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Paul Winter Consort To Perform in Brattleboro, VT

A benefit concert by the Paul Winter Consort will be held at the Latchis Theatre in Brattleboro, VT, on October 25 at 7:30 p.m.

The performance, a fundraiser for the Guilford Community Church's green-up efforts, will highlight soloists Paul Winter, Eugene Friesen, and Theresa Thomason, three Grammy Award-winning and internationally recognized performers.

The Greater Brattleboro Choir of the Community, under the direction of Peter Amidon, will join the Consort on stage to perform several songs.

Soprano saxophonist Paul Winter is one of the pioneers of world music, combining elements of African, Asian, Latin, and Russian music with American jazz. Winter was one of the first to incorporate the sounds of nature and wildlife into his acoustical compositions, including the complex and poignant vocalizations of the humpback whale, wolves and birds.

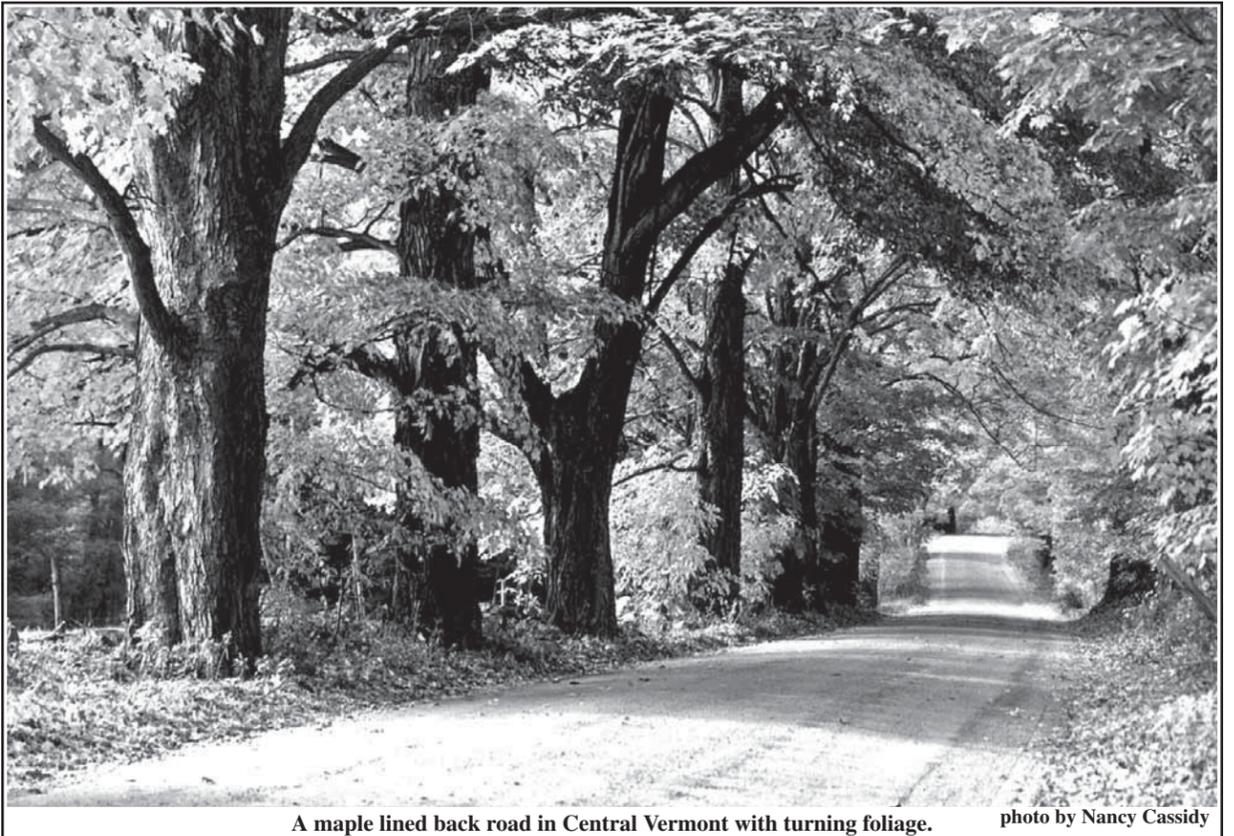
Cellist Eugene Friesen is active internationally as a concert artist, composer, conductor and teacher. A graduate of Yale School of Music, he has been featured on recordings and in concerts utilizing his love for improvisation and rhythm

in contemporary, jazz, and world fiddle styles.

American Gospel music singer Theresa Thomason has enthralled audiences in over 150 European cities, in addition to performing live at the United Nations for the Dalai Lama. She is a featured artist with the Paul Winter Consort at the annual performances at St. John the Divine, the world's largest cathedral, in New York City.

"We are thrilled to bring the Paul Winter Consort to Brattleboro, to share their powerful body of work which celebrates the cultures and creatures of the whole Earth," said Lise Sparrow, pastor of the Guilford Community Church, UCC which is known in the region for its musical ministry, its commitment to the environment, and its global and community outreach. Tickets are \$75 in advance for front orchestra seats (includes a post-concert reception with the performers); \$40 all other downstairs seats; \$20 balcony seats, available online at www.BrattleboroTix.com and at the door.

For more information, contact the Guilford Community Church at (802) 257-0994 or visit www.guilfordchurch.org/PaulWinter.



A maple lined back road in Central Vermont with turning foliage.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

October Journal

The Balance of Winter

by Bill Felker

As frost time comes closer, I bring in the tomato plants I seeded in July, and I set up the greenhouse for winter.

The bugs and I will fight there until the new year. It will be a fair fight up until then, but they will begin to win as January ends, their ability to breed outlasting my ability to keep up with them, or my hope of overcoming them.

I could, I suppose, eliminate the insects with strong

and efficient poisons, but they are part of a psychological system as well as an ecological system I set in place each year.

Throughout the fall and early winter, I can pretend I am lost in a seasonal wilderness, suspended in time. I have escaped the lush expectations of summer. I can hide and rest. I don't need to produce. I can build energy. I can wait and plan.

In this hermetic endeavor,

or, the tomatoes, the white flies, mites and aphids are my allies and my guides. I don't need the tomatoes for my survival. Their fruit is a gratuitous response to my awareness. And so the bugs are not so much a threat. In fact, they keep me on my toes. They are a gauge of my interest and the quality of my hibernation. As long as I keep them in check, I know the trajectory of winter is on the rise.

Once the insects get the upper hand, however, I know my resolve is weakening. I know I am getting restless for spring. And the tomatoes, of course, know too. By the first of March, bugs or no bugs, they will become tired and pale. The season will fall apart, the balance of winter will be tipped, and I will grope to find a new purpose. I will be less dependable and caring. I will be looking elsewhere.

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12th Annual Gilfeather Turnip Festival

It's "Turnip Time" again in Wardsboro, VT on Saturday, October 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., when hundreds will gather to celebrate the town's own heirloom vegetable at the 12th Annual Gilfeather Turnip Festival. Bushels and bushels of turnips along with craft and farmers' market vendors arrive early on festival day to "take over" the small village, inside and outside of Town Hall and under big and small tents on Main Street. The free event takes place rain or shine, and is the largest community fundraising event supporting the town's public library.

Farmer John Gilfeather could never have imagined that one day his town would celebrate the humble tuber that he first propagated in the early 1900s, with an all-day festival. Gilfeather Farm still exists, right in the heart of Wardsboro, and the current owners carry on the tradition of Farmer John by planting a large crop of the heirloom turnip that originated on their farm at the turn of the century.

Organizers expect this 12th year to be the biggest and best yet. More and more people are discovering the culinary possibilities of the now-famous heirloom vegetable, and the menu at the Turnip Café provides evidence that turnips are adaptable to sweet as well as savory offerings. It's exciting that a humble root vegetable—which some say is actually more of a rutabaga—has attracted much attention to the small town even after leaf-season has peaked, and all for a good cause as well.

More than one hundred pounds of Gilfeathers are cooked for the event's signature Gilfeather turnip soup. Bushels more go to volunteer cooks to prepare the savory tastings for entrees and sweet dessert tastings on the menu. A new feature this year is a "chef's station" where diners can sample turnip latkes cooked to order and served with real maple syrup from a local sugar house. The Turnip Café, located in the Wardsboro Town Hall, serves homemade cider donuts and coffee beginning at 10 a.m., followed by lunch featuring à la carte servings of turnip tastings plus the delicious, creamy Gilfeather turnip soup from 11 a.m. until the food runs out. Hot soup is also served at an outdoor kiosk. Tastings as well as soup are available for "take out" or to enjoy at a sit-down lunch. All tasting recipes are found in the 2nd edition of the Gilfeather Turnip Cookbook on sale in the Turnip Shoppe.

The large turnip cart outside Town Hall is always loaded with hundreds of pounds of Gilfeathers, all shapes and sizes, many grown on neighboring farms such as Dutton's in Newfane or in local gardens. Turnips are sold by the pound and "they go fast" according to the Friends' top turnip sales person, Cris Tarnay, who has "manned" the outdoor turnip cart from the beginning of the festival, selling organic and non-organic turnips and Gilfeather seed packets. Growers agree they are hardy and easy to cultivate from seed, but shouldn't be harvested before a bite of hard frost. They acquire a notable sweetness after a frost and that sweetness is what makes the Gilfeather so special.

The most exciting part of the Turnip Festival is the annual Turnip Contest, free for all to enter. Contestants may register Gilfeathers in one or more categories from 10 a.m. to 12 noon upstairs in the Town Hall. Contest categories are: largest grown in Wardsboro; largest grown outside Wardsboro; best turnip name; and wicked-weirdest turnip. The largest turnip, total weight with greens, will be awarded "Grand Champion" of the festival. Winners are announced and ribbons awarded immediately after the judging. All children 12 and under who enter a turnip will receive a personalized, honorable mention award ribbon. Margaret Roach, noted author and former garden editor for Martha Stewart "Living" will judge this year's contest. Roach's third and most recent book, *The Backyard Parable*, will be on sale, and she will be on hand to discuss her love of gardening and to sign her book.



photo courtesy of the Friends of the Wardsboro Library
Emma Hoos and her dad, Bill Hoos, proudly display their Turnip Contest entry grown in their Wardsboro garden, one of many outstanding Gilfeather® turnips at the 2013 Gilfeather® Turnip Festival. This year's festival is October 25. Growers can enter the free contest by registering their Gilfeathers® at the Wardsboro Town Hall from 10 a.m. until noon.

More than 30 craft and farmers' market vendors will be set up inside Town Hall as well as outdoors under the big tent. A complete vendor list is available at www.friendsofwardsborolibrary.org. One of the most popular booths is the Turnip Shoppe featuring shirts, hats, aprons, market bags, cook books, DVDs, children's books, and mugs—all about the Gilfeather turnip—as well as many other gift items of local interest. The Turnip Shoppe is located in a separate room on the first floor of the Town Hall along with the "Christmas in Vermont" shop featuring holiday ornaments designed and handmade by local crafters.

Live music is always a big draw at the Turnip Festival. Wardsboro's own troubadour, Jimmy Knapp, loves to serenade visitors throughout the festival with his original Gilfeather turnip ballads and many more of his guitar compositions. Other local musicians and entertainers are scheduled to perform in the Town Hall and the big tent throughout the event.

The festival is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Wardsboro Library for the support of the Gloria Danforth Memorial Building, the home of the Wardsboro Public Library.

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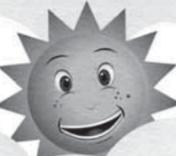
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Seasons of Middle Fall

by Bill Felker

The Week of the First Junco

This last week of early fall is the week the first slate-gray junco arrives for winter. Goldenrod is seeding now, pods of the eastern burning bush are open, hawthorn berries redden, wild grapes are purple, and the tree line that seemed so deep in summer just days ago is suddenly poised to break into its final color of the year.

When juncos arrive, streaks of scarlet appear on the oaks, shades of pink on the dogwoods. The catalpas and the cottonwoods blanch. Shagbark hickories, tulip trees, sassafras, elms, locusts and sweet gums change to full yellow, merge with the swelling orange of the maples to create a variegated archway into middle fall.

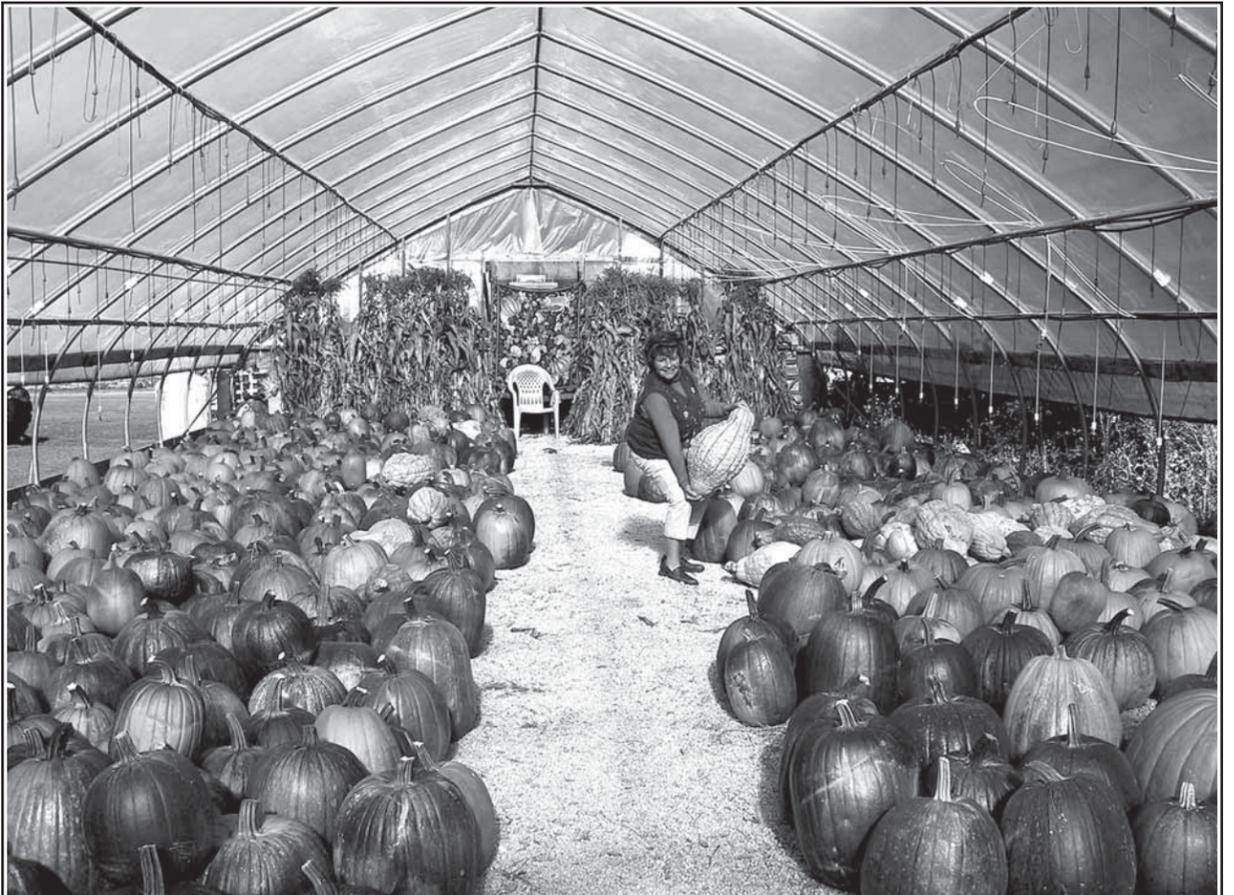
When the first junco appears, the terns and meadowlarks, yellow-rumped warblers and purple martins migrate. Turkey vultures gather from the north. Hawks move south, resting on fences and high wires to look for prey. Titmice chirp, and sometimes cardinals sing. Robins give their short migration clucks.

As the canopy thins, hemlock, ragwort, yarrow, waterleaf, violets, wild ginger and sweet Cicely grow back. Mums are at their best, and the slowest raspberries ripen. Sometimes crabapple trees, forsythia and lilacs come into bloom again. Pussy willows that have lost their foliage to leaf miners sometimes make new leaves. But the tall sedums begin to relinquish their petals, and autumn crocuses die back. Asters are winding down; August's jumpseeds are jumping, touch-me-nots popping, thimble plants unraveling. The toothed leaves of beggarticks darken overnight. Buckeye fruits have fallen, and three-seeded mercury has lost its seeds.

Cabbage butterflies become more reckless in their search for nectar. Aphids disappear in the chilly nights. Cicadas die. Japanese beetles complete their season. Daddy longlegs disappear from the undergrowth, and spiders of all kinds move indoors. Damselflies are rare along the rivers now, and darners have left their suburban ponds.

The Week of the Final Monarchs

The last monarchs depart for Mexico as the high canopy thins and the burning bush turns scarlet. The redbuds and hickories shed quickly, and the land enters full maple-turn



Anna Colutti lifts a giant Hubbard squash, one among many, at Stone Village Farmers Market in Chester, VT. photo by Charles Sutton

and middle fall. Many catalpas are down, beans left swinging in the wind. Ginkgo fruits, which will be on the ground by late November, are turning pink. Box elders, poplars, elms, red mulberries and sycamores are mottled.

Chimney swifts, wood thrushes, barn swallows and red-eyed vireos move out of the county this first week of middle fall. Flocks of blackbirds and robins migrate across the countryside. Yellow-bellied sapsuckers move through the woods. There are newborn grasshoppers in the field, but many of the adults are exhausted and dying. Woolly bear caterpillars suddenly multiply. Cobwebs are rare.

Half the goldenrod has rusted, and many of the varieties of asters deteriorate all at once. The brown seeds of the beggartick plants stick to your pants. Scattered watercress plants bloom one more time. New hepatica leaves are dark and strong along the rocky paths. Henbit that sprouted a month ago is two inches tall. The tips of spruce trees are putting on pale fresh growth. The low October sun brings a golden, second-spring glow to the grass.

The Center of Middle Fall

The chemical changes in the foliage that became noticeable six weeks ago accelerate until the fragile landscape turns all at once. Shagbark hickories, maples, sweet gums, oaks, sassafras, and sycamores reach peak color. Black walnuts, locusts, buckeyes, box elders, hackberries, pussy willows, ashes and cottonwoods are almost bare. Blueberry bushes are completely red. Vineyards are yellow and brown, only a few grapes left. Some ginkgoes are pale golden green, some just a little faded. Large patches of sky shine through the tattered canopy.

In the cooler, wetter nights, crickets and katydids are weakening. Only a few swallowtails and fritillaries visit the garden, and just a few fireflies glow in the grass. Out in the fields, almost all the wildflowers have gone to seed. Wild cucumber fruits are dry and empty. Hosta pods are splitting, black seeds ready to fall. Wild asparagus yellows by the roadsides. The final sedum blossoms are closing for the year. Quickweed still provides a deep green border to the paths,

and a few lance-leaf and zigzag goldenrod still hold. Asters are still common, along with chicory and Queen Anne's lace. Pink smartweed keeps blossoming, and catchweed flowers again. Impatiens, petunias and geraniums that have escaped the frost still bloom with the hardier mums and pansies.

The Week Katydids Fall Silent

In the last week of middle fall, the oaks and the osage, white mulberries, magnolias, ginkgoes and the late black and sugar maples move towards full color. The second tier of leaves, consisting mostly of the early maples, is coming down (in the first tier were the ashes and box elders, locusts and buckeyes).

As foliage thins, eastern phoebes, catbirds and house wrens depart. The last turkey vultures circle the northern states. Vast flocks of robins are fluttering, chattering, whinnying, and moving south through the high trees along the river valleys.

Starlings cackle and whistle in the osage. The last cabbage moths look for cabbages. The last daddy longlegs hunt in the flowerbeds. At night, crickets fill in for the silent katydids. Cattails begin to break apart. The final asters of the year go to seed. The final giant jimson weed opens in the cornfields. The last raspberries of the year redden in the sun.

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A Vermont Almanack for Middle Autumn

by Bill Felker

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—Lizette Woodworth Reese

The Hickory Nutting Moon And the Frog and Toad Migration Moon

September 24: Hickory Nutting Moon is new at 1:14 a.m.
October 1: The moon enters its second quarter at 2:33 p.m.
October 6: Lunar Perigee. October 8: The moon is full at 5:51 a.m. October 8: Total eclipse of the moon visible before sunrise. October 15: The moon enters its final phase at 2:12 p.m. October 18: Lunar Apogee. October 23: The Frog and Toad Migration Moon is new at 4:57 p.m. October 30: The moon enters its second quarter at 9:48 p.m.

The Sun

October 23 is Cross Quarter Day, the halfway mark between autumn equinox and winter solstice. The sun enters Scorpio at the same time. Also on October 23: A partial eclipse of the sun visible during the late afternoon. Of course, don't let your animals stare directly at the sun!

The Planets

Venus remains out of sight throughout October. Jupiter rises well before dawn in Cancer, then in Leo, and remains the morning star. Mars is an evening star, visible in the southwest throughout the month in Ophiucus. Saturn in Libra will be too close to the sun for easy observation in middle autumn.

The Stars

The Pleiades, and the Hyades of Taurus, lie on the eastern horizon after dark, announcing middle autumn in the Northern Hemisphere. Summer's Milky Way, however, is still directly overhead, and June's Corona Borealis has still not set by 10:00 p.m. Cygnus the swan is still high above you, along with August's Aquila, and Lyra. The pointers of the



Mom and baby enjoying the last of an autumn pasture in Central Vermont. photo by Nancy Cassidy

Big Dipper point north-south; find them deep in the northern sky, right along the horizon.

The Shooting Stars

The Draconid meteors arrive in the late evenings of October 7 and 8. The Draconids usually appear before midnight, unlike the Orionids, which will peak in and around Orion near and after midnight of October 4 and November 14.

Meteorology

Weather history suggests that cold waves usually reach Vermont on or about the following dates: October 2, 7, 13, 17, 23, and 30. Storms can occur prior to the passage of each major front. Fish, game, livestock and people tend to feed more and are more active (and often more troublesome) as the barometer is falling one to three days before these weather systems.

By Design

Lil's maple is golden now,
And the Danielsons' bright orange
Across the street.

Every fall, I watch the passage
Of those trees through October
Even though Lil died
And the Danielsons moved
To a nursing home years ago.

Each tree is a guide
That shows a different time in place.
Lil's maple is later than all the others on High Street,
Often waiting to turn until the first day
Of November. Lil's maple is the far anchor
Of middle autumn. When Lil's comes down,
I know the ginkgos have fallen
Near my old office window,
And the white mulberry behind our house
Will be bare within a week.

The Danielsons' tree never varies,
Always marks the leafturn center,
And I could stay here at my window
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—BILL FELKER



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Kids busy husking corn at the Harvest Weekend at Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT photo by Billings Farm & Museum

ing cider, preserving apples, threshing grain, and making butter and ice cream. Harvesting the heirloom vegetable garden will be nearing completion and children can help dig potatoes and other root crops and learn how crops are "put up" for the winter.

Other activities include shelling beans, fence building, apples-on-a-string, and 19th century games. Hot-spiced cider and homemade doughnuts will be on hand for all!

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Enjoy late fall foliage at the Autumn Wagon Ride Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, October 18 & 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Capture the brilliant colors of a Vermont autumn on a scenic narrated horse-drawn wagon ride around the farm fields. Billings Farm's beautiful Percheron draft horses will pull the wagon.

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A Halloween skunk learns to press cider. photo by Billings Farm & Museum



Visiting the sheep on an autumn day at Billings Farm. photo by Billings Farm & Museum

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Admission to the special events includes all programs and activities, plus the working dairy farm, farm life exhibits, and farm house. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & over \$13, children 5-15 \$8, 3-4: \$4, 2 & under free.

Billings Farm & Museum is open daily May 1 through October 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekends Nov. - Feb., and Christmas & Presidents' weeks, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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23rd Annual Manchester Fall Art & Craft Festival

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When autumn approaches, the craft festival season begins in earnest. The 23rd Annual Manchester Fall Art and Craft Festival kicks off American Craft Week in Vermont. The Festival will be held October 3-5 at the Practice Tee at Hunter Park on Rt. 7A, just north of town in Manchester Center, VT.

The Manchester show features 150 artists and artisans displaying and selling traditional and contemporary crafts and original art as well as a specialty food tent. Exhibitors are housed in large Camelot tents.

While craft shopping, customers are delighted with culinary choices served by local restaurants and food trucks. Vermont craft beers are served to accompany the luncheon plates. Live music will be played here too. Besides savoring Vermont food and drink, there are many craft demos and a Vermont Cheese Tent.

Dennis Sparling brings Leonardo da Vinci

In a once in a lifetime experience, two famous "people" will attend this year's Festival. The eight-ft. tall Leonardo Da Vinci will appear as a sculpture inside an 18-ft. trailer. This piece has been created by one of Vermont's most respected sculptors, Dennis Sparling of New Haven, VT. Sparling says, "I arrived in Vermont in 1970, borrowed \$60 from the new Vermont Craft Council run by D'Ann Fago—went dump diving for metals and arrived at the First Bennington Craft Show to sell nothing until two people came looking for me and helped me stay and get through the next 10 years in Vermont. Since then I have mainly sold my work out of state." His Vermont sculptures include the leapfrogging kids on Church Street in Burlington, a catamount on the UVM campus and the marquee for the Vergennes Opera House.

"Before Vermont I studied Architecture at Arizona State and University of Washington—built a gallery in Pioneer Square, Seattle, and collaborated with Tom Robins on 'The Vincent Van Gough Donut Festival'—then fled to Vermont looking for what life was all about. Now I know a little more of what life is about, and it is time to pack up the wagon with some above average stories and sell my pots and pans to Act III of the American Dream." Sparling will exhibit at the Festival with Leonardo Da Vinci and many other of his works.

Don Quixote sculpture created by Chad Heise

Joining Da Vinci at the Festival will be Don Quixote in the form of a metal sculpture created by Chad Heise. Heise says, "Carrying the proverbial (and literal) 'torch' for my uncle, Bill Heise (who launched Heise Metal Sculpture in 1966), I remain true to his original vision of repurposing what he called "found" metal—discarded old agricultural equipment and tools collected from the fields and farms of Vermont. Tinkering around in my uncle's shop since about the time I could walk, he taught me how to discover the delicate lines which exist within the component parts of this salvaged equipment (often defying their rugged nature), and how each sculpture could be given unique personality by something as simple as the size and type of nut, bolt, or washer chosen for eyes.

"It is with great pride that I continue on with what some have referred to as his unusual twist on the concept of 'swords into ploughshares.' Not only do I feel I'm paying homage to my uncle and his unique artistic vision, but also to the farm equipment which faithfully turned soil for years, now given new life."

In addition to Sparling and Heise, artist/sculptor Piper Strong of Hardwick, VT, brings a new creation, "Renewed Spirit", along with her interpretations of many classic paintings. Lastly among the sculptors is Aaron Brown, of



Dennis Sparling will be displaying his sculpture of Leonardo da Vinci at the Manchester Fall Art and Craft Festival. photo courtesy of Dennis Sparling

Lyndeborough, NH, with his colorful "exterior" three-section landscape metal sculpture.

Hours are 10-5 daily, Friday through Sunday. Adult admission is \$10, children are free. Rain or shine-under tents. Plenty of free parking. No pets, please.

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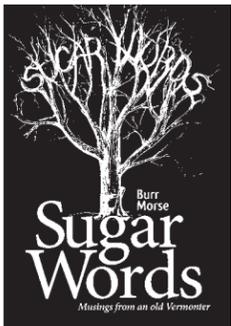
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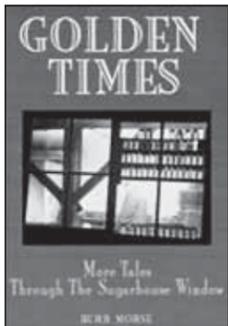
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when we walk in the woods every evening over fallen leaves, through yellow light, when nights are cool, and days warm,

when I am so happy I am afraid I might explode or disappear or somehow be taken away from all this,

at those times when I feel so happy, so good, so alive, so in love with the world, with my own sensuous, beautiful life, suddenly

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Chess and the World Stage

by Charles Sutton

People who are chess-players are at an advantage figuring out the moves by the super-powers on the world-wide chess board.

Instead of knights and castles and other chess pieces the super-powers play pieces representing armed forces and weaponry, big oil and gas, cash and credits, boycotts, blockades, embargoes and sanctions among others. After World War II a key piece was lend-lease. Future pieces one suspects will include dwindling resources like water and food.

A less subtle power play but indicative of world power status was the famous chess game between defending world champion Boris Spassky of the then Soviet Union and challenger Bobby Fischer for the United States. The Soviets had dominated the world championship for 24 years, perhaps because chess was the national game much as baseball is in this country. The match was held in neutral Iceland beginning on July 11, 1972 and adjourned after 40 moves on August 31 with Spassky resigning before resuming play the next day. Fischer won the match 1 1/2 to 8 1/2, becoming the undisputed World Champion. This was at the height of the Cold War so the victory was very significant psychologically. The games were well covered in the American media, and that's where I followed them and reported the results in a small daily newspaper in Maine where I was the city editor.

As the games progressed it became known that copy editor Gary had been playing in chess clubs for many years and that I also played chess. My father had taught my brother Fred and I chess when we were about 10 years old, and we got good enough to once in awhile beat him. Our parents also taught us how to play bridge and we could take the place of a player when they were missing a fourth at one of their card games. We did well there, too. Now back to chess.

It was decided that Gary and I would play a chess match as important as the one being played by Spassky and Fischer. Because I was older and had studied Russian in college I was to represent Spassky; Gary for his part would represent the

"I figured I probably would never play that well ever again, and as it turned out that was my last game."

29 year-old eccentric Fischer, an outspoken and vocal critic of the Soviet domination of chess. The newspaper offices were in a string of rooms—railroad car style—connected by a long corridor. We set the chessboard up halfway done the hall. Once the game started Gary and I would make frequent trips on the pretense of going to the room where the proofing was done only to pause along the way long enough to make a chess play.

The newspaper's publisher who didn't play or know much about chess was worried that the game might interfere with getting the paper out on time each day. We told him that would not happen, and it never did. As the game progressed he became more interested as did the rest of the newspaper staff. They wanted to know what each piece could do and its limits. They were particularly intrigued by the knight, whom one of them described as moving in all those directions like a crab, an apt description. They were also concerned that the king could only move around one square at a time, although in all directions. We said that was okay because all the other pieces were there to defend him and prevent a checkmate—the ultimate defeat.

As the days went by Gary and I were able to pick off a piece or two and we defended our kings very well. The game from start to finish took seven days. It looked as if we would end in a stalemate with no one winning. However, Gary had one last chance to put me away with scant pieces remaining on the board. Suddenly it was checkmate by Gary using a lowly pawn to block the escape for the king. A lowly pawn won the day!



Gary was ecstatic with the victory and received the compliments of the newsroom. I for my part didn't feel badly about the loss because I never believed that I could play that well, that long and was happy with my play. I figured I probably would never play that well ever again, and as it turned out that was my last game.

Champion chess players Boris Spassky and Bobby Fischer, once held in high respect as representatives of their homelands, nevertheless became men without a country while they experienced personal long-lasting times of troubles.

Spassky is still alive and living in his native Russia. After his defeat by Fischer he continued playing chess at the higher levels for a great many years. However, he left Russia for France and became a French citizen after the Soviet Chess Committee began to restrict him from playing in certain countries. Some of his family wrote him off and caused trouble. He finally returned to Russia after a major left side stroke incapacitated him, and he felt he was a prisoner and ill-treated in the French rehab facility. Today he still plays and teaches some chess, but he is no longer a competitor.

Fischer's story is even grimmer. He lost his U.S. citizenship for tax troubles and for playing chess (after a 20 year lapse)

with Spassky in a banned war torn Yugoslavia. He won that match but there was no fanfare like his earlier win. Fischer had become an increasingly vocal critic of American policies and was also anti-Semitic. He spent nine months in a Japanese jail, held as a fugitive from justice and was facing deportation until rescued by Iceland and given citizenship there. He died there at the age of 64 from renal failure.

The chess game and its pieces in their own way reflect what's going on all over the world today. Consider for a moment that the king and queen represent the leaders or more accurately those in power. The chess castles (rooks) represent real estate and its resources of their nation-states. The bishops who flank the king and queen represent religions or ideologies (for better but too often for worse), and the knight pieces—the warriors—represent the armed forces or in today's terms, the military-industrial complex. The front row of pawns are the worker bees, the first line of defense. They get sacrificed early on as the power pieces make their moves. After all they are just pawns...

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The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is inviting families to attend the Second Annual Halloween Wildlife Festival and Jack-o'-Lantern Hike on Friday, October 24, 5–8 p.m. at the Edward F. Kehoe Education Center of the Green Mountain Conservation Camp on Point of Pine Rd. in Castleton, VT.

The festival features a fun and educational Halloween campfire show led by students from Green Mountain College's environmental education and interpretation

program. Kids will learn about the creepy, crawly critters that reside in Vermont and have a chance to get decked out in their costumes before the traditional trick-or-treat night. The 20-minute campfire program will run at 5, 6, and 7 p.m.

Other activities include a nature hike along a trail that's lit by carved pumpkins, wildlife-related activities, face painting, and a photo booth. Snacks will include apple cider, caramel apples and other seasonal treats.

“The Education Center at Kehoe does a natural resources related event every

month, and October is a perfect time to highlight the fun of Halloween while focusing on the critters that make it so special” says Alison Thomas, education coordinator.

Admission and activities are free and open to the general public, and all ages are welcome. No registration is required. Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

The Edward F. Kehoe Green Mountain Conservation Camp is operated by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife

Department. This event is sponsored by the Fish & Wildlife Department and Green Mountain College.

For directions to the Edward F. Kehoe Green Mountain Conservation Camp, visit www.tinyurl.com/KehoeMap.

For more information about the event, contact Ali Thomas, Fish & Wildlife education coordinator at alison.thomas@state.vt.us or (802) 371-9975.

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There is something in the autumn that is native to
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Touch of manner, hint of mood;
And my heart is like a rhyme,
With the yellow and the purple and the crimson
keeping time.
The scarlet of the maples can shake me like a cry
Of bugles going by.
And my lonely spirit thrills
To see the frosty asters like a smoke upon the hills.
There is something in October sets the gypsy
blood astir;
We must rise and follow her,
When from every hill of flame
She calls each vagabond by name.



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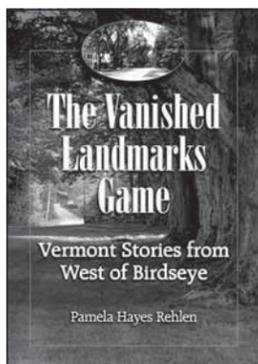
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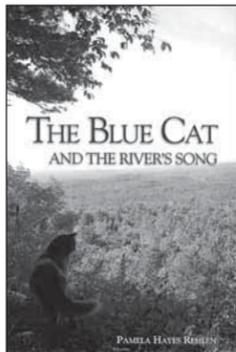
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This is My Halloween

by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

"Oh traveler that passes by, as you are now so once was I. As I am now you soon will be, prepare for death and follow me."

This well-known gravestone inscription is one that I think of often in October. Halloween for me isn't a commercial scare fest, but a darkening, cooling, day-shortening, brooding time.

This is when I most miss and remember the people that I loved and lived beside who are now gone, and when I feel brought up against the hidden parts of life.

Castleton, VT was chartered in 1761 with thirty families living here by 1775. During the Revolutionary War, Ethan Allen mustered his Green Mountain Boys at the local Fort Warren before marching to Ticonderoga. There are houses along Main Street built in 1809, 1811, 1823 and 1832. The cobbler shop at the end of town was built in 1790. This is an old village, full of the past.

I search for a certain atmosphere in October when, according to the Celts, "the crops should be in and the fruit collected, the cattle brought down from their summer pasture."

"Light a bonfire," exhort the Celts. For October 31st, they warn, "mischief is abroad this night."

On Halloween—religiously, the Eve, or Vigil of Halloween—I've always gone for a walk along Main Street kicking through piled-up leaves. By the time I go out, the young trick-or-treaters are finished with their house-to-house rounds. The town is dark and quiet, the moon often thin and misty.

At Middlebury College, I remember leaving my dorm Halloween nights and walking around the campus. The school was smaller then, like a little gray stone village, and it seemed that I was the only one interested in being outside.

Years ago, there were bonfires. Some clean-air-regulation got rid of this atmospheric part of fall. Nothing equals the smell and the power of night bonfires in late October.

On the highlands outside of town and in the folds of autumn-bright hills are the oldest Castleton houses, older than the 1823 and 1832 village places. These include the blackened, tumble-down Barker house, the Parsons' sisters', and Virgie McKean's, buildings lived in, and died in, long ago by old women in terribly straightened circumstances.

During October, my husband and I go for drives in the fading warmth of long golden afternoons, and I look for the unchanged spots, certain stretches of land, old pastures, old stone walls, places where, when I was a child, an ancient house held on, just down a turning woodland tract, a ruin now lost to view among new saplings.

Atmosphere isn't only outside in a glimpse of abandoned railroad tracks or a view of sunlight coming through golden-leaved maples. Atmosphere stays on in old buildings and



Corn shocks stand in a late autumn field in southern Vermont.

old spaces which are seldom used and have been long left behind. I've never modernized our kitchen pantry, but kept it as it was a hundred and seventy years ago when our house was built so I can open the door and smell its ghostly scents of old wood, kerosene, and coal.

October evenings, I reread M. R. James's collected ghost stories. James, a medievalist, antiquarian, and provost of Eton, lived from 1862 to 1936 and wrote gentle period classics.

Afternoons, I walk in Castleton's Hillside cemetery and out across the corn field beyond the cemetery. On a day of rising winds, dead leaves whirl and there's an up rush of crows. Against a sullen sky, a flaming maple stands half its leaves torn away by the night's rainstorm.

In the mornings as the month goes on, I see ice frosting the dead grass and hear the distant honk of geese.

"We are always seeking something profound that eludes

us. We sense mystery around us, and we know it's true. Although we have to put this aside to live, we come up against it at life's events."

I don't know who wrote this and where I found it, but I've had it pinned above my desk for years.

We come up against the mystery around us, particularly in the fall, particularly, for me, at Halloween.

*Pamela Hayes Rehlen has written all of her life and lived most of that life in Castleton, VT. She is the author of many stories, article, essays and magazine features and of two books, **The Blue Cat and the River's Song**, and **The Vanished Landmarks Game—Vermont Stories from West of Birdseye**, available at the Castleton Village Store and a number of Vermont bookstores.*

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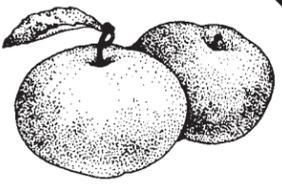
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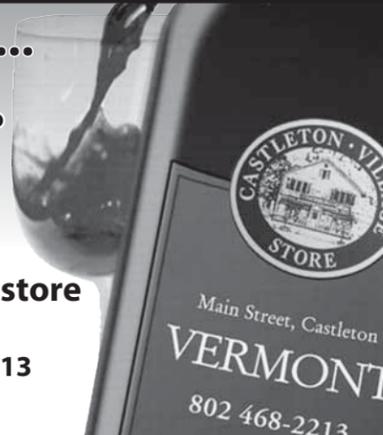
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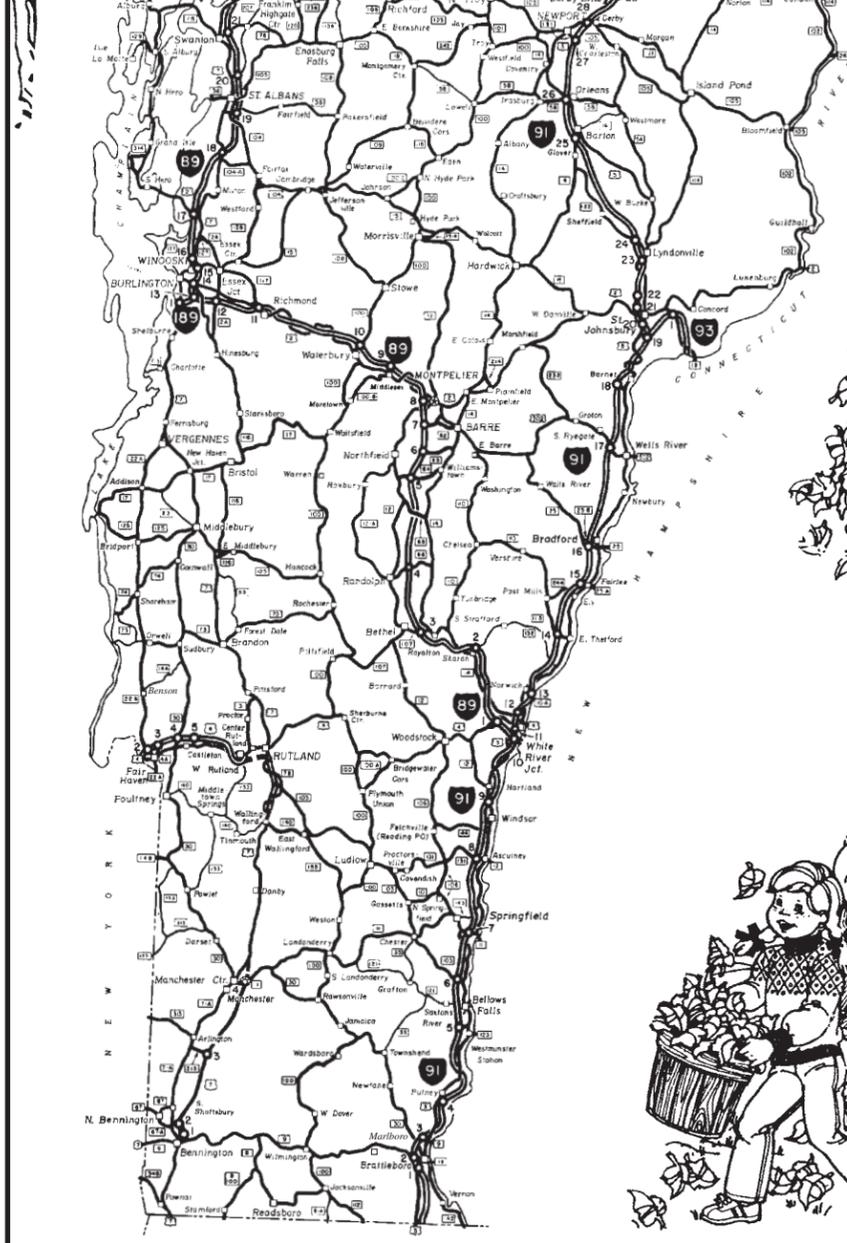
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And turn from the window
With a little sharp sigh.

And often when the brown leaves
Were brittle on the ground,
And the wind in the chimney
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That I wish I could forget—
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DAILY EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

ROXBURY. Workshop: Crafting Meaningful Experiences for Your Farm Visitors. Light up your inner educator and discover ways to foster curiosity and meaningful experiences for farm visitors at this hands-on workshop. Fee: \$10. Pre-registration required. 3-5 pm. Barnyard Farm, Webster Rd. (802) 434-4122. nofavt.org.

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Wednesdays: Horse-drawn wagon rides. 11 am - 3 pm. Adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

LYNDON. Made in Vermont Music Festival. Tickets: adults \$27, seniors \$23, students \$6. 7:30 pm. Alexander Twilight Theater, Lyndon State College, 1001 College Rd. (802) 864-5741. www.vso.org.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

BELLOWS FALLS. Made in Vermont Music Festival. Tickets: adults \$27, seniors \$23, students \$6. 7:30 pm. Bellows Falls Opera House, 7 The Square. (802) 864-5741. www.vso.org.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

BRISTOL. Bristol Harvest Festival. 10 am - 4 pm. Bristol Town Green. (802) 388-7951. www.bristolharvestfest.com.

EAST BURKE. Burke Fall Foliage Festival. East Burke Congregational Church hosts a soup & sandwich luncheon, a craft table, cookie walk, tag sale and jelly cabinet. 368 Rt. 114. (802) 626-4124. burkevermont.com.

GRAFTON. Sixth Annual Fairy House Tour. Light refreshments for sale. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$5 children, children 2 and under free. 10 am - 4 pm. The Nature Museum at Grafton, 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. www.nature-museum.org. Also September 28.

JAMAICA. White Water Release. Controlled water releases from Ball Mountain Dam produce ideal rafting, kayaking, and canoeing opportunities on the West River. Jamaica State Park, 48 Salmon Hole Ln. (802) 874-4600. www.vtstateparks.com/html/jamaica.htm.

NEWBURY. 34th Annual Fall Festival. Music by Brian Emerson & the Rangers. Hay rides, cookie walk, and sales of fudge, candy, white elephants, books, plants, Christmas items, local crafts and handiwork. Activities for children, including the Bouncy House. Silent auction. Quilt raffle. 9 am - 3 pm. First Congregational Church of Newbury, 4915 Main St. South. (802) 429-2204.

PERU. 32nd Annual Peru Fair. An old-fashioned country fair! Admission \$6, under 6 free. 9 am - 4 pm. Parade at 9:45 am. Peru fairgrounds, Rt. 11/30. www.perufair.org.

PITTSFORD. Tenth Annual Harvest Fair & Craft Show. 10 am - 4 pm on the Village Green, Rt. 7. (802) 483-9972. pittsfordharvestfair@comcast.net.

POULTNEY. Annual Chili Tasting. Chili Tasting (more than 20 batches) begins at 11 am. Silent auction. Cups and 25th Anniversary T-Shirts available at the Poultnery Rotary tent, Main St., outside Citizen Bank. Music by DJ John Salties. poultneryrotary.com.

RANDOLPH. Made in Vermont Music Festival. Tickets: adults \$27, seniors \$23, students \$6. 7:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 864-5741. www.vso.org.

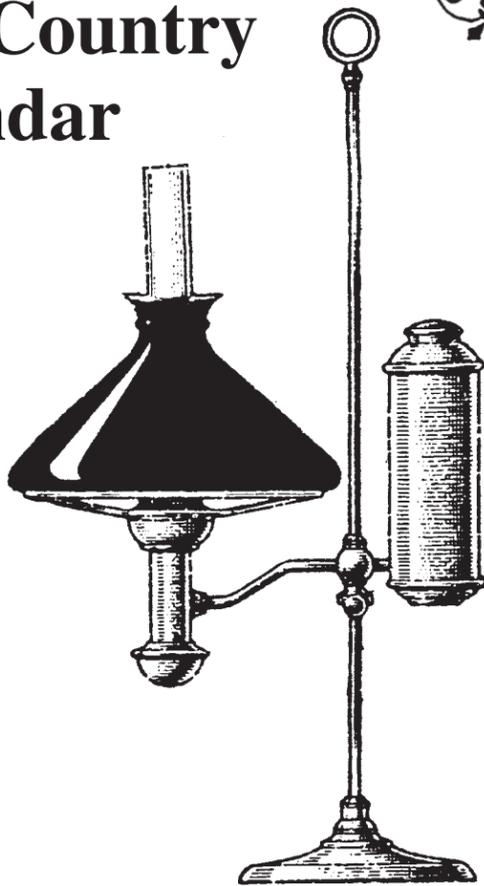
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WOODSTOCK. Forest Festival. Enjoy the park in its fall glory while exploring forest history, science and art. Horse drawn wagon rides, woodworking and portable sawmill demonstrations, hikes with foresters, wood crafts for kids, and more! Free admission. 9:30 am - 5 pm. The Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, 69 Old River Rd. (802) 457-3368 x 22. www.nps.gov/mabi. Also September 28.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

ADDISON. The Shortest Distance between Two Points Guided Walk. Meet at the Chimney Point museum. 1-3 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint.

BOMOSEEN. 6th Annual Dog Dock Diving. All proceeds benefit Rutland County Humane Society. Tickets are \$5 per dog jumping, or to watch the event. Registration starts 11 am, practice jumping starting at noon. Competitive jumping 1 pm. Lake House Pub & Grille on Lake Bomoseen. (802) 273-3000 or (802) 483-9171. rchsvt.org.

BROWNINGTON. Sixth Annual Apple and Cheese Tasting. Sample farmstead cheese and heirloom apples. Cider pressing. 11 am - 3 pm. Old Stone House Museum, 109 Old Stone House Rd. (802) 754-2022. www.oldstonehousemuseum.org.

GLOVER. Bread & Puppet's Annual Leaf Peeping Event. Small shows, live music, bread and aioli—a family event! Donations appreciated. 2 pm. Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. (802) 525-3031. www.breadandpuppet.org.

GRAFTON. Sixth Annual Fairy House Tour. Visitors follow a trail dotted with fairy houses, then return to The Nature Museum to create their own fairy dwellings in the Museum's gardens. Light refreshments for sale. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$5 children, children 2 and under free. 10 am - 4 pm. The Nature Museum at Grafton, 186 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2111. www.nature-museum.org.

HUBBARDTON. Hike on Hubbardton Section of 1776 Military Road. Meet at the battlefield visitor center. Site interpreter Carl Fuller leads a vigorous guided hike on part of the 1776-77 military road that led to Mount Independence. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. Vermont Archaeology Month program. 2-5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton.

RIPTON. Forest Service Celebration of 50 Years of the Wilderness Act. Live bluegrass music by Bob Amos and Catamount Crossing, food and drink concessions, conservation and environmental exhibits, special recognition ceremony, guided nature hikes and tours for adults and children. Free. 11 am - 3 pm. Middlebury College's Breadloaf Campus, Rt. 125. (802) 747-6760.

SHOREHAM. Free Orchard Concert by Run Mountain. Old-time string band Run Mountain breathes new life into American roots music. Bring a picnic, come pick your own apples and visit the farm store. 12-3 pm. Champlain Orchards, 3597 Rt. 74 W. (802) 897-2777. champlainorchards.com.

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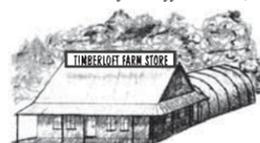
ST. ALBANS. Made in Vermont Music Festival. Vermont Symphony Orchestra performs Dittersdorf, Holst, the world premiere of Beth Wiemann's "Before the Snow," and Haydn's Symphony No. 85. Tickets: adults \$27, seniors \$23, students \$6. 3 pm. BFA St. Albans Performing Arts Center, 71 South Main St. (802) 864-5741. www.vso.org.

STRAFFORD. 19th Century Apples & Cheese Harvest Festival. Make cider in an antique press and sip the results, taste a variety of heirloom apples and hand-cranked ice cream, make apple prints, play period games, hike the lookout trail and play Valley Quest. Features live music and an apple pie contest! Includes lunch. Rain or shine. \$10 adults, \$5 under 14. Please pre-register. 11 am - 3 pm. Morrill Homestead, 214 Morrill Memorial Highway. (802) 765-4288. www.morrillhomestead.org.



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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

RUTLAND. Play: Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo, Presented by Denver's Edge Theatre Co. The streets of war-torn Baghdad are filled with ghosts, riddles and wry humor in this ground-breaking play. Seating is limited as the audience will be seated on stage! Tickets \$20. 7:30 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org. *Also October 2.*

SHOREHAM. Shoreham Historical Society Presentation. Stuart Lillie will speak about the mounted militia men from Western Massachusetts & Vermont. He will weave that into a broader discussion on saddles in New England. Free. 7 pm at the Platt Memorial Library. (802) 897-5254. www.steve-world.com/ShorehamHS/SHShome.htm.

SO. BURLINGTON. Workshop: White Magic in Your Garden. Judith Irven of North Country Reflections will show you the essential building blocks of a winter garden and how to position them, the ways of creating interesting highlights of color and texture, and the trees, shrubs and perennials that really stand out in a snowy landscape. \$30. 6-8 pm. UVM Hort Farm, 65 Green Mountain Dr. (802) 864-3073. info@friendsofthehortfarm.org. www.friendsofthehortfarm.org.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

BRATTLEBORO. 13th Annual Brattleboro Literary Festival. Readings, panel discussions, and special events, featuring emerging and established authors. Free and open to the public. At many venues downtown. (802) 579-7414. brattleboroliteraryfestival.org. *Through October 5.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

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MANCHESTER. 23rd Annual Manchester Fall Art and Craft Festival. 150 artists and artisans under spacious Camelot tents. Admission: adults \$10, 12 and under free. 10 am - 5 pm daily. The Practice Tee at Riley Rink Rd., Rt. 7A. (802) 362-2100. craftproducers.com. *Through October 5.*

PITTSFORD. Fields of Terror Haunted Maze. Friday and Saturday nights in October, 7-10 pm. Ages 13-80 \$12, ages 4-12 \$7. Bertrand Farms, 19707 Rt. 7. (802) 779-2184. www.bertrandfarms.com.

RUTLAND. Fall Rummage Sale. Bag sale held from 9 am - 12 pm. Grace Congregational Church, 8 Court St. (802) 775-4301. www.gracechurchvt.org.

STATEWIDE. Vermont Celebrates American Craft Week. Fall Open Studio Weekend, with 127 sites participating. (802) 258-3992. americancraftweek.com. *Through October 12.*

STOWE. Oktoberfest. Free Friday night "Rocktoberfest." 7-11 pm. (802) 253-4788. stowerotary.com. *Thru October 5.*

WESTON. 56th Annual Weston Antique Show. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm, till 3 pm Sun. Weston Playhouse, 12 Park St. (802) 824-5307. info@westonantiquesshow.org. westonantiquesshow.com. *Also October 4.*

WINDSOR. Gary Milek Art Show Opening. 5:30-7:30 pm. The Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery at 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. ciderhillgardens.com. www.garymilek.com.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

ADDISON. 12th Annual Dead Creek Wildlife Day. Wildlife demonstrations, guided nature walks, exhibits, nature arts and crafts, plus lots of family fun activities. Free admission. 9:30 am - 4 pm. Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Rt. 17W. (802) 241-3700. www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

BARNET. 11th Annual Rubber Ducky Derby fund-raiser for Ben's Mill. Mill tours & demonstrations. Blacksmith on duty. Ducks swim at 11 am. Food tent. Hand cranked apple cider. Admission. 9 am - 4 pm. Ben's Mill, 2236 West Barnet Rd. (802) 748-8180. lgahea1308@gmail.com. bensmill.com.

BRANDON. Annual HarvestFest. We supply all materials, accessories, and instruction to make your own "Harvest Person." The first "Harvest Person" per family is free. After that, they are only \$5 each. Hayrides and pumpkins, BBQ, apple pies, Brandon Town Band, and lots of treats. Free. 10 am - 1 pm. Central Park, 20 Park St. (802) 247-6401. info@brandontownhall.org. www.brandon.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Foliage Book and Ephemera Fair! Antiquarian Booksellers from New England and the Northeast offering scarce, rare & out of print books, both antiquarian & modern, antique maps & prints, postcards & ephemera for sale. Free admission. 11 am - 5 pm. Brattleboro Museum and Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 579-7414. (802) 464-8438. brattleboroliteraryfestival.org.

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CANAAN. OctoberFeast! Vermont Farm Fresh Autumn Meal. Apples, pumpkins, squashes, and more food from the Harvest Buffet Table than can fit on a plate. Heart healthy also! By donation. 4:30-7 pm. Grace Community Church, 300 Gale St. (802) 266-3071. kennstransky@gmail.com. www.thegracecommunitychurch.org.

CHESTER. Vermont Gun & Knife Show. Antiques & collectibles, free appraisals, buying, selling trading. Admission. Open to the public. Free parking. 9 am - 5 pm. American Legion #67, Rt. 103. (802) 875-4540, (802) 380-8351. www.greenmtgunshowtrail.com. *Also October 5.*

COLCHESTER. Sam Mazza's Harvest Festival. 11 am - 4 pm. 277 Lavigne Rd. (802) 655-3440. www.sammazzafarms.com. *Also October 12.*

DANVILLE. Dead North—Farmland of Terror—at the Great Vermont Corn Maze. 7:30 pm. The Great Vermont Corn Maze, 1404 Wheelock Rd. (802) 748-1399. info@vermontcornmaze.com. www.vermontcornmaze.com. *Also October 10 & 11.*

DORSET. Fall Rummage Sale. Outside sales begin at 8:30 am (no early birds), rummage sale 9 am - 1 pm, bag sale 12-1 pm. Tent for tools and outdoor supplies. United Church of Dorset, 143 Church St., off Rt. 30. (802) 867-2260.

E. BROOKFIELD. Annual Chicken Pie Supper & Bake Sale. Adults \$12, children 5-12 \$6, takeouts \$13. Seatings at 5 & 6:15 pm. Takeouts at 5:30 pm. E. Brookfield Community Church, Rt. 14. Please call for reservations: (802) 276-3312.

GROTON. 50th Annual Northeast Kingdom Fall Foliage Festival. 59th year of serving the world famous chicken pie supper! Seatings at 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets \$10 adults and \$5 children under 12. Reservations a must. Take-out dinners also by reservation. Call Peter Lyon at (802) 584-3020. nekinfo@nekchamber.com. www.nekchamber.com.

HANCOCK. 3rd Annual Green Mountain Oktoberfest. Enjoy a day of Vermont craft beer, food, music, arts & crafts, brewfest, chicken wing contest, kids activities, games, bouncy house, fun for all ages. Lots of space to bring a blanket. Admission. 12-5 pm. Hancock Town Green, Route 100. (802) 767-9218. burke2deering@hotmail.com.

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The Wheel of the Year turns once again. The Harvest Fires are lit, the crop is collected and the bounty of the land is brought in to feed the people. And the people are pleased. They gather by ones and twos on Saturdays from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. at the Vermont Farmers Market at Depot Park in downtown Rutland for the final harvests as the summer season draws to a close. They share stories of the year's toil and ideas for the future and in the abundance of the Earth.

It is the time of root vegetables and winter squashes and potatoes growing down in the dirt. Beets and broccoli and Brussels sprouts. Carrots, parsnips and cabbage. Swiss chard and turnips, shallots and leeks. You can smell them all cooking, can't you? Feel the steam rising from the pot and the faint scent of the farm rising with it. When you know your farmers you're more connected to your food.

The apples shine a little brighter and the pumpkins glow with a light of their own. If the day is a bit nippy look for the handmade scarves and neck warmers or a hot beverage while you peruse the stands full of handcrafted gifts and accessories. Wooden bowls and cutting boards, beaded jewelry and hand thrown pottery are nestled in among artisan cheese, bread and wine makers—and don't miss the wild mushroom foragers.

The lunch and dinner to go items are an international smorgasbord of culinary delights from Pakistan to Thailand to the Mediterranean and beyond. Leave room for dessert by one of many fabulous bakers who offer their wares. Cookies, pies, cupcakes, brownies, sweet breads and more are waiting to tantalize your palate. Did you need a refill of maple syrup or honey or those delicious relishes? Eggs and bacon

for Sunday brunch and a roasting chicken or some grass fed beef or pork for dinner and myriad incarnations through the week. Grab some dried beans for hearty soups and chilis as the days shorten and a bag of popcorn for sittin' by the fire.

Soon we'll be back at the Vermont Farmers Food Center on West St. for the winter season, where the community gardens have been thriving and folks are breaking in the new bocce court. More gatherings of more folks who love the land and what it provides.

As we move into the dark time with full bellies and satisfied hearts take a moment to give thanks to all those whose hands played a part in your meal, your gift, or your treasured keepsake. Hand to hand and heart to heart is how community gathers with nourishment and reverence for all. See you at the Farmers Market!

The Summer Vermont Farmers Market is in downtown Rutland's Depot Park and runs Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 10th to October 25, 2014. The Tuesday Summer Market runs Tuesdays, 3-6 p.m., May 13 to September 30, 2014.

The Winter Vermont Farmers Market is at the Vermont Farmers Food Center at 251 West St., in downtown Rutland. It runs Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., November 1st, 2014 through May 2, 2015. The market manager is Doug Patac, (802) 753-7269. dpatac@gmail.com. For more information visit www.vtfarmersmarket.org.

Green Tomato Pickle

Slice 1 peck small green tomatoes and 12 onions. Sprinkle 1 cup salt over tomatoes and onions. Let stand over night. Drain. Take 1 pint vinegar, 1 quart water, boil tomatoes and onions in that 5 minutes. Drain again. Put 3 pounds brown sugar in 3 quarts of vinegar. Put the following spices in a bag.

¼ lb. dry mustard	1 tablespoon ginger
1 tablespoon ground cloves	1 tablespoon whole cloves
1 tablespoon cinnamon	1 tablespoon stick cinnamon

Boil in vinegar and sugar 15 minutes. Remove and put tomatoes, 6 chopped green peppers, 1 tablespoon white mustard seed, 1 tablespoon celery seed in vinegar. Let boil not more than 5 minutes. Put in glass jars with enough juice to cover.

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 Vermont Chamber of Commerce: visitvt.com
 Vermont State Parks: vtstateparks.com
 Green Mountain National Forest: fs.fed.us/r9/gmfl
 Green Mountain Club: greenmountainclub.org
 Discover Vermont Vacations: discoververmontvacations.com
 Vermont Outdoor Guide Association: voga.org
 Hunting & Fishing: vtfishandwildlife.com
 Vermont Campground Association: campvermont.com
 Mountain Biking: vmba.org • Golfing: vtga.org

LONDONDERRY. Magic Mountain Antiques Show. 28 country dealers. Admission \$8. Breakfast preview 8-10 am. \$15. 10 am - 4 pm. Rt. 11. (802) 875-5944. mbfrasers@comcast.net. Also October 5.

LUDLOW. 50th Annual Ludlow Antiques Show. 40 exhibitors with eclectic antiques. Admission \$5. 10 am - 4 pm. Ludlow Community Center, 37 Main St. (802) 226-7574.

LUDLOW. 20th Annual Okemo Antiques Show. 10 am - 4 pm. Okemo Mountain Resort. (717) 259-9480. www.cleggantiques.com

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RUTLAND. Concert: Smokey Joe's Cafe Featuring The Coasters. Tickets \$44.75-\$49.75. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

STATEWIDE. Vermont Fall Open Studio Weekend 2014. 240 artists and craftspeople open their studios to the public. (802) 223-3380. vt1crafts@aol.com. www.vermontcrafts.com. Also October 5.

STOWE. Oktoberfest. Grand Parade down Main Street. Wurst and oompah bands, singing and dancing, Vermont microbrew beer, auctions, raffles, displays and more. Kids' games and activities at the Kinderplatz. \$10. 11 am - 5 pm. (802) 253-4788. www.stowerotary.com. Also October 5.

TUNBRIDGE. Vermont Sheep & Wool Festival. Over 70 vendors offer yarn, fiber products and supplies, local meat and cheese, and equipment. Sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas and rabbits in the animal barn. Workshops, fleece show and sale, fiber arts competitions, shepherd workshops, sheep shearing and herding. Admission: adults \$6, seniors \$5, under 12 \$1. 10 am - 5 pm. Tunbridge Fairgrounds. (802) 592-3062. vtsheepandwoolfest.org. Through October 5.

WELLS. A Great Taste of Fall Dinner. Mouth-watering feast of roast turkey breasts, mashed potatoes and all the fixin's including stuffing, gravy, pickled beets, winter squash, cranberry sauce and rolls. Beverages include coffee, tea, koolaid, and milk. Dessert is apple crisp with ice cream. Adults are \$12, youth 12 and under are \$6, 4 and under are free. Takeouts available. Presented by the Wells United Methodist Church. 4:30-7 pm. Modern Woodman of America Hall on Main St., Rt. 30. If you're coming from away you might wish to make a reservation. Call (802) 325-3196, (802) 645-0422, or (802) 325-3203.

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WOODSTOCK. Pumpkin & Apple Celebration. Press cider, make pumpkin or apple ice cream, prepare apples for drying. Pumpkin bowling and apples-on-a-string. Horse-drawn wagon rides and displays of apples, pumpkins and squash. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. billingsfarm.org. Also October 5.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

BRANDON. Brandon Harvest Fest. Make Your Own Leaf Person (a/k/a stick figure, scarecrow). We supply all materials, accessories, and instruction. First "Harvest Person" per family free of charge; after that, \$5 each. Hayrides and pumpkins, delicious grill, famous apple pies, and lots of treats. 10 am - 1 pm. Central Park, 20 Park St. (802) 247-6401. www.brandon.org.

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DANVILLE. 11th Annual Autumn on the Green. Crafters, artisans, antiques, live music, great food. Original artwork, antiques, pottery, home-spun yarn and kni 10 am. (802) 684-2528. clinsley@charter.net. autumnonthegreen.org.

HUBBARDTON. 17th Annual Mount Zion Hike. Hike with site interpreter Carl Fuller to enjoy the fall colors and aerial view of the Hubbardton battlefield and surrounding mountains. Meet at the Visitor Center. 2-5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton.

MANCHESTER. 30th Annual Antiques in Vermont Show. 80 exhibitors. Early admission: 8-10 am \$12; after 10 am, \$8. 10 am - 4 pm at Riley Rink, Hunter Park, Rt. 7A North. (802) 236-2342.

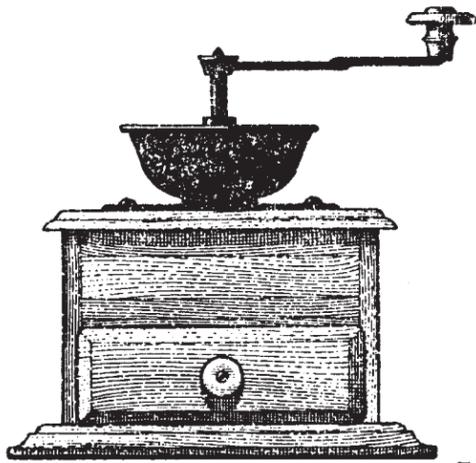
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

HUBBARDTON. Total Lunar Eclipse. Get up early for this one—a total lunar eclipse! Experienced Green Mountain Alliance of Amateur Astronomers moon gazers share their equipment and knowledge for this eclipse, conditions permitting. Bring blankets and flashlights. Call to confirm. 4-7 am. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov/hubbardton.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

RUTLAND. Concert: B.B. King. Throughout the 1990s as well as the 1980s, 1970s, 1960s and 1950s, there has been only one King of the Blues. Tickets \$65.75-\$105.75. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

DANVILLE. Dead North—Farmland of Terror—at the Great Vermont Corn Maze. This popular event sells out quickly—buy your tickets from the website. 7:30 pm. The Great Vermont Corn Maze, 1404 Wheelock Rd. (802) 748-1399. info@vermontcornmaze.com. www.vermontcornmaze.com. *Also October 11.*

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Archer Mayor presents his book, *Proof Positive: A Joe Gunther Mystery*. Celebrating the 25th installment in the Joe Gunther Series. Door prizes and great fun! Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. northshire.com.

PUTNEY. Peter Aguero—Moth Host & Storyteller. Tickets: \$15/\$12. 7:30 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill Rd. (802) 387-0102. www.nextstagearts.org.

RANDOLPH. Bluegrass Gospel Project Concert. Tickets \$25. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71 North Main Street. (802) 728-4999. thomas@vtucc.org. www.bluegrassgospelproject.com.

STOWE. 26th Annual Stowe Foliage Arts Festival. 150 artists and artisans, live music, craft demos, fabulous food, and the Vermont craft beer cheese and sausage tent. Admission. 10 am - 5 pm. Stowe Events Field at Mayo Farm, 80 Weeks Hill Rd. (802) 253-7321. craftproducers.com. *Thru Oct. 12.*

TINMOUTH. Concert. Dana and Susan Robinson, guitar-playing, banjo-frailing, fiddle-sawing, and harmony-singing interpreters of the American experience. \$10. 7:30 pm, doors open 7 pm. Old Firehouse, Rt. 140 and Mountain View Rd. www.facebook.com/TinmouthOldFirehouseConcerts.

WESTON. 31st Annual Weston Craft Show. A juried exhibit of exceptional Vermont artisans, representing works in baskets, ceramics, folk art, glass, jewelry, lighting, paper, fiber, leather, mosaics, pastels, sculpture, wearable art, and wood. 10 am - 5 pm. Weston Playhouse. westoncraftshow.com. *Through October 12.*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

BELLOWS FALLS. River Valley Artisan Tour. This self-guided tour encompasses the towns of Bellows Falls, VT, Chesterfield, Spofford, Walpole and Westmoreland, NH. Start your tour at Westmoreland Town Hall, on Route 63 to obtain a map and see samples of the work of each artist. Free. 10 am - 4 pm. (603) 363-4205. *Also October 12.*

BELMONT. Book Sale. Mount Holly Library, 26 Maple Hill Rd. (802) 259-3707. mounthollyvt.org. *Also Oct. 12.*

BELMONT. Annual Cider Days on the Green. Cider pressing while you watch. Local artisans, crafts, cider, bake and book sales. Photo contest for 2014 Mount Holly Calendar. Old-fashioned cider pressing on the Village Green at the crossroads in Belmont. 9 am to 4 pm. *Also October 12.*

BELMONT. Roast Beef Dinner. Menu: mashed potato w/ gravy, vegetables, rolls and home baked pies. All you can eat—served family-style. Take-outs available. Adults \$10, Children 11 and under \$5. For the benefit of the Mt. Holly Community Association. Sittings at 5 & 6 pm. Odd Fellows Hall. (802) 259-2460. *Also October 25.*

CASTLETON. Blacksmithing/Forging Demo & Barn Sale. Refreshments and kids activities. Hubbardton Forge, 776 Rt. 4A West, ¼ mile from Hubbardton Forge factory. (802) 468-3090. *Also October 12.*

HARTFORD. Haunted Campground Festival. Campsite decoration, judging at 1 pm. Costume parade at 2 pm. Games at 2:30 pm. Trick or treating at 6 pm. Trick-or-treaters are welcome at the office and the two host sites. Quechee State Park, 5800 Woodstock Rd. (802) 295-2990. www.vtstateparks.com.

MANCHESTER. Bird Walk. The Vermont Bird Place & Sky Watch and local birders meet to survey wild birds present on the grounds of Hildene. For more info, please call Randy Schmidt at (802) 362-2270 or email randy@thevermontbirdplace.com. Free. Meet at the Welcome Center parking lot, 8 am. Hildene, off Rt. 7A, south of the village. (802) 362-1788. *Also Nov. 15 and Dec. 6.*

MIDDLEBURY. Quilt Show: Quilting in the Land of Milk & Honey. Admission: \$5. Saturday 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday 10 am - 3 pm. Middlebury Union High School, 73 Charles Ave. (802) 758-2357. www.milkandhoneyquilters.com. *Through October 12.*

NEWFANE. Newfane Heritage Festival. Juried arts, crafts, & specialty products. Homemade apple pies, deli, outdoor food tent, super raffle, flea tent, community groups, children's activities, live music. 10 am - 4 pm. On the Common in the Village of Newfane, Rt. 30 (14 miles north of Brattleboro). newfaneheritagefestival.blogspot.com. *Through October 12.*

POULTNEY. Annual Town Wide Yard Sale. Great deals, interesting merchandise, food selections and bargains of all sorts. Walk the streets and visit with friends, longtime ones as well as new ones. 9 am - 4 pm, rain or shine! (802) 287-5556. poultneyvt@yahoo.com. www.poultneyvt.com.

QUECHEE. 20th Annual Vermont Antiques Festival. Sat. and Sun. 9-5, Mon. 9-4. Quechee Gorge Village. (802) 295-1550. www.quecheegorge.com. *Through October 13.*

RUTLAND. Dancing with the Rutland Stars. An exciting dance competition modeled after the highly successful TV show pairing professional dancers with local celebrities. Benefit for Kids on the Move, the only pediatric rehabilitation program in the area. \$25. 7 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. paramountvt.org.

RUTLAND. 53rd Annual Art in the Park Festival. Arts and crafts, food, music, kids activities, vendors, all outdoors under tents. Free admission. 10 am - 6 pm. Main Street Park at the junction of Rts. 7 & 4. Chaffee Art Center, 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. chaffeeartcenter.org. *Also Oct. 12.*

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WEST DOVER. 17th Annual Mount Snow Oktoberfest. Admission. 11 am - 5 pm. Mount Snow. (800) 245-7669. www.mountsnow.com. Through October 12.

WESTON. 31st Annual Weston Craft Show. A juried exhibit of exceptional Vermont artisans. 10 am - 5 pm. Weston Playhouse. info@westoncraftshow.com. westoncraftshow.com. Also October 12.

WOODSTOCK. 30th Annual Harvest Weekend. Traditional husking bee at noon, barn dance from 1-4 pm. Pressing cider, preserving apples, threshing grain, and making butter and ice cream. Hot-spiced cider and homemade doughnuts. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. Through October 12.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

BELMONT. Library Book Sale. Mount Holly Town Library, 26 Maple Hill Rd. (802) 259-3707. mthollylibrary@gmail.com. www.mounthollyvt.org.

BELMONT. Annual Cider Days on the Green. Cider pressing while you watch. Local artisans, crafts, cider, bake and book sales. Photo contest for 2014 Mount Holly Calendar. Old-fashioned cider pressing on the Village Green at the crossroads in Belmont. 12-4 pm.

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COLCHESTER. Sam Mazza's Harvest Festival. Pony rides, a petting zoo, a hay ride down to the pumpkin patch, the corn maze and many craft and entertainment activities held under the tent. 11 am - 4 pm. 277 Lavigne Rd. (802) 655-3440. sammazzafarms.com. Also October 12.

DUMMERSTON. Annual Dummerston Apple Pie Festival. Fireman's pancake breakfast from 7:30-11 am. Craft fair 10 am - 4 pm. 1,500 pies made in the historic Dummerston Congregational Church go on sale at 10 am until sold out, pies available whole or by the slice. Homemade ice cream, fresh donuts, hot cider, Green Mountain Coffee, and Grafton cheese. Or maybe have some of each! Worship at 9 am surrounded by pies. Grange lunch. (802) 257-0544.

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JAY. Annual Jay Peak Arts & Crafts Fair. Over 60 artisans, music. Jay Peak. (802) 744-6523. odfarm@gmail.com. www.jaypeakvermont.org.

RUTLAND. 53rd Annual Art in the Park Festival. Arts and crafts, food, music, kids activities, vendors, all outdoors under tents. Free admission. 10 am - 6 pm. Main Street Park at the junction of Rts. 7 & 4. Chaffee Art Center, 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. info@chaffeeartcenter.org. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

RUTLAND. Concert: Wynton Marsalis's Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra. 15 of the finest soloists and ensemble players. Tickets \$74.75-\$94.75. 4 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

SHOREHAM. 16th Annual Harvest Celebration. Live music by The Bondville Boys from 12-3 pm. Bring a picnic, pick your own apples and visit the farm store. 11 am - 4 pm. Champlain Orchards, 3597 Rt. 74 W. (802) 897-2777. champlainorchards.com.

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WEST PAWLET. Annual Pancake Breakfast. Menu includes pancakes: regular, chocolate chip, blueberry and cranberry; waffles; world-famous home fries and scrambled eggs; sausage and bacon; coffee, tea, milk and orange juice. \$8 for 12 years and up, \$5 for 5-12 years and free under 5. Sponsored by the West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Dept. 7:30-11 am at West Pawlet Fire House, Rt. 153 (Main St.). For info call Antonio Landon (802) 345-4312. wp5801@yahoo.com.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

ESSEX JUNCTION. Hooked in the Mountains XVII. A hooked rug and fiber art exhibition sponsored by Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild. Over 450 works of fiber artists, 20 vendors, exhibits, food, workshops. Admission: adults \$8, seniors \$6, kids under 12 free. Wed-Sat 10 am - 7 pm. Sun till 3 pm. Champlain Valley Exposition, 105 Pearl St. (802) 434-8191. www.gmrhg.org. Through October 19.

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LUDLOW. A Ludlow Community Book & Author Event. A World War I Evening with Richard Rubin, author of *The Last of the Doughboys*. 7 pm. The Ludlow Auditorium, Town Hall. (802) 228-3238. scott@thebooknookvt.com. www.thebooknookvt.com.

PLYMOUTH NOTCH. Wednesday Afternoons with Farmer Fred. Plymouth's own Fred DePaul demonstrates a variety of historic farming activities such as sheep shearing, grain flailing and wagon rides. 1-5 pm. Calvin Coolidge Historic Site, 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. william.jenney@state.vt.us. historicssite.vermont.gov/directory/coolidge.

RUTLAND. October Monday Book Sale. Sponsored by The Friends of the Rutland Free Library. 4-8 pm. In the basement, Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. rutlandfree.org.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

PUTNEY. Performance: Apron Theater – Eleemosynary. By Lee Blessing, directed by Hallie Flower. Tickets: \$12. 7:30 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill Rd. (802) 387-0071. www.nextstagearts.org. Also October 17, 18, 19 (at 2 pm), 23, 24 & 25.

RUTLAND. Thursday Hike on Trails Around Middlebury, VT. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear and be prepared for Vermont weather. Meet at 9 am at the Godnick Center on Deer Street in Rutland to car pool. We return in early to mid-afternoon. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Rutland Recreation and Parks. Leader: Edith Kellogg, (802) 775-1246. www.rutlandrec.com.

WEST RUTLAND. West Rutland Marsh Monitoring Walk. 3.7-mile loop around the marsh (or go halfway). Meet at the West Rutland Price Chopper parking lot at 8 am. Leader: Roy Pilcher, (802) 775-3461. rutlandcountyaudubon.org.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

BURLINGTON. Lane Series Concert: Tien Hsieh. A piano program of compositions by Liszt as well as transcriptions by Liszt of music by Bach, Beethoven, and Mozart. Tickets: \$25 adult, \$10 student. 7:30-10 pm. UVM Music Recital Hall, S. Prospect St. (802) 656-4455. uvm.edu/laneseries.

PITTSFORD. 34th Annual Pittsford Haunted House. Ticket sales are 6:30-9 pm which includes a wagon ride to the haunted house. \$10 adults 12 and up, \$5 children 5-11, free for kids under 5 however it is not recommended. Parking next to the Town Office, 426 Plains Rd. Follow the signs off Rt. 7. (802) 483-6500. Also Oct. 18, 24, 25.

PITTSFORD. Halloween Costume Ball. Adults only. 50/50 raffle and door prizes from 7 to 8 pm. Costume prizes, appetizers, cash bar, DJ & dancing. To benefit Maclure Library. 8 pm to midnight. Garofano's Grille at Proctor-Pittsford Country Club. (802) 483-2972. contact@maclurelibrary.org.

TINMOUTH. Contra Dance with Pete's Posse, calling by Adina Gordon. All dances taught, no partner needed. Beginners, come at 8. Live music, enthusiastic swinging and dancing. Bring clean, non-marring shoes. Refreshments available. Admission: \$9, teens \$7, 12 and under free. 8-11 pm. Tinmouth Community Center, Route 140. (802) 235-2718. www.Tinmouthvt.org. Continues third Friday of each month.

WOODSTOCK. Foodways Friday at Billings Farm & Museum. Visit the 1890 Farm House kitchen and discover our use of seasonal produce from the heirloom garden using historic recipes. Take home a different recipe every week. Admission (includes museum, barns, and activities): adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. Every Friday through October 17.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

CABOT. 15th Annual Cabot Apple Pie Festival. Homemade apple pie judging, crafts. Adult and junior contests with prizes for the best homemade pies. Raffles, craft show, and silent auction. Pies and lunch for sale. Pie entry deadline 10:30 am. Free admission and parking. 9 am - 3 pm. Cabot School gym, Main St., Rt. 215 & Gym Rd. (802) 563-3396. bonniesd@together.net. www.cabothistory.com.

COLCHESTER. Haunted Horns—A Brass Quintet Halloween Family Concert. Vermont Symphony Orchestra presents Plog's "Animal Ditties," complete with narration. There will be a parade of costumes, everyone gets a treat for the road, and the musicians have promised "No boo-boos!". Tickets \$6 kids under 18 and seniors, \$8 adults, \$20 family pass (up to 5 people). 11 am. McCarthy Arts Center, St. Michael's College. (800) 876-9293 x 10. www.vso.org.

EAST POULTNEY. 12th Annual Horace Greeley Writers' Symposium. Presenters will be John Manchester, publisher of the Manchester Newspapers; Tom Smith, poet and professor emeritus of Castleton State College; Joanna Tebbis Young, columnist and co-owner of Allen House Coaching Collaborative and Writers' Room; and Burnham Holmes, author and teacher of writing and speaking at Castleton State College. Fee: \$70, students \$20. 9:30 am - 5 pm at the Church on the Green. www.horacegreeleyfoundation.org.

FAIR HAVEN. Community Breakfast. Farm-fresh scrambled eggs, sausage, homemade biscuits & jams, and coffee, tea & hot chocolate served in a family-style atmosphere. \$1 for adults, free for children 14 and under. No one is turned away. Handicapped accessible seating on the main floor. 8-10 am. Sponsored by Episcopalians in the Slate Valley Region. St. Mark's/St. Luke's Episcopal Church, corner of N. Main & Allen Sts. (518) 686-0857. Also November 15, December 20 (free).

HARTFORD. Quechee Haunted Trail. Open to public by donation. Begins at 6 pm for the younger kids (less scary) until 7:30 pm then at 8 pm the trail becomes spookier for those who have no fear, or just don't know any better. Mwaaaaaa, haaa, haaa! Trail at Quechee State Park, 5800 Woodstock Rd. (802) 295-2990. parks@state.vt.us. www.vtstateparks.com.

MONTPELIER. Opening Reception: Green Mountain Graveyards. A special photographic exhibit featuring artists Dan Barlow and Scott Baer. 1-4 pm. Artists speak at 2 pm. Vermont History Museum, 109 State St. (802) 479-8519. vermonthistory.org. Exhibit continues through April 2015.

PITTSFORD. 34th Annual Pittsford Haunted House. Family fun for everyone, new attractions. Ticket sales are 6:30-9 pm which includes a wagon ride to the haunted house. \$10 adults 12 and up, \$5 children 5-11, free for kids under 5 however it is not recommended. Parking next to the Town Office, 426 Plains Rd. Follow the signs off Rt. 7. (802) 483-6500. Also October 24, 25.

POULTNEY. The Annual Welsh Harvest Festival. Live music, traditional Welsh food and field games begin at 5 pm at Cerridwen Farm, Green Mountain College. Rain location at the gym. Hay ride, cider making and scarecrow making, college choir at 5:30 pm, live bluegrass music, storytelling, and a closing bonfire. 7:30 pm. Sian Phillips and Friends: Traditional Fiddle Music from Wales Traditional Fiddle Music from Wales at Ackley Theater. Aberystwyth Printmakers Exhibit, featuring Welsh artists, at the Feick Arts Center from 1-6 pm. Free. (802) 287-8311.

RUPERT. Outing at Merck Forest and Farm Land Center. Hike to Nenrod Cabin for lunch (approximately 2.25 miles from the Visitor Center). Return to Visitor Center via other trails (mileage variable). Moderate five miles, some steep climbing. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Bring drinking water and lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress for the weather. Leaves at 9 am from Main St. Park, near the east end of the fire station off Center Street in Rutland City. Sponsored by Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Leaders: Vivian Bebee & Larry Walter. (802) 775-3855. gmckillington.org.

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SO. BURLINGTON. Workday at the Horticulture Farm—Perennial Garden Clean Up. Gardeners and volunteers are needed to put the Perennial Garden to bed for the winter. Learn what perennials to cut back before winter. Bring your tools and gloves. Free. 9 am - noon. UVM Hort Farm, 65 Green Mountain Dr. (802) 864-3073. info@friendsofthehortfarm.org. friendsofthehortfarm.org.

ST. ALBANS. Haunted Horns—A Brass Quintet Halloween Family Concert. Vermont Symphony Orchestra presents Plog's "Animal Ditties," complete with narration. There will be a parade of costumes, everyone gets a treat for the road, and the musicians have promised "No boo-boos!". Tickets \$6 kids under 18 and seniors, \$8 adults, \$20 family pass (up to 5 people). 4 pm. Performing Arts Center, Bellows Free Academy. (800) 876-9293 x 10. www.vso.org.

WESTMINSTER WEST. Athens Dome Hike. Camilla Roberts will lead this occasionally steep 1.5-mile Pinnacle Association hike to Creature Rock, the Summit Lookout and shelter site, then down to Shortcut Road, past the edge of an old beaver wetland, and back on Ledge Road alongside tumbling Ledge Brook to the parking area. Dress warmly, wear sturdy shoes, bring water. Meet at the trailhead parking area on Ledge Road, off Rt. 35. 2-4 pm. Contact Camilla Roberts at (802) 869-1388. whpa@sover.net. windmillhillpinnacle.org.

WOODSTOCK. Seventh Annual Autumn Wagon Ride Weekend. Scenic narrated horse-drawn wagon ride around the farm fields. Dairy farm, farm life exhibits, and restored and furnished farmhouse, plus programs and activities including cider pressing, included in the entrance fee. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. Also October 19.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

BARRE. Celebration Series Concert: Arlo Guthrie. A night of inspiring music accompanied by heartwarming storytelling. Tickets: \$25-\$46. 7 pm. Barre Opera House, City Hall, 6 N. Main St. (802) 476-8188. www.barreoperahouse.org.

HUNTINGTON. Sundays for Fledglings. Discover birds with us, from feathers to flying, from art to zoology. Perfect for kids aged 5-9 (siblings welcome). Free with admission; donations welcome. Pre-registration is helpful and please check the schedule. 2-3 pm. Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. www.birdsofvermont.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Haunted Horns—A Brass Quintet Halloween Family Concert. Vermont Symphony Orchestra presents Plog's "Animal Ditties," complete with narration. There will be a parade of costumes, everyone gets a treat for the road, and the musicians have promised "No boo-boos!". Tickets \$6 kids under 18 and seniors, \$8 adults, \$20 family pass (up to 5 people). 2 pm. Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College. (800) 876-9293 x 10. www.vso.org.

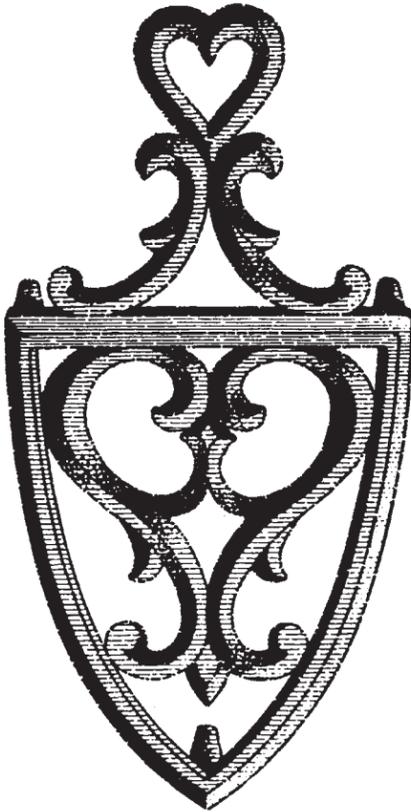
PAWLET. Illustrated Lecture. Inventive Vermonters: A Sampling of Farm Tools and Implements. Retired engineer Paul Wood presents a sampling of farm tools, implements, and artifacts invented or produced in Vermont. Hosted by the Pawlett Historical Society. Free. 2 pm. Pawlett Public Library, 141 School St. (802) 645-9529. www.vermonthumanities.org.

READING. Presentation of Works by Olafur Eliasson. Tour to follow of the Exhibition of Works by Olafur Eliasson at the Hall Art Foundation's galleries. Free. 2 pm. Seating is limited and registration is required. At Reading Public Library, Hwy. 106. (802) 484-5588. reading.public.library@comcast.net.

RUPERT. Vermont History through Song. Singer and researcher Linda Radtke, with pianist Arthur Zorn, brings Vermont history to life with engaging commentary about the songs found in the Vermont Historical Society's collection of sheet music. Hosted by the Rupert Historical Society. Free. 3 pm. Rupert Congregational Church, 2890 Rt. 153. (802) 394-7738. www.vermonthumanities.org.

RUTLAND. Opera: Le Nozze di Figaro. Live in HD from the Metropolitan Opera - Encore Performance. Met Music Director James Levine conducts a spirited new production of Mozart's masterpiece. Approximate running time: 3:52. Tickets \$20. 12:55 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

WOODSTOCK. Seventh Annual Autumn Wagon Ride Weekend. Scenic narrated horse-drawn wagon ride around the late fall farm fields. Dairy farm, farm life exhibits, and restored and furnished farmhouse, plus programs and activities including cider pressing, included in the entrance fee. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Route 12 & River Road, north of the village green. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.



MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

DANBY. Film Discussion. Freedom and Unity: The Vermont Movie. Part One: "A Very New Idea." This part explores the Native and Colonial roots from which Vermont grew. Led by Nora Jacobson. Free. 7 pm. Hosted by the Mount Tabor/Danby Historical Society, 74 S. Main St. (802) 293-2265. www.vermonthumanities.org.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Billy Collins presents his book, *Aimless Love*, followed by a signing. Tickets: \$20 for one seat, one copy of *Aimless Love*, \$30 for two seats, one copy of *Aimless Love*. 7 pm; doors open at 6 pm. Maple Street School. (802) 362-2200. www.northshire.com.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

BURLINGTON. Nightmare Vermont. A thrilling, interactive haunted house. Tickets \$10. 7-10:30 pm. At Champlain Valley Expo, 105 Pearl St. info@nightmarevermont.org. www.nightmarevermont.org. Also October 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31.

HUBBARDTON. Partial Solar Eclipse. Members of the Green Mountain Alliance of Amateur Astronomers help you safely observe this partial solar eclipse. Bring blankets and flashlights. Call to confirm. 5:30-7 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/hubbardton.

RUTLAND. Concert: Béla Fleck and Abigail Washburn. Fleck and Washburn employ the relatively rare 3-finger and clawhammer banjo duet to create an explosion of musical white heat. Tickets \$34.50-\$44.50. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

WILLISTON. The Haunted Forest. Outdoor theater, special effects, the magic of the night forest, and the spirit of Halloween delights audiences of all ages. Mysterious guides lead guests through paths lit by more than 1,000 flickering Jack-O'-Lanterns. Evening Shows and Children's matinee Catamount Outdoor Family Center, 592 Governor Chittenden Rd. For tickets call (802) 238-0923. katie@thehauntedforest.org. www.thehauntedforest.org. Through October 25.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

BURLINGTON. Lane Series Concert: The Sphinx Virtuosi. 18 of the nation's top Black and Latino classical soloists, perform works by Aaron Copland, Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson, Duke Ellington, John Corigliano, and Philip Glass. Tickets: \$30 adult, \$10 student. 7:30-10 pm, pre-performance talk at 6:30 pm. UVM Music Recital Hall, S. Prospect St. (802) 656-4455. www.uvm.edu/laneseries.

TINMOUTH. Concert: John Gillette and Sarah Mittlefehldt, traditional music nourished by the sounds of the 21st century. Homemade desserts, coffee, and tea available. \$10. 7:30 pm; doors open at 7 pm. Old Firehouse, Rt. 140 and Mountain View Rd. www.facebook.com/TinmouthOldFirehouseConcerts.

SWANTON. Fall Open Door Dinner. A free community dinner. 5:30-6:30 pm. Memorial United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 23 Grand Ave. (802) 868-7185. Also November 21.

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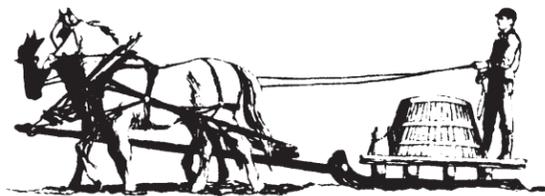
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

BELMONT. Baked Ham Dinner. Benefit for Gill Home, IOOF. Mashed Potato w/Gravy, Vegetables, Rolls and Home Baked Pies. All You Can Eat—Home Style. Take-outs available. Adults \$10, Children 11 and under \$5. 5 pm. Odd Fellows Hall. (802) 259-2460.

BENNINGTON. Fallapalooza. The festival of festivals will have something for everyone to enjoy. It's like Mayfest, Midnight Madness, Octoberfest, and the food festivals all wrapped up into one big celebration! Walloomsac Farmers' Market, wagon rides, Airplane Pumpkin Drop at the William Morse Airport, gifts, food, fresh baked goods, children's activities, store-to-store trick-or-treating. Free. 215 South St. (802) 442-5758. www.betterbennington.com.

BRATTLEBORO. Concert: Paul Winter Consort. Soloists include Paul Winter, Eugene Friesen, and Theresa Thomason, three Grammy Award-winning and internationally recognized performers. The Greater Brattleboro Choir of the Community will perform several selections written by folksinger Pete Seeger. \$75/\$40/\$20. 7:30 pm. Latchis Theatre, 50 Main St. (802) 257-0994. www.brattleborotix.com.

EAST THETFORD. Class: Fantastic Fall Fermentation. Learn the basics of home fermentation, from simple how-tos to what to do when things go awry. Bring clean, pint- or quart-sized mason jars with lids for taking your krauts home. Pre-registration required. \$45/person. 11 am - 2 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org.

LINCOLN. Outing on Mount Abraham. Spectacular views from the 4006 ft. summit, and rare alpine plants. We will go up and back via the LT. Moderate to difficult, 5.2 miles, with some rock scrambles. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Bring drinking water and lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for weather changes. Trip leaves at 8:30 am from Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station off Center Street in Rutland City. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Killington Section Leader: Sandy Bragg (802) 492-2143. www.gmckillington.org.

NORTH HERO. Spiny Softshell Turtle Nesting Beach Work Day. Pull up plant growth, to prepare for the turtle egg-laying season next June. Families always welcome. Bring warm clothes in layers, work gloves, and rain gear, if needed; only short handled tools: a trowel or a hand cultivator; lunch. 10 am - 3 pm. North Hero State Park. Contact: Eric Lazarus, (802) 658-8505. vt.audubon.org.

DERBY LINE. Concert: Richard Wood & Gordon Belsher. Fiery Prince Edward Island fiddler. Tickets: \$20. Tickets available at (888) 757-5559. catamountarts.org. 7:30 pm. Haskell Opera House, 93 Caswell Ave. (802) 873-3022. haskellopera.com.

NORWICH. Contradance. Music by Cuckoo's Nest. Adina Gordon, caller. Special family dance 5-6:30 pm, potluck supper 6:30 pm. Admission \$5, under 16 free. Sponsored by Muskeg Music. 8 pm. At Tracey Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 785-4607. Continue fourth Saturdays.

RUTLAND. 55th Annual Halloween Parade. The oldest in the United States. Floats, marching bands and local dignitaries. Line up at 5:30 pm, parade at 6:30 pm. (802) 773-1822. info@rutlandrec.com. www.rutlandrec.com/halloween.

RUTLAND. Opera: Macbeth. Live in HD from the Metropolitan Opera - Encore Performance. Tickets \$20. 12:55 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

WARDSBORO. 12th Annual Gilfeather Turnip Festival. An all-day, indoor-outdoor celebration of Wardsboro's delicious roots. Craft and farmers market booths, the Turnip Shoppe, a Turnip Cafe, live music, and the annual Turnip Contest with guest judge, Margaret Roach, author and former garden editor for Martha Stewart "Living". Free admission & free parking. 10 am - 3 pm, rain or shine, on Main St. For festival and turnip contest details, call (802) 896-3416 or visit www.friendsofwardsborolibary.org.

WILLISTON. The Haunted Forest. Outdoor theater, special effects, the magic of the night forest, and the spirit of Halloween. Evening Shows and Children's matinee. Catamount Outdoor Family Center, 592 Governor Chittenden Rd. For tickets call (802) 238-0923. katie@thehauntedforest.org. www.thehauntedforest.org.

WINDSOR. 15th Annual Model Engineering Show. Visit with New England's finest model engineers and enjoy informative workshops and demonstrations throughout the day. Adult admission \$10, Students \$5, to both the museum and the show. 9 am - 4 pm. Windsor Recreational Center, 29 Union St., and American Precision Museum, 196 Main St. (802) 674-5781. www.americanprecision.org.

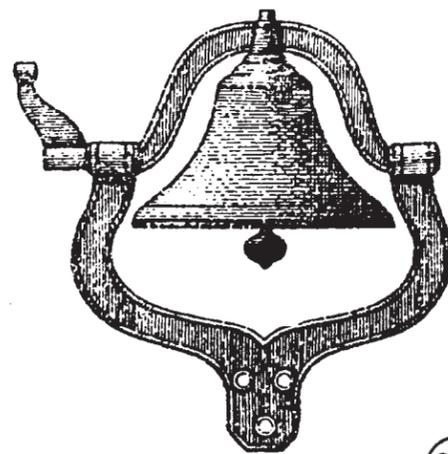
PUTNEY. Concert: Sierra Hull and her Tennessee-based bluegrass quintet Highway 111. JD McCliment's Pub will provide a beer and wine cash bar. Tickets: \$22 advance, \$25 at the door. 7:30 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill. (802) 387-0102. www.nextstagearts.org. www.twilightmusic.org. www.sierrahull.com

WOODSTOCK. 21st Annual Family Halloween. Children in costume admitted free with an adult (adults pay regular fee). Pumpkin carving, doughnuts-on-a-string, wagon rides, cranking pumpkin ice cream, Halloween stories, pumpkin games, and animal programs. Costume parades at 12 noon & 2 pm; all children receive a ribbon. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

RUTLAND. Thursday Hike at Lily Pond in Bomoseen, VT. Hike past beaver dams and old slate quarries to remote pond. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear and be prepared for Vermont weather. Meet at 9 am at the Godnick Center on Deer St. in Rutland to car pool. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department. Leader: Tom Copps, (802) 282-1675. www.rutlandrec.com.

BURLINGTON. "The Lovesong of R. Buckminster Fuller." A live documentary narrated onstage by the film maker, Sam Green, featuring a live score by the legendary indie rock band Yo La Tengo. Tickets: \$36-\$21. 7:30 pm. Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, 153 Main St. (802) 656-4455. www.uvm.edu/laneseries. dev.buckminsterfullerfilm.com.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

MIDDLEBURY. Seventh Annual Middlebury Spooktacular. Halloween event for kids of all ages! Hay bales, costumes, games, music and dancing for all ages. Jumpy castle! Children's trick or treat parade along Main Street led by the legendary Spooktacular Witch! 1-3 pm. On the Middlebury Town Green. bettermiddleburypartnership.org.

October In Vermont

The clump of maples on the hill,
And this one near the door,
Seem redder, quite a lot, this year
Than last, or year before;
I wonder if it's jest because
I love the Old State more!

If there was any poppies left,
I guess they'd jest be vexed
To see the hillsides all on fire
Without the least pretext;
Sometimes I think I'm in this world,
And sometimes in the next.

Jest look! the woods are made of trees,
Instead of wholesale green;
Jest see the "wine glass elms" stand out,

With hemlocks in between;
Jest see the birch flags on their staffs
So long and white and clean!

From Killington and Sterling peaks
The flames are pouring down;
The ferns below the pasture woods
Are scorched and dead and brown;
The shoemake fire-bugs set the blaze
I heard last night in town.

It's kinder more than folks can stand,
This beauty, every year;
The eye that's full can see no more
Until it drops a tear;
It's hard to tell jest where you are,
In paradise or here.

—DANIEL L. CADY

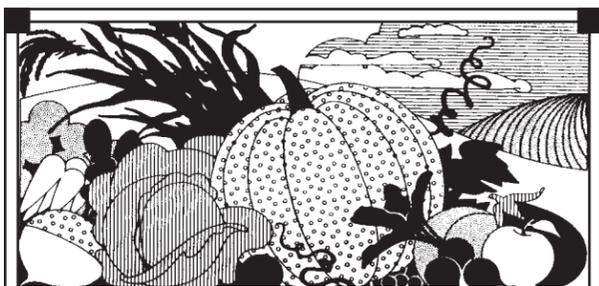


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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

BELLOWS FALLS. Concert: Halloween or Samhain Celebration with Castlebay, Celtic music duo. Songs, poetry and stories of harvest and the twilight of the year. Tickets: \$17/\$13. 7:30 pm at Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 463-3100. www.immanuelretreat.org.

BRATTLEBORO. The Brattleboro Film Festival will showcase dramatic features, documentaries and shorts of all genres from the U.S. and around the world. For schedule call (802) 254-8169 or visit www.brattleborofilmfestival.org. *Through November 9.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

RUTLAND. The Really Big Show XVIII. A community night of talent to benefit the United Way of Rutland County. Hosted by the Paramount Theater. (802) 773-7477. info@uwrutlandcounty.org.

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Weekend. Take a horse-drawn wagon ride and enjoy the dairy farm, farmhouse, and farm life exhibits during late fall, when the brilliance of foliage has softened and the weather is still pleasant. Daily programs and activities. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, 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 November 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23.*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

RUTLAND. Concert: Bluesman Guy Davis. A musician, composer, actor, director and writer performs at 7 pm at College of Saint Joseph's Tuttle Hall. Tickets \$15. (802) 558-7587.

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Weekend. Take a horse-drawn wagon ride and enjoy the dairy farm, farmhouse, and farm life exhibits during late fall, when the brilliance of foliage has softened and the weather is still pleasant. Daily programs and activities. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, 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 November 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23.*

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

ADDISON. Chimney Point State Historic Site. Open 9:30 am - 5 pm, Wed. - Sun. and Monday holidays. 8149 Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint. *Through October 13.*

BENNINGTON. Bennington Battle Monument. Admission \$3 adults, \$1 children ages six through 14 years. Children under six years and scheduled school groups are free. (802) 447-0550. historicsites.vermont.gov. *Through October 31.*

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

BURLINGTON. Queen City Ghostwalk: Darkness Falls Tour, Wicked Waterfront Tour, Graveside Gatherings, and Ghosts of UVM Tour. Tickets \$15 advance, \$18 at the gate. www.flyntix.org. Call for schedules or visit website. (802) 351-1313. mail@queencityghostwalk.com. www.queencityghostwalk.com

CASTLETON. Castleton Farmers' Market. Main St., parking lot next to Citizen's Bank, across from Castleton Library. 3:30-6 pm. Lori Barker. (802) 273-2241. *Thursdays through October 2.*

EAST THETFORD. Cedar Circle Farm and Education Center. Opening for the season. A certified organic, fifty-acre vegetable and berry farm. Farmstand and Hello Coffee Shop (with wireless internet). Coffee Shop open 8-5, farm stand open daily 10-6, Sun till 5 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org.

FAIR HAVEN. Farmers' Market. Local produce, crafts, prepared foods. Fridays starting June 13, 3-6 pm rain or shine. On the Green, downtown Fair Haven. Info call Doug Patac, (802) 753-7269. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Through September 30.*

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

HUBBARDTON. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site. Children's colonial dress-up basket. Bring your flag to be raised over the Hubbardton Battlefield and receive a certificate. Admission: adults \$2, children 14 years and under free. Open 9:30 am - 5 pm. Thurs. - Sun., and Monday holidays. 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton. *Through October 13.*

HUNTINGTON. Birds of Vermont Museum. Daily 10 am - 4 pm, Admission \$7, discounts for seniors and children. 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. www.birdsofvermont.org. *Through October 31.*

MANCHESTER CENTER. Manchester Farmers' Market. Thursdays 3-6 pm. Adams Park, Rt. 7A. Krysta Piccoli, manager. mfmvermont@gmail.com. www.manchesterfarmers.org. *Through October 9.*

ORWELL. Mount Independence State Historic Site. Special Exhibit. Open daily, 9:30 - 5:30. Admission \$5 for adults, free for children under 15. 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. *Through October 13.*

PITTSFORD. New England Maple Museum Open House Weekend. World's largest maple museum. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our unique gift shop. Open daily 10 am - 4 pm. New England Maple Museum, 4578 Rt.7, south of town. (802) 483-9414. info@maplemuseum.com. www.maplemuseum.com.

PLYMOUTH NOTCH. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. New exhibition: The Coolidges, Plymouth, and the Civil War. Adults \$8, children 6 to 14 \$2, under 6 free. Family pass \$25. 9:30 am - 5 pm daily. 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicsites.vermont.gov. *Through October 19.*

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RUTLAND. Rutland Downtown Farmers' Market. Local produce, crafts, prepared foods. Live music. EBT and debit cards. Saturdays 9 am - 2 pm downtown in Depot Park through October 25. Tuesdays 3-6 pm in Depot Park through September 30. For info contact Doug Patac (802) 753-7269. info@vtfarmersmarket.org; or Judy Dark (802) 773-4813. info@rcfmvt.org. Visit www.rcfmvt.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.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. www.pyramidvt.com.

SPRINGFIELD. Springfield Farmer's Market. Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 31 through early October. In downtown Springfield. For information Jim Fog (802) 738-5272. jfog@vermontel.net. www.springfieldcommunitymarket.com.

STRAFFORD. Justin Morrill Homestead. Exhibit: *Statues of Liberty—A Sesquicentennial Exhibit & Celebration*. Admission \$6. 11 am - 5 pm. Wednesday-Sunday. 214 Justin Morrill Highway. (802) 765-4288. www.morrillhomestead.org. *Through October 13.*

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WEST RUTLAND. Farmer's Market. Local produce from local farmers. 3-6 pm. Town Hall Green, corner of Marble and Main St. Kim Obaid, (802) 438-2263. kobaid@westrutlandtown.com. *Every Wednesday through October 1.*

Muskie Restoration Efforts Continue into Historic Range

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department continued its Lake Champlain muskellunge restoration efforts by stocking more than 7,000 fingerling muskies into the Missisquoi River and Missisquoi Bay.

This year, for the second time, muskellunge, or 'muskie,' were stocked above Swanton Dam up to the Highgate Falls Dam. This section of the Missisquoi River is the last location in Vermont that supported a naturally-reproducing native muskie population, before they disappeared in the 1970s following a chemical spill.

Since 2008, the Fish & Wildlife Department has stocked more than 38,000 muskies into the Missisquoi River and Missisquoi Bay in an attempt to restore a viable population to Lake Champlain.

Lake Champlain is the only lake in New England to which muskies are native.

"The muskie has a unique role as Lake Champlain's apex aquatic predator," said Shawn Good, the state fisheries biologist leading the

muskie restoration effort. "On the Missisquoi River, muskies were historically important as a large mythical fish that was present but very difficult to catch."

The six-inch fish stocked in the river were donated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, which also stocks the Great Chazy River on the New York side of the lake with the same strain.

Good said, "We now know through the genetic assessment that some of the muskie stocked in New York's Great Chazy river make their way out into Lake Champlain and into Missisquoi Bay and Missisquoi River."

Vermont regulations allow fishing for muskies on a catch-and-release basis only with artificial lures or flies. All muskies caught must be immediately released where they are caught.

"I have high hopes for these little guys," said Good. "With so much habitat and food available to them in Lake Champlain, I expect these fish to grow fast and to get big."

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WINDSOR. Cider Hill Gardens & Art Gallery. Open July-October Thursday-Sunday 10 am – 5 pm daily. At 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. ciderhillgardens.com. garymilek.com.

WINDSOR. Old Constitution House. Adults \$3, 14 and under free. Open weekends and Monday holidays, 11 am - 5 pm. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 Main St. (802) 672-3773. www.historicsites.vermont.gov/constitution. *Through October 13.*

WOODSTOCK. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park. Open daily 10 am to 5 pm through October 31. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park, 54 Elm St. (802) 457-3368 x 22. nps.gov/mabi.

MUSEUMS, EXHIBITS & GALLERIES

BARRE. Vermont History Center and Leahy Library. Thousands of books, manuscripts, photographs, maps, audio, video and film recordings. Adults \$5; families \$12; students, children, seniors \$3; children under 6: free. Monday – Friday, 9 am – 4 pm. Vermont Historical Society, 60 Washington St. (802) 479-8500. vermonthistory.org.

BENNINGTON. Bennington Center for the Arts. 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. jana@thebennington.org. thebennington.org.

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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.

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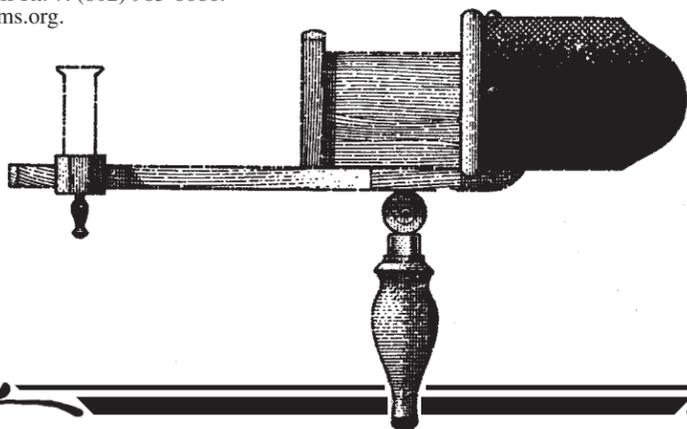
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Season of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness

Bidding adieu to the garden past and sowing the seeds for the garden yet to come

by Judith Irven

By October the last asters are slowly fading and the golden Black-eyed Susans have become knobby black seedheads. Whether we are gathering the remaining harvest, cooking wild apples and blackberries into a tasty sauce, or cutting back spent perennials, autumn is when we bid adieu to this year's garden.

But, even as the old garden fades into memory, slowly next year's garden comes into focus. With beds to weed and compost to spread, autumn is also when we make plans and prepare the garden of the future. With memories of the season just ending still fresh in our minds, it is fall, rather than spring, when it is most opportune to rejuvenate the garden with an eye to the seasons yet to come. And, since every gardener is a born optimist, it is also the perfect opportunity to correct omissions, look for better vegetables, or try new flowers. Thus, in so many ways, autumn is indeed the gardener's new year!

So let's take look at some of the activities that are best accomplished in October and into November, both those associated with the old year just ending, as well as those that lay the groundwork for the one that is now beginning.

In the vegetable garden:

My last 'old year' activity in the vegetable garden is to harvest every last remaining edible vegetable.

First I collect all the winter squash and store them in the basement on wire mesh trays to promote good air circulation and prevent rot. I like to grow lots of butternut and acorn squash. Both are good keepers and between now and next April will become the base of many soups and roasted dishes. Next year I plan on growing some of the huge blue Hubbard squash as well, also reputed to be an excellent keeping variety.

I also roast all excess tomatoes with a little olive oil, chopped garlic and herbs. Stored in the freezer they become a ready-to-go pasta sauce that tastes absolutely delicious at dead of winter!

Next I turn my attention to the chard and kale, both excellent vegetables for growing in Vermont's cooler summers. My harvest results in huge mountains of crisp green leaves in the kitchen. After stripping the stems, I wash and rough chop the leaves, before dropping them by the handful into boiling water for a quick blanch. After dunking everything in iced water, I squeeze out the excess liquid and freeze four ounce portions as easy additions to stir-frys or soup.

Now I can turn my attention to the season yet to come. First I weed the entire vegetable garden, carefully chasing down the roots of perennial weeds like witch grass and dandelions.

And then comes my big fall ritual of spreading compost across the beds and digging it into the top few inches of soil.

In the world of gardening compost is a truly magical substance and a wonderful investment for the years to come. It adds organic matter and nutrients to the soil, which becomes softer and easier for the plant roots to penetrate. It also permits a sandy soil to retain water more effectively and, conversely, helps a clay soil drain better. If you do not have enough compost of your own, consider adding an organic commercial product, such as the composted cow manure mixture called Moo-Doo from The Vermont Natural Ag Company in Middlebury (you can get it in bulk with a pick-up truck)

My final activity in the vegetable garden is to cover the soil for the winter, thus preventing the weeds from sprouting the moment spring arrives. My tried and true method was to make a sandwich of about six layers of newspaper topped with hay.

Last year however I experimented using light-weight tarps, held down by tent pegs, as a winter soil cover. In springtime, the tarps helped the soil warm up more quickly, while still smothering the weeds. When I was ready to plant a particular section, I just rolled back the tarp, planted my seedlings, and then mulched around them with my usual newspaper and hay sandwich. My experiment was a success so this fall I will be using the tarp method again.



Judith Irven spreading compost on the vegetable garden: a fall rite of passage. photo by Dick Conrad

And in the flower beds:

Each fall I like to tackle my flower beds one at a time. I start by cutting back most perennials, leaving just those that will provide seeds for the birds and winter interest for me. The cuttings become the basis of a new compost pile. Then, after raking aside any remaining bark mulch, I carefully weed around all the plants, digging in some compost as I go.

Next I carefully analyze the current plant mix, often consulting pictures of the garden as it was at different dates last summer, and consider what needs changing, expanding or even removing.

Contrary to popular belief, the best time to lift and divide perennials is in the late fall, after the tops have died back. If you do this in springtime you risk damaging the new green growth.

I find the best way to do divide a large perennial root mass is to shove two garden forks, back-to-back, down into it. Wiggle the forks back and forth against each other, and soon the root mass will split into two or three parts, while still leaving the individual roots intact. Each part can be replanted, either in this bed or elsewhere.

If you are not ready to replant some of the root sections quite yet, they can easily be stored in a plastic bag for a couple of weeks to prevent them from drying out. And, if the roots have grass or other weeds running through them, just soak everything in water for an hour, after which you can usually pull the weeds right out.

As I contemplate a bed I often see the need for additional plants and a quick trip to the nursery. However at this late stage in the season be sure to check the quality of any plants

before you buy. It may be preferable to wait for the new season's stock to arrive in spring before filling the gaps in your reworked beds.

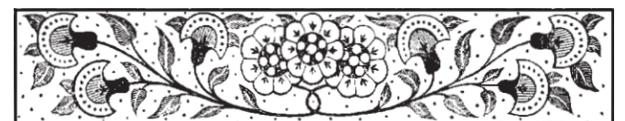
Of course, fall is also the time when we think about planting bulbs to make our gardens beautiful in spring. I already have hosts of daffodils, both in my beds and in the rough grass at the edge of the garden. But this fall I will be planting plenty of tulips, fritillary and alliums. I have grown them in the past but gradually many have died out. So 2015 will be the spring for a renewal of bright colors.

Autumn is the gardener's new year...

But for gardeners, the transition from the old to new year does not come at a specific time and date when we congregate to sing 'Auld Lang Syne'. Instead, somewhere around the middle of October, we gradually transition from gathering the harvest and reflecting on the gardening season just ending, to actively planning and preparing for the season ahead.

Whether tackling a big project like making a new bed or just dividing a few perennials, this is also a wonderful time be outdoors. The air is cool and crisp yet the soil is still warm and soft. This when my optimism for the garden yet to come knows no bounds.

Judith Irven and Dick Conrad live in Goshen where together they nurture a large garden. Judith is a landscape designer and Vermont Certified Horticulturist who also teaches Sustainable Home Landscaping for the Vermont Master Gardener program. You can subscribe to her blog about her Vermont gardening life at www.northcountryreflections.com. Dick is a landscape and garden photographer; you can see more of his photographs at northcountryimpressions.com.



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These recipes, gathered in the mid-1900s, were popular in the 1800s. They made good use of seasonal ingredients.

FLO'S PUMPKIN PIE

Peel the pumpkin and cut in cubes, rejecting the seeds and soft fibers. Put in a kettle, preferably cast iron, with very little water. Simmer until tender, pressing down into the water occasionally. Mash, press through a sieve, and cook until dark and dry, scraping up from bottom as it reduces. With one cup cooked pumpkin, mix one-half cup brown sugar, one-half cup molasses, one-half teaspoon each cinnamon and ginger, a pinch of salt, one beaten egg if desired, and two cups milk. Mix, bring to a boil, and partly cool. Fill an unbaked pie shell. Put in a hot oven, 400 degrees F., for fifteen minutes, then lower the heat to 325 degrees and bake thirty minutes longer or until the custard is firm and the crust brown.

CURRIED GREEN TOMATOES

6 green tomatoes
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons minced onion

1 teaspoon curry powder
Flour, salt, pepper

Slice the tomatoes half an inch thick. Melt the butter and sauté the onion until light brown. Add the curry powder and mix well. Dredge the tomatoes in flour and brown on both sides. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Pour the fat and onion over the tomatoes before serving. Serves six.

OSBOW INDIAN PUDDING

Only a three-hour baking is required for this Indian pudding. It comes from and is named for the section of Vermont where the Connecticut River winds back and forth through the meadows in a great bow.

1 quart milk
1 cup corn meal
Salt
½ cup molasses

¼ cup sugar
1 tablespoon butter
Cold milk

Heat the quart of milk and stir in slowly the Indian meal. Add salt to taste and the molasses and sugar. Turn into a two-quart baking dish. Add the butter and pour in enough cold milk to fill the dish. Do not stir the milk. Bake slowly about three hours in a very slow oven, 275 to 300 degrees F. Serve with maple syrup. Serves six.

To Autumn

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness!

Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?

Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spares the next swath and all its twin'd flowers;
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cider-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.

Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?

Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—
While barr'd clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-crickets sing; and now with treble soft
The redbreast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

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A bounty of pumpkins and squash ready for harvest time in Central Vermont. photo by Nancy Cassidy

SQUASH MUFFINS

2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 tablespoons sugar
¾ teaspoon salt

1 egg
¾ cup milk
1 tbsp. melted shortening
1 cup sieved cooked squash

Mix and sift the dry ingredients. Beat the egg and mix with the milk, shortening, and squash. Pour the second mixture into the dry ingredients and mix just enough to blend. Bake in a hot oven, 450 degrees F., for twenty to twenty-five minutes. Makes one and a half dozen medium-sized muffins.

BOILED CIDER PIE

½ cup cider
½ cup maple sugar
2 egg yolks, beaten
4 tbsp. powdered sugar

½ cup seeded raisins
1 tablespoon butter
2 egg whites
¼ teaspoon nutmeg

Boil the cider and maple sugar. Add the beaten egg yolks and stir until thick. Add the nutmeg, raisins, and butter. Turn into an unbaked pie shell, cover with top crust, and bake forty minutes in a moderate oven at 350 degrees F. The top crust may be omitted, and a meringue may be made of the beaten egg whites and powdered sugar. Brown in a moderate oven.

DEEP-DISH BAKED SQUASH

Cut a Hubbard squash in pieces and steam for thirty to forty minutes, or until tender. Drain and remove the pulp from the shell. Mash the pulp and put it through a strainer. For every two cups of pulp, add the following ingredients:

2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon cream
1 teaspoon maple sugar

1 egg yolk, beaten
Salt and pepper to taste
½ cup buttered cracker crumbs

Mix the first five ingredients with the pulp, and turn it into a buttered baking dish. Cover with the cracker crumbs. Bake thirty minutes in a hot oven, 400 degrees F. Serves four to six.



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Limbo Season

by Burr Morse

Even though I've lived through over sixty years of foliage seasons, each one gets better than the one before! The other evening I was watching TV in our living room when suddenly a patch of foliage in our view out front became downright ethereal. I sprang to the window and in an otherwise drab scene, the last remnants of sun directed a "spotlight" right on this one section of our woods! I grabbed my camera and shot away—yes, here I live in the epicenter of Autumn splendor but I'd never seen it like this before. Being in the tourism business, I have to be righteous about Vermont foliage, our crème de la crème of marketing opportunities. It's not just "business as usual" though; I love foliage season in every spectacular respect!

Foliage coincides with another season though, much less glamorous but never-the-less real—I'll call it "limbo" season. It has to do with human comfort or more to the point, discomfort. I'm talkin' about the time of year when we've

"Betsy and I sit here with a full tank of fuel oil and a woodshed brimming over."

had a pleasant summer respite from thoughts of expensive fuel oil or plugged chimneys when WHAM!—all of a sudden the first cold night strikes. Like the proverbial "water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink" Betsy and I sit in a stone cold house with a full tank of fuel oil and a woodshed brimming over. You see, we're too Scotch to start up the oil burner and burning wood doesn't work well until winter temperatures set in.

I recently suffered through one such night. Betsy had gone to her night job and I had prepared for bed my usual obsessive-compulsive way—au naturale except for skivvies, one medium weight blanket, no top sheet, and a very thin pillow, thank you very much—but I was cold! I got up, shivering, and started searching for Betsy's cache of blankets. "It's a small house—they gotta be here", I thought, starting with the most obvious places and ending up in the darkest closet recesses. Spare blankets, however, like drinking water in the ocean, were not meant to be, that night.



Waiting for winter—old farm equipment and autumn leaves in Central Vermont.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

Approaching the panic stage, I grabbed all the towels from the linen closet and got in bed, pulling the one blanket over me and then strategically placing towels, in total defiance of physics, I might add, in patchwork fashion over the blanket and myself. All of a sudden it hit me that my numerous nocturnal trips to the bathroom would declare the "towel" caper null and void!

Next I went to the two black Labs. "C'mere Averill, c'mon Fern" I pleaded, trying to coax the two large dogs to burrow into the blanket with me. They however, much wiser and more climatologically fit, just sat saying "No way—this is our season to enjoy!"

My thoughts went to another dog, Tessa. Tessa the beagle was one of my best friends until passing from old age six years ago. More appropriately to this story, however, Tessa was a burrower. We first met her while she was still with her mother. The man who sold her to us said "That pup's a burrower—you'll find her way down in that blanket." Sure enough, I leaned into the pen and reached deep into a worn quilted comforter to find the warm ball of fur that would be my Tessa. She never outgrew her compulsion. My thirteen-year tenure with Tessa was spent, besides packed with love, never lacking for a bed warmer on a cold night. Thinking of Tessa, I looked at those two black Labs and said "ungrateful bitches!"

Yes, we Vermonters never lack for variety in our seasons. As I end this writing, we're approaching our beloved foliage's dénouement. Limbo season, however, will remain for a while as the tree line declines to a drab, grey "curtain". One of these days, that curtain will open to winter's grand show

and I'll be in the audience. By that time, the wood fire'll be burnin' fast and, best of all, our house'll be warm!

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Have you picked up a quince to smell it
And thought of grape jam on cellar shelves,
Of honey, brown eggs in water glass,
Of the braided bulbs of garlic and onion
Hung from the rafter?



There is sage and bay in the autumn wind,
There are apples that have not dropped from the bough,
Red withering brown in the smoke and the haze.
The cows are slow to pull at the frost-grey grass;
There was ice on the pond last night.

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12th Annual Pumpkin Festival at Cedar Circle Farm

Sunday, Oct 12, 2014, 10-3 pm

You're invited to come to Cedar Circle Farm's 12th Annual Pumpkin Festival on Sunday, October 12, 2014 in East Thetford, VT. The annual harvest festival offers pumpkin picking, free horse-drawn wagon rides, and a variety of family activities and entertainment from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Every year more than 1200 people attend each of Cedar Circle Farm's harvest festivals, in June and in October. "We love to celebrate organic agriculture and share our beautiful farm with the public," says Kate Duesterberg, the farm's co-manager. "Families like to come to the farm to see firsthand how their food is grown. There is an increasing interest in where food comes from and why it's important to grow it in a way that protects our precious resources."

Great organic food

The concession opens at 11 a.m. serving delicious food grown and prepared on the farm, as well as wood-fired pizza from NOFA-VT's mobile oven, and authentic fare from Vermont Crepe & Waffle. The farmstand and Hello Café will be open all day long and features an abundance of fresh organic produce, a wide variety of other grocery and specialty items, small-batch fruit preserves, pickles, pestos, and traditional cultured krauts made in the farm kitchen.

Free family fun, storytelling, arts & crafts!

Stroll around the beautiful grounds at the height of fall foliage, take a guided tour on one of the horse-drawn wagons, or get your face painted, and have a taste of apple cider – you can even spin the cider press yourself! Learn about food, farm equipment, and alternative energy by visiting the community educational displays. Among the featured educators will be Catamount Solar, Sun Common with their solar-powered generator and bubble-making machine, and Karl Kemnitzer of Hartland, VT with his amazing solar bike inventions.

Award-winning British storyteller Simon Brooks will tell his wonderful tales throughout the day beginning in the pumpkin patch at 10:30 a.m. and later on in the enchanted forest where the farm's namesake, the circle of cedar trees, grows. In the forest you'll find shady picnic tables, free arts and crafts, educational games, and some very special visitors: owls from the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS).

Enjoy lots of live music

Throughout the day enjoy live musical performances on three stages from talented Upper Valley bands: Stovepipe Mountain Band out of Corinth, VT plays lively Americana roots rock; The Cold River Ranters from across the river in New Hampshire perform what they call "hot gonzo primitive folk jive which has an American-rootsy feel with dashes of third world seasonings"; Haywire, a string quartet from Tunbridge, VT, will finish the day with homegrown stomp grass under the big tent.

Share the Harvest raffle

The Share the Harvest raffle will feature an array of prizes donated from local businesses to raise money for subsidized CSA shares for limited-income families at Cedar Circle Farm through the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT) Farm Share program. With the generous help of the community and the Farm Share program, every year more local families are provided a subsidy for a season of wholesome and organic fruits and veggies at Cedar Circle Farm. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased at the raffle



photo by Angela Cooke Jackson

Visitors ride in a horse-drawn wagon to the pumpkin patch at Cedar Circle Farm.

booth outside the farmstand. The drawing is at 2:30 p.m.

There is a \$10 per vehicle parking fee for the festival; carpooling is strongly encouraged. Walk or ride your bike to the event and get in free. Please leave your pets at home; the farm does not have a shady parking area.

"We simply couldn't host these events without more than 50 volunteers every time," says Cat Buxton, the farm's Education Coordinator. "Some families like to ride their bikes to the farm and volunteer for a shift or for the entire day. It's a really fun event and we treat our volunteers right!" To register to be a volunteer or to see the full schedule of performance times, visit the farms' website at www.cedarcirclefarm.org. See you at the farm!

Cedar Circle Farm is located off U.S. Route 5 on Pavilion Rd., along the Connecticut River in East Thetford, VT. The farmstand is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through October 31, for certified organic produce, fall flowers & pumpkins. The Hello Coffee is open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through October 31 with espresso drinks, bakery treats, and free wifi. This year the farmstand will open Saturdays and Sundays, November 1 to December 14. For more information and directions to the farm, call (802) 785-4737. Visit www.CedarCircleFarm.org.

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North Country Book News

Children's Book Reviews by Charles Sutton

Autumn Leaves, Pumpkins & Halloween Adventures

Halloween may be a special 'trick or treat' time for our children, but it can be quite an adventure, too, for our friends in the animal kingdom. See what happens to the legendary Bramble the horse and the shy black cat Jenny.

In the third book in the Bramble and Maggie series—*Bramble and Maggie: Spooky Season* by Vermont author Jessie Haas and illustrated by Alison Friend (*Candlewick Press, \$14.99, www.candlewick.com*), Bramble, the horse, who loves the fall weather, decides to frolic and act up on their walk, much to the dismay of her young owner, Maggie. Horse play leads to a fall, serious enough that Maggie becomes almost too scared to climb back into the saddle. Bramble feels badly and decides to be good, but Maggie is still worried how her horse will behave when they go out trick-or-treating on Halloween. Enjoy the suspense and see what happens as horse and girl make their way on the scariest night of the year. Who do you think gets candy corn and real corn for the treat?

In *Jenny's Moonlight Adventure* by Esther Averill (*New York Review Children's Collection, \$12.95, www.nyrb.com*),

Halloween becomes a time when the cats must rally around to comfort the injured and house-bound cat, Madame Butterfly and return to her a crystal nose flute which only she can play. We learn that a pack of dogs stand in the way of any volunteer cat trying the reach Madam Butterfly. Shy kitty Jenny will make the run, but she still has to outwit the dogs led by the bully Rob the Robber. Jenny will earn your praises for her mission accomplished, the bravest cat of all the nine in the Cat Club.

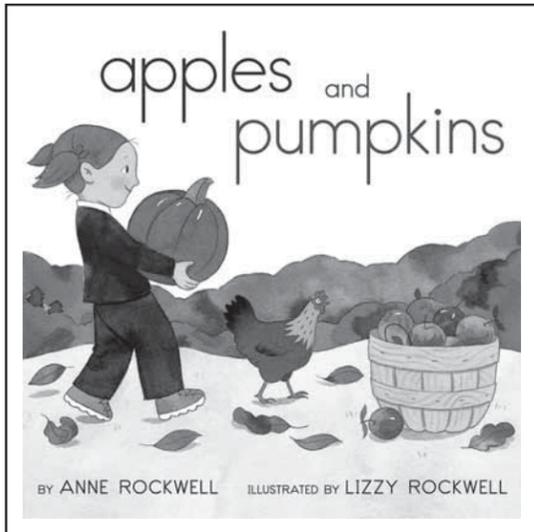
The author wrote her first book about the red-scarfed, mild mannered cat, Jenny Linsky, in 1944, the first of 12 more tales including *The Fire Cat*. She founded her own publishing company, the Domino Press, introducing American readers to artists from all over the world.

These and other children's classics are being reprinted thanks to The New York Review of Books. For other titles see www.nyrb.com.

Even very young children enjoy the colors of fall and visiting a pick-your-own apple orchard and farm stand to select pumpkins to get ready for Halloween. In this board book, *Apples and Pumpkins* by Anne Rockwell and illustrated by Lizzy Rockwell (*Little Simon, \$7.99, www.simonandschuster.com/kids*), a family visits Mr. Comstock's farm where they pick their own apples and harvest an ideal pumpkin to make a jack-o'-lantern. Instead of candies the family gives away their own hand-picked red apples, an ideal treat for the trick or treaters.

Author Anne Rockwell says, "This book has become a classic, enjoyed in homes, schoolrooms and library story hours as soon as there's a nip of fall in the air." For more about her many children's books and art, visit www.annerockwell.com.

Illustrator Lizzy Rockwell, Anne's daughter, has done 14 children's books with her since *Apples and Pumpkins* was first published in 1988. For more of her art, visit www.lizzyrockwell.com.



Colder weather will be with us soon enough, but that doesn't bother one aspiring artist as she takes to the woods with her notebook to sketch wildlife this time of year. In *Winter Is Coming* by Tony Johnston and illustrated by Jim LaMarche (*A Paula Wiseman Book, Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, \$17.99, www.simonandschuster.com/kids*), a young girl is able to capture in

her drawings the many animals searching for the last foods available before winter comes. Having a platform up in the trees and binoculars helps her spot a red fox eating an apple, chipmunks storing seeds, deer and two fawns nibbling spruce needles and other animals including a lynx, wild turkeys, and Canada geese. We follow the girl as she writes and draws in her journal through the autumn months, illustrating what she sees.

Author Tony Johnston was inspired by trips to her cabin in the California countryside. Artist Jim LaMarche has illustrated the story with beautiful full-page paintings providing the perfect settings for the young artist.

One will have a new appreciation for autumn and its magnificent colors in *Fall Leaves* by Loretta Holland and illustrated by Elly MacKay (*Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers, \$16.99, www.hmhbooks.com*). Under the watchful eyes of a young boy and girl the last days of summer fade away, the fall rains come, leaves drop, and finally snow's arrival will tell us winter is here. Readers will marvel how well the illustrations fit those moments in time. MacKay, a paper artist whose illustrations are created piece by piece, has drawn these remarkable sights from her memory of growing up in Big Bay, Ontario.



Book Review

Saving Container Plants Overwintering Techniques for Keeping Tender Plants Alive Year after Year

by Alice and Brian McGowan
(Storey Publishing, \$9.95, www.storey.com)

When we put our flower gardens to bed this fall we can't help but worry about how they will survive the winter's icy temperatures to reappear next spring.

This handy 125-page book gives instructions on how you can help keep alive more than 100 'tender' perennials—ones that can't survive outdoors all winter in this climate. The authors show you how to replant and store a large variety of perennials in containers inside the home.

Depending on the plant and its needs for surviving the winter they may be placed on a sunny windowsill, in a bright, but cool spot, or in a dark basement of closet.

Advice is given on taking cuttings, storing tubers, dormant woodies, dry corms and bulbs, or storing the plants outdoors. Some flowers need to be trimmed first, then dug up and sprayed (usually a horticultural oil).

Gardeners will be surprised at some of the storage ideas. An example is given

where a fig tree is wrapped with leaf-filled paper bags. Italian-American emigres of the last century would actually dig a trench and transplant the tree there for the winter.

The author have advice on the right temperatures and watering needs to safely see the plants through the winter. For geraniums they say the plant will remain hardy to at least 45 degrees. Store in a cool and bright place and water sparingly.

As a bonus this plant-by-plant guide will introduce you to some plants with intriguing names and how they can be winter-overed: firecracker vine, peanut butter plant, parrot's beak, moonflower, red hot poke, elephant's ear, angel's trumpet, and many others.

For 18 years, authors Alice and Brian McGowan owned Blue Meadow Farm. Brian is now the Assistant Director of Horticulture at Wave Hill, and Alice is a freelance garden writer. The couple lives in upstate New York.

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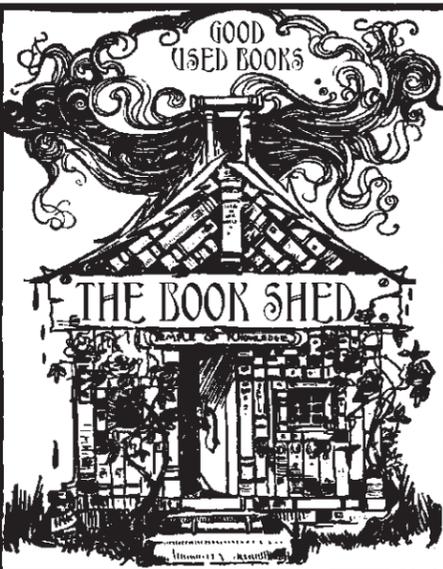
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America's Great Hiking Trails

by Karen Berger and Illustrated by Bart Smith
(Rizzoli International Publications)

Ever wonder what it's like to be one of those thru-hikers we've seen tackling the Appalachian Trail alone or sometimes even with a dog for companionship?

In the foreword to this 325-page fact-filled invitation to eleven of America's great national scenic hiking trails, Vermont environmentalist Bill McKibben writes that this will guide you to "Beautiful places...few people will come back from these long hikes unchanged. These paths head north and south, east and west—but they also head, unavoidably, in."

"You're headed up the hills for the joy of the effort. And the sights you see are more beautiful than the sights that come effortlessly through the windshield. You earn each joy...Effort and joy intertwine—the exact opposites of ease and pleasure that are the hallmarks of the consumer society down in the valley."

If there's a possibility you will never hike or visit any of these long-distance trails, you can still marvel at the outstanding beauty they portray as seen in the hundreds of natural scenery and wildlife photographs. Photographer Bart Smith invites you to imagine you are on the very walkways

Book Review by Charles Sutton

he has pictured for you to see—paths through forests and woods, along rocky cliffs, through fields of flowers, crossing waterways, using footbridges or ladders over barriers, and through desert crossings and mountain passes.

Smith was the first person to walk all 11 of America's national scenic trails. He did this carrying 15 pounds of camera equipment in addition to camping gear and food. (To see more of his work, visit www.walkingdownadream.com.)

Author Karen Berger has hiked more than 17,000 miles worldwide including thru-walks on the Appalachian, Pacific Crest, and the Arizona Trails. She is the author of 15 other books including *Where the Waters Divide*, about her 3,000-mile hike on the Continental Divide Trail. (Visit her travel website at www.buckettripper.com.)

The book opens with a description of the Appalachian Trail, which the author notes is the one trail many choose as the 'trip of a lifetime' if they are to venture on a long distance hike. And she writes: "A modest green tunnel, the Appalachian Trail is overwhelmingly a forested path with only occasional jaunts above the tree line."

Berger has high praise for all the volunteers that have made these trails possible, and she recalls the dreamers who gave willingly of their time and resources to create the trails from the start. Read about Boston architect Benton MacKaye who spearheaded the efforts to create the Appalachian Trail... he was "part Renaissance man, part social idealist, and part impractical dreamer."

Here are thumbnail sketches of the other national trails described with date of origin and their approximate lengths.

Arizona Trail (2009) 800 miles

Day hikers can experience "Mexican plains or Colorado peaks only a few miles from the trailhead...thru-hikers can trek across a continent's worth of diversity in a single state."

"Heat and sun and a nagging concern about water. These are the constant companions of the Arizona Trail, a trek of stark and startling beauty, of fierce and merciless nature, where water and heat are the only things that matter, one the giver of life, the other its destroyer." Observant hikers may see mountain lions, bighorn sheep, coyotes, javelinas, elk and antelope.

Continental Divide (1978) 3,100 miles

The trail begins at the Canadian border in Montana, goes through Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico, ending at the Mexican border.

The author reminds us that "the Continental Divide has been a barrier to every movement west, from earliest Native American traders to the fur trappers and mountain explorers to emigrant trains to the gold miners to the railroads... Miners, settlers, cattlemen, criminals, all tried to cross. This wild place, the most untamed of all the national scenic trails, is also a 3,100-mile long museum of American history."

Florida Trail (1983) 1,400 miles

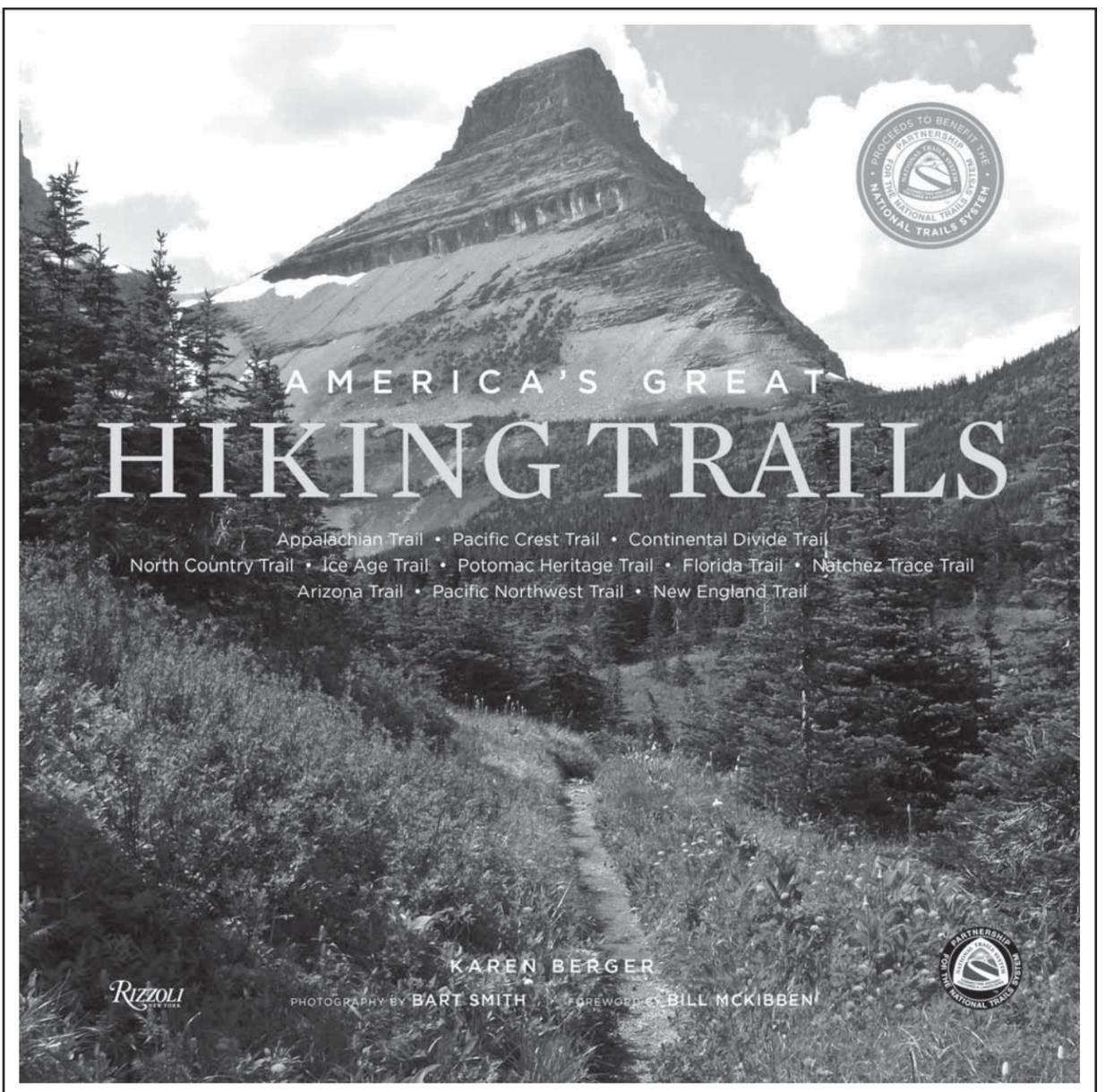
"Forget dry feet. This trail has cypress swamps. Alligators. Hurricanes. Humidity. Subtropics. Manatees. Airboats. Water moccasins. Pelicans. Flamingoes. Gum tree swamps. Salt marshes and crystal-blue freshwater springs." This trail is defined by water, and unlike all the other national hiking trails, there's little or no climbing. It winds its way through and among development and diversity. There is a 109-mile loop around Lake Okechobee, the second-largest U.S. lake contained entirely within the borders of a state.

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Ice Age Trail (1980) 1,200 miles

This trail in Wisconsin is "dedicated to a geological event, in this case telling the story of the sheer power of ice, water, and erosion...This landscape was created by a cold, icy fury: a force on the surface that carried and piled stones and rocks as part of a gravity-fueled process of movement and scouring." Savvy hikers have a chance to meet up with weirdly sculpted glacial forms with unfamiliar names like eskers (long, narrow ridges), kames (cones that look like child-size volcanoes) and kettles (small-size lakes). The state has 15,000 lakes!

Natchez Trace Trail (1983) 444 miles

Unlike the other trails featured in this book, this one's backbone is not a footpath, but a scenic parkway. "The trail segments designed for walkers, cyclists, and horseback riders are occasional offshoots and spurs... The Natchez Trace Trail was never envisioned to be a long, continuous footpath; currently, only about 60 miles of trail, out of the parkway's 444 miles, have been developed for hiking and horseback riding." It still qualifies as a national scenic trail because of its history as a millennia-old footpath and its recreational resources.

New England Trail (2009) 215 miles

If the 2,200-mile Appalachian Trail seems an impossible dream, one might warm up on the New England Trail's much shorter route from the New Hampshire-Massachusetts border to Guilford, CT where the trip ends on the Long Island Sound. "The trail runs on a twisting course that is roughly parallel to the Connecticut River, New England's largest and longest." We learn the trail existed as a marked hiking footway for more than 50 years, and some segments date back hundreds of years as Native American travel routes.

North Country Trail (1980) 4,600 miles

Vermonters don't have far to go to start on this, the longest hike—it begins at New York's Crown Point State Historic site. Ahead lies a trek though New York, part of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota! "Hikers walk through a settled landscape, perhaps more akin to the national parks of Europe, where back-country and nature exist in tandem with towns and villages, grazing lands and farms...What the trail lacks in high mountains, it makes up for in lakes, literally thousands of them, many formed by glaciers, found along the trail, not to mention the Great Lakes themselves."

Pacific Crest Trail (1968) 2,700 miles

An estimated 500-800 thru-hikers tackle this trail each year with about 60 percent finishing. The trail runs from

Canada to Mexico through the states of Washington, Oregon, and California.

"Challenges include everything from the Mojave Desert to arctic-alpine tundra to ice-covered passes to miles of snow fields to dangerous river crossings to rain forests to the possibility of early autumn snowstorms." The PCT isn't about community in the wilderness, or conquering the wilderness. It is about melding with the wilderness and sometimes submitting to it. To walk for two weeks without seeing a road, a power line, a structure, a cell tower is an experience modern humans much seek. They find it here."

Pacific Northwest Trail (2009) 1,200 miles

This trail runs close to the Canadian border from Montana across Idaho through Washington State, ending on the shores of the Pacific Ocean—"a land dominated by mountains, water (in the form of snow, ice, thundering rapids, fog, rain, sea spray, and puddles) and above all, the great old trees. And a few legends, to boot...What is exceptional here are the ancient forests that surround the mountains like an apron: thousand-year-old red cedars whose trunks can be up to 13 feet in diameter, sometimes more, and towering Douglas firs.

Potomac Heritage Trail (1983) 800 miles

The trail is "quintessentially Washingtonian in another way. It does not follow a straight line from here to there, but rather splinters into a network of competing and sometimes contradictory interests: history, military, nature, recreation... Trail users also may be hikers, horseback riders, and much of the Potomac River is navigable for kayakers and canoes.

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Although the book introduces us to these designated national scenic trails, readers still have hundreds of other opportunities in every state to 'find their legs' and experience beautiful scenery, too, by exploring shorter length recreational and historical trails, many of which have become part of or are feeder trails to the national system.

America's Great Hiking Trails by Karen Berger is available at your bookseller or can be purchased for \$50 from the publisher, Rizzoli International Publications, www.rizzoliusa.com.

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Enjoy Dead Creek Wildlife Day on Saturday, October 4

If you enjoy wildlife be sure to make plans to attend the annual Dead Creek Wildlife Day in Addison, VT on Saturday, October 4.

Dead Creek Wildlife Day has been listed as one of Vermont's "Top 10 Fall Events," and with good reason. Activities at Dead Creek Wildlife Day are especially for people who enjoy hunting, fishing, birdwatching, or learning about Vermont's diverse wildlife. The event will be held at the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) on Route 17 west of Route 22A.

"Dead Creek Day is always a fun time for kids and adults alike," said Amy Alfieri, Vermont Fish & Wildlife's Dead Creek coordinator. "It is a great opportunity for Vermonters to learn more about our state's incredible wildlife through activities like nature walks, wildlife photography, and hunting dog demonstrations, along with fun things for the kids like face-painting, duck

decoy carving and live animal demonstrations."

Early risers can begin the day with bird banding demonstrations at 7 a.m. Two large tents at the Dead Creek WMA headquarters will feature wildlife-related exhibits and kids' craft activities such as building bluebird boxes.

The day's main activities run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and include illustrated talks, live wildlife presentations, fishing and hunting tips, and much more. All events are free, and a free shuttle bus will provide regular access to nearby field events throughout the day.

The festival is hosted by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, Otter Creek Audubon Society, and Vermont Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs.

For more information and a schedule of events, visit Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website at www.tinyurl.com/DeadCreekDay14.



Snow geese at Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area pause on their way south. photo by Nancy Cassidy



A yellow Labrador practices retrieving a goose at Dead Creek, using a dummy. photo by Tom Rogers



A young visitor inspects a Canada goose decoy at Dead Creek Wildlife Day. photo by Tom Rogers



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