 436-3262.

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. Admission: adults \$2, 14 and under free. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd, seven miles north of Rt 4. (802) 273-2282. chimneypoint@historicvermont.org. historicsites.vermont.gov. *Through October 8.*

HUNTINGTON. Monthly Bird Monitoring Walk. Help monitor bird populations in the different habitats at the Green Mountain Audubon Center. Donation appreciated. 8-10 am. Green Mountain Audubon Center, 255 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-3068. Vermont@audubon.org. www.vt.audubon.org.



Birding Hot Spots in Rutland County

Birding at Leffert's Pond, located in the Green Mountain National Forest in Chittenden, can be enjoyed two ways – on foot or on the water by canoe or kayak.

A 2.9 mile trail loops the pond and is fairly level; however, it is sometimes not possible to cross the stream at the far end of Wildcat Road, rendering a complete loop impossible. The trail starts at the parking area and gives you glimpses of both the pond and the surrounding woodland. We have tallied 114 species there. The best times to visit are from mid-April through early October.

Common loon and pied-billed grebe are occasionally seen on the pond. Wood

duck, American Black Duck, Mallard, Ring-necked Duck, Common Merganser and Hooded Merganser are frequently seen in the spring and fall and teal and scaup are occasional visitors. Osprey and Bald Eagle, drawn by the nearby reservoir, are often observed once the ice is out in mid-April. Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers and Winter Wrens can also be heard at this time.

Great Blue Heron, Wilson's Snipe and Spotted Sandpiper are usually seen in spring and summer. Hermit Thrush and Swainson's Thrush are frequently heard along with Blue-Headed Vireo, Warbling Vireo and Red-eyed Vireo. Barred Owl and Common Raven are also often heard.

Early May and mid-September are excellent times for viewing migrating warblers. Several warblers

nest here such as Yellow Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, American Redstart, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Common Yellowthroat, and Canada Warbler.

Few species are seen in winter, but Leffert's Pond is an excellent spot for cross-country skiing or snowshoeing. Resident birds sure to be seen or heard in all seasons include Common Raven, Black-capped Chickadee, Golden-crowned Kinglet, White-Breasted and Red-Breasted nuthatches and Brown Creeper as well as both Downy and Hairy woodpeckers.

As a bonus, moose, otter, beaver and mink can be seen around the pond.

Directions: Leffert's Pond is located southeast of Chit-



tenden Reservoir in the town of Chittenden. From the intersection of Rtes 4 and 7 in Rutland, go north on Rte 7 for 1.8 miles and turn right on East Pittsford Rd. Continue for 6 miles (E. Pittsford Rd. becomes Chittenden Rd.) to the Dam Rd./Holden Rd. intersection. Go 1.3 miles on Dam Rd. and turn right on Wildcat Rd. At nine-tenth of a mile is the dirt road access to the Chittenden Dam/Leffert's Pond parking area. An alternative is to go past the dirt road one-tenth of a mile to a small canoe access.

For more information visit Rutland County Audubon Society's website at www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org.

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HUNTINGTON. Birds of Vermont Museum. Features over 500 carved wooden birds, representing 259 species. Museum, special events and bird walks, children's programs, gift shop, video, restrooms, refreshments, and trails with maps available. Admission: adult \$6, senior \$5, child 3-17 \$3. 10 am - 4 pm. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. www.birdsofvermont.org. *Through October 31.*

ISLE LA MOTTE. St. Anne's Shrine. Historic shrine built in 1893 commemorating the French fort and chapel built in 1666. Mass, summer reflection, rustic grottos, grounds to explore, picnic area. Buffet breakfast at the café in July and August, snacks and ice cream daily. Gift shop. The shrine is at 92 St. Anne's Rd. (802) 928-3362. www.saintannesshrine.org. *Through October 8.*

LEBANON, NH. Listen Community Dinner. Nutritious free meals served from 5-5:30 pm every Tuesday and Thursday. At Sacred Heart Church on Hough St. (603) 448-4553. www.listen.org.

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.

LEICESTER. Addison County Farm Animal Homeopathy Study Group. Learn how other farmers are applying homeopathy to their herds or flocks. Discussion includes an in-depth look of at least one remedy, some theory and a case analysis. Meets the first Monday of each month and is open to all levels. 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at Taconic End Farm. For more info call Annie Claghorn, (802) 247-3979. foxclag@gmavt.net.

LUDLOW. Fletcher Farms School for the Arts and Crafts. Vermont's oldest residential arts and crafts school. Register for our arts and crafts classes. Woodworking, oil and watercolor painting, kirigami and much more. Registration fee. Monday-Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, 611 Rt. 103 South. (802) 228-8770. info@fletcherfarm.org. www.fletcherfarm.org.

MANCHESTER. Southern Vermont Art Center. Galleries, exhibits, classes, performances, gift shop, café. 83rd Annual Members Exhibition through June 17. Free admission to some exhibits. Open Tues-Sat 10 am - 5 pm. Yester House Galleries, Southern Vermont Arts Center, West Rd. (802) 362-1405. www.svac.org.

MANCHESTER. Revolutionary War Tour. Visit historic sites from Manchester to Bennington. Your guide will be Dick Smith, author of *The Revolutionary War in Bennington County*. 8-passenger tour vehicle. Over 25 points of interest including over 15 sites on the National Register. Fee. Daily 9:30-11:45 am. (802) 362-4997. bckrddisc@aol.com. www.backroaddiscovery.com. *Through September 28.*

MANCHESTER. Boswell Botany Trail. A bucolic wildflower walk, stately white birches, native orchids, grasses and moss, and most of the 67 varieties of fern found in Vermont, all in a unique glacial microclimate. Explored at a leisurely pace by most walkers in a half-hour or less. At Southern Vermont Art Center, off West Rd. (802) 362-1405. www.svac.org.

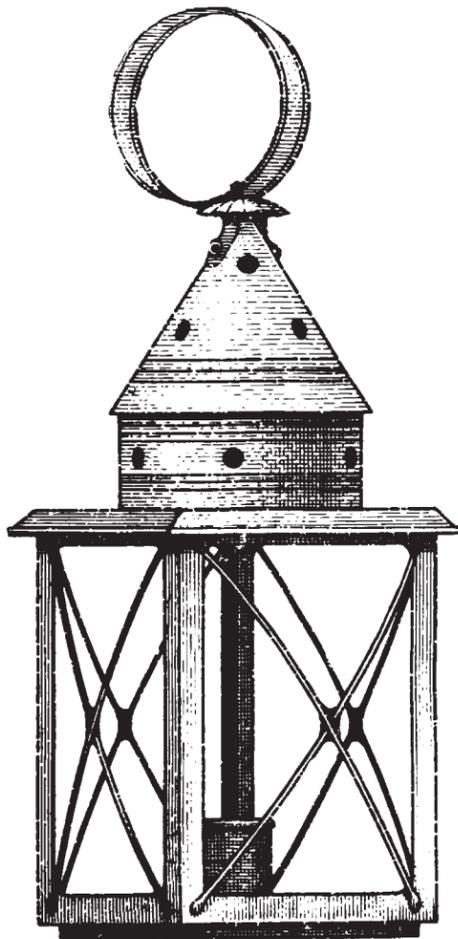
MANCHESTER. Celebration of Peonies. Traditionally the last two weeks of May and the first two weeks of June when the Formal Garden signals the beginning of the season with 1,000's of peony blooms; many of them from the original 1907 plants. Admission: \$16, youth \$5, under 6 free. Open daily 9:30 - 4:30 pm. Historic Hildene, Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 367-7961. www.hildene.org.

MANCHESTER. Visit Historic Hildene, the summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln. Special activities, lectures, bird walks, visitor's center, museum store, walking trails, gardens. Tickets: \$16 adults, \$5 youth under 14, children under 6 free. Grounds pass: \$5 adults, \$3 youth, children under 6 free. Open daily 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Historic Hildene is off Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 362-1788. info@hildene.org. www.hildene.org.

MARLBORO. Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. Perched on an overlook—on a clear day the horizon is 100 miles away! See mounted specimens of over 600 native New England birds and mammals, a Raptor Center with live hawks and owls, amphibian and reptile exhibit and fall wildflower exhibit. Hogback Mountain Gift Shop next door. Admission: adults \$5, seniors \$3, children 5-12 \$2, under 5 free. Summer hours: open seven days a week through October, 10 am - 5 pm. Rt. 9, Hogback Mountain. (802) 464-0048. museum@sover.net. www.vermontmuseum.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Middlebury Farmer's Market. By the falls at the Marble Works. 9 am - 12:30 pm, every Saturday through October and every Wednesday through mid-October. Pam Taylor, (802) 388-0178. middleburyfm@yahoo.com. www.middleburyfarmersmarket.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Middlebury Arts Walk. Join us on the second Friday of the month through October. More than 40 venues will be displaying art. Stores remain open, becoming galleries displaying the work of dozens of area artists. 5-7 pm. Free. Downtown Middlebury. (802) 388-7951 x 2. www.middleburyartswalk.com.



MIDDLEBURY. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont. The oldest chartered community history museum in the United States, welcoming visitors since 1882. Exhibits, research center, and museum shop. Saturdays 10 am - 5 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History, 1 Park St. (803) 388-2117. www.henrysheldonmuseum.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Vermont Folklife Center. Exhibits, gallery, archives & research center, programs, and Heritage Shop. Free admission. Open Mon-Sat, 10 am - 5 pm, Sun 11 am - 4 pm. 88 Main St., downtown. (802) 388-4964. info@vermontfolklifecenter.org. vermontfolklifecenter.org.

MONTPELIER. Capital City Summer Farmers' Market. At corner of State St. & Elm St. in downtown Montpelier. Every Saturday 9 am - 1 pm. (802) 223-2958. montpelierfarmersmarket.com. *Through October.*

NORWICH. Norwich Summer Farmers Market. Local and organic produce, meats, cheeses, eggs, handicrafts, baked goods, prepared foods, and live music. Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm. Rt. 5, one mile south of Norwich village. (802) 384-7447. norwichfarmersmarket.org. *Through October.*

NORWICH. Social Singing from The Sacred Harp. Early American hymns in the shape note tradition. Free and open to the public, no experience necessary, loaner books provided. Not a performance or church function, just fellowship in song. 1:30-4:30 pm. Parish Hall of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 262 Main St. For information contact Daniel Hertzler at danhertzler@gmail.com. *Fourth Sundays.*

NORWICH. Montshire Museum of Science. Exhibits, trails, programs, and museum store open 10 am - 5 pm daily. Admission \$12 adults, \$10 children 2-17, under 2 free. One Montshire Rd. (802) 649-2200. montshire.org.

NORTH SPRINGFIELD. Ascutney Mountain Audubon Society North Springfield Kettle Bog. A boreal kettle bog, an artifact of the last glacial age 10,000 years ago. To allow viewing of the many interesting bog plants, including some remarkably large pitcher plants, AMAS constructed a boardwalk through the bog. A walking trail leads to and around the bog with many views of both the bog as well as surrounding spruce and pine groves. *Directions:* from Springfield take Rt. 11 west to Riverside Middle School. Turn right onto Fairground Rd. Drive about two miles to a small parking lot on the left side of the road just before the town garage. The short trail to the bog begins at the green sign showing a pitcher plant. For more information e-mail amas@vermontel.net.

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. historicsites.vermont.gov. *Through October 8.*

PITTSFORD. New England Maple Museum. World's largest maple museum. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our gift shop. Groups over 12 can request "Sugar on Snow" by reservation. Admission: adults \$2.50, children 75¢. Open 8:30 am - 5:30 pm daily. New England Maple Museum, 4578 Rt. 7. (802) 483-9414. info@maplemuseum.com. www.maplemuseum.com.

Vermont Days

Free Fishing and Free Access To State Parks and Historic Sites

Vermonters and visitors can enjoy a free sample of Vermont's fishing, state parks, and historic sites, including the new interactive exhibit at the President Calvin Coolidge Historic Site, during the annual Vermont Days weekend celebration June 9-10.

All Vermont State Park day areas, state-owned historic sites and the Vermont History Museum free all weekend. Saturday, June 9 is free fishing day when residents and non-residents may fish without a license.

Vermont Days Events

"More than Two Words" The Life & Legacy of Calvin Coolidge, Saturday, June 9, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Plymouth, VT. New exhibit appeals to visitors of all ages. Join Governor Peter Shumlin, Coolidge family members and "Silent Cal" reenactor Jim Cooke. Enjoy children's activities, wagon rides, chicken barbecue, music and more.

Let's Go Fishing Clinic. Saturday, June 9; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Branbury State Park. Learn about fishing and aquatic resources in this hands-on program. Admission to the park and the clinic are free. Fishing equipment provided.

Storywalk: The Lorax. Available during park hours at Silver Lake, Mt. Philo, Button Bay, Knight Point and Elmore State Park. It's a book! It's a hike! Wait, it's both! Pages of the Dr. Seuss favorite, *The Lorax*, are laid out on a trail inviting park visitors to follow the story while walking along.

Green Mountain Brass Band. Sunday, June 10; 2-4 p.m., Waterbury Center State Park. Bring a picnic, family and friends. Sit lakeside amidst the beautiful green mountains and enjoy the rousing music of the Green Mountain Brass Band.

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(Ongoing events continued)

PLAINFIELD. Monthly Sacred Harp Sing. A free event, with beginners and loaner books available. The second Sunday of every month at 3 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center above the Co-op in Plainfield. For more information, contact Lynnette Combs at (802) 426-3850. lynnnetcombs@gmail.com.

POULTNEY. Free Historical Audio Walking & Driving Tours. View and learn about Main Street Poultney, East Poultney Village, and the Quarries, Farms & Forests. (802) 287-5252, (www.poultneyhistoricalsociety.org). www.poultneyvt.com.

POULTNEY. Farmers Market. Thursdays starting June 21, 9 am – 2 pm along Main St. For info call Kris at (802) 468-5805. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Through late October.*

PUTNEY. Green Mountain Orchards Farm Store open all year with farm store, local apples and cider. 130 West Hill Rd. (exit 4, I-91), look for signs in Putney Village. (802) 387-5851. www.greenmtorchards.com.

QUECHEE. Vermont Institute of Natural Science Nature Center. Exhibits, programs, nature trail, nature store. Admission: adults \$10.50, seniors \$9.50, youth (3-18) \$8.50, children 3 and under free. 10 am – 5:30 pm, 7 days a week. VINS Nature Center, 6565 Woodstock Rd., Rt. 4, 1/4 mile west of Quechee Gorge. (802) 359-5000. www.vinsweb.org.

QUECHEE. Civil War Display. Through objects, letters, art, and music, this hands-on display helps comprehend the impact of the Civil War on nearly every person in the state of Vermont. Documents and reference books introduce you to using primary sources for historical inquiry so that they can explore Civil War topics in their communities. Created jointly through the Vermont Historical Society and the Flow of History, a U.S. Department of Education Teaching American History grant. Hosted by and presented at the Quechee Library. (802) 295-1232. *June 15 through July 1.*

RANDOLPH. Art Exhibit: The Landscape Revisited—Vermont Artists paint the Landscape in 2012. Gallery hours: Thursday, 4-6 pm, Saturday-Sunday, 1-3 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-9878. www.chandler-arts.org. *June 16 through September 2.*

RANDOLPH CENTER. Turkey Hill Farm. Farmer's Kitchen cooking classes. Farm skills workshops. Spacious farm-stay apartment for short-term stays. Chapter meetings for the Weston A. Price Foundation. Stuart and Margaret Osha, 55 Turkey Hill Rd. (802) 728-7064. www.turkeyhillfarmvt.com.

ROCHESTER. Exhibit: "Rhode Island Past and Present." Running May 2 – June 10. Followed by "Hey Joe" from June 13 – July 29. Big Town Gallery, 99 N. Main St. (802) 767-9670. www.bigtowngallery.com.

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

RUTLAND. Rutland Downtown Farmers Market. The largest in the state with over 90 vendors—a great place to shop, eat and visit. Live entertainment. Depot Park at Merchants Row. Saturdays 9 am – 2 pm and Tuesdays 3-6 pm. Info call Doug Patac, (802) 753-7269. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. www.rutlandcountymarket.org. *Saturdays through October 27 and Tuesdays through September 25.*

RUTLAND. Chaffee Art Center—Rutland Area Art Association. Exhibits, classes, workshops, open studio evenings, gift shop. Gallery open Tues-Sat 10 am to 5 pm. 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

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

SAXTONS RIVER. Main Street Arts. Concerts, workshops, lectures, and classes for adults, teens, and children. (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 WALLINGFORD. Line Dancing every Tuesday. Beginners and experienced. \$5 per person, snack bar available. 6:30 pm at the Maple Valley Grange Hall, Rt. 7. (802) 446-2872. www.wallingfordvt.com.

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. Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc., PO Box 601, Springfield, VT 05156. Webmaster@Stellafane.com. www.stellafane.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.

ST. JOHNSBURY. The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain and Dog Chapel. Free. Open Mon-Sat 10 am – 4 pm and Sun 11 am – 4 pm. Summer Dog Party, August 5. The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. off Spaulding Rd. (802) 748-2700. info@dogmt.com. www.dogmt.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 VT Dept. of Forest, Parks and Recreation at (802) 886-2215. www.weathersfieldvt.org.

WELLS. Wells Village Farmers Market. Fresh produce, fruit, and local goods. Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm. At the Wells Country Store on Rt. 30. (802) 325-3478.

WEST NEWBURY. Eastern Square Dance. Traditional singing squares, waltzes, polkas, foxtrots, two-steps, Virginia Reel, Portland Fancy, Paul Jones, others. All dances taught. With Adam Boyce, fiddler/caller, Donna Weston on piano. Admission by donation, all ages welcome. 8 pm at the Community Hall at 219 Tyler Farm Rd. (802) 429-2316 or adamrboyce@juno.com. *Fourth Saturdays.*

WEST PAWLET. West Pawlet Community Farmers Market. A Year-Round Friday Evening Farmers Market. Fresh, honest food and goodies brought to you from your local farmers, chefs, and crafters. Good food, good hospitality, good neighbors. Every Friday from 5-8 pm, indoors and out. West Pawlet Fish & Game Club building, 2849 VT Rt. 153 (next to the post office). "Like" us on Facebook and watch for weekly market menus and specials. wpcfmkt@gmail.com.

WEST RUTLAND. Reiki Healings. Herbal remedies and teas, crystals and stones. Vermont Herbal General Store, 518 Main St. (802) 438-2766. www.vermontherbal.com.

WEST RUTLAND. Home Buyer Education Classes. Call for schedule. NeighborWorks office at 110 Marble St. (802) 438-2303 x 216. www.vt.org.

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Friday, June 29 2012 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, June 30 at 2 & 7:30 pm
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WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Public Sitting Meditation. Free meditation instruction is available at most of these times: Tues 5:30-6:30 pm, Thurs 12-1 pm, Sun 9 am - 12 pm. Shambhala Meditation Center of White River, 158 S. Main St. (802) 785-4304. whiteriver.shambhala.org.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Main Street Museum. A small, public collection of curiosities and artifacts, each one significant and telling a story about human beings and the universe we are part of—an alternative experiment in material culture studies. Open Thurs-Sun 1-6 pm. Parking adjacent to the rear of the building. Located at 58 Bridge St., Studio 6, near the underpass. (802) 356-2776. info@mainstreetmuseum.org. www.mainstreetmuseum.org.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Listen Community Dinner. Free nutritious meals 5-6 pm every Monday and Wednesday. Take-home available. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 749 Hartford Ave. (603) 398-2780. listencs.org.

WINDSOR. Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery. Meander through well-established display gardens nestled within our wild apple orchard, woodlands and fields. Open daily 10 am - 6 pm (July through October open Thurs-Sun.) At 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. www.garymilek.com. ciderhillgardens.com.

WINDSOR. Old Constitution House State Historic Site. The restored building 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. historicsites.vermont.gov. *Through October 8.*

WINDSOR. American Precision Museum. Peruse many historical and interesting exhibits and collections. Admission: adults \$6, students \$4, under 6 free, family \$18. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. 196 Main St. (802) 674-5781. www.americanprecision.org. *Through Oct 31.*

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum. Premiere Jersey dairy farm, restored 1890 farmhouse, family programs, wagon rides, special events and museum. Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. Open daily. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

WOODSTOCK. Market on the Green. Downtown on Rt. 4. Wednesdays 3-6 pm. Market manager: Lalita Karoli (802) 457-2508. www.woodstockvt.com. *June 13-October 10.*

WOODSTOCK. June is Dairy Month at Sugarbush Farm Store. Free sampling of 15 kinds of cheese from mild to 8 years old. Many other samples of maple syrup and Vermont jams and mustards. Open daily 9 am - 5 pm. Sugarbush Cheese & Maple Farm, 591 Sugarbush Farm Rd. (802) 457-1757. contact@sugarbushfarm.com. sugarbushfarm.com. *June 1-30.*

WOODSTOCK. 29th Annual Mt. Tom Farmers Market. 25 vendors offering produce, take out and eat in foods, eggs, meat products, breads, and much more! Handicap accessible, restrooms available, free parking. Saturdays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Mt. Tom parking lot on Rt. 12 North. foxxfarm@aol.com. www.mtomfarmersmarket.com

WOODSTOCK. First Run Movies at the Woodstock Town Hall Theatre. Old-fashioned big-screen movie-going experience with state-of-the-art Dolby surround sound. Adults \$8, seniors \$7, students \$6. Famous maple popcorn! (802) 457-3981. 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) 457-2557.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

BRATTLEBORO. Strolling of The Heifers and Live Green Expo. Gallery Walk and Street Festival, 5:30-8:30 pm. (802) 258-9177. www.strollingoftheheifers.com. *Through June 3.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

BRATTLEBORO. Strolling of The Heifers Parade and Live Green Expo. Parade at 10 am. An 11-acre Live Green Expo for food, music, dance, demonstrations, exhibits and fun. 10 am - 4 pm. Along Main Street. (802) 258-9177. www.strollingoftheheifers.com. *Also June 3.*

POULTNEY. Town-Wide Yard Sale Day. All day, all over town. Poultnery Rotary Chicken Barbeque at 10 am. (802) 287-4114. (802) 287-2010. www.poultneyvt.com.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

BRANDON. Sunday Jazz at Brandon Music: Indigo Moods Quartet. Early Bird dinner offering from 4-6 pm, consisting of chili, cornbread, and dessert of your choice, all for \$10. Tickets \$18 at the door, \$15 pre-paid. 7 pm. Brandon Music Café at Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. brandon-music.net.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

BRANDON. Classical Concert. The celebrated Jack Quartet in a concert of 20th century repertoire. 7 pm. Brandon Music Café at Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. For tickets call (802) 465-4071. brandon-music.net.

HINESBURG. Book & Author Event. Vermont author and gardener Charlie Nardoizzi presents his new book, *Northeast Fruit and Vegetable Gardening*. 7-8 pm. Brown Dog Books and Gifts, 22 Commerce St. www.browndogbooksandgifts.com. (802) 482-5189.

RUTLAND. Rutland Downtown Farmers Market. A great place to shop, eat and visit. Depot Park across from Walmart at Merchants Row. 3-6 pm. Market manager, Doug Patac, (802) 753-7269. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org. *Tuesdays through September 25.*

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

BELLOWS FALLS. 13th Annual Roots on the River Festival. Canadian singer/songwriter Fred Eaglesmith anchors this 4-day festival. 9 shows, 5 venues, 4 days. Outstanding lineups, great food, deluxe ticket packages. For tickets call (802) 463-9595. ray@vermontfestivalsllc.com. www.rootsontheriver.com. *Through June 10.*

BENNINGTON. Presentation: "Twenty Five Short Local Hikes!" with Joan Rech. Joan is the author of the book by the same name, and will present some wonderful alternatives for short local hikes. Signed copies of her book will be for sale. Free. 7-9 pm. One World Conservation Center, 413 US Rt. 7 South. (802) 447-7419. oneworldconservationcenter.org.

BURLINGTON. Lecture: "The Oiling of America/The Cholesterol Myths." By Sally Fallon Morrell, founding president of the Weston A. Price Foundation. The consequences of abandoning a traditional foods diet and the connection with chronic disease. Free admission. 7 pm. At Main Street Landing Theater. For information go to the calendar at www.shelburnefarms.org or contact Tre McCarney at tmccarney@shelburnefarms.org.

SOUTH ROYALTON. BALE Fest: A Celebration of All Things Local. Free, festive, educational and relaxing family event. Arts Bus, kids' activity center, author's table, food vendors, farm stands, crafts displays, demonstrations, music, jam session, free workshops. Evening contra dance. 3-9 pm. On the Green. www.thinkbale.org.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

BELLOWS FALLS. 13th Annual Roots on the River Festival. Canadian singer/songwriter Fred Eaglesmith anchors this 4-day festival. Outstanding lineups, great food. For tickets call (802) 463-9595. ray@vermontfestivalsllc.com. www.rootsontheriver.com. *Through June 10.*

CHESTER. Concert: The Feminine Divine Quartet. Jazz from Western Massachusetts. Tickets \$15. 8 pm. Vermont Institute of Contemporary Arts, 15 Depot St. (802) 875-1018. info@vtica.org. www.vtica.org.

PUTNEY. Concert: Russian Festival with the Windham Orchestra. Tickets \$15/\$10 students & seniors. 7:30 pm at Landmark College. (802) 257-4523. info@bmcvt.org. www.bmcvt.org. www.windhamorchestra.org.

SHELburne. Seminar: "Traditional Diets." With Sally Fallon Morrell. An exploration of the importance of animal fats and other elements for a healthy traditional diet; includes the pioneering work of Dr. Weston A. Price. Free admission. 1-5 pm at the Coach Barn, Shelburne Farms. For information go to www.shelburnefarms.org or contact Tre McCarney at tmccarney@shelburnefarms.org.

SHELburne. Workshop: "Real Milk." Led by Sally Fallon Morrell. An interactive workshop on the safety, health benefits and economics of raw milk as the cornerstone of a traditional diet. Free admission. 9-11 am. Site to be announced. For information go to www.shelburnefarms.org or contact Tre McCarney at tmccarney@shelburnefarms.org.

VERGENNES. Concert: Barnstar! A collection of some of the Northeast's best folk, country and bluegrass players, featuring Mark Erelli, Zack Hickman, Charlie Rose, Jake Armerding and Taylor Armerding. Tickets \$18 adults, \$15 seniors & students. 8 pm. Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. (802) 453-5213. www.vergennesoperahouse.org.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

BELLOWS FALLS. 13th Annual Roots on the River Festival. Canadian singer/songwriter Fred Eaglesmith anchors this 4-day festival. For tickets call (802) 463-9595. ray@vermontfestivalsllc.com. www.rootsontheriver.com. *Also June 10.*

BENNINGTON. Guided Tour: "Best of the Greenberg Reserve—Wetland, Woodland and Meadow." Marcus Chiaretto leads guided tours. Free. 10-11 am. One World Conservation Center, 413 US Rt. 7 South. (802) 447-7419. www.oneworldconservationcenter.org. *Also June 23, July 7 & 21, and August 4.*

BURLINGTON. Discover Jazz Festival. A 10-day mix of ticketed and free performances in a variety of venues, free community and educational events, and live music presented in bars, clubs and restaurants throughout the city. (802) 863-7992. For a schedule visit www.discoverjazz.com. *Through June 10.*

BURLINGTON. Lecture: "Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner." By Sally Fallon Morrell, founding president of the Weston A. Price Foundation. Get started with a traditional diet, including suggestions for no-fuss, economical meals. Afternoon includes hands-on demonstrations by local producers and chefs. Free admission. 9 am - 2 pm. At Burlington High School. Reservations recommended. For information go to the calendar at www.shelburnefarms.org or contact Tre McCarney at tmccarney@shelburnefarms.org.

CHESTER. Dance Performance. "Tapestry of a Woman's Soul" by Accendo Dance Company. 4 pm. Vermont Institute of Contemporary Arts, 15 Depot St. (802) 875-1018. info@vtica.org. www.vtica.org.

CHESTER. Workshop: Reiki 3 Certification. Pre-requisite: Reiki 1 & 2. Fee: \$300. 10 am - 4 pm both days. Peace of Paradise, 78 The Common. Call to register. (802) 875-8008. www.peaceofparadisevt.com. *Also June 10.*

EAST THETFORD. Gardening Class: "Grow!—Perennials and Herbs." With Cat Buxton. Fee: \$20. 10:30 am - 12 pm at Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org.

GUILFORD. Concert and Community Potluck: A Capella a la Carte. Potluck at 6:30 pm, concert with House Blend at 7:30 pm. Dessert reception afterwards. Donations accepted. At Guilford Community Church, 38 Church Dr. off Rt. 5 south. (802) 254-3600. www.fomag.org.

HUBBARDTON. Battlefield Highlights. Enjoy a short guided tour around the battlefield with site interpreter Carl Fuller, and walk where some of the main battle actions took place. Admission: Adults \$2, 14 and under free. 2 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd, seven miles north of Rt 4. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Castle Freeman presents his book, *Round Mountain*. In an innovative fund-raising program receive a free copy of *Round Mountain* in exchange for donating to a charity of your choice and passing the book on after you have read it. Free, public invited. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. www.northshire.com.

NORWICH. Contradance with Northern Spy. No partner necessary, beginners and singles always welcome. All dances taught and called. Potluck finger food desserts at the break. Please bring a change of clean shoes for the dance floor. Admission \$8 (students \$5, under 16 are free, seniors by donation). 8 pm. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. For info call Rick Barrows (802) 785-4607. rbarrows@cs.dartmouth.edu.

ORWELL. The Mystery of the Richardson Stone. Bill Powers shares his research on the mysterious stone on the Mount engraved "N. Richardson of Staddard Eng Died 1760." Who was this person and why does the stone date from well before the American Revolution? Admission: adults \$5, children under 15 free. 1 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site on Mount Independence Rd., off Rt. 73. (802) 948-2000. historicsites.vermont.gov.

QUECHEE. Quechee Library Book Sale. 9 am - 2 pm. 1957 Quechee Main St. (802) 295-1232. *Through June 17.*

RUTLAND. Rutland Downtown Farmers Market. The largest in the state with over 90 vendors. A great place to shop, eat and visit. Live entertainment. Depot Park at Merchants Row. 9 am - 2 pm. Market manager, Doug Patac, (802) 753-7269. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through October 27 and Tuesdays through September 25.*

RUTLAND. Dance Recital. Students from the Vermont Center for Dance Education perform. Tickets: \$25/\$20/\$15. 2 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

STATEWIDE. Annual Vermont Days. Free admission to all Vermont State-owned Historic Sites, the museum at the Vermont Historical Society, and day use at the Vermont State Parks! Free fishing without a license for residents and non-residents June 9. Special programs in some locations. For more information call 1-800-837-6668 or visit www.vermontdays.com. historicsites.vermont.gov. *Also June 10.*

VERGENNES. Annual Kid's Pirate Festival. Imagination and creativity with nautical skills and lots of swashbuckling fun. Come in costume and enjoy exciting, pirate-themed activities and live performances. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. (802) 475-2022. www.lcmm.org. *Through June 10.*

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

ADDISON. Sunday Afternoon Special. Hands-on activities and period games. Learn about ancient stone tools, use an atlatl to throw a dart, atlatl, play period games, and enjoy other fun for all ages. Admission adults \$3, children 14 and under free. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 7305 Rt. 125. (802) 759-2412. historicsites.vermont.gov.

BELLOWS FALLS. 13th Annual Roots on the River Festival. Canadian singer/songwriter Fred Eaglesmith anchors this festival. Acoustic concert at Rockingham Meeting House. For tickets call (802) 463-9595. ray@vermontfestivalsllc.com. www.rootsontheriver.com.

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BRANDON. Sunday Jazz at Brandon Music. Michael-Louis Smith, NYC jazz guitarist and composer with his Hot House ensemble. Early Bird dinner from 4-6 pm: chili, cornbread, and dessert, all for \$10. Tickets \$18 at the door, \$15 pre-paid. 7 pm. Brandon Music Café at Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. brandon-music.net.

BRATTLEBORO. Concert: Windham Orchestra—Russian Festival. Tickets \$15/\$10 students & seniors. 3 pm at Latchis Theatre. (802) 257-4523. info@bmcvt.org. www.bmcvt.org. www.windhamorchestra.org.

FAIR HAVEN. Breakfast Buffet. \$7 adult, \$3.50 children. 8-11 am. At the American Legion Post #49, 72 S. Main St. (802) 265-7983.

HUBBARDTON. New Thoughts on the Battle of Hubbardton. Long time reenactor Mike Barbieri, member of Whitcomb's Rangers, talks about the Battle of Hubbardton and the new research and interpretations of aspects of this Revolutionary War battle. Adults \$2, 14 and under free. 1 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicities.vermont.gov.

HUNTINGTON. Botany Walk. We'll try to identify all the June wildflowers, ferns, and fungi. Moderate hike, 5 miles, 1000' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Contact leader by June 8. Richard Larsen, (802) 878-6828 or larsen007@aol.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Spring Garden Tour. A self-guided tour of six private gardens in Cornwall, Shoreham and Middlebury from 12-5 pm. Rain or shine—be sure to wear walking shoes and be prepared for a variety of terrains. Tickets \$25. Proceeds benefit the Sheldon Museum. Tickets available at the Sheldon Museum and online at www.HenrySheldonMuseum.org.

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WOODSTOCK. Chamber Music Concert: Gordon-Chang-Rider Trio. Featuring an all-Beethoven program with Judith Gordon (piano), Elizabeth Chang (violin), and Rhonda Rider (cello). Pentangle Chamber Music Series. Free, donations welcomed. 4 pm. Unitarian Universalist Church. (802) 457-3981. www.pentanglearts.org.

WOODSTOCK. Ice Cream Sundays at Billings Farm & Museum. Lend a hand making and sampling ice cream—a different flavor each week. Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. Also June 17 & 24.

MONDAY, JUNE 11

MANCHESTER CENTER. Special Book Event. Malcolm Summers (owner of The Chester Bookwork in Chester VT) and Carolyn Frisa (owner of Works on Paper in Bellows Falls, VT) host an educational and interactive evening where the history of the printed word comes to life as you learn about traditional English bookbinding and the world of paper restoration and conservation. Free, public invited. 6-8:30 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. www.northshire.com.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

RUTLAND. Rutland Downtown Farmers Market. A great place to shop, eat and visit. Depot Park across from Walmart at Merchants Row. 3-6 pm. Market manager, Doug Patac, (802) 753-7269. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org. Tuesdays through September 25.

SHREWSBURY. Raw Dairy Processing Class: Paneer, Caramel and Ice Cream from Raw Goat's Milk. With Maevie Mangine. \$20-40 sliding scale, pre-registration required. Proceeds benefit Rural Vermont. 1-4 pm at Tangled Roots Farm. To sign up call Rural Vermont at (802) 223-7222 or email shelby@ruralvermont.org. www.ruralvermont.org.

SO. HERO. Bike Ride in the Champlain Islands. 25 miles. Bring lunch and water. Helmet required. Sponsored by the Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Call leader for meeting time and place: Mary Garcia, (802) 229-0153. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

CHESTER. Workshop: "Wild Edible and Medicinal Plant I.D. Walk." Join us as we walk in and around Chester identifying helpful plants. Fee: \$25-\$45 sliding scale. 6-7:30 pm. Meet at Peace of Paradise, 78 the Common. Call to pre-register. (802) 875-8008. www.peaceofparadisevt.com.

GRANVILLE, NY. Talk: "Slate Colors." Dr. Ed Landing, NY State Paleontologist and Paleontology Curator at the New York State Museum, will speak about why there are different colors of slate. Donations accepted. 7 pm. Slate Valley Museum, 17 Water St. (518) 642-1417. www.slatevalleymuseum.org.

RUTLAND. Presentation: "Horses Like Lightning—A Story of Passage through the Himalayas." Dartmouth anthropologist Sienna Craig recounts her years spent living in the remote Himalayan kingdom of Mustang, Nepal. Free. 7 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. Paula Baker, (802) 773-1860. www.vermonthumanities.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

HARTLAND. Upper Valley Seed Savers meet on the second Thursday of the month at 5 pm at member's gardens. You're welcome to join us. Our mission is to further knowledge about seed saving and to work on projects that will help develop a body of locally-adapted open-pollinated vegetable seeds. For information, or if you can't come to meetings but would like a monthly email with our minutes which contain information on our projects, please contact Sylvia Davatz at sdav@valley.net or call (802) 436-3262.

MIDDLEBURY. Wildlife Walk. Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust invite you to help us survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and the Hurd Grassland. Meet at the parking area of Otter View Park at the intersection of Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. at 8-11 am. (802) 388-1007. ottercreekaudubon.org.

QUECHEE. Tea Theater: *Friendly Persuasion*. Quechee Library presents a bimonthly classic movie showing on the big screen followed by tea, treats and film-related conversation. This summer the movies will be Civil War themed. *Friendly Persuasion* tells the story of a pacifist Quaker family in southern Indiana during the American Civil War. 3 pm at the Quechee Library. (802) 295-1232.

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A Vermont Almanack for Early Summer

by Bill Felker

One has only to sit down in the woods or fields or by the shore of the river or lake, and nearly everything of interest will come round. The change of the seasons is like the passage of strange and new countries; the zones of the earth, with all their beauties and marvels, pass one's door.

—John Burroughs

The Phases of the Black Swallowtail Moon and the Firefly Moon

While swallowtail butterflies become more common in the garden, fireflies begin to flicker in the field grass and lawns. When Late Spring is warm and wet, the fireflies will be mating at the end of May along the 40th Parallel. In drier or colder areas, the lightning bugs start later and end later. Whatever their local timetable, they signal summertime.

June 4: The Black Swallowtail Moon is full at 6:12 p.m. **June 11:** The moon enters its final quarter at 5:41 a.m. **June 19,** The Firefly Moon is new at 10:02 a.m. **June 26:** The moon enters its second quarter at 10:33 p.m.

The Sun's Progress

Summer solstice occurs on June 20 at 6:09 p.m. The sun holds steady at its solstice declination of 23 degrees 26 minutes (and the day's length remains virtually unchanged) between June 19 and 23.

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The Planets

Venus is not visible in the evening sky this month, but it reappears as the morning star by the middle of the month. Mars, still in Leo, glows red along the western horizon after sundown. Jupiter in Taurus (not far from Venus) rises before dawn this month.

The Stars

The stars of the Early Summer night suggest activities in the months ahead: Arcturus for the end of the danger of frost; the Corona Borealis for checking livestock and pets for worms; Regulus in Leo for hunting ticks and lice; Vega in the far east for summer marketing time; Castor and Pollux, setting in the west, for weaning the April lambs; Libra along the southern horizon reminding you to cull before opening up the paddocks; Scorpius promising the Dog Days ahead and the harvest of winter wheat; and finally far in the east, the Summer Triangle rising, stars that will lie above you as autumn breeding of sheep and goats begins.

The Shooting Stars

The Lyrid Meteors fall through Lyra, overhead after midnight on the nights of June 14-15 and June 15-16.

Meteorology

In June, cool fronts pass through on or about the 2nd, 6th, 10th, 15th, 23rd and 29th. Major storms are most likely to occur on the days between June 5-8, June 13-16, and June 24-28. New moon on June 19 increases the chances for freezing temperatures at upper elevations. Full moon on June 4 could contribute to unstable meteorological conditions in conjunction with the June 2 and 7 cool fronts.

Bill Felker's *Poor Will's Almanack* for 2012 is available. Send \$20 (includes s/h) to *Poor Will*, P.O. Box 431, Yellow Springs, OH 45387. Bill's weekly radio essays are broadcast on National Public Radio's WYSO Ohio (available by podcast at www.wyso.org). His websites, www.poorwillsalmanack.com or www.poorwillsalmanack.net provide excerpts from his daybook and weekly Almanack updates.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 15

BENNINGTON. Guided Birdwalk: "The Birds of the Greenberg Reserve. With Mary Batcheller. Free. 9:30-11 am. One World Conservation Center, 413 US Rt. 7 South. (802) 447-7419. www.oneworldconservationcenter.org.

BRANDON. Salon Concert by New Music on the Point. The Jack Quartet, Jennifer Beattoe, Donna Loewy and other top performers. A benefit for Compass Music and Arts Foundation. Tickets \$15. 7 pm. Brandon Music Café at Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. brandon-music.net.

QUECHEE. 33rd Annual Quechee Hot Air Balloon, Craft and Music Festival. Over 20 hot air balloons, with flights scheduled for 6 pm on Friday, 6 am and 6 pm on Saturday and Sunday (always weather and wind permitting). Music and entertainment. Over 60 craft artisans and vendors. Train rides, an inflatable climbing wall, slide and tunnel; craft activities, and face painting. Festival food and a beer and wine garden. Adults \$12, children (6-12) \$5, and 5 and under free. Quechee Inn at Marshland Farm. quecheeballoonfestival.com. Through June 17.

RUTLAND. Screening: *Wretches and Jaberers*. A one-night only screening of the documentary film directed by Oscar-winning film maker Gerardine Wurzburg, chronicling the world travels of disability rights advocates and Vermont residents, Tracy Thresher and Larry Bissonnette. Tickets \$10, under 18 \$6. 6:30 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. paramountvt.org.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Concert: Crunchy Western Boys. Tickets \$20. 8 pm. Tupelo Music Hall, 188 S. Main St. (802) 698-8341. www.tupelohallvermont.com.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

ARLINGTON. Paddle the Battenkill. Paddle from Arlington to the New York border on a Class I that's passable unless extremely dry. Covered bridges and swimming. Sponsored by the Brattleboro Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. (802) 258-0832. www.greenmountainclub.org.

BELMONT. Roast Beef Supper. Menu: roast beef with all the fixings and home-baked pies for dessert. At the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont with settings at 5 pm and 6 pm. Family style. Admission \$10 adults and \$5 children 11 years and under. For information call (802) 259-3445.

BENSON. Townwide Yard Sale. 9 am - 4 pm. Maps available on the day of the sale in front of the Town Office at 2760 Stage Rd.

EAST THETFORD. Gardening Class: "Up!—Staking and Pruning." With Cat Buxton and Megan Baxter. Fee: \$20. 10:30 am - 12 pm at Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org.

HANOVER, NH. Garden Conservancy's Open Days Program. Visit the Bayle & Richard Drubel Garden at 20 Rope Ferry Rd., 10 am - 4 pm. Rain or shine, no reservations required. Admission \$5. (845) 265-5384. www.opendaysprogram.org.

HARTFORD. Strawberry Supper. Menu: baked ham, baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, cole slaw, sweet breads, and strawberries in a shortcake, sundae or plain, for dessert. Served family style. Handicapped accessible. Adults: \$10, children (6-12) \$4. 5 & 6 pm. Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, Rt. 14. Reservations accepted, call (802) 295-2510. avonbugbee@yahoo.com.

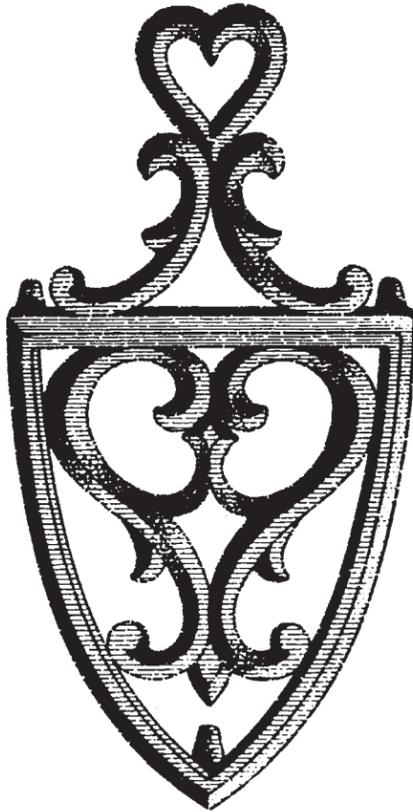
MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Skye Chalmers presents his book, *Sending Milk*, a collection of black and white photos of farms in the Northeast. Free, public invited. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. www.northshire.com.

MANCHESTER. Free Bird Walk. The Vermont Bird Place & Sky Watch and local birders meet to conduct a survey of the wild birds present on the grounds of Hildene. For info call Randy Schmidt at (802) 362-2270 or randy@thevermontbirdplace.com. 8 am at the Welcome Center parking lot. Hildene, Rt. 7A. (802) 367-7961. www.hildene.org.

MARLBORO. Southeastern Vermont Audubon Society Outing: "Exploring the Hogback." Wander the clearings and forests of Hogback Mountain with Marlboro biologist, Bob Engel, looking for songbirds and other curiosities. Meet at 8 am at the Alpen Glo Parking Lot on Route 9 atop Hogback Mountain. Free and open to the public. www.sevtaudubon.org.

NORWICH. Garden Conservancy's Open Days Program. Visit the Garden of Bill Noble, 724 Bragg Hill Rd., 10 am - 2 pm. Rain or shine, no reservations required. Admission \$5. (845) 265-5384. www.opendaysprogram.org.

QUECHEE. 33rd Annual Quechee Hot Air Balloon, Craft and Music Festival. Over 20 hot air balloons, with flights scheduled for 6 am and 6 pm. (Dependant on the weather). Music and entertainment and over 60 craft artisans and commercial vendors. Festival food and a beer and wine garden. Admission: adults \$12, children (6-12) \$5, and 5 and under are free. At the Quechee Inn at Marshland Farm. www.quecheeballoonfestival.com. Also June 17.



QUECHEE. Friends of Quechee Library Book Sale. 7 am - 7 pm. 1957 Quechee Main St. (802) 295-1232. Also June 17.

RANDOLPH. Gallery Opening: *Red Fields, Yellow Skies—Vermont Landscape Arts in 2012*. Reception 7-9 pm. Gallery hours: Thurs. 4-6 pm, Sat.-Sun. 1-3 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-9878. chandler-arts.org. June 16 through September 2.

RANDOLPH CENTER. Class: Early Summer's Wild Bounty. A walk in the forest, field and garden at this time of the year yields a bounty of wild ingredients to use in creative culinary ways. Plants from the wild are packed with more nutrition than their cultivated cousins and no weeding necessary! Tuition \$25 and includes handouts and recipes. Pre-registration required. 10 am - 12 pm. Turkey Hill Farm, 55 Turkey Hill Rd. (802) 728-7064. localfood@turkeyhillfarmvt.com. www.turkeyhillfarmvt.com.

RUPERT. Nature Hike and Potluck Outing. Meet at 3 pm at the Visitor Center for a 4.5 mile moderate hike with potluck supper at the Frank Hatch Sap House at 6 pm. Tables and chairs will be provided indoors or picnic tables outdoors on the deck, weather permitting. Sponsored by The Green Mountain Club, Manchester Section. Please enroll at keld@alstrup.us or call (802) 362-1422. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. info@merckforest.org. www.merckforest.org.

RUTLAND. 5th Annual Family Fun Day. Bounce house, obstacle course, games, crafts, dunking booth, cotton candy, police dog demo, live music and more. Sponsored by Calvary Bible Church. 11 am - 2 pm at Main Street Park, Rt. 7. (802) 775-0358.

RUTLAND. Rutland Downtown Farmers Market. The largest in the state with over 90 vendors. A great place to shop, eat and visit. Live entertainment. Depot Park across from Walmart at Merchants Row. 9 am - 2 pm. Market manager, Doug Patac, (802) 753-7269. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org. Saturdays through October 27 and Tuesdays through September 25.

SO. BURLINGTON. Garden Talk: "Care for Peonies & Tiarella." Dr. Leonard Perry from UVM Extension shares tips about how to properly care and maintain your luscious peony plants. Sinclair Adam, a former grad student of Leonard's and current owner of VOR nursery, has studied Tiarella for 20+ years and will share his knowledge about why certain varieties grow best in our zone(s). Bring your questions! Free. 10 am - 12 pm. UVM Horticulture Research Center, 65 Green Mountain Dr. (802) 864-3073. info@friendsofthehortfarm.org. friendsofthehortfarm.org.

STRAFFORD. Workshop: Rustic Furniture. Take saplings and with simple joining techniques make an outdoor piece of furniture. Presented by Mark Ragonese and the League of NH Craftsmen. To reserve a place call (603) 643-5384, or emailcraftstudies@craftstudies.org. Fee: \$140 materials included. 10 am - 5 pm. Justin Morrill State Historic Site. (802) 765-4484. historicsites.vermont.gov.

TUNBRIDGE. Vermont History Expo. Theme: Vermont in the Civil War. 150 exhibitors, music, lectures, heirloom animals, craft demonstrations, living history encampments, museums and displays, great food. Parade at 1 pm both days! 10 am - 5 pm. Admission \$10, students \$5, 5 and under free, weekend family pass \$20, half-price admission for visitors in period dress. Tunbridge Fair Grounds, Rt. 110. (802) 479-8500. vermonthistory.org. Also June 17.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Concert: Bovine Social Club and Patrick Fitzsimmons. To benefit NOFA-VT. Tickets \$25. 8 pm. Tupelo Music Hall, 188 S. Main St. (802) 698-8341. www.tupelohallvermont.com.

Wings on Hawk Hill A Bird Walk in Brandon, VT

Come and join us for a summer morning bird walk in Brandon, VT on Saturday morning, June 23rd from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The walk will be led by local birder Sue Wetmore. No dogs, please. Please meet at the south end of the Otter Valley High School parking lot in Brandon, VT. For additional information, please

contact Sue at (802) 247-3037.

To learn more contact Monica Erhart, Linkage Coordinator, Staying Connected Initiative, Rutland and Southern Addison Counties, Vermont. (802) 446-7030. monica.erhart@gmail.com. stayingconnectedgreensadks.wordpress.com.

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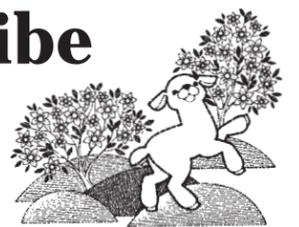
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(June 16, continued)

WINDSOR. Peony Days—Oh, So Many Varieties! Talk and Tour 10:30-11:30 am. Learn how to grow herbaceous and tree peonies, when to dig and divide, and the differences of the many varieties. Tour the gardens, view singles, semi-doubles, doubles, and anemone, Japanese, and tree peonies from our large collection of more than 100 varieties. Potted peonies for sale. Pick up our "Growing Peonies" tip sheets and enjoy light refreshments. Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery, 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. ciderhillgardens.com. Also June 17.

WOODSTOCK. Garden Conservancy's Open Days Program. Visit Indian Tree Hill—The Highberg Garden, 1497 Randall Rd., 10 am - 2 pm. This garden has evolved over the last thirty years into a space of meandering paths, creative use of native stone, extensive alpine collections, sculptured steel archway and gates. Rain or shine, no reservations required. Admission \$5. (845) 265-5384. www.opendaysprogram.org.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

BRANDON. Sunday Jazz at Brandon Music. The Soul of a Man—rhythm, blues & jazz band. Our famous desserts during intermission at special fixed price. Early Bird dinner offering from 4-6 pm, consisting of chili, cornbread, and dessert of your choice, all for \$10. Tickets \$18 at the door, \$15 pre-paid. 7 pm. Brandon Music Café at Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. brandon-music.net.

BRATTLEBORO. Brattleboro Tree Walk. A walking tour of some of Brattleboro's most noteworthy trees. Free. 2 pm. Meet in front of Brattleboro Post Office, 204 Main St. (802) 257-0124. www.brattleboromuseum.org.

EAST CHARLESTON. Workshop: "Understanding Your Forest." Learn about basic tree identification, soils, indicator plants, and recognizing special habitat values. Some walking in the woods (up to 1/2 mile). Pre-registration required. Bring a bag lunch. Fee: \$30. 9 am - 1 pm. North Woods Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 723-6551. www.northwoodscenter.org.

EAST THETFORD. Father's Day Berry Brunch at Cedar Circle Farm. Treat Dad to full organic farm breakfast featuring fresh-picked strawberries (\$12 average). Enjoy live music and free wagon rides to and from the strawberry patch. Take the 10:30 White River Flyer (www.rails-vermont/train-schedule) to come by train! 11 am - 1 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org.

HUBBARDTON. Battlefield Third Sunday. A Hubbardton resident from 1777 comes to life to talk with visitors about the battle, and leads a walk to the East Hubbardton Cemetery and back. Inside program if inclement weather. Admission: Adults \$2, 14 and under free. 1 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd, seven miles north of Rt 4. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov.

PUTNEY. Yellow Barn presents Johannes String Quartet Concert. Performing orks by Brahms, Kurtag, and Schumann. Tickets \$18. 3 pm. The Big Barn. (802) 387-6637. info@yellowbarn.org. www.yellowbarn.org.

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WOODSTOCK. Ice Cream Sundays at Billings Farm & Museum. Lend a hand making and sampling ice cream—a different flavor each week. Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. Also June 24.

MONDAY, JUNE 18

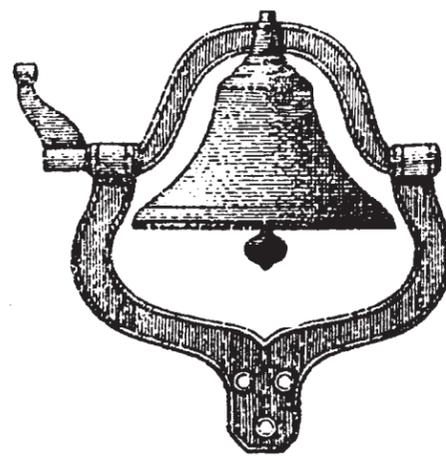
KILLINGTON. Perennials Plant Swap. Bring a perennial and take home a perennial. Reference materials will be available as well as copies of the magazine, "Birds and Blooms." Free and open to the public. 7-8:30 pm at the Sherburne Memorial Library, River Rd. (802) 422-3852.

WEST DUMMERSTON. Southeastern Vermont Audubon Society Outing: "Black Mountain Laurel Walk." Naturalist Roger Haydock leads the annual stroll up Black Mountain when the mountain laurel are at the peak of their blossoming. Learn about the unique geology of the mountain and how this geology effects the flora. Meet at 6 pm at the Covered Bridge along Route 30 in West Dummerston. www.sevtaudubon.org.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

BRATTLEBORO. Southeastern Vermont Audubon Program: Tropical Vermont Birds. With Chris Petrak. Many of the birds which breed in Vermont are tropical species which come north for the abundant protein resources needed to raise their young. See a photographic sampling of these birds, many of which are among the most beautiful birds found in North America. Free and open to the public. 7 pm. Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main St. (802) 254-5290. www.sevtaudubon.org.

CHITTENDEN. Lecture: "Oral History as Discovery Research." Want to know what life on a farm was like in the 1940s? An older farmer can tell you. He or she can also describe the complex changes that led us from then to now. Gregory Sharrow of the Vermont Folklife Center explores oral history as a documentary research method, illustrated with excerpts from his field recordings, featuring remarkable people and memorable stories. Hosted by the Chittenden Historical Society. 10 am at the North Chittenden Grange Hall, 3 Lower Middle Rd. (802) 483-6471. www.vermonthumanities.org.



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Concert-goers are encouraged to bring a picnic (food and beverage will be available for purchase at some locations) and a sense of humor for music that is joyful, witty, wacky, and fun. Selections guaranteed to tickle the funny bone feature a runaway broom, an eccentric timepiece, and an orchestral laugh track. The program includes Chadwick's "Jubilee," Kabalevsky's Galop from The Comedians, Tchaikovsky's Cossack Dance, Holst's Jupiter, Bringer of Jollity, and much more. As always, the concert concludes with the spectacular 1812 Overture, fireworks and marches.

Concert Schedule

Friday, June 29, Sugarbush Resort, Warren, VT
Saturday, June 30, Jay Peak Resort, Jay, VT
Sunday, July 1, Mountain Top Inn, Chittenden, VT
Monday, July 2, Hildene Meadowlands, Manchester, VT
Tuesday, July 3, Grafton Ponds, Grafton, VT
Wednesday, July 4, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, VT
Thursday, July 6, Suicide Six, South Pomfret, VT
Saturday, July 7, Three Stallion Inn, Randolph, VT
Sunday, July 8, Trapp Concert Meadow, Stowe, VT

"The VSO is the only American orchestra that actually tours its entire state each summer," says executive director Alan Jordan. "All of us look forward to the tour. It's a cher-

ished summer tradition." Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Gates open for picnicking between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. depending on location. Tickets range from \$31-35 for adults. At most locations tickets are free for children under age 18 with advance ticket purchase (or \$11 at the gate). Ticket prices for children at Shelburne are \$17 under age 12, and at Stowe are \$11 for children age 5-17. Tickets purchased at the gate will be subject to a surcharge. All sites are wheelchair accessible. e title sponsor for the VSO's Summer Festival Tour.

For more information including a listing of local ticket outlets, or to order tickets, visit www.vso.org or call (800) 876-9293, x 10. Tickets may be purchased through FlynnTix at (802) 863-5966 or online at www.flynnitix.org.

Hartland's JazzFest A One-Day Outdoor Festival

Hartland Community Arts presents JazzFest, a live music festival for the whole community, on Saturday, June 23, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., rain or shine. The festival will take place on Foster Meadow Field next to the Hartland Library. Admission is by donation, \$5 suggested per person.

This outdoor event will feature over 40 jazz performers, including professional musicians, up-and-coming talent, young ensembles, and nationally recognized guests. Picnics, water bottles, and lawn chairs or blankets are encouraged. Food, beverages, and desserts will be available for purchase. Rain and sun shelters will be on site. JazzFest is produced

by Hartland Community Arts with collaboration and support from Interplay Jazz and Arts and the Hartland Recreation Department and Ledyard National Bank.

All proceeds from this event will support a youth jazz scholarship, as well as future Hartland Community Arts programming in the arts.

Come join us, sit back, and enjoy the fabulous live jazz and festive atmosphere. Directions: I-91 to exit 9, Route 5 north one mile to the library entrance on the left (just past the gas station).

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Vermont Country Calendar



Champlain Region State Historic Sites Now Open

The Chimney Point, Mount Independence, and Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Sites in the Champlain region have opened for the 2012 season. Enjoy history where it happened. Many special events are planned.

These sites have scenic grounds for walking and picnics, and specialty museum shops with many books and other items.

The Chimney Point State Historic Site on Lake Champlain in Addison, VT has reopened to the public after two years of closure due to the Lake Champlain Bridge construction project. This location is one of the most strategic on the Lake, important to Native Americans, the early French, and early American settlement. In the historic tavern's "ballroom" is a new exhibit, "What Lies Beneath: 9,000 Years of History at Chimney Point," highlighting the archaeological findings from the 2009-2011 bridge and temporary ferry project.

See evidence of earliest Native American habitation, the 1731 French fort, Moses Bradley's 1790s redware pottery, and more. The exhibit was prepared by the University of Vermont Consulting Archeology Program and guest curator Kate Kenney, Vermont bridge project archaeological monitor.

Also new are several exhibit panels and media player exploring the history of the 1929 Lake Champlain Bridge.

Bring a picnic and take a walk over the new bridge. The site is open Wednesdays through Sundays and Monday holidays, through October 8, 9:30-5:30. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and free for children under 15.

Mount Independence in Orwell, VT, a National Historic Landmark named after the Declaration of Independence,

was built on Lake Champlain in 1776-77 to protect the American colonies against British invasion from the north.

This year is the 235th anniversary of the American retreat from the Mount. The museum has state of the art exhibits and Revolutionary War artifacts, including two huge logs from the Great Bridge and a cannon recovered from Lake Champlain.

Six miles of scenic walking and hiking trails wind past archaeological sites. The nationally award-winning Baldwin Trail with acclaimed interpretive signage, is suitable for outdoor wheelchairs and strollers.

The annual Soldiers Atop the Mount encampment is moving this year to September 8 & 9 to commemorate the September 1777 American attempt to retake the Mount from the British.

Mount Independence is open daily, 9:30 to 5:00, through October 8. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and free for children under 15.

The Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site is the location of Vermont's only Revolutionary War battle. It is considered one of the best preserved battlefields in America, retaining most of its original setting.

The 235th anniversary of the July 7, 1777, battle will be honored with the annual living history weekend on July 7 & 8.

Enjoy other history and astronomy programs throughout the season. The site is open Thursdays through Sundays and Monday holidays, from 9:30 to 5:00. Admission is \$2.00 for adults and free for children under 15.

For more information about events visit historic-sites.vermont.gov. Join the [Vermont State Historic Sites on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/VermontStateHistoricSites).

MARLBORO. Presentation: "The Big Three." Vermont State Forester James Esden will introduce us to the three biggest threats to northeastern forests. Admission: adults \$5, seniors \$3, children 5-12 \$2, under 5 free. 5 pm. Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, Rt. 9, Hogback Mountain. (802) 464-0048. vermontmuseum.org.

RUTLAND. Rutland Downtown Farmers Market. A great place to shop, eat and visit. Depot Park at Merchants Row. 3-6 pm. (802) 753-7269. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. www.rutlandcountyfarmersmarket.org. *Tuesdays through September 25.*

WOODSTOCK. Program: The Old Country Fiddler—Charles Ross Taggart, Vermont's Traveling Entertainer. Fiddler Adam Boyce portrays Mr. Taggart near the end of his career, circa 1936, sharing recollections of his life and career interspersed with live fiddling and humorous sketches. 3 pm. Hosted by and presented at the Woodstock Terrace, 456 Woodstock Rd. (802) 457-2228.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

PLYMOUTH. 59th Annual Strawberry Festival. BBQ'd burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, baked beans, home made salads and beverages. Strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits, whipped cream, and vanilla ice cream. Children's activities and family fun. Crafts table, bouncy house, touch-a-truck(s), free face painting, and a huge raffle with many, many prizes. Park entrance is free for the evening, food is a la carte. 5-8 pm, rain or shine. At Camp Plymouth State Park off Rt. 100 at Echo Lake. (802) 228-3308

RUTLAND. Outdoor Summer Concert: Enerjazz. 7-8:30 pm at Main Street Park at the corner of Main St (Rt. 7) and West St.

SWANTON. Community Breakfast at Holy Trinity. Come and bring a friend. Fee: \$2.50. 7-9 am. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 38 Grand Ave. (802) 868-7185 x 10. holytrinityepi@myfairpoint.net. www.holytrinityswanton.org. *Also September 5 & 19.*

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

ADDISON. Program: Chimney Point—What Lies Beneath. Site administrator Elsa Gilbertson presents an illustrated program on the Chimney Point experience during the Lake Champlain Bridge project and some of the exciting historic and archeological findings. Free, donations appreciated. 7 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 7305 Rt. 125. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. (802) 759-2412.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Alan Benoit Sustainably Series Presents: Your Home on Earth. Free, public invited. 6 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. www.northshire.com.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

LEBANON, NH. Performance: The Robert Cray Band. A five-time Grammy award winning, singer/songwriting guitar legend. With special guest Brooks Hubbard. Tickets \$48/\$28. 7:30 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. www.lebanonoperahouse.org.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Richard Russo and Kate Russo present their book, *Interventions*, a tribute to the printed book. Free, public invited. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. www.northshire.com.

PUTNEY. Yellow Barn Presents a Young Artists Program Concert. Free admission. 8 pm. At the Next Stage. (802) 387-6637. info@yellowbarn.org. www.yellowbarn.org. *Also June 28 & 29.*

RUTLAND. A Reading of the Musical *Special Deliveries*. Reincarnation possibly explains how infants enter the world more knowledgeable than anyone would ever expect! Vermont Actors' Repertory Theatre and Paramount Theatre's 30 Center Stage presents a showcased reading of this musical comedy by Vermont author Harrison Lebowitz, with music by Vermonter, Kyle de Tarnowsky. Tickets \$15. 7:30 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org. *Also June 23.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

ADDISON. Amateur Radio Service Field Days. The Addison County Amateur Radio Association sets up a simulated emergency station, part of a nationwide event, using only emergency power supplies to practice emergency communications with no reliance on phone systems, internet, or commercial power sources. The public is welcome. Admission adults \$3, children 14 and under free. 1-6 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 7305 Rt. 125. (802) 759-2412. historicsites.vermont.gov. *Also June 24.*

BRANDON. Classical Concert: Annemieke & Jeremiah performing on piano and accordion. 7 pm. Brandon Music Café at Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. brandon-music.net.

CASTLETON. The 5th Annual Castleton Town Wide Yard Sale. Bargains, treasures, food selections and one-of-a-kind items to fit everyone's pocket book. 9 am - 3 pm. Rain or shine. (802) 468-3093.

CHESTER. Art Exhibit: *27 When the Music Died—Portraits by Jack Dowd*. Vermont Institute of Contemporary Arts, 15 Depot St. (802) 875-1018. info@vtica.org. www.vtica.org. *Through August 19.*

CHESTER. 10th Annual Music-in-the-Meadow. Great music and food, classic cars, a silent auction, a raffle featuring a \$1,200 quilt, 100 gallons of heating oil and more. The Concert Under the Tent featuring Mark Shelton, Whistlin' Rufus, gb 101, Brendan Thomas, The Bondville Boys, and BackRoad. \$5 suggested donation. Benefits VT-NH Race for the Cure. 12-6:30 pm. The Motel-in-the-Meadow. (802) 875-2626. motelinthemeadow.com. *Also June 24.*

CHESTER. Workshop: Magnified Healing. Learn multi-dimensional modalities you can use on a daily basis. Fee: \$245. 10 am - 5 pm, both days. Peace of Paradise, 78 the Common. Call to pre-register. (802) 875-8008. www.peaceofparadisevt.com. *Also June 24.*

COLCHESTER. Friends of Burnham Memorial Library Book Sale. 9 am - 4 pm at the Old Firehouse on Main St. (802) 879-7576. *Also June 24.*

CORNWALL. 11th Annual Strawberry Festival. Food and family fun. Live music. Lunch a la carte with hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, fruit salad and beverages. Strawberry shortcake or sundaes. 11 am - 3 pm. First Congregational Church of Cornwall, Rt. 30. (802) 462-2170.

FORESTDALE. Annual Baked Ham and Strawberry Shortcake Supper. Baked ham, potato salad, tossed salad, homemade rolls, and beverages. Strawberry shortcake. Goodwill offering. 5-6:30 pm. Grace Episcopal Church on Rt. 73. (802) 247-6418.

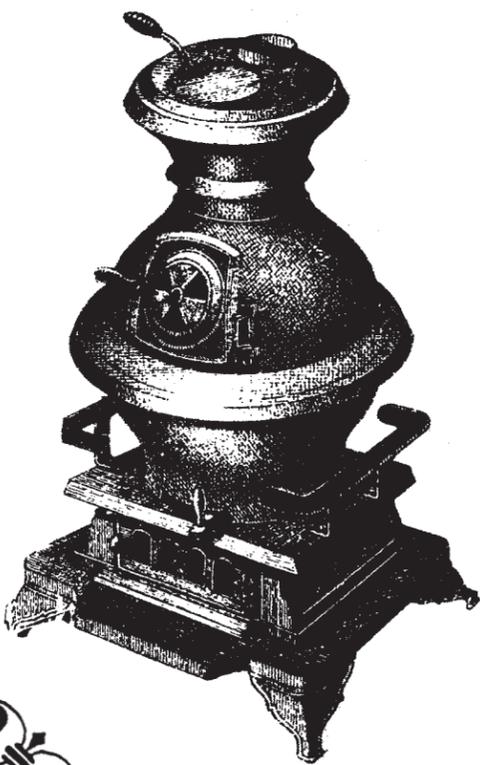
GREENSBORO. Paddle—Kayak or Canoe on Caspian Lake. Meet at Montpelier High School. Bring lunch and water. Sponsored by the Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Contact leader for meeting time: Joan Helier, (802) 223-1874 or helimosk@comcast.net. www.greenmountainclub.org.

GUILFORD. Annual Strawberry Shortcake Supper. Ham and homemade baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, deviled eggs, fresh-baked rolls, beverages, and strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children under 11, preschool \$3. Seatings at 5 pm & 6:30 pm. Guilford Community Church, 38 Church Dr. off Bee Barn Rd. (802) 257-1819.

HARTLAND. Hartland JazzFest, a one-day outdoor festival of live jazz performances. Picnics, water bottles, and lawn chairs or blankets are encouraged. Food, beverages, and desserts will be available for purchase. Suggested donation \$5. 11 am - 7 pm. on Foster Meadow Field, next to the town library. hartlandcommunityarts.org

MANCHESTER CENTER. Annual Ham and Strawberry Supper. Baked pit hams with delicious special sauce and homemade baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, broccoli salad, homemade rolls, and beverages. Freshly-picked strawberries on homemade biscuits with real whipped cream. Served family-style. Handicap accessible. Reservations recommended. Adults \$11, children 8 and under \$5. One seating at 6 pm at the First Baptist Church, Rts. 7A & 30. For reservations call (802) 362-3473.

MIDDLEBURY. Hike in the Breadloaf Wilderness. We'll head up the Cooley Glen Trail to the Long Trail, then south through Breadloaf Wilderness Area before returning on the Emily Proctor Trail. Moderate hike, 11.2 miles. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Contact leader by 6/22 for meeting time and place: Darryl Smith, (802) 522-2516 or dsmith.vt.us@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.



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(June 23, continued)

NORTH BENNINGTON. Basement Music Series Concert. San Francisco's Con Brio band blends old-school grit with new-school sophistication. Tickets \$22. 8 pm, doors open at 7 pm. Vermont Arts Exchange, Sage Street Mill. (802) 442-5549. vtartxchange.org.

RANDOLPH CENTER. Class: "The Herb Garden." This class will cover choosing and growing herbs. We will make a simple herb vinegar and learn how to preserve your herbs for culinary use and warming wintertime teas. If the timing is right and the chives are in bloom you'll learn how to make a favorite compound butter! Tuition \$25 and includes handouts and recipes. Pre-registration required. 10 am - 12 pm. Turkey Hill Farm, 55 Turkey Hill Rd. (802) 728-7064. localfood@turkeyhillfarmvt.com. turkeyhillfarmvt.com.

RUTLAND. Rutland Garden Club Self-Guided Garden Tour: Up-Country and Around Town—11 Gardens. Refreshments at the Chaffee 3-4:30. Tickets \$20-\$10-\$4. Advance tickets from club members or at Mr. Twitters. (802) 773-0795.

RUTLAND. Rutland Downtown Farmers Market. The largest in the state with over 90 vendors. A great place to shop, eat and visit. Live entertainment. Depot Park across from Walmart at Merchants Row. 9 am - 2 pm. Market manager, Doug Patac, (802) 753-7269. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. www.rutlandcountymarket.org. Saturdays thru Oct 27 and Tuesdays through Sept 25.

SO. BURLINGTON. Bird Walk with Bridget Butler: The Bird Diva. You have probably heard her Bird Show on VPR. Now, take a guided bird walk at the Horticulture Farm with Bridget! Find out what bird species reside in our fields and woods. Find out what plants can draw certain species of birds to your yard. Fee: \$20/\$30. RSVP and pre-pay your fee early to secure a spot. Space is limited. Bring binoculars. 7-10 am. UVM Horticulture Research Center, 65 Green Mountain Dr. (802) 864-3073. info@friendsofthehortfarm.org. friendsofthehortfarm.org.

VERGENNES. Native American Encampment. Tribal members dressed in garments like those worn by their ancestors will demonstrate singing, drumming, basket making, quillwork and bead decoration, food preparation, wampum readings, craft demonstrations, and other skills for the annual celebration of the Lake Champlain region's Native American Heritage. Admission: adult \$10, seniors \$9, students 5-17 \$6, under 5 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. (802) 475-2022. www.lcmm.org. Also June 24.

WEST WARDSBORO. Hike to Stratton Pond. Hike up via the Long Trail and return via Stratton Pond Trail. 10.7 miles round trip. Sponsored by the Bread Loaf Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Contact leader for meeting time and place: John Predom, (802) 377-9654 or john@veganwanderer.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WILLISTON. Pet Parade and Summer Reading Kickoff. Bring your pet or stuffed animal for a parade around the library. Music with Raphael Groten, Face painting! Sign-up for summer reading program. All ages welcome. (Pets not allowed in the library. Please make arrangements for your pet while you're inside listening to music). 10:30 am. Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, 21 Library Lane. (802) 878-4918. www.williston.lib.vt.us.

WINDSOR. Delphinium Talk and Demo. Delphiniums are easier to grow than you think. Come and learn the secrets to success that make these beautiful flowers real perennials, not annuals. Delphinium plants are available for sale. Talk is from 10:30 am - 12 pm. Open daily 10 am - 6 pm (July through October open Thurs-Sun.) Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery, 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. www.ciderhillgardens.com.

CHESTER. Reiki Share. Everyone welcome. Donations appreciated. 2-4 pm. Peace of Paradise, 78 the Common. Call to pre-register. (802) 875-8008. www.peaceofparadisevt.com.

CHESTER. 10th Annual Music-in-the-Meadow. Brunch, the raffle winner drawings and silent auction results, and music from Gary Sharon, Sharon Baker, Vinnie DeBernardo and several surprise guests. \$5 suggested donation. Benefits VT-NH Race for the Cure. 11 am - 3 pm. The Motel-in-the-Meadow, 936 Rt. 11, west of Chester. (802) 875-2626. motelinthemeadow@comcast.com. www.motelinthemeadow.com.

COLCHESTER. Friends of Burnham Memorial Library Book Sale. 11 am - 3 pm at the Old Firehouse on Main St. (802) 879-7576.

EAST THETFORD. 10th Annual Strawberry Festival. Live bluegrass and folk music under the tent, children's entertainment, educational displays and everything strawberry! Organic strawberry picking with horse-drawn wagon rides to and from the berry patch. From 11-3, an organic food concession offers strawberry goodies plus garden fresh salads, local grilled sausages, and wood-fired veggie pizzas made in NOFA-VT's portable copper-domed oven. Admission: \$5 per car (car-carpooling strongly encouraged.) Come by train, bicycle, or on foot and get in free! Help us to reduce waste and bring your own plate, cup, and silverware. 10 am - 4 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. cedarcirclefarm.org.

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS. 37th Annual Strawberry Festival. To benefit the Middletown Springs Historical Society. Museum exhibits and live music by Paul Morgan and Friends. Local crafts artists. Strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits, ice cream, and whipped cream for \$6 per person. Coffee, ice tea, and lemonade are included. 2-4 pm on the Green. (802) 235-2376.

MONKTON. 25th Annual Strawberry Festival and Book Sale. Luncheon and our famous strawberry shortcake, a la carte. Music by Sun Mountain. To benefit the Russell Memorial Library. 12-3 pm at the Monkton Central School. Part of Monkton's 250th Celebration with BBQ, parade and more. (802) 453-4471.

SHELBURNE. Sarah McLachlan and the Vermont Symphony Orchestra. Ben & Jarry's Concert on the Green. Tickets \$55-\$59, children 12 and under free. Please carpool, parking is limited. Gates open at 6 pm, show at 7 pm. Rain or shine. Shelburne Museum. For info or tickets call (802) 870-9293 x 25. www.vso.org.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

ADDISON. Amateur Radio Service Field Days. The Addison County Amateur Radio Association sets up a simulated emergency station, part of a nationwide event, using only emergency power supplies to practice emergency communications with no reliance on phone systems, internet, or commercial power sources. The public is welcome. Admission: adults \$3, children 14 and under free. 9 am - 12 noon. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 7305 Rt. 125. (802) 759-2412. historicites.vermont.gov.

ADDISON. The Shortest Distance between Two Points Guided Walk. Want to know more about the history of what you're seeing while walking across the new Lake Champlain Bridge? State historic site managers Elsa Gilbertson from Chimney Point and Thomas Hughes from Crown Point (NY) lead a guided walk. Meet at the Chimney Point museum. Binoculars welcome. Rain or shine, dress for the weather. Fee: \$5. 1 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 7305 Rt. 125. (802) 759-2412. historicites.vermont.gov.

BRANDON. Sunday Jazz at Brandon Music. Harvey Sorgen (Hot Tuna's adventurous drummer) & Esa Pietila—drum and saxophone duo. Our famous desserts are presented during intermission at special fixed price. Early Bird dinner offering from 4-6 pm, consisting of chili, cornbread, and a dessert of your choice, all for \$10. Tickets \$18 at the door, \$15 pre-paid. 7 pm. Brandon Music Café at Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071. www.brandon-music.net.

Softwood Management in Vermont: A Walk in the Woods

The Vermont Woodlands Association is inviting you to get outdoors and have a Walk in the Woods! The upcoming walk is focused on softwood management in Vermont. This event will be held on Saturday, June 9th from 9

am - 1 pm at the Downer State Forest in Sharon, VT. Tim Morton, State Lands Stewardship Forester for the Vermont Dept. of Forest, Parks and Recreation, will lead a combination walk and drive through managed conifer stands and plantations. Enjoy a moderate stroll through stands of Norway spruce, red pine, Scotch pine, white pine and European larch to discuss thinning and regeneration opportunities and conundrums, the history of the Downer plantations, and the character of the different species grown.

You'll also help search for an elusive red fir tree, the sole survivor from a failed planting in 1911, and view a patch of pine left completely unmanaged since the 1930s. Easy walk, dress accordingly for outdoors, bring your own lunch. No registration required. All are welcome.

Directions to Downer State Forest: Take exit 2 off I-89 and travel north on Rt. 132 towards Strafford. At approximately 2.0 miles, turn right onto Beaver Meadow Rd. and proceed 0.2 miles to intersection with Downer Rd. Turn left onto Downer Rd, go past Crescent Lake and proceed approximately 1.5 miles to the Camp Downer sign. The gravel road on the right is the start of the state forest highway network within Downer State Forest. Parking is available at several wide turnouts along the state forest highway.

For more information call (802) 747-7900. Or visit www.vermontwoodlands.org.

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Vermont Country Calendar

STOWE. Kid-Friendly, Dog-Friendly Hike to Taylor Lodge. An easy hike up to Taylor Lodge via Lake Mansfield Trail where we'll enjoy a snack break. We'll look for beavers at the beaver pond, identify wildflowers, listen for frogs, and try to spy some brightly colored newts. Easy with easy pace, 3.0 miles. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Contact leader by 6/23: Kelley Christie, (802) 999-7839. kelleychristie@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WOODSTOCK. Ice Cream Sundays at Billings Farm & Museum. Lend a hand making and sampling ice cream—a different flavor each week. Admission (includes all activities) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4, children 2 and under free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

MONDAY, JUNE 25

STRAFFORD. Drawing and Watercolor Workshop for Children. Explore the fantasy of nature and architecture through drawing, writing, mapping, watercolor painting and more. Make your own handmade books for sketching and finished work. Imagine history while creating something new! Taught by Jennifer Brown and Anmari Kicza. Fees. For kids ages 8-13. 9 am - 12 pm. Justin Morrill State Historic Site. To register call (802) 765-4484. historicites.vermont.gov. *Through June 29.*

SWANTON. Program: The Old Country Fiddler—Charles Ross Taggart, Vermont's Traveling Entertainer. Fiddler Adam Boyce portrays Mr. Taggart near the end of his career, circa 1936, sharing recollections of his life and career interspersed with live fiddling and humorous sketches. Hosted by the Swanton Historical Society. 6 pm at the Railroad Depot Museum. (802) 868-3892. www.vermonthumanities.org.

VERGENNES. 36th Annual Strawberry Festival. Strawberry shortcake with homemade pound cake, strawberries and vanilla ice cream, and beverages for \$5. Vergennes City Band will be playing. 6-8 pm in the Vergennes City Park. (802) 759-3218.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

WOODSTOCK. Program: Junior Farm Vet for a Day. For ages 10-15. Spend the day at the farm and learn the anatomy of farm animals. Participate in grooming, and learn how to do a physical exam, working alongside a large animal vet. Wear barn clothes. Fee: \$75 includes stethoscope and workbook to take home. Call to register. 9 am - 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. billingsfarm.org. *Also July 18 and August 8.*

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

LOWELL. Hike on Belvidere Mountain. A loop hike from Tillotson Rd., climbing this 3360' peak. Spectacular views from the observation tower. 7.9 miles. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Contact leader for meeting time and place: Peter Hope, (603) 863-6456. www.greenmountainclub.org.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

CHESTER. Opening Reception for the Art Exhibit: *27 When the Music Died—Portraits by Jack Dowd.* All day. Vermont Institute of Contemporary Arts, 15 Depot St. (802) 875-1018. info@vtica.org. www.vtica.org.

ESSEX JUNCTION. Vermont Quilt Festival. New England's largest and oldest quilt event! 80 vendors from across the country! Classes, lectures, quilt appraisals, free gallery talks and demos add to the excitement. Adm. Fri & Sat 9 am - 6 pm, Sun 9 am - 3 pm. Champlain Valley Expo, 105 Pearl St. (802) 872-0034. info@vqf.org. www.vqf.org. *Through July 1.*

RUTLAND. Performance: Grace Church Presents Leonard Bernstein's Mass. A setting of the Roman Catholic Mass, with additional texts by Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Schwartz. This is a piece that relates the drama of a Celebrant whose faith is simple and pure at first, but gradually becomes unsustainable under the weight of human misery. An enormous piece, it calls for a large pit orchestra, two choruses plus a children's choir, a Broadway-sized cast, a dance ensemble, marching band and a rock band. Directed by Rip Jackson with choreography and stage direction by Maris Wolff, this unique performance will feature the Rutland Area Chorus and Children's Ensemble, The Vermont Dance Collective, music theatre soloists, and a large orchestra. Tickets \$20/\$15. 7:30 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org. *Also June 30.*

WARREN. The Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Tour Concert. An evening concluding with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and fireworks! \$31 advance, \$34 at the gate; under 18 free in advance, \$11 at the gate. Gates open 5:30 pm for picnicking, concert at 7:30 pm. At Sugarbush Resort. (802) 870-9293 x 25. vso.org.

WATERBURY. 37th Annual Strawberry Supper. Delicious buffet dinner at historic downtown church followed by strawberry shortcake. Full meal includes drink & dessert, or you can get "just desserts." Take-out too! \$10 adults, 12 and under \$6, dessert only \$4. 5-7 pm. Waterbury Congregational Church, 8 N. Main St. (802) 244-6606.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

ARLINGTON. Overnight Backpack. Hike from Kelly Stand Road to Routes 11 and 30. 16 miles over Stratton Mountain with Douglas and Spruce Shelters and Prospect Rock. Sponsored by the Brattleboro Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Contact leader for meeting time and place: Bonnie and Rob Cramp, (802) 348-7158. www.greenmountainclub.org.

BELMONT. Chicken Barbeque. \$10 adults and \$5 children 11 years and under. 11:30 am on the Green. For more information call (802) 259-3445.

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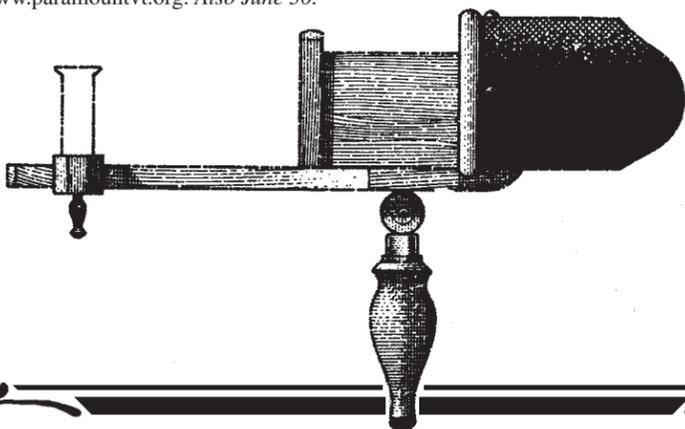
JAY. VSO Summer Festival Tour Concert. The Vermont Symphony Orchestra presents an evening of musical smiles concluding with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and fireworks! Tickets \$31 advance, \$34 at the gate; under 18 free in advance, \$11 at the gate. Gates open at 5:30 pm for picnicking, concert at 7:30 pm. At Jay Peak Resort. For info or tickets call (802) 870-9293 x 25. www.vso.org.

ORWELL. Children's Colonial Afternoon. Site interpreters host a fun colonial afternoon for children. Period games, dress up, stories, hands-on activities, and refreshments. Admission: adults \$5, children under 15 free. 1-3:30 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site on Mount Independence Rd., off Rt. 73. (802) 948-2000. historicites.vermont.gov.

RUTLAND. Performance: Grace Church Presents Leonard Bernstein's Mass. A setting of the Roman Catholic Mass, with additional texts by Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Schwartz. An enormous piece, it calls for a large pit orchestra, two choruses plus a children's choir, a Broadway-sized cast, a dance ensemble, marching band and a rock band. Directed by Rip Jackson with choreography and stage direction by Maris Wolff, this unique performance will feature the Rutland Area Chorus and Children's Ensemble, The Vermont Dance Collective, music theatre soloists, and a large orchestra. Tickets \$20/\$15. 2 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

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Fixing a Broken Food System: University of Vermont To Host Food Systems Summit, June 24–29

Our broken food system is creating economic, environmental, health, and societal problems, many experts say. The result: the agricultural landscape in the U.S. is under threat, seriously challenging the sustainable production of food.

Emerging leaders and change makers have been invited to gather and address these pressing issues, as the University of Vermont hosts its first-ever Food Systems Summit on June 24–29, 2012. A public TED-style conference with thought leaders from around the globe discussing the regional food system approach will be held June 28 from 1-6 p.m. at the Royall Tyler Theatre, UVM, Burlington, VT.

Titled “Leading the Necessary (r)Evolution for Sustainable Food Systems,” the Summit seeks to answer the pivotal question: “How can we create regional food systems that are viable alternatives to the conventional one that exists now?”

Cultivating the next generation of food leaders and empowering the local community is at the heart of the Summit. “Change is challenging,” said John Bramley, interim president at UVM and a food systems scholar. “Through our Breakthrough Leaders Program, we hope to empower the people passionate about our food system.”

The Summit consists of the following programs:

• **Breakthrough Leaders Program for Sustainable Food Systems** – A two-week program with a week-long online portion starting June 18, followed by a one-week residential program from June 24-29. Participants will participate in the public conference on June 28, and meet in a small group for deep dialogue with influential leaders on June 29. To learn more visit learn.uvm.edu/foodleaders.

• **The Necessary (r)Evolution for Sustainable Food Systems Conference**. On June 28, the public is invited to a conference highlighting innovative ideas and initiatives for transforming the food system. Topics include food safety, regional food systems and food-related businesses. To register or learn more visit bit.ly/uvmfoodsystems. This event is free and open to the public but registration is required.



Young cows out grazing in their field in Brookfield, VT.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

• **Food Systems Programs and Courses**. UVM Continuing Education is offering a number of courses in Food Systems this summer. For course list go to bit.ly/food-courses. Visit learn.uvm.edu.

In addition to the Food Systems Summit, the University of Vermont offers a Farmer Training Program; Sustainable Food Systems and Agriculture courses; and a Masters Degree in Food Systems, set to launch in Fall 2012.

The Summit is part of UVM’s Food Systems Spire of Excellence with the vision of developing solutions to pressing problems in food systems through world-class research, teaching and outreach.

The University of Vermont has a history of innovative solutions to building and maintaining sustainable food systems—and is itself situated within a state with a proven model of sustainable food systems. “The combination of our place

and our people make UVM a natural for hosting the Food Systems Summit,” said Jane Knodell, provost and senior vice president at UVM. “Vermont is a test-bed for exploring alternatives to the current food system. We lead the nation in per capita direct-market sales from farms to consumers. And demand for local, sustainable, and fair trade food production continues to rise. Given this culture, it’s not surprising that the university has built an impressive community of world class scholars interested in promoting a new vision for how we grow, distribute, market, and consume food.”

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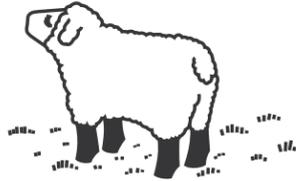
Vermont 4-H Sheep Camp June 22–24 in New Haven, VT

A weekend of sheep care instruction and fun educational activities will be held for 4-H’ers from June 22–24 at the Addison County Fair and Field Days site, Route 17, New Haven, VT.

It’s open to all 4-H’ers, ages 8 to 18, enrolled in the sheep project. Learn about sheep management, characteristics and breeds, health care and animal nutrition at the UVM Extension-sponsored event. Gain hands-on experience in handling, showing and fitting sheep for shows as well as judge classes to better understand what the judges look for when ranking a class. A quiz bowl will test their overall knowledge about sheep. Any 4-H’er who requires a disability-related accommodation to participate should let us know.

Fee: \$40 per person, including any 4-H leader or parent who wishes to attend sheep camp with their 4-H’ers. The fee is due by June 6 and covers meals, workshops, materials, instruction, a camp T-shirt and all activities. Scholarships are offered through many county 4-H foundations.

For information or to enroll call Wendy Sorrell at (800) 571-0668 or e-mail wendy.sorrell@uvm.edu. You can download a registration form at www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/pdfs/events/sheepcamp2012.pdf.





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10th Annual Cedar Circle Farm Strawberry Festival

Annually on the last Sunday in June, juicy red, organically-grown strawberries are cause for celebration at Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center in East Thetford, VT. Pack up the kids and come to the farm on Sunday, June 24, from 10 am to 4 pm to enjoy this special celebration, rain or shine!

Now in its tenth year, the Strawberry Festival offers fun for the whole family with kids' activities, storytelling, live music, horse-drawn wagon rides, strawberry picking, and an organic good food concession. Easy to find, Cedar Circle Farm is located on Pavillion Road along the Connecticut River, just off of Route 5.

Strawberries share the spot light with award-winning British story teller, Simon Brooks of New London, N.H., who weaves tales to delight children of all ages at 10:30 a.m., 12, and 2 p.m. on the kids' stage.

Under the tent, Black Jack Crossing, a string band made up of musicians from southern VT and N.H., plays gypsy, folk, Irish music and rock from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haywire, a home-grown stomp grass band from Tunbridge, VT, plays from 12:45-3:45 p.m.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. an organic good food concession offers strawberry goodies including shortcake, smoothies, jam dot cookies, ice cream with sauce, and popsicles; plus garden fresh salads, local grilled sausages, and wood-fired veggie pizzas made in NOFA-VT's portable copper-domed oven.

Throughout the day, visitors can enjoy a host of mostly free activities, such as ongoing horse-drawn wagon rides to and from the organic strawberry patch, a draft horse

demonstration, children's coloring projects, face painting (\$1), educational exhibits, and self-guided farm tours.

"Our harvest festivals are a way of opening up the farm to the public to share our passion for what we do, and inspire interest and support for sustainability, organic farming and great fresh food," says CCF's education coordinator and festival organizer, Cat Buxton.

Raffle tickets will be sold to raise funds for CSA Shares for limited income Vermonters, through the Farm Share Program subsidized by NOFA-VT and Cedar Circle Farm.

The Strawberry Festival is a "Green Event" with a waste recovery station, which has yielded only two bags of trash for more than 1500 visitors in previous years. Bring a plate, utensils and cup to help reduce waste.

The farmstand and coffee shop are also open. Parking is available in designated fields for \$5 per car, and carpooling is encouraged. Come by bicycle or on foot and get in free!

Cedar Circle Farm is a fifty-acre certified organic farm, dedicated to "growing for a sustainable future" through the production of certified organic vegetables and berries, bedding plants, and quality flowers and herbs. The farm offers a CSA program, dinners in the field, harvest festivals, gardening workshops, cooking classes, and guided educational farm tours for schools and groups.

Cedar Circle Farm is located on Pavillion Rd. along the Connecticut River, just off of Rt. 5 in East Thetford, VT. For details and directions, visit www.CedarCircleFarm.org or call the farm at (802) 785-4737.



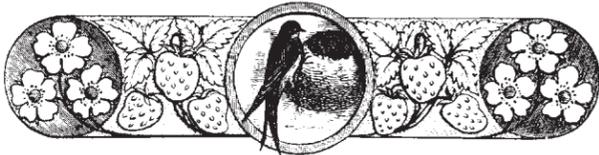
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Ada Acker of E Thetford in the Strawberry Patch at Cedar Circle Farm.



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The 12th Snake

by Charles Sutton

Someone who has lived for awhile has probably noticed a decline in the wildlife, especially certain species of birds. Those who are gardeners and others who live close to the earth have also noticed the decline in reptiles, particularly snakes and toads.

These thoughts recall the time when my brother Fred and I were children (pre-teens) and took it as natural that our property had bats, its own owl, rabbits, snakes (garters and black) and toads in the garden. Fred also had his own menagerie in the house. This included tanks of tropical fish, white mice, horned and other lizards, snakes of all kinds, and turtles.

As a budding naturalist Fred would order some of his specimens from a mail order catalog in Arizona. As the younger brother and admirer of Fred for his hobby and interest I liked to be around when these special deliveries arrived.

One summer day a package of 12 snakes caused a small crisis in the family. We had opened the box innocently enough on the dining room table. But the snakes took off in all directions, handling the jump to the floor with ease, even after their cramped journey. Fred and I recovered 11 of the snakes, but one was missing! Being an antique house, the wide floor boards had ample cracks and openings for the wary snake to hide.

In one of those childhood booboos (when

it would have been better to say nothing), we told mother about the missing snake. Mother, having been city grown, was terrified of most wildlife, especially snakes which she feared were covered with some kind of slime. For two days she refused to go through the dining room, transverse the house by going up and down the front and back stairs.

Fred was not deterred nor discouraged. After all he had written the famous herpetologist Raymond Ditmars, curator of the Bronx Zoo, about finding a snake with a forked tongue. The aging Ditmars wrote back and told Fred that all snakes have forked tongues, but warmly encouraged him to continue his work with snakes. Later Fred and his buddies used to hunt rattlesnakes in the Berkshires. This was a way, then, to prove your manhood instead of overdoing girls, drugs and alcohol.

Fred eventually got mother to hold a baby garter snake in her hand, though, as a flower gardener, she had trouble even getting used to touching angleworms.

Fred finally had to move his 'zoo' to the barn. Our parents put up with odors and sounds coming from Fred's room for some time, but one night a turtle got loose and banged its way into their bedroom in search of the watering hole it might find in their bathroom. The menagerie had outlived its welcome.

Incidentally, that missing snake, number 12, was never found.



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Take Time and Smell the Roses

by Judith Irven

Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns. I am thankful that thorns have roses.

—Alphonse Karr, 1808–1890

In June we celebrate the summer solstice, when the sun is at its highest and our days are at their longest. And, in Vermont gardens, the solstice is when our roses start to bloom.

I hear you say, “Oh, I can’t grow roses...they get too many diseases and I don’t want to spray.” You are most likely thinking about Hybrid Tea roses, those doyens of modern rose breeding that, though extremely elegant, are notoriously fussy. And most will not make it through our Vermont winters anyway!

But, cold winters notwithstanding, I do grow roses in my Green Mountain garden and, emphatically, I do not spray them.

Beach roses: salt-tolerant and cold-hardy

The roses that flourish in Vermont are informal-looking spreading shrubs that feel at right home in our country gardens.

Many of them are progeny of the rugged *Rosa rugosa* or beach roses. Beach roses have single flowers, either pink or white, with yellow centers. And, when crossed with other species of roses, the resulting plants have fragrant flowers in either single or double forms, and in colors ranging from a full red to a clear white.

Beach roses are tough customers, able to survive winter temperatures down to -50°F. Originating in Siberia, today they grow wild along the coastline of northeastern America, where the salt spray blows in from the ocean. This ability to tolerate salt means that you can also grow them near the road—a most valuable feature indeed.

Rugosa roses and their offspring bloom copiously in late June and early July. They are disease resistant and their flowering is conveniently timed to be just before the onslaught of the dreaded ‘Japanese beetles’ that love to munch on rose flowers.

Rosehips provide functional beauty

In the fall your bushes will sport huge and beautiful rosehips. If you are so inclined, you can harvest some and make your very own rosehip syrup, which is an excellent source of Vitamin C. This link will take you to a recipe: <http://www.jeremytaylor.eu/recipes/rosehip-syrup-recipe/>.

In England during and after WWII, when oranges were either unavailable or strictly rationed, I thrived on a daily dose of government-issued rosehip syrup and other vitamin-rich supplements.

Locating hardy roses for your garden

With so many varieties and cultivars of roses offered for sale at the garden center, it is difficult to go seeking out a specific one. But, if you examine the leaves of the different roses offered for sale, you can tell those with *Rosa rugosa* in their heritage: look for plants with prickly stems and wrinkled leaflets.

For many years the Ottawa Research Station developed a line cold-hardy roses named for early Canadian explorers, aptly dubbed the ‘Explorer Roses.’ Two favorites in my garden are:

Rosa ‘Charles Albanel’: a 30-inch high rose with semi-double deep pink flowers followed by huge rosehips. It grows atop a boulder wall where is surrounded by carefree daylilies and, later in the season, waving grasses;

Rosa ‘William Baffin’: the most reliable climbing rose for Vermont’s climate has cheery raspberry-colored flowers.

It is also worth looking for the German-bred ‘Pavement Series’ of hardy roses. Among this group I am especially partial to Snow Pavement, a strong grower with white flowers that are tinged with pink.

But not every rose has thorns!

Our native Smooth Rose, *Rosa blanda*, that grows intermittently alongside our country roads, has completely thorn-less red stems. This is in fact is how you to tell it apart among the half-dozen or so roses that grow wild in Vermont.

The Smooth Rose: lovely in summer, fall and winter

When cultivated en-masse the Smooth Rose creates a lovely hedgerow that will flourish in full sun or part shade.

It grows among a stand of birches that separate my garden from the road, and for a few glorious days in late June



Abundant roses bloom in Judith Irven’s garden in Goshen, VT.

photo by Dick Conrad

its single pink flowers create the perfect backdrop for the peonies and garden roses that bloom in the garden at the same time.

The Smooth Rose is lovely in other seasons too! In the fall I add its red rose hips to the bouquets of asters I like to bring indoors—no prickles to contend with!!

And at the winter solstice in late December, the low sun shines on its stems and hips, red against the snow.

Small treats for a big moose

Proof of the thorn-less nature of our rose hedge came some years back now. One morning in early June we were quite surprised to see out of the kitchen window a huge bull moose ever so gently stripping each rose stem and eating the leaves and buds. He stayed over an hour, only moving on when he had laid every stem bare—there were neither rose flowers nor hips that year!!

Nurturing nature

When we started making our Vermont garden back in 1994 my husband Dick spied a few small red-stemmed rose shrubs volunteering in the rough hedgerow behind the garden. Over

the years he gently encouraged them by cutting out any obvious competing woody plants, while I let in more light by pruning the lower branches off the birches.

Now we are blessed with a handsome hedge of native Smooth Roses, about 10 feet deep and fifty feet long. They meander among the birch trees and grow out into the sunny space beyond.

However the Smooth Rose is not for the flowerbeds. Its ability to deal with rough grass tells us that in a few years it would also overwhelm most garden perennials. We keep our ‘rose hedge’ firmly in its designated place by mowing a ten foot wide ‘lawn path’ between the cultivated flowerbed and the wilder hedgerow behind.

It will never rain roses. When we want to have more roses, we must nurture more roses.

—George Eliot

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North Country Book News

Author Hinda Miller Shares Her Journey Through Business, Politics, and the Human Spirit in "Pearls of a Sultana"

A new book by Vermont author Hinda Miller is championing a new form of feminism. Called "Pearls of a Sultana" (*The Public Press, 2012*) the book is a summary of what she has learned about business, politics, and the human spirit.

Ms. Miller is perhaps best known as the co-inventor of the Jogbra, the original sports bra that enabled millions of women to participate more comfortably in athletics. Eventually, the company was sold to a corporate giant, and Ms. Miller became a business executive and then went on to a new career as a State Senator and board member.

Throughout all her ventures, Hinda Miller has been guided and anchored by a strong connection to the practice of yoga.

Now she is preparing for a new venture as a Sultana, a woman of experience and wisdom who is always practicing, always learning, and always grateful. Her book traces this journey.

Currently Hinda Miller is a five-term Vermont State Senator who has just announced her retirement, or as she phrases it, her "retyment." She has been a Vermont State Senator since 2003. As vice chair of economic development committee and member of appropriations committee, she has championed legislation promoting the creative economy, green environmental technologies, and complementary medicine as part of quality health care.

Born in Canada, Ms. Miller has been a resident of Burlington, Vermont since 1977, where she lives with her husband, Dr. Joel Miller. She received a BFA from Parson's School of Design & MFA from New York University as well as an

Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Trinity College.

Before her life in the Vermont Senate, she enjoyed a successful career as an entrepreneur, corporate executive, visiting university professor, corporate director, community activist, and yoga teacher. In 1977, she co-founded Jogbra, Inc., the original maker of the Jogbra women's sports garment. After growing the business into a national brand and selling the company to Sara Lee Corp., Hinda continued on as President, CEO & Spokesperson from 1990-1997.

Ms. Miller presently sits on the board of directors of Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. as Chair of the Corporate Social Responsibility and Governance Committees. She is also on the board of the New England Culinary Institute, and is a Trustee Emeritus of Champlain College.

Ms. Miller believes that a strong inner voyage for self-knowledge is the foundation of a successful and purposeful life. She has continually tried to bring spiritual practice into worldly endeavors, always practicing the integration of the material and spiritual world. To that end, she has been a seeker and student of yoga for over 30 years, teaching yoga to inmates, teenage moms, and women.

She now plans to devote herself to the Sultanas, an informal group of wise, elder women who have the wisdom and experience to make dramatic changes in the world.

About Ms. Miller, Peter Welch, Vermont's representative in Congress has said "Hinda is a different breed of state senator who combined a successful, if unconventional, career in business with an acute and sensitive appreciation of life's spiritual dimension. It made her special in the rough and tumble of politics. And, to the surprise of many, it has made her very effective."

Pearls of a Sultana by Hinda Miller is available at your bookseller or from the publisher for \$23.95, (includes shipping, handling, and tax), at Public Press, 100 Gilead Brook Rd., Randolph, VT 05060. (802) 234-9101. You can order online at TheSultanas.com. Visit ThePublicPress.com.



Children's Book Reviews

Summer Garden Time

For something unusual for your children to grow, try moonflowers, a climbing vine of the morning glory family with heart-shaped flowers that bloom only at night! A beautifully-illustrated book, *The Moonflower* by Peter and Jean Loewer, (*Peachtree Publishers, \$15.95*) shows how hawkmoths pollenate the flowers at night only to have them wilt in the early morning light. But new buds are waiting to open the next night, and so the flower keeps reappearing! Bringing the night life further into focus the authors treat us to spectacular drawings of nighttime animals like bats, hawks, owls, mice and insects like moths, fireflies, and crickets, all enjoying the company of this nighttime flower. As an added treat one can learn why owls can see so well, how fireflies make light, and other surprises of the natural world.

For an enjoyable trip into garden land echoing the rhyme "The House That Jack Built," join colorfully dressed children in *Isabella's Garden* by Glenda Millard and illustrated by Rebecca Cool (*Candlewick Press, \$16.99*). Verses tell the story: "These are the flowers that waltz with the wind that ruffles the buds, all velvety skinned, that swelled the shoots that sought the sun that kissed the clouds that cried the rain that soaked the seeds that slept in the soil, all dark and deep in Isabella's garden."

A bird with a scarlet breast hatches a chick for all to see; the flowers grow; and the children play, climbing in an apple tree. Fall approaches as does a praying mantis who comes to warn that winter is on the way. Yet, seeds are there sleeping for next year in "the soil, all deep and dark." The drawings are enchanting.

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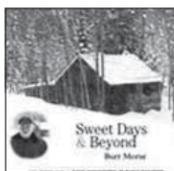
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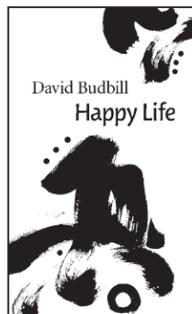


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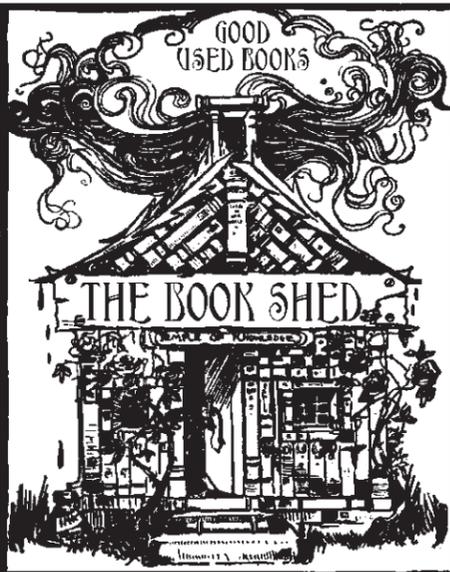
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A Vermont Hill Town in The Civil War

Peacham's Story

Compiled and Edited by Jutta R. Scott and Michelle Arnosky Sherburne
with an essay by Lynn A. Bonfield

(Published by The Peacham Historical Association)

This remarkable and touching story tells how one small Vermont town, Peacham, (population then 1,247) responded to President Lincoln's call in April, 1861, for service in militias to fight to preserve the Union in a Civil War between the North and South states.

Like countless other communities, Peacham, already the home of a vigorous anti-slavery movement, responded enthusiastically with an initial contingent of 55 volunteers that went on to serve in the 3rd, 4th and 6th Vermont Regiments which would become part of the famous Vermont Brigade.

The immediate impact at home was the loss of a father and sons needed to run the small family farms or other village businesses. But we learn the women and children managed on their own, for the war effort.

Peacham soldiers also served in a number of other units that fought at Lee's Mill, Antietam, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Petersburg and many other Union battles.

Who were these soldiers and what happened to them?

Compiled here are biographies of the 168 Peacham soldiers, including photographs of 21. We learn that the war took a heavy toll with 43 killed in action, or dying from wounds or war-related diseases, including deaths from the deplorable conditions as prisoners of war in Confederate prison camps. Five other soldiers with Peacham connections also were war casualties.

The first Peacham-born soldier killed in action was Hazen B. Hooker, who lost his life in the Battle of the Wilderness on May 5, 1864.

During his two years of service Hazen wrote 75 letters of his experiences to his family and

Book Review by Charles Sutton

friends, eight of which are reproduced in full in this book. Five days before he was killed, he wrote his grandfather: "Perseverance overcometh all things. This may be the last opportunity that I shall ever have. We are in all probability about to make a grand movement upon the enemy, and ere you receive this, the booming cannon may be heard where now is all quiet and peaceful."

He had also written home about having to bury the arms and legs cut off of wounded soldiers, and how at one time his brigade captured 2,000 prisoners. "They were smart intelligent men, well dressed."

He also urged his parents not to write "such mournful letters." He wanted to hear "how much the oxen girth, how many times the horse strap broke on the old lumber wagon which I rode many miles. Do not pitch your letters in a minor. The major key we soldiers want is lively and full of right hopes of the future."

Several Peacham men were prisoners-of-war, and five died in Confederate prisons.

This book contains a chronicle of life in the infamous Andersonville Prison which housed 30,000-45,000 Union prisoners during its 14-month existence. Of those soldiers, 13,000 died from over-crowding, unsanitary conditions, poor diet, and the lack of immunity against typhoid fever, malaria and other camp diseases.

One of those prisoners was a 22-year-old Peacham farmer, Mark Wheeler. He writes about the filth and stench, the mosquito and lice infestations, and how he and his uncle, Newcomb Martin, also of Peacham, would eat bugs "the only fresh meat we had in prison." His uncle died in the prison from diarrhea.

In an unusual war story, Wheeler recalls that a majority of the prisoners appealed to the prison authorities about a gang of prison guards who stole from, terrorized and killed prisoners at night.

As a result a prisoner-based police force and court was authorized to capture and prosecute the offenders. Six ring-leaders, all ex-convicts, who had been released from Southern prisons to fight the war for the South, were caught and tried. They were executed on the gallows built by Union prisoners on July 11, 1864. "It was the first time I ever saw a man hang and I hope it will be the last time," Wheeler wrote.

His 105 hand-written pages were transcribed by Michelle Arnosky Sherburne, one of the contributors to this book. Wheeler returned to Peacham after the war and resumed his life as a farmer. He married three times, and had five children.

For a day-to-day account of the Civil War from the vantage point of a foot soldier, we can read the diary of 21-year-old Issac Watts, describing arduous camp life—its long marches with 60-pound packs and constantly cleaning his rifle—to major engagements of the war including the Battle of Opequon near Winchester on September 19, 1864, and his eye-witness account of General Philip Sheridan's famous rally ride that marked the turning point in the battle of Cedar Creek on October 19, 1864. And he writes:

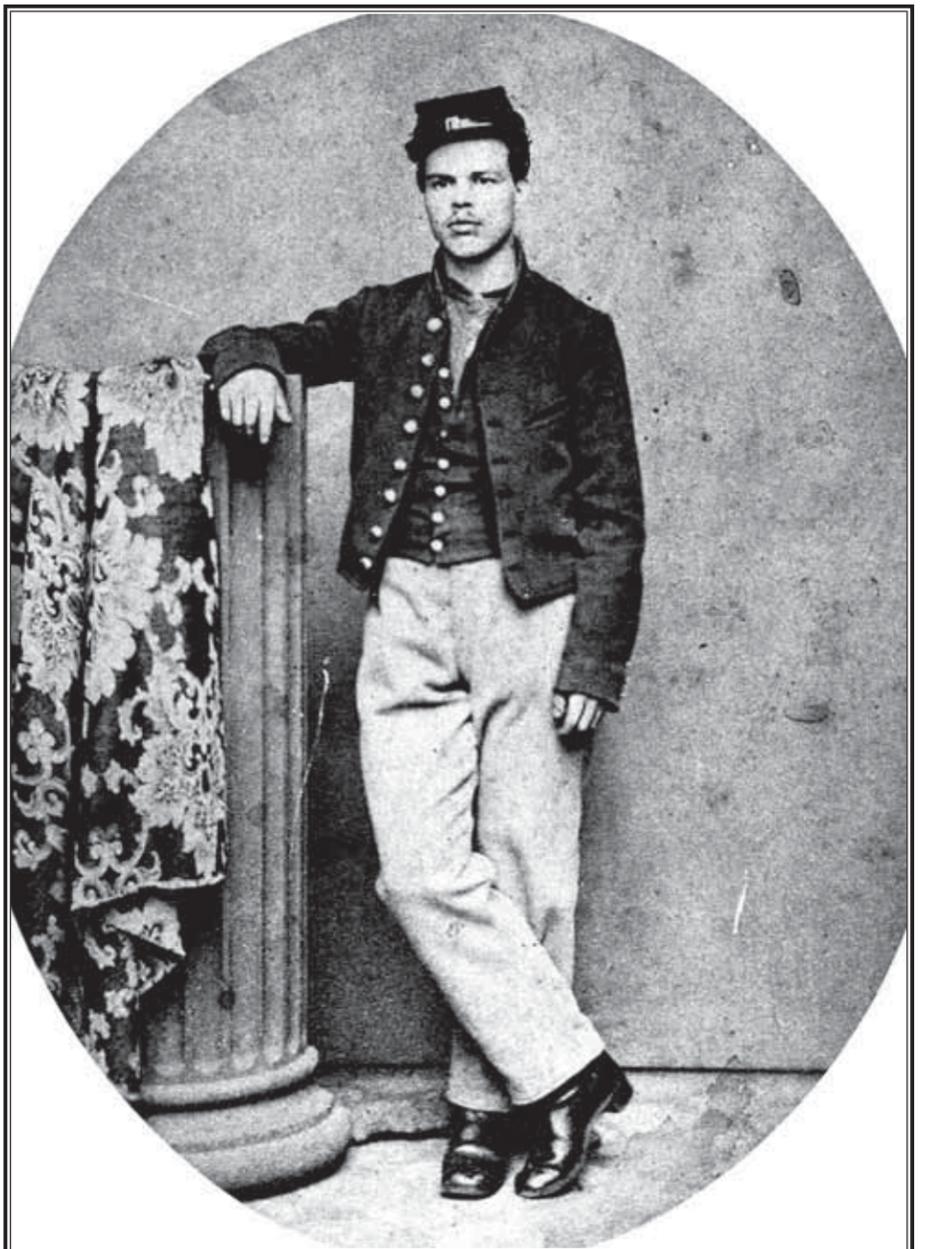
"The rebels commenced an attack as early as 3 a.m. and by daylight the 8th and 9th corps were flanked and falling back very fast. We got orders and started on the double quick at sunrise and were soon among them. We fell back two or three miles, fighting to keep the Johnnies in check and losing lots of men. Gen. Sheridan arrived at 10 and soon matters turned. At 4 p.m. we charged on them and drove them back in good shape over the road where the Cav. took them and captured lots of men, retaking the artillery and wagons they took from us in the morning. Our loss was heavy but I don't know how many."

Another vivid war experience was recalled many years later by Turrell Elkins Harriman who was 15 years old when he enlisted in the 8th Vermont Regiment. In 1901 he wrote 10 letters to his youngest sister Kate Hamilton about the war, describing its grueling marches of 20 to 30 miles a day in the heat. He recalled capturing prisoners, sharpshooting, intense fighting, dealing with ticks, lice, the lack of water, and being in trenches day and night. He reminds us that he was among the Union forces sent by ocean steamer down the East Coast around Florida to Mississippi and Louisiana where a Union force of 18,000 troops were mustered. He took part in a 42-day siege of Port Hudson, a rebel fortification on the Mississippi River south of Vicksburg.

In all the stories about the war we learn that mail from home was extremely important. Many of their letters ask for food, money, and warm blankets, quilts and clothing. Maple sugar or cookies made their day!

We learn that the items most prized were: "needles, black thread, stocking yarn, small pocket handkerchiefs, envelopes with postage stamps on them, little papers of tea, lark spur seed, and a fine comb."

Peacham women made and sent clothing and foodstuffs to the soldiers. They cared for the returning sick soldiers and attended the dead. Fund-raisers allowed them to purchase needed materials for making quilts and clothing, slippers, and sheets, even small horse hair and feather pillows and cushions for wounded limbs.



Hazen B. Hooker

A Peacham, VT soldier, he was the first Peacham-born casualty and was killed in the Wilderness Battle. The Peacham Civil War book features a biography and six of his letters.

Peacham's part in the Civil War for helping to preserve the Union and its end to slavery are well documented here as was its celebration when the war was finally over as reported in the newspaper Caledonian of that time:

"Church and tea bells were rung, salutes fired, bonfires lighted, and never before was the quiet little town of Peacham in such wild excitement. All the dwellings were more brilliantly lighted than ever on any former occasion..."

Jutta R. Scott, president of the Peacham Historical Association, said the work took two years to research and complete, but how fortunate they were in having the story told by so many enlisted men—the army

privates—and their eyewitness to history.

A Vermont Hill Town in The Civil War—Peacham's Story, compiled and edited by Jutta R. Scott and Michelle Arnosky Sherburne with an essay by Lynn A. Bonfield, can be ordered from the Peacham Historical Society for \$25 plus \$5 for postage and handling.

To purchase, mail a check to: Larry Jensen, Treasurer, Peacham Historical Association, PO Box 101, Peacham, VT 05862.

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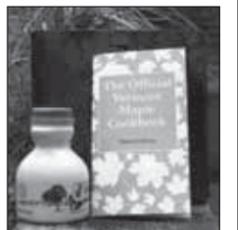
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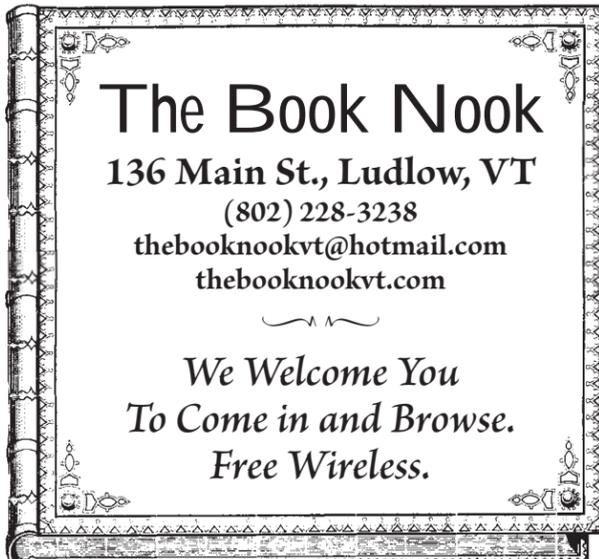
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The Garden Conservancy's Open Days program for 2012 begins on Saturday, June 16 in Hanover, New Hampshire and Norwich and Woodstock, Vermont. Admission to each private garden is \$5, Open Days are rain or shine, and no reservations are required.

On June 16 visit the Bayle & Richard Drubel Garden at 20 Rope Ferry Road, Hanover, NH, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The main gardens are terraced on a slope leading down to Occom Pond, featuring a trough garden, a cutting garden, dwarf conifers, and a large border and vegetable garden at the bottom.

At the Garden of Bill Noble, 724 Bragg Hill Road, Norwich, VT, the Director of Preservation Projects for The Garden Conservancy was challenged to create a garden appropriate to the site, once a hillside farm with views of distant mountains. An old-fashioned mixed border resides alongside other shrubs and perennials chosen for texture and foliage. The gardens are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 16.

Indian Tree Hill—The Highberg Garden at 1497 Randall Road, Woodstock, VT, has evolved over the last thirty years into a space of meandering paths, creative use of native stone, extensive alpine collections, sculptured steel archway and gates, all used within a natural setting with intimate appeal. The owner, Patsy Highberg, is a recipient of the 2012 Linc and Timmy Foster Millstream Garden of Merit award of the North American Rock Garden Society. The June 16 open garden hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Save the dates for additional Open Garden Days in Vermont and New Hampshire. They include a July 1 date featuring waterfalls and koi ponds, a Knot Garden, and striking architectural elements at The North Forte garden in Wilmington, VT; a fieldstone cottage modeled after Henry David Thoreau's Walden Pond cabin, and a foot bridge crossing a woodland stream at Bill & Judy Moran's Garden in Alstead Center, NH; and a rolling hay field transformed into a four-season sculpture garden at the Distant Hill Gardens of Michael & Kathy Nerrie in Walpole, NH.

On August 11, admire extensive planted terra cotta pots, a pair of ninety-foot-long

perennial borders, and garden rooms galore at Gordon & Mary Hayward's Garden in Westminster West, VT, as well as a second chance to visit The North Forte Garden in Wilmington.

These Open Days gardens are featured in the 2012 Open Days Directory; a soft-cover book that includes detailed driving directions and descriptions written by their owners.

The directory includes garden listings in nineteen states and costs \$21.95 including shipping. Visit www.opendaysprogram.org or call the Garden Conservancy toll-free at 1-888-842-2442 to order with a Visa, MasterCard or American Express, or send a check or money order to: the Garden Conservancy, P.O. Box 219, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Discount admission tickets are available as well through advanced mail order.

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