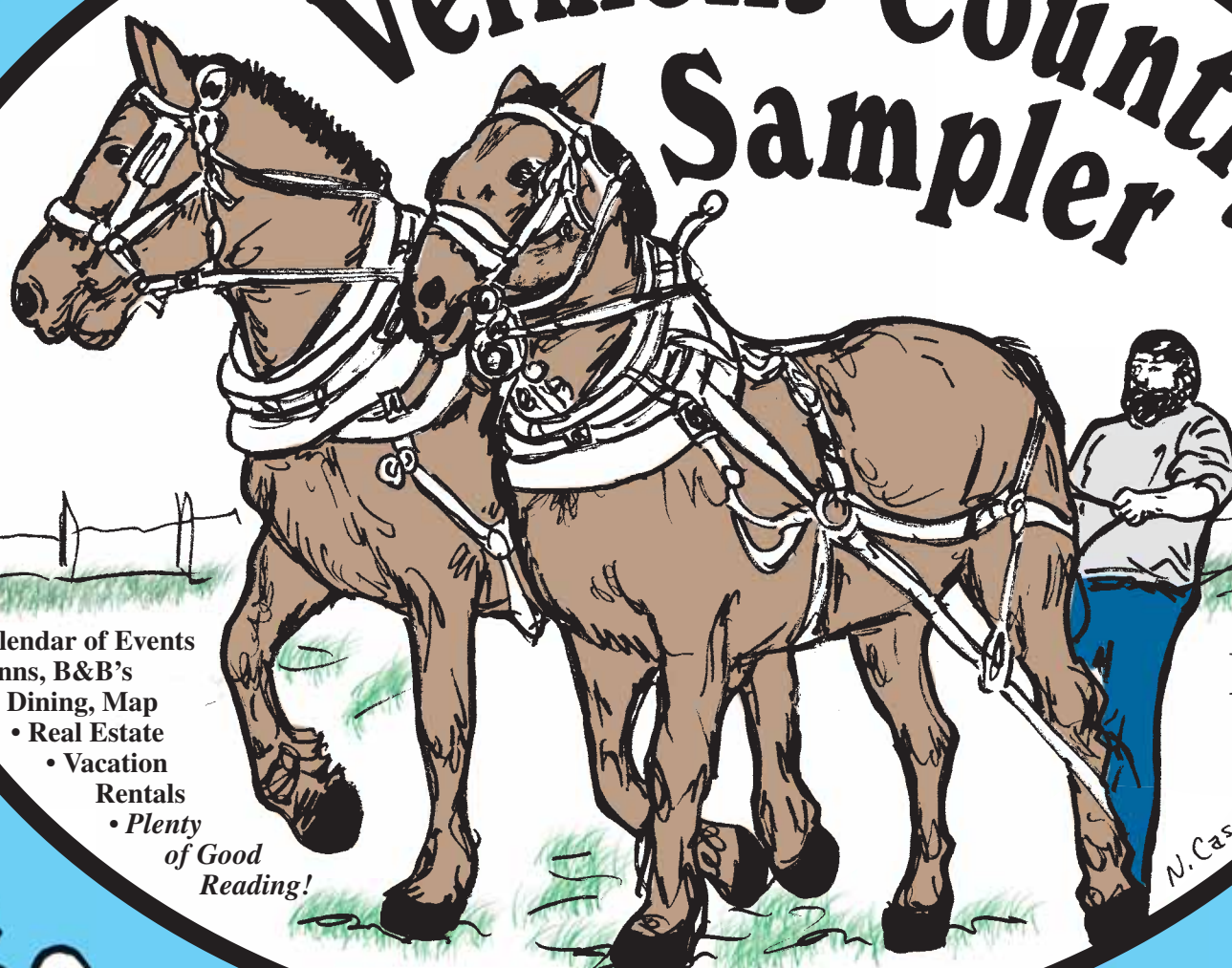


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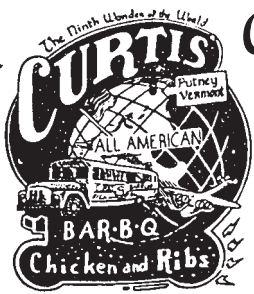
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Which never should have been divorced from the forest
Which still hovered on its flanks.
And yet three generations had lived there
And Sam's children showed no signs of want.

One summer day a man drove by
And stopped, as many did, to get the view.
The valley, a green bowl miles wide.
North, south, and east, the uneven rim of mountains,
Everchanging, eternal.
The V-shaped nick to the south
Was where Stark marched his men
On the way to the Battle of Bennington.

The next day the man came again
And brought Howard Stickle,
A lawyer who made his living
By selling insurance and real estate
Mostly timberland until the city folks
Began to buy up abandoned farms.
After some general talk
He asked Sam if he'd ever thought of selling:
His client, here, sort of took a fancy to the view.
The upshot of it was the man made an offer
Of fifteen thousand dollars for the farm,
Stunned by just the name of so much money,
Sam asked for time to talk it over with his wife.
That night when the children were asleep upstairs,

Sam and his wife talked and planned.
They remembered all the things
they'd gone without,
The hard days and wakeful nights.
These they weighed against the joys,
The real rewards of honest toil,
And the memories haunting every corner
of the old house.
But then the freedom
fifteen thousand dollars meant:
A better farm near town, and money in the bank.
Almost decided to sell, Sam lit his lantern
And went out for his nightly inspection
of the barns.
Coming back he stopped on the porch.
A full moon was brooding over the sleeping valley.
He could see the mountain peaks
Gray and calm in the silvery summer night.

Here and there a light twinkled -
His neighbors though miles apart.
He called his wife.
They stood together
Awestruck at the mystery which is
night among the mountains.
A horse pounded in his stall.
A calf bleated and its mother answered.
A dog barked,
And then the silence of the moonlit valley

The next morning coming from the creamery,
Sam saw Stickle and the man.
"The woman and I've decided.
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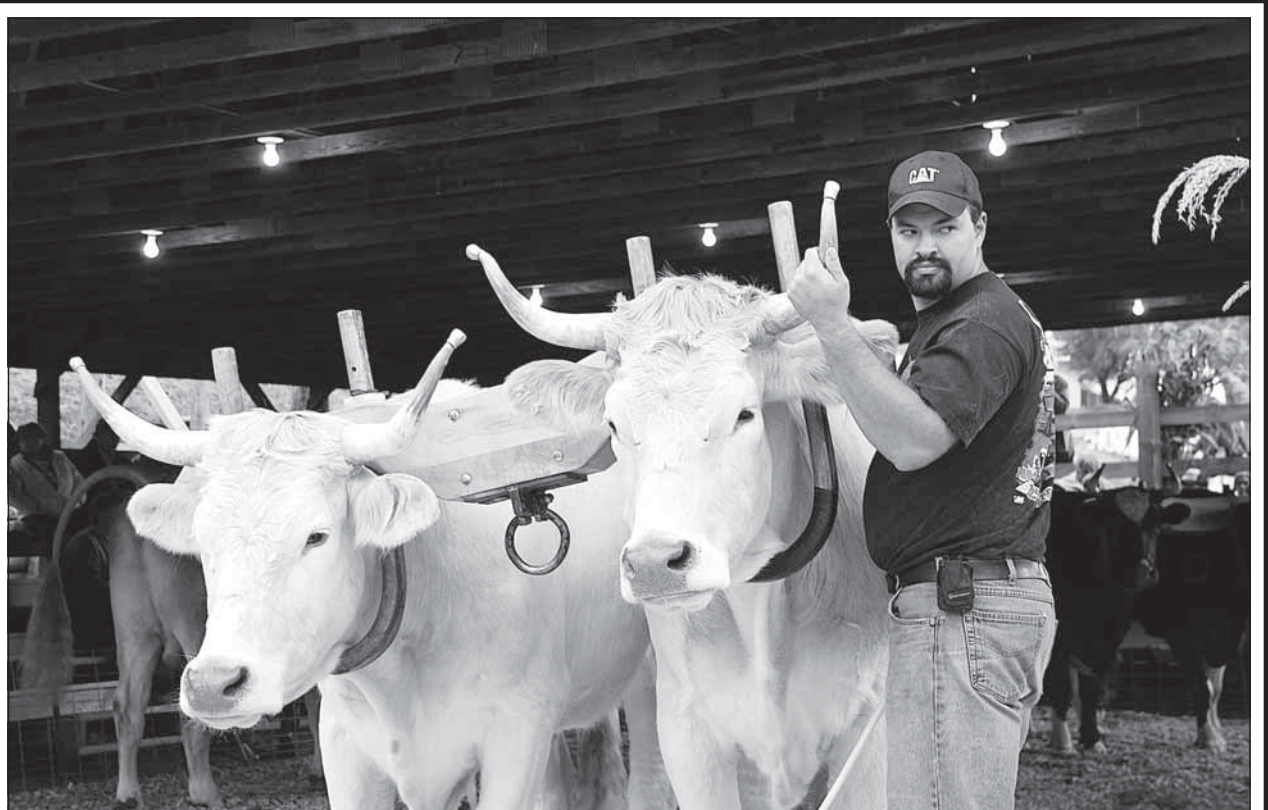


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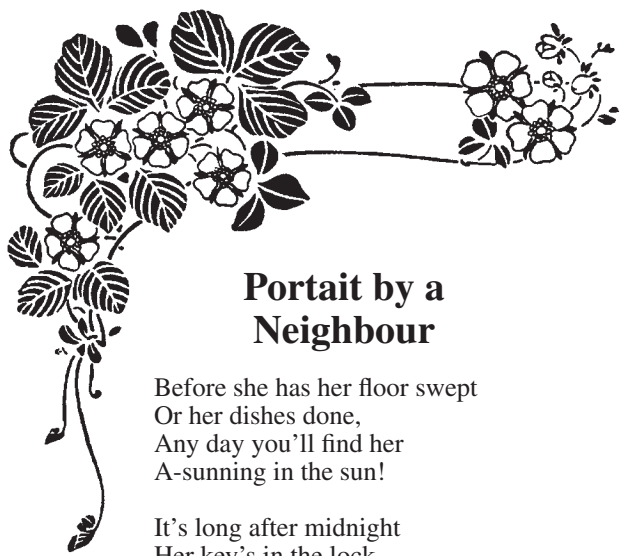


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—EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY



Queen Ann's Lace, also called "wild carrot," blooms in the late summer in Randolph, VT. photo by Nancy Cassidy

Drifting Thistledown

by Bill Felker

At the beginning of late summer, the pink blossoms of Canadian thistles and nodding thistles collapse into silver down that forms mats where the flowers have grown close together and the weather is damp. When the days are dry, the down is often picked up by the wind and carried across the countryside.

The power of suggestion is always at work in the perception of seasons. A phenomenology of associations carries the mind backwards and forwards, from one marker to another. When one thing happens, something else is happening, too. The seeds of thistledown parallel the seeds of wild parsnips and hemlock. Drifting thistledown

is an easy door to the flowering of purple coneflowers, wild petunias, bouncing bets, dayflowers, white vervain, blue vervain, dogbane, leatherflower, figwort, lesser stitchwort, pokeweed, St. John's wort, teasel, wild lettuce, wood mint, wood nettle, leafcup, touch-me-not, lopseed, wingstem, and every kind of lily.

Thistledown parallels the singing of cicada and the departure of young herons from their rookeries, is a sign that alewives are leaving their estuaries in the East and returning to the Atlantic Ocean.

It announces the ripening of honeysuckle berries that feed new robins, grackles, starlings and blue jays in Vermont.

Thistledown points to the shortening of the days, the high, hot sun in Leo, the valediction of robinsong before sunrise, foretelling the cadence of the cicadas in the mornings, crickets and katydids at night, foretelling ragweed and goldenrod, tomatoes and corn and autumn raspberries, the planting of October turnips, foretelling milkweed pods and restless geese.

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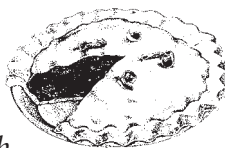
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Chester's Gallery 103 Home to Vermont Metal Artists

by Charles Sutton

Visitors to Vermont may well have seen and admired the eye-catching weathervane atop the Vermont Welcome Center off I-91 at the border in Guilford, VT.

This was designed and built by Elise and Payne Junker, Chester, Vermont metal artists who have created hundreds of original and interesting art forms out of sheet metal ranging from life-size moose and bears to wall decorations and functional garden accessories, and home furnishings as large as beds.

On the day we visited the couple at their home and studio in the woods off the Popple Dungeon Road, Elise had just etched out a country scene on sheet metal. In a shower of sparks, she cut the design out with an extreme-heat plasma arch torch. "I only do this in the morning when I'm rested," she said, "because the extreme heat is dangerous and I have to be very careful."

Meanwhile nearby, Payne Junker is heating up a stainless steel panel with a torch, to bring to the surface colors that are in the chemical makeup of the steel. These muted colored panels are part of screen sets for seven fireplaces. Helping him with the project is Bruce Van Tassel, his former shop teacher at (then-called) Chester High School who inspired him to a career in metal art. "If I have any problem, Bruce can solve it," Payne said.

The couple first met at a craft show in 1983 where both were displaying their work. Elise's specialty was folk art painted on wood, something she started doing at age 17. She said her work has the embroidery look of Eastern European or Ukrainian folk art.

Elise grew up in Manchester, VT, and originally pursued a career in dance, taking performing arts at Johnson State College in Vermont, and studying ballet and modern dance in New York City. She directed her own company, Dance Space, until she was sidelined by serious leg injuries.

Payne immediately trained her in metal art knowing she already had a talent for design, form and color. Her first sheet metal cut-outs were of a mother and baby pig which are

displayed to this day in a garden outside their home. Her background in dance is reflected in the form, style and flow of her work.

Although Payne was intrigued with working with metal as a high school student he majored in Russian Studies at Eugene State College in Washington State, hoping for a possible career in foreign service. But the lure of working in metals was too strong and he returned to Vermont and set up his first blacksmith forge next to his parents' home in Londonderry.

He works in a wide variety of metals: sheet steel, rusted steel, bronze, copper, and iron. One of his custom railing jobs was for Joan Rivers' apartment in New York City. The couple has also made a custom chandelier and display brackets for the American Museum of Fly Fishing in Manchester, VT. In addition to the weathervane at the Vermont Welcome Center in Guilford they reproduced a large display of the Vermont State Seal. Elise said she had to do the cows over five time to get them just right.

The couple gave up going to most craft shows about five years ago, and instead opened a spectacular 3,000 square-foot post & beam showcase store, Gallery 103, just south of town in Chester, as the exclusive showroom of Junker Studio Iron Work. In addition to displaying their own work there, more than 100 Vermont and New England artisans are featured. Included are pottery, blown glass, textiles, jewelry, photography, paintings, woodworks, candles, soaps, and much more. One corner of the store specializes in gourmet chocolates.

The Junkers can be contacted at Junker Studio, 422 Ethan Allen Rd., Chester, VT 05143. You can call them at (802) 875-3986 or e-mail: Metalart@sover.net.

Gallery 103 is located on Route 103 in Chester, VT. The store is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Tuesdays. For more information call (802) 875-7400 or visit www.Gallery103.com.



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Elise Junker cuts a design out of metal at the studio in Chester, VT



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Working on a set of custom-made fireplace doors, Payne Junker uses a torch to bring out the colors in the metal.



Elise Junker's metal art pig family flies through the air.

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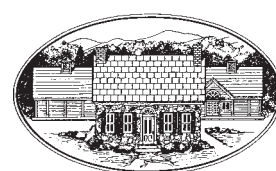
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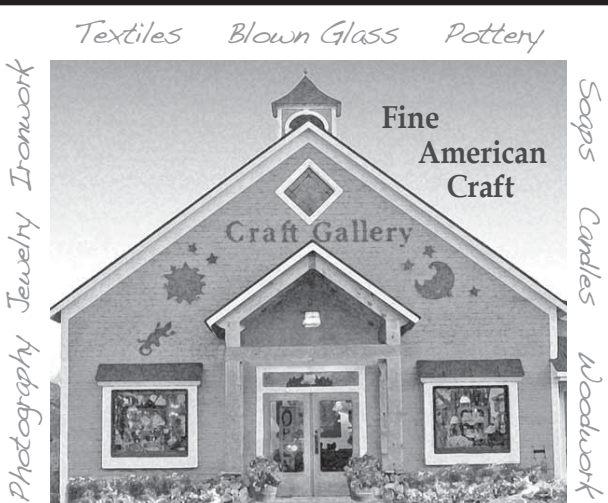
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The Nature Museum At Grafton

Family Program Schedule

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August 26, Thursday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Pond and Stream Safari at The Nature Museum. Ages 6-12. From ponds to streams to puddles, campers will wade waters and sleuth wetlands searching for local creatures and learning about their aquatic habitats. *Fee: \$35.*

August 28, Saturday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Mushroom Walk and Workshop. Meet at Grafton Ponds, 783 Townshend Rd. Join Dick McCarrick, one of three generations of family members who hunt and eat woodland mushrooms. McCarrick will introduce safe mushroom-hunting techniques; show specimens of poisonous and non-poisonous mushrooms; and reveal other helpful information. *Fee: \$7.*

September 5, Sunday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Hike in Mollie Beattie State Forest. Meet at the end of Hinkley Brook Rd. in Grafton, about 1.9 miles from the center of town. Join Michelle Dufort in an exploration of this varied forest ecosystem. This moderately strenuous hike will wind past a stone caretaker's building, constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps, and up and down logging roads and trails throughout some of the forest's 203 acres of woodlands and wetlands. The life and legacy of Mollie Beattie, a former Grafton resident who became the first woman and first Vermonter to become the Director of the US Fish and Wildlife in 1989, will also be celebrated and discussed. *Fee: \$5.*

September 15, Wednesday, 7–8 p.m. Chemicals in the River. At Rockingham Free Public Library, 65 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, VT. Antibiotics and other pharmaceuticals given to humans, pets, and livestock are increasingly contaminating rivers, groundwater, and soils. We now face new types of pollutants known as endocrine disrupters and nano-particles, which have been found in profusion in certain watersheds in the US. David Deen, River Steward for the Connecticut River Watershed Council for Vermont and New Hampshire, will speak to this topic and other concerns for rivers. *Free, refreshments available.*

September 16, Thursday, 10–11:30 a.m. Mighty Acorns Preschool Explorers Club at The Nature Museum. Ages 3-5. This is a fun-filled monthly program for preschoolers and their caregivers. This month's focus will be on creatures



A mountain stream runs down along Brook Rd. in Danby, VT.

photo by Andrew Donovan

that live in the meadow. Hands-on activities foster creativity and connect children more closely to the natural world. Explore the outdoors, visit different habitats, and enjoy museum resources through exhibits, puppet shows, and dramatic play. *Fee: \$7.*

September 17, Friday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Home School Museum Open House at The Nature Museum. Science open house for homeschoolers and their families. Microscope labs, owl-pellet dissection stations, rocks and fossils, and skulls and fur pelts to examine. Explore the Museum from 10-12, enjoy the picnic lunch you bring, then join a naturalist for a walk in the woods or a visit to the pond. *Free and open to all.*

September 17, Friday, 7 p.m. Astronomy Night. At Grafton Ponds, 783 Townshend Rd., rain or shine. A 45-minute indoor Southern Vermont Astronomy Group talk followed by a star party, if the sky is clear. Local amateur astronomers will share their telescopes to help us look deep into space. *Fee: adults \$10, children 18 and under \$5, family maximum \$25.*

September 18, Saturday, 10–11 a.m. WaterWorx Bug Hunt. Meet at the Springfield Public Library, 43 Main St., Springfield, VT. Grab the kids and a sense of adventure and

get ready for a Bug Hunt! Discover who lives under the rocks and in the currents of our local streams with Kelly Stettner, Director of the Black River Action Team. *Free and open to all ages, refreshments served.*

September 25 and 26, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Fairy House Tour at The Nature Museum. Bring the whole family for a woodland tour of amazing fairy houses made by professional experts and ardent enthusiasts. Meet author Tracy Kane, who will have books to autograph, and enjoy her readings, pictures, and discussions of nifty fairy houses. Make a fairy house out of provided natural materials to leave for others' admiration and inspiration. Bring natural materials to use and share with others. *Tickets (good for both tour days): adults \$12, seniors \$10, children ages 3-18 \$5.*

The Nature Museum at Grafton is located at 186 Townshend Rd. in Grafton, VT. To pre-register for any of these programs or for membership and other information, call (802) 843-2111. The programs are all open to the public and most are free to our members. For more information, visit www.nature-museum.org.



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Memories of a Century Past

The Simple Gifts of Childhood Can Last a Lifetime

by Elisabeth Doren

When I was a child, a farm child of nearly a century ago, one of the great pleasures of summer time was to go berrying. Strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, blueberries—high bush and low—you name it, we went for it, with pots and pans and buckets and baskets, and—most important of all—mosquito dope.

Of course there was lunch too, but who can enjoy that with mosquitoes picnicking on one's bare skin? So we prepared a special lunch for the swarms of our little friends. And, boy, did I really enjoy that!

We had in our home library a book, entitled "Woodcraft," by an experienced woodsman, named Nessmuk—just Nessmuk. He wrote about his travels in the mountains, with just fifteen pounds of luggage; and that included a tent of sorts, sleeping and cooking equipment, minimal fishing tackle, and food for a week. It was a fascinating study of down-to-earth essentials for survival in the wilderness, and I read it eagerly.

But for our berrying expeditions, we were concerned with only one aspect of survival in the wild—combating the hungry mosquitoes, gnats, flies and other biting and stinging inhabitants of the great outdoors.

Nessmuk did it by cooking up a meal for the insects that was so potent it stopped them dead in their tracks. His recipe called for citronella as the effective ingredient. This was cooked with tar and grease until it was properly amalgamated. It was then smeared on all exposed skin surfaces. It worked, but I'm not sure whether it was from the repelling smell or the shock of seeing a human being made up in such a mess.

Wild blackberries and raspberries were to be had all around our farm. But the blueberry fields were at a distance and required planning an expedition for the day.

On one such occasion we brought along Celia Meservy, a nearby neighbor who had asked to go along on our next berrying trip. We children all thought Celia was a bit odd,

mostly because she didn't do things exactly our way—the best way. So, as we set off this day, we drove by her place and packed her into the old Flivver along with our pots and pans and little people.

The berry fields were about 20 or 25 miles away, but we made it in record time—a good hour without a single stop for flat tires. As we unloaded our gear we offered Celia some insect dope, but when she saw it smeared on our faces and arms, she said "No;" she'd just slap them. Too bad for Celia! She went home covered with bites.

We spread out, each finding a special spot where the bushes were just loaded, and being careful not to alert the others. That's one of the "rules" of berry-picking. However, communication was maintained by shouting messages from picker to picker. "What's that bird—the one that's singing over there, now?" "Why, that's just a regular bird," spoke up

"Wild blackberries and raspberries were to be had all around our farm. But the blueberry fields were at a distance."

Celia in a voice of authority, trying to put us black-tarred, bug-free bird watchers down where we belonged. Coming, as we did, from a family of confirmed ornithologists, we didn't buy it.

The day wore on, our pails filled, our stomachs, too—on home-made bread with fresh churned butter and fried chicken, washed down with cups of lemonade and all the berries we could eat!

Years later, I was driving though Indiana on my way home from a trip to northern Michigan, and I passed a roadside sign, "Blueberries, pick your own." Automatically I stepped on the brake and proceeded to pick for an hour or so. These were the high bush variety, and the berries were much larger

and easier to pick than the little wild ones of my youth, so it didn't take long to gather in a car-full. I had seemingly forgotten that my children had all grown and flown, and here I was with a car-full of luscious large blueberries.

So, if a few more blueberry pies than usual appeared in my neighborhood when I got home, put it down to the fact that those simple pleasures acquired in childhood sometimes last your whole life long.

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



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I never seem to get enough,
Of the mountains and the vales,
Bazaars, flea markets, and lawn sales.

—BILL OLIVET



The Del McCoury Band, legendary bluegrass musicians, perform at the Vermont Solutions Festival.

Vermont Solutions Festival Comes To Stratton

A celebration of sustainability, sport and wellness is coming to Stratton Mountain Resort! The Vermont Solutions Festival will be held on August 27-28, 2010. The event is co-sponsored by the State of Vermont.

Collecting ideas, inspiration and movement from diverse events, the festival combines education with entertainment. Noted Vermont author Bill McKibben will give the keynote address.

Events will include a real-world display of bicycle practicality at the Embrocation Cycling Journal Farm Stand Ride, a workshop on sustainability-outreach for students from the Race to Replace coalition, and a panel discussion including environmentalist and NHL Hall of Famer Mike Richter.

The Del McCoury Band will be performing. The not-to-be-missed traditional bluegrass band is a recipient this year of one of the NEA National Heritage Fellowships.

"It is no accident that the biggest global climate moment out there (350.org) had its roots in Vermont for a very long time," McKibben said. "The Green Mountain State has been helping set the green pace for the whole world."

Stratton has won five Silver Eagle awards for 'excellence in energy conservation' and a pair of Vermont Governor's Awards for its sustainable solutions. The Stratton Green Team works year-round to bring about sustainable measures from recycling initiatives to cleaning products, efficiency

measures to greener purchasing—all themes of the festival, which is a zero waste event.

Friday August 27th

5 p.m. – The Vermont Solutions Festival opens.

8 p.m. – Local Gourmet Dinner.

8:30 p.m. – DJ Snuggleuptogus: spinning mashing up must-hear music.

Saturday August 28th

9 a.m. – Vermont Solutions Festival opens for the day.

10:30 a.m. – The Vermont Bicycle. A Special expo demonstration on bikes specifically designed for Vermont. These bikes are able to go longer distances, with more cargo, more comfortably.

1 p.m. – Keynote address by Bill McKibben.

3 p.m. – Youth Summit. Local high school delegates participate in a sustainability summit with leaders of the green efforts at Vermont College with the focus on solutions for youth activism.

5 p.m. – Panel Discussion: Unlikely Solutions. A conversation with leaders on economics, sustainability, sport, agriculture and food with questions to follow.

7 p.m. – Local Vermont band opener

8 p.m. – The Del McCoury Band performs.

General admission to the festival is free. Tickets are required for Friday's Local Gourmet Dinner and for the Del McCoury Band on Saturday night. For more information or to make a reservation, call 1-800-787-2886. www.stratton.com. To find out more about The Del McCoury Band, go to www.delmcouryband.com.

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A Vermont Almanac for Late Summer

by Bill Felker

*It is the August also of my life,
And I, too, stand for a moment on a height,
Like an elm tree musing, a dark arrested fountain,
Over a far prospect, where a river swings in silent,
silver arcs,
And those two restless hounds, mind and heart,
Lie quiet at my feet.*

—Clara Shanafelt

ASTRONOMICAL DATA

The Late Summer Moon

August 9: The Wild Plum Moon is new at 10:08 p.m.
August 16: The The Wild Plum Moon enters its second quarter at 1:14 p.m. August 24: The moon is full at 12:05 p.m. September 1: The Wild Plum Moon enters its final quarter at 12:22 p.m. September 8: The Elderberry Wine Moon is new at 5:30 a.m. September 15: The moon enters its second quarter at 12:50 a.m. September 23: The moon is full at 4:17 a.m. September 30: the moon enters its final quarter at 10:52 p.m.

The Sun's Progress

Cross-Quarter Day, the halfway point between summer solstice and autumn equinox, is August 22. On average, August takes about an hour and a quarter from the day's length, but even though the night grows longer, the percentage of possible sunshine per day increases until the approach of September.

Autumn equinox occurs at 11:09 p.m. on September 22. The sun enters the celestial region of Libra on September 23.

The Planets

Venus and Mars are the evening stars of Late Summer 2010, far in the west after sundown. Mars is red and appears much smaller than Venus. When you find Venus and Mars, look back to the southwest to find Saturn. Throughout the remainder of the summer, Jupiter rises out of the east after midnight and moves overhead before dawn.

Venus, Saturn and Mars remain in Virgo during September, rising after dawn and moving to the western horizon by dusk. Remember that planets do not twinkle (which may help you locate Saturn). Also, Venus will be the largest light in the western sky, and Mars will be red. Jupiter accompanies Pisces during September, coming up in the east after dark, moving overhead by 2:00 a.m., and setting in the far west before dawn.

The Stars

An hour or two before sunrise, walk out and look to the east. Orion will be rising, in the same position he will occupy on Christmas Eve. The Pleiades and Taurus will be almost overhead. Cygnus, the summer swan of August evenings, is setting in the northwest.

The Shooting Stars

Starting on August 12, the Perseid meteors appear in the east at the rate of one shooting star a second. The shower takes place an hour or so after midnight below the Milky Way in Perseus. At this point in the night, Perseus will have moved well away from the northern edge of the horizon and lie in the eastern sky.

The Piscid meteors fall through Pisces, in the southern sky, an hour or two after midnight throughout September. The Alpha Aurigid meteors pass through on or about the 23rd.

Notes On the Moon and Weather and You

August 16: The moon enters its second quarter today, its weakest position (between the more potent new and full moons).

August 17: The August 17th cool front is the first front that can bring significant chances for frost at higher elevations and in northern states.

August 20: In the Deep South high temperatures can fall briefly into the 70s at this time of month. In the lower Midwest, highs in the 60s are possible. Along the Canadian border, watch out for 50s—and the first chance this month for light frost!

August 21: This week may be a difficult one for animals at the fair—since the next few days will be deeply influenced by full moon on the 24th.

August 22: Today is Cross-Quarter Day, the halfway point between summer solstice and autumn equinox.



A dapple gray Percheron in his pasture by the barn, Randolph Center, VT. photo by Nancy Cassidy

August 24: Today is full-moon day, and lunar pressures and the pressures of the season are likely to push hard against many people. And the day's length, which shortened only two hours between solstice and today, suddenly collapses, shedding an entire additional hour between now and September's equinox, creating a sudden surge of energy in some people, a sudden sadness in others, and an intensifying of the breeding season in goats and sheep.

August 26: Be ready for light frost throughout Vermont when the August 27 cold front arrives.

August 28: As the final cool wave of August arrives, the likelihood for chilly highs only the 60s or 70s climbs sharply in the central states. August 30 is typically the coldest day of the month.

August 29: In addition to the increase in the length of the night, the average amount of cloud cover begins to grow as September approaches. Overcast skies can intensify hormonal fluctuations related to the number of hours of daylight; since humans also experience a physiological shift during this period, a daily journal of diet, emotions and symptoms of illness can be especially useful.

August 31: The sun's position is the same now as in early April, and the rate of the night's expansion increases from Middle Summer's two minutes per day to three minutes.

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September Cold Waves

Weather history suggests that cold waves usually reach Vermont within two days of the following dates: September 2, 8, 12, 15, 20, 24 and 29. Storms can occur prior to the passage of each major front. The period between the 19th through the 25th of September historically brings an increased chance for dangerous weather. Full moon on September 23 and new moon on September 8 increase the likelihood of a hurricane coming ashore along the East Coast or a strong frost-bearing cold wave moving across the Plains around those dates.

Bill Felker observes and writes about our seasons for several periodicals. More of his almanack information is available at www.poorwillsalmanack.com. To hear his weekly almanack on the radio, visit www.wyso.org.

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Old-Fashioned Harvest Time Recipes

by Ella Shannon Bowles and Dorothy S. Towle

These recipes, gathered in the mid-1900s, were popular during the previous century. They make good use of seasonal ingredients.

BLACKBERRY GRAHAM GEMS

- ¾ cup white flour

3 tablespoons sugar

½ teaspoon salt

2 teaspoons baking powder

1½ cups graham flour
- 2 tsp. shortening, melted

1 egg, beaten

1 cup milk

½ cup blackberries

Sift the first four ingredients, then mix with the graham flour. Melt the shortening and mix with the beaten egg. Add to the milk and turn the mixture into a bowl with the dry ingredients. Do not stir until the blackberries are added. The berries should be firm and not mushy. Stir the mixture lightly and quickly. Turn into greased gem pans and bake twenty minutes in a hot oven, 425°F. Makes about fifteen gems.

PEACH DUMPLINGS

Peel small peaches and cut in pieces. Put in a kettle with a little water and sugar to sweeten. Cook slowly until a good syrup is formed. Add nutmeg if desired. Make a batter of the following:

- 1 cup white flour

1 cup whole wheat flour

2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon sugar

½ teaspoon salt

1 cup milk

Drop by the teaspoonful on top of the boiling fruit, cover closely, and steam ten to fifteen minutes. Serve with the fruit in the center of the dish and the dumplings around the edge. Serves six to eight.

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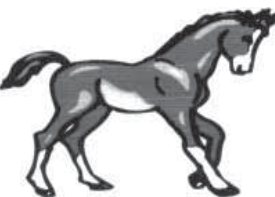
- 6 green tomatoes

3 tablespoons butter

3 tablespoons minced onion
- 1 teaspoon curry powder

Flour, salt, pepper

Slice the tomatoes half an inch thick. Melt the butter and sauté the onion until light brown. Add the curry powder and mix well. Dredge the tomatoes in flour and brown on both sides. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Pour the fat and onion over the tomatoes before serving. Serves six. This is a variation of the traditional curried dishes, and is very popular in New England during the late summer months.



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RASPBERRY CUSTARD PIE

3 cups milk, scalded

3 eggs, beaten

½ cup sugar

1 cup raspberries

¼ teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon vanilla

Grated nutmeg

Stir the scalded milk into the beaten eggs. The eggs should not be foamy. Add the sugar, salt, and vanilla. Cool slightly, pour into an unbaked pie shell, and sprinkle with nutmeg. Bake in a slow oven, 325°F, until the custard is set and the crust is brown, about one hour. Makes one nine-inch pie.

THREE RIVERS BAKED SWEET CORN

½ cup grated cheese

¼ cup milk

1 egg, beaten

2 cups grated corn

½ cup bread crumbs

Salt and pepper

1 tablespoon butter

Stir half the cheese into the milk, add the beaten egg, corn, and half the bread crumbs. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Pour into a buttered baking dish, and sprinkle with the remaining cheese and crumbs. Dot with the butter. Bake thirty minutes in a moderate oven, 350 degrees F. Serves four.

AUNT HAT’S PICCALILLI

1 peck green tomatoes

1 cup salt

4 onions

2 green peppers

2 red peppers

5 quarts vinegar

5 cups maple sugar

1 teaspoon cloves

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 teaspoon allspice

½ teaspoon ginger

½ teaspoon mustard

Chop the tomatoes, add the salt, and let stand overnight. Add the chopped onions and peppers and the vinegar. Bring to a boil, add the sugar, and cook fifteen minutes. add the spices and boil up once. Makes ten to twelve pints.



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Place ripe raspberries in a stone crock. Crush slightly and cover with vinegar. Let stand twenty-four hours and strain. Add one and a half cups of sugar for each quart of juice. Scald fifteen minutes, skim, and bottle. A glass of brandy may be added to each quart of juice. For raspberry shrub, made just like raspberry vinegar, as little as half a cup of sugar for each quart of juice may be used. When ready to serve, take one part raspberry juice to four parts of water, and add a little Jamaica rum or brandy.

BAKED BLUEBERRY PUDDING

Butter a pudding dish and line it with strips of stale cake. Fill the dish within three inches of the top with blueberries. Add one-half cup of sugar to each quart of berries. Cover with slices of cake wet with half a tumbler of sherry wine. Bake in a moderate oven, 350°F, for half an hour. Cover with egg-white meringue and set in the oven again until light brown. Serves six to eight. May also be made with blackberries, elderberries, or raspberries.

ELDERBERRY CHUTNEY

2 pounds elderberries

1 large onion, chopped

1 pint vinegar

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon ground ginger

2 teaspoons sugar

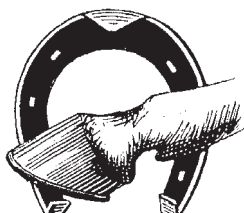
¼ teaspoon cayenne

½ teaspoon mixed spices

Wash the elderberries and remove them from the stems. Put them in a pan and bruise them with a wooden spoon. Add the other ingredients, bring to a boil, and simmer until thick. Put in jars and seal. Makes about three pints.

BLACKBERRY BRANDY

Boil crushed blackberries until soft, stirring frequently to keep them from sticking. Strain and add two cups of sugar to each quart of juice. Boil until the sugar is melted, then cool. Add equal parts of brandy to the juice, and then bottle. Blackberry brandy may be spiced with cloves and cinnamon, but the spices tend to destroy the delicate berry flavor.



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Champlain Valley Historical Reenactors are hosting the Vermont Civil War Weekend and Encampment in Shelburne, VT on September 10–12. Here we see the 2nd Vermont at drill.

Vermont Civil War Weekend and Encampment

The Battle For Shelburne Crossroads, a Vermont Civil War Weekend and Encampment hosted by The Champlain Valley Historical Reenactors takes place September 10–12, in Shelburne, VT. The event will be held at the crossroads of Harbor and Bay Roads off Rt. 7. The encampment location has broad scenic vistas and it will be possible to imagine the camp being in the 1800's in this Vermont setting.

The Civil War Weekend will begin on Friday, September 10th with a field day for school children. Over 300 school children will have the chance to delve into history and get an up close view of a soldier's life in the American Civil War.

The field day program includes a dozen stations showing aspects of a soldier's life during the US Civil War. These include a chance to try "hard tack" crackers and talk about a soldier's diet; examine the contents of an infantry soldier's tent, haversack & backpack; hear about Vermont's role during the Civil War; get the southern perspective of the war from a Confederate soldier; learn drill from an infantry officer; learn about women's roles during the war; set up a "Dog Tent"; and see the cavalry horses and troopers in action.

On the Civil War Weekend, there will be two days of demonstrations of infantry drills, cavalry, artillery, and battles. These demonstrations will show the use of 19th century military tactics. Visitors will have the chance to amble through authentic Union and Confederate camps and talk to

soldiers going about their daily duties. Several sutlers (sellers of period equipment, apparel and goods) will also be set up. Relive history—see volleys of musketry, patrolling troopers on horseback, soldiers engaged in camp-life.

The first battle reenactment is at 2 pm on Saturday. There will be a cavalry demonstration at 10 am. On Sunday the cavalry demonstration is at 11 am and the battle reenactment will be at 2 pm. Many other activities such as a mail call and a period church service, artillery demonstrations, and a burial service are planned for both days.

The Champlain Valley Historical Reenactors, Inc. (CVHR) is a non-profit organization comprised of volunteers with a mission to recreate the life of soldiers during the American Civil War. This includes wearing authentic wool uniforms, eating period food, sleeping in canvas tents and discarding all the trappings of the 21st century.

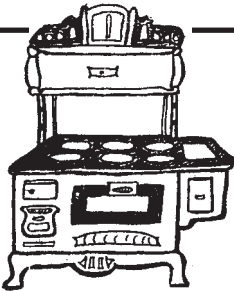
The units that comprise the CVHR include the 2nd Vermont Volunteer Infantry—Co. A; 2nd Mississippi (Magnolia Rifles); 1st Vermont Cavalry—Co. K; The Civil War Medical Coalition; and the associated Green Mountain State Citizens who all work hard to be authentic and properly portray the soldiers of the time period.

The State of Vermont has a deep history in regards to the

Civil War. The State raised 17 Regiments of Infantry, three Light Artillery Batteries, one Battery of Heavy Artillery, one Cavalry, and three Companies of Sharpshooters, totaling 34,238 men. This was more than 10% of the population of the State. A portion of this great history is being relived through the efforts of the Champlain Valley Historical Reenactors, joined by several more reenacting units in Shelburne, Vermont on September 11 & 12.

This event is free to spectators, although donations are welcome. The CVHR welcomes the public to attend this event, to step back in time, and become immersed in the 1860's.

For more information contact Johnathan Croft, Secretary of the CVHR & 1st Sergeant—2nd Vermont Infantry, Company A. E-mail: cvhri@comcast.net. www.cvhri.com.



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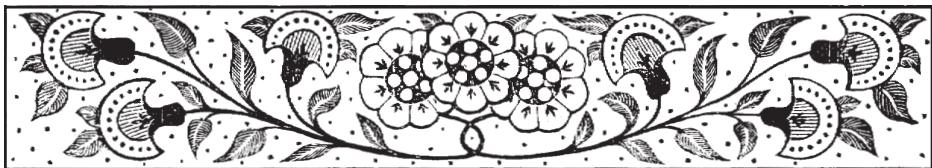
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Make Believe & Belonging

by Sally O’Kane McClintock

Play-acting came naturally to me as a child. I played king-of-the-mountain with my brothers, or pretended we were witches with my friend Alice. Pretending was creative and enjoyable then, but lately I am realizing the important part make-believe played throughout my life.

I was always the new kid, changing schools frequently due to the Depression and my father’s restlessness. I yearned to belong somewhere, and found make-believe could give me that place. How happy I was to play the part of the Sun in the third grade! I stood proudly in the center of the circle in my yellow bathing suit while my new classmates orbited around me like the planets.

Although I arrived from different schools each year, there was one thing that was always the same—our annual field trip to the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. My favorite exhibit was the mechanical writing doll at her writing table. I would make-believe she was real as she lifted her pen, gazed at me, then looked down and wrote in her book. “Remember me?” I would say to her, adding “I remember YOU.”

Reality and make-believe were mixed in a bittersweet way for me when I was 15. I played a French spy in *Captain Applejack*, our junior play, and the boy playing the captain had to kiss me in a dream scene. This first kiss for me, although only acted, was thrilling. But when the boy next door kissed me for real, soft lips pressing mine, I was so disappointed I made him promise never to do that again. (A week later, I handed him a note in chemistry class: “You don’t have to keep your promise.”)

Two years later, I was a college freshman, singing in the operetta, *The Mikado*. I had a new place to belong, with my wig and costume and my own space at the dressing table. Many years later, immersed in the world of work, I missed the make-believe

of drama and joined the cast of Thornton Wilder’s *Our Town*. I had only one line, but that was enough for me. Planted in the audience, I called out loudly, “Is there much drinking in Grover’s Corners?”—then left my startled seat-mates, hurrying backstage to change clothes for the next scenes.

When Jim, my second husband, and I married, make-believe became a part of our life together. If we found we were taking ourselves too seriously, we might drop everything, hook arms, and dance in a circle. “It’s good to see the old folks dancing,” I

would comment like an amused observer. We invented several make-believe characters for our playful, private world. One was Morpheus, the Greek god of dreams. After a nap, I would say to

Jim, “I’ve been in the arms of Morpheus.” He would reply in mock annoyance, “That scoundrel! I’ll have to have a talk with him.”

It helped to transport ourselves to different realities when hard times came. Jim found out he had cancer, and we made up a song to take the pressure off. We sang, “Let’s call the whole thing off!” and danced our circular dance.

Some months after Jim’s death, I tried make-believe for one more dance. As I was listening to music, I imagined Jim coming in the front door. It was so real, I got up from my chair and held my arms out to him, and we danced.

Make-believe had cushioned the harshness of life and provided different identities. But I was beginning to wonder who I really was. I had been a worker, a writer, and a singer, had acted parts in plays and lived real roles—as daughter, wife, mother, grandmother—and now a widow. But I had not felt any of these defined me. Could there be something else deep within that stayed in place as these roles orbited around me?

One day I found a hint of an answer when I came across a colorful page in the Sun-



day newspaper that featured “Automata & Mechanical Toys.” A writing doll in green caught my attention. Something was hauntingly familiar about the way she looked down as she wrote at her table. I caught my breath.

Could this be the writing doll of my childhood? Reading that she was located at the Franklin Institute, I was catapulted back 70 years. I saw again her serious gaze, remembered the reassuring sight of her when I was longing to belong.

I pored over every word of the article and made some discoveries about this relic of my past. The automaton was originally a

French soldier boy when found damaged in a fire. While repairs were being made to its motors, it was dressed as a girl. All those years, the creator was unknown until the automaton itself solved the mystery. When the internal mechanism was finally repaired, the doll wrote out a poem and signed it, “Written by the Automaton of Maillardet”—the name of its maker.

I wonder if the time will come that my own internal mechanism is repaired too, so that I can finally know my one true self. Perhaps on that day, I will be sitting at the keyboard, tapping out my stories and poems—and signing the name of my maker.

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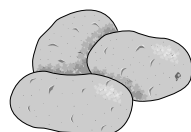
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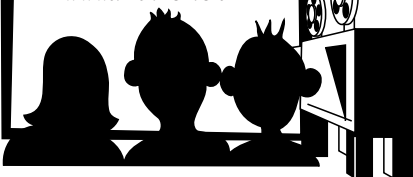
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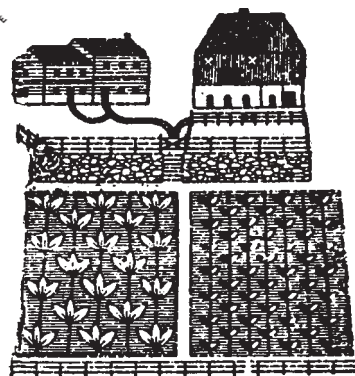
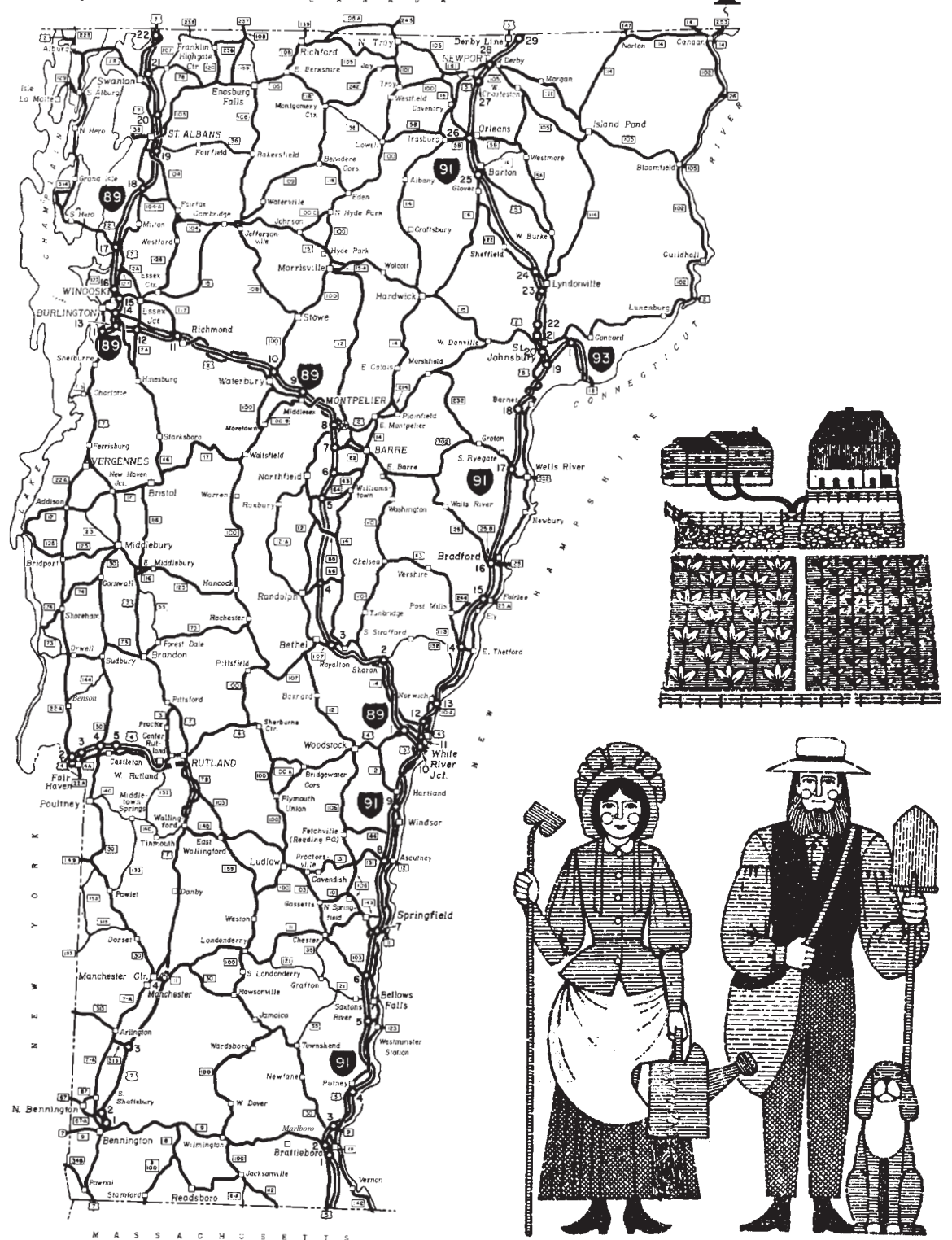
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As sound as a rock
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And lovely and quiet,
And lonely and chill,
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BARRE. Exhibits, classes, events and workshops. Free. Tues-Fri 10-5, Sat 12-4. Studio Place Arts, 201 N. Main St. (802) 479-7069. info@studioplacearts.com. www.studioplacearts.com.

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.*

BENNINGTON. Play: *A Song For My Father*. A new work by David Budbill. August 20 through September 5 at the Old Castle Theatre Company, Bennington Center for the Arts, 44 Gypsy Lane. For tickets call (802) 447-0564. www.oldcastletheatre.org. www.davidbudbill.com.

BENNINGTON. Exhibit: "State of Craft—Exploring the Studio Craft Movement in Vermont." A landmark exhibition at the Bennington Museum featuring more than 125 objects by 85 VT craftspeople. 10 am to 5 pm everyday (closed Wednesday except during Sept & Oct). Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. www.benningtonmuseum.org. *Through Oct 31.*

BENNINGTON. The Season of Mystery. Inspired by an international Sherlockian conference hosted by Bennington, VT. Book reviews, radio mystery playhouse, live theater, tweed bicycle tours, mystery beer fest, Sherlock Playhouse, scavenger hunts, Holmes characters in storefronts, outdoor mystery movies, verandah tea parties, mansion murder mystery dinner! On Main St. and beyond. Call for schedule and reservations. (802) 447-3311. www.bennington.com. *Through October 2.*

BELLOWS FALLS. Bellows Falls Farmers Market. Farm products, ready-to-eat food and live music. Free admission. Fridays 4-7 pm rain or shine at the Waypoint Center, Depot St. (802) 387-5109. bffarmersmarket.com. *Fridays through October 15.*

BRANDON. Farmer's Market. In Brandon's Central Park. Produce, breads, jams, honey, maple products, and crafts. Fridays, 9 am - 2 pm. (802) 273-2655. Cijka4@localnet.com. brandon.org. *Fridays through mid-October.*

BRATTLEBORO. Brattleboro Area Farmers Market. All homegrown, homemade, and hand-crafted. Over 50 vendors with agricultural products, crafts, live music, and ethnic foods. Saturday market on Rt. 9 (Western Ave.) past the Creamery Bridge, through October 30, 9 am - 2 pm. Wednesday market downtown at the Gibson-Aiken Center on Main St., through October 27, 10 am - 2 pm. Rain or shine. (802) 254-8885. farmersmarket05301@yahoo.com. www.brattleborofarmersmarket.com.

BRATTLEBORO. Fair Winds Farm Wagon Rides. Half-hour reserved rides through fields and woods, and along a brook. Adults \$10, kids 3-12 \$6, minimum \$50, after 5 pm \$80. Enjoy the trail, farm animals, and farm store. Fair Winds Farm is a "Diversified, Horse Powered, Vermont Family Farm" on Upper Dummerston Rd. (802) 254-9067. fairwind@sover.net. www.fairwindsfarm.org.

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.

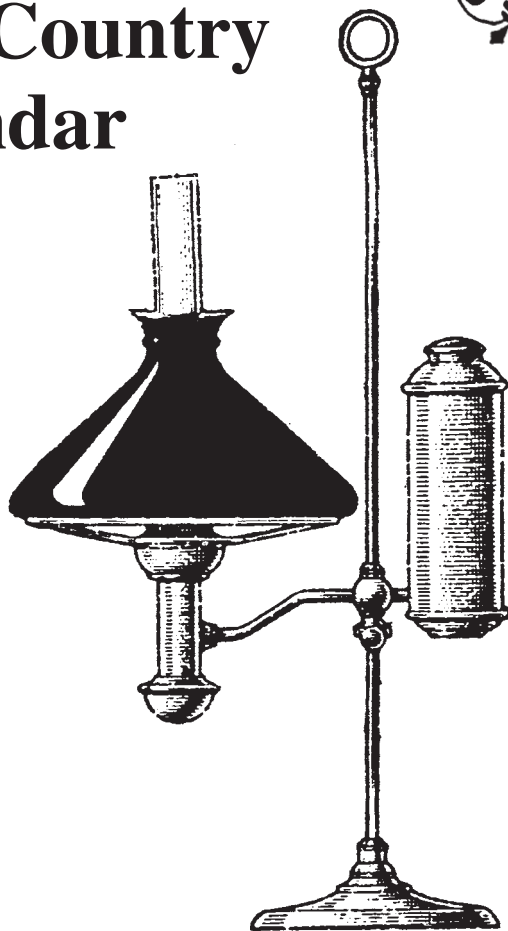
BRATTLEBORO. Open Mic. Longest running in the area! 7:30-11 pm at Adagio Trattoria, 123 Main St. Hosted by Kevin Parry. To sign up for a 20 minute slot call (802) 254-6046. www.kevinparrymusic.com. *Every Thursday.*

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.

BRATTLEBORO. Exhibits at the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. Open 11-5. Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays. 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. info@brattleboromuseum.org. www.brattleboromuseum.org.

BURLINGTON. UVM Historic Walking Tour. A rich 90-minute historical walking tour of the fifth oldest university in New England. Free. 9-10:30 am. University of Vermont, University Green next to Ira Allen statue, S. Prospect St. (802) 656-8673. newserv@uvm.edu. www.uvm.edu/historic. *Through October 9.*

BURLINGTON. Northern Lights Lunch & Scenic Cruises. 12 pm, 2 pm and 4 pm on board Vermont's premier luxury cruise boat, leaving from King Street Ferry Dock. \$12.99 per person; lunch an additional \$9.99. For further information or to purchase tickets call (802) 864-9669. tickets@lakechamplaincruises.com. www.lakechamplaincruises.com. *Through October 11.*



BURLINGTON. ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center. Exhibits, workshops, programs, café, gift shop, story hour. Daily 10 am - 5 pm. Admission: \$9.50 adults, \$7 ages 3 - 17, \$8 seniors and students, under 3 free. One College St. (802) 864-1848. www.echovermont.org.

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

CHESTER. Monthly Public Astronomy Meetings for the Southern Vermont Astronomy Group. Second Tuesday of the month - free to the public at Whiting Library. September-May 7 pm, June-August 8 pm. Star parties and other events. For membership and information contact the Southern Vermont Astronomy Group, PO Box 424, Chester VT 05143. www.sovera.org.

CHESTER. High Tea and Inn Tour. Inn Victoria Chester Vermont is offering High Tea on Fri, Sat, Sun 3-5 pm. Pastries, deserts and savories are provided fresh by Crow's Bakery. Inn Victoria, 321 Main St. Please call to reserve. (802) 875-4288. www.innvictoria.com. *Through Oct. 30.*

CHESTER. Activities at Gassetts Grange Hall. Monthly Breakfast, Square Dance, Country Jamboree. Bingo, with refreshments on sale in the kitchen, every Thurs 6:30-9 pm, doors open at 4:30 pm. For more info call Bonnie, (802) 875-3500. Gassetts Grange Hall is located at the junction of Rts. 10 and 103N.

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 Thurs-Mon, 10 am - 5 pm. On Rt. 103, just south of town. (802) 875-7400. Gallery103.com.

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

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

DANVILLE. The Great Vermont Corn Maze. Adults \$12, child 5-15 \$9, seniors \$9, child 4 & under free. Open 10 am - 3 pm. The Great Vermont Corn Maze, 1404 Wheelock Rd. (802) 748-1399. info@vermontcornmaze.com. www.vermontcornmaze.com. *Through October 24.*

DORSET. Dorset Theatre Festival 35th Year Anniversary Season. August 18-August 29: *The Novelist*. Family Programming—Saturday matinees July 10-August 14: *Fantastic Mr. Fox*. August 31-September 5: Going Green Symposium featuring the play, *When Something Wonderful Ends*. The Dorset Playhouse, 104 Cheney Rd. (802) 867-2223. www.dorsettheatrefestival.org.

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

EAST THETFORD. Cedar Circle Farm and Education Center. A certified organic, fifty-acre vegetable and berry farm. Farmstand and Hello Cafe (with wireless internet). Cooking and gardening classes, seasonal events, pick-your-own. Guided farm tours for groups by appt. 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. www.cedarcirclefarm.org. *Open through October.*



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It was time to clean the spring and yet
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but one feels better never

to let the cleaning chore go too long.
The spring is only a step up the hill
where one doesn't care to foster frog song
running the scale from bass to shrill.

Frogs were hiding where the walls are untiled.
We were bailing frogs when down halfway.
Their white legs shone as the water riled;
they found it was safer to leave than to stay.

One couldn't tell which was father or mother.
They all were sleek and much of a size.
They seemed pleased to leave one way or another;
maybe the chlorine stung their eyes.

I saw one land on a goldenrod;
it eased him down with gentle grace.
He blended in with the muddy sod;
another one quickly took his place.

We all are given to do our thing.
We bailed them out and by careless count any
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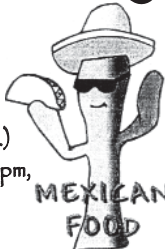
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FAIRLEE. Railroad Station Flea Market. Antiques, household & misc. items. Open every holiday 7:30 am – 3 pm. Railroad Station, Main St. (Rte. 5). (802) 333-4809. *Through October 11.*

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 10.*

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

GLOVER. The Bread and Puppet Theater. The Decapitalization Circus and The Nothing is Not Ready Pageant every Sunday at 2:30 pm through August 29 as an all-afternoon event in the fields and forests; museum tour at 1 pm, small shows at 2 pm. Also The Lubberland National Dance Company with guest performance to follow the show, every Friday night at 8 pm through August 27. Free admission. Donations appreciated. The Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. For more information call (802) 525-4515.

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. Saturdays 10-4 and Sundays 1-4. 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. www.nature-museum.org.

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

HUBBARDTON. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site. The only Revolutionary War battle fought entirely in Vermont. Bring your flag to be raised over the Hubbardton Battlefield and receive a certificate. Adults \$2, 14 and under free. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd, seven miles north of Rt 4. (802) 273-2282. www.historicvermont.org. *Through October 11.*

ISLE LA MOTTE. 2010 Pilgrimage and Tourist Season. St. Anne's Shrine, 92 St Anne's Rd. (802) 928-3362. fstanne@pshift.com. saintannesshrine.org. *Thru Oct. 10.*

JAMAICA. Jamaica Farmers' Market. Visit on Sundays for fresh produce, crafts, cut flowers, plants, prepared foods, live music and more. Free. 10 am – 2 pm. Main Street, Rt. 30. (802) 874-4151. dkameden@svcable.net. www.JamaicaVT.com. *Sundays through October 10.*

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

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

LEBANON, NH. The Lebanon Summer Farmers' Market. Fresh food products, vegetables, crafts, free music. Thursdays 4-7 pm, Colburn Park. (603) 448-5121. www.lebanonfarmersmarket.org. *Through September 30.*

LUDLOW. Special Exhibit: "What the Rocker Knows." An historic Fullam rocker will be paired with a modern reproduction by local furniture maker Brent Karner (ClearLake Furniture.) Do-it-yourself rocker workshop with ClearLake artisans (July 10-12). Tues-Sat 12-4 pm. Black River Academy Museum, 14 High St. (802) 228-5050. www.bramvt.org. *Through October 11.*

LUDLOW. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts. Vermont's oldest residential arts and crafts school. Exhibits, classes, lectures, and workshops. Fletcher Farm School, 611 Rt. 103 South. For information or to request a catalog, contact (802) 228-8770. www.fletcherfarm.org.

LUNENBURG. Lunenburg Farmers' Market. Convenient location on Route 2, with ample parking and restroom facilities. Picnic tables for relaxing, visiting and snacking on your fresh purchases. Crafted items, baked goods and fresh produce. Lunenburg Town Common, on Route 2 in the center of town, Main St. (802) 892-1262. topofthecommon.org. *Wednesdays through October 13.*

MAD RIVER VALLEY. Vermont Festival of the Arts. A month-long celebration of the arts in Waitsfield, Warren, Moretown, Fayston, Middlesex, Granville, Rochester, and beyond. More than 125 events ranging from exhibits and performances to painting, poetry and crafts, poetry workshops, lectures, a full moon celebration and culinary extravaganzas. (802) 496-6682. www.vermontartfest.com. *August 1 through Labor Day Weekend.*

MANCHESTER. Exhibit: "Bobby, Martin and John—Once Upon an American Dream." 156 photographs by Look photographer Stanley Tretick. Documents the courage and struggles of three of America's greatest leaders: Martin Luther King, Jr., John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy, all of whom were assassinated as they campaigned on behalf of the American public. Tues-Sat 10-5, Sun 11-5. Wilson Museum at the Southern Vermont Arts Center, West Rd. (802) 362-1405. www.svac.org. *Through September 12.*

MANCHESTER. Visit historic Hildene, the summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln. Mansion, grounds and walking tours. Programs and holiday events. Open daily 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Tickets: \$12.50 adults, \$5 youth, children under 6 free. Grounds pass: \$5 adults, \$3 youth, children under 6 free. (802) 362-1788. info@hildene. www.hildene.org.

MANCHESTER. Exhibits. Gallery, special events, concerts, gift shop, and café. Admission. Tues-Sat 10 am - 5 pm, Sun 11 am - 5 pm. Southern Vermont Art Center, Yester House Gallery, West Rd. (802) 362-1405. cmadkour@svac.org. www.svac.org.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Southern Vermont Sampler Tour. Open air or enclosed tour vehicle, depending on weather. \$30 pp. Daily from 1-4 pm. Pick up in front of Southern VT Signworks at 357 Center Hill. Revolutionary War site tours also available. Call to reserve. (802) 362-4997. bckrddisc@aol.com. www.backroaddiscovery.com. *Through September 28.*

MIDDLEBURY. Photo Exhibit: A Deep Look at a Small Town—Marlboro, VT. Holzapfel photographed 200 of his fellow townspeople posed in their dooryards at the turn of the 21st century. Sponsored by Marlboro College. Free. Tues – Sat 10 am - 5 pm. Vermont Folklife Center, 88 Main St. (802) 388-4964. info@vermontfolklifecenter.org. www.vermontfolklifecenter.org. *Through September 6.*

MIDDLEBURY. Exhibit: "The Nature of Wood—Vermont Furniture and Woodware, 1790-present." This State of Craft Showcase Event traces the heritage of woodworking in the lower Champlain Valley. Tues-Sat 10 am-5 pm and Sun 1-5 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History, 1 Park St. (803) 388-2117. Info@HenrySheldonMuseum.org. www.henrysheldonmuseum.org. *Through October 23.*

MIDDLEBURY. Middlebury Arts Walk. Second Friday of every month. Art, music, food and fun. 40 venues will be displaying art from 5 to 7 pm—stores remain open, becoming galleries displaying the work of dozens of area artists. (802) 388-7951. info@middleburyartswalk.com. www.middleburyartswalk.com.

MONTPELIER. Giant Book Sale. Thousands of books and more, arranged by subject. Great prices. Many brand new. Mon-Thurs 10 am - 8 pm, Fri & Sat 10 am - 5:30 pm. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, 135 Main St. (802) 223-3338. info@kellogghubbard.org. www.kellogghubbard.org. *September 13 through Oct 16.*

NORWICH. The Dynamic Earth Exhibition. Exciting images and data from NASA show major changes in the Earth's landscape over space and time. Looking inside exhibit (x-rays and other imaging) through Sept. 6. Workshops, events, and family activities year-round. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm. Montshire Museum, One Montshire Place, off Rt. 5. (802) 649-2200. montshire@montshire.org. www.montshire.org.

ORLEANS. Orleans Country Club Tenacious Tuesdays. The perfect weekly event for new golfer! \$10 greens, 10 cent wings, \$10 buckets of beer, every Tuesday through October 3. Tee off 3-6 pm. Orleans Country Club, 316 Country Club Lane. (802) 754-2333. www.orleanscc.com.

ORWELL. Mount Independence State Historic Site. In 1776, this military complex was one of the largest communities in North America. 300 acres of pasture, woodlands, spectacular vistas of Lake Champlain and trails, some wheelchair accessible. Visitor's Center and Museum with archaeological artifacts. Open daily 9:30 am – 5 pm. Admission: adults \$5, children 14 and under free. On Mount Independence Rd., off Rt. 73. (802) 948-2000. www.historicvermont.org. *Through October 11.*

PITTSFORD. New England Maple Museum. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our gift shop. Admission: adults \$2.50, children 75¢. 10 am - 4 pm. On Rt. 7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. www.maplemuseum.com.

POULTNEY. Poultney Farmer's Market. Fresh Vermont produce, baked goods, honey, maple syrup, eggs, organic meats, crafts and more. Every Thursday 9 am to 2 pm, June through October. EBT/debit cards accepted. On Main Street. (802) 325-3203. webmaster@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Through October 24.*

POULTNEY. Community Breakfast. Hosted by the Slate Valley Ministry the last Saturday of each month. \$1/person, under 14 free. All welcome. Breakfast served 8-10:30 am, Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 84 Church St. (802) 287-2252.

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, (802) 287-2010. www.poultneyhistoricalsociety.org.

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PROCTOR. Exhibit: “America’s Eternal Flame—The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.” The story behind the creation of this national shrine to servicemen and women in an exhibit that traces the monument from extracting the rock, through carving in Vermont, to its installation at Arlington National Cemetery. Open 9 am – 5:30 pm daily. Vermont Marble Museum, 52 Main St. (800) 427-1396. www.vermont-marble.com. *Through October 31.*

PUTNEY. Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides. Drawn by Percheron horses. Weekends from September 18 through October 17, weather permitting (after October by reservation.) At Green Mountain Orchards, 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, nature trail, store, nature camp. Open 9 am – 5:30 pm, 7 days a week. Admission: adults \$10.50, seniors \$9.50, youth (3-18) \$8.50, children 3 and under free. VINS Nature Center, 6565 Woodstock Rd., Rt. 4, 1/4 mile west of the Quechee Gorge. (802) 359-5000. info@vinsweb.org. www.vinsweb.org.

RANDOLPH CENTER. Turkey Hill Farm. “Moo-tique” farm store, raw milk micro-dairy, pasture-raised meats, local farm products, and books. Farm skills workshops. Farmer’s Kitchen cooking classes. Spacious farm-stay apartment for short-term farmstays. Chapter meetings for the Weston A. Price Foundation. Call for schedules or visit website. Stuart and Margaret Osha, 55 Turkey Hill Rd. (802) 728-7064, (802) 431-3028. localfood@turkeyhillfarmvt.com. turkeyhillfarmvt.com.

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RUTLAND. Downtown Rutland Farmers Market. Arts and crafts, entertainment, prepared foods, local produce, flowers, plants, herbs, baked goods, specialty foods, jams. In the Park by Wal-Mart. 10 am to 2 pm every Saturday – for more info call Greg Cox, (802) 683-4606, vtfarmersmarket.org. Also at the same place is the Rutland County Farmers Market on Saturdays 9 am–2 pm and Tuesdays 3-6 pm – call Judy for more info (802) 773-4813.

RUTLAND. Chaffee Art Center/Rutland Area Art Association. Exhibits, classes, workshops. Gallery open Wednesday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 12 noon until 4 pm. 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

RUTLAND. Hathaway Farm & Corn Maze. The largest corn maze in Vermont! Maze theme for 2010 is “Food for Thought” all about eating clean & buying local. Find clues, punches & bridges. On weekends have a Hathaway Farm burger, grilled corn or a hotdog & other goodies halfway through the maze at the Snack Shack. Mini-Maze with story walk for younger folks, livestock barn, wagon rides, pumpkin picking, kids play area & farm shop. Country Supper Event packages for groups of 20 or more by reservation. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Sat till 9 pm, closed Tues. Admission adults \$10, seniors \$8, kids 4-11 \$8, youngsters 3 & under free. 741 Prospect Hill Road (Rte. 7 north, right onto East Pittsford Rd. go one mile). (802) 775-2624. info@hathawayfarm.com. www.hathawayfarm.com.

RUTLAND. ArtHop Rutland: Second Friday night art & culture event. 5–8 pm. Downtown and around town (guides available at participating locations). arthoprutland.blogspot.com. arthoprutland@gmail.com

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

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

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

SOUTH WALLINGFORD. Line Dancing every Tuesday. Beginners and experienced. \$5 per person, snack bar available. 6-9 pm at the Maple Valley Grange Hall, Rt. 7. (802) 446-2872. www.wallingfordvt.com.

SPRINGFIELD. Springfield Community Market. Local produce, crafts and music in a home-spun atmosphere. Every Saturday from 10-1, June 5 to October 2 at the parking lot of Chittenden Bank on Main St in downtown. (802) 885-1527. Cindy Phillips. springfieldcommunitymarket@gmail.com. www.springfieldcommunitymarket.com. *Through October 9.*

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

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.

STRATTON MOUNTAIN. Saturdays under the Stars. Live music every weekend! Scheduled acts: The Peach Eaters, Wyld Nightz, Rustic Overtones and Jam Stampede. Held in the base area. Free family event for the entire family with food and beverage for purchase on site. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Stratton Mountain Resort. (802) 297-4126. www.stratton.com. *Saturdays through September 5.*

TOWNSHEND. Townshend Common Farmers’ Market. The harvest bounty is here and you can find it all at our market. Sweet corn, melons, blueberries, blackberries, apples, cider, summer squash, broccoli, new potatoes, and more. We have eggs, jams, pickles, and pies as well as dinner choices, hand-blown glass, handmade soaps, clothes, woodcrafts. The market welcomes EBT/SNAP shoppers. With our \$10 Harvest Health Coupons match, you can turn \$10 from your EBT/ SNAP benefits into \$20 for fresh local food. Open Thursdays through Oct. 14 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the junction of Rts. 30 & 35. (802) 869-2141. www.posttoilsolutions.org.

WALLINGFORD. Lunch at the First Congregational Church of Wallingford. Come alone or bring a friend or neighbor. Free. Thursdays 11:30 am - 1 pm. (802) 446-2817.

WARREN. Yestermorrow Summer Lecture Series. Inspirational designers, builders, craftspeople and environmental leaders. Free. Wednesdays at 7 pm. Yestermorrow Design/Build School, Rt. 100. (888) 496-5541. www.yestermorrow.org. *Through August 18.*

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.

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

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

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

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

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Public Sitting & Walking Meditation. Free meditation instruction is available at most of these times. Sun 9 am - 12 noon, Mon 6-6:30 pm (ages 18-35), Tues 5:30-6:30 pm, Wed 5:30-6:30 pm. Thurs 12-1 pm. Shambhala Meditation Center of White River, 158 S. Main St. (802) 785-4304. whiteriver.shambhala.org.

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

WILMINGTON. Adams Farm. Tour the livestock barn, see the animals, and visit the farm store. Special events and farm activities. Call for rates and reservations. Adams Farm, Higley Hill Road. (802) 464-3762. www.adamsfamilyfarm.com.

WINDSOR. Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery. Potted herbs and unusual perennials. Meander through well-established display gardens nestled within our wild apple orchard, woodlands and fields. Open 10 am – 6 pm daily. At 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. www.garymilek.com. ciderhillgardens.com.

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

WINDSOR. American Precision Museum. Peruse many historical and interesting exhibits and collections. Admission. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. 196 Main St. (802) 674-5781. www.americanprecision.org. *Through October 31.*

WOODSTOCK. First Run Movies at the Woodstock Town Hall Theatre. Old-fashioned movie-going experience with state-of-the-art Dolby Digital sound system and the largest movie screen in the Upper Valley! Fri–Mon, 7:30 pm. Adults \$8, seniors \$7, under 12, \$6. (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) 457-9272.

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum. Premiere Jersey dairy farm and museum. Tour the barns, the 1890 Farm House, and exhibits! Horse-drawn wagon rides each Wednesday thru September 29, from 11 am – 2 pm. Family Program: Foodways Fridays: children and adults discover how to use heirloom garden vegetables in historic recipes prepared in the 1890 Farm House kitchen. Fridays thru October 15. Ice Cream Sundays: make and taste hand-cranked ice cream while learning the history and science of it, Sundays thru Sept. 19. Time Travel Tuesdays: experience daily life in 1890, Tuesdays thru August 24. Adults \$11; over 62 \$10; children 5-15 \$6; 3-4 \$3; 2 & under free. Open 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 1/2 mile north of the Woodstock green, Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org.

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WOODSTOCK. 24th Annual Quilt Exhibition. See more than 50 quilts made by today's quilters of Windsor County. Quilting activities and demonstrations for every age and skill level. Many of the quilters will be on hand to discuss their work. Admission. Billings Farm and Museum, Rt. 12 N. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org. July 31 through September 26.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

STATEWIDE. Bennington Battle Day. Free admission to all State-owned Historic Sites in honor of the Revolutionary Battle of Bennington. (802) 447-0550. www.historicvermont.org.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

HUBBARDTON. Summer Hike on the Taconic Trails. Explore a beautiful private preserve with woods, fields, views, waterfalls, cliffs, and a Japanese garden! A moderate four-five miles. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For more information call Peter Hope, (603) 863-6456. www.greenmountainclub.org.

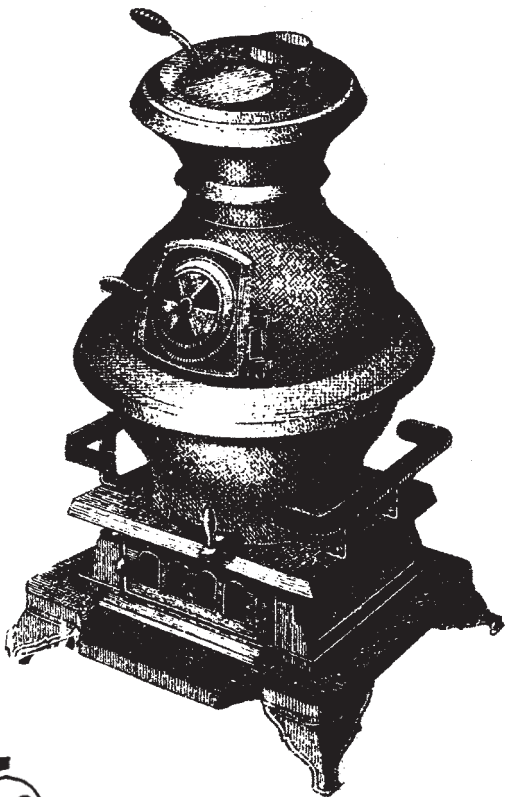
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

BARTON. 143rd Annual Orleans County Fair. An old-time agricultural county fair with entertainment and fun for the entire family. Orleans County Fairgrounds, Roaring Brook Rd. (802) 525-3555. orleanscountyfair.org. Through Aug. 22.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

BARTON. 143rd Annual Orleans County Fair. An old-time agricultural county fair with entertainment and fun for the entire family. Orleans County Fairgrounds, Roaring Brook Rd. (802) 525-3555. www.orleanscountyfair.org. Through August 22.

BRATTLEBORO. Free Coffee Tasting. Come try the amazing iced coffee shake samples from the Vermont Coffee Company. 11 am – 1 pm at the Brattleboro Food Co-op, 2 Main St. (802) 398-2776. www.brattleborofoodcoop.com.



WILMINGTON. 93rd Annual Deerfield Valley Farmer's Day Exhibition. At Baker Field. For info call (802) 319-0117. info@dvfair.com. www.dvfair.com. Through August 22.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

BARTON. 143rd Annual Orleans County Fair. An old-time agricultural county fair with entertainment and fun for the entire family. Orleans County Fairgrounds, Roaring Brook Rd. (802) 525-3555. orleanscountyfair.org. Through August 22.

RUTLAND. Friday Night Live. 6-10 pm. Downtown shopping, dining, and music by Bow Thayer with Kristina Stykos and Patrick Ross; also Bogo Guppy. Children's entertainment at 6:15 by Puppet Tree performing the story, Caps for Sale. (802) 773-9380. www.rutlanddowntown.com.

WILMINGTON. 93rd Annual Deerfield Valley Farmer's Day Exhibition. At Baker Field. For info call (802) 319-0117. info@dvfair.com. www.dvfair.com. Through August 22.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

ADDISON. Outdoor Workshop: Foray for Fungi. Skidmore College mycologist Sue Van Hook leads a forest walk to look for fungi. 2 pm. Admission adults \$5, children 14 & under free. Mount Independence State Historic Site, Mount Independence Rd. off Rt. 73. (802) 948-2000. mountindependence@HistoricVermont.org. www.historicvermont.org.

ANDOVER. Woodland Fairy Village Day. Meg Minehan will be orchestrating a delightful session from 10 am – 12 pm, for enthusiasts ages 5 to 9. Celebrate the magic of fairies and explore the deep forest and sun-lit meadows in search of signs of wee folk and their animal friends. Pack a healthy snack and bring a water bottle. Sponsored by The Nature Museum at Grafton. Fee: \$12, pre-registration required. Call (802) 843-2111. www.nature-museum.org.

BARTON. 143rd Annual Orleans County Fair. An old-time agricultural county fair. Animal exhibits and judging shows. Horse pulls, harness racing, gymkhana. Horticulture display, arts and crafts, antiques, farm machinery. 4x4 truck pulling, music, and Demolition Derby. Orleans County Fairgrounds, Roaring Brook Rd. (802) 525-3555. www.orleanscountyfair.org. Through August 22.

BRUNSWICK. 3rd Annual Nulhegan Wildlife Festival. Guided river walks, speakers, a flycasting demo, a photo workshop and kids' activities. Live fish and birds of prey from the region on display. 10 am – 3 pm. Nulhegan Basin Division Visitor Contact Center, 5396 Rt. 105. (802) 962-5240. mark_maghini@fws.gov. www.fws.gov/r5soc/calendar/index.html.

DUMMERSTON CENTER. Annual Peach Shortcake Supper. Menu includes baked ham, scalloped potatoes, two vegetables, salad, and fresh peach shortcake with real whipped cream. Tickets at the door: \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12. 5-7 pm at the Evening Star Grange Hall, Middle Rd. For information call (802) 254-1128.

EAST CHARLESTON. NorthWoods Annual Celebration. Good food, good music and good company on a summer Saturday evening. Donation. NorthWoods Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 723-6551. www.northwoodscenter.org.

EAST THETFORD. 5th Annual Mexican Night Dinner in the Field. Admission \$85 – register online. 5:30-8:30 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org.

LUDLOW. Annual Craft Fair. Unique Vermont & New England hand-made items. Over 50 artisans' work for sale. Enjoy locally prepared food, live music & demonstrations. Children's activities, too! Free admission. 10 am – 4 pm. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, 611 Route 103 South. (802) 228-8770. info@fletcherfarm.org. www.fletcherfarm.org.

MONTGOMERY. Annual Harvest Festival and Art Sale. Plant sales, local arts & crafts vendors, trinkets and treasures table, fresh produce and baked goods, raffle, specialty foods. Sponsored by the Montgomery Coved Bridges Garden Club. 10 am – 3 pm. Montgomery Village Green and Pratt Hall. (802) 326-4661.

POULTNEY. Workshop: Steve Schlussel – "The Weedman" will lead a plant identification walk. Comfortable shoes and water a must. Day use entrance fee: 14 and older \$3; 4-13 years \$2; 3 and younger free. 10:30 am – 12:30 pm at the Lake St. Catherine State Park, Rt. 30. (802) 287-9158, (802) 241-3655. vtstateparks.com.

RANDOLPH CENTER. Workshop: Preserving the Summer Garden & Homestead Tour. Learn canning, freezing, and dehydration techniques, with Margaret Osha and Melissa Komorowski. Tour the homestead, including a raw milk micro-dairy, meat animals, vegetables, maple syrup and the Moo-tique, the farm store. Cost \$15. Pre-registration required. 10 am – 3 pm at Turkey Hill Farm. (802) 434-4122, info@nofavt.org. www.turkeyhillfarmvt.com. nofavt.org.

SALISBURY. Concert. Driftwood—classic and original folk, rock, and blues music. Day use entrance fee: 14 and older \$3; 4-13 years \$2; 3 and younger free. 1 pm at the Branbury State Park, 3570 Lake Dunmore Rd., off Rt. 53. (802) 247-5925. (802) 241-3655. parks@state.vt.us. www.vtstateparks.com.

TOWNSHEND. Music Night with Park Rangers Gary and Pat Froeschner. Bring your own instrument and sit in, sing along, or just kick back and enjoy. Day use entrance fee: 14 and older \$3; 4-13 years \$2; 3 and younger free. 7 pm at Townshend State Park, 2755 State Forest Rd. off Rt. 30. (802) 365-7500, (802) 241-3655. parks@state.vt.us. www.vtstateparks.com.

TUNBRIDGE. The Lippitt Country Horse Show. Rich in heritage and history, this is an annual celebration of the old type, classic bloodlines known as Lippitt Morgans. At the Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Rt. 110. For more information contact Anne Hablitzel e-mail at amh@create.com. www.lippittclub.net. Also August 22.

WEST RUTLAND. West Rutland Marsh Monthly Monitoring Walk. To date over 1,240 participants have tallied 138 species from American bittern to northern shrike. Sponsored by the Rutland County Audubon Society. Meet at the West Rutland Price Chopper parking area at 7 am. Call Roy Pilcher (802) 775-3461.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Workshop: Local Seasonings for a Post-Oil World. Led by Charmaine Kinton who has foraged wild plants all her life and spent ten years as the horticultural manager for a large farm-orchard. Fee: \$20. 10 am – 12 noon. Upstairs at the Upper Valley Food Co-op, 193 Main St. Please call to register: (802) 295-5804.

WILMINGTON. 93rd Annual Deerfield Valley Farmer's Day Exhibition. Truck pull & horse pull, ox pulling, farm exhibits, horse show, children's activities, exhibit halls, sawing competition, pie eating contest, livestock competition. At Baker Field. For info call (802) 319-0117. info@dvfair.com. www.dvfair.com. Also August 22.

WILMINGTON. August Dulcimer Daze. Performance by Rob Brereton, Thomasina, and The MacArthur Family of Marlboro. Weekend workshops also available. 8 pm. Memorial Hall Center for the Arts. (802) 368-7437. www.memhall.org.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

BARTON. 143rd Annual Orleans County Fair. An old-time agricultural county fair with entertainment and fun for the entire family. Orleans County Fairgrounds, Roaring Brook Rd. (802) 525-3555. www.orleanscountyfair.org.

PROCTORSVILLE. Proctorsville Bike Excursion. About a 22 mile loop, moderate with a stop for maple creemeees! Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For details call Tom and Diane Russell, (802) 457-2898. www.greenmountainclub.org.

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Country Calendar

UNDERHILL CENTER. Late Summer Hike on Mt. Mansfield—Rock Garden. From the Stevensville trailhead, we'll go up Frost and Maple Ridge Trails to the Rock Garden, then down to Butler Lodge for lunch. See interesting rock formations and a cave. Moderate hike, moderate pace. 4.4 miles, 1500' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For info and to sign up call Russ Kinaman by August 20, (802) 879-6666. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Concert: The Homeless People & Ladytub Orchestra. These modern minstrels, The Homeless People, entwine accordion, violin and percussion into sweeping waltzes, rich with color, rhythm and imagination. Opening the evening will be Jo Robin and her Ladytub Orchestra. 7 pm. Admission \$8. Main Street Museum, 58 Bridge St. (802) 356-2776. www.mainstreetmuseum.org.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Free Gardening Workshop: Compost and Compost Tea. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by The Upper Valley Food Co-op and Transition Town WRJ. 3-5 pm at the Community Garden in Ratcliffe Park on Latham Works Lane off S. Main St. For more information call Kye Cochran at (802) 295-5804. Kye@uppervalleyfood.coop. www.uppervalleyfood.coop.

WILMINGTON. 93rd Annual Deerfield Valley Farmer's Day Exhibition. Truck pull & horse pull, ox pulling, farm exhibits, horse show, children's activities, exhibit halls, sawing competition, pie eating contest, livestock competition. Sunday demo derby & midway. At Baker Field. For info call (802) 319-0117. info@dvfair.com. www.dvfair.com.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

BURLINGTON. Free Solar Made Simple Public Seminar. Learn about solar power, including how to use state grants and federal tax credits to help pay for a system, as well as guidelines for assessing whether your home or business is right for solar. Bring a recent utility bill and pictures of your roof if you'd like to talk with a groSolar representative. 6-7:30 pm at City Market/Onion River Co-op, 82 S. Winooski Ave. For info and sign-up call customer service at (802) 861-9700. www.citymarket.coop.

BURLINGTON. Community Cooking Class: Tomato Canning & Freezing Workshop. Learn how to can fresh tomatoes for the winter months and prepare them for the freezer, too. 6 pm – 7:30 pm at the Chubby Muffin on Oak St. and the corner of Intervale Ave. For more info and sign-up call City Market/Onion River Co-op customer service at (802) 861-9700. www.citymarket.coop.

ST. ALBANS. Children's Workshop: Decomposers in the Forest Litter. Join "Mr. K" (Kurt Valenta of Exordium Inc.) for this educational afternoon. Puppet show, discussion, and hands-on activities—experience leaf litter habitat first hand. For age 6 and up. Fee: \$5. 1-3 pm. For details and registration call Susie J. Gray at (802) 524-3435 or e-mail susiej.gray@yahoo.com.

WOODSTOCK. Late Summer Bike Outing. Ride a loop from Woodstock to Barnard, VT and back. Lunch at Silver Lake with swimming possible. One long uphill, one long downhill, paved & dirt roads. A moderate 24 miles. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For details call Patty Spencer, (802) 333-3571. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

BURLINGTON. Free Women's Wellness Workshop with Betzy Bancroft. 6:30-8 pm at City Market/Onion River Co-op, 82 S. Winooski Ave. For info and sign-up call customer service at (802) 861-9700. www.citymarket.coop.

LYNDONVILLE. 165th Annual Caledonia County Fair. Old-fashioned county fair! Admission \$15 includes rides and entertainment, seniors \$10. Mountain View Park. (802) 626-5538. www.vtfair.com. *Through August 29.*

MIDDLEBURY. Free Coffee Tasting. Come try the amazing iced coffee shake samples from the Vermont Coffee Company. 10 am – 12:30 pm at the Middlebury Farmers Market. By the Falls at the Marble Works. (802) 398-2776. www.middleburyfarmersmarket.org. www.vermontcoffeecompany.com.

RUTLAND. Musical: *Hair*. Presented by Inn One Theatrics. Tickets: \$15. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. paramountlive.org. *Through August 28.*

WELLS. New Farmers Mixer and NOFAvore Celebration. Larson Farm is a former commodity dairy farm, now milking 20 Jerseys for raw milk and supplying a local artisan cheese maker, as well as raising grass-fed beef. Followed by a RAFFL mixer and NOFAvore social with mobile pizza oven at 7 pm. Cost: free. 5-7 pm at Larson Farm. (802) 434-4122. info@nofavt.org. nofavt.org.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

CLARENDON. Hike to Susie Peak. Take a "Turtle Hike" to the proposed site of a wind turbine. Sponsored by the Rutland Recreation and Parks Dept. Bring water and a lunch. Meet at 9 am at the Godnick Adult Center on Deer St. off Woodstock Ave. Return mid-afternoon. Free, everyone is welcome. Call Bob Perkins for more information (802) 773-0184.

LYNDONVILLE. 165th Annual Caledonia County Fair. Agriculture fair, family entertainment, country music, Demo Derby. Admission \$15 includes rides and entertainment, seniors \$10. Mountain View Park. (802) 626-5917. daw1030@aol.com. www.vtfair.com. *Through August 29.*

MONTPELIER. Workshop: Grow Your Own Mushrooms. Led by Eric Swanson from Vermush. Learn about culturing and growing your Mycelium into fungi. Everyone will bring home their own oyster mushroom spawn. Fee: \$10. 5 pm at Hunger Mountain Coop Community Room (handicap accessible), 623 Stone Cutters Way. For info and to pre-register call Krystal or Robyn at (802) 223-8004 x 202. info@hungermountain.com. www.hungermountain.com.

QUECHEE. Vermont Institute of Natural Science Presents Bird on a Glove. Great for all ages and especially bird lovers! Day use entrance fee: 14 and older \$3; 4-13 years \$2; 3 and younger free. 7 pm at Quechee State Park, 764 Dewey Mills Rd. off Rt. 4. (802) 295-2990, (802) 241-3655. parks@state.vt.us. www.vtstateparks.com.

RUTLAND. Musical: *Hair*. Presented by Inn One Theatrics. Tickets: \$15. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountlive.org. *Through August 28.*

TOWNSHEND. Townshend Common Farmers' Market. The August harvest bounty is here and you can find it all at our market. Open Thursdays through Oct. 14 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the junction of Rts. 30 & 35. For more information call (802) 869-2141. www.postoilsolutions.org.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Nature Program: Bird on a Glove. Great for all ages and especially bird lovers! Presented by the Vermont Institute of Natural Science. Day fee: \$3 for 14 and older, \$2 for four through 13, free for three and younger. 7 pm at Quechee State Park, Dewey Mills Rd. off Rt. 4. (802) 295-2990. www.vtstateparks.com.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

BONDVILLE. Annual Bondville Fair. Agricultural displays and contests, quilt show and exhibit, crafts. Rides & games, live free entertainment, bingo. Horse, ox, antique tractor, garden tractor, ATV and truck pulling, petting zoo, school house, sugar house museums, covered bridge next to the museums. On Rt. 30. (802) 297-9810. *Through August 29.*

COLEBROOK, NH. 19th Annual Moose Festival. Celebrate Moose! Festival kick-off street fair 3-10 pm on Main Street. Festival continues August 28 in Canaan, VT. (800) 698-8939. www.northcountrychamber.org.



CRAFTSBURY. Craftsbury Street Party. Bring your rollerblades, rollerskates, bicycles & helmets. Free refreshments. 5:30-7 pm on the Common. Sponsored by Craftsbury Recreation Department. (802) 586-2516. www.townofcraftsbury.com.

EAST CHARLESTON. Paddle the Kingdom: Missisquoi River, one of the principle drainages in the Lake Champlain Basin. Explore the forests, farmlands and riparian habitats of this rural river. Fee: \$10/person, \$30 with canoe rental. 10 am. Call for information and registration. NorthWoods Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 723-6551. www.northwoodscenter.org.

LYNDONVILLE. 165th Annual Caledonia County Fair. Agriculture fair, family entertainment, country music, Demo Derby. Admission \$15 includes rides and entertainment, seniors \$10. Mountain View Park. (802) 626-5917. daw1030@aol.com. www.vtfair.com. *Through August 29.*

RUTLAND. Musical: *Hair*. Presented by Inn One Theatrics. Tickets: \$15. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountlive.org. *Also August 28.*

TINMOUTH. Contra Dance. Music by Shirley White and Brendan Taaffe, Rebecca Lay calling. All dances taught. Come on time if you are a beginner. Exuberant dancers of all ages are welcome. Admission \$8 adults, \$6 teens, \$3 12 and under. 8-11 pm at the Tinmouth Community Center, 573 Rt. 140 in downtown Tinmouth. For more information call (802) 235-2718. msquier@vermontel.net. *Next dance September 24.*

VERGENNES. Program: "Only the Stones Remain." Find out about stone walls and old cellar holes with speaker Charlie Marchant. Day fee: \$3 for 14 and older, \$2 for four through 13, free for three and younger. 7:30 pm at Button Bay State Park, 5 Button Bay State Park Rd. (802) 475-2377. www.vtstateparks.com.

WEST DOVER. Vermont Blues Festival. Three days of world-class blues. Adults \$32 Sat or Sun, children 6-12 \$11 Sat or Sun. At Mount Snow Ski Area. www.vermontbluesfest.com. *Through August 29.*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

ARLINGTON. Paddle on the Battenkill. From Arlington to the New York border. Class I, passable except if extremely dry. Covered bridges and swimming. Sponsored by the Brattleboro Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For meeting time call Mark Brown (802) 254-4647. greenmountainclub.org.



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(August 28 continued)

BONDVILLE. Annual Bondville Fair. Agricultural displays and contests, quilt show and exhibit, crafts. Rides & games, live free entertainment, bingo. Horse, ox, antique tractor, garden tractor, ATV and truck pulling. petting zoo, school house, sugar house museums, covered bridge next to the museums. On Rt. 30. (802) 297-9810. *Also August 29.*

BRATTLEBORO. Four-Day Draft Horse Workshop. The focus will be on building your skills & confidence in harnessing, hitching, driving & horse management. We use a single horse and teams for hands-on experience and individual instruction. Cost: \$485 for four days includes lunch and a hearty snack. 8 am – 5 pm at Fairwinds Farm. For registration and more information contact Bekah Murchison, (802) 254-9067. www.fairwindsfarm.org. *Also September 11 & 25.*

BROOKFIELD. Brookfield Market Day. Farmers Market, art show, cooking classes, silent auction, wagon rides, face painting, live music and the Library book sale. Sponsored by The Floating Bridge Food and Farms Cooperative and The Old Town Hall. At the Old Town Hall in the historic Pond Village from 2-5 pm. Barbeque (\$10/\$5) at 5 pm, square dance at 7 pm. (802) 276-0787. FloatingBridgeFoodandFarms.com.

CANAAN. 19th Annual Moose Festival. Celebrate Moose! Fun and entertainment for the whole family. Moose country fair. Arts and crafts, bands, helicopter rides, auto show, photography contest, pony rides, dog show, moose calling contest and more. 9 am – 3 pm. Canaan Community Park. Events also take place in Pittsburgh, NH. (800) 698-8939. www.northcountrychamber.org. *Also August 29.*

CHESTER. Annual Chester Rotary Club Annual Penny Sale. Silent auction preview at 6 pm. Children's Penny Sale at 6:30 pm. Penny Sale at 7 pm at the Green Mountain Union High School, Rt. 103 south. chester.govoffice.com.

CRAFTSBURY. Late Summer Paddle on Great Hosmer Pond. Possible swim. Moderate difficulty, PFD required. Bring a lunch. Sponsored by the Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For meeting time and place call Joan Heller, (802) 223-1874. www.greenmountainclub.org.

EAST DORSET. Concert: The Bee Line Ramblers. Fran & Lisa Burnstine Mandeville will entertain you! Day fee: \$3 for 14 and older, \$2 for four through 13, free for three and younger. 7 pm at Emerald Lake State Park, Rt. 7. (802) 362-1655. www.vtstateparks.com. thebeelineramblers.com.

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FAYSTON. Hike on Burnt Rock Mountain. A strenuous hike, 6.2 miles, 2,000 ft. elevation gain. Sponsored by the Bread Loaf Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For meeting time and place call Kathy Duclos: (802) 453-2149. kduclos@gmavt.net. www.greenmountainclub.org.

GROTON. Music Program with Michael Kennedy. Traditional music & storytelling. Performing, Irish, English, Scottish, and American music, Michael plays on a variety of instruments—an English Concertina, a guitar, and a musical “singing” saw, sharing old-time traditional stories from around the world. Day fee: \$3 for 14 and older, \$2 for four through 13, free for three and younger. 2 pm at the Groton Nature Center, 44 Stillwater Rd. (802) 584-3822. www.vtstateparks.com.

GROTON. Fried Dough Party. Join this yummy party where everyone will get dough to make into beaver tails, elephant ears, funnel cakes, and other treats to fry and top with butter, cinnamon, sugar, fruit spread – and then eat! Day use entrance fee: 14 and older \$3; 4-13 years \$2; 3 and younger free. 7 pm at Stillwater State Park, 44 Stillwater Rd. (802) 584-3822 (802) 584-3822, (802) 241-3655. parks@state.vt.us. www.vtstateparks.com.

GROTON. Demonstration: Bass Fishing with a Pro. Danny Webster, an experienced, semi-pro bass fisherman will give a fishing demonstration and his secrets for catching the big ones in Ricker Pond and other favorite Groton fishing spots. All experience levels welcome. Day fee: \$3 for 14 and older, \$2 for four through 13, free for three and younger. 4-5 pm. Groton Nature Center, Stillwater State Park, 44 Stillwater Rd. (802) 584-3822. www.vtstateparks.com.

POMFRET. Hike on the Appalachian Trail. Follow the Appalachian Trail to the lookout for a view of Lakota Lake, and then on to Rt. 12. A moderate, seven miles, leaving at 8 am. Sponsored by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For meeting time and location call Sue Thomas, (802) 773-2185. www.greenmountainclub.org.

LYNDONVILLE. 165th Annual Caledonia County Fair. Agriculture, floral, maple, poultry, rabbit and 4-H exhibits; horse, pony and ox pulling; cattle, sheep and horse shows. Family entertainment includes country music, Demo Derby, 4 x 4 pull, children's barnyard, magic and balloon shows, antique tractor pull, and big rig truck pull. Admission \$15 includes rides and entertainment. Mountain View Park. (802) 626-5917. daw1030@aol.com. www.vtfair.com. *Also August 29.*

POULTNEY. Raptor Encounter. This first-hand encounter with live falcons, hawks, and owls, focuses on the natural history, ecology, and adaptations of these efficient predators. Touchable artifacts and hands-on materials. Day fee: \$3 for 14 and older, \$2 for four through 13, free for three and younger. 7 pm at Lake St. Catherine, 3034 VT. Rt. 30 south. (802) 287-9158. www.vtstateparks.com.

QUECHEE. Workshop on Ornamental Pruning 101. Garden Masters and novices alike are introduced to the science and art of pruning. Fee: \$40. 10 am – 3 pm at the Nature Center at the Vermont Institute of Natural Science, 6565 Woodstock Rd. To register call by Aug. 23: (802) 359-5000 x 223. mgraham@vinsweb.org. www.vinsweb.org.

RUTLAND. Musical: *Hair*. Presented by Inn One Theatrics. Tickets: \$15. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountlive.org.

STOWE. Mt. Mansfield Hike. A tough, all-day, very difficult hike. Experience the Mt. Mansfield circuit: “Rocks in the Head,” Hell Brook Trail to the summit via the Chin; Cliff Trail to the Summit Station; Canyon Trail back to the Chin; and then back down Hell Brook. Rain date: August 29. Sponsored by the Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For more info call Paul DeLuca at (802) 476-7987 or pdeluca420@msn.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

TOWNSHEND. State Park Music Night. Park Rangers Gary and Pat Froeschner will lead a fun evening of music at 7 pm at beautiful Townshend State Park every Saturday evening. Bring your own instrument and sit in, sing along, or just kick back and enjoy. Great for the whole family! Day fee: \$3 for 14 and older, \$2 for four through 13, free for three and younger. (802) 365-7500. www.vtstateparks.com.

WARREN. Hike on Mt. Abraham. From the top of Lincoln Gap, we'll hike the Long Trail north to the top of Mt. Abraham, where there are great 360-degree views. A moderate hike at a moderate pace, 5.2 miles, 1700' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. Call Sheri Larsen, (802) 878-6828, larsen007@aol.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.



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In New England Fields and Woods

Late Summer Days

~ circa 1896 ~

by Rowland E. Robinson

The woods are dense with full-grown leafage. Of all the trees, only the basswood had delayed its blossoming, to crown the height of summer and fill the sun-steeped air with a perfume that calls all the wild bees from hollow tree and scant woodside gleanings to a wealth of honey gathering; and all the hive-dwellers from their board-built homes to a finer and sweeter pillage than is offered by the odorous white sea of buckwheat. Half the flowers of wood and fields are out of bloom. Herdsgrass, clover and daisy are falling before the mower. The early grain fields have already caught the color of the sun, and the tasseling corn rustles its broad leaves.

The dwindling streams have lost their boisterous clamor of springtide and wimple with subdued voices over beds too shallow to hide a minnow or his posed shadow on the sunlit shallows. The sharp eye of the angler probes the green' depths of the slowly swirling pools, and discovers the secrets of the big fish which congregate there.

The river had marked the stages of its decreasing volume with many lines along its steep banks. It discloses the muskrat's doorway, to which he once dived so gracefully, but now must clumsily climb to.

Rafts of driftwood bridge the shallow current sunk so low that the lithe willows bend in vain to kiss its warm bosom. Only the swaying trails of water-weeds and rustling sedges toy with it now, and swift-winged swallows coyly touch.

There is not depth to hide the scurrying school of minnows, the half of whom fly into the air in a curving burst of silver shower before the rush of a pickerel, whose green and

mottled sides gleam like a swift-shot arrow in the downright sunbeams.

The sandpiper tilts along the shelving shore. Out of an embowered harbor a wood duck convoys her fleet of ducklings, and on the ripples of their wake the anchored argosies of the water lilies toss and cast adrift their cargoes of perfume. Above them the green heron perches on an overhanging branch, uncouth but alert, whether sentinel or scout, flapping his awkward way along the ambient bends and reaches. With slow wing-beats he signals the coming of some more lazily

moving boat, that drifts at the languid will of the current or indolent pull of oars that grate on the golden-meshed sand and pebbles.

Lazily, unexpectedly, the angler casts his line, to be only a convenient perch for the dragonflies. The fish, save for the affrighted minnows and the hungry pickerel, are as lazy as he. Today he may enjoy in full the contemplative man's recreation, nor have his contemplations disturbed by any finny folk of the underwater world. Dreamily he floats in sunshine and dappled shadow, so at one with the placid waters and quiet shores that wood duck, sandpiper, and heron scarcely note his unobtrusive presence.

*“Dreamily he floats in sunshine and
dappled shadow, at one with the
placid waters and quiet shores.”*

Rowland Evans Robinson was a popular Vermont author born in 1833. Even though he lost his sight in 1893 he continued to write until his death in 1900.

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WILMINGTON. Summer Night Hike. We'll take a last look at the night life as the summer nears its end. Nocturnal insects, bats, frogs and other creatures of the night will be our focus. With young owls getting out on their own we'll try calling them in and maybe chat up some young coyotes while we're at it! Fee: \$5 adults, \$3 children or \$15 per carload. Call Rockhopper Outdoor Education to register: (802) 368-7203. 8:30 pm at the Boyd Family Farm, East Dover Rd. (802) 464-5618. boydfarm@sover.net. www.boydfamilyfarm.com.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

BELMONT. Mt. Holly Library Book Sale. Located in the Mount Holly Community Center. (802) 259-3707. mthollylibrary@gmail.com. www.mounthollyvt.org. *Also October 10 & 11.*

BELMONT. FarmFest. Noon to 4 pm on the Belmont Green. www.mounthollyvt.org.

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JERUSALEM. Late Summer Hike on Mt. Ellen. Ascend to the Long Trail and hike south to Mt. Ellen with views to the west. We'll check out a relatively unknown 4000 footer 0.4 miles further south. A moderate hike, moderate pace, 8.4 miles, 2000' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For information and to sign up call Russ Kinaman by August 27 at (802) 879-6666. www.greenmountainclub.org.

LYNDONVILLE. Annual Caledonia County Fair. Old-fashioned county fair! Cattle, sheep, poultry & aquarium exhibits, floral hall and craft exhibits, maple display, alpaca demonstrations, ways of the woods, Kirby Quilters, antiques demo and display, children's freedom train, trout pond, wildlife display and more. Admission. Mountain View Park. (802) 626-5538. www.vtfair.com.

WESTON. Sundays on the Hill—Concert: The Amaryllis Duo, harp and flute. Admission at the door, adults \$5, children no charge. Open seating. 4-5 pm. At the Church on the Hill. info@vtchurchonthehill.org. vtchurchonthehill.org. www.amaryllisboston.com.

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

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NEWFANE. Outing on Putney Mountain. We'll follow both sides of the ridge, interesting terrain, then climb to the summit with good views. Sponsored by the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For more information call Peter Hope at (603) 865-6456. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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TOWNSHEND. Townshend Common Farmers' Market. The harvest bounty is here and you can find it all at our market. Fresh produce, eggs, jams, pickles, and pies as well as dinner choices, hand-blown glass, handmade soaps, clothes, woodcrafts, and special events. EBT/SNAP shoppers welcome. Open Thursdays through Oct. 14 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the junction of Rts. 30 & 35. For more information call (802) 869-2141. posttoilsolutions.org.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

BRIDGEWATER CENTER. 3rd Annual North Branch Bluegrass Festival. Bands, music workshops, open stage, pickin' party, songwriter's contest. Rough camping. Games, horseshoes, darts. Spaghetti dinner. Gate opens 9 am. For tickets call (802) 672-3042. nbbluegrass.com. *Through September 5.*

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RUTLAND. 165th Annual Vermont State Fair. Agricultural events including horse & cattle shows and exhibits, farm museums, horse, pony & ox pulling contests, ox shows, sheep & goat shows, horse shows. 4-H, maple sugar house, dairy center, forestry building, fish & game and pet & poultry building. Free shows including: Rosaire's Racing Pigs, Eudora Farms Petting Zoo, Magic of Lance Gifford & Co., Horses, Horses, Horses, Galaxy Girl and much more. Midway with over 35 rides. 4-Cylinder Demo Derby at 7 pm. Admission. Vermont State Fairgrounds, 175 S. Main St., Rt. 7. (802) 775-5200. vermontstatefair.net. *Through September 12.*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

BENNINGTON. Southern Vermont Garlic & Herb Festival. Live music all day! Great food from garlic ice cream, sausage, to garlic margaritas. Cooking demos, planting and braiding. Children's activities! 10 am – 5 pm. Camelot Village. Admission: \$5, under 12 \$1. (802) 447-3311. www.bennington.com. *Also September 5.*

BENNINGTON. Irish Music & Craft Festival. Over 20 hours of music, food, crafts and lots of stuff for kids. Headlining bands include: Maura O'Connell, Black 47, Young Dubliners, Shana Morrison (daughter of legendary Van Morrison), 10 times Irish National Fiddle Champion Seamus Connolly, and many more! 11 am – 9 pm. Colgate Park, 1545 West Rd. Kids under 12 free. For tickets call (802) 447-3900. *Also September 5.*

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EAST BARNARD. Country Kitchen Buffet. Featuring ham, beans and salads and homemade pies. Bazaar and attic auction. Quilt raffle begins at 3 pm. Buffet from 5-7 pm. East Barnard Community Hall, 50 East Barnard Rd. (802) 763-7036. rmcroft@wildblue.net.

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GROTON. Haunted Weekend. Ghosts and goblins, big black cats, glowing pumpkins, and witches hats! Join us as we celebrate Halloween early (it's the ranger's favorite holiday). Bring costumes and decorations. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated site and costume. The party with tricks and treats will take place in the shelter, with a possible haunted walk as well! Stillwater State Park, 44 Stillwater Rd. (802) 584-3822. www.vtstateparks.com. *Also September 5.*

NORTHFIELD. Annual Labor Day Celebration. Theme this year is "Hocus Pocus: bring out your magic!" Lots of food vendors, crafts, used items, gifts. Face painting, dime toss, games and activities for the whole family. Scavenger hunts, talent show, pie eating contest, pet show. Entertainment all weekend including puppet show, magician, hypnotist, karaoke, and musical acts. 5K and 1 mile kid's run on Sat at 10 am. Parade at 10:30 am on Mon. (802) 485-9206. *Through September 6.*

PLYMOUTH NOTCH. The Plymouth Folk and Blues Concerts. A lively two-day festival of folk and blues music. Children's concert and songwriting workshop both days. Organized by Jay Ottaway and the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation. The concerts are free; donation suggested. 2-5 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Rt 100 A. (802) 672-3773. plymouthfolk.com. HistoricVermont.org/Coolidge. *Also Sept 5.*



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If a very sweet cordial is preferred, the amount of sugar may be increased to two cups for each quart of juice, and the amount of brandy may vary from a wine-glass to each bottle to one pint to each quart of juice.

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STOCKBRIDGE. Stockbridge Gas and Engine Show. Members of the Vermont Gas & Steam Engine Association display their collection of antique engines. Working demonstrations of how these engines were used to make life easier 50-100 years ago. A great show, good food, old-fashioned fun. Free admission and parking. 9-4 pm. At the intersection of Routes 100 & 107. (802) 234-9170. www.vgsea.com. *Also September 5.*

TOWNSHEND. Musical Evening with Gary and Pat Froeschner. Bring your own instrument and sit in, sing along, or just kick back and enjoy. Park Rangers, Gary and Pat, will lead a fun evening of music at beautiful Townshend State Park, 2755 State Forest Rd, every Saturday evening at 7 pm. Great for the whole family! Day fee: \$3 for 14 and older, \$2 for four through 13, free for three and younger. For more information call (802) 365-7500. vtstateparks.com.

WOODSTOCK. 5th Annual Traditional Craft Saturdays. "Pottery" with Ara Cardew. Learn the steps and techniques involved in pottery making including hand techniques and a potter's wheel. Try your hand at the wheel. Admission. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 1/2 mile north of the Woodstock village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

BENNINGTON. Southern Vermont Garlic & Herb Festival. Live music all day! Great food from garlic ice cream, sausage, to garlic margaritas. Cooking demos, planting and braiding. Children's activities! 10 am – 5 pm. Camelot Village. Admission: \$5, under 12 \$1. (802) 447-3311. www.bennington.com.

BENNINGTON. Irish Music & Craft Festival. Over 20 hours of music, food, crafts and lots of stuff for kids. 11 am – 9 pm. Colgate Park, 1545 West Rd. Kids under 12 free. For tickets call (802) 447-3900. benningtonirishmusicfestival.com.

BRIDGEWATER CENTER. 3rd Annual North Branch Bluegrass Festival. Bands, music workshops, open stage, pickin' party, songwriter's contest. Rough camping. Games, horseshoes, darts. Spaghetti dinner. Gate opens 9 am. For tickets call (802) 672-3042. nbbluegrass.com.

ESSEX JUNCTION. Champlain Valley Exposition. Vermont's largest fair & the state's largest event, established in 1923. Agricultural displays and 4-H, Midway rides, top-name concerts. Tractor & truck pull, demo derby. Open from 10 am to midnight daily. Admission. Champlain Valley Exposition, Rte.15. (802) 878-5545. info@cvexpo.org. www.cvfair.com. *Also September 6.*

GUILFORD. Annual Guilford Fair. A traditional agricultural fair with garden, fanciwork, handicrafts and hobby exhibits, chainsaw and sheep shearing demonstrations, cattle and horse shows. Bingo, games, food and midway rides. Admission. Guilford Fairgrounds, Weatherhead Hollow. (802) 254-2228. guilfordfairvt.com. *Also September 6.*

MALLETS BAY. 11th Annual Lake Champlain Bass Open. Who will land the biggest bass? Head out to Mallets Bay for your six best bass. 5:30 am—all boats in the water, 7 am—fishing begins, 3 pm—weigh-in. Call for registration details: (802) 879-3466. mychamplain.net. vtstateparks.com.

NORTHFIELD. Annual Labor Day Celebration. Theme this year is "Hocus Pocus: Bring out your magic!" Food vendors, crafts, used items, gifts. Face painting, dime toss, lots of games and activities for the whole family. Scavenger hunts, talent show, pie eating contest, pet show. Entertainment all weekend including puppet show, magician, hypnotist, karaoke, and musical acts. (802) 485-9206. info@northfieldlaborday.org. *Through September 6.*

NORWICH. Sunday Craft Fair. Fine arts & crafts, music, prepared foods. Free admission. 10 am – 3 pm, rain or shine, at the Norwich Farmers Market grounds on Rt. 5.

PLYMOUTH NOTCH. The Plymouth Folk and Blues Concerts. Folk and blues music festival, includes children's concert and songwriting workshop. The concert free; donation suggested. 2-5 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Rt 100 A. (802) 672-3773. plymouthfolk.com.

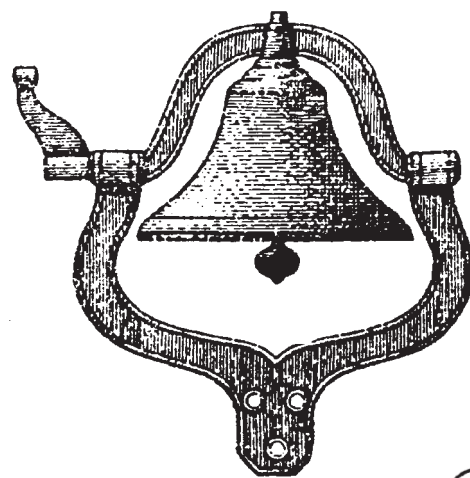
RANDOLPH. 18th Annual New World Festival. An all-day, all-weather festival of Celtic and French Canadian music and dance on Main Street from noon to midnight. More than 100 musicians and folk dancers on five stages, under colorful tents and in Chandler Music Hall, rain or shine. Children's entertainment, ethnic foods, vendors, dancing. Tickets \$35 for adults, \$10 for 3-18, \$5 for 2-5. Half-day tickets \$20. (802) 728-9878. www.NewWorldFestival.com.

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STOCKBRIDGE. Stockbridge Gas and Engine Show. Members of the Vermont Gas & Steam Engine Association display their collection of antique engines. A great show, good food, old-fashioned fun. Free admission and parking. 9 am – 2 pm. At the intersection of Routes 100 & 107. (802) 234-9170. www.vgsea.com.

STRAFFORD. Morrill Homestead Tea and Tour. Join the Friends of the Morrill Homestead for a walking tour of Morrill's Strafford and a tour of his Gothic Revival cottage. Fee: \$28. Tours start at 12:30 pm with tea at 2 pm. At Justin Morrill State Historic Site, Justin Smith Morrill Highway. Pre-registration required, contact (802) 765-4484 or e-mail director@morrillhomestead.org. www.historicvermont.org.

WESTON. Sundays on the Hill—Concert: "A Far Cry." Boston's proudly uncondacted chamber orchestra. Admission at the door, adults \$5, children no charge. Open seating. 4-5 pm. At the Church on the Hill. info@vtchurchonthehill.org. www.vtchurchonthehill.org. www.afarcry.org.



Billings Farm & Museum's Traditional Craft Saturdays

The Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT invites you to come to their 5th Annual Traditional Craft Saturdays, taking place each Saturday during September from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Visitors are invited to explore a series of Vermont crafts—their history, process, and uses—through informal learning and discovery. A different craft will be featured each week and all of the farm and museums features will be available.

September Saturday Schedule

- **Saturday, September 4:** "Pottery" with Ara Cardew from Quechee, VT. Ara, a third generation potter who grew up at Wenford Bridge Pottery, UK, will demonstrate the steps and techniques involved in pottery making including using hand techniques and a potter's wheel. Visitors may try their hand at the wheel.

- **Saturday, September 11:** "Chair Caning" presented by the Billings Farm & Museum staff. Melanie McGovern will demonstrate chair-caning techniques, encouraging visitors to try caning. Finished examples of different styles of caning will be on display.

- **Saturday, September 18:** "Wool Crafts" with Billings Farm & Museum staff. See demonstrations including carding, spinning, felting, and weaving. Visitors may take part in all the wool crafts activities.

- **Saturday, September 25:** "Basket Making" with Patricia Compton from Woodstock, VT. Patricia will demonstrate the steps and techniques involved in making baskets. She will display baskets she has made and show various weaving techniques and patterns, encouraging visitors to try their hand at it.



Melanie McGovern shows how to cane a chair.

Billings Farm & Museum is owned and operated by The Woodstock Foundation Inc., and was founded by Mary French and Laurance Spelman Rockefeller.

Billings Farm & Museum is open daily May 1 through October 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekends Nov. – Feb., and Christmas & Presidents' weeks, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Admission: adults: \$12; 62 & over: \$11; children 5-15: \$6; 3-4: \$3; 2 & under: free. The dairy farm, farm life exhibits, restored and furnished farmhouse, plus programs and activities are all included in the entrance fee.

The Farm & Museum is located one-half mile north of the Woodstock village green on Rt. 12. For more information call (802) 457-2355 or visit www.billingsfarm.org.



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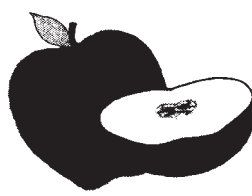


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WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Free Gardening Workshop: Cover Crops and Green Manure. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by The Upper Valley Food Co-op and Transition Town WRJ. 3-5 pm at the Community Garden in Ratcliffe Park on Latham Works Lane off S. Main St. For more information call Kye Cochran at (802) 295-5804. Kye@upervalleyfood.coop. www.upervalleyfood.coop.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

ESSEX JUNCTION. Champlain Valley Exposition. Vermont's largest fair & the state's largest event, established in 1923. Agricultural displays and 4-H, Midway rides, top-name concerts. Tractor & truck pull, demo derby. Open from 10 am to midnight daily. Admission. Champlain Valley Exposition, Rte. 15. (802) 878-5545, info@cvexpo.org. www.cvfair.com.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

RUTLAND. 165th Annual Vermont State Fair. Horse & cattle shows and exhibits, farm museums and much more. Midway with over 35 rides. Concert with Rick Springfield at 7 pm. Admission. Vermont State Fairgrounds, 175 S. Main St., Rt. 7. (802) 775-5200. vtstfair@comcast.net. www.vermontstatefair.net. *Through September 12.*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

EAST THETFORD. Workshop: Making Kimchee. A lacto-fermented foods class with John Mellquist. Fee: \$45. 5-8 pm. Cedar Circle Farm and Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. Register online. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org. *Also September 11.*

KILLINGTON. Killington Classic Motorcycle Rally. Join the Thunder Through the Mountains. Go for the ride, stay for the party! Welcome event, vendors, pig roast, bike show and grand parade to Rutland and the Vermont State Fair. Entry fee: \$10. (800) 337-1928. www.killingtonclassic.com. *Through September 12.*

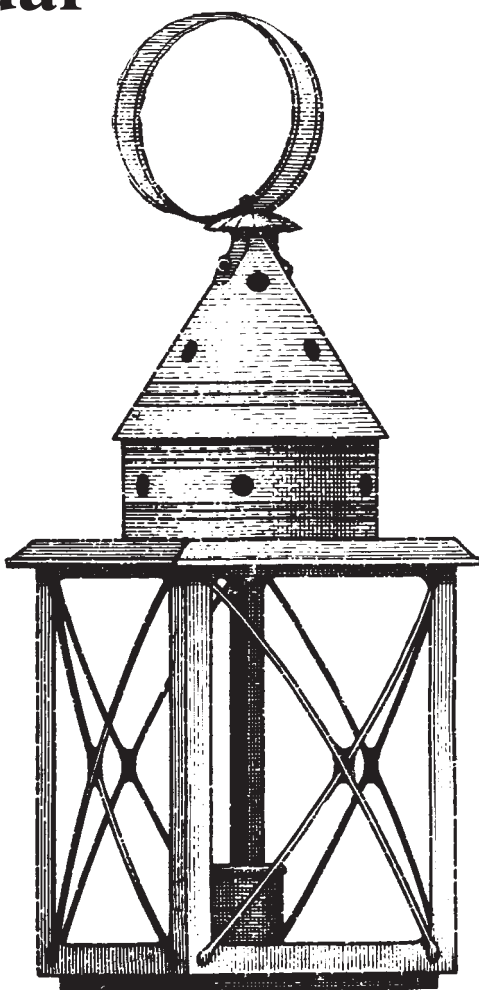
POULTNEY. Poultny Farmers Market. Fresh Vermont produce, baked goods, maple syrup, crafts and more. All along Main St. 9 am to 2 pm on Thursdays through October 24. (802) 325-3203. www.vtfarmersmarket.org.

RUTLAND. 165th Annual Vermont State Fair. Horse & cattle shows and exhibits, farm museums and much more. Midway with over 35 rides. Free event with Sonflowerz and Special Guest Witness at 6:30 pm. Admission. Vermont State Fairgrounds, 175 S. Main St., Rt. 7. (802) 775-5200. vtstfair@comcast.net. www.vermontstatefair.net. *Through September 12.*

TOWNSHEND. Townshend Common Farmers' Market. The harvest bounty is here and you can find it all at our market. Fresh produce, eggs, jams, pickles, and pies as well as dinner choices, hand-blown glass, handmade soaps, clothes, woodcrafts, and special events. EBT/SNAP shoppers welcome. Open Thursdays through Oct. 14 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the junction of Rts. 30 & 35. For more information call (802) 869-2141 or visit www.posttoilsolutions.org.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

BURLINGTON. 18th Annual South End Art Hop. Art, fashion, community, creativity. More than 500 artists displaying work at more than 100 sites. Most activities are free to the public. 5-9 pm. (802) 859-9222. www.seaba.com. *Also September 11.*



RUTLAND. 165th Annual Vermont State Fair. Agricultural events. 4-H, maple sugar house, dairy center, forestry building. Free entertainment. Midway with over 35 rides and lots of great fair food! Concert with Danny Gokey at 7:30 pm. Admission. Vermont State Fairgrounds, 175 S. Main St., Rt. 7. (802) 775-5200. vtstfair@comcast.net. www.vermontstatefair.net. *Through September 12.*

SHELBURNE. The Battle of Shelburne Crossroads. Education and School Field Trip Day. A Living History and Encampment. Sponsored by the Champlain Valley Historical Reenactors, Inc. with the 2nd Vermont Volunteer Infantry, Co. A; 2nd Mississippi (Magnolia Rifles); 1st Vermont Cavalry, Co. K; and The Civil War Medical Coalition. 2100 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. webmaster@cvhri.com. www.cvhri.com. *Through September 12.*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

BARNET. Karme Choling 40th Anniversary Celebration. One of the first meditation centers in North America for contemplative arts and body practices. Picnic lunch with live music, tour of the buildings and garden, farmers market, zen archery, and more. At 369 Patneude Lane. (802) 633-2384. www.karmecholing.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Four-Day Draft Horse Workshop. The focus will be on building your skills & confidence in harnessing, hitching, driving & horse management. We use a single horse and teams for hands-on experience and individual instruction. Cost: \$485 for four days includes lunch and a hearty snack. 8 am – 5 pm at Fairwinds Farm. For registration and more information contact Bekah Murchison, (802) 254-9067. bekah@sover.net. www.fairwindsfarm.org. *Also September 25.*

BROOKFIELD. Annual Morgan Mile Trotting Race. A historical and educational event! Presented by the Vermont Morgan Horse Association. Starts 1 pm sharp, rain or shine. on the Morgan Mile Road. Directions: from Randolph Center go north on Ridge Rd. to Old Post Rd. on your right; follow to the Morgan Mile Road and you're there! Spectators are welcome, admission is free. For more information contact Dennis Tatro at (802) 763-2516. denlore@vermontel.net. www.morganmile.com.

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CHESTER. Autumn Steiff Party. Come and see these beloved creations. Presentations begin at 1 pm. Refreshments at noon. RSVP. At The Hugging Bear B&B and Teddy Bear Shoppe, 244 Main St. (800) 325-0519. www.huggingbear.com.

EAST THETFORD. Workshop: Making Kimchee. A lacto-fermented foods class with John Mellquist. Fee: \$45. 5-8 pm. Cedar Circle Farm and Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. Register online. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org.

HUBBARDTON. Day of Remembrance. The site is open without charge for those who wish to contemplate or to honor past heroes. 9:30 am – 5:30 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Rd. off Rt. 30. (802) 273-2282. www.historicvermont.org.

MARLBORO. 28th Annual Community Fair. Live music, food, games, crafts, agriculture, family fun. Rain or shine. 9 am – 4 pm. Muster Field, Ames Hil Rd. (802) 257-4852.



The Song of Wandering Aengus

I went out to the hazel wood,
Because a fire was in my head,
And cut and peeled a hazel wand,
And hooked a berry to a thread;
And when white moths were on the wing,
And moth-like stars were flickering out,
I dropped the berry in a stream
And caught a little silver trout.

When I had laid it on the floor
I went to blow the fire a flame,
But something rustled on the floor,
And some one called me by my name:
It had become a glimmering girl
With apple blossom in her hair
Who called me by my name and ran
And faded through the brightening air.

Though I am old with wandering
Through hollow lands and hilly lands,
I will find out where she has gone,
And kiss her lips and take her hands;
And walk among long dappled grass,
And pluck till time and times are done
The silver apples of the moon,
The golden apples of the sun.

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(September 11 continued)

MONTGOMERY CENTER. Burnt Mountain Hike. About a 4-mile round trip. Meet at end of Rosier Road, two miles from Montgomery Center off the Hazens Notch Road. No dogs. Sponsored by the Northern Frontier Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For details call Jane Williams, (802) 827-3879.

MONTPELIER. Food Works Garlic Festival. Local farmers provide fresh food, area chefs prepare garlicky treats, and music will be performed all day. Horse-drawn wagon rides, a kids' tent, silent auction, educational workshops. Great food, including free flatbread pizza, salad and many samples. To benefit Food Works at Two Rivers Center, Central Vermont's hands-on food & agricultural education center. 12-6 pm. Two Rivers Center, 5 Home Farm Way. (802) 223-1515. www.tworiverscenter.org.

NORWICH. Contradance with Northern Spy, David Millstone calling. Soft soled shoes only. All dances taught, no partner is necessary, beginners welcome. \$8, under 16 and over 60 free. 8 pm. At Tracy Hall. (802) 785-4607.

RANDOLPH CENTER. Workshop: Preserving the Late-Summer Garden: Canning, Freezing, Drying & Winter Storage. Fee: \$45 includes a light lunch. Pre-registration required. 10 am – 1 pm at Turkey Hill Farm. (802) 434-4122. www.turkeyhillfarmvt.com.

RUTLAND. 165th Annual Vermont State Fair. Agricultural events. 4-H building, maple sugar house, dairy center, forestry building. Many free shows. Midway with over 35 rides. Concert with Charley Pride with David Church opening, at 7:30 pm. Admission. Vermont State Fairgrounds, 175 S. Main St., Rt. 7. (802) 775-5200. vtstfair@comcast.net. www.vermontstatefair.net. Also September 12.

SHELBURNE. The Battle of Shelburne Crossroads. A Living History and Encampment. See camp life, the life of a Civil War soldier, drills, and sutlers (1860's traveling stores). Cavalry demonstration 10 am. Battle reenactment at 2 pm. Sponsored by the Champlain Valley Historical Reenactors, Inc. with the 2nd Vermont Volunteer Infantry, Co. A; 2nd Mississippi (Magnolia Rifles); 1st Vermont Cavalry, Co. K; and The Civil War Medical Coalition. 9 am – 5 pm. 2100 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. cvhri.com. Also September 12.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. 18th Annual "Glory Days Festival." 9 am to 5 pm, rain or shine. In historic downtown. A fun-filled, day-long festival of the railroading and transportation modes of the past, present & future. Railroad rides on a variety of rail apparatuses including a mini-steam

train and rail rides on "speeders." 45-minute train excursions on the White River Flyer (\$10) on the hour starting 10 am. Rail car & engine displays. Main stage with musicians from all over New England, and a children's stage. Carnival rides, crafts, RR show and lots of carnival food! Admission buttons \$3. Sponsored by the Hartford Parks and Rec. Dept. (802) 295-5036. www.glorydaysoftherailroad.org.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

CORNWALL. Pasture Walk: Pastured Pork Through the Seasons. Marc Cesario and Cheryl Bruce raise grass-fed beef as well as pastured pork and poultry. If you're interested in keeping a few feeder pigs for home use or want to start raising your own breeding herd, join us for a pasture walk where Marc and Cheryl will share their experiences in rearing pigs outdoors. Fee: \$15. Pre-registration required. 1-4 pm at Meeting Place Pastures, 1368 West St. (802) 434-4122. info@nofavt.org. www.meetingplacepastures.com.

FAYSTON. Outing on Burnt Rock Mountain. Hike from North Fayston to Burnt Rock Mountain on Hedgehog Brook Trail at it travels through nice woods and along the summit ridge. Steep in some places. You'll see a small glacial pothole on the ridge and have spectacular 360-degree views. 5.2 miles, 2000' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free, non-members welcome. For details call Peter Cottrell, (802) 879-0755 or pcottrel@myfairpoint.net. www.greenmountainclub.org.

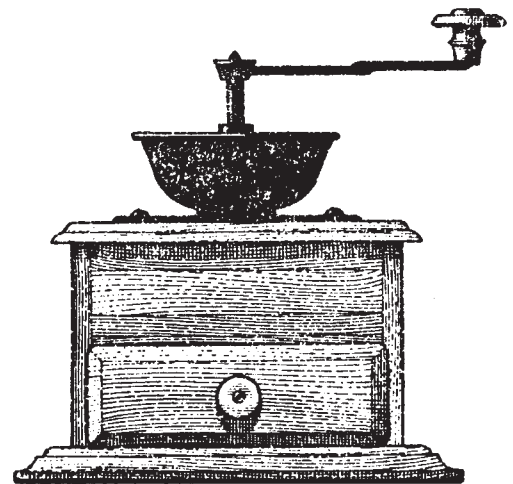
HUBBARDTON. Hike the Military Road. Site interpreter Carl Fuller leads a vigorous guided hike on part of the military road leading to the Hubbardton Battlefield. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. A Vermont Archaeology Month program. Admission: adults \$2, children 14 & under are free. 2-5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Rd. off Rt. 30. (802) 273-2282. Hubbardton@HistoricVermont.org. www.historicvermont.org.

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PLYMOUTH. Grace Coolidge Muscacle #2. Pianist Abigail Charbeneau and cellist Matt Laughlin present "The Passion of the Romantic Era." An afternoon tea follows at the Wilder House Restaurant. Donation is suggested. 3-4:30 pm at the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. Coolidge@HistoricVermont.org. www.historicvermont.org.

SHELBURNE. 9th Annual Vermont Small Farms Food Fest. A traditional celebration jam-packed with taste-testing foods from local farms and food producers. Vermont musicians, tractor hayrides, a tractor petting zoo, a haybale maze, facepainting, ropemaking, apple prints. Free if you're under 12 or over 65. Otherwise, the \$5 entry gets you a Pick Your Own apples coupon good for the '10 season. Please bring non-perishable food for our local Food Shelves. 11 am – 5 pm. Shelburne Orchards, 216 Orchard Rd. (802) 985-2753. info@shelburneorchards.com. www.shelburneorchards.com.

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Annual Farm & Food Bike Tour in Addison County

This September, join bicyclists from all over Vermont and beyond as they tour the scenic agricultural landscape of the Champlain Valley.

Stop and sample the freshest foods at farms along the way and enjoy the beautiful fall scenery. The Third Annual Tour de Farms, will be taking place rain or shine on Sunday, September 19th, starting and ending at the Shoreham Green in Addison County, Vermont.

The tour features three routes, 30, 25, and 10 miles, with start times of 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 11:30 a.m., respectively. Many of the farms that were visited on the routes in previous years are back again this year! Doolittle Farm, Gold-

en Russet Farm, Eagle's Flight Farm, Champlain Orchards, Douglas Orchards, Shoreham Winery, Crescent Orchards, Millborne Farm, Singing Cedars Farmstead, Stonewood Farm, North Branch Farm & Gardens, and Vermont Cookie Love are just some of the stops along the way.

There will be special tee-shirts and a ploughman's lunch (apple, cheese, chutney, and bread), both available for purchase in advance or on the day of the event.

Advance registration for adult riders is \$20 and \$10 for kids 12 and under. All kids in bikeseats or trailers ride free. The deadline for advance registration is September 13th. Day-of registration fees are \$30 for adults and \$15 for kids. The Tour de Farms is sponsored by Earl's Cyclery in So. Burlington and Sovernet Communications. Proceeds benefit the Addison Country Relocalization Network (ACORN), Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition, and Rural Vermont.

The Shoreham Apple Fest, hosted by the Platt Memorial Library, will be happening Sunday, September 19 on the Shoreham Green following the Tour de Farms. Plan to stay and play—enjoy live music, prepared foods, a farm & craft market, and more!

For more information about the Tour de Farms and to register call (802) 223-7222 or visit www.ruralvermont.org. You can also visit www.acornvt.org and www.vtbikeped.org.



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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

TUNBRIDGE. 139th Annual Tunbridge World's Fair. Old-fashioned agricultural fair in a beautiful rural setting. Working antique displays. Pony pulling all day. Harness racing at 2 pm. Sheep dog trials at 6 pm. 4-H exhibits. Ed Larkin Contra Dancers. Civil War 2nd Volunteers. Free shows, midway, great fair food! Free grandstand events, free parking. Admission \$8, under 12 free. Opens at 9 am. At the Tunbridge Fair Grounds, Rt. 110. (802) 889-5555. tunbridgefair.com. *Through September 19.*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

ORWELL. Annual Atlatl Workshop. Atlatl experts Bob and Cheryl Berg of Thunderbird Atlatl will teach you modern and traditional techniques of atlatl and dart construction, flint knapping, hafting stone points, and cordage making. Enjoy atlatl lore and coaching. Bob has taught primitive skills and the atlatl for 17 years. \$65 fee includes instruction and all materials. Pre-registration required. Spectator admission: adults \$5, children 14 and under free. A Vermont Archaeology Month program. 12-5 pm at Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. off Rt. 73. (802) 948-2000. historicvermont.org.

TUNBRIDGE. 139th Annual Tunbridge World's Fair. Old-fashioned agricultural fair in a beautiful rural setting. Working antique displays. Harness racing at noon. Rare breeds competition. Dairy show at noon. Horse pulling all day, antique tractor pulling at 5 pm. 4-H exhibits. Horse show 10:30 am. Ed Larkin Contra Dancers. Moonlighters Big Band at 7 pm. Free shows, midway, great fair food! Free grandstand events, free parking. Admission \$10, under 12 free. At the Tunbridge Fair Grounds, Rt. 110. (802) 889-5555. tunbridgefair.com. *Through September 19.*

WINDSOR. Car Race—Mt. Ascutney Hillclimb. Entry fee. Registration: (603) 543-0106 or dburden@hughes.net. For more information, please visit www.hillclimb.org. www.vtstateparks.com. *Through September 19.*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

CHESTER. Annual Fall Craft Fair. Over 60 Vermont & New England crafters and artisans work for display and sale. Food and festivities. Free admission. 10 am - 4 pm. On the Green. (802) 228-5830. Also September 19.

FAIR HAVEN. Annual Apple Pie Contest. Sponsored by the Fair Haven Historical Society. 11 am in the Park at the Apple Festival. All pies old by the slice after the judging! (802) 265-3545.

ORWELL. Fifteenth Annual Northeastern Open Atlatl Championship Festival of Nations. The sport of atlatl throwing is based on the ancient hunting technique of using the atlatl or spear thrower. Demonstrations and workshops on flint knapping, and Native American life and crafts. Co-sponsored by Vermont Archaeological Society. Admission: adults \$5, children 14 and under free. 10:30 am - 4:30 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. off Rt. 73. (802) 948-2000. mountindependence@HistoricVermont.org. www.historicvermont.org.

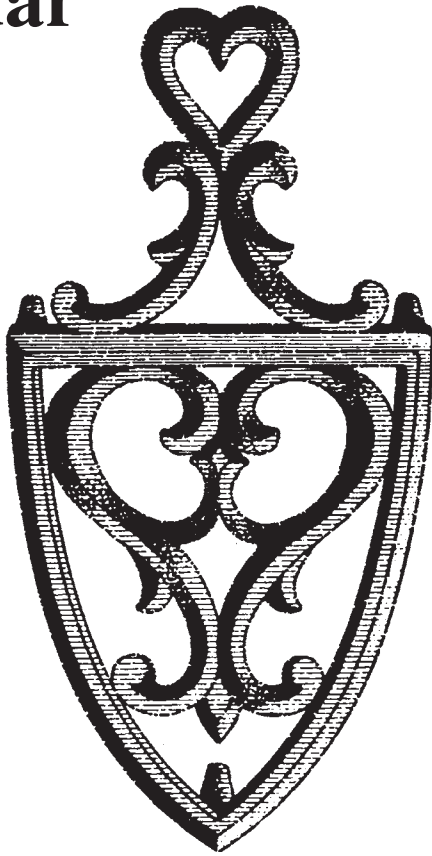
PUTNEY. Puppets in the Green Mountains. Sandglass Theater hosts an international puppetry festival beyond imagining, with international puppeteers from Spain, France, Germany, Hungary, and all over the US performing in five towns in southeastern Vermont. (802) 387-4051. puppetsinthemountains.com. sandglasstheater.org. *Through September 26.*

RANDOLPH CENTER. Workshop: Making Raw-Milk Ricotta Cheese, Fresh Tomato-Herb Sauce & Fresh Pasta. Fee: \$60, includes a student-prepared lunch. Pre-registration required. 10 am - 2 pm at Turkey Hill Farm. (802) 434-4122. www.turkeyhillfarmvt.com.

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WESTMINSTER WEST. Cellar Holes & Lime Kilns. A free guided tour of historic sites led by local historians Bob Haas and Randy Major. Bring your lunch and enjoy a picnic in the woods. Meet at the church in Westminster West at 10 am. (802) 387-5778.

WOODSTOCK. 5th Annual Traditional Craft Saturdays. "Wool Crafts" with Billings Farm & Museum staff. See demonstrations including carding, spinning, felting, and weaving. Take part in all the wool crafts activities. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 1/2 mile north of the Woodstock village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

ORWELL. ISAC Atlatl Championship. Second day of Atlatl International Standard Accuracy Competition. The sport of atlatl throwing is based on the ancient hunting technique of using the atlatl or spear thrower. After ISAC, there will be a master class and coaching for boys and girls. Admission: adults \$5, children 14 and under free. 10 am at Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. off Rt. 73. (802) 948-2000. mountindependence@HistoricVermont.org. www.historicvermont.org.

PLYMOUTH NOTCH. Plymouth Cheese & Harvest Festival. Cheese sampling and guided tours of the Plymouth Cheese Factory. Wagon rides, historic farm & craft demonstrations, cheese recipe contest, barbecue, and other activities for the entire family. Helene Lang performs as Beatrix Potter at 2 pm. Festival is from 10 am - 4 pm. At the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Rt. 100 A. (802) 672-3773. coolidge@HistoricVermont.org. www.historicvermont.org.

SHOREHAM. Apple Fest. Live music, prepared foods, farm and craft stands, family festivities! Hosted by the Platt Memorial Library. (802) 897-2647.

SHOREHAM. Tour de Farms—3rd Annual Farm & Food Bike Tour of Addison County. The tour features a 30, 25, and 10 mile route, with start times of 10:30 am, 11 am, and 11:30 am. Enjoy visiting local farms and enjoying delicious food. Starts and ends at Shoreham Green. Call to register. (802) 223-7222 or visit www.ruralvermont.org.

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VICTORY. Audubon Field Trip. Explore Victory Basin in autumn with the Northeast Kingdom Audubon Society. Heck let's just hike around who cares what we see. Registration required. (802) 626-9071. blackpoll@myfairpoint.net. www.nekaudubon.org.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Free Gardening Workshop: Harvesting Crops and Curing for Storage. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by The Upper Valley Food Co-op and Transition Town WRJ. 3-5 pm at the Community Garden in Ratcliffe Park on Latham Works Lane off S. Main St. For more information call Kye Cochran at (802) 295-5804. Kye@uppervalleyfood.coop. www.uppervalleyfood.coop.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

BROWNINGTON. Annual Fall Harvest Day. Festivities for the whole family! Old Stone House Museum, 109 Old Stone House Rd. (802) 754-2022. www.oldstonehousemuseum.org.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

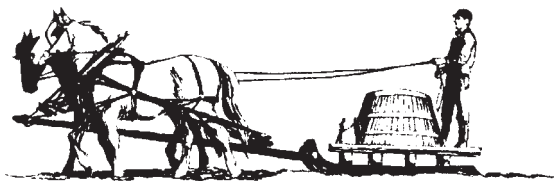
BENNINGTON. An Evening of History with Humor. Meet the most hated Briton of the Revolutionary War! Howard Burnham, known for his witty and informative first person characterizations of well know historical figures, will give an outstanding performance portraying Old Banastre Tarleton, the infamous commander of the Green Dragons, in his extreme old age, composing a memoir of his colorful and eventful life. Admission \$5 adults, children under 12 are free. 7:30 pm. at the Old First Church Barn on Monument Circle at the Bennington Battle Monument. (802) 447-0550. Bennington@HistoricVermont.org. www.historicvermont.org.

Elegy for a Brown Tabby

I know you cannot come to me again,
Your footfall gentle on the counterpane
But sometimes in the early hours I lie
Allowing lazy minutes to pass by,
Reluctant to abandon sleep. It's then
I feel your whiskers brush my cheek as when
You test my wakefulness. My spirits leap!
Perhaps your death was but a little sleep,
My loss not real, a nightmare fled. I rise
To greet the amber splendor of your eyes...
But no, it's just a trick of golden light,
A fantasy of wishful inner sight.
You cannot come to me again I know
But I remember you. I loved you so.



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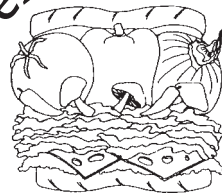
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News from Vermont

One Smart Calf!
by Burr Morse

We've all heard the expression "miracle of birth" time and time again. Being a man, I'm not sure I can ever properly appreciate the term but I have witnessed the miracle many times, including the birth of my own two sons. It is my vocation, however, where most of my experience comes from. I am a farmer and a farmer's job is to "tweak" the lives of animals to better serve humans. We farmers have gotten pretty good at the "tweakin'" but there's one thing that we'll never affect: the period just before, during and after birth—that's solely up to those critters—it's truly a miracle!

That blessed event has recently occurred twice at Morse Farm with the birth of two healthy calves. The first cow to give birth had "given notice" the night before by separating herself from the rest of the herd. Through the early night, I heard her bawling the unmistakable language of a cow about to calve. When morning came, she was still in the same place but her bawling had changed to a throaty "cooing" sound.

I donned my rubber boots, opened the gate and approached her through the dew-drenched grass. She wasn't about to let on where her calf was but I knew where to look.

Just across our fence is a swampy area which supports tall grass. From my position, I could see a dark mound in the distance, almost out of sight. I slid under the fence and as I approached, there lying perfectly still was a tiny black calf. The mother had coaxed it through the fence and out into the safety of the tall grass; newborn calves are most vulnerable during the hours immediately following their birth and cows will always pick out a "safety zone" and somehow "instruct" their calves to go there and lie still.

As I reached to pick the calf up, the little duffer started to rise and escape me. Amazingly at less than a day old, they not only can walk but they have a slight ability to fend for themselves. This one, however, a bull calf, was a trifle too slow so I grasped him around his middle, carried him back to the fence, and tucked him under the bottom wire where mother was ready and waiting.

Within two minutes the little guy was having his first meal and mother was beaming...that's right, beaming, with pleasure. Once again, the word "miracle" comes to mind!

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BURLINGTON. Burlington Book Festival. Three days of readings, signings, panels, film screenings, musical performances, workshops, lectures, demos and more! www.burlingtonbookfestival.com. (802) 658-3328. Through September 26.

EAST CALAIS. Roots Rendezvous. A weekend gathering for learning primitive skills. Workshops on hide tanning, archery, mushroom walks, bird awareness, and more. At the ROOTS School. Call for details and registration. (802) 456-1253. info@rootsvt.com. www.rootsvt.com. Through September 26.

STOWE. Oktoberfest. The Stowe Rotary Club brings a Bavarian village to life in Stowe's Jackson Arena. Oompah bands, German foods, freshly brewed Vermont beers and kids activities, parade. Admission. (802) 253-8506. www.stoweoktoberfest.com. Through September 26.

TINMOUTH. Contra Dance. All dances taught. Come on time if you are a beginner. Exuberant dancers of all ages are welcome. Admission \$8 adults, \$6 teens, \$3 12 and under. 8-11 pm at the Tinmouth Community Center, 573 Rt. 140 in downtown Tinmouth. For more information call (802) 235-2718. msquier@vermontel.net.

WILMINGTON. Vermont Life Wine & Harvest Festival. Annual celebration of the best of wine, food and the good life! Special dinner wine pairings, food demonstrations, and tastes from a variety of exhibitors. Admission. (877) 887-6884. www.thevermontfestival.com. Through September 26.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

BRATTLEBORO. Four-Day Draft Horse Workshop. The focus will be on building your skills & confidence in harnessing, hitching, driving & horse management. We use a single horse and teams for hands-on experience and individual instruction. Cost: \$485 for four days includes lunch and a hearty snack. 8 am – 5 pm at Fairwinds Farm. For registration and more information contact Bekah Murchison, (802) 254-9067. bekah@sover.net. www.fairwindsfarm.org.

CASTLETON. Annual Castleton Colonial Day House Tour. Visit 20 sites throughout the village including outstanding private homes, historic sites and galleries. Hostesses will be dressed in period costumes, so a walk along Main Street is like a step back in time. Crafts demonstrations, home made baked goods, crafts, raffle. Tickets \$20 for an hour tour. 10 am – 4 pm. A baked ham dinner will be served at the Federated Church on Main St. from 5-6 pm, \$7 adults, \$5 children. (802) 468-5691.

EAST BURKE. Fall Foliage Festival. Parade, rubber duck race, live music, craft show, beer & wine tent, kids' activities and more! (802) 626-4124. www.burkevermont.com.

GRAFTON. Fairy House Tour. Enchantment for all ages! See custom-built dwellings and villages for fairies and other wee folk as you walk woodland trails at the Village Park during fall foliage. Tracy Kane, author of the Fairy House Series, will read from her books and talk about how to build nifty fairy houses. See Tracy's giant floating bubbles and build your own fairy house from our materials. Free parking, no pets. Tickets \$8/\$10/\$12. 11 am to 4 pm at the Nature Museum at Grafton, 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. lillianwillis@nature-museum.org. www.nature-museum.org. Also September 26.

JAMAICA. Annual Whitewater Weekend. Whitewater enthusiasts from around the northeast gather as kayakers, canoeists and river rafters paddle the class II to class IV rapids. Each September the US Army Corps of Engineers releases water from its Ball Mountain Dam into the West River. Thousands of people come to watch and hike along the three-mile long former rail bed hiking trail winding up the steep valley. Concessionaires vend food, equipment and gear. Shuttle service up the West River Rail trail from the day parking area to the Cobb Brook bridge, 8 am - 4 pm for a fee. Park entry fee: \$3 per adult and \$2 per child. Jamaica State Park, 48 Salmon Hole Lane. (802) 874-4600. www.vtstateparks.com.

NORWICH. Contradance with Cuckoo's Nest. Sponsored by Muskeg Music. Soft soled shoes only. All dances taught, no partner is necessary, beginners welcome. Admission \$8, under 16 and over 60 free. 8 pm. At Tracy Hall. (802) 785-4607.

PERU. 31st Annual Peru Fair. An old-fashioned fair fit for all the family. Hay rides, a "village green" pig roast, & pony rides, VT crafts & food products by 110 area artisans. In downtown Peru on Main St. Free bus service to & from the town provided from Bromley Mountain's parking lot. Suggested donation \$5. (802) 824-4359. www.perufair.org.

STOWE. 8th Annual Pug Social. Many events and contests are planned. Lunch at the Pug Cafe. Alumni Parade of Pugs, Great Pug Races, Silent Auction, Oldest Pug, and Furthest Traveled Pug! Adults \$10, kids under 12 are \$5, pugs and pug loving dogs are free! Starts at 10:15 sharp. Top Notch Field, Mountain Rd. (Rt. 108). For info call (802) 649-5338. greenmntnpugrescue.com.

WOODSTOCK. 5th Annual Traditional Craft Saturdays. "Basket Making" with Patricia Compton from Woodstock, VT. Patricia will display baskets she has made and show various weaving techniques and patterns. Try your hand at it! Admission. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, 1/2 mile north of the Woodstock village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. billingsfarm.org.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

CHESTER. The Big Buzz Chainsaw Carving Festival. Chainsaw Carvers from around the country will be gathering to compete culminating with fund-raiser auction. Mon-Sat from 10 am to 5 pm. At Barre Pinske Art Studio, 50 First Ave. (802) 228-5830. Through Oct 3.

WALDEN. Northeast Kingdom Fall Foliage Festival. Quilt tying, spinning & knitting, wood crafts, working oxen & draft horse, milling lumber, interacting with a myriad of farm animals, large & small. Registration at 9 am with coffee & donuts. Homemade soup & sandwich lunch. Afternoon tours to a dairy farm, a Morgan Horse farm and a rural school, with a little dancing and a snack thrown in. Family-style barbecued beef supper at 5:30 pm (\$10). For supper reservations, call (802) 533-7122. Info: (802) 563-2777. www.nekchamber.com.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

CABOT. Northeast Kingdom Fall Foliage Festival. Coffee hour at 8:45 am in the school gym. Tour old school houses, craft shops, the library, Cabot Creamery and historical building. Crafts in the gym 8:30 am to 3 pm. Beef stew luncheon at Cabot Church at 11:30 am, 12:30 & 1:15 pm (adults \$5, children \$2.50, reservations call (802) 563-2715). Hayride to a sugarhouse. Hike to Nichols Ledge. Turkey dinner at 5 and 6:30 pm at Cabot School Gym (adults \$10, children \$5, reservations call (802) 563-2457). Musical program at church, 7:15 pm. (802) 563-2457. www.nekchamber.com.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

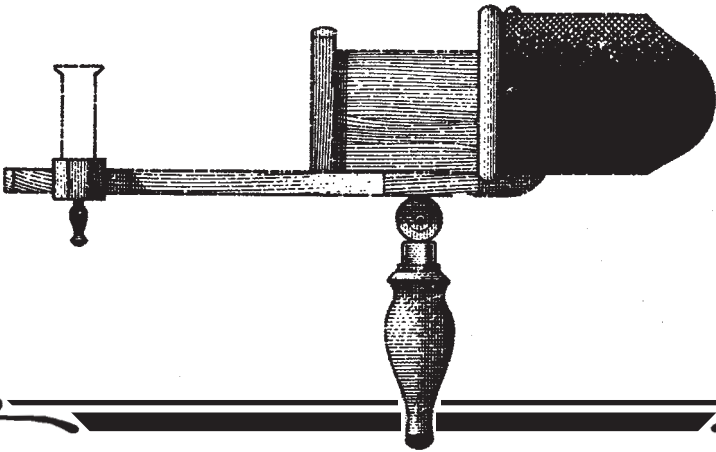
PLAINFIELD. Northeast Kingdom Fall Foliage Festival. Coffee hour 9 am and registration at Grace United Methodist Church. Foliage tours at 10 am and 1 pm. See the beautiful flower gardens at Goddard College, presentations by three local farmers, as well as crafts and baked goods for sale. Cafeteria-style luncheon from 11:30 am to 1 pm, \$5. Entertainment in the afternoon. Barbecued chicken-mostaccioli and baked bean supper at 5 and 6 pm, \$10. For reservations, contact Joanne Martin, (802) 454-7301. www.nekchamber.com.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

BRATTLEBORO. 9th Annual Brattleboro Literary Festival. Author readings, panel discussions, and special events will showcase 34 emerging and established authors. Free admission. Main St. in multiple venues. (802) 365-7673. brattleboroliteraryfestival.org. Through Oct. 3.

PEACHAM. Northeast Kingdom Fall Foliage Festival. Registration, tickets, and arts & crafts sale, 9 am to 3 pm at the Peacham Town Hall. Exhibits at the Blacksmith Shop and at the Historical House (homemade treats served) and Peacham Library book sale, all 9 am to 4 pm. Scenic bus tour at 10:15 am, \$2. Lunch at the elementary school, 11 am to 1 pm. Ghost Walk at 2 pm, \$4. Harp music in the Church Sanctuary 4-6 pm. Spaghetti supper at the church, seatings at 5 & 6:30 pm, adults \$10, children \$5, under 6 free. Tickets on sale the day of event. No dinner reservations needed. (802) 592-3320. nekchamber.com.

TOWNSHEND. Townshend Common Farmers' Market. The harvest bounty is here and you can find it all at our market. Open Thursdays through Oct. 14 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the junction of Rts. 30 & 35. (802) 869-2141.





Fall Landscaping For Wildlife

By Dr. Leonard Perry, Extension Professor
University of Vermont

Now that fall is here, most gardeners, myself included, are clearing out undergrowth and unwanted vegetation around their garden and homes. However, plants we may not want may be needed, during the winter months by wildlife.

To have a landscape attractive to wildlife, you'll need to make sure they have water, food, and cover. Fall is a good time to think about where they can get water in winter. If you don't have a pond or stream, a heated birdbath will help.

Provide cover from the storm

Since wildlife can't come inside as we do in storms and winter weather, they need cover—a place of protection from the elements. Evergreen plants are most effective for this.

They also need cover from predators. This includes a safe place come spring to raise their young. Since birds fly, they often live at different levels depending on species, so it is important to leave not only tall trees but lower understory ones, and shrubs as well.

If you are clearing brush, leave some piles in a back corner or out of sight for smaller mammals. Of course if you leave tall grass for the smaller mammals, you may not want this area near your gardens, or they'll have a place to live and feed!

Consider the weeds!

If you are clearing out weeds, consider leaving an out-of-the-way patch of wildflowers like the fall asters and goldenrod. These provide food for pollinators like bees, as well as many insects. Even ragweed has seeds rich in oil which provide a late fall and winter food source for mourning doves, pheasants, blackbirds, and sparrows.

Weeds, or wildflowers depending on your perspective, that have high wildlife value include the common milkweed, smartweeds, goldenrod, and staghorn sumac. The goldenrod provides food and cover for songbirds, rabbits, and small mammals. Milkweed is noted as a main source for monarch butterfly larvae, but it also attracts many pollinators and insects. Smartweed, that low creeping plant with small pink flower spikes, makes many oil-rich seeds which migrating fall birds look for. Staghorn sumac seeds are eaten by many birds in fall and winter, including robins, bluebirds, and cardinals. Rabbits, small mammals, and deer will feed on the sumac bark.

Fruit trees and berry brambles

Cherries, whether wild or planted, provide food for about 70 different species of song and game birds. Crabapples supply food for birds, particularly the purple finch, blue jay, northern oriole, cedar waxwing, and robin.

White cedars, so prevalent in the northeast, are an excellent source of food and shelter for many birds. They eat the seeds, and in winter, the evergreen branches provide cover, a place to escape the fierce winter winds.

Brambles, especially blackberries and raspberries that are a good food source for birds and small animals in summer, provide a protective haven for wildlife in the winter. Alders, one of the first trees to reappear on land that has been cleared and allowed to regrow, offer twigs and buds for munching by beavers and rabbits, and a protective cover for these animals.



A moose travels through the woods in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. photo by Nancy Cassidy

Brush, seeds, and nuts

The native twiggy shrub, red-osier dogwood, grows along streams and in abandoned fields and has brilliant scarlet stems in mid-winter. It provides browse for deer, bear, beaver, and rabbit. Birds enjoy its bluish-black fruit, found in clusters on the ends of the stems. Ruffed grouse, pheasant, and wild turkeys especially like it.

Deer will browse on the ironwood tree, maples, and their favorite, the mountain ash. The hophornbeam, another native tree, has fruits in the fall that are a secondary food for grouse. In winter, the tree buds are this bird's primary food.

And who hasn't seen squirrels gathering acorns for winter? Other game animals and mammals also eat acorns, as well as the small red fruits of the low-growing partridgeberry.

This fall, as you clean up some of the brush around your yard, why not leave some for the wildlife this winter? They'll be glad you did, and so will you.

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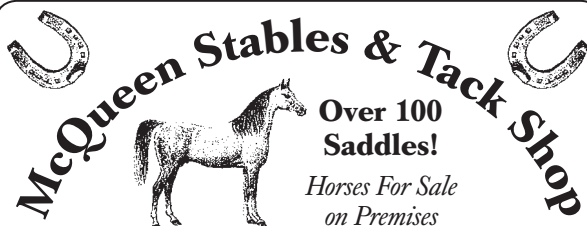
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Celebrating the bounty of the Brookfield community, this first official coop event will be held at the Old Town Hall. The newly-formed Cooperative includes local farms, small producers of agricultural products, a fine-dining restaurant, a natural foods retreat and several small lodging choices.

Brookfield Market Day is a joint venture between the Cooperative and the Brookfield Old Town Hall. From 2-5 p.m. a Farmers' Market will showcase the Coop's products in the Old Town Hall. Visitors can walk down the street to an Art Show or attend cooking classes by cookbook author Jane Doerfer. There will be a Silent Auction, wagon rides, face painting, live music and the Library book sale.

At 5 p.m., the Coop will host a family barbecue of locally produced food and, of course, Ariel's Restaurant will be open for dinner from

5:30 to 9 p.m. The Old Town Hall will host square dancing at 7 p.m., with caller Jennifer Steckler and the band "Her Majesty's Streak o'Lean." Come and dance!

Admission to the Brookfield Market Day is free. The barbecue is \$10 (\$5 for children). The \$5 square dance admission benefits the "Potty Time" fund-raiser to bring composting toilets to the Old Town Hall.

Members of the Floating Bridge Food and Farms Cooperative include All Together Farm, Ariel's Restaurant, Brookfield Bed and Breakfast, Brookfield Bees, Brotherly Farm, Buck's Wagon Rides, Fat Toad Farm, Fern Hill, Green Mountain Girls, Green Trails Inn, Rough Terrain Farm, Sweet Retreat, Sweet Roots Farm, Twin Pond Retreat, and Turkey Hill Farm.

For information about the Floating Bridge Food and Farms Cooperative, contact Judith Irving at (802) 276-0787 or visit www.Floating-BridgeFoodandFarms.com.

For more about the Brookfield Old Town Hall, e-mail brookfieldOTH@gmail.com.



Reflections from the Floating Bridge at Pond Village in Brookfield, VT. photo by Nancy Cassidy

The Farmer's Kitchen at Turkey Hill Farm in Randolph Center, VT

The movement toward growing our food locally is nowhere more evident than here in Vermont where farmstands, home gardens, and farmers markets abound. But what to do with all that beautiful fresh produce!

To help with this, Turkey Hill Farm in Randolph Center, VT is hosting a series of Farmer's Kitchen Cooking Classes this summer and fall. Margaret Osha, who operates Turkey Hill with her husband Stuart, is a traditional farm cook who will share with you her experience in preparing healthful foods using local ingredients.

A small-scale, self-sufficient operation, Turkey Hill also offers farming workshops, runs a raw-milk micro dairy and a farm store, The Moo-tique. You can purchase farm-made products like their Turkey Hill Blue, an artisan blue cheese made from their own raw milk. You can also plan a stay in their spacious, all-new, on-farm apartment.

The Osha's are leaders of the Greater Randolph Area Weston A. Price Foundation and are interested in educating people about the movement toward eating locally-raised, nutrient-dense foods.

Late Summer Garden Cooking Classes

Saturday, August 14, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Making Fresh Veggie Artisan-style Pizza & Raw-Milk Mozzarella. Fee: \$60, includes a student-prepared lunch.

Saturday, August 21, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Preserving the Summer Garden: Canning, Freezing, Drying & Winter Storage. (A NOFA-VT Summer Workshop Series Event.) Fee: \$10 NOFA members, \$15 non-members, includes a light lunch. To register for this workshop call (802) 434-4122.

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Saturday, September 18, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Making Raw-Milk Ricotta Cheese, Fresh Tomato-Herb Sauce & Fresh Pasta. Fee: \$60, includes a student-prepared lunch.

Columbus Day Weekend Apple Festival Cooking Classes at the Farm

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Friday, October 8, 1–3 p.m. Making Old German-Style Donuts. Fee: \$30.

Saturday, October 9, 10:30–11:30 a.m. Cooking with Boiled Cider Syrup. Fee: \$15.

Saturday, October 9, 1–3 p.m. Cooking with Apples. Fee: \$30.

Sunday, October 10, 10:30–11:30 a.m. Cooking with Boiled Cider Syrup. Fee: \$15.

Sunday, October 10, 1–3 p.m. Making Old German-Style Donuts. Fee: \$30.

Turkey Hill Farm is located at 55 Turkey Hill Rd. in Randolph Center, VT. To register for classes, call Stuart and Margaret Osha at (802) 728-7064, e-mail localfood@turkeyhillfarmvt.com or visit turkeyhillfarmvt.com.

Directions: from Randolph (exit 4 off I-89) go east on Rt. 66. Take a left at the "T" onto Ridge Rd. (not marked.) Go past Floyd's Store about 1/2 mile and turn right onto N. Randolph Rd. Go 7/10's of a mile to a four-way intersection (you will be at Neighborly Farms.) Turn right onto Curtis Rd. and go up the hill about 3/10's of a mile. You will see our pasture, raw milk sign and three mailboxes. Take a right onto Turkey Hill Rd., and our driveway is the first left.

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➔18th Annual New World Festival in Randolph, VT ➔

Sunday, September 5

Randolph’s Main Street is the place to be this Labor Day weekend as Chandler presents its 18th annual New World Festival, an all-day, all-weather festival of Celtic and French Canadian music and dance. On Sunday, September 5, the center of town will be alive with family activities from noon to midnight.

More than 100 exceptional musicians and folk dancers are drawn from New England, Canada and the British Isles. Concerts, music and dance workshop sessions, children’s activities, and open dancing unfold simultaneously on five stages, in historic Chandler Music Hall, and under a colorful complex of walled tents.

Patrons and performers are both passionate about this family-friendly festival with it’s close connections between musicians and audience members and easy access to all performance venues.

Newfoundland guitarist and mandolin player Keith Murphy has called the New World Festival “the torch bearer for traditional music in the United States.” More than one band has said, “This is our favorite festival!” Pipers, fiddlers, accordionists, drummers, guitarists, step dancers, puppeteers, and dance callers, and an enthusiastic audience all create a celebratory atmosphere.

French and Celtic cultural heritage in Vermont

The New World Festival celebrates Vermont’s Celtic and French Canadian heritage by way of the musical traditions that immigrated to the “New World” with French and Celtic peoples. Performances range from the strictly traditional to music that’s based on this vibrant heritage, yet stretched to include modern influences. Many loyal fans are eagerly anticipating the return of one of the festival’s favorite bands, Prydein, which will close out the day in the dance tent with its unique Scottish “kilt-rock” now featuring two bagpipers!

Artistic Director Kevin Dunwoody is especially excited to welcome back Norouet after a long hiatus. The music of Norouet remains firmly grounded in the traditional music of Québec, but that grounding reflects the Québec of 2010 not 1810.

The John Whelan Band makes its first appearance at this year’s festival, blending humor and high energy with impeccable musicianship. The band takes Irish music into an energetically eclectic direction, finding magical associations between Celtic sounds and music from many other parts of the world.

New World Festival fans will welcome the return of the dynamic Scottish band Cantrip whose masterful interweaving of fiddles, pipes, guitar and bouzouki brings down the house year after year and Rapetipetam with exceptional fusion of music and dance, tradition and innovation. Tri, The Press Gang, and Skellig make their festival debuts this year. The venerable Quebecois fiddler Claude Méthé and Dente-lion will perform as will Nightingale, Raz-de-Marée and Atlantic Crossing.

A traditional dance celebration!

If you love to dance or wish to learn traditional dance styles, or just like to watch, dynamic bands with sought-after callers will be performing from noon ’til midnight. Callers Nils Fredland and Adina Gordon will be leading dances. Past years have seen traditional contradance, French, Zydeco, and Celtic Rock bands all in one day. And the Midnight Capers brings their Morris dancing to Main Street.

The Dance Tent and the Family Tent will have storytelling, creative activities, music, and dance by young fiddlers and



photo by North Light Studios
The New World Festival audience enjoys a performance by Cantrip at Bethany Church in Randolph, VT.

dancers. Randolph’s own No Strings Marionette Company will entertain children of all ages.

Ethnic and local food and crafts

Enjoy the delicious variety of ethnic and healthy foods made from fresh, local ingredients, cooked up by civic organizations and restaurants and served in the Food Tent. Local breweries and vineyards will be selling the finest in liquid refreshment.

Inside the Chandler Gallery and on the streets, Vermont-made jewelry, prints, foodstuffs, instruments, and fabric arts will be for sale, along with traditional crafts from around the world. The Festival store is a favorite destination, offering performers’ CDs, including some that are hard to find even on-line.

The New World Festival promises a “world of music close to home.” It is run entirely by 150 enthusiastic community volunteers under the artistic direction of the New World Festival’s music coordinator Kevin Dunwoody. Ticket prices have been level-funded this year and family packages are available in an effort to keep the festival affordable for families.

Pedestrian-friendly and easily navigable, the event takes place rain or shine with all venues indoors or under tents. Park at Randolph Union High School or the Town’s municipal parking lots, and The Stagecoach will shuttle you to and from the lots for free.

The New World Festival enjoys generous support from the Vermont business community and all festival proceeds go to support programming for youth at Chandler.

Festival tickets: adults \$35, children 13-18 \$10, 2-12 \$5. Half-day adult tickets after 6 pm are \$20. There is a volunteer option: free admission for three hours work! All tickets are available at the gate on the day of the festival.

For discounted advance tickets through August 31, go online or call Chandler Box Office at (802) 728-6464. All performance spaces are wheelchair accessible. No pets, s’il vous plait.

For a full listing of performers, vendors, ticket, lodging and travel information, visit www.NewWorldFestival.com.

The New World Festival is presented by Chandler Center for the Arts in Randolph, VT. For more information call (802) 728-9878 or e-mail becky@chandler-arts.org. Randolph is located two miles from Exit 4 of I-89 in Central Vermont.



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Festival-goers dance to the lively tunes of Gadelle, in the Dance Tent at the New World Festival.



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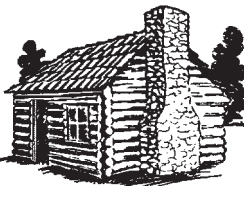


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A country road winds down the mountain in Hancock, VT.

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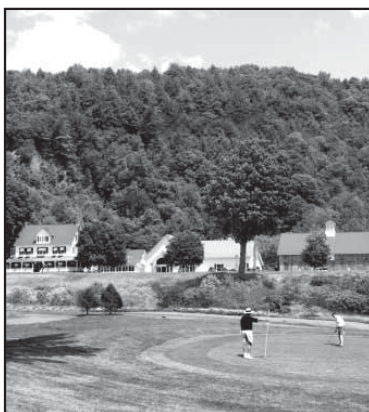
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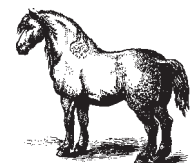
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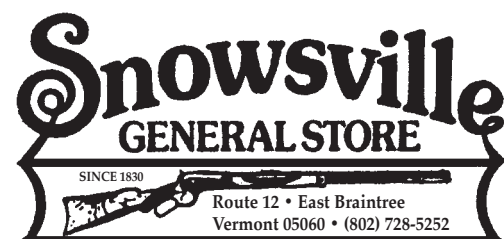
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Outdoor Adventures Begin at Three Stallion Inn

by Charles Sutton

This is the time of year you see a lot of bicyclists on back country roads often alerting us to their presence with colorful little flags.

In particular, the White River Valley area of central Vermont around Randolph has attracted a growing number of bicyclists, thanks to bike tour groups and in particular to the Three Stallion Inn, having served both traditional and mountain bikers for many years.

The popularity of bicycle touring began about 30 years ago when Vermont Bicycle Tours director John Frieden asked Sam Sammis to fix up his inn, then a rustic lodge for cross-country skiers, to accommodate bicyclists. This was done and the tour has been booking there ever since. Today two other tour groups, Bike Vermont, and a newcomer, New England Adventures, also stay at The Three Stallion Inn for three nights of their week-long tour.

The superb meals served at the inn's Morgan's Pub and Lippett's Restaurant, the comfortable lodging, saunas baths and massage therapists are just what bikers are looking forward to after that workout on the road. "When the bikers come back for their last two-night stay," Sammis said, "they say they wished they'd never left."

Bicycle Magazine called Randolph the "Moab of the East." (Named after Utah's adventure capitol). The up-and-down routes going east and west of Randolph are suitable for and a challenge to the more experienced and technical biker; routes in the north-south direction follow valley floors and are ideal for beginners or those who want to enjoy an easier outing.

For those adventurers who would like to stay at the inn and head out on their own traditional or mountain biking day trips, a pocket-size guide entitled *Randolph Vermont Biking* (Priced \$4.95) shows over 500 miles of mapped trails, bike tours with difficulty ratings, a topographic map, and interesting comments like "a good place for food and a swim" or "chicken crossing" and go past "sheep farm."

There's no chance to get lost with exact odometer readings listed at each turn and what to look for exactly spelled out. For example, the directions included for the Quarry Hill Loop, a 13.2-mile, easy mountain bike ride, reads "at mile six, sharp left at "Y" intersection across from utility poll #32 with green trail signs, follow the dirt road up hill to reach a beautiful northern view of Randolph valley; then at 7.8 miles onto the Class IV road to the left of dairy farm, pass mobile home; and at 9.2 miles before the brown house on left, follow road into woods, stay left."

The booklet contains eight such trips for mountain bikers; six paved road trips for bicyclers; and 10 scenic back road trips with such inviting names as Stone Soup Loop, Berry Billy Goat and Kelsey Challenge. The guide would



photo by Brian Hartigan
Exploring the many miles of trails at Three Stallion Inn is a perfect way to experience Vermont. Pictured here are Megan Kresock (left) on Echo, a Quarter Horse/Paint cross, and Alessa Chittenden (right) on Chance, a Quarter Horse.

be especially helpful on a windy day as it folds up neatly, and one's trip for the day with map is compacted into a six by four inch space!

One also can have a challenging or leisurely day outdoors without leaving Three Stallion Inn property on the Green Mountain Stock Farm with its 35 km of groomed hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding trails spread through 1,300 acres of woods and open areas. The Montague Golf Club, an 18-hole private course open to the public, and the second oldest in Vermont, is adjacent to the inn.

Day hikers will find a good choice of trekking opportunities in the area from arduous to easy with many peaks nearby in the Green Mountain National Forest. One of the most popular is the 3-5 hour round-trip climb of Camels Hump

(elevation 4083). The summit area is above the timberline and provides a panoramic view of the Green Mountains, the White Mountains, and the Adirondacks, with views from Mt. Mansfield south to Mt. Ascutney. The mountain is only a 45-minute ride from the inn.

Also inviting is Allis State Park in Brookfield, a 20-minute drive from Randolph. Its Bear Hill hilltop setting provides memorable views of central Vermont, and there are several hiking trails including a loop within the park that is considered strenuous.

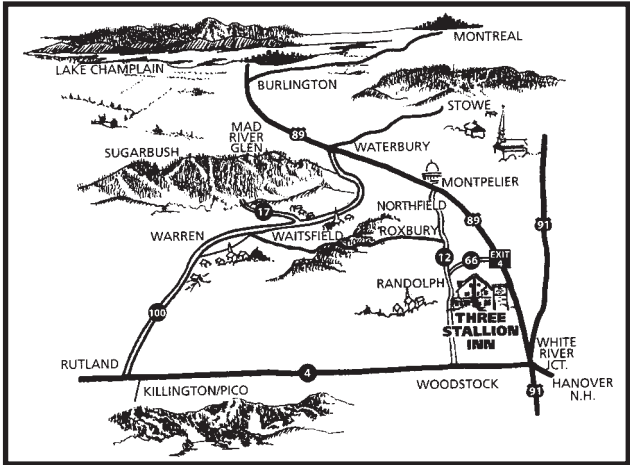
Finally if a guest would rather go horseback riding than bike or hike, the inn provides free lodging for your horse, including fenced pastures, a riding ring, and 20 well-maintained indoors stalls. There are veterinarians and farriers in the area if needed. Half-day trail rides can also be arranged for guests at the nearby T-N-T Stables in Barre, VT.

For those who would like to bring their own horse for a trail riding vacation, the inn offers a package for \$200 per night (per person, double occupancy). This includes hiking, biking and trail riding with free bike rentals, unlimited use of the inn's trail system, a country breakfast cooked to order each morning, and use of all inn amenities including the fitness center, swimming pool, saunas bath, and tennis courts. And of course, deluxe accommodations for your horse in the inn's beautiful stables.

For more information and reservations contact the Three Stallion Inn, 665 Stock Farm Rd., Randolph, VT 05060 or call (800) 424-5575 or (802) 728-5575. Visit threestallioninn.com.



Mountain biking through the woods and trails at Three Stallion Inn. photo by Brian Hartigan



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North Country Book News

Manchester Center, VT

Late Summer Events at Northshire Bookstore

Northshire Bookstore in Manchester Center, VT invites you to come to their book & author, and other interesting events. They are free and are held at the bookstore at 4869 Main St. For more information call (802) 362-2200 or visit www.northshire.com.

Thursday, August 19 at 7:00 pm. Alan Benoit and Sustainable Living in Vermont present "Vermont's Heating Revolution." The evening features talks by Alan Benoit of Sustainable Design, Andy Boutin of Pellergy LLC, and Bob Garret of BBAF of Vermont. The revolution in heating taking place in Vermont provides home and business owners a means to reduce their usage of fossil fuels, decrease their carbon footprint, and utilize an abundant local resource. Whether you heat with oil or wood, this presentation will demonstrate how you can use your existing heating system to save money and stimulate the local economy without having to cut, split, and stack wood. Andy Boutin of Pellergy LLC has developed a pellet burner system to retrofit current oil and wood fired furnaces and boilers. He is now manufacturing this system, which has been used throughout Northern Europe for the past two decades, in his Barre, Vermont facility. Bob Garret of BBAF of Vermont Inc. has been delivering wood pellets throughout the state for years. He has recently developed custom delivery vehicles and procedures that have transformed the home fuel delivery industry.

Wednesday, August 25 at 7 p.m. Theresa Rebeck presents her new novel, *Twelve Rooms with a View*. In this entertain-

ing story we follow Tina Finn—a woman both comical and compelling, well-intentioned and a bit of a thief—as she begins to love her new home, discovers traits to admire in people she's only just met, and realizes, finally, her place in her family and the world. Rebeck takes us on a light-hearted journey through New York City's high society and the world of Manhattan real estate. This is a fascinating story of the inner workings of old New York society, where power, friendships, mystery, and real estate holdings last longer than passing trends.

Friday, August 27 at 7 p.m. Linda Gravenon, Abigail Thomas, and Jane O'Reilly discuss their collaboration, *In the Fullness of Time: 32 Women on Life After 50*. This collection of writings from a stellar cast of contributors presents a deeply personal, dynamic view of what it means to grow older as a woman in our world. The 32 contributors range from a playwright, novelists, actors, a musician, magazine editors and writers, and a well-known women's physician, all of whom write about aspects of aging that are unique to their own experiences.

Thursday, September 2 at 7 p.m. Anita Diamant, author of *Day After Night*, discusses this intensely moving story of four young women who escape Nazi Europe for Israel – only to find themselves behind barbed wire once again at the British internment camp Atlit. Based on the extraordinary true story of the October 1945 rescue of more than two hundred prisoners from a camp for "illegal" immigrants.

Tuesday, September 21 at 7 p.m. Dominique Browning talks about her new book, *Slow Love: How I Lost My Job, Put on My Pajamas & Found Happiness*. For over a decade, Browning, editor-in-chief of *House & Garden*, had been embroiled in the Condé Nast empire. But one morning in 2007, the magazine folded and she was told to pack up her office. Overnight her driven, purpose-filled days vanished.



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Children's Book Review

Ernest, The Moose Who Doesn't Fit

by Catherine Rayner

This humorous picture book is about an awkward, oversized moose who is so big he can't fit into the book! With the help of a little chipmunk friend they figure out a way to make him fit by constructing an enormous gatefold page out of some tape, bits of colored paper, and lots of their own ingenuity. At the end of the book Ernest finds a new home on a new page suitable to his size and shape. Young readers will realize, too, that there is a place for them in the world regardless of size and shape.

The art work is eye-catching which helps one sympathize with the moose as he shims, shifts and shuffles trying to fit in.

The author, who lives in Edinburgh, Scotland, is the creator of several picture books including *Harris Finds His Feet*, winner of the 2009 Kate Greenaway Medal.

Ernest, The Moose Who Doesn't Fit is published by Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers and is available for \$15.99. www.fsgkidsbooks.com.

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group. Nothing is required, though, and the event is free and open to the public. Listeners are also welcome.

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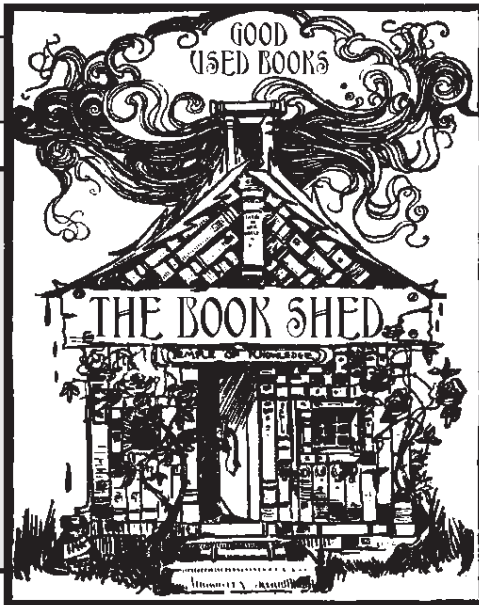
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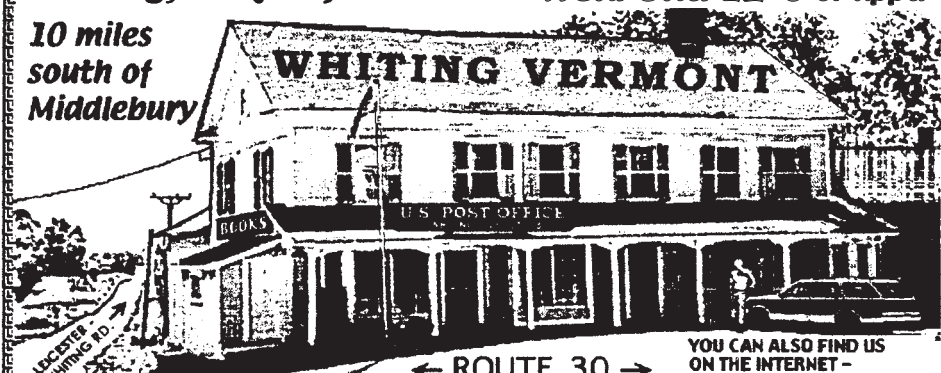
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Fading Memories from a Vermont Hillside

by Robert L. and William C. Badger

(Published by Shire Press, Manchester Center, VT)

What a wonderful find—a cigar box in the attic containing 16 rolls of 35 mm film taken in the late 1920s to mid-1930s, of life and times in Landgrove, VT, with scenes of horse-drawn farm equipment, antique cars, and friends and neighbors who lived and farmed there.

The photographs were taken by William R. Badger whose two sons, Robert L. and William C., have now put the best of the collection together with other family photos into this book of memories and reflections.

The account dates back to when their grandfather bought a 240-acre farm in Landgrove in 1929 for \$2,500. The family living there had been eking out a living growing potatoes, corn and hay and milking a few cows. Grandfather Badger, a furniture maker, was looking for a retirement home and had spent summers in the area staying at the Highland House, a farm that took in boarders. After purchasing the property, and not into farming himself, he let neighbors hay the fields and tap the sugar trees and hunt in its woods.

He and his son (the author's father) decided to plant and harvest red pines, then thought to be the tree of future, as the

Book Review by Charles Sutton

concept of species diversity for a healthy woodlot was forty year away. Seven thousand red pine seedlings were purchased in 1936 for \$1 per thousand, and with the help of neighbors were planted in rows straight and even about six feet apart.

The grandfather died in 1937 at the age of 85, and his son William inherited the farm. He was working in New York City at the time and commuted home to Landgrove on the weekends. But the family fell on hard times after World War II and sadly had to sell off the house, barn and grandfather's workshop with 40 acres of land in 1951 for \$2,500. The family moved down the road to another home, where today author and grandson Robert and his wife are rebuilding a retirement home on the former house site.

We learn that the trees turned out to be of marginal financial worth, bringing in only \$5 a cord in 1965 when sold as pulp wood to the International Paper mill in Ticonderoga, N.Y. Another sale in 1974 brought in only \$2 a cord! As the trees matured and got bigger, later harvests for highway guard rails, telephone poles, and lumber brought in more income.

The family put the forest into the Vermont Land Use Management Plan in the mid-1980s, so logging since then has been done in conformance with a forester's plan. The harvesting now includes pine, hemlock, spruce and hardwood logs, firewood, pulp, ash and soft maple. The bonus from the woodlot was ash, worth \$450 per thousand board feet, sold to the True Temper mill in Wallingford for tool handles. Other prices then were only \$30 per 1,000 board feet of red maple or beech. Firewood got an unbelievable \$3 a cord compared to prices today.

Author Robert Badger, who now is a professor of geol-



A Badger family photo
William R. Badger (left) and his father William C.H. Badger harvest squash in 1930 at their homestead in Landgrove, VT.

ogy at Potsdam College in New York State, took us on a tour of the forest for a look-see for how it is today. There's a large woodlot of red pine survivors, tall and handsome as if guarding a memory of the past. The walk in the woods is described in the final chapter in the book: "We've walked this trail hundreds of times—with Dad when we were growing up, with friends, girl friends, wives, kids and dogs." It goes by an old blueberry patch, a spot where his mother and father first camped out, logging trails, an old sugarhouse foundation, and even a fox hole. Robert said for years his family used to see and admire foxes frolicking in the field between their homestead and the woods. One day they were gone, probably trapped, and their hole left vacant for years. However, since the book has been published, Robert sees signs that new foxes have returned.

Memories of that time and era may be fading, but not lost forever, thanks to this family's record on film for all of us to see.

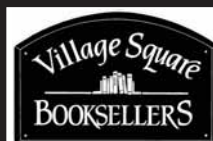
Fading Memories from a Vermont Hillside by Robert L. and William C. Badger has been printed for the benefit of the Landgrove Historical Society. Published by Shire Press it is available for \$15 at Northshire Bookstore in Manchester Center, VT. (802) 362-2200. Visit www.northshire.com.



A Badger family photo
The authors' grandparents, William Crawford Hinkley Badger and Marian Tasker Badger in 1936



A Badger family photo
The authors' father, William R. Badger (2nd from left) and his Woody Model A, posing here with the Richardson boys: Al, Paul in the car, Norm and Charlie. The Richardson family owned a farm on Landgrove flats and Paul Richardson and William R. Badger were friends for 50 years.



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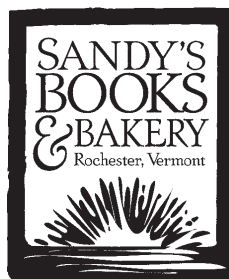
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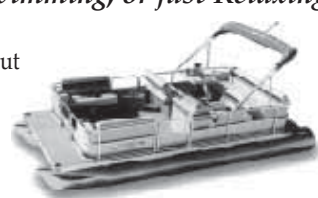
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Trials Field Walks at High Mowing Organic Seeds

High Mowing Organic Seeds in Wolcott, VT is hosting monthly “Trials Field Walks,” guided tours of the over 800 vegetable, herb and flower varieties being grown, compared and evaluated in the 3-acre HMS trials garden. The walks are held at our trial garden on Marsh Road in Wolcott, VT. Join High Mowing Organic Seeds trials manager Heather Jerrett for a walk down the rows, to see and taste some of High Mowing’s newly-released, exclusive varieties, like King Crimson pepper and Midnight Lightning zucchini, along with labeled displays of many, many more varieties. The High Mowing Organic Seeds trial garden serves as a rigorous testing ground for selecting stand-out varieties to make available to through the annual seed catalog.

Each session focuses on specific crop groups, but there will also be time to explore all the varieties being grown in the trials garden. Join us to learn and share information about growing specific crops, handling pests and diseases, and for a sneak preview of new varieties that may soon be available as organic seed!

On Sunday, August 22nd, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the walk will highlight summer crops, including cucumbers, summer

squash, melons, watermelons, beans, beets, carrots, lettuce, fennel, snap beans, edamame, napa cabbage, tomatoes and peppers. This Trials Field Walk coincides with the Kingdom Farm & Food Days, a two-day event celebrating food and farming in the Northeast Kingdom.

On Wednesday, September 22nd, from 4 to 6 p.m. the focus on winter squash, carrots, beets, leeks, onions, lettuce and root crops.

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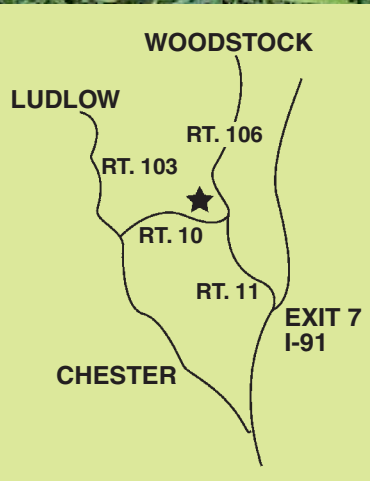
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