

Vermont Country Sampler

March 2018 Calendar

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See the end of the daily event calendar for ongoing activities; museums, exhibits, and galleries; community dances and music; recreation and nature centers; and farmers markets.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

HANOVER, NH. Visiting Artist Series Performance: Qyrq Qyz (Forty Girls). Rare and ancient matriarchal narrative of powerful Central Asian women warriors, told through live music, poetry and contemporary film. Tickets: \$17–\$25. 7 pm; pre-show talk at 6 pm. The Moore Theater, Hopkins Center for the Arts, 4 E. Wheelock St. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

SOUTH BURLINGTON. No-Till and Cover Crop Symposium. Fee (includes lunch): \$85, graduate students \$50. Registration required by Feb. 23. 9 am – 4:30 pm. DoubleTree by Hilton (formerly the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center), just off I-89 at Exit 14W. (802) 388-4969. champlain.crops@uvm.edu. go.uvm.edu/ntcc.

WATERBURY CENTER. Out on a Limb: What Black Bears Have Taught Me about Intelligence and Intuition. Speaker: Ben Kilham, wildlife biologist who has studied black bears and their habits for more than twenty years. Admission: \$8, kids under 12 free. Newcomers and non-members welcome. 7-8:30 pm. Green Mountain Club Visitor Center, 4711 Waterbury Stowe Rd. (802) 785-2129. www.greenmountainclub.org.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

HANOVER, NH. Dartmouth Idol Finals. Tickets: \$10–\$20. 8 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center for the Arts, 4 E. Wheelock St. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

ST. ALBANS. “Cabin Fever” Acoustic Concert: Northern Flyer, bluegrass and Americana band. Benefit for the Saint Albans Museum. Tickets: \$15, online or at the door. 7:30 pm in the Bliss Room, Saint Albans Museum. stamuseum.org.

WOODSTOCK. Concert: Tal National. Multi-ethnic Nigerian group performs high-energy West African rock ‘n’ roll. Tickets: \$15–\$40. 8-11 pm. Woodstock Little Theater, 54 River St. (802) 999-3391.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

ASCUTNEY. Turkey Dinner. Turkey, mixed vegetables, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, biscuits, garden salad and dessert. To-go meals available. Benefits the Ascutney Fire Department. Admission: adults \$10, children age 6–10 \$5, under 6 free. 5–7 pm. Meal served until 7 pm or sold out. Martin Memorial Hall, 5259 Route 5. (802) 674-6869.

BRATTLEBORO. Circus Spectacular 2018. Dazzling fundraising event hosted by the New England Center for Circus Arts. Guest artists from circuses around the world, high flying aerialists, acrobats, and jugglers. Tickets: \$15–\$50. 7:30–9 pm. Latchis Theater, 50 Main St. (802) 254-9780. info@necenterforcircusarts.org. brownpapertickets.com/event/3220844.

EAST BURKE. Burke Mountain Ciderfest. Tasting event and party. Vermont’s finest cider-makers pouring samples, selling their wares. Live music with Granite Junction. Ski + Cider lift ticket and tasting combo: \$50 (advance only). Tasting-only tickets: \$15. 1-5 pm. Burke Mountain Hotel, Burke Mountain Resort, 223 Sherburne Lodge Rd. (802) 626-7400.

EESSEX JUNCTION. Vermont Renaissance Winter Faire. Music, dancing, artisanry, and medieval reenactments. Admission: \$5–\$15, children under 6 free. 10 am – 7 pm. Champlain Valley Exposition, 105 Pearl St. (Route 15). admin@burlingtonirishheritage.org. vtgatherings.com/winter-faire. burlingtonirishheritage.org.

GRAFTON. “Salamander Sky”: Book Reading and Signing with Author Katy Farber. Meet the author, ask questions about the writing process, and learn more about this incredible natural springtime

phenomenon and how we can help the salamanders that live in our forests. Admission by donation. 1 pm. The Nature Museum at Grafton, 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. nature-museum.org.

GRAFTON. Marvelous Maple Syrup: A Program for Families. Follow the life-cycle of a jug of maple syrup: from tree, to sugar house, to a steaming plate of waffles. Hands-on learning and opportunities to taste locally-made maple syrup. Stay for the afternoon: at 1 pm, local author Katy Farber will be reading her new book Salamander Sky. Admission by donation. 10–11:30 am. The Nature Museum, 186 Townshend Rd. 802-843-2111. nature-museum.org.

LYNDON. Snowflake Festival. Snow sculpture contest, sledding, hockey, winter biking, torchlight parade, spaghetti suppers, ice skating, snowmobile hill climb, quilt show and more. Cost: each event varies; some are free or by donation. 12 noon. Fatbike Festival. (802) 626-9696. info@lyndonvermont.com. burkevermont.com/snowflake-festival.php. *Through March 4.*

WATERBURY. 15th Annual Ben & Jerry’s Winter Festival. 11 am – 4 pm. Ben & Jerry’s, 1281 Waterbury-Stowe Rd. (802) 882-1240. amy.weller@benjerry.com. benjerry.com.

WOODSTOCK. Ukrainian Egg Decorating. Learn how to make Ukrainian Easter eggs (also known as psanky). Taught by Danelle Sims. Eggs and supplies provided. Recommended for ages 12 and up. Free. 10:30 am – 1 pm. Norman Williams Public Library, 10 The Green. (802) 457-2295.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

BURLINGTON. Wintervale. Good food, hot drinks, outdoor recreation and winter fun. Free ski and snowshoe rentals. Free fat bike rentals, bonfire, chili-cook off. Food for purchase. Hot chocolate tasting. Maple tastings and sugar on snow. Kids’ activities and nature walks. Free. 11 am – 3 pm. 282 Intervale Rd. (802) 658-3313. info@localmotion.org. intervale.org/wintervale.

MONDAY, MARCH 5

STATEWIDE. Burlington Irish Heritage Festival—The Irish Woman’s Voice in Poetry. Angela Patten, Dublin born poet and senior lecturer at the University of Vermont, visits with Margaret Harrington on the Channel 17 TV series FOCUS. Available on Channel 17 TV and BIHF websites starting March 5 and throughout the month. admin@burlingtonirishheritage.org. www.burlingtonirishheritage.org.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

BURLINGTON. Burlington Irish Heritage Festival Concert: Gypsy Reel. High energy stirring music rooted in the Celtic tradition but garnered from the whole world. 7–10 pm. Rí Rá Irish Pub and Restaurant, 123 Church St. admin@burlingtonirishheritage.org. burlingtonirishheritage.org. *Every Wednesday.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

CHESTER. “Climate Solutions in Plain Sight: The Role of Water” with Author Judith D. Schwartz. Presentation by the author, group discussion, light refreshments, and book signings. For adults and teens. Suggested donation: \$7 if registered by March 1, \$10 after March 1st. 7 pm. NewsBank Conference Center, 352 Main St. (802) 843-2111. nature-museum.org.

LYNDON CENTER. Performance: Dublin Irish Dancers—Stepping Out. Dance troupe of world champion Irish step dancers with a sensational eight-member traditional Irish band and vocalist. Tickets: \$54, \$44, \$34, \$24, \$15 (students \$15). 7 pm. Lyndon Institute Alumni Auditorium, 168 Institute Circle. catamountarts.org.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Snowshoe in the Trailless Aiken Wilderness. Snowshoe through Woodford State Park into the Aiken Wilderness. Length determined by the weather. Bring extra clothes, handwarmers, snacks, lunch and fluids. Hiking poles strongly recommended. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Free. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Meet at Shaw’s in Manchester Center at 7:30 am or at the parking across from Woodford State Park at 8:30 am. RSVP required: Dave Ratti, (802) 366-0698.

Thursday, March 8, continued:

MIDDLEBURY. Concert: Runa. Celtic Roots Music, interweaving the haunting melodies and exuberant tunes of Ireland and Scotland with the lush harmonies and intoxicating rhythms of jazz, bluegrass, flamenco and blues. Tickets: \$20 (+\$2 preservation fee). 7 pm. Town Hall Theater. (802) 382-9222. townhalltheater.org.

NO. CLARENDON. Play: Mill River Union High School's theater company, Stage 40, present their production of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. Iconic characters: Chief, Big Nurse and RP McMurphy grapple with the rules of society and those who dare to break them. Tickets: \$5. 7:30 pm. Mill River Union High School, Middle Rd.

RUTLAND. Book & Author Event. Join Chris Bohjalian for a book talk on *The Flight Attendant*, a powerful story about the ways an entire life can change in one night: A flight attendant wakes up in the wrong hotel, in the wrong bed, with a dead man — and no idea what happened. Free. 6:30 pm. Unitarian Universalist Church of Rutland, 117 West St. (802) 855-8078. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

RUTLAND. Saturday Story Time. Timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Each week, they will choose a new picture book, a classic or a staff favorite to read aloud together. Free. 1–2 pm. Phoenix Books Rutland, 2 Center St. (802) 855-8078. info@phoenixbooks.biz. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

RUTLAND. Presentation on the Rattlesnakes of Vermont. Doug Blodgett will discuss this reclusive but much maligned and misunderstood reptile, and its unique contribution to Vermont's native wildlife community. Registration suggested. 7–8:30 pm. Room 102, Community College of Vermont, 60 West St. (802) 747-7900. info@vermontwoodlands.org. vermontwoodlands.org.

RUTLAND. Artist Round Table and Live Interview. Hosts: Katelyn Barcellos and George Nostrand. Live interview with several of the 35+ artists currently exhibiting in the "Art of Rutland County" show. Audience questions encouraged. Mix and mingle, peruse the gallery. Free refreshments. Free. 7–9 pm. 77 Gallery, 77 Grove St. the77gallery@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

BRATTLEBORO. Revolution! Opening Night Gala for the 27th annual Women's Film Festival. Attend dressed as your favorite activist or take inspiration from a revolutionary time period. Champagne, wine, and hors-d'oeuvres, followed by a screening of the film *Left on Pearl*, which features the 1971 takeover and occupation of a Harvard University-owned building by hundreds of Boston-area women. 7-10 pm. New England Youth Theatre, 100 Flat St. (802) 257-7364. womensfilmfestival.org.

HARDWICK. Governor's Annual Maple Season Tree-Tapping. Governor Phil Scott and Agriculture Secretary Anson Tebbetts will tap a maple tree, to recognize the importance of the maple industry to Vermont's economy and heritage. 10 am. Hazen's Sugarhouse, directly behind the Hazen Union High School, 126 Hazen Union Dr. (802) 828-6403. governor.vermont.gov.

STRATTON. Vermont Open Snowboard and Music Festival. Riders of all ages compete against past and current pros at the place where it all began. \$20,000 prize purse in a variety of events, including Slopestyle, Rail Jam, Banked Slalom. Stratton Mountain Resort, 5 Village Lodge Rd. (800) 787-2886. *Through March 11.*

WILLISTON. Brick Church Music Series Concert: Greg Ryan & Rani Arbo. Opening act: Dominique Dodge, harpist. Guest visual artist: Jerry Lasky, nature photographs of wildlife and landscapes. Baked goods served at intermission. Tickets: \$13 advance, \$15 at the door, seniors and children under 12 \$11/\$13. Doors open at 6:30 pm, show starts at 7 pm. Old Brick Church in Williston Village. rmcguire@willistonvt.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

BARNARD. Masquerade Jazz & Funk Winter Music Carnival. Five hours of jazz, bossa nova, R&B and brass band funk. BYOB. Costumes welcome. Admission (includes food and activities): adults \$20, students \$10, 6 and under free. 6–11 pm. BarnArts Center for the Arts, 6211 Route 12. (802) 234-1645. barnarts.org

BARRE. Concert: Skipper's Alley. One of Ireland's top young traditional bands take the stage to kick off St. Paddy's Day week. Tickets \$20-\$26. 7:30 pm. The Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. (802) 476-8188. www.barreoperahouse.org.

BELLOWS FALLS. Concert: The Andrew Collins Trio. Bluegrass, folk, jazz, classical and swing, with a dizzying number of instruments on stage. Tickets: advance \$20, seniors \$15; at door \$25, seniors \$20. 7:30 pm. Stone Church Center, 12 Church St. (802) 460-0110. sca@sover.net. stonchurchcharts.org.

BENNINGTON. Second Annual Southern Vermont Wings and Winter Homebrew Festival. Home-brewed beer, cider, mead, braggot and wine. Area restaurants compete for "Best Regional Wings." Music by Beard and Glasses. Tickets: \$30. 1–4 pm at the former Brush Building, 190 North St. Bennington.com/homebrew.

BRANDON. Concert: Julia Mark. A singer-songwriter and pianist of jazz-inflected folk/pop. Tickets: \$20. Pre-concert dinner available for \$25. Reservations required for dinner and recommended for the show. Venue is BYOB. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 247-4295. info@brandon-music.net. www.brandon-music.net.

BRATTLEBORO. 2018 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Ceremony. Keynote speaker to be announced. Free. 12 noon, doors open at 10:30 am. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St. 802-257-0124 x102. sarah@brattleboromuseum.org. brattleboromuseum.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Concert: Thelonious Monk Competition Winner Jazzmeia Horn. Jazzmeia Horn, vocals; Victor Gould, piano; Nick Dunston, acoustic bass; Henry Conerway, drums. Tickets: \$20–\$40, students \$15. 8 pm. The Vermont Jazz Center, 72 Cotton Mill Hill, #222. (802) 254-9088. ginger@vtjazz.org. vtjazz.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Winter Farmers' Market. Fresh produce and local meats, yummy sweet treats, great lunch offerings, delicious pies, preserves and much, much more. Beautiful handmade gifts and live music. 10 am – 2 pm. Robert H. Gibson River Garden, 153 Main St. farmersmarket@posttoilsolutions.org. www.posttoilsolutions.org. *Every Saturday through March 31.*

BURLINGTON. Concert: Lyle Lovett & Shawn Colvin. Tickets: \$77, \$59.25, \$45.25. Doors 7:15 pm, Show 8 pm. Flynn Theatre, 153 Main St.

BURLINGTON. Annual Mardi Gras Parade. Performers, winter bazaar, king & queen of Mardi Gras costume contest. Free shuttles from Burlington High School, Pearl Street, and Magic Hat. 12 noon – 5 pm, parade 3–4 pm. Begins at South Winooski and Main, ends at Battery St. (802) 658-2739. krissy.leonard@magichat.net. magichat.net/mardigras.

CLAREMONT, NH. Concert: "The Spirit of Johnny Cash." Tribute artist Harold Ford stars as Johnny Cash, accompanied by the Red Hot Cash Band. Tickets: \$22. 7:30 pm. Claremont Opera House, 58 Opera House Sq. (603) 542-4433. claremontoperahouse.org.

DORSET. Play: Dorset Players present *Mothers and Sons*. Terence McNally's 2014 Tony nominated play. Theater cafe open one hour prior to performance. Tickets: adults \$25, youth \$12. Friday & Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 2 pm. Dorset Playhouse, 104 Cheney Rd. (802) 867-5570. dorsetplayers.org. *Also March 11.*

LEBANON, NH. Saint Patrick's Day Comedy Gala. Three Boston comedians of Irish descent: Jim McCue, Joey Carroll, and Kendra Cunningham. Performances by the Connolly Celtic Dancers and traditional Irish dance band Brinytide. Tickets: \$32–\$37. 8 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 N. Park St. (603) 448-0400. info@lebanonoperahouse.org. lebanonoperahouse.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Concert: Music from China. A quartet of traditional Chinese stringed instruments, including the erhu (2-string fiddle), pipa (lute), zheng (zither), and daruan (bass guitar). Tickets: \$22, youth (18 and under) \$10. 8 pm. Mahaney Center for the Arts, 72 Porter Field Rd. (802) 443-6433.

NO. CLARENDON. Play: Mill River Union High School's theater company, Stage 40, present their production of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. Iconic characters: Chief, Big Nurse and RP McMurphy grapple with the rules of society and those who dare to break them. Tickets: \$10. 2 pm. Mill River Union High School.

Saturday, March 10, continued:

NORWICH. Potluck Supper & Community Dance. Band of Fools, an all-ages musical ensemble modeled on the community street band, will play tunes and create arrangements to support dancing and singing. No music reading necessary. Bring your fiddle, kazoo, drum bass, sousaphone, jaw harp, or banjo—or anything. All dances taught and prompted, no experience necessary. Free, donations appreciated. 5:30-6:30 pm potluck supper, 6:30-7:30 pm community dance. Tracy Hall. (866) 556-3083. info@revelsnorth.org. revelsnorth.org.

NORWICH. Contra Dance. Featuring music by Sam Foucher and Friends. Nils Fredland calling. Beginners welcome, no partner needed. Admission: \$10, students \$6, under 18 free. Dance starts at 8 pm, 7:45 pm for walk-through. Bring clean, soft-soled shoes. Potluck snacks at the break. Sponsored by Muskeg Music. 8-11 pm. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 649-1419. uvdm.org.

NORWICH. Winter Farmers Market. One of the area's largest winter markets, offering locally produced fruits and vegetables, prepared foods and crafts. 9 am – 1 pm. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 384-7447. hoffmanathome@gmail.com. www.norwichfarmersmarket.org. *Also March 24 and April 18 & 28.*

ORFORD, NH. Supper and Concert: Folksinger Jeff Warner sings and plays traditional music from the logging camps and whaling ports of 18th- and 19th-century America. A New Hampshire Humanities program. Friends of the Orford Libraries soup supper at 5:30 pm; music starts at 7 pm. Free. Orford Congregational Church, 617 Route 10. (603) 353-9307. timcole46@yahoo.com.

PLAINFIELD, NH. The Attic Shop. New and used items include antiques, books, gift items, collectables, jewelry, furniture, glassware, artwork, and gently used clothes. Free coffee. Free admission. 10 am – 3 pm. Blow-Me-Down Grange, 1107 Rt. 12A. (603) 448-0773. *Every Saturday.*

RANDOLPH. Hawaiian Beach Party to benefit Chandler. Tropically themed hors d'oeuvres and finger foods, rum punch and other summery beverages. (BYOB, too.) Tropical dessert contest, to win two tickets to an upcoming Chandler performance. Summertime tunes, hula hooping, limbo dancing. Tickets: \$30. 6-9 pm. Mari Castle, the historic home of Albert B. Chandler, 41-43 Main St. (802) 728-6464. chandler-arts.org.

RANDOLPH. "A Taste of Italy" Supper. A Knights of Columbus fundraiser. Admission: adults \$12, children \$5. 5 pm. Our Lady of the Angels Church, 43 Hebard Hill Rd. (802) 276-3014.

RUTLAND. Winter Vermont Farmers' Market. Local produce, crafts, prepared foods. Live music. EBT and debit cards. 10 am – 2 pm. Vermont Farmers, Food Center at 251 West St. in downtown Rutland. (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through May 5th.*

SHREWSBURY. Who Goes There? Wildlife Tracking Workshop with Ed Sharron of the National Park Service. Learn the tracks and signs of many common Vermont mammals. Dress appropriately for the weather; bring water, snacks, and snowshoes, footwear traction, or trekking poles. If you need snowshoes, let us know. All ages welcome. Registration required. 10 am- 1 pm. Shrewsbury Meeting House, 88 Lottery Rd. (802) 747-7900. info@vermontwoodlands.org. vermontwoodlands.org.

SO. BURLINGTON. Howard Center's Ninth and Final Curling Challenge. 32 teams take to the ice to raise money for basic needs and enrichment activities for Howard Center clients. Prizes for top fund raiser and more. No prior curling experience needed, all supplies provided. 8 am – 3 pm. Cairns Arena, 600 Swift St. (802) 488-6910. curlingchallenge2018.kintera.org.

ST. ALBANS. 31st Annual Northwestern Vermont Rails Model Railroad Show. Multiple operating HO, N, Z, G, and O-scale layouts, over 100 tables of exhibits and vendors of model railroading supplies and railroad videos and books. Hands-on train activities for children, railroad face painter. Food stand. Cost: adults \$5, children 6-12 years \$1, under age 6 free, \$5 per family with an active military id. 10 am – 4 pm. 890 Fairfax Rd. (802) 598-0905. ronpiro@aol.com. nwwrailroad.org.

ST. JOHNSBURY. North Country Beekeepers Program. History of beekeeping, basic, honeybee biology, apiary location, equipment, bee behavior, working in hives, colonies, nucs, packages, swarms, and new colony management. Fee: \$35. 10 am – 3 pm, lunch break 12-1 pm. Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium, 1302 Main St. RSVP: (802) 748-2372. fairbanksmuseum.org.

STRATTON. Vermont Open Snowboard and Music Festival. Riders of all ages compete against past and current pros at the place where it all began. \$20,000 prize purse in a variety of events, including Slopestyle, Rail Jam, Banked Slalom. Stratton Mountain Resort, 5 Village Lodge Rd. (800) 787-2886. *Through March 11.*

STRATTON. Annual Spring Demo Day, to test 2018/2019 model skis from Rossignol, Head, Salomon, K2, Dynastar and Armada skis. 8 am - 2 pm. Stratton Mountain Resort, 5 Village Lodge Rd. (800) 787-2886.

WEST WINDSOR. "Cabin Fever" Italian Supper. Choice of meat or vegetable lasagna, served with salad, fresh bread and dessert. Proceeds benefit the Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society. Take-out meals are also available, at the door or in advance. BYOB. Tickets: adults \$15, children under 10 and senior citizens \$10. Seatings at 5:30 and 7 pm. Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society, 4832 Route 44. (802) 484-5829.

WOODSTOCK. Ukrainian Egg Decorating. Learn how to make Ukrainian Easter eggs (also known as psanky). Taught by Danelle Sims. Eggs and supplies provided. Ages 12 and up. Free. 10:30 am – 1 pm. Norman Williams Public Library, 10 The Green. (802) 457-2295.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

BRANDON. Concert: Heliand Consort performs 'Old World/New World Legends,' featuring an eclectic mix of chamber music inspired by old world mythology and new world folk and dance music. Tickets: \$20. Reservations recommended. 2:30-4:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 247-4295. iwww.brandon-music.net.

BURLINGTON. Burlington Irish Heritage Festival—Irish Language and Culture Program. Explore Irish language, history, and other culture, such as music and stories. Admission free, donations welcome. 1-5 pm. Rí Rá Irish Pub and Restaurant, 123 Church St. vtfenian@gmail.com. burlingtonirishheritage.org. admin@burlingtonirishheritage.org.

DORSET. Play: Dorset Players present *Mothers and Sons*. Theater cafe open one hour prior to performance. Tickets: adults \$25, youth \$12. Friday & Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 2 pm. Dorset Playhouse, 104 Cheney Rd. (802) 867-5570. dorsetplayers.org.

MILTON. Maple Pancake Breakfast: Pancakes, Eggs, Ham, Baked Beans, Home Fries, Sausage, Gravy and Biscuits, Maple BBQ Pulled Pork, Rag Muffins, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Milk and Juice. Food, maple syrup samples, sugarhouse tours (weather permitting), sledding, tours of the woods. Pancake Breakfast: adult \$12.95, kids 6 and under \$6.95. 8 am – 1 pm. Georgia Mountain Maples, 345 North Rd. (802) 849-6688. shannon@abbeygroup.net. georgiamountainmaples.com.

SOUTH POMFRET. Concert: The Thetford Chamber Singers. Musical styles from various traditions, beautifully woven together with poetry and quotations. Tickets: \$20. 4-6 pm. ArtisTree Community Arts Center, 2095 Pomfret Rd. (802) 457-3500. artistreevt.org.

MONDAY, MARCH 12

BURLINGTON. Burlington Irish Heritage Festival Recitations and Readings: "Voices of the Immigrants." Singer, songwriter, fiddler, guitarist, poet and performer, Bill Drislane will bring alive the voices of the Irish who emigrated to America. Admission free, donations welcome. 6-7:30 pm. The Burlington Violin Shop, 23 Church St. admin@burlingtonirishheritage.org. burlingtonirishheritage.org.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

COLCHESTER. Genealogy Workshop: "Finding Your Irish Roots." Ed McGuire of the Vermont Genealogy Library discusses the records, tools and techniques for searching both here and in Ireland. Followed by tours of the library's resources and use of their subscription databases including Ancestry.com and FindMyPast.ie. Refreshments provided, Irish genealogy books for sale. Admission free, donations welcome. 7-8:30 pm. Room 202, Dupont Building, Ft. Ethan Allen. (802) 310-9285. admin@burlingtonirishheritage.org. burlingtonirishheritage.org.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

BURLINGTON. Burlington Irish Heritage Festival—Irish Music Open Session. Come to play or to listen. The session is open to musicians & singers. Fine local musicians bring their best Irish tunes. This is not a slow session, so sit down and strap yourself in. Come ready to play, sing, dance or tap your toes, and try to keep up. Admission free, donations welcome. 7–9 pm. Radio Bean, 8 North Winooski Ave. admin@burlingtonirishheritage.org. burlingtonirishheritage.org. *Every Wednesday.*

ESSEX. Book & Author Event. Join Arnie Kozak, PhD, for a discussion of his new book, *Timeless Truths for Modern Mindfulness: A Practical Guide to a More Focused and Quiet Mind*. Free. 6:30 pm. Phoenix Books Essex, 2 Carmichael St. (802) 872-7111. phoenixbooks.biz.

SRANDOLPH. Panel Discussion: Creative Solutions, Persistent Challenges: Land Access For New Farmers. “Feed the Farmers” night: full-course dinner by Black Krim Tavern. All farmers invited; public limited to first 100. Free. 6:30–9 pm. Bethany Church, 32 Main St. events@ruralvermont.org.

OUTH BURLINGTON. Talk: Top Plants for Vermont Gardens. Ed Burke, owner of Rocky Dale Gardens in Bristol, shares his favorite plants and talks about the elements of good design, including using conifers. Fee: \$10. 6–8 pm. UVM Horticulture Center, 65 Green Mountain Dr. info@friendsofthehortfarm.org. www.friendsofthehortfarm.org.

WOODSTOCK. Ukrainian Egg Decorating. Learn how to make Ukrainian Easter eggs (also known as psanky). Taught by Danelle Sims. Eggs and supplies provided. Recommended for ages 12 and up. Free. 2–4 pm. Norman Williams Public Library, 10 The Green. (802) 457-2295.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

BELLOWS FALLS. Concert: St. Patrick’s Fiddle Frenzy with the Red Fox Band. Bones & bodhran, guitar, and two fiddles. Tickets: advance \$20, seniors \$15; at door \$25, seniors \$20. 7:30 pm. Stone Church Center, 12 Church St. (802) 460-0110. sca@sover.net. www.stonechurcharts.org.

BURLINGTON. Book & Author Event. Sandi Earle gives a talk on her new book, *My 30-Year Love Affair with Food in Vermont*. Tickets: \$3, includes a coupon for \$5 off the featured book. Ticket proceeds donated to Vermont Foodbank. 6:30 pm. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. phoenixbooks.biz.

BURLINGTON. Burlington Irish Heritage Festival—Jericho Cafe and Tavern Irish Session. Moderately paced, all welcome. A comfortable place for people of various experiences to share a tune. The intention is to include all who want to play. Admission free, donations welcome. 7–9 pm. Jericho Cafe & Tavern, 30 Rt. 15. denisedean15@gmail.com. admin@burlingtonirishheritage.org. burlingtonirishheritage.org. *Every first and third Thursday of the month.*

BURLINGTON. Concert: Sophie & Fiachra. The fiddle playing and singing of Quebecoise Sophie Lavoie, and uilleann piping and banjo playing of Fiachra O’Regan from Ireland. \$20 suggested donation at the door. 6 pm. Burlington Violin Shop, 23 Church St. mark.sustic@gmail.com.

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MIDDLEBURY. Poor Lost Circus Performers present *Anne of Green Gables – The Musical*. 36 players, aged 8–80, present this timeless tale of a spunky young orphan whose accidental presence transforms the lives of all who encounter her. Tickets: \$20, seniors \$18, students \$15. Thursday–Saturday 7:30 pm, Saturday & Sunday 2 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 South Pleasant St. (802) 382-9222. townhalltheater.org. poorlostcircusperformers@gmail.com. poorlostcircusperformers.com. *Through March 18.*

PITTSFORD. Book & Author Event. Vermont author, Megan Price will discuss her most recent book, *Vermont Wild—Volume # 5*. This most recent volume features legendary warden Denny Gaiotti of Whiting, VT. Warden Gaiotti passed away earlier this year, but not before Megan met with him to save more of his true, humorous and sometimes harrowing stories. Free. 7 pm. The Maclure Library, 840 Arch St. off Rt. 7. (802) 483-2972. www.maclurelibrary.org.

RANDOLPH CENTER. Vermont Organic Dairy Producers Conference. Learn about bedded and composted packs, high quality milk production, strategies for financial success. Roundtable on UVM research. Fee: \$25 per person, covers lunch and all materials. 9:45 am – 4 pm, on-site registration begins at 9 am. Vermont Technical College’s Judd Hall. (800) 639-2130 or (802) 524-6501 x 432. susan.brouillette@uvm.edu. regonline.com/organicdairy.

VERGENNES. BigTown Conversations: Discussion on Outsider Art with guest speaker Gregg Blasdel, an authority on outsider art, in conjunction with mixed-media exhibition by Rick Skogsberg—“Can’t Lose Shoes.” Refreshments to be served. Free, RSVP recommended. 6 pm. BigTown Gallery, 245 Main St. info@bigtowngallery.com. bigtowngallery.com.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Outing to Boston Flower & Garden Show: Savor Spring! Fee: \$62, includes admission and luxury coach bus. Departing 8:15 am, returning 7 pm. To reserve your seat, register or visit the Rec Office: Hartford Parks & Recreation, 171 Bridge St. (802) 295-5036. hartfordrec.com.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

BURLINGTON. Burlington Irish Heritage Festival Presentation: “An Irish-speaker in 19th-century America: Pádraig Phiarais Cundún, Machaire an Fhia, Nua Dhearc”. Dr. Doyle’s talk deals with letters and poems sent home to friends in Ireland, describing life in the New World. Admission free, donations welcome. 12 noon – 1 pm. Fletcher Room, Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St. burlingtonirishheritage.org. admin@burlingtonirishheritage.org.

EAST MONTEPELIER. Bragg Farm Sugar-on-Snow. Free guided tours. Scenic views with a covered bridge nearby. Maple syrup taste testing. Maple walking trail. Gift shop. Large collection of old sugar-making tools. Ice cream parlor with maple soft serve creemees and maple milk shakes. Free. 12 noon – 5 pm. Bragg Farm Sugarhouse, Route 14 North. (802) 223-5757. braggfarmmaple@aol.com. braggfarm.com. *Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through March.*

FAIRLEE. Scrapbook Retreat Weekend. A creative crafting weekend getaway. Proceeds benefit Green Mountain Children’s Center. Cost: \$195 for all three days (Fri.-Sun.), \$75 for Saturday only. Admission includes lodging and lunch and dinner on Saturday; bring your own dinner for Friday night, plus snacks and beverages. Friday 5:30 pm – Saturday 11 pm. Hulbert Outdoor Center, 2899 Lake Morey Rd. (802) 296-2296. christine.langley71@gmail.com. *Through March 18.*

HARTLAND. Potluck and Garden Talk. Gardening columnist Henry Homeyer will present “Sculpting the Living Landscape,” a talk on how to create beauty in vegetable and flower gardens through the use of well-placed woody plants, stone, structures, and by choosing plants that contribute to the landscape with their color and forms. Bring a dish to share. Fee: \$10. 5–8 pm. Cobb Hill Cohousing Community, 17 Linden Rd. (802) 436-5950. hprussian@comcast.net.

MIDDLEBURY. Poor Lost Circus Performers present *Anne of Green Gables – The Musical*. 36 players, aged 8–80, present this timeless tale of a spunky young orphan whose accidental presence transforms the lives of all who encounter her. Tickets: \$20, seniors \$18, students \$15. Friday & Saturday 7:30 pm, Saturday & Sunday 2 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 South Pleasant St. (802) 382-9222. poorlostcircusperformers@gmail.com. townhalltheater.org. www.poorlostcircusperformers.com. *Through March 18.*

MONTEPELIER. Morse Farm Sugar Works Sugar-on-Snow. Treat yourself to “the works” – sugar-on-snow, a raised donut, dill pickle, and a beverage! Sugar-on-snow is served inside, on the back deck. Cost: \$4–\$6. Also available ala carte. Seatings every half hour, 11 am – 4 pm. Morse Farm Sugar Works, 1168 County Rd. (800) 242-2740. maple@morsefarm.com. www.morsefarm.com. *Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, through March.*

Friday, March 16, continued:

SO. POMFRET. Concert: The Daniel Rotem Group. Saxophonist Daniel Rotem, pianist Miro Sprague, bassist Jared Henderson, and drummer Roberto Giaquinto. Tickets: \$20. 7 pm. ArtisTree Community Arts Center, 2095 Pomfret Rd. (802) 457-3500. artistreevt.org.

TINMOUTH. Contra Dance. Dugan Murphy calling and music by Cedar and Arthur and Guillaume from Cloud Ten and Nova. Admission \$10, 12 and under free. Refreshments available. 8-11 pm at Tinmouth Community Center, Rt. 140, 5 miles west of Wallingford. (802) 446-2928. tinmouthvt.org. *Every third Friday*.

TUNBRIDGE. Art Talk. Artist and teacher Joan Feierabend presents a talk titled "Art and The Creative Spirit." Free. 7 pm. Tunbridge Public Library, 289 Route 110. (802) 889-9404.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

BENNINGTON. St. Patrick's Day Parade. Floats, marching bands, performers, and candy for kids. Fundraiser kick-off breakfast at JC's Tavern. Parade circles down Main Street, then up North Street to return to JC's for live Irish music, great food and beverage specials. Main Street. (802) 442-5758.

BRADFORD. St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Auction. Corned beef and cabbage with all the fixings, cooked by chefs Skip and Carol Metayer. Followed by an auction of all-new items with auctioneer Herb Gray. Price: \$15. 6-9 pm. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 113 Upper Plain. (802) 222-9316. bobbiegallerani@charter.net.

BRANDON. Concert: Acoustic double-neck guitarist Ian Ethan Case with his Trio. A cross-cultural journey connecting Arabic, Flamenco, Latin, Acoustic Fingerstyle, and forward-thinking Jazz elements. Tickets: \$20. Pre-concert dinner available for \$25. Reservations required for dinner and recommended for the show. Venue is BYOB. 7:30-9:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 247-4295. info@brandon-music.net. www.brandon-music.net.

BRATTLEBORO. Brunch Reception celebrating the Opening of Six New Exhibits: Best of Springs, Sprockets & Pulleys: Steve Gerberich. Alfred Leslie: Selections from 100 Views Along the Road. Bottle in the River: Richard Klein. We Walk In Their Shadows: Gowri Savor. 3D Color: Gloria Garfinkel. Hereandafter: Susan von Glahn Calabria. 11 am. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St. Free admission. Open to BMAC members and invited guests only. Not a member? Join today online or by phone: (802) 257-0124 ext.101. www.brattleboromuseum.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Performance: Paula Poundstone. With smart, observational humor and a legendary spontaneous interaction with the crowd, Paula Poundstone is one of our country's pre-eminent comedians. Tickets: \$45 orchestra, \$35 balcony. 8 pm. Latchis Theater, 50 Main St. (802) 748-2600. paulapoundstone.com.

BRATTLEBORO. Winter Farmers' Market. Fresh produce and local meats, yummy sweet treats, great lunch offerings, delicious pies, preserves and much, much more. Beautiful handmade gifts and live music. 10 am - 2 pm. Robert H. Gibson River Garden, 153 Main St. farmersmarket@postoilssolutions.org. www.postoilssolutions.org. *Every Saturday through March 31*.

BURLINGTON. Burlington Irish Heritage Festival—Irish Fiddle Workshop with Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh, renowned Donegal fiddler with Altan, who will be performing the same evening at the Flynn Center. Admission: \$5 suggested donation for children and youth, \$20 for others. 3-4 pm. Burlington Violin Shop, 23 Church St. info.youngtraditionvermont.org/events. Reservations recommended at mark.sustic@gmail.com. admin@burlingtonirishheritage.org. www.burlingtonirishheritage.org.

BURLINGTON. Burlington Irish Heritage Festival Concert. Altan—A St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Six-piece band infuses a contemporary sensibility into traditional music, from hard driving jigs and reels to the sweet and sad ballads sung in Gaelic and English. Tickets: \$25-\$70. 8 pm. Flynn Main Stage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. box@flynncenter.org. admin@burlingtonirishheritage.org. burlingtonirishheritage.org.

BURLINGTON. Burlington Irish Heritage Festival—"Irish Music, an Introduction" with Dominique Dodge. An informative exploration of Irish traditional music and song on the harp. Admission: \$8 suggested donation. 10:30-11:30 am. Fletcher Room, Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St. admin@burlingtonirishheritage.org. www.burlingtonirishheritage.org.

BURLINGTON. Burlington Irish Heritage Festival—Instrument Petting Zoo. Get up close and friendly with some of the most important instruments used in traditional music. Display and hands-on guidance graciously provided by Young Tradition Vermont. All ages welcome. Admission free, donations welcome. 10-10:30 am, 11:30 am - 12 noon. Pickering Room, Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St. admin@burlingtonirishheritage.org. www.burlingtonirishheritage.org.

BURLINGTON. Burlington Irish Heritage Festival—Children's Crafts. Share the Irish heritage with a new generation, or expand your children's cultural horizons by creating some Irish-themed crafts. All ages welcome. Admission free, donations welcome. 10 am - 12 noon. Pickering Room, Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St. admin@burlingtonirishheritage.org. www.burlingtonirishheritage.org.

BURLINGTON. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Jukebox. Innovative chamber music series, co-presented by the VSO and ArtsRiot. Cost: pay-what-you-can starting at \$5. 7:30-8:20 pm, doors at 7 pm. 400 Pine St. vso.org/event/jukebox-warehouse-chamber-music-project-artsriot-3.

BURLINGTON. Saturday Story Time. Enjoy timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Each week, we'll choose a new picture book, a classic or a staff favorite to read aloud together. Free and open to all ages. 11 am. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 872-7111. phoenixbooks.biz. *Every Saturday through March 31*.

BURLINGTON. Story Time with City Market. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a reading of the children's book O'Sullivan Stew, by Hudson Talbott, followed by a fun and interactive healthy food activity. Free, all ages welcome. 11 am. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

CHESTER. Annual LEGO Contest. LEGOmaniacs Pre-K through Grade 8 and families display their original creations (no kits allowed). Entries should be constructed at home and brought to NewsBank from 9-10 am on contest day. Entries will be judged for originality, imagination, and presentation. There is also a separate family class, plus a motorized class for original constructions. Refreshments will be on sale. Registration: \$15 by March 9, after then, \$20. 9 am - 1 pm. NewsBank Conference Center, 352 Main St. (802) 875-1340. lbwillisct@comcast.net.

CLAREMONT, NH. Music and dance for St. Patrick's Day: Pete's Posse with Sharon Comeau. Pete Sutherland, Oliver Scanlon and Tristan Henderson perform tunes from and about Ireland on fiddle, mandolin, vocals and more. Sharon Comeau will share some simple and sprightly Irish dance steps. Free, no tickets required. 3 pm. CSB Community Center. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

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ESSEX JUNCTION. Jr. Iron Chef. Statewide Culinary Competition. Teams of middle and high school students create healthy, local dishes that inspire school meal programs. Tickets: \$3, \$5/family, under 3 free. 9 am - 3:30 pm. 105 Pearl St. (802) 878-5545. info@jrironchefvt.org. jrironchefvt.org.

GUILFORD. Sugar-on-Snow Supper. Menu: ham, baked beans, deviled eggs, potato salad, coleslaw, freshly baked rolls, sugar on snow, homemade donuts, pickles, and coffee, tea or milk. A half-gallon of maple syrup will be raffled off during each seating. rices: adults \$12, children age 11 and under \$6, preschoolers \$3. Three seatings: 4:30, 5:45, and 7 pm. PGuilford Community Church, 38 Church Dr. (802) 254-9019 or email guilfordchurchsupper@gmail.com. www.guilfordchurch.org.

Saturday, March 17, continued:

HANOVER, NH. Music and dance for St. Patrick's Day: Pete's Posse with Sharon Comeau. Pete Sutherland, Oliver Scanlon and Tristan Henderson perform tunes from and about Ireland on fiddle, mandolin, vocals and more. Sharon Comeau will share some simple and sprightly Irish dance steps. Free, no tickets required. 11 am. Alumni Hall, Hopkins Center for the Arts, 4 E. Wheelock St. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

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HARTFORD. Sugar-On-Snow Supper. Menu: baked ham, mashed potato, green beans, coleslaw, homemade rolls, sugar-on-snow, raised donuts and pickles for dessert. Served family style. Adults \$12, children under 12 \$5, pre-schoolers free. Handicapped accessible. Reservations recommended. Seatings at 5 pm and 6 pm. Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, Route 14. (802) 295-2510.

JEFFERSONVILLE. Smugglers' Notch Maplefest. Local sugarhouse tours. Maple themed activities: sugar-on-snow tasting, snowshoe and walking treks, specialty food and beverage sampling, dining at area restaurants and more. Resort lodging specials available. (877) 260-6187. smuggs.com/maple. *Through April 1.*

LUDLOW. Okemo Spring Demo. Top brands of the latest gear from a variety of ski, snowboard and snowshoe companies. Test-drive the latest in equipment at no charge. 8 am – 1 pm. Okemo Mountain Resort, 77 Okemo Ridge Rd. (802) 228-1600.

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ORFORD, NH. Celtic Concert: Patty and Gill Williams and the Windrose Quartet perform Irish and Scottish music. Admission by donation. 7 pm. United Congregational Church of Orford, 617 Route 10. (603) 353-4364.

PERU. N.E. Rando Race Series. Multiple-venue rando race (aka, ski mountaineering, uphill/downhill, “skimo”) back to the Sun Mountain. Rando – short for randonnée – ski racing harkens back to skiing's early years, when skiers challenged the mountain both up and down, without the help of chairlifts. 8:30 am – 4 pm. Bromley Mountain Resort, 3984 Rt. 11. (802) 824-5522.

PLAINFIELD, NH. The Attic Shop. New and used items include antiques, books, gift items, collectables, jewelry, furniture, glassware, artwork, and gently used clothes. Free coffee. Free admission. 10 am – 3 pm. Blow-Me-Down Grange, 1107 Rt. 12A. (603) 448-0773. *Every Saturday.*

RANDOLPH. Concert: Masters of the Celtic Harp. William Jackson and Gráinne Hambly perform Irish and Scottish music on harp, concertina, whistle and bouzouki. Tickets: \$20. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. outreach@chandler-arts.org. chandler-arts.org.

RUTLAND. Fourth Annual Shiver Me Shamrocks 5K Fun Run/Walk, to benefit Wonderfeet Kids' Museum. Kids' free Leprechaun Leap Fun Run down Center Street at 1pm. Race prizes for overall first place Men & Women and first place in each age group for both Men & Women. After party at Hop n' Moose. Prizes for Best Costume. Fee: \$30 advance, \$35 race day, kids run free. 12 noon – 4 pm. Heritage Family Credit Union, 50 West St. (888) 252-8932. shannon.poole@hfcvut.com.

RUTLAND. Fourth Annual Shiver Me Shamrocks 5K Fun Run/Walk. Prizes for best costume. Race prizes for overall first place Men & Women. Cost: \$30, kids run free. 10 am – 4 pm. 50 West St. (888) 252-8932. shannon.poole@hfcvut.com. active.com/rutland-vt.

RUTLAND. Winter Vermont Farmers' Market. Local produce, crafts, prepared foods. Live music. EBT and debit cards. 10 am – 2 pm. Vermont Farmers, Food Center at 251 West St. in downtown Rutland. (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through May 5th.*

SHELBURNE. Play Date: Spring on the Farm. Meet wiggly worms, burrow underground like a woodchuck, tap a sugar maple, other activities at your own pace. Bring your own lunch/snack. Special guest: live owl. Ages: 2–5. Cost: \$7/child, registration required. 9:30 am – 1:30 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8686. cwright@shelburnefarms.org. shelburnefarms.org.

SHOREHAM. St. Patrick's Day Breakfast. Pancakes with Vermont maple syrup, sausage, corned beef hash, home fries, egg casseroles, Irish soda bread, and beverages. Cost: adults \$8, children \$4, families \$20. 8-10 am. Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School Rd.

SO. STRAFFORD. “Cabin F'Eva Jam.” Bring instruments and voices and take part in an evening of music, or just listen. Drop-in event in memory of Eva Behrens, founder of Cabin Fever University. Donations requested. 7 pm. Masonic Hall, 232 Route 132. (802) 299-1583. info@cabinfever.org. cabinfever.org.

STOWE. St. Patrick's Day Concert: Pete's Posse. Vermont's “trad” roots power trio is acclaimed musician Pete Sutherland, his talented protégé Oliver Scanlon and the uber-dynamic Tristan Henderson. Admission. 7:30 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634.

STRAFFORD. Workshop: “Pruning and Grafting Fruit Trees.” Mike Hebb describes the basics of pruning apple trees for aesthetics, health, longevity, better fruit, ease of harvesting and management. Price: \$20, advance registration required. 1–4 pm. Justin Morrill State Historic Site, 214 Morrill Memorial Hwy. (802) 765-4288. director@morrillhomestead.org. morrillhomestead.org. *Also March 24.*

WARREN. Sugaring Time Festival. Delicious variety of maple themed activities. Search for maple nips in a resort wide scavenger hunt and win sweet prizes, indulge in maple dining specials, and more. 8 am – 4 pm. Sugarbush Resort, 1840 Sugarbush Access Rd. (802) 583-6300.

WHITINGHAM. 20th Annual Whitingham Maple Festival. Stop by the Information Booth at Twin Valley Middle High School, Rt. 100 for schedule, 8 am – 4 pm. Pancake breakfast, sugar house tours, craft fair, horse-drawn sleigh rides, lunch at the school, maple cooking contest, sugar-on-snow ham dinner. (802) 368-2405. www.whitingham-maplefest.us. *Also March 18.*

WOODSTOCK. Eighth Annual Woodstock Vermont Film Series Screening: *Once*. An Irish movie about two musicians (Glen Hansard of The Frames and collaborator Markéta Irglová) who meet by chance and develop a relationship while writing and recording songs together. The song “Falling Slowly” won the Academy Award for Best Song. Tickets: adults (16 & up) \$11 per film, with refreshments. 3 pm & 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org/filmfest.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

BURLINGTON. Burlington Irish Heritage Festival Ceili. Area musicians are welcome to bring their instruments and join in. Bake sale, display tables with information on Irish language and culture, and other events. Members of the McFadden Academy of Irish Dance will perform and also lead audience participation in Ceili dances. Grand Prize drawing for ‘Luck of the Irish’ raffle. Admission free, donations welcome. 1-3 pm. Contois Auditorium, City Hall, 149 Church St. admin@burlingtonirishheritage.org. www.burlingtonirishheritage.org.

Sunday, March 18, continued:

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LINCOLN. Hike or Snowshoe Mt. Abraham. Depending on weather conditions, hike or snowshoe to the top of Mt. Abraham via the Battell Trail. If icy, crampons or microspikes and poles will be necessary. Difficult snowshoe. Moderate pace. 6-7 miles. 2500' elevation gain. Group limit: 12. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Free. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Contact leader by 3/16 for meeting time and place: Sheri Larsen, (802) 878-6828 or larsen007@aol.com. greenmountainclub.org.

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MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS. 30th Annual Maple Festival. Maple lore & demonstrations, sweet treats from local kitchens, a raffle and a silent auction featuring local artists and craftspersons, merchants and professionals. Delicious maple desserts created by Historical Society members, Vermont maple products and new 2018 maple syrup for sale, pancakes, old-fashioned sugar-on-snow and maple cotton candy. Acoustic music and kids' activities. Videos about Vermont maple sugaring will be shown continuously. Museum exhibits on Middletown Springs history are on view during the festival. Admission is free and the building is handicap accessible. Small charge for food. 1-4 pm. On the Green at the Middletown Springs Historical Society, 4 Park Ave. off Rt. 140. (802) 235-2376.

MILTON. Maple Pancake Breakfast: Pancakes, Eggs, Ham, Baked Beans, Home Fries, Sausage, Gravy and Biscuits, Maple BBQ Pulled Pork, Rag Muffins, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Milk and Juice. Food, maple syrup samples, sugarhouse tours (weather permitting), sledding, tours of the woods. Pancake Breakfast: adult \$12.95, kids 6 and under \$6.95. 8 am – 1 pm. Georgia Mountain Maples, 345 North Rd. (802) 849-6688. shannon@abbeygroup.net. georgiamountainmaples.com.

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PROCTORSVILLE. Concert: Samirah Evans Sings the Blues. Raise the Roof Concerts brings back fabulous keyboard player Eugene Uman, director of Brattleboro's Vermont Jazz Center, to back up the smoky sophisticated voice of Samirah Evans. 4–6 pm. Gethsemane Church, 89 Depot St. (802) 226-7497.

QUECHEE. Guided Tree Pruning Walk. How to perform annual pruning of apple trees in the field. See examples of how pruning is carried out on various ages of trees, including those dating back to the original orchard that was planted in the 1920s. Fee: \$20. 1:30–3:30 pm. Whitman Brook Orchard, Wheelock Rd. (802) 765-4288. director@morrillhomestead.org. morrillhomestead.org.

SAXTONS RIVER. Hands On! Concert Series. Three Quirky Composers: Beethoven, Haydn and Dvorak. Featuring Peggy Spencer, violin, Zon Estes, cello and Hugh Keelan, piano. Tickets: \$15. 3–5 pm. Main Street Arts, 35 Main St. (802) 869-2960. info@mainstreetarts.org. www.mainstreetarts.org.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 20

MIDDLEBURY. Exhibit Opening. Our Town: Love, Joy, Sadness, and Baseball. 100 years of photographs from the Sheldon Museum. Supplemented by clothing from the vintage apparel collection that corresponds to the attire featured in the photographs. Henry Sheldon Museum, One Park St. (802) 388-2117. mmanley@HenrySheldonMuseum.org. HenrySheldonMuseum.org. *Exhibit runs through July 8.*

MONTPELIER. Concert: Montpelier Ukulele group. Celebrate the first day of spring by listening to the joyous sounds of Montpelier's own ukulele group. 6:30–8 pm. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, 135 Main St. (802) 223-3338.

ST. JOHNSBURY. Concert: The Cleveland Baroque Orchestra—16 Musicians on Stage. “A Night at Bach's Coffeehouse” presents Apollo's Fire and director/harpsichordist Jeannette Sorrell in music of J.S. Bach and his most admired colleagues. Fiery strings, colorful recorders and a dizzying harpsichord solo. Tickets: \$54, \$44, \$34, \$24, \$15 (students free). 7 pm. Fuller Hall, St. Johnsbury Academy, 1000 Main St.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

BURLINGTON. Book & Author Event. Annelise Orleck gives a talk on “We Are All Fast-Food Workers Now: The Global Uprising Against Poverty Wages.” Tickets: \$3, with a coupon for \$5 off a copy of the featured book. Proceeds from ticket sales go to the Vermont Foodbank. 6:30 pm. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

ESSEX JUNCTION. 14th Annual Vermont Grain Growers Conference: Diversifying Grains for a Changing Climate. Keynote speaker Workshops, including: hands-on baking sessions, hemp cultivation and processing, milkweed as a cash crop, organic no-till grain production, incorporating cover crops and green manures into grains, no-till on grain farms. Cost: \$75, includes lunch. Register by March 16. Essex Resort and Spa. (800) 639-2130 (within Vermont) or (802) 524-6501, ext. 432. susan.brouillette@uvm.edu. regonline.com/grainconference.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

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WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Concert: Revels Spring Singers. Welcome spring with an evening of music. Sponsored by Revels North. 7–8:30 pm. Newberry Market, 19 S. Main St. (866) 556-3083. info@revelsnorth.org. revelsnorth.org.

WOODSTOCK. Maple Open House Weekend. Samples of four grades of syrup, maple cream, maple butter, maple horseradish mustard, maple apple drizzle and maple cheesecake mix. Learn how sap is collected and then boiled with an old fashioned wood fired evaporator into pure Vermont maple syrup. Call to check times. Walk in the maple woods, stop in the sampling room to taste samples of many local Vermont food producers. 10 am – 4 pm. Sugarbush Cheese and Maple Syrup Farm, 591 Sugarbush Farm Rd. (800) 281-1757. *Through March 25.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

BELLOWS FALLS. Concert: Masters of the Celtic Harp. Gráinne Hambly & William Jackson. Two of the foremost harpers of Ireland and Scotland. Tickets: advance \$20, seniors \$15; at door \$25, seniors \$20. 7:30 pm. Stone Church Center, 12 Church St. (802) 460-0110. sca@sover.net. stonechurcharts.org.

Saturday, March 24, continued:

BENNINGTON. Southern Vermont Wings and Winter Home-brew Festival. Over 20 home brews, including beer, wine, mead and braggot. Vote for the best brew and best wings in the region. 12 noon – 4 pm. Masonic Hall, 504 Main St. (802) 447-3311.

BRANDON. Jazz Concert: Cooie DeFrancesco. Tickets: \$20. Pre-concert dinner available for \$25. Reservations required for dinner and recommended for the show. Venue is BYOB. 7:30–9:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 247-4295. www.brandon-music.net.

BRATTLEBORO. Winter Farmers' Market. Fresh produce and local meats, yummy sweet treats, great lunch offerings, delicious pies, preserves and much, much more. Beautiful handmade gifts and live music. 10 am – 2 pm. Robert H. Gibson River Garden, 153 Main St. farmersmarket@postoilutions.org. www.postoilutions.org. *Every Saturday through March 31.*

BURLINGTON. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Masterworks Concert: Works from Mendelssohn, André Previn, and Tchaikovsky. Tickets: adults \$17, students \$10. 7:30–9 pm; 6:30 pm Musically Speaking, free pre-concert discussion. 153 Main St. www.vso.org.

BURLINGTON. Saturday Story Time. Enjoy timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Each week, we'll choose a new picture book, a classic or a staff favorite to read aloud together. Free and open to all ages. 11 am. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 872-7111. phoenixbooks.biz. *Every Saturday through March 31.*

COLCHESTER. Observing Spring through Birds. Observe the arrival of spring through the birds at Delta Park, one of Winooski Valley Park District's birding hotspots. Easy walk, 3 miles, leisurely pace. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Free. Meet at 8:30 at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Access on Windemere Way. Leader: Julianna Tyson, (978) 994-0482 or americorps@wvdp.org. greenmountainclub.org.

DUMMERSTON. Pruning and Grafting Workshop For Backyard Fruit Growers. Join Orchardist Zeke Goodband to receive instruction on pruning a variety of old and young fruit trees from 9-11 and grafting apple trees from 11-12. He will discuss caring for your trees, the proper tools to use, and give you the knowledge, confidence and skills needed to work on your own fruit trees at home. Cost: \$40, reservations required. 9 am – 12 noon. Scott Farm Orchard, 707 Kipling Rd. (802) 254-6868.

EAST BURKE. Annual Pond Skim. Rodeo! Ride 'em, cowboys and cowgirls! 10 am registration. Competitors must be 18 or older. 1 pm Pond Skim competition begins on Lower Warren's Way. 4–7 pm Apres-skim in the Hotel Day Lodge, with live music from the Starline Rhythm Boys. \$20 to compete. 10 am – 7 pm. Burke Mountain Resort, 223 Sherburne Lodge Rd. (802) 626-7400.

EAST MONTPELIER. Bragg Farm Sugar-on-Snow. Free guided tours. Scenic views with a covered bridge nearby. Maple syrup taste testing. Maple walking trail. Gift shop. Large collection of old sugar-making tools. Ice cream parlor with maple soft serve creemes and maple milk shakes. Free. 12 noon – 5 pm. Bragg Farm Sugarhouse, Route 14 North. (802) 223-5757. braggfarmmaple@aol.com. braggfarm.com. *Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through March.*

ENOSBURG FALLS. A Taste of Maple. Get a taste of this year's maple syrup, free coffee, delicious goodies made with maple syrup. Door prizes, in-store specials. Free Face painting for the kids. Free. 10 am – 2 pm. Boston Post Dairy, 2061 Sampsonville Rd. (802) 933-2749. bostonpost@bpd.comcastbiz.net. bostonpostdairy.com.

FERRISBURGH. Sugar-on-Snow Party. Pancake breakfast with buttermilk pancakes, bacon, and sausage, 7:30-11:30 am, adults \$7.95 (plus tax), kids \$4.95 (plus tax). Sausage hoagie cooked in sap or a bowl of maple chili for lunch. Free samples of maple syrup, ham, bacon. Live music with Bob Degree, 12-4 pm. Observe boiling the traditional way. Dakin Farm, Rt. 7. (800) 993-2546. dakinfarm.com. Also March 25 and 31.

HARTFORD. Sugar-On-Snow Supper. Menu: baked ham, mashed potato, green beans, coleslaw, homemade rolls, sugar-on-snow, raised donuts and pickles for dessert. Served family style. Adults \$12, children under 12 \$5, pre-schoolers free. Handicapped accessible. Reservations recommended. Seatings at 5 pm and 6 pm. Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, Route 14. (802) 295-2510.

HUNTINGTON CENTER. Snowshoe Camels Hump Loop. Forest City Trail to Montclair Glen Lodge, then climb the Long Trail to Camel's Hump summit and return along Burrows Trail. Difficult snowshoe. Moderate to strong pace. 6 miles. 2400' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Free. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Contact leader for meeting time and place: David Hathaway, (802) 899-9982 or david.hathaway.78@gmail.com. greenmountainclub.org.

ISLAND POND. Maple Fool's Fest. Maple Festivities and goodies provided by local maple producers. Maple photo contest, maple baking contest, maple feats of strength, hoop shoot contest and much more. Hosted by Brighton Recreation. 8 am – 3 pm. 49 Mill St. (802) 723-4923.

KILLINGTON. Vermont Brewers Festival. All outdoor festival. 30 Vermont brewers, two sessions to choose from, 12–3 pm and 4-7 pm. Sample beers special beers, meet the brewers. Food trucks and fire pits at the base of the K-1 lodge. Festival ticket: \$42, \$111 with lift ticket and access to the festival. 12 noon – 7 pm. Killington Mountain Lodge, 2617 Killington Rd. (802) 448-3045. vtbrewfest.com.

LUNENBURG. Annual Maple Festival. Pancake breakfast. Rug hooking demo. Maple-flavored pie contest. Tapping demonstration on the Common. Homemade meals, door prizes, scavenger hunt, sugarhouses open for visitors. Photographs, interactive displays, antique sugaring equipment. Photo and quilt square contests, raffles. 8 am – 4 pm. Lunenburg Primary School, 49 Bobbin Mill Rd., above the Common off Route 2. (802) 892-6654. topofthecommon.org.

MILTON. Maple Pancake Breakfast: Pancakes, Eggs, Ham, Baked Beans, Home Fries, Sausage, Gravy and Biscuits, Maple BBQ Pulled Pork, Rag Muffins, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Milk and Juice. Food, maple syrup samples, sugarhouse tours (weather permitting), sledding, tours of the woods. Pancake Breakfast: adult \$12.95, kids 6 and under \$6.95. 8 am – 1 pm. Georgia Mountain Maples, 345 North Rd. (802) 849-6688. shannon@abbeygroup.net. georgiamountainmaples.com. *Also March 25.*

MONTPELIER. Morse Farm Sugar Works Maple Open House Weekend Festivities. Treat yourself to "the works" – sugar-on-snow, a raised donut, dill pickle, and a beverage! Sugar-on-snow is served inside, on the back deck. Hot dogs boiled in sap. Kids' activities. Cost: \$4-\$6. Also available ala carte. Seatings every half hour, 11 am – 4 pm. Morse Farm Sugar Works, 1168 County Rd. (800) 242-2740. maple@morsefarm.com. www.morsefarm.com. *Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, through March.*

NORWICH. Annual Book and Music Sale. Including books and LP's. 8 am – 2 pm. Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 320 Route 5. (802) 649-8828. margo.nutt@gmail.com.

NORWICH. Winter Farmers Market. One of the area's largest winter markets, offering locally produced fruits and vegetables, foods and crafts. 9 am – 1 pm. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 384-7447. www.norwichfarmersmarket.org. *Also March 24 and April 18 & 28.*

ORFORD, NH. Roast Beef Dinner. Everything homemade. Seating in order of arrival. Admission by donation to benefit the mission, ministry and maintenance of the church. 5:30–7 pm. United Congregational Church of Orford, 617 Route 10. (603) 353-4364.

PLAINFIELD, NH. The Attic Shop. New and used items include antiques, books, gift items, collectables, jewelry, furniture, glassware, artwork, and gently used clothes. Free coffee. Free admission. 10 am – 3 pm. Blow-Me-Down Grange, 1107 Rt. 12A. (603) 448-0773. *Every Saturday.*

POULTNEY. Concert: Champlain Philharmonic, "Lion and Lamb." Program will include Schubert's Symphony No. 8 in B Minor (The Unfinished Symphony), Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite No. 1, and works by Verdi and Sibelius. Tickets: \$15, seniors (60+) \$12, students \$5. 7:30 pm. Green Mountain College, Ackley Hall, 1 Brennan Circle. (802) 782-4385.

RANDOLPH. "Mini Mud" Youth Variety Show. Now in its second decade, this annual show celebrates young talent from across the region. Performers range in age from 7-18. Tickets: adults \$16, students \$6. 7 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71 N. Main St. (802) 728-6464. outreach@chandler-arts.org. www.chandler-arts.org.

Saturday, March 24, continued:

RANDOLPH CENTER. Silloway's Maple Open House Weekend. Visitors welcome. Hot dogs boiled in sap, raised doughnuts. Free sugar-on-snow! 10 am – 6 pm. Silloway's Sugarhouse, 1303 Boudro Rd. (802) 272-6249. www.sillowaymaple.com.

RUPERT. Maple Celebration/Pancake Breakfast. Our own sausage and syrup. Tree-tapping and sap-boiling demonstrations (if the weather cooperates), wagon rides up to the sap-house, and lots and lots of that sweet spring elixir. Visit the farm, take in the vistas, and enjoy breakfast. Adults \$10, child 5+ \$5. 9 am – 2 pm. Merck Forest & Farmland Center, 3270 Rte. 315. (802) 394-7836. *Through March 25.*

RUTLAND. Winter Vermont Farmers' Market. Local produce, crafts, prepared foods. Live music. EBT and debit cards. 10 am – 2 pm. Vermont Farmers, Food Center at 251 West St. in downtown Rutland. (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through May 5th.*

SHELBURNE. Open House Weekend. Maple breakfast and lunch all weekend. Watch maple sap being boiled. Horse-drawn rides, weather permitting. Traditional sugar on snow including a doughnut and pickle and other maple goodies. Live music. Bring your skis/snowshoes and trek through the sugarbush. 9 am – 5 pm. Palmer's Sugarhouse, 332 Shelburne Hinesburg Rd. (802) 985-5054. palmersugarhouse.com. michelendavid@yahoo.com. *Also March 25.*

SHREWSBURY. Maple Open House. Taste our syrup, hay ride, boiling demo (weather permitting) at our family sugarhouse. Conveniently located off US Route 103 just 2 miles up Lincoln Hill Rd. 8 am – 4 pm. Smith Maple Crest Farm, 2450 Lincoln Hill Rd. (802) 492-2151.

SO. BURLINGTON. Workshop: All About Crabapples. Learn best pruning practices and test your skills in our crabapple collection with instructors Tom Shea and Mark Biercevit. Bring pruners, gloves, loppers. Q & A about growing, pruning trees for yourself and wildlife, and heirloom varieties. Fee: \$10. 9 am – 1 pm. UVM Horticulture Center, 65 Green Mountain Dr. friendsofthehortfarm.org

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STRAFFORD. Workshop: "Pruning and Grafting Fruit Trees." Mike Hebb describes the basics of pruning apple trees for aesthetics, health, longevity, better fruit, ease of harvesting and management, including correct pruning cuts and tools. Price: \$20, advance registration required. 1–4 pm. Justin Morrill State Historic Site, 214 Morrill Memorial Hwy. (802) 765-4288. director@morrillhomestead.org. morrillhomestead.org.

WILLISTON. Maple Open House Weekend. In the spring time, they produce Maple Syrup and host an Open House each year in their SugarHouse located on their vista in south Williston. Free. Isham Family Farm, 3515 Oak Hill Rd. (802) 872-1525. maplemn@yahoo.com. ishamfamilyfarm.com. *Through March 25.*

WOODSTOCK. "Maple Madness." Maple butter popcorn, sugar on snow and VINS live bird exhibit on the green, followed by a maple foods tasting event at 6 pm at Suicide Six, with live music, cash bar and auction items. Free event on the green; admission cost for tasting event. 10 am – 8 pm. Woodstock Village Green, 21 The Green. (802) 457-3555. info@woodstockvt.com. woodstockvt.com.

WOODSTOCK. Eighth Annual Woodstock Vermont Film Series Screening: *Pop Aye*. On a chance encounter, a disenchanting architect bumps into his long-lost elephant on the streets of Bangkok. Excited, he takes his elephant on a journey across Thailand, in search of the farm where they grew up together—only to discover the truth about himself. Sundance Film Festival Screenwriting Award and Grand Jury Prize Nomination; additional three wins and six nominations. Tickets: adults (16 & up) \$11 per film, refreshments included. 3 pm & 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, one-half mile north of the Woodstock village green on VT Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org/filmfest.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

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MIDDLEBURY. Concert: Champlain Philharmonic, "Lion and Lamb." Program will include Schubert's Symphony No. 8 in B Minor (The Unfinished Symphony), Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite No. 1, and works by Verdi and Sibelius. Tickets: \$15, seniors (60+) \$12, students \$5. 4 pm. Town Hall Theater. (802) 782-4385.

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NEWFANE. Fourth Annual Soup Fest and Silent Auction. Fundraiser for the final restoration phase of the 1880 Newfane Railroad Station and West River Railroad Museum. Sample homemade soups. Suggested admission donation: \$5-\$10. Doors open at 4 pm. Soup and bread served at 5:30, desserts to follow. NewBrook Fire Station, Route 30. (802) 348-7891. historicalsocietyofwindhamcounty.org.

NORWICH. Community Sing. All ages and singing abilities welcome. Use classic songbooks or bring your own favorites. Acoustic instruments for accompaniment are also appreciated. Free. 4 pm. Norwich Public Library, 368 Main St. (802) 649-1184. lisa.milchman@norwichlibrary.org. norwichlibrary.org.

RANDOLPH. Butter, Yogurt and Cheese Making Class. Learn how to make delicious soft cheeses, yogurt and butter in your own kitchen. Get acquainted with using butter molds and adding herbs or other flavors to your final product. Cost: \$40, \$75 for two people. 1–4:30 pm. Earthwise Farm & Forest, 341 Macintosh Hill Rd. Lmccrory560@gmail.com.

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SHELBURNE. Burlington Irish Heritage Festival Concert: Masters of the Celtic Harp. William Jackson & Grainne Hambly, two of the foremost harpers of Ireland and Scotland. Admission: \$20 (all money for Treewild concerts goes to the musicians). Potluck Supper at 6 pm, concert at 7 pm. Wine, chai and dessert at intermission. 338 Thompson Rd. Contact AlisonJamesVT@gmail.com for an invitation. admin@burlingtonirishheritage.org. www.burlingtonirishheritage.org.

Sunday, March 25, continued:

SOUTH POMFRET. Social Dance: Milonga with Live Music by Tango Norte. Bring shoes that will slide on a wooden floor. Tickets: lesson \$10, dance \$15, both \$22. Lesson at 3 pm, dance at 4 pm. ArtisTree Community Arts Center, 2095 Pomfret Rd. (802) 457-3500. artistreevt.org.

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WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Community-wide Mashup. Pot-luck & networking opportunity, followed by presentations and updates from Cornerstone Creative Community (3CVT) committee members and creative community leaders, to discuss initiatives at work aimed at branding, unifying, developing and strengthening our creative economy. Beginning at 12 noon. The Center for Cartoon Studies, 48 S. Main St. cdamiani@trorc.org.

MONDAY, MARCH 26

MANCHESTER CENTER. Lye Brook Falls Hike or Snowshoe. Carpool to the trailhead. Snowshoe or hike with traction devices as needed, depending on weather. Bring an extra layer, snack, lunch, fluids. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Free. Newcomers and non-members welcome. 9:30 am – 3 pm. Meet at Shaw's in Manchester Center at 9:45 am. RSVP required: Keld Alstrup, (802) 362-1422. greenmountainclub.org.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

BELLOWS FALLS. Musical: Andrew Lloyd Webber's iconic masterpiece Jesus Christ Superstar! Regarded by many as the 20th century's first (and last) great rock opera. Tickets \$10-\$40. Thursday-Saturday 7:30 pm, Saturday matinees at 2 pm. Main Street Arts at the Bellows Falls Opera House. (802) 869-2960. mainstreetarts.org. *Through April 7.*

RUTLAND. Author Reading and Open Mic. Join Jean Yeager for a reading from The Ageless Authors Anthology and an open mic featuring writers 65 and older. Free. 6:30 pm. Phoenix Books Rutland, 2 Center St. (802) 855-8078. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

WOODSTOCK. Concert: The Huntertones, a high energy horn-driven group. Compositions that meld jazz, funk, soul, hip-hop, R&B, and rock. Performing with members of Woodstock Union High School's Jazz Funk Band. Tickets: \$20, 17 and under \$10. 7:30 pm. Woodstock Town Hall Theatre, 31 The Green. (802) 457-3981. pentanglearts.org.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

BURLINGTON. Burlington Irish Heritage Festival Showcase. The Celtic Cats (UVM Irish Step Dance Club) will perform recent and varied pieces, followed by a Ceili. Irish themed refreshments. Admission: \$7. Time tbd. Dance Studio, Patrick Gym, 97 Spear St., UVM Campus. uvmcelticcats@gmail.com. admin@burlingtonirishheritage.org. www.burlingtonirishheritage.org.

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SO. POMFRET. Concert: Celebrating Women in Music. Jenni & The Junketeers renditions of tunes performed by Billie Holiday, Lena Horn, Roberta Flack, Bonnie Raitt, Ruth Brown, Patsy Cline, Nora Jones and more. Tickets: \$20. 7 pm. ArtisTree Community Arts Center, 2095 Pomfret Rd. (802) 457-3500. artistreevt.org.

WOODSTOCK. Baby Farm Animal Celebration at Billings Farm. Meet the farm's newest additions during family-centered programs with our lambs, chicks, piglets, and calves; heirloom seed activity. 1890 Farm House, farm life exhibits and dairy bar will be open. Open March 30 & 31, then opening April 2 for the season. Admission: adults \$15, 62 & up \$14, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. *Also March 31.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

BOLTON. Pond Skimming. Our man-made pond is extra hungry for ambitious skiers and riders. Can you make it across in dryish fashion? The biggest party of the season is back, folks. 10 am – 3:30 pm. Bolton Valley Resort, 4302 Bolton Valley Access Rd. (802) 434-3444.

BRATTLEBORO. Winter Farmers' Market. Fresh produce and local meats, yummy sweet treats, great lunch offerings, delicious pies, preserves and much, much more. Beautiful handmade gifts and live music. 10 am – 2 pm. Robert H. Gibson River Garden, 153 Main St. farmersmarket@postsoilsolutions.org. www.postsoilsolutions.org. *Every Saturday through March 31.*

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HUNTINGTON. Bird Monitoring Walk. All birders welcome, outdoors on the Museum's trails in forest and meadow. We often have coffee afterwards, indoors at our viewing window. Last Saturday of every month. Most fun for adults, older children. Bring your own binoculars. Free. Please pre-register. 8-9 am. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. birdsofvermont.org.

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Saturday, March 31, continued:

NORWICH. Grange Breakfast. Buffet-style meal includes pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, eggs, biscuits and gravy, real maple syrup and beverages. Price: \$5, \$8, under five free. 8-11 am. Norwich Grange, 344 N. Main St. (802) 356-0844.

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RUPERT. Guided Full Moon Hike. Staff-guided hike in the evening landscape under the Pink Moon (simultaneously a Blue Moon). Moderate difficulty, and only if weather conditions permit. Dress appropriately for the weather with sturdy footwear, headlamps, water and snacks. Reservations requested. Fee: \$5. 6-8 pm. Merck Forest & Farmland Center, 3270 Rte. 315. (802) 394-7836.

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STRATTON. Annual Pond Skim. Registration starts at 9 am in the West Wing of Base Lodge, open to first 100 participants. Open to all ages. \$20 Fee includes t-shirt (lift ticket not included). Pond Skim starts at 12 noon on Lower Sunnanner. One run per person. Awards include top three best costumes & best crash. 12 noon – 3 pm. Stratton Mountain Resort, 5 Village Lodge Rd. (800) 787-2886.

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STRATTON. Sixth Annual Marchdi Gras Village Winterfest. Specialty food and drinks in our dining establishments to celebrate our sixth annual Marchdi Gras! Stratton Mountain Resort, 5 Village Lodge Rd. (800) 787-2886.

WARREN. Mt. Ellen's End of Season Celebration. Give Mt. Ellen a proper send off. Live music, special events and friendly guests. 8 am – 4 pm. Green Mountain Lounge, Sugarbush Resort, 1840 Sugarbush Access Rd. (802) 583-6300.

WATERBURY CENTER. Eighth Annual Mud Season Celebration and Egg Hunt. Take a walk on the Short Trail. Children turn in the eggs for chocolate and other goodies from Laughing Moon Chocolates. Come dressed for the outdoors and BYOB (bring your own basket). After the hunt, meet the Easter Bunny at Laughing Moon Chocolates in Stowe. Free. 10 am – 12 noon. Green Mountain Club Visitor Center, 4711 Waterbury Stowe Rd. (802) 785-2129. greenmountainclub.org.

WEST DOVER. Tenth Annual Winter Brewers Festival. A one-day celebration of springtime, beer and live music. 12-5 pm. Mount Snow Resort, 39 Mount Snow Rd. (802) 464-4203.

WOODSTOCK. Baby Farm Animal Celebration at Billings Farm. Meet the farm's newest additions during family-centered programs with our lambs, chicks, piglets, and calves; heirloom seed activity. 1890 Farm House, farm life exhibits and dairy bar will be open. Open March 30 & 31, then opening April 2 for the season. Admission: adults \$15, 62 & up \$14, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

HAPPY EASTER!!

ONGOING ACTIVITIES 2018

BARNET. Karme Choling Shambhala Meditation Center. Karme Choling, 369 Patneau Lane. (802) 633-2384. reception@karmecholing.org. www.karmecholing.org.

BARTONSVILLE. Friday Night Bingo. 6:30 pm. Bartonville Grange (located across from Rockingham State Police Barracks on Rt. 103), 116 Upper Bartonville Rd. (802) 875-4438. *Every Friday.*

BELLOWS FALLS. Genealogy Group at Rockingham Library. Join genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard on a quest to discover your family roots. With the many free databases available at the library. Beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome. Call to register, spots fill up fast. Free. 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Rockingham Library, 65 Westminster St. (802) 463-4270. programming@rockinghamlibrary.org. www.rockinghamlibrary.org. *Every Thursday.*

BELLOWS FALLS. Labyrinth Walk and Celtic Evening Prayer. All are welcome. Song and chant, verbal and silent prayer, readings, stories or lives of Celtic saints, a brief homily or meditation, and some evenings we will have communion. A social time follows the service. 7 pm at Currier Hall, Immanuel Retreat Center, 12 Church St. (802) 460-0110. www.stonechurcharts.org. *First and Third Thursdays.*

BOLTON. Snowshoe Explorer Tours. Two-hour guided snowshoe tour on groomed and backcountry trails. Explore the forests and mountains; learn about the history of the trails, search for signs of wildlife. Tickets: \$35 per person, includes snowshoes, and guided tour. Call ahead to reserve snowshoes. Two-person minimum. (877) 926-5866. Bolton Valley Ski Resort, 4302 Bolton Valley Access Rd. www.boltonvalley.com. *Every Saturday, 2-4 pm.*

BRATTLEBORO. The Cotton Mill. Housed in a 3-story, 145,000 square foot renovated mill building dating back to 1910, The Cotton Mill is home to over 60 small businesses and artists' studios. Painters, dancers, jewelry makers, circus performers, jam and granola makers, filmmakers, bodyworkers, woodworkers, jazz musicians, toymakers and many others form a vibrant & bustling community just minutes from downtown. 74 Cotton Mill Hill. info@thecottonmill.org. www.thecottonmill.org.

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

BRIDGEWATER. Bingo at the Bridgewater Grange. Doors open 5:30 pm, games 6:30 pm. Refreshments available—hot dogs, donuts, coffee, soda. Bridgewater Grange, Rt. 100A. (802) 672-6223. *Continuing on Saturdays.*

BURLINGTON. Poetry Experience. Rajnii Eddins facilitates a poetry and spoken-word workshop aimed at building confidence and developing a love of writing. Free. 1-3 pm. Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St. (802) 865-7211. www.fletcherfree.org. *First and Third Saturday of every month.*

BURLINGTON. Saturday Story Time. Enjoy timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Each week, we'll choose a new picture book, a classic or a staff favorite to read aloud together. Free and open to all ages. 11 am. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 872-7111. phoenixbooks.biz. *Every Saturday through March 31.*

CASTLETON. Coffee Hour. Enjoy homemade goodies, hot brew and good company. Free. 9-11 am. Castleton Community Center, 2108 Main St. (802) 468-3093. *Continues on Fridays.*

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

CHESTER. Bingo at the Gassetts Grange Hall. Raffle and 50/50 drawings. Refreshments on sale in the kitchen. 6:30 pm. Junction of Rt. 10 & 103N. (802) 875-2637. *Thursday nights.*

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

Ongoing Activities 2018, continued:

CHESTER. Monthly Square Dance and Rounds. Refreshments on sale in the kitchen. 50/50 tickets on sale; drawing held for free admittance for the next month's dance. \$5 donation at the door. 7-11 pm. Breakfast 8-9:30 am for \$7. Gassetts Grange Hall, junction of Rt. 10 & 103N. (802) 875-2637. *Monthly on first Saturdays.*

CHITTENDEN. Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides. 30-minute tours on resort grounds. Maximum 9 adults & children per ride. Sleigh ride & dinner package, includes sleigh ride, 3-course dinner for two & taxes for \$150 (gratuity & alcohol not included). Reservations required; call ahead for current schedule. Mountain Top Inn & Resort, 195 Mountain Top Rd. (802) 483-6089. www.mountaintopinn.com. Open daily through March (weather permitting).

ESSEX. Wednesday Story Time. Enjoy timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Each week, we'll choose a new picture book, a classic or a staff favorite to read aloud together. Free and open to all ages. Wednesdays at 10am. Phoenix Books Essex, 2 Carmichael St. (802) 872-7111. phoenixbooks.biz. *January 3 through March 28.*

ESSEX. Saturday Story Time. Enjoy timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Each week, we'll choose a new picture book, a classic or a staff favorite to read aloud together. Free and open to all ages. 11 am. Phoenix Books Essex, 2 Carmichael St. (802) 872-7111. phoenixbooks.biz. *Every Saturday, January 6 through March 31.*

KILLINGTON. Ars Poetica. Fourth Wednesday of the month. Free. 6-8 pm. Sherburne Memorial Library, 2998 River Rd. (802) 422-9765. sherlib.wordpress.com.

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, Monday-Friday. Free. (802) 649-2126.

LEICESTER. Addison County Farm Animal Homeopathy Study Group. Learn how other farmers are applying homeopathy to their herds or flocks. Discussion includes an in-depth look of at least one remedy, some theory and a case analysis. Meets the second Tuesday of each month and is open to all levels. 12 noon to 2 pm at Taconic End Farm. For more info call Annie Claghorn, (802) 247-3979. foxclag@gmavt.net.

LUDLOW. Fletcher Farms School for the Arts and Crafts. Vermont's oldest residential arts and crafts school. Register for our arts and crafts classes. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, 611 Rt. 103 South. (802) 228-8770. info@fletcherfarm.org. www.fletcherfarm.org.

MILTON. Children Read to Cleo the Therapy Dog. 10-11 am. Milton Public Library, 39 Bombadier Rd. (802) 893-4644. library@town.milton.vt.us. miltonlibraryvt.org. *First and third Saturdays.*

MONTPELIER. After School Programs: Explorers (1st-3rd grade) and Trekkers (4th-8th grade) practice outdoor living skills such as tracking, foraging for wild edibles, camp cooking, building shelters, telling stories, playing games, and much more. Fee: \$410 (includes \$200 deposit). Wednesdays, 3-5 pm. North Branch Nature Center, 713 Elm St. (802) 223-7335. northbranchnaturecenter.org. *March 7 thru May 30.*

NORWICH. Suds & Science. Each month join Vermont Center for Ecostudies scientists and colleagues at the Norwich Inn for a cold brew and interesting conversation on a selected natural history topic. 7-8 pm at the Norwich Inn. (802) 649-1431. www.vtecostudies.org. *First Tuesday of every month.*

ORLEANS. Vermont Reindeer Farm. Come see the only live reindeer in the whole state of Vermont! Many other farm animals to pet & feed. Nature trail, Reindeer games & gift shop. Vermont Reindeer Farm, 3108 Chilafoux Rd. (802) 754-9583. On Facebook.

PLAINFIELD, NH. The Attic Shop. New and used items include antiques, books, gift items, collectables, jewelry, furniture, glassware, artwork, and gently used clothes. Free coffee. Free admission. 10 am - 3 pm. Blow-Me-Down Grange, 1107 Rt. 12A. (603) 448-0773. *Every Saturday.*

POULTNEY. Weekly Game Night. Games for young children as well as adults. Bring your own or play ours. Experienced game players help new players get started. 7-10 pm. Poultnery Public Library, 205 Main St. (518) 282-9089 or (802) 287 5556. poultneypubliclibrary.com. *Ongoing every Thursday.*

POULTNEY. Free Historical Audio Walking & Driving Tours. View and learn about Main Street Poultnery, East Poultnery Village, and the Quarries, Farms & Forests. (802) 287-5252, (802) 287-2010. www.poultneyhistoricalsociety.org. www.poultneyvt.com.

POULTNEY. The Horace Greeley Writer's Guild. No charge to join or participate and always looking for new writers to join them! Please come and bring your latest writing, and bring a friend too. As always, writers in all genres, regardless of age or experience, are welcome. Happy writing! Poultnery Public Library, 205 Main St. (802) 287-5556. poultneypubliclibrary.com. *Second Tuesdays.*

PUTNEY. Green Mountain Orchards Farm Store. Apples and cider year round. Pick-your-own in season. Horse-drawn wagon rides by reservation. Farm store with our own bakery. 130 West Hill Rd. (exit 4, I-91), look for signs in Putney Village. (802) 387-5851. www.greenmtorchards.com.

PUTNEY. Hidden Springs Maple. Family maple farm where they started making maple syrup over 50 years ago. Our sugar bush spans over 1,000 acres. Maple Syrup Tasting Table, samples, hand-dipped ice cream, sales table, gifts. Hidden Springs Maple, 162 Westminster Rd. (802) 387-5200. info@hiddenspringsmaple.com. www.hiddenspringsmaple.com.

QUECHEE. Vermont Institute of Natural Science. Wildlife exhibits, workshops, and special events. Wildlife rehabilitation. Admission: adults: \$14.50, seniors (62 plus) \$13.50, youth (4-17): \$12.50, children 3 and under free. Open April 9-October 31: 10 am - 5 pm. November 1-April 8: 10 am - 4 pm. Vermont Institute of Natural Science, 6565 Woodstock Rd. (802) 359-5000. info@vinsweb.org. www.vinsweb.org.

RANDOLPH. Fifth Annual PoemTown Randolph. Posters of 100 selected poems will be displayed in the main windows and doors of businesses, churches, and organizations. Special poetry events and surprises in several venues in town. www.poemtowntown.org. *Through April.*

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

RUPERT. Winter Sleigh Rides. Suffolk Punch draft horses, Arch & Fern, will draw our newly-redesigned sweetheart sleigh across the winter landscape at 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm and 2 pm. Cost: \$150 for a one-hour ride for up to five adults. Only if weather permits; no rides on New Year's day. 24-hour advance notice required. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315, west of Manchester. (802) 394-7836. merckforest.org. *Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and selected Saturdays through the winter.*

RUTLAND. The Mint, Rutland's Makerspace. A collaborative community workshop and business incubator, born out of the Rutland Mini Maker Faire, led by a team of dedicated volunteers. Full wood shop and metal shop, plus 3D printing. Classes in woodworking, metal work, vinyl cutting, welding, 3D printing and design, CNC and more. The Mint, 112 Quality Lane. (802) 779-4242. rutlandmint.org. kmccalla@millriversschools.org.

RUTLAND. Himalayan Salt Cave. Come relax in the only public Himalayan Salt Cave in North America. Mon-Fri 10 am - 7 pm, Sat & Sun 10 am - 6 pm. \$12. Pyramid Holistic Wellness Center, 120 Merchants Row. For reservations call (802) 775-8080. pyramidvt.com.

RUTLAND. Rutland Area Flea Market. Indoors, year-round, clean & friendly! Cozy cafe offers refreshments and light lunch. 10 am - 4 pm. 200 West St. corner of Forest St. (802) 770-9104. On Facebook. *Every Saturday and Sunday.*

RUTLAND. Vermont Backroad Tours. Fee. Book in advance. (802) 446-3131. kelly@vtbackroadtours.com. www.vtbackroadtours.com.

Ongoing Activities 2018, continued:

SHELBURNE. Sugar-on-Snow. Watch maple sap being boiled. Horse-drawn rides, weather permitting. Traditional sugar on snow including a doughnut and pickle and other maple goodies. Live music. Bring your skis/snowshoes and trek through the sugarbush. 12-4 pm. Palmer's Sugarhouse, 332 Shelburne Hinesburg Rd. (802) 985-5054. michelendavid@yahoo.com. palmersugarhouse.com. *Every Saturday and Sunday through April 15.*

SHELBURNE. Sugar-on-Snow. Live music. Free maple syrup tasting, coffee and other confection samples. Sugar on snow for sale, includes a pickle and donut (cost \$5). Maple candy, granulated maple sugar and maple cream. Maple hotdogs and other concession items available. Guided tours of the sugarhouse and sugarbush. Bring your boots, snowshoes or cross-country skis for a walk in the sugarbush. Shelburne Sugarworks, 746 Shelburne Hinesburg Rd. (802) 233- 7531. shelburnesugarworks@gmail.com. facebook.com/shelburnesugarworks. *Every weekend, March 3 through April 7.*

SO. BURLINGTON. Old Time Mountain Jam. Full throttle jam session mainly for advanced level or strong intermediate acoustic string players, though all are welcome. We play southern old time music with New England and French Canadian styles spicing the mix. 6-8:30 pm. Halyard Brewing Company, 80 Ethan Allen Dr. halyardbrewing.us. www.woodburysstrings.com. *Every First Thursday.*

SO. ROYALTON. Joseph Smith Birthplace Memorial. Memorial includes historic artifacts, films, sculptures and hiking paths. Free. Monday-Saturday 9 am – 5 pm, Sunday 1:30-5 pm. 357 LDS Lane. (802) 763-7742. www.lds.org/locations/joseph-smith-birthplace-memorial.

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, and a convention late summer. Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc., PO Box 601, Springfield, VT 05156. webmaster@stellafane.com. www.stellafane.com.

STATEWIDE. Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation's 2018 Calvin Essay Contest: What Speech Would You Give as President to Advance Civil Rights? Open to all Vermont students age 13-19, due May 11, 2018. First place prize: \$1500, second place prize: \$500. (802) 672-3389. education@calvin-coolidge.org. coolidgefoundation.org/the-calvin-writing-prize.

STATEWIDE. Vermont State Parks. Vermont has 55 developed and staffed state parks and other undeveloped state park lands. Day use fees: adults (14+) \$4, children 4-13 \$2, 3 and under free. Additional fees for cabins, shelters, pavilions, and boat rentals. Check your library for a free pass. If you are 62 years or older and a Vermont resident, or a Vermont resident who is an honorably discharged veteran, you are eligible for a lifetime day entry pass called the Green Mountain Passport, available at your local town clerk's office. For reservations, information and customer service call (888) 409-7579 (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 4 pm) or email parks@vermont.gov. For a listing of parks visit vtstateparks.com.

STATEWIDE. Salvation Farms. Volunteer opportunities to glean and process Vermont raised, surplus fruits and vegetables for use by vulnerable populations. For more information contact (802) 522-3148. info@ourfarmsourfood.org. salvationfarms.wordpress.com.

ST. ALBANS. Book Cellar—Library Used Book Sale. \$3 per bag of books! Sponsored by Friends of the St. Albans Free Library. Tuesdays from 10 am - 8 pm. Held in the library basement. St. Albans Free Library, 11 Maiden Lane. (802) 524-1507. www.stalbansfreelibrary.org.

ST. JOHNSBURY. Northern Vermont Songwriters. Songwriters may bring a song to share, performed live for the group, or a recording. Bring 6 copies of lyrics. Or bring lyrics only, or simply listen and comment. Free. 6:45-8:30 pm. Catamount Outback Artspace, the wooden octagonal building behind Catamount Arts, 115 Eastern Ave. (802) 467-9859. jakarns33@gmail.com. *Third Thursday of every month.*

ST. JOHNSBURY. Storytime in the Children's Library. These events are part of the Athenaeum's Acorn Club. 10:30 am. St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main St. (802) 748-8291. www.stjathenaeum.org.

Every Friday and every 1st and 3rd Saturday.

WAITSFIELD. Naturalist Snowshoe Program. Guided snowshoe trek tailored to your interest in the ecology and wildlife of Stark Mountain. Outings and content varies each week depending on snow conditions and participants. Learn about the hardwood forests of the Green Mtns., moose, bear, deer, fisher, coyote, red fox and more! Easy to moderate difficulty. Every Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 am. Mad River Glen, 62 Mad River Resort Rd. (802) 496-3551. ski@madriverglen.com. madriverglen.com. *Every Saturday and Sunday, December 30 through April 8.*

WEST RUTLAND. Vermont Herbal General Store. Owned and operated by a registered pharmacist. Tai' Chi Gung classes, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm at the store. Free intro classes. Meditations at the store Wednesdays at 5 pm. Usul & Karuna Reiki Healings & Classes. Handmade Herbal Medicines, Oils, Essences, Crystals, Gemstones & Books. Teas, Lotions, and Capsules. All are welcome. Open Tuesday & Wednesday 1-6, Thursday 11 am – 4:30 pm, Saturday 1-6 pm, Sunday 1-4 pm, closed Friday and Monday. Vermont Herbal General Store, 578 Main St. (802) 438-2766. info@vermontherbal.com. On Facebook and Twitter. www.vermontherbal.com.

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

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Thrift Shop. Saturdays 10 am – 1 pm, Wednesdays 1-4 pm. Second Hand Rose, United Methodist Church, 106 Gates St. (802) 295-2502. www.unitedmethodistchurchwrj.com.

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

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Introduction to Zen Practice. An informal introduction to the form and theory of Zen Buddhist practice. Donation. 6-7 pm. Upper Valley Zen Center, 58 Bridge St. (603) 448-4877. *Every Wednesday.*

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Newberry Market. A year-round, public indoor market with vendors offering local products, cheeses, clothing, gifts, pottery, and specialty foods. Free admission. Open every Thursday year round 11 am – 6 pm. Newberry Market, 19 South Main St. For information contact: Betsy Briggs Wheeler at (802) 299-0212. newberrymarketwrj@gmail.com. newberrymarketwrj.com.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. The Center for Cartoon Studies. Exhibitions, and classes. Two-year course of studies, Master of Fine Arts degrees, summer workshops. Public gallery hours are Monday-Friday from 12-4 pm through June 9. 46 South Main St. (802) 295-3319. www.cartoonstudies.org.

WILMINGTON. Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides. A team of Belgian draft horses pull the sleigh to an old log cabin; warm by the wood stove, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, and sing along with the vintage player piano. About 1 1/2 hours. Each sleigh holds 15 people. Blankets provided, dress accordingly. Reservations required. Cost: adults \$22, children (2-12) \$13, under 2 free. Private 45-minute sleigh ride for two: \$100. Tues-Sat 12:15 pm, 1 pm, 1:45 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:15 pm, 8 pm. Sun 11:30 am, 12:15 pm, 1 pm, 1:45 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:15 pm. Adams Farm. 15 Higley Hill Rd. (802) 464-3762. adamsfamilyfarm.com. *Through March.*

WINDSOR. Stuffed Animal Repair. Sue Spear, stuffed animal repair specialist, will fix up stuffed friends. Free. 6-8 pm. Windsor Public Library, 43 State St. (802) 674-2556. *Every Wednesday.*

WOODBURY. Meditation Retreat. Shao Shan Temple, nestled in the woods at the eastern foot of the Woodbury Range, offers a schedule of regular zazen (meditation), study, retreats and liturgy. Shao Shan Temple is a registered temple within the Japanese school of Soto Zen Buddhism. (802) 456-7091. shaoshantemple@gmail.com. shaoshantemple.org.

WOODSTOCK. Tech Tuesdays: Free one-one help with technology. Computer basics; how to use an e-reader, get a free email address, download e-books and audiobooks, start a blog, learn HTML, FTP, CGI or JavaScript, Word or Excel. 4-6 pm. Norman Williams Public Library, 10 The Green. To set up an appointment, please contact the library at (802) 457-2295. www.normanwilliams.org.

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WOODSTOCK. Baby Farm Animal Celebration at Billings Farm. Meet the farm's newest additions during family-centered programs with our lambs, chicks, piglets, and calves; heirloom seed activity. 1890 Farm House, farm life exhibits and dairy bar will be open. Open March 30 & 31, then opening April 2 for the season. Admission: adults \$15, 62 & up \$14, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. *Also March 31.*

WOODSTOCK. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park. 20 miles of trails and carriage roads are open year-round. Gardens and mansion. Vermont's only national park. Guided tours \$4/\$8, under 15 free. Walk the grounds free. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park, 54 Elm St. (802) 457-3368 x 22. nps.gov/mabi.

MUSEUMS, EXHIBITS & GALLERIES

BARRE. Studio Place Arts. Exhibits, classes, workshops, and artists' studios. Free. Tues, Wed & Fri 10 am – 5 pm, Thurs 11 am – 7 pm, Sat 9 am – 5 pm. 201 N. Main St. (802) 479-7069. info@studioplacearts.com. www.studioplacearts.com.

BARRE. Vermont History Center and Leahy Library. Thousands of books, manuscripts, photographs, maps, audio, video and film recordings, and many other items which shed light on the lives and times of past Vermonters. One admission fee for both the Vermont Heritage Galleries in Barre and the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier. Adults: \$5; families: \$12; students, children, seniors: \$3 members and children under 6: free. Monday through Friday, 9 am – 4 pm. Vermont Historical Society, 60 Washington St. (802) 479-8500. info@vermonthistory.org. www.vermonthistory.org.

BELMONT. Stephanie Stouffer Studio and Gallery Gift Shop. Hooked pillows and rugs, tapestries, holiday cards, and stoneware. Free admission. Call for appointment. Stephanie Stouffer Studio and Gallery Gift Shop, 250 Maple Hill Rd. (802) 259-2686. stouffer@vermontel.net. www.stephaniestouffer.com.

BRANDON. Art Exhibit: Art from Farm To Table. The Brandon Artists Guild (the BAG) presents a feast for the eyes with a fresh exhibit of pastel works by Middlebury artists Judy Albright and Cristine Kossow. Brandon Artists Guild, 7 Center St. (802) 247-4956. brandonartistsguild.org. *March 3 through April 30.*

BELMONT. Mount Holly Community Historical Museum. Tarbellville Rd. (turn right immediately after the Belmont Store, museum is on your right). (802) 259-2460. www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org. *Open year-round on second weekend of the month.*

BENNINGTON. The Dollhouse and Toy Museum of Vermont. Exhibit: "Advertising Dolls". More than two dozen advertising dolls, all of them from the collection of the late Earlene Smith of Londonderry. Dolls and dollhouses, puppets, trucks and trains, toys, and educational displays. Museum shop. Admission is \$2 for children three and older, \$4 for adults and \$10 for families. Open Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 pm. 212 Union St. at the corner of Valentine St. (802) 681-3767. www.dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com.

BENNINGTON. Bennington Center for the Arts. Permanent collections, theater productions, workshops. Admission: adults \$9, seniors & students \$8, families \$20, under 12 are free. Open Wed-Mon, 10 am – 5 pm. Bennington Center for the Arts, 44 Gypsy Lane. (802) 442-7158. shirley@thebennington.org. thebennington.org.

BENNINGTON. Bennington Museum. Founding documents, fine art, Bennington Pottery, the 1924 Wasp Touring Car, Vermont furniture, and the Bennington Flag—one of America's oldest flags. Lectures, workshops, concerts, films, and the George Aiken Wildflower Trail. Admission: adults \$10, seniors and students over 18 \$9. Admission is never charged for younger students, museum members, or to visit the museum shop. Open 10 am – 5 pm every day except Wednesdays. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. www.benningtonmuseum.org.

BRADFORD. Historical Society Museum. Includes display of photographs and artifacts for the town's 250th celebration. Free. 2-4 pm second Saturdays. Academy Building, 172 Main St. (802) 222-4423.

BRANDON. Exhibit: "Holiday Legacy". Artist Stephanie Stouffer's original paintings and products displaying her designs. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm, 11 am – 3 pm on Sundays. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Drive, Park Village, 1.5 miles north of downtown off Rt. 7. (802) 247-4295. www.cmacvt.org. *Through December 31.*

BRANDON. Compass Music and Arts Center. Arts businesses and studios, workshops & classes, exhibits, concerts, and community events. A gift shop features art and music related books, collectibles, and the music of the classical recording company, Divine Art Records. Onsite café. Open Monday-Saturday 10 am – 5 pm. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Drive, Park Village, 1.5 miles north of downtown. (802) 247-4295. www.cmacvt.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Hooker-Dunham Theater & Gallery. Your community arts venue since 1999: art exhibits, live music, photography, film, comedy, live theatre, film and literary festivals, and community events. 139 Main St. (802) 254-9276. www.hookerdunham.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Exhibits: "Constellations". The colorful, rigorously patterned paintings of Roger Sandes, through January 8. Open daily 11 am – 5 pm, closed Tues. Admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$4 students, free for youth 18 and under. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. www.brattleboromuseum.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Art Exhibit: New work from Jackie Abrams, Eric Boyer, Josh Bernbaum, Tiffany Heerema, Anne Johnstone, Gene Parulis, Torin Porter, Erika Radich, Donald Saaf, and other gallery artists. Open 11 am – 5 pm. Wednesday-Monday. Giddings Fine Arts, 183 Main St. (802) 251-8290. info@mitchellgiddingsfinearts.com. *Through March 18.*

BRATTLEBORO. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. Open daily 11 am – 5 pm, closed Tuesdays. Admission \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$4 students, free for youth 18 and under. 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. www.brattleboromuseum.org.

BRATTLEBORO. First Fridays 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. 5:30-8:30 pm. (802) 257-2616. www.gallerywalk.org. *Monthly on first Fridays.*

BRIDGEWATER. Bridgewater Historical Society Museum. Includes town history exhibits and Bridgewater Mill artifacts. Free. 10 am – 2 pm on Saturdays and by appointment, 12 N. Bridgewater Rd. (802) 672-3745.

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

BURLINGTON. Fleming Museum of Art. More than 20,000 objects that span the history of civilization, from early Mesopotamia through contemporary America. Admission: adults \$5, family \$10, students and seniors \$3, children 6 and under free. Tue, Thu, Fri 10 am – 4 pm, Wed 10 am – 7 pm, Sat-Sun noon – 4 pm. Fleming Museum of Art, 61 Colchester Ave. (802) 656-0750. fleming@uvm.edu. www.flemingmuseum.org.

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

CENTER RUTLAND. The Rutland Railroad Museum. Housed in the Rutland Depot, built in 1917. See railroad artifacts and historical exhibits including HO & N scale model railroad layouts and a children's layout. The museum is also available to educational groups and schools for tours by appointment. Open Saturdays from 11 am – 1 pm. Rutland Railway Association, 79 Depot Lane. For information call John Schaub at (802) 768-8427. info@rutlandrailroadmuseum.org.

Museums, Exhibits and Galleries 2018, continued:

CHESTER. Exhibit: "Vermont Life." A new collection of work by painter, Gail Nathanson. 39 North Gallery, on Route 103 in the historic Stone Village. (802) 875-8900. thedavallia@gmail.com. theDavallia.com. *Through March 31.*

CHESTER. Photography Contest: Chester Trails Experience. Entries must be taken of or from one of Chester's hiking trails: information at meetchestervermont.com/maps-resources. Maximum of three submissions per person. Winning entries will be professionally matted and displayed in Chester's Whiting Library in April 2018. (802) 875-4309. chestertrails05143@gmail.com. *Submission dates: through February 28, 2018.*

CHESTER. 103 Artisans Marketplace. Owned by artists Elise & Payne Junker, exclusive showroom of Junker Studio metalwork. Open Thursday through Sunday 10 am – 5 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday by chance. Located at 7 Pineview Dr. and Rt. 103, south of town—look for the life-size moose! (802) 875-7400. www.103artisansmarketplace.com.

ENFIELD. Enfield Shaker Museum. Self-guided tours Tuesday-Thursday. Guided tours Sunday, Monday, Friday and Saturday. Admission \$8 or \$12, under 10 free. Monday-Saturday 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday 12-4 pm. 447 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-4346.

GLOVER. The Museum of Everyday Life. Current exhibit: "Dust". We celebrate our fifth year of existence by delving deep into this most ubiquitous substance. A self-service museum, open every day from 8 am - 8 pm. At 3482 Dry Pond Rd. (Rt. 16) a short distance south of the Shadow Lake Rd. For more information call (802) 626-4409. www.museumofeverydaylife.org.

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

GRAFTON. Art Exhibits. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Gallery North Star, 151 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2465. gallery@gnsgraffton.com. www.gnsgraffton.com.

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

HANOVER, NH. Webster Cottage Museum. Explore the furnishings of early New England and the life of Daniel Webster. Free. 2:30-4:30 pm Wednesdays and Saturdays. 32 N. Main St. (603) 643-6529.

HARTFORD. Hartford Historical Society Museum. Tours and exhibits cover the history of Hartford, including the Abenaki tribes. Free. Monday-Friday 9 am – 1 pm. Garipay House, 1461 Maple St. (802) 296-3132.

LEBANON, NH. AVA Gallery and Art Center. 11 am – 5 pm. 11 Bank St. (603) 448-3117. avagallery.org.

LYME CENTER, NH. Lyme Center Academy Museum. Historic school displays artifacts of Lyme history. Sponsored by Lyme Historians. Free admission. Tuesdays, 9 am – 12 noon and by appointment. 183 Dorchester Rd. (603) 795-2508.

MANCHESTER. Southern Vermont Art Center. Galleries, exhibits, classes, performances, gift shop, café, botany trail. Free admission to some exhibits. Open Tues-Sat 10 am – 5 pm. Yester House Galleries, Southern Vermont Arts Center, West Rd. (802) 362-1405. www.svac.org.

MANCHESTER. Hildene House Tours of Robert and Mary Lincoln's home. The museum store in our 100-year-old carriage barn welcomes visitors for distinctive gifts. Tours daily at 2 pm with a prior reservation, not recommended for children under 10. Admission \$20 adults; children 6 to 14, \$5; under 6, free. A fee of \$7.50 for the tour is added to the general admission. No admission charged for Welcome Center and Museum Store. Open daily year round 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home, Rt. 7A, south of the village. (802) 362-1788. info@hildene.org. www.hildene.org.

MARLBORO. Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. Perched on an overlook—on a clear day the horizon is 100 miles away! See mounted specimens of over 600 native New England birds and mammals, a Raptor Center with live hawks and owls, amphibian and reptile exhibit and fall wildflower exhibit. Hogback Mountain Gift Shop next door. Admission: adults \$5, seniors \$3, children 5-12 \$2, kids 4 and under are free. Open 10 am – 4 pm weekdays, 10 am – 5 pm weekends. Rt. 9, Hogback Mountain. (802) 464-0048. museum@sover.net. www.vermontmuseum.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Exhibit. Our Town: Love, Joy, Sadness, and Baseball. 100 years of photographs from the Sheldon Museum. Supplemented by clothing from the vintage apparel collection that corresponds to the attire featured in the photographs. Henry Sheldon Museum, One Park St. (802) 388-2117. mmanley@HenrySheldonMuseum.org. HenrySheldonMuseum.org. *March 20 through July 8.*

MIDDLEBURY. Middlebury College Museum of Art. Free. Tuesday through Friday 10 am–5 pm, Saturday and Sunday 12–5 pm, closed Mondays. 72 Porter Field Rd. (802) 443-3168. cfa@middlebury.edu. museum.middlebury.edu.

MIDDLEBURY. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont. The oldest chartered community history museum in the United States, welcoming visitors since 1882. Exhibits, research center, and museum shop. Admission: adults \$5, youth 6-18 \$3, senior \$4.50, family \$12, under 6 free. Open Tues-Sat 10 am – 5 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History, One Park St. (803) 388-2117. henrysheldonmuseum.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Vermont Folklife Center. Gallery, archives & research center, programs, and Heritage Shop. Free admission. Open Tues-Sat 10 am – 5 pm. Vermont Folklife Center, 88 Main St. (802) 388-4964. info@vermontfolklifecenter.org. www.vermontfolklifecenter.org.

MONTPELIER. Vermont History Museum & Bookstore. One admission fee gives access to both the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier and the Vermont Heritage Galleries in Barre. Admission: adults: \$7; families: \$20; students, children, seniors: \$5; members and children under 6: free. Open 9 am – 4 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. Pavilion Building, 109 State St. (802) 828-2291. info@vermonthistory.org. www.vermonthistory.org.

MONTPELIER. Paul Sample Mural, "Salute to Vermont," officially unveiled. The mural illustrates key events in Vermont's history, from Samuel de Champlain's arrival in 1609 through the development of the modern ski industry. Museum hours: Tuesday–Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm. Vermont History Museum, 109 State St. (802) 479-8522. www.vermonthistory.org.

MONTPELIER. Exhibit: Avian Inspired: Paintings by Linda Mirabile. Monday–Friday, 8 am – 4:30 pm, excluding state holidays. Photo ID required for admission. Governor's Gallery, 5th floor of the Pavilion Office Building, 109 State St. *Through March 30.*

NORWICH. Montshire Museum of Science. Trails, programs, and museum store. Open 10 am – 5 pm daily. Admission \$14 adults, \$11 children 2-17, under 2 free. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. One Montshire Rd. (802) 649-2200. www.montshire.org.

QUECHEE. Vermont Toy Museum. Collection of more than 100,000 toys. Toy and gift shop. Admission \$3. Open Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon. 11 am – 5 pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. On the 2nd floor inside Quechee Gorge Village, Rt. 4. (802) 295-1550 x 102. vermonttoymuseum.com. www.quecheegorge.com.

ROCHESTER. Exhibit: Nancy Taplin, painter. A select retrospective. BigTown Gallery, 99 North Main St. info@bigtowngallery.com. bigtowngallery.com. *Through March 31.*

RUTLAND. Chaffee Downtown Art Center. Exhibits, workshops, classes. Open Tuesday-Friday 12-6 pm, and Saturday 10 am - 5 pm. Chaffee Downtown Gallery, 75 Merchants Row. (802) 775-0062. info@chaffeeartcenter.org. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

RUTLAND. Castleton Downtown Gallery. Free admission. Open Wed through Sat 1-6 pm. Center Street Alley. For info call Bill Ramage at (802) 468-1266. castletoncollegegalleries@gmail.com.

Museums, Exhibits and Galleries 2018, continued:

RUTLAND. Inaugural Exhibition: 34 local artists from all over Rutland County with work ranging from landscape paintings to conceptual sculptures to collage work and even performance art. 77 Gallery, 77 Grove St. (603) 732-8606. the77gallery@gmail.com. vitalsparknorth.com. facebook.com/vtalleygallery. *Through March 30.*

SAXTONS RIVER. River Artisans Cooperative. 50 craftspeople keep the shelves stocked with a wide variety of handcrafted items. Year round, weekdays from 12-5 pm and weekends from 10 am – 3 pm. The River Artisans Cooperative, in the center of Saxtons River on Main Street, across from the Saxtons River Inn, 26B Main St. (802) 869-2099. www.riverartisans.com.

SAXTONS RIVER. Main Street Arts. Exhibits, concerts, lectures, workshops, and classes for adults, teens and children. Main Street Arts, 35 Main St. (802) 869-2960. www.mainstreetarts.org.

SHELBURNE. Shelburne Museum. Renowned for its collection of American folk art and quilts. Home to holdings of decorative arts, design, decoys, and carriages. The paintings collection includes French Impressionists as well as over 400 18th-20th century American works. Over 20 gardens. Historic houses and community buildings. Admission through April 30: adult \$10, ages 5-17 \$5, under 5 free. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm through December 30. Winter Season with only Pizzagalli Center and Webb Gallery open: January 2 – April 30 Wednesday – Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm. Shelburne Museum, 6000 Shelburne Rd. (802) 985-3346. shelburnemuseum.org.

SHOREHAM. Shoreham Bell Museum. See 5-6,000 bells collected from all over the world. Open most afternoons by appointment or chance year round. Free admission, donations accepted. Shoreham Bell Museum, 127 Smith St. off Rt. 74 west. For information call Judy Blake at (802) 897-2780. vtcat@shorehambellmuseum.com. www.shorehambellmuseum.com.

SO. POMFRET. Exhibits, workshops, classes, events. Artistree Community Arts Center, 2095 Pomfret Rd. (802) 457-3500. artistreevt.org.

SPRINGFIELD. Wildlands Exhibition. A new exhibition opening celebrates our public lands and national parks, and the beauty and experiences we enjoy in our publicly owned wild spaces. The 10 artists in Wildlands share a deep love of the land and capture the breadth and feel and temporal fragility of open spaces in their art. 9 am – 5 pm. The Great Hall, 100 River St. (802) 258-3992. www.vermontartsliving.com. *Through March 30.*

SPRINGFIELD. Gallery at the VAULT. A Vermont State Craft Center featuring fine art and hand-crafted gifts from over 125 local and regional artists and craftsmen. Classes, workshops. Tuesday – Saturday 11 am – 5 pm. Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. galleryvault.org.

SPRINGFIELD. Photograph Exhibit. A collection of Joe Tantillo's Springfield photographs, Springfield's Machine Tool Shops and Countryside, is on special exhibit. 11 am – 5 pm. Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. www.galleryvault.org.

STOWE. Event: Dreamcatcher. A large-scale, interactive sculpture installation by LA-based artist James Peterson, inspired by magical Siberian ice caves. Donations welcome. Open to the public all hours. Spruce Peak Village Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. mail@helenday.com. www.helenday.com. *Through September.*

STOWE. Exhibit: Ordinary Time. Paintings of Maine-based painter Grace DeGennaro and kinetic sculpture of Boston-based artist Anne Lilly. Tuesday–Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm. Helen Day Art Center 90 Pond St. (802) 253-8358. director@helenday.com. helenday.com. *Through April 14.*

STOWE. Helen Day Art Center. Exhibits and workshops. Free admission. Hours: Wednesday–Sunday, noon – 5 pm and by appointment. Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond St. (802) 253-8358. www.helenday.com.

STOWE. Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum. Exhibits, events, and gift store. Suggested admission donation: \$5 per person. Open Wednesdays–Sundays, 12 noon – 5 pm. The Perkins Building, One South Main St. (802) 253-9911. info@vtssm.com. vtssm.com.

ST. JOHNSBURY. Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium. Exhibits, programs, special events, wildflower table, collections. Admission: adults \$8, seniors and children under 17 \$6, under 5 free. Open every day 9 am – 5 pm. Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium, 1302 Main St. (802) 748-2372. www.fairbanksmuseum.org.

ST. JOHNSBURY. The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain and Dog Chapel. Free. Gallery open Mon. & Wed. 11 am – 4 pm; Fri., Sat. & Sun. 10 am – 5 pm. Closed Tues. & Thurs. After November call the Gallery at (800) 449-2580 to find out about hours for the winter. Dog Chapel open seven days a week from dawn to dusk. Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. off Spaulding Rd. (800) 449-2580. contact@dogmt.com. www.dogmt.com.

VERGENNES. Exhibit: Can't Lose Shoes, mixed-media exhibition by Rick Skogsberg. BigTown Gallery, 245 Main St. info@bigtowngallery.com. bigtowngallery.com. *March 3 through March 30.*

VERGENNES. Creative Space Gallery & Sean Dye Studio. Featuring the works of over 45 artists. Exhibits, classes, and demonstrations. Open Wednesday through Saturday, 12 – 5 pm and Sunday 12-4 pm. 214 Main St. (802) 877-3850. creativespacegallery.org.

WAITSFIELD. Exhibit: Classic Motorcycles at the Bundy Modern: Motorcycles, Cars, Motoring Art & Motorabilia showing at the Bauhaus modern architectural gem in the woods of Waitsfield. 12 noon – 5 pm. Bundy Modern, 361 Bundy Rd. (802) 583-5832. *Through May 20.*

WEST RUTLAND. Carving Studio and Sculpture Center Gallery. Annual Members' Exhibition, June 10 through July 9. Hours are Monday-Friday, 10 am-1 pm, or by appointment. 636 Marble St. (802) 438-2097. info@carvingstudio.org. carvingstudio.org.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Exhibit: "Body Language." A collaboration of poems and prints by Don and Vickie Shalhav Herzberg. Gallery hours: Tuesday–Friday 11 am – 2 pm or by chance or appointment. Two Rivers Printmaking Studio, 85 North Main St, Suite 160. (802) 295-5901. trps@sover.net. tworiversprintmaking.org. *Through March 31.*

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Main Street Museum. A small, public collection of curiosities and artifacts, each one significant and telling a story about human beings and the universe we are part of—an alternative experiment in material culture studies. Open Tues & Wed 4-7 pm. Parking adjacent to the rear of the building. Located at 58 Bridge St., Studio 6, near the underpass. (802) 356-2776. info@mainstreetmuseum.org. www.mainstreetmuseum.org.

WOODSTOCK. ArtisTree Community Art Center. Exhibits, classes, music, special events. Tues 11 am – 8 pm, Wed-Sat 11 am – 4 pm. Mount Tom Building, 1206 Rt. 12. (802) 457-3500. info@artistreevt.org. www.artistreevt.org.

WOODSTOCK. Baby Farm Animal Celebration at Billings Farm. Meet the farm's newest additions during family-centered programs with our lambs, chicks, piglets, and calves; heirloom seed activity. 1890 Farm House, farm life exhibits and dairy bar will be open. Open March 30 & 31, then opening April 2 for the season. Admission: adults \$15, 62 & up \$14, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org. *Also March 31.*

COMMUNITY MEALS

BERLIN. Grange Potluck Dinner. Please join us for a community potluck dinner, on the first Saturday of every month (except July & August) at around 6 pm. We eat upstairs at the Grange Hall. Bring something to share, simple or fancy, and we'll all enjoy a meal together. 6:30-7 pm. Capital City Grange, 6612 VT Rt. 12. (802) 229-9425. capitalcitygrange.org. *First Saturdays.*

CHESTER. Monthly Community All-you-can-eat Buffet Breakfast. Eggs, home fries, sausage, bacon, pancakes, real Vermont maple syrup, toast, and beverages. \$7 donation at the door. 8-10 am. Gassetts Grange, junction of Rt. 10 & 103N. (802) 875-2637. *Monthly on first Saturdays.*

Community Meals, continued:

CRAFTSBURY COMMON. Community Dinner. We gather for a free community supper. Really; it's free! The food is great; the fellowship is wonderful! 6 pm. United Church of Craftsbury, 7 Church Lane. (802) 586-8028. *Continues on third Wednesdays.*

FAIR HAVEN. Breakfast Buffet. \$7 adult, \$3.50 children. 8-11 am. Sponsored by the American Legion Post #49, 72 S. Main St. (802) 265-7983. *Monthly on second Sundays.*

HANOVER, NH. Community Dinner. Served by Dartmouth Students Fighting Hunger. Free. 5-6 pm. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 5 Summer St. (603) 643-3703. *Every Friday.*

MONTPELIER. Bethany Bowl. A community meal that is free to all. 11:30 am – 1 pm. At the Fellowship Hall, Bethany Church, 115 Main St. (802) 223-2424. www.bethanychurchvt.org. UCCBethany@comcast.net. *Every Tuesday.*

NEWPORT. Souper Lunch. Free. All are welcome. Noon at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 44 2nd St. (802) 334-7365. www.stmarksnewport.org. *Last Tuesday of each month.*

NORWICH. Upper Valley Grange Buffet Breakfast. Adults \$8, seniors \$7, kids 5-12 \$4, under 5 free. 8-11 am. At Upper Valley Grange, 344 Main St. UpperValleyCommunityGrange@yahoo.com. *Monthly, the last Saturday of the month.*

POULTNEY. The Slate Valley Community Monthly Breakfast. 8-10 am at the Poultney United Methodist Church, 108 Main St. Adults \$1 and children 14 and are free. Handicapped accessible. (802) 287-9087. *Last Saturdays of the month.*

RUTLAND. Breaking Bread—Free Community Meal. Main dish, bread and beverages are provided. Donations of side dishes welcome. All are welcome whether or not they can bring a dish. 5-7 p.m., Rutland United Methodist Church 71 Williams St. (802) 773-2460. www.rutlandumc.com. *The last Thursday of every month except November.*

RUTLAND. Monthly Dinner. Menu: steak, baked potato, veg, roll, dessert and beverage. \$12. 5-7 pm. Everyone welcome. VFW Post #648, 15 Wales St. (802) 775-6892. *2nd Saturdays.*

SO. HERO. Free Community Supper. The food is delicious and prepared by wonderful volunteer cooks. 5:30-7 pm. Congregational Church of South Hero, UCC, 24 South St. (802) 372-4962. *Second Fridays.*

SO. ROYALTON. Community Supper. Free and open to all. Handicap accessible. 6 pm. United Church of South Royalton (church w/red doors adjacent to the green), 67 S. Windsor St. For info call Raelene Lemery at (802) 763-7690. ucsr@myfairpoint.net. *Every Friday.*

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Listen Hearty Three-Course Community Dinner. Free. Doors open at 4 pm. Dinner at 5 pm. Listen Community Dinner Hall, River Point Plaza, 42 Maple St. (603) 448-4553. listencommunityservices.org. *Monday through Friday.*

WINDSOR. Community Meal. Bring a friend for a meal sponsored by Windsor churches and community groups. Free. 5-6 pm. American Legion Hall on Court St. (802) 674-2157. *Each Wednesday.*

WINDSOR. All-You-Can-Eat Brunch Buffet. Menu includes pancakes and eggs, sausage, fruit salad, homemade bread, desserts and more. Adults \$7.50, 8 and under \$3. 11 am to 1 pm. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 27 State St. (802) 674-6461. *First Sundays.*

WOODSTOCK. Hand-in-Hand Community Meal. All are welcome. Free, donations accepted. 5-7 pm in the Social Hall of the North Universalist Chapel Society, 7 Church St. (802) 457-2557. *Every Thursday.*

COMMUNITY DANCES AND MUSIC

BRANDON. Exhibit: Opera at-a-glance. Listening room where visitors can relax and sample different operas. Phonograph Rooms devoted to how recording helped to popularize opera for all to enjoy. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Dr. (802) 247-4295. edna@cmacvt.org. cmacvt.org. barnopera.com.

BERLIN. Afro-Caribbean Dance. With live percussion every Thursday from 10:30 am – 12 pm. All levels welcome. Drumming and dance from Mali Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Capital City Grange, 6612 Rt. 12, Northfield Rd. (802) 985-3665. capitalcitygrange.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Contra Dance. Caller Steve Zakon-Anderson. Music by Becky Tracy and Keith Murphy. Dancers of all ages welcome, no experience necessary, all dances taught and called, no partner necessary. Bring clean, soft-soled, non-street shoes for dancing. Beginners workshop at 6:45; dancing 7-10 pm. Admission \$10 (\$7 students/seniors/low income). The Stone Church, corner of Main/Grove St. (413) 320-2729. www.petersiegel.com. www.brattcontra.org. *Second and fourth Sundays.*

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

BRATTLEBORO. Brattleboro Music Center. Now registering for fall. Individual lessons, as well as classes for kids, teens, and adults; instrumentalists, singers, and non-musicians; absolute beginners and accomplished musicians. Daytime adult program, programs for kids, conducting class. Brattleboro Music Center, 38 Walnut St. (802) 257-4523. www.bmcvt.org.

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

BURLINGTON. Jericho Cafe and Tavern Irish Session. Moderately paced, all welcome. A comfortable place for people of various experiences to share a tune. The intention is to include all who want to play. Admission free, donations welcome. 7-9 pm. Jericho Cafe & Tavern, 30 VT-15. denisedean15@gmail.com. admin@burlingtonirishheritage.org. www.burlingtonirishheritage.org. *Every first and third Thursday of the month.*

BURLINGTON. North East Fiddlers Association (NEFA) Monthly Meet. Fiddling and dancing, food available; 12 noon - 4 pm. At various locations in central and northern Vermont; refer to website for location and other details. wdovt.com/nefiddlers/more.htm. *Generally the first Sunday of each month.*

BURLINGTON. Irish Music Open Session. Come to play or to listen. The session is open to musicians & singers. Fine local musicians bring their best Irish tunes. This is not a slow session, so sit down and trap yourself in. Come ready to play, sing, dance or tap your toes, and try to keep up. Admission free, donations welcome. 7-9 pm. Radio Bean, 8 North Winooski Ave. admin@burlingtonirishheritage.org. burlingtonirishheritage.org. *Every Wednesday.*

BURLINGTON. Shapenote Singing. Meet to sing from the Sacred Harp, an early American hymn-singing tradition. Bring water and a copy of the Sacred Harp book, if you have it. 6:30-8:30 pm. Check in advance for specific location at UVM: sometimes Ira Allen Chapel, sometimes 427-A Waterman Building. uvm.shape.note@gmail.com. youngtraditionvermont.org. *Every Tuesday.*

CHESTER. Green Mountain Express hosts Monthly Open Mike Country Jamboree. All musicians and singers, bands and singles welcome. Refreshments, raffles and 50/50 tickets on sale. Admission \$5 donation. 1-4 pm. Gassetts Grange, junction of Rts. 10 & 103N. (802) 875-2637. *Second Sundays monthly.*

DANVILLE. Family Contra & Square Dance. By donation. Chip Hedler caller and David Carpenter band leader. 8 pm at Danville Town Hall. (802) 563-3225 orsamlyman@sover.net. *First Friday of each month, July through May.*

FAIRLEE. Scottish Country Dance. Beginners are welcome, no experience necessary. Bring soft soled shoes if you have them. Admission: \$3.00 per session, and the first time is free. 7 pm. Fairlee Town Hall, 75 Common Rd. For info call Gary Apfel at (802) 439-3459 or e-mail fairleeeclass@rscdsboston.org. *Every Wednesday, September through June.*

Community Dances and Music, continued:

HANOVER, NH. Social Singing from The Sacred Harp. Early American hymns in the shape note tradition. Free and open to the public, no experience necessary, loaner books provided. Not a performance or church function, just fellowship in song. 7-9:30 pm. Hanover Friends Meeting House, 43 Lebanon St. Information: danhertzler@gmail.com. *Second Thursdays.*

MONTPELIER. Contra Dance. Rotating callers and musicians. All dances taught, no partner necessary, beginners welcome! Please bring clean soft-soled shoes. Admission \$9. 8-11 pm. Capital City Grange, 6612 Rt. 12. (802) 744-2851. www.capitalcitygrange.org. *Continues 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays.*

MONTPELIER. North East Fiddlers Association Swedish Jam. Any level is welcome to check it out, most participants are Advanced-Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced players. 5-7 pm. 107 College St. armarcus@gmail.com. Every Monday.

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

PLAINFIELD. Monthly Sacred Harp Sing. A free event, with beginners and loaner books available. 3-5 pm at the Community Center above the Plainfield Co-op. For more information, call (802) 595-9951. nscottieharrison@gmail.com. *Second Sunday of every month.*

TINMOUTH. Contra Dance. Admission \$10, 12 and under free. Refreshments available. 8-11 pm at Tinmouth Community Center, Rt. 140, 5 miles west of Wallingford. For info or directions call (802) 446-2928. Tinmouthvt.org. *Every third Friday.*

RECREATION & NATURE CENTERS

BENSON. Obstacle Race Training Center and Indoor Gym. Natural terrain with 60 man-made obstacles over five miles. Events and races. Monthly memberships. Open year round regardless of the weather. Shale Hill Adventure Farm, 517 Lake Rd. (802) 537-3561. shalehilladventure@aol.com. www.shalehilladventure.com.

EAST CHARLESTON. Northwoods Stewardship Center. Outdoor programs, outings, workshops, classes, and more. 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 723-6551 x 115. www.northwoodscenter.org.

GRAFTON. Grafton Ponds Outdoor Center. A year-round recreation center. 783 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2400. graftonponds.com.

HUNTINGTON. Monthly Bird Monitoring Walk. Help monitor bird populations in the different habitats at the Green Mountain Audubon Center. Our monthly walks gather long-term data on the presence of bird species, their abundance, and changes in populations. Donation appreciated. 8-10 am. Green Mountain Audubon Center, 255 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-3068. vermont@audubon.org. vt.audubon.org.

MONTPELIER. North Branch Nature Center. Programs and workshops, hikes, bird counts. 713 Elm Street. (802) 229-6206. chip@northbranchnaturecenter.org. northbranchnaturecenter.org.

QUECHEE. Vermont Institute of Natural Science Nature Center. Exhibits, programs, nature trail, live bird programs and animal feeding time, nature store. Admission: adults \$13, seniors \$12, youth (4-17) \$11. 10 am – 5 pm. VINS Nature Center, 6565 Woodstock Rd., Rt. 4, 1/4 mile west of Quechee Gorge. (802) 359-5000. info@vinsweb.org. www.vinsweb.org.

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

RUTLAND. Flipside Skate Park. One of the largest indoor skate parks in the state of Vermont, designed with transition and flow in mind and constructed with quality materials for skateboards, inline skaters and BMX bikers in mind. Season passes, punch passes, and daily passes available. Many camps. For ages 6-15. Register for camps. At Giorgetti Arena, 2 Oak St. Extension. (802) 775-7976. rutlandrec.com.

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.

VERMONT FARMERS MARKETS Winter 2018

Brattleboro Winter Farmers Market at the River Garden, 157 Main St., Brattleboro, VT. Saturdays through 3/31. 10 am – 2 pm. Sherry Maher. samaher@vermontel.net. (802) 869-2141. www.facebook.com/BrattleboroWinterFarmersMarket.

Burlington – UVM Medical Center Farmers Market at the Davis Concourse, UVM Medical Center, 111 Colchester Ave., Burlington, VT. Thursdays through 4/26. 2:30-5 pm. Tanya McDonald, tanya.mcdonald@uvmhealth.org. (802) 847-5823.

Burlington Farmers Market at the Dudley Davis Center (UVM), 590 Main St. Burlington, VT. Saturdays, 3/10, 3/24, 4/7, 4/21. 10 am – 2 pm. Chris Wagner, chriswag31@gmail.com. 802-399-0149. www.burlingtonfarmersmarket.org.

Dorset Farmers Market at the J.K. Adams Kitchen Store, 1430 VT Rt. 30, Dorset, VT. Sundays through 4/29 (no market 4/1). 10 am – 2 pm. Carol Adinolfi, marketmanager@dorsetfarmersmarket.com. (802) 353-9656. www.dorsetfarmersmarket.com.

Montpelier – Capital City Farmers Market at the City Center Building (1st floor), 89 Main St., Montpelier, VT. Saturdays 3/10, 3/24, 4/14, 4/28. 10 am – 2 pm. Ashton Kiral, manager@montpelierfarmersmarket.com. (802) 793-8347. capitalcityfarmersmarket.com.

Middlebury Farmers Market at the VFM Building, 99 Exchange St., Middlebury, VT. Saturdays through 4/28. 9 am – 12:30 pm. Sharon Kerwin, middleburyfarmersmkt@yahoo.com. (802) 462-3486. www.middleburyfarmersmarket.org.

Northfield Farmers Market at Plumley Armory, Norwich University, 158 Harmon Dr., Northfield, VT. Sundays 3/4, 4/8. 11 am – 2 pm. Amanda Brigham, northfieldfarmersmarketvt@gmail.com. (802) 345-0686. northfieldfarmersmarketvt.org/index.html.

Norwich Farmers Market at Tracy Hall, 300 Main St., Norwich, VT. Saturdays 3/10, 3/24, 4/14, 4/28. 9 am – 1 pm. Steve Hoffman, manager@norwichfarmersmarket.org. (802) 384-7447. www.norwichfarmersmarket.org.

St. Johnsbury – Caledonia Farmers Market Association at the St. Johnsbury Welcome Center, 50 Depot Square, St. Johnsbury, VT. Saturdays 3/3, 3/17, 4/7, 4/21. 10 am – 1 pm. Curtis Sjolander, cfmamanager@gmail.com. (802) 626-9471. sites.google.com/site/caledoniafarmersmarket.

Vermont Farmers Market at the Rutland Farm and Food Center, 251 West St., Rutland, VT. Saturdays through 5/5. 10 am – 2 pm. Maura Wildman, vfmrutland@gmail.com. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org.