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The market is open every Saturday from November 2, 2013 through March 29, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with extended hours for holiday shopping (open till 3 p.m.) between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Come and dazzle your senses at the eighth season of the Winter Farmers' Market. 

The Brattleboro Winter Framers Market is located at the Robert H. Gibson River Garden, 153 Main St., in downtown Brattleboro, VT. For info call Sherry Maher at (802) 869-2141. farmers-





### — Tracking Dead Trees by Bill Felker

Place is dynamic, equal parts geography and imagination; it is a complex intermingling and, ultimately, fusion of mind and landscape, so that neither is finally separable or meaningful without the other.

-Kent C. Ryden

If a tree dies and is cut down, do its leaves still fall every

The tree that belonged to Nate's mother no longer stands. She and her house and tree are, in fact, long gone.

I started keeping track of the time the leaves turned on that particular maple tree in 1982, and I continued for over two decades to note when its leaves turned and fell. Nate's mother died some time late in the last century, and the maple declined quickly as the millennium approached. My notations from 2004 were the last I made of its leafturn and shedding trajectory.

It may seem trivial enough to keep track of when Lil's tree across the street (which is the latest on the block) turns color, and when the Danielsons' maple (which is the earliest on the block) comes down. Lil is dead now, as are the Danielsons, but their trees remain, and I watch them because it seems important in some way or other to me. And the history of

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the absent maple remains as vivid in my mind as the other histories in my daybook.

In defense of such frivolity, I appeal to the theories of R.G. Collingwood in The Idea of History (1946). Collingwood posits that historical events have both an outside—a visible or observable side-and an inside-an interior dimension related to the forces that might have caused the events. And he considers that since the outside can no longer be observed, it must be imagined and reconstructed in order to be studied and understood. From such a perspective, it is clearly not important whether a tree is dead or alive. It is the recreation of the tree in the imagination that matters.

So, if a tree died years ago in the yard of Nate's mother, do its leaves still fall?

Of course.

The core of what has occurred (and perhaps of what is occurring now) only exists in re-enactment within the mind. Exterior pieces of actions and objects and place in time must be recollected from records or fragments or stories in order to make them meaningful. Only when the past is born again does it provide context and connection for the present, while shaping and directing the one who reinvents it.







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Billings teamster Ashley Koetsier drives the Percheron draft horses Lynn and Sue pulling a wagon full of visitors around the fields at Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT.

### Woodstock, VT **Celebrate November at Billings Farm & Museum**

visitors—hailing from every state in the U.S. and over 40 a visitor or make Vermont your home, plan a trip to Billings Farm. You'll have a great time!

Billings Farm continues a tradition of agricultural excellence including the care, breeding, and daily milking of the Jersey dairy herd, in-depth use of the farm's draft horses, care of the sheep, oxen and chickens, feed production, and crop rotation.

Visitors experience a first-hand sampling of actual farm work, animals, and agricultural processes. The authentically restored 1890 Farm House, the center of the farm and forestry operation a century ago, features the farm manager's office, family living quarters, and creamery, where butter was produced for market.

Interactive programs designed for visitors and students, interpret 19th century agricultural improvement, butter production, and domestic life. Engaging exhibits housed in the farm's 19th century barns depict the annual cycle of rural life and work, as well as the cultural values of Vermont farm families a century ago.

#### Wagon Ride Weekends

Wagon Ride Weekends take place each Saturday and Sunday in November, beginning November 2 & 3. Board the farm wagon pulled by a team of Percheron draft horses for a brisk ride through the fields and around the farm. Rides will be offered from 10 a.m. -3:30 p.m. each weekend day and are included in the cost of admission.

versary this year. Over these past 30 years, over one million in the kitchen. Relax in the Victorian parlor and learn how our American Thanksgiving traditions have evolved. Enjoy foreign countries—have explored the farm. Whether you are a cup of hot cider and a freshly baked treat before touring the farm and boarding the wagon pulled by a team of draft horses for a ride around the farm.

In the education room, learn the art of making the perfect pie crust and what to do with the leftover dough. Help peel apples for drying, which can be used later to make Dried Apple Pie.

#### 4th Annual Woodstock Vermont Film Series

The 4th Annual Woodstock Vermont Film Series runs on alternate Saturday afternoons at 3 p.m. through April 5, 2014.

Fourteen films and documentaries from around the world have been selected for the big screen in the museum's theater, with high definition digital projection and Dolby<sup>TM</sup> surround-sound.

These diverse films reflect the museum's founding philosophy of an appreciation for nature, beauty, and place as essential to culture, community, and personal wellbeing. All films are open to the public and accessible to people with disabilities.

2013/2014 Film Series Schedule: October 26 - Chasing Ice; November 2 – Brooklyn Castle; November 16 – 5 Broken Cameras; November 30 - In the Shadow of the Moon; December 21 - Wild Horse, Wild Ride. The Extreme Mustang Makeover Challenge; December 28 – The Crash Reel; January 11 – The Lives of Others; January 25 – The Singing Revolution; February 8 – Up the Yangtze; February 22 – March of the Penguins; March 8 – Touching the

Billings Farm & Museum is celebrating it's 30th Anni- they demonstrate preparing traditional Thanksgiving fare ticket information go to www.billingsfarm.org/filmfest or call (802) 457-2355. ᢣᢒᠿᢆᢒᠵ᠇ᡧ

> The Billings Farm & Museum is north of the Woodstock village green on Rt. 12. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. Open weekends November through February, and Christmas & Presidents' weeks, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Adults \$12; 62 & over \$11; children 5-15 \$6; 3-4 \$3; 2 & under are free.



#### Celebrate a 19th Century Thanksgiving

Billings Farm & Museum will be open for Thanksgiving Weekend, Friday- Sunday, November 29 - December 1, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The weekend will feature traditional cooking in the farmhouse, pressing cider, horse-drawn wagon rides, farm tours, and hands-on food preparation and preservation activities, and programs for every age.

You'll be welcomed to Frederick Billings's farmhouse, where farm manager George Aitken and his family lived and worked in 1890. Visit with costumed interpreters as



Void; March 22 – The Footnote; March 29 – Searching for Sugarman; and *April 5* – Nicky's Family.

Tickets prices: adults 16 & up \$132 for 14-film package or \$11 per film. Children ages 3-15 \$6 per film. For a complete list of screenings, film descriptions and



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### <u>Bellows Falls, VT</u> **Enjoy Your Sundays with** "Music At High Noon"

Popolo invites you to come to their November concerts and events at its Bellows Falls farm-to-table restaurant and the adjacent Windham Ballroom. Movies, cocktail parties, and concerts by regional and national touring musicians will be featured.

The fall season kicks off on Friday, November 1 with a "Day of the Dead" party featuring dark rock-art practitioners, Intercept. The night includes a high-dollar costume contest judged by Popolo staff and Intercept members with first and second prize totaling \$450. "Day of the Dead" lets you have a family holiday on Halloween (Trick or Treat with abandon!) and still have a rousing good grownup time the next night. Tickets are \$8 at the door. Doors are at 7:30 and dinner reservations are still being accepted in both dining rooms. If you're scared of parties, fear not, the ghouls are in another part of the building.

On Sunday November 3rd, the doors of The Windham Ballroom open again for the start of the brunchtime series "Music At High Noon," with area bands Rusty Belle and The Break Maids. Both are country bar bands who performed at The Windham earlier in the year to a sold out house. The "Music At High Noon" series features a concert, a full brunch menu, and a cash bar. Doors open at 11:30 am and the music starts at noon. Tickets are \$12 or \$25 for the best seats in the house.

The following Sunday, November 10th, "Music At High Noon" brings you roots gardener, Bow Thayer. In two unplugged sets Mr. Thayer and his acoustic trio will parade you through stripped down versions of songs from his album Eden as well as new tunes from his upcoming album. The Boston Globe says that Mr. Thayer's work "is a collision of hope and destruction (that) draws some crisp images of the maniacal survivors and heartbroken poets roaming a bombed-out paradise." You'll want eggs with a side of that and a Bloody Mary, for sure. Doors open at 11:30 am and the music starts at noon. Tickets are \$12 or \$25 for the best seats in the house.





B...Bulk Bird Seed



On Sunday, *November 17th*, the brunch crowd is treated to After The Rodeo and some new-fashioned jazzicana which, as it turns out, is a big dose of Americana with a soupçon of jazz. The band is heralded in these parts as a supergroup of high quality musicianship and vocal stylings. The trio, guitarist and vocalist Pat Melvin (PossumHaw, Kelly Ravin Frio), mandolinist Matt Schrag (Dixie Red Delights, Hot Pickin' Party) and guitarist D. Davis (Red Hot Juba), come from bands well known in the north country. They cluster 'round a single mic and entangle vocal harmonies with clever and virtuosic instrumentation. The Windham is the perfect room for old timey presentation and you'll be moved by what music can do to your insides at such close proximity. Doors open at 11:30 am and the music starts at noon. Tickets are \$12 or \$25 for the best seats in the house.

Finally, on Sunday, November 24th, folk icon Mark Erelli honors the valley with a brunchtime show. Hayley Reardon and her band will be opening.

Erelli's not some grizzled road dog from the sepia-toned past but it's hard to imagine the modern folk scene without him. The fourteen odd years that he's been making music professionally has helped to infuse the industry with his own youthful vigor all while he became a fixture in his own right. Now he's made a record with the young and talented Hayley Reardon, a teenaged songwriting award winner from Boston who has the media in a flutter about her future. It's the kind of press that makes one feel faint: "a bright star on the horizon and a glorious addition to the future of acoustic music," Performer Magazine trumpeted in a way that makes

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one think Three Wise Men might be riding camels towards her shows. She'll be playing with a trio featuring famed producer Lorne Entress on percussion and Berklee Prof and extraordinary cellist, Catherine Bent.

The intimacy of The Windham Ballroom amplifies whatever happens on stage. Don't miss this opportunity. Tickets are \$20, and the "Best In House" seats are \$30. They go quickly. Doors open at 11:30 and music begins at noon.

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Popolo is located at 36 The Square, Bellows Falls, VT. For more info, tickets, and reservations call (802) 460-7676. Or visit Popolo's website at www.popolomeanspeople.com.

### **11th Annual Quilt Show and** Harvest Bazaar in Springfield, VT

autumn event on November 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Springfield, VT. There will be a Harvest Bazaar with tables of handmade Church, 77 Main St., Springcrafts, books, jewelry, attic treasures, a quilter's table and baked goods and a luncheon on the ground floor.

A quilt show highlights an upstairs in the sanctuary. Raffle tickets are available a quilt. Admission to the event is free.

The First Congregational field, VT (Exit 7 off I-91).

For more information call (802) 885-5728. fccucc@ vermontel.net. www.fccucc

The Quilt show is held spfdvt.org

### Wreath Decorating Workshops Held in Chester, VT

with friends and families by decorating a full 22" premade evergreen wreath.

These workshops will take place on November 21, 22, and 23 in Willard Hall, behind and below St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main St. (Rt. 11 West, next to the Moon Dog Café) in Chester, VT.

The event will benefit both Conservation Committee.

Space is limited, so pre-Artisans registration is required. Marketplace (Formerly Gallery 103) Thanksgiving Open House Refreshments, raffles, door prizes, hot mulled cider, and holiday cheer! We're filled to the brim with gifts for everyone on your list, from stocking stuffers to one of a kind pieces for that special someone! Grand Raffle Prize - Handmade basket filled with Vermont specialty foods and chocolate (\$50.00 value!) November 29, 30, 31 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Route 103 & 7 Pine View Rd Chester, VT 05143 www.gallery103.com

Get ready for the holidays Nov. 23, 9-10:30 a.m. Each session will offer homemade refreshments great camaraderie, and all the essentials to create a personal one-ofa-kind wreath.

The price is \$40 per wreath. Checks should be made out to St. Luke<sup>1</sup>s Church, wreath workshop, and mailed to Lillian Willis, PO Box 318, Chester, VT 05143.

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Workshops take place Thurs- to make a reservation, please day Nov. 21, 6:30-8 p.m.; contact Lillian Willis at (802) Friday Nov. 22, 9-10:30 a.m. 875-1340 or lbwillisct@ or 1-2:30 p.m.; and Saturday comcast.net.



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### <u>Thanksgiving Weekend</u> \prec 35th Annual Putney Craft Tour 🦛

#### November 29, 30 & December 1

Putney Craft Tour will be celebrating its 35th anniversary this Thanksgiving weekend, November 29, 30 and December 1. It's the oldest continuous crafts tour in the U.S. and has served as a prototype for tours all over the country. The tour is also a participant in American Craft week, a nationwide celebration of American Craft.

Artists had been drawn to Putney in the late-1960s and early-70s for many reasons, including the back-to-the-land movement, the rise of American craft, and the powerful cluster of creative souls brought there by Windham College, the Yellow Barn Music Festival, The Putney School and the Experiment in International Living.

#### Founding members still on the tour

There are several founding members of the craft tour who will be opening their studios again this Thanksgiving, as well as some new to the tour. One of the founders is potter Ken Pick who arrived in Putney in 1969 after receiving an MAT from Antioch-Putney Graduate School, an education degree. Pottery was never far away from his heart, and in about 1973 he began to earn his living from his craft.

"There are still five or six of us here who were here from the beginning," Pick said. "We banded together in one location before we evolved the tour concept. It got more sophisticated as time went on. This year we have 26 artists on the tour. Thanksgiving weekend was chosen carefully --- it's the start of the gift-buying season."

"Also, because it's Thanksgiving, there are a lot of people from all over the country visiting family," Pick said. "People are coming from all the New England states. They come from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and even from overseas."

#### Home studios open to the public

Carol Keiser, another of the original founders, says that "Artists and craftspeople open their studios to become part of the creative community and to provide an avenue for exposure; to let people know what they do and to provide them access to their craft."

Carol creates vivid painted tiles and paintings with lush landscapes, dreamy figures, fanciful images, and colorful still lifes. She says she has been concentrating more on painting recently. "My paintings are more expressionistic; magical realism. I try to put in things like stars, moons, the sun; things suggesting the cosmos and iconic elements that suggest something." Much of her work is of places such as Italy, Mexico and Costa Rica and other locations where she travels. She will also have small drawings of nudes, done in gouache and Japanese brush ink in her studio, which is "like a small cottage," she says. "People always go 'wow! What a great place to work!' There's lots of light and color from the paintings and tiles."

#### Artists welcome the visitors

Judy Hawkins, says preparing for the Tour is always critical to have the best presentation for her paintings to the public. She is energized by the wonderful interactions she has with visitors to her studio. Most of the time Judy works in isolation, with little feedback while new ideas percolate. Her approach to painting landscapes is based on her intuitive interpretation and recollections to create a sense of place. She has had a very successful year for private and corporate sales and her paintings can be seen at several galleries, including

### **River Artisans Cooperative** In Saxtons River, VT

River Artisans Coopera- The cooperative is staffed tive has celebrated the grand entirely by members, which opening of their recently relocated shop at 26B Main level. The River Artisans St. in Saxtons River, VT.

The old-fashioned storefront, located in the center of the village displays the creative efforts of about 40 12-5 p.m. and 10 a.m. - 3 craftspeople, which include p.m. weekends.

keeps prices at a competitive welcomes new members and invite those interested to pick up an information packet.

Shop hours are weekdays,



Bluestone Gallery in Philadelphia, chosen as one of 125 galleries representing artists on the new Amazon Art website.

Those connections are what it's all about, both for the artists and the people who visit their studios. Thousands of visitors move through the studios over the course of three days and engage with the artists, the real draw of such tours, as well as the distinctive, original pieces for sale.

Silver jeweler Jeanne Bennett, who has been on the tour for over 10 years, appreciates the feedback she gets. "It's nice to get the work out in public. I'm up in the woods and I love hearing everyone's feedback."

In addition to first-timers, Bennett, like most of the artists, has repeat customers that come back "to see what's new and add to their collection." More than anything, she said, the tour is great entertainment. Driving the back roads and finding these places is an adventure in itself, she said, although the studios are well marked and maps provide clear directions.

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For detailed information on the craftspeople, a map, and links to accommodations and restaurants, go to putneycrafts. com. For questions call (802) 387-4032. Or e-mail contact@ putneycrafts.com.





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## 👞 A Vermont Almanack for Late Autumn 🦛

#### by Bill Felker

Rain and wind gust...The landscape was transformed. Only a touch of color remained here and there, the hills were austere and dark. Autumn was blown away like a shroud of dust, the earth was uncovered to the sky.

–Harlan Hubbard

#### The phases of the Cider Moon and the Deer Mating Moon

As the leaves come down, and after the big push to make cider, deer begin their mating seasons. Starting earlier in the South and later in the North, this season typically occurs before Early Winter arrives and the last leaves fall. November 3: The Deer Mating Moon is new at 7:50 a.m. November 10: The moon enters its second quarter at 12:57 a.m. November 17: The moon is full at 10:16 a.m. November 25: The moon enters its last phase at 2:28 p.m.

#### The Sun

Daylight Savings Time ends as November begins. Set clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 3. Also on November 3, a total eclipse of the sun will be visible in the eastern United States just a little after dawn.

On November 22, the sun enters the sign of Sagittarius and reaches within two degrees of solstice at the same time.

#### **The Planets**

Saturn is not visible until the middle of the month, reappearing in the morning sky in Libra. Jupiter lies in Gemini overhead in the morning, shifting to the west as the sky lightens in the east. Mars starts the month in Leo, then enters Virgo at December's approach. Venus in Sagittarius is still the evening star.

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#### The Stars

The Milky Way runs from east to west, cutting the sky in half at bed time. The Big Dipper hugs the northern horizon then, and Orion has risen over the Atlantic Ocean and the Allegheny Mountains, visible now in your own yard. Deep in the west, summer's Cygnus goes down just as Sirius, the Dog Star, becomes visible deep in the east.

#### The Shooting Stars

As you check your livestock after dark, look for the South Taurids on night of November 4-5, the north Taurids on November 11-12 and the Leonids on November 16-17.

#### **Meteorology and Peak Activity Times** For Livestock, Fish, Game & Dieters

If strong storms occur this month, weather patterns suggest that they will happen during the following periods: November 2–5, 14–16 and November 21–27. New moon on November 3 and full moon on November 17 are likely to intensify the weather systems due around those dates. By the end of November, a killing frost can be expected. Fish, game, livestock and people tend to feed more and are more active as the barometer is falling one to three days before the weather systems that arrive near the following dates, dates on which cold fronts normally reach Vermont: November 2, 6, 11, 16, 20, 24 & 28.

#### Natural Calendar: Sagittarius Inventory

The sun enters Sagittarius on November 22, having travelled three-fourths of its way from autumn equinox to winter solstice. Two hours before midnight, the sky carries the forms of early winter: the Pleiades, Taurus and Orion are rising, the Milky Way cuts across the sky from east to west, Andromeda lies directly overhead, and the Summer Triangle isfollowing the sunset.

The final rites of fall include a chronology of the last leaves and fruits. Major losses occur on beeches and pears as



autumn ends. Sometimes oaks are the holdouts, sometimes forsythia or a hardy honeysuckle. Sometimes sweet gums and poplars keep a few leaves this late in the year; sometimes protected oak-leaf hydrangeas, Osage, mock orange or lilacs outlast all the other trees and shrubs.

The fruit of the bittersweet continues to fall to the undergrowth. Pale witch hazel flowers are shrivelling. Privets are bare, their blue berries revealed. Euonymus fruits are losing their white outer shells, orange cores unveiled by the cold.

New England aster and stonecrop foliage turned yellow in early November; now the plants are shedding. Late garden lettuce and the autumn growth of rhubarb have withered. Hosta leaves have collapsed into the remnants of maples, ginkgoes and white mulberries. The gooseneck turns chocolate brown. Most all the seeds are gone from milkweed pods; just a few wisps of down cling to their shells. Fragile pokeweed stems have exploded in the frost. The last roses have been frozen by nights in the teens.

### The Whole Nature of the Wynde

... thereby I might se very wel, the whole nature of the wynde as it blewe that daye. And I had a great delyte and pleasure to mark it, which maketh me now far better to remember it.

> -Roger Ascham 16th Century

I am up at six-thirty sitting in the greenhouse. Middle November, at the end of leaf drop. The sky half dawn, light and dark equal through the fast gray nimbostratus clouds and the storm. The wind is hard from the southeast. The pattern of the gusts and rain creates a shape of its own, harsh like pebbles or blending, retreating.

Then more squalls come pelting the house, surging at me passionately, pushing towards my chair, the sound measuring the speed, the size and quantity of the force. The window. My excitement increases with the intensity of and safe. the pounding which almost

becomes too fervent, and I am growing restless kept at this high climactic plateau.

Then the pressure suddenly eases, the cloudburst ends. I can see the tall locusts swaying a block away, and instead of the wind given voice and revealed by the rain, instead of its insistent drumming and clattering, I hear it rushing in the bare branches and singing in the crevices and corners of the buildings and the fences around me. A few feet from where I sit, chickadees dive and hang at the feeders, glide with the rhythm of the air, at ease in the swells of the wind.

A small leak in the roof lets hail, then soft, sweeping and an intermittent drip of water fall on the indoor plants. The After a few minutes, quiet. intrusion keeps a different time than that of the wind and rain outside, measuring how warm and dry and still I am here, surrounded by yellow pine and old brick, with fire in the wood stove, and most savage attacks shatter red and lavender geraniums the raindrops against the and impatiens, all the silent warmth of summer collected

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### Sam Purdy's Huskin' Bee

Late years most all huskin' is done in the field, Or by huskin' machines, when markets and yield Will warrant expense. It ain't often that we Are asked to a reg'lar old sort huskin' bee; And a tickelder man I don't think could be found, Than I was last week, when Sam Purdy come round And invited us down; for he'd made up his mind That he'd have a bee of the old-fashioned kind, On next We'n'sday night. Of course we all went. Old-fashioneder evening I never have spent.

The corn was all picked and piled on the barn floor, From the lean-to on back to the big rollin' door; And a seat had been fixed out of beehives and planks At the edge of the pile; while beyond the big bank Of corn had been rigged out of boards a long bin, That after we stripped 'em the ears were thrown in. Some forks, handle first, had been thrust in the hay That walled up the barn at the side of the bay, And the pumpkins that stuck on the fork tines so bright, Each held up a candle to furnish us light.

It was eight when the seat was well loaded with men, But they kept droppin' in till between nine and ten; So the husks piled behind us, and O, what a din The naked ears made as they fell in the bin! While we talked as we worked, of the weather and crops, Of the price of potatoes and apples and hops, Of politics, too, of free silver and gold; And Sam passed some "hardware" to keep out the cold Which practice, at bees, some condemn as not right; But most took a little and no one got tight.

At 'leven, we finished and argered a while The number of bushels of ears in the pile; "Three hundred and fifty!" "four hundred!" said some. It wasn't decided when Purdy said, "Come, The women are waiting to give us a bite." Then we all followed him to the house where a light Was placed in the woodshed, nearby to a tub Of lukewarm soft water. A wash, and a rub On a towel, and we marched with the willingest feet To the long kitchen table, where all found a seat, And made, like an army, a valiant attack Upon the good victuals piled up like a stack.

There was apple pie, pumpkin pie, cookies and cake, Cream cheese and corn bread of Mis' Purdy's rare make, Baked beans, mashed potatoes and juicy boiled ham, Hot biscuit and coffee and raspberry jam. Did we make out a meal? Well, we did, as we ought, Then adjourned to the woodshed, where Sam come and brought New pipes and tobacker for such as would smoke. There, many a story and many a joke Were told 'ere we bid ev'rybody good-night, And started away from the circle of light Toward our homes. I'll allow it's not much of a yarn, But years were lived over in Sam Purdy's barn.









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The herd from Chambers Farm meanders through the pasture in the late afternoon sun, N. Clarendon, VT.

### <u>North Clarendon, VT</u> \_Chambers Farm, a Long-Time Family Enterprise 此

#### by Charles Sutton

Vermont dairy farms continue to go out of business, but not the Chambers Farm in North Clarendon, thanks to a dedicated hard-working family headed by a determined octogenarian! To add income to the "milk check" the farm is now selling

grass-fed beef, pastured poultry, and farm fresh eggs. Farm owner Phyllis Chambers turned 80 this summer

which brought a large number of family and friends to the farmstead for her birthday party and cook-out under a big canopy. Presents included an eye-catching sign promoting farm products. Also, her "dream of a lifetime' came true with a trip to the Grand Canyon!

Then it was back-on-the-farm for the daily routine of milking, doing the record-keeping, and managing it all.

The family was soon busy readying the huge hay barn into a site for her granddaughter Andrea's wedding this fall. An antique barn may seem an unlikely place for a wedding, but Phyllis said the young people did an amazing job putting up lighted chandeliers made out of farm wagon wheels and covering up bales of hay for seating. Son Andrew's other daughter, singer-songwriter Michele, came home from Nashville to do the music. Someone suggested famed designer Martha Stewart should have been there to admire such handiwork!

The next large family gathering will be Thanksgiving when Phyllis cooks the largest turkey available from Stonewood Farm in Orwell, VT, famous for its naturally-raised Vermont turkeys. Last year's turkey weighed 42 pounds which she butter-balled herself (3 lbs. of butter) before it went in the oven.

Phyllis has been doing the Thanksgiving and Easter meals for the family for many years. Presently her family includes seven sons, 19 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She says she is fortunate as almost all of them live in the area and are available to help on the farm as needed.

Young couples today rarely consider becoming dairy

farmers (for a variety of good reasons—mainly economics), Holsteins and Jersey dairy cows and beef cattle to pasture but Phyllis and her husband Richard Chambers, who were sweethearts while at Springfield, VT, High School, decided they wanted to farm after they got married. He had been working as a machinist. "Neither of us knew anything about farming," Phyllis recalled, when they purchased their first farm in Cavendish, VT, in 1959.

That's when they started making their own dairy products and raising beef, pork and poultry and realized how much better the quality and taste of their-owned farm-raised food was. By then they also had three children to feed.

In 1971, they bought the larger 178-acre dairy farm on Middle Road in North Clarendon, VT. The family then had eight children, and for several years also looked after two very young foster-care brothers. When Richard died in 1995, son Andrew and his son David took over operating the farm,

with Phyllis still at the helm. Phyllis and Andrew do the early-morning milking.

Tragedy struck the farm in 2000, when during a severe morning storm lightning struck a silo, and somehow traveling quickly underground, set their beautiful 13-room farmhouse on fire.

It was a total loss, but fortunately no lives were lost nor was anyone injured. Furniture and possessions could be replaced, but not the journals Phyllis kept for years about the daily events on the farms. She still misses the side porch which the family enjoyed in their off-hours. Some day they hopes to rebuild on the old foundation, but in the meantime, Phyllis manages the farm from her mobile home on the property.

Andrew is in the process of converting their beef raising from conventional and crossbreeds to all purebred Piedmontese beef. The bred is known for its higher lean-to-fat ratio as well as less marbling and only 31.5 calories per ounce compared to 85.2 for conventional beef and 88.7 for chicken. The bred started in the Piedmont region of northwest Italy, and its milk also is used there for several traditional cheeses. We joined Andrew while he was moving the herd of

Mom's **1820 HOUSE**  as they are rotated to different fields. In their midst was his prize year-old Piedmontese all black bull called Heff (after Hugh Heffner). Andrew said their current herd also includes about two dozen crossbreed Pieds.

Chickens are pastured from spring to fall in a field on the far west side of the farm. About 200 layers will be brought in for the winter, and the rest processed for sale. Dressedout chickens sell for \$3.65 a pound, but for the month of November they will be on sale for \$2.65 a pound. Ground beef is \$3 a pound and eggs \$3 a dozen.

Andrew asked, "if we had ever heard the coyotes?" (Yes, we have.) He added they have been lucky they haven't lost any chickens to them nor to the hawks.

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### North Country Reflections Legacy in the Land

#### by Judith Irven

Dick and I are by no means the first people to enjoy this piece of land we call 'our garden', and I am sure we will not be the last.

We know nothing about the tenacious souls who, over 150 years ago now, ventured up into the hills of Goshen to build this house and clear the land to create charcoal for the Brandon iron industry. But we do know quite a bit about the Hayes family who lived and farmed here for the first half of the twentieth century. Some of their descendents still live in Goshen and many others have visited; all have stories to share.

In 1896 Edward Hayes and his wife Jenny (Leahy) moved from Vergennes to Goshen to raise their nine sons and farm the land. Back then hill farming was an extraordinarily hard way of life and surely these nine boys were indispensable to their parent's endeavors

But, in addition to their farm work, in 1909 they found time to form the Hayes Brothers Baseball Team, and for many years this team of brothers was quite famous around here, often prevailing over teams that represented entire towns.

Another fifty years past, and the third generation of Goshen Hayes sold the homestead, along with 30 acres of land, to Cecil and Helen Romilly and their son Chris.

At the same time the remaining farmland was sold to the National Forest Service, and soon their fields, so painstakingly cleared and farmed for over a century, reverted to forestland, which is of course the true 'natural landscape' of New England.

#### Legacy of the farm

Although their fields have reverted to forest, closer to the house the Hayes farm legacy is still much in evidence.

And according to family members, it was those nine boys, working together, who built the impressive stone retaining wall you see in the picture. Some six-foot high and forty feet long, it was the foundation for the rear wall of the milking barn. A century later, while the milking barn is no longer standing, that wall remains as a marvelous testament of their skill and ingenuity.

A later barn, built in the 1930s, still stands tall on the hill above the house, next to the old potato field that is now my vegetable garden.

The Hayes family also planted a row of sugar maples, twenty foot on center, and 25 feet to the west of the house. Even now these ancient maples shade the house from the afternoon sun and each fall my heart glows at the sight of their brilliant gold against the clear blue autumn sky.

And, while hidden from sight, I am especially thankful for the beautiful dark rich soil that I have inherited with the land, the gift of many cows over many years. Good soil is a blessing for every gardener.

#### **Blueberries and Christmas Trees**

After acquiring the house from Cecil Romilly back in 1978, I was perplexed by the random scattering of highbush blueberry bushes throughout the meadow behind the house, as well as by a huge stand of tightly-planted, scruffy Norway spruce that stretched up the hill, spilling over into the National Forest land behind.

Another twenty years passed before Dick and I moved here permanently. Except for regular lawn mowing, at this point the land had lain essentially untouched for almost forty years.

Now I set out to create my 'garden of a lifetime.' My first project was to create a central garden bed behind the house, starting with the largest group of blueberry bushes. I then relocated the remaining blueberry bushes into my new bed, dug in plenty of compost and carefully pruned each bush.

Since then every summer we have been rewarded with an amazing crop of fresh fruit over two whole months, with plenty more to put aside in the freezer for the winter.

But it took a chance visit from Chris Romilly about 15 years ago to throw light on the twin mysteries that we had inherited from the Romilly family: the reasons behind the random scattering of blueberry bushes in the lawn and the scruffy spruce forest on the hill.

Chris told us that in 1958 his mother planted dozens of blueberry bushes to make a huge 'S' shape in the meadow. While only a small number survived the following forty years of neglect, those that did were certainly the strongest. Hence, some sixty years on, our wonderfully prolific blueberries! The story of the Norway spruce comes with a cautionary tale for everyone who plants a garden today, and is concerned about how it will be a half century from now. Chris also said that his father wanted to farm Christmas trees. So he planted out a large field above the house with rows of tiny Norway spruce all set out in straight lines about 15 feet apart. Alas, not long afterwards, their plans changed and the family returned to Long Island. Left to their own devices, Norway spruce (Picea abies) quickly grow into huge 80 foot high trees with graceful drooping branches creating a circle some 50 feet across. But Cecil Romilly's trees were planted so close together



The century old stone wall, built by the nine Hayes Brothers as the rear foundation of the milking barn.

that the branches were unable to grow outwards and finally died from lack of light. Now all that remains of his Christmas trees are tall spindly trunks with green tops.

My dream is to have his spruce forest cut for timber and to replace it with a mix of our native white spruce and balsam fir. But the job is dauntingly huge so, for the time being, the remnants of his Christmas tree farm remain up on the hill.

#### And looking forward

Like the Hayes and the Romillys before us, Dick and I are also stewards of this land, and we often ponder the legacy of our garden.

Surely I aim to be a responsible gardener, mindful of what I plant in the context of the wider environment and building the soil without resorting to chemicals.

While my garden perennials are unlikely to survive without a regular gardener, there is a good chance that the bones of the garden, the hardscape and woody plants, will still be here fifty years hence.

Here are some of the things that we have done over the past two decades that I hope will be enjoyed by generations to come:

Trees and shrubs: By removing a few trees we have pre-

hazel and nine bark-chosen especially for their delightful color and fragrance. Stone work: Over the years our friend and stonemason,

Tammy Walsh, has built us many beautiful stonewalls. She is currently at work repairing the Hayes brothers' stone wall so that it will last for another century.

A lovely hedgerow: Along the roadside I selectively cleared the smaller trees that grew in a dense thicket, while deliberately retaining a large stand of white birch together with several young sugar maples that over time will grow large. Then I pruned the lower branches from the birch, both to show off their slender white trunks and to allow additional light to reach the native wild roses (Rosa blanca) that grow below. In June when the roses bloom it is a sight to behold.

Each year I move in more daffodils to create a special springtime treat for all who travel this quiet country road, whether on foot, by bicycle or by car.

The land, like a bond, connects us with generations gone by and those who follow.

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served the view that the Hayes knew and loved.

We have also planted smaller trees—including crab apples, serviceberries and river birch—to grace the property and define the garden. And finally we added long-lasting shrubs-such as lilacs, roses, azaleas, summersweet, witch-

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### President John F. Kennedy

As we approach this, the Fiftieth Anniversary of followed there have been President John F. Kennedy's hundreds of monuments and assassination, those of us that were around back then rial in his honor from Cape reflect back on that tragic day. While we were aware of other Presidents being assassinated long ago starting with President Lincoln, I guess we the cement we were pourbelieved this couldn't happen in these then modern times of the 1960s.

On that November day here in Pawlet, Vermont went into shock!

In the days and years that entities renamed as a memo-Kennedy to Kennedy International Airport in New York and the list goes on.

By 3:30 that afternoon, ing was beginning to set up. At that time, I took a chisel and carved in the cement these words, PRES. J.F.K. KILLED TODAY NOV. 22,





## ★ Harvest-Time Preserving, circa 1902

Annie Gregory wrote, in 1902: "Our grandmothers used a pound of sugar to a pound of fruit—but then they used, too, the old-fashioned stone crock or open jar in which to store the fruit. Now, most preserves are put in sealed cans and only three-fourths of a pound of sugar is required to preserve fruit perfectly. Keep in a dark dry closet. If the closet is cool so

#### **MOTHER'S PICKLES**

Cook in proportion one-quarter of beets to three-quarters of cabbage. Cook beets until done and chop them, but chop the cabbage raw and bring it to a good scald. Use pepper, salt and sugar, about one-half cupful of the latter. Scald vinegar and cover the pickles with this. Pack tightly in jars, and cover. If spices are used put them in a bag and scald in the vinegar.

-Mrs. Lily Gregory

#### PRESERVED PIPPINS

Twelve pounds of apples pared, cored and quartered, six pounds of sugar, one quart of water; make syrup of sugar and water; drop apples in this syrup and cook until tender; cloves and lemon peel may be added; stew till clear and seal.

-Amy Collins



#### SLICED GREEN TOMATO PICKLES (Sour)

Take large, smooth, green tomatoes. Cut off small slice at stem and blossom end, cut the remainder in slices. To every six tomatoes allow one onion, sliced, a little grated horseradish and one-fourth of a pepper, chopped fine. Put layers in a jar with a very slight sprinkling of salt between each layer, let stand over night. In the morning remove, drain, and pack in jars. Cover with vinegar poured over boiling hot. This is a choice recipe.

-Cynthia Lester

#### **CRAB APPLES PRESERVED**

Select good sound ones and take the blows off the ends but leave on the stems. Then wash them and put into preserving kettle with plenty of water to cover. When boiling push them gently down so that they may be under the water all the time. When skin begins to crack, skim them out on a dish. Allow one and one-half pounds of sugar to each pint of juice letting boil fifteen to twenty minutes, skimming till clear. Then return the fruit to the juice, part at a time, and boil fifteen minutes. Then lift out the apples again on a dish and add the rest of the fruit to the juice, boiling them the same length of time. Fill cans with apples to the top. Boil down the juice that is left in the kettle about ten minutes and pour it over the fruit in the jars. Fasten up tight and set away.

If some of the fruit be grubby, cut out the grubs taking off stems and cook them in water enough to boil like apple sauce. Strain through a colander: and put all back with juice in the kettle, adding sugar, pound for pound, cooking fifteen minutes and skimming constantly. Put the fruit in a jar and it makes a nice marmalade. -Miss Clara White

These recipes were contributed by "one thousand homemakers" to Woman's Favorite Cookbook by Annie R. Gregory, circa 1902.





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## 🛰 Home Camping 🥢

#### by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

Camping-wise, this year summer got away from me. My husband and I didn't really get going until the middle of July. That meant that a number of places that we usually visit in our twenty-foot, Bambi model, Airstream trailer went unvisited.

I thought we might get up to West Castleton for an overnight, but things were too busy in town, and the West Castleton State Park campground closed Labor Day. Then I thought we might have an overnight foliage trip, but we missed that too.

When it's time to winterize Bambi, my husband has to drain the water, put non-toxic antifreeze into the system, disconnect the battery, and, of course, hitch Bambi up and drive it into town and store it in the bay of a one-time Texaco gas station. All that work marks the end of the 'road trip season.' This year, I realized that I couldn't face the end quite yet.

I've been noticing that a lot of Castleton people have trailers. Driving along Route 4 from Bomoseen to Hydeville to Castleton Corners and into Castleton proper, all I have to do is crane my neck and look behind the houses I'm passing. Everyone's RV seems to be white, some big, some middlesized, some tiny, and all are in different states of repair.

A homebound trailer can serve as a back yard pied-a-terre. Bev Fedolfi on summer's nights uses hers as an exotic adventure bedroom for her and her granddaughter.

As well as the homebound, there are the trailers temporarily parked, but at any moment ready to roll. Jerry and Davene Brown—who live across from Lake Bomoseen's Trak Inn Restaurant—built their house above a RV-size garage, the residence of a luxurious motor home which, when the weather gets cold, they drive around the country.

Marie Shearer maintains a 'family party' trailer that can sleep twelve. She went on ten trips this summer, but now her trailer is closed up and parked in her driveway. Mary Diefendorf says her little pop-up camper is clean and put away, ready for another year.

Last month, I was walking around the Middlebury College campus, and not far from Le Chateau I came upon two school maintenance men heaving pine boughs onto the roof of a just-constructed Sukkah.

I thought this was pretty un-kosher, but maybe college union rules don't allow students to build anything, even their own post-Rosh Hashanah symbolic-wilderness shelters.

Anyway, the idea of a harvest-time retreat sounded pretty appealing to me. It made me think of my own little retreat back in Castleton.

When I got home it came to me, looking out at Bambi, still sitting at the end of our driveway, that my husband and I could take our last summer camping trip without going anywhere.

We could just go home camping.

For several years, we'd left this trailer under the pine trees in the back of our property. Surrounded by deep drifts of



snow, Bambi always looked inviting, even beckoning.

One spring, we had a birthday party dinner in Bambi, and one year we hitched it up and drove it down to Middletown Springs for a Father's Day meal after the town's Strawberry Festival. So we have a history of being moderately creative in our use of this little RV.

We decided our home camping trip would be Friday to Saturday. We carried out the usual things, bedding and our pillows and the books we were reading (mine was Erik Larson's In the Garden of the Beasts) and Willie Nelson CDs.

We stocked the refrigerator and decided that we'd just pretend that our close-by home was a campground bathhouse-although Bambi has a very workable, if minute, bathroom and shower.

It turned cold, and it rained all day. But that was no problem. Terrible weather translates to the utmost Bambi-interior oziness.

We arranged to have our Birdseye Diner dinner delivered later in the evening. Wine man Rob Staudter down at the Village Store found us a nice bottle of red. We rounded up cheeses and snacks.

Later, I found myself munching on a Whitney Lamy cracker as I looked out through my rain-spattered, submarinelike window at the back of Whitney Lamy's barn.

It was a wonderful night. The wind blew. Rain thrummed on the aluminum roof. We turned on our little furnace. It

was not hard to imagine that we were far, far away from Castleton.

The next day it was still gray out, and cold, and pretty dreary. It was the kind of nice-weather-is-all-over morning that would have gotten me down in some circumstances-like if we were far from home facing a long dismal drive back. But we weren't.

We headed up to the pretend-bathhouse, ready for a hot shower and then a hearty breakfast.

We turned to each other and said, "Home camping is the best."



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

STATEWIDE. Salvation Farms. Volunteer opportunities to glean and process Vermont raised, surplus fruits and vegetables for use by vulnerable populations. (802) 522-3148. salvationfarms.wordpress.com

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

ST. JOHNSBURY. Storytime in the Children's Library. These events are part of the Athenaeum's Acorn Club. 10:30 am. St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main St. (802) 748-8291. www.stjathenaeum.org. Every Friday and every 1st and 3rd Saturday.

TOWNSHEND. Friesans of Majesty. See beautiful Friesan horses bred and trained right here in Vermont. Carriage and sleigh rides, wedding carriage, horse camp, tours, performances, and of course getaways in our cottage or loft apartments. Friesans of Majesty, 185 Maggie Ladd Rd. (802) 365-7526. www.friesiansofmajesty.com.

WEST RUTLAND. Vermont Herbal General Store. Tai' Chi Gung intro classes Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Reiki healings, Chinese ear coning, handmade herbal remedies, teas, and lotions. Crystals, stones, and books. All are welcome. Open Tues & Wed 1-6, Thurs-Sat 12-6, Sun 1-4, closed Fri. 518 Main St. (802) 438-2766. info@ vermontherbal.com. www.vermontherbal.com.

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

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

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Upper Valley Seed Savers meet on the second Thursday of the month at 5 pm at Upper Valley Food Coop, through the winter. Our mission is to further knowledge about seed saving and to work on projects that will help develop a body of locallyadapted open-pollinated vegetable seeds. For info, or if you can't come to meetings but would like to receive a monthly email, please contact Sylvia Davatz at sdav@valley.net or call (802) 436-3262.

BRANDON. Compass Music and Arts Center. Concerts, exhibits, classes, readings, and other events. Exhibit: Your Junk, My Art: The Transformation of Found Objects. Take-out café is open Monday through Friday 11 am - 4 pm; to place an order call (802) 465-4071. Studio space available. 250-seat concert hall. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Dr. (802) 247-4295. info@cmacvt.org. www.cmacvt. org. November 8 through December 15.

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

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

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(Museums, exhibits, and galleries continued)

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

CHESTER. Gallery 103-an Artisan Marketplace. Hand crafted gifts, decorative accessories, small batch Chocolates and Vermont Maple products. Owned by artists Elise & Payne Junker, exclusive showroom of Junker Studio metalwork. Open every day 10 am – 5 pm, closed Tuesday. Located on Rt. 103, south of town—look for the life-size moose! (802) 875-7400. Gallery103.com.

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

ENOSBURG FALLS. Exhibit: Works by fine artist Natalie Larocque-Bouchard, potter Alex Costantino and decorative painter Kitten Ellison. Artist In Residence Gallery, Main St. (802) 933-6403. info@artistinresidencecoop.com. www.artistinresidencecoop.com.

GLOVER. Bread & Puppet Museum, One of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world housed in a 100-foot-long converted dairy barn built in 1863. Events and exhibits. Free admission, donations welcome. Georgian singing workshops on Wednesdays starting October 2 at 7:30 pm. Open 10 am - 6 pm daily. Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. (802) 525-3031. Open through November 1 then winters by appointment.

GLOVER. The Museum of Everyday Life. Exhibition, 'Healing Engine of Emergency-the incredible story of the Safety Pin." A self-service museum, open every day from 8 am - 8 pm. At 3482 Dry Pond Rd. (Rt. 16) a short distance south of the Shadow Lake Rd. For more information call (802) 626-4409. museumofeverydaylife.org.

GRAFTON. The Vermont Museum of Mining and Minerals features displays and specimens from all over the Green Mountain State and around the world. Open Saturdays, Sundays and major holidays, Memorial Day through mid-October, 10 am - 12 pm & 1-4 pm, or by appointment. 55 Pleasant St. (802) 875-3562. www.vtmmm.org.

GRAFTON. The Nature Museum at Grafton. Programs for all ages. Hands-on exhibits, dioramas, mounted specimen, wildlife garden. Hiking trails in the Village Park behind the Museum. Admission \$5 adults, \$4 seniors and students, \$3 children ages 3 to 12, 2 and under free, \$15 for families. Open Thurs, Sat & Sun 10 am - 4 pm. 186 Townshend Road. (802) 843-2111. info@nature-museum.org. www.nature-museum.org.

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

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

HUNTINGTON. Birds of Vermont Museum. Features over 500 carved wooden birds, representing 259 species. Museum, special events and bird walks, children's programs, gift shop, video, restrooms and trails with maps available. Admission: adult \$6, senior \$5, child 3-17 \$3. 10 am -4 pm. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. www.birdsofvermont.org. Open by appointment November 1 through April 39.

LUDLOW. Black River Academy Museum. Exhibits and programs. Annual meeting and potluck dinner, November 7. Annual Christmas play and Open House, December 6 & 7. Admission \$2, seniors and students \$1. Winter hours by appointment.14 High St. (802) 228-5050. info@bramvt.org. www.bramvt.org.

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

MANCHESTER. Visit Historic Hildene-A 1912 Victorian Christmas. Robert and Mary Lincoln's home is decorated throughout the month as they might have done when they stayed at Hildene through the holidays in 1912. Christmas is celebrated with festive greens throughout, carols played on Robert and Mary's organ and piano on weekends, and carolers in the Welcome Center. Tickets: \$16 adults, \$5 youth under 14, children under 6 free. Grounds pass: \$5 adults, \$3 youth, children under 6 free. Open daily 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, closed December 24 & 25. Historic Hildene is off Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 362-1788. info@hildene. www.hildene.org

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

MIDDLEBURY. Middlebury College Museum of Art. Exhibit: Vito Acconci—Thinking Space. 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. Through December 8.

MIDDLEBURY. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont. The oldest chartered community history museum in the United States, welcoming visitors since 1882. Exhibits, research center, and museum shop. Admission: adults \$5, youth fall hours: Tues-Sat 10 am -5 pm and Sun 1-5 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History, 1 Park St. (803) 388-2117. www.henrysheldonmuseum.org.

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







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MONTPELIER. Season of Transition-Photo Exhibit by Patricia Lyon-Surrey. Mon-Fri 10 am - 6 pm, Saturday 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday 11 am - 3 pm. At The Drawing Board, 22 Main St. (802) 888-7655. patricialyonsurrey.wordpress. com. November 1-30.

NORWICH. Montshire Museum of Science. Exhibits, trails, programs, and museum store. Fall Lego league. Visiting Exhibition: From the Mountains to the Sea-Plants, Trees, and Shrubs of New England, the first traveling exhibition of The New England Society of Botanical Artists, through December 1. Open 10 am -5 pm daily. Admission \$12 adults, \$10 children 2-17, under 2 free. One Montshire Rd. (802) 649-2200.

**PITTSFORD.** New England Maple Museum. World's largest maple museum. The maple sugaring story takes on a new twist, as the exhibits turn into a colorful array of autumn colors celebrating the harvest. Decorations demonstrate the Vermont tradition of scaring off "evil" spirits during this wonderful time of year. Tour through Vermont's famous maple industry and visit our gift shop. Admission: adults \$5, children \$1. Open 8:30 am – 5:30 pm daily. New England Maple Museum, 4578 Rt. 7, north of the village. (802) 483-9414. info@maplemuseum. com. www.maplemuseum.com.

QUECHEE. Vermont Toy Museum. Collection of more than 100,000 toys. Toy and gift shop. Free admission to the museum. Seasonal train rides \$4, carousel \$2, children 2 and under ride for free. 10 am - 5 pm daily except holidays. On the 2nd floor inside Quechee Gorge Village, Rt. 4. (802) 295-1550 x 102. vermonttoymuseum.com or quecheegorge.com.

RANDOLPH. Exhibit: "Points Of View: Seven Portrait Artists." Chronicles the development and insights of seven accomplished Central Vermont artists who work each week from the same model to explore portraiture, through *November 10.* Also an exhibit of paintings, photographs, and drawings by Brenna Colt in the Downstairs Gallery from *through November 9*. Open Fri 3-6 pm, Sat & Sun noon to 3 pm or during Chandler events. Free admission. Chandler Upper Gallery, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-9878. outreach@chandler-arts.org. www.chandler-arts.org.

ROCHESTER. Art Exhibits. Wed-Fri 10-5; Sat 12-5; Sun-Tues by appointment. BigTown Gallery, 99 N. Main St. (802) 767-9670. www.bigtowngallery.com.

**RUTLAND.** Sixth Annual Photography Contest: Take the Streets! Each year over one hundred community members submit photographs to be judged and exhibited. Chaffee Art Center, 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. www.chaffeeartcenter.org. Through November 16.

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

RUTLAND. Chaffee Downtown Art Center. Exhibits, workshops, classes. Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 11 am – 6 pm, Friday and Saturday 11:30 am – 7 pm. Chaffee Downtown Art Center, 75 Merchant's Row. (802) 775-0356. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

RUTLAND. Castleton Downtown Gallery. Castleton Faculty Exhibition featuring the work of 13 Castleton faculty members runs through May 11. Free admission. Open Mon, Wed, Sat 1-6 pm, Fri 1-7 pm. Center Street Alley. For info call Bill Ramage at (802) 468-1266.

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

SHELBURNE. Fall Art Exhibit: Visions of Vermont. A group of women artists, four photographers and a potter who enjoy the inspiration that Vermont has to offer. Featuring the work of Lisa Dimondstein, Patricia Lyon-Surrey, Julie Parker, Sandra Shenk, and Gail Yanowitch. Shelburne Vineyard, 6308 Shelburne Rd. (802) 985-8222. shelburnevinevard.com. Through November 29



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

WINDSOR. Cider Hill Art Gallery-Autumn Art Show. Gary Milek's landscape paintings celebrate Vermont's incredible four seasons of beauty and terrain, now paired with Stephen Procter's monumental stoneware vessels indoors and out. Free. Fri-Sun, 10 am - 5 pm. Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery.1747 Hunt Rd. (802) 674-6825. www. ciderhillgardens.com. garymilek.com. Through Dec 1.

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum. Premiere Jersey dairy farm, restored 1890 farmhouse, family programs, festivities and museum. Wagon Ride Weekends every weekend in November. Thanksgiving Weekend, November 29, 30 & December 1. Admission \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. 10 am - 5 pm. Winter hours: November-February weekends, 10 am. to 3:30 pm. Christmas and February vacation weeks, 10 am to 3:30 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org.

#### **PERFORMANCES, PLAYS & MOVIES**

STATEWIDE. Freedom and Unity: The Vermont Movie. New six-part historical and cultural documentary film with gala premieres and showings. For locations, times, gala events, and tickets for all showings, call (802) 779-3653. thevermontmovie.com. Through December 4.

WOODSTOCK. First Run Movies at the Woodstock Town Hall Theatre. Old-fashioned big-screen movie-going experience. Adults \$8, seniors \$7, students \$6. Famous maple popcorn! (802) 457-3981. www.pentanglearts.org.

#### **COMMUNITY DANCE**



### **Holiday Fairs of Vermont Coming to Rutland!**

Vermont Farmers Market to bring you their outstanding unique events. The Holiday Fairs are coming to the Holiday Inn on Rt. 7 in Rutland, VT on Saturday, November 16 and Saturday, December 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

These are the largest Holiday shows of their kind in Southern Vermont. Here you will find over sixty vendors presenting you with every kind of Vermont-made craft that you can imagine. Also, a wide range of Thanksgiving and Christmas décor.

Our Country Bakers bring you that exquisite taste of Vermont for your holiday meals and parties. Home baked breads, many varieties of pies, fudge and so much more.

Our Gourmet Specialty Food folks have the flavor of Vermont in maple syrup, maple sugar and maple-flavored products such as maple dressings, maple mustard and maple-coated nuts. Have you ever tried maple pepper or cinnamon flavored maple sugar?

And then there are jams and jellies, the most varieties (over 100) that you can find anywhere. Have you ever tried cranberry/raspberry jam, horseradish jam, garlic jam, ginger marmalade or pear almond jam?

There are prepared foods, fall veggies, apples and freshpressed cider!

Once again it's time for the bakery items just before the holidays, talk to our vendors. Many will take orders, or make it special for you.

> Likewise, if you would like a specific, custom-made craft designed to your wishes some of our crafters will do that. Talk to them, have it created!

You may wish to ship specialty foods, certain craft items and even foods to friends and relatives across the country.

Small items travel best by the U.S. Postal Service in low-fee, flat rate boxes, usually in three days or less in the 48 states. It's time to make these plans now! Folks everywhere love receiving "Vermont Brand" gifts, something that is really grown or made in America, and in this special place in America, "Vermont."

Unlike many high profile craft fairs that charge admission, our Holiday Fairs are always admission free. If you have ever traveled around Vermont, we think that you will come to realize we have pretty appealing prices on many items as well. So, come join thousands of others for this unique Vermont holiday shopping experience.

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The Holiday Inn is on Rt. 7 south in Rutland, VT. For more information about the Vermont Farmers Market Holiday Fairs call Sherry Smith at (518) 796-2609 or If you wish to pick up visit vtfarmersmarket.org.



Old Glassware Matchbox Cars Wagon Wheels Rocking Chairs Sumi-e Art Originals 11am –5pm Wed-Fri, 10am – 2pm Sat

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

SPRINGFIELD. Exhibit: Earth as Muse-Beauty, Degredation, Hope, Awakening. Paintings and sculptures by artists Fran Bull, Jenny Swanson, Pat Musick, Harry Rich, and Richard Weis. 9-5 Mon-Fri through April 30; Saturdays through October, 1-3 pm. Great Hall Public Art Showcase, 100 River St. (802) 258-3992. bobf@springfielddevelopment.org. Facebook.

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

ST. JOHNSBURY. The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain and Dog Chapel. Free. Open Mon-Sat 10 am – 5 pm and Sun 11 am –4 pm. The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. off Spaulding Rd. (800) 449-2580. www.dogmt.com.

BERLIN. Afro-Caribbean Dance. With live percussion every Thursday from 10:30 am – 12 pm. All levels welcome. Drumming and dance from Mali Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Also Capital City Grange Potluck-share delicious food with your friends and future friends, starting about 6:30 each first Saturday, all are welcome, no charge. Capital City Grange, 6612 VT Rt. 12, Northfield Rd. (802) 985-3665. capitalcitygrange.org.

#### **VISITOR'S CENTER**

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 open through mid-October. (802) 247-6401. info@brandon.org. brandon.org.

#### HORSEBACK RIDING, WAGON & SLEIGH RIDES

BRANDON. Painted Woods Farm provides wagon rides and sleigh rides through beautiful fields and forest where you can experience some of Vermont's splendid scenery and perhaps glimpse some wildlife. Looking for a romantic evening adventure? Well a carriage ride for two down a quiet country lane would be for you. For info call Donna and Anthony Peduto at (802) 247-4917.



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BRATTLEBORO. Fair Winds Farm Wagon Rides.
 Half-hour reserved horse-drawn rides through fields and woods, and along a babbling brook. Adults \$10, kids 3-12
 \$6, minimum \$50, after 5 pm \$80. Visit our farm store. Fair Winds Farm is a "Diversified, Horse Powered, Vermont Family Farm" at 511 Upper Dummerston Rd., off Rt. 30. (802) 254-9067. fairwind@sover.net. fairwindsfarm.org.

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

**PUTNEY.** Green Mountain Orchards. Horse-drawn sleigh and wagon rides year-round by reservation. 130 West Hill Rd. (exit 4, I-91), look for signs in Putney Village. (802) 387-5851. www.greenmtorchards.com.

**WILMINGTON.** Scenic Horseback Trail Rides. \$25/40 minutes. Children over 6 can ride alone. Pont rides for younger children. Year round by reservation. Flames Stables, Rt. 100 south. (802) 464-8329.

#### **RECREATION & NATURE CENTERS**

**GRAFTON.** Grafton Ponds Outdoor Center. A year-round recreation center. Mountain biking, bike terrain park, hiking, canoeing. 783 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2400.

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

**QUECHEE.** Vermont Institute of Natural Science Nature Center. Exhibits, programs, nature trail, nature store. Admission: adults \$13, seniors \$12, youth (4-17) \$11. 10 am – 4 pm, 7 days a week through January 5. VINS Nature Center, 6565 Woodstock Rd., Rt. 4, 1/4 mile west of Quechee Gorge. (802) 359-5000. www.vinsweb.org.

**RUPERT.** Merck Forest and Farmland. Camping, cabins, trails, farm, workshops and seasonal events. Visitor's Center and store with certified organic maple syrup, our own 100% wool blankets, and more. Help with animal chores Saturdays 2-4 pm. Open year round, dawn to dusk. 3270 Rt. 315, west of Manchester. (802) 394-7836. merckforest.org.

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



#### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Concert: Am Bròn Binn—The Sweet Sorrow. With Duanlied, a Celtic early music duo. Advance tickets \$17, \$13 for seniors and children under 12. 7:30 pm. Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 463-3100. www.stonechurcharts.org.

**LEBANON, NH.** Concert: Steve Earle and The Dukes. With special guest, The Masterson. Tickets: Tickets \$52/\$42/\$32. 7:30 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. www.lebanonoperahouse.org.

**MIDDLEBURY.** After Dark Music Series Concert: Garnet Rogers. A singer/songwriter with a style and a vision all of his own, Garnet Rogers is a formidable instrumentalist and highly literate balladeer with a powerful baritone voice. \$22. Doors 7:30 pm, concert 8 pm. Town Hall Theater, S. Pleasant & Merchants Row. (802) 388-0216. aftdark@sover.net. www.afterdarkmusicseries.com.

**MONTPELIER.** The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Poe Spooktacular. It's the Party of the Year! Ghoulishly gleeful candlelit staged readings from the master of the heebie-geebie genre by your favorite LNT actors. The evening includes a costume contest, decadent desserts, cash bar, and dancing till you drop to the swingin' 21-Piece LC Jazz Band. It's Halloween for grown-ups! 7-9 pm. Lost Nation Theater, 39 Main St. For tickets call (802) 229-0492. info@lostnationtheater.org.

**PUTNEY.** Green Writers Press Launch. A reading and book signing from books of Vermont. There will be refreshments and cake. \$10 suggested donation. To benefit Next Stage. 6 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill Rd. (802) 387-0102. www.greenwriterspress.com.

**RUTLAND.** Concert: Gregg Allman. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. paramountvt.org.

**WESTMINSTER.** Concert: Citizen Composer. The Windham Orchestra perform Frederick Palmer's (arr. Keelan) Social Waltzes, Bach's Brandenburg No. 2, Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4. 7:30 pm. At Kurn Hattin, 708 Kurn Hattin Rd. For tickets call (802) 257-4523. windhamorchestra.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** Pentangle Players present *The Wizard of Oz*, a musical-theatre adventure through the universe of Dorothy's imagination. Tickets: \$20 advance, \$22 day of show, under 18 \$12. 7:30 pm. Woodstock Town Hall Theatre, 31 The Green. (802) 457-3981. pentanglearts.org. *Also November 2 & 3.* 

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

**CHESTER.** Monthly Community All-you-can-eat Buffet Breakfast. Eggs, home fries, sausage, bacon, pancakes, real Vermont maple syrup, toast, and beverages. \$7 donation at the door. 8-10 am. Also Monthly Square Dance and Rounds. Refreshments on sale. 50/50 tickets. \$5 donation at the door. 7-11 pm. Gassetts Grange, junction of Rts. 10 & 103N. (802) 875-2637. *Also December 7*.

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

**GRAFTON.** Soapstone Hike. Led by Bill Brown and Andy Toepfer, this somewhat-long moderate walk will feature the soapstone history of the area. Dress warmly, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Meet at the parking lot opposite The Nature Museum at Grafton, 186 Townshend Road, to carpool to the start. Noon-3 pm. For more info, contact Andy Toepfer at (802) 869-3379. windmillhillpinnacle.org.

HARTLAND FOUR CORNERS. Annual Family-Style Turkey Supper. Roast turkey with all the fixings plus homemade pies and rolls. Silent auction. \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under; preschoolers are free. 4:30-6:30 pm. The First Universalist Church. (802) 436-2323.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Annual Holiday Bazaar. Everything imaginable including Christmas Trees (order here and choose and cut later) and lunch. Wagon rides by Russ and Donna Carpenter's Belgians between 10 am - 2 pm, \$3 per person or \$10 per family. 9 am - 3 pm. Middlebury Congregational Church, 27 N. Pleasant St. (802) 382-9325.

**RUTLAND.** Audubon Benefit Bird Seed Sale from 8 am – 1 pm at Garland's Agway on Park St. New members will receive a free birdhouse when signing up for the sale. www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org.

**RUTLAND.** Library Book Sale. Sponsored by the Friends of the Rutland Free Library. New books added. All proceeds go to support library activities and collections. 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. In the basement. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. *Also November 3.* 

**SPRINGFIELD.** 11th Annual Quilt Show and Harvest Bazaar. Tables of handmade crafts, books, jewelry, attic treasures, a quilter's table and baked goods and a luncheon on the ground floor. The Quilt show is held upstairs in the sanctuary. Free admission. 9 am - 4 pm at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main St. (802) 885-5728. fccuccspfdvt.org.



### Small Happenings

There isn't much to write about. The day is almost through. Nothing at all has happened— At least, there's nothing new. I washed the dishes, made the beds, And finished the new dress, The green and black, and though old stuff, It's got to do, I guess.

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I've swept the floor and fed the cat— Oh, yes, I made some hash, And tried to cook some turnips that Were bound they would not mash. I wrote two letters, knit some lace, And read a page or two In my new book, and now again, At night, I write to you!

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#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

**CHESTER.** 12th Annual Vermont Voices. Vermont writers share their work. Archer Mayor, Vermont's favorite mystery writer and raconteur, returns with his new—and 24th—Joe Gunther tale, *Three Can Keep a Secret*. A book signing and reception will follow. Free. 2 pm at the First Universalist Church in the Stone Village. (802) 875-3400. mvbooks@vermontel.net. www.mvbooks.com.

**EAST MONTPELIER.** Pancake Breakfast. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee. \$10 adults, \$5 children 7 & under.8:30-10:30 am. Old Meeting House, 1620 Center Rd.

**ENOSBURG FALLS.** Open House and Artist Reception. Presentations by fine artist Natalie Larocque-Bouchard, potter Alex Costantino and decorative painter Kitten Ellison. Monthly raffle and refreshments. Free.1-4 pm. Artist In Residence Gallery, Main St. (802) 933-6403. info@artistinresidencecoop.com. www. artistinresidencecoop.com.

**GREENSBORO.** Second Annual Harvest Swap. Bring items that you have grown and/or preserved to swap on a one-for-one basis. Bring items with an estimated value of \$5, or \$5 increments—a quart of canned tomatoes, a jar of jelly, a loaf of bread, a large winter squash, whatever you have that you want to share. 2-4 pm. Lakeview Union Elementary School, 189 Laurendon Ave. (802) 755-6336. swapsisters@gmail.com.

**POST MILLS.** Performance: The Post Mills Companion. An old-time radio variety show, dedicated to the memory of Roger Daum. Live music, horn section, folk singers, jokes, and skits. Exciting door prizes! All proceeds go to HelpKidsIndia.org. General admission by donation at the door. 3 pm. Congregational Church, right on Rt. 244. For more info contact Bob Totz (former Post Mills Postmaster) at (802) 649-3137.

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

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#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Cooking Class: Pasta and Sauces. Chef John Marston is excited about conducting this informal class and sharing his experience with others. We'll provide knifes and aprons to assist your hands on preparation. 6-8:30 pm. Fee, call to register. Leslie's Tavern, 660 Rockingham Rd. (802) 463-4929. www.lesliestavern.com.



**MONTPELIER.** Bethany Bowl. Community Meal that is free for all. Usually over 100 people. This is open to all both to cook, serve, and eat! 9 am – 2 pm. At the Fellowship Hall, Bethany Church, 115 Main Street. (802) 223-2424. www.bethanychurchvt.org. UCCBethany@comcast.net. *Every Tuesday*.

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

**BRATTLEBORO.** First Wednesday Lecture: "Life in the Studio." Author and illustrator David Macaulay will trace the development of his books, from his earliest ideas to the published work, and discuss current projects and challenges. Free. 7 pm. Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main St. (802) 254-5290. brookslibraryvt.org.

**LEBANON, NH.** Concert: Taj Mahal World Blues. Tickets \$26-\$59. 7 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. info@lebanonoperahouse.org. www.lebanonoperahouse.org.

MILTON. A Musical Evening with Robert Resnik and Marty Morrissey. Old favorites and new songs by regional songsmiths, played on more than a dozen musical instruments, in celebration of the history and lore of Lake Champlain. Refreshments to follow. Free. 7:30 pm. The Milton Historical Society Museum, 13 School St. (802) 363-2598. miltonhistorical@yahoo.com.

**NORTHFIELD.** Lunch N' Learn: Civil War Hospitals in Vermont with Michael Sherman, Editor of the Vermont History Journal. A light lunch will be served. Free. Noon - 1 pm. Sullivan Museum & History Center. (802) 485-2183. www.norwich.edu/museum.

**NORWICH.** First Wednesday Talk: Thoreau the Poet-Naturalist. Norwich local and Dartmouth Professor Nancy Jay Crumbine draws upon Thoreau's journals and letters to examine the spirituality, inherent and explicit, in his walking and writing life. Free. 7 pm. Norwich Congregational Church. (802) 649-1114. info@ norwichbookstore.com. www.norwichbookstore.com.

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

#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

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



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#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

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

LEICESTER. Addison County Farm Animal Homeopathy Study Group. Learn how other farmers are applying homeopathy to their herds or flocks. Discussion includes an in-depth look of at least one remedy, some theory and a case analysis. Meets the first Tuesday of each month and is open to all levels. 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at Taconic End Farm. For more info call Annie Claghorn, (802) 247-3979. foxclag@gmavt.net. **CHESTER.** Bingo. Refreshments on sale in the kitchen. 50/50, Raffle tickets, and Speed Ball cards also on sale. 6:30-9 pm; doors open at 5 pm. Gassetts Grange, junction of Rte 10 & 103N. (802) 875-2637. *Every Thursday.* 

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

**RUTLAND.** Workshop: Make a Scarflette. Instructor: Celeste Walker. In this fun workshop particpants will make this cross between a scarf and a necklace using novelty yarn—surprisingly warm and exceedingly decorative. Fee \$55, materials are included. Age 13+. 3:30-5:30 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S. Main St. (802) 775-0356. info@ chaffeeartcenter.org.

**SAXTONS RIVER.** "Make It a Handmade Holiday" Workshop: Crocheted Ornaments. Projects and techniques are easy to learn, with options to create your own unique piece. Class fee: \$20. 6-8 pm. River Artisans Cooperative, 26B Main Street. (802) 869-2099. shop@riverartisans. com. www.riverartisans.wordpress.com.

**WOODSTOCK.** Hand-in-Hand Community Meal. All are welcome. Free, donations accepted. Every Thursday, 5-7 pm at the Unitarian Church, 7 Church St. (802) 457-2557.

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#### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

**BARTONSVILLE.** Bartonsville Grange will be hosting a Turkey Dinner. Includes roast turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls and assorted pies. \$8 a plate for adults, children 5 years to 12 years \$5 and under 5 free. If you play bingo the dinner is \$12 and will include 6 cards and 10 games. 5-6:30 pm. At Bartonsville Grange (located across from Rockingham State Police Barracks on Rt. 103), 116 Upper Bartonsville Rd. (802) 875-4438.

BRANDON. Painting Workshop. Dolores Furnari will present a hands-on workshop accompanied by an exhibit on Theorem Painting-a process whereby home artifacts are embellished with flowers, early American scenes, folk figures and more. Beginners and advanced students welcome. Work will available for sale. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Dr. (802) 465-4071. edna@cmacvt. org. www.cmacvt.org

MANCHESTER. Equinox Preserve Family Night Hike. Leave your flashlights behind and join this family-friendly foray into the nocturnal world of Mt. Equinox. Kid-friendly and appropriate for ages 3-9. Meet at 7 pm at the Red Gate parking lot on West Union St. Pre-register with either Rick at (802) 366-1400. rick@equinoxpreservationtrust.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Book & Author Event. Meet Vermont author Megan Price and retired Maine Chief Warden Parker Tripp as they discuss Maine Wild—Adventures of Fish & Game Wardens. Free. 4-5:30 pm. Vermont Book Shop, 38 Main St. (802) 388-2061. www.vermontbookshop. com. www.vermontwild.com.

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

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

BARNET. Workshop: Meditation—Tools for Living. Fee. Karme Choling-Shambhala Meditation Retreat, 369 Patneaude Lane. (802) 633-2384. reception@karmecholing. org. www.karmecholing.org.

BARRE. Book & Author Event. Meet Vermont author Megan Price and retired Maine Chief Warden Parker Tripp as they discuss Maine Wild—Adventures of Fish & Game Wardens. Sponsored by Next Chapter Bookstore. Free. 2-4 pm at the Cornerstone Pub & Kitchen, 47 N. Main St. (802) 476-3114. www.nextchapterbooksvt.com. www.vermontwild.com.

BARRE. Concert: Mavis Staples. Tickets: \$22-\$42. 8 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. Box office: (802) 476-8188. Information: (802) 476-0292. staff@barreoperahouse. org. www.barreoperahouse.org.

BARRE. Second Saturday Series: "Major Valentine's Swedes." In this talk, Paul Searls will explore the strange and ironic story of Vermont's Swedish colonists. Free with admission to the Vermont History Center. 2 pm. Vermont History Center, 60 Washington St. (802) 828-2180. amanda. gustin@state.vt.us. www.vermonthistory.org.

BETHEL. First Annual Fall into the Holidays Shopping Fair. Over 20 vendors. Hosted by the Bethel Business Association of Bethel, VT. Delicious home cooked food for sale from the Whitcomb High School Boosters. Free admission. 9 am - 3 pm. Bethel Town Hall. For more information call Rachel Irish at (802) 234-0094.

BRANDON. Opening Reception for Exhibit: Your Junk, My Art-The Transformation of Found Objects. The works of artists who explore, play with, alter and arrange found objects. 5-8 pm. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Dr. (802) 247-4295. www.cmacvt.org.

BURLINGTON. Concert: "It is Time-Songs of Expectancy at the Still Point of the Year." Performed by the Social Band. Suggested donation \$15. 7:30 pm. Christ Church, Presbyterian, 400 S. Prospect St. www.socialband.org.

HARTFORD VILLAGE. Annual Christmas Bazaar. Coffee & homemade donuts. Lunch: corn chowder, sandwiches & apple crisp, Christmas crafts, white elephant table, new and barely used Christmas items, Cabot Cheese, cookie walk, baked goods, jams, pickles, silent auction. 9 am - 2 pm. Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple St. (802) 674-5717. vtnana@comcast.net.

**HINESBURG.** Book & Author Event. Meet Vermont author Megan Price and retired Maine Chief Warden Parker Tripp as they discuss Maine Wild—Adventures of Fish & Game Wardens, Free, 9-11:30 am. Kinney Drugs, 10212 Rt. 116. (802) 349-0183. www.vermontwild.com.

HUNTINGTON. VT Audubon Bird Monitoring Walk. Beginning birders learn bird song basics, intermediates fine tune their field mark identification, and experts share their passion for all things ornithological. Donations appreciated. 8-10 am. Meet at GMAC Office Building, 255 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-3068. vt.audubon.org/greenmountain-audubon-center.

**MONTPELIER.** Hunger Mountain Coop Food & Wellness Expo. Over 65 exhibitors! Free! 10:30 am - 3 pm. Lost Nation Theater, City Hall.

NORTHFIELD. Holiday Bazaar. This Bazaar in on the first day of hunting season along with Northfield's famous sock sale. Serving lunch from 11 am on. 9 am - 3 pm. United Church of Northfield, 58 South Main St.

NORWICH. Contradance with Northern Spy. Caller, Brad Foster. All dances taught and called. Bring a change of clean shoes for the dance floor and potluck finger food snacks for the break. Admission \$8, students \$5, under 16 free, seniors by donation. 8 pm. Tracey Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 785-4607. rbarrows@cs.dartmouth.edu. Every second Saturday.

PUTNEY. Concert. Roots music quintet The Duhks, reuniting original members Jessee Havey (vocals), Tania Elizabeth (fiddle), Jordan McConnell (guitar, pipes, whistles, vocals), Leonard Podolak (banjo, vocals) and Scott Senior (percussion). Tickets: \$20, senior \$18, 10 and under \$10. 7:30 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill. (802) 254-9276. www.twilightmusic.org. www.nextstagearts.org.

RANDOLPH. Concert: Seventh Annual Bicycle Tour with Peter Mulvey. Jazzy folk. Adults \$23; students \$15. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org. www.petermulvey.com.

**RUTLAND.** Stand-up Comedy: Drew Carey. Mature audiences only, 16+, please. Tickets: \$39.75. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

RUTLAND. Workshop: Hat Trick. Instructor: Jennifer Usher of Make It Sew. Please bring a hat (or 2) that you would like to add an accent to! We will create decorations with ribbon, yarn, feathers, beads, fabric, and imagination. Materials provided, and bring anything you would like to use or share. Fee \$20. 12 noon - 4 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S. Main St. (802) 775-0356. chaffeeartcenter.org.

SHOREHAM. Annual Lazyman's Lobster and Ham Dinner. \$20 for lazyman's lobster-no shell, no work, just lobster, butter, and a few cracker drums. \$10 for baked ham with or without pineapple. BOth include baked potato, tossed salad, homemade rolls and pies, and beverages. 5-7 pm, seatings at 5 & 6 pm. Shoreham Congregational Church, School Rd. For reservations (highly recommended if you want lobster) call Judy Blake at (802) 897-2780.

SPRINGFIELD. Workshop: Painting with Water-Soluble Oils. Local artist, Robert Sydorowich will provide you with the hands-on techniques you need to master his exciting new medium. The workshop is for beginner, intermediate, and advanced painters. Fee \$70. Material list upon registration. 9 am - 5 pm. Gallery at the Vault, 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111 www.galleryvault.org.



### Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night

Do not go gentle into that good night, Old age should burn and rave at close of day; Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Though wise men at their end know dark is right, Because their words had forked no lightning they Do not go gentle into that good night.

Good men, the last wave by, crying how bright Their frail deeds might have danced in a green bay, Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Wild men who caught and sang the sun in flight, And learn, too late, they grieved it on its way, Do not go gentle into that good night.

Grave men, near death, who see with blinding sight Blind eyes could blaze like meteors and be gay, Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

And you, my father, there on the sad height, Curse, bless, me now with your fierce tears, I pray.

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#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

**CHARLOTTE.** Concert: "It is Time—Songs of Expectancy at the Still Point of the Year." Performed by the Social Band. Suggested donation \$15.3 pm. Charlotte Congregational Church, 403 Church Hill Rd. info@socialband.org. www.socialband.org.

CHESTER. 12th Annual Vermont Voices. Vermont writers share their work. Photographer and writer Peter Miller presents his most recent book, A Lifetime of Vermont People. A book signing and reception will follow. Free. 2 pm at the First Universalist Church in the Stone Village. (802) 875-3400. www.mvbooks.com.

CHESTER. Green Mountain Express hosts Monthly Open Mike Country Jamboree. All musicians and singers, bands and singles welcome. Refreshments, raffles and 50/50 tickets on sale. Admission \$5 donation. 1-4 pm. Gassetts Grange, junction of Rts. 10 & 103N. (802) 875-2637. Also December 15.

ESSEX. Book & Author Event. Meet Vermont author Megan Price and retired Maine Chief Warden Parker Tripp as they discuss Maine Wild-Adventures of Fish & Game Wardens. Free. 11 am – 1 pm. At Phoenix Books, 21 Essex Way, #407. (802) 872-7111. www.phoenixbooks.biz. www.vermontwild.com.

MIDDLEBURY. Holiday Decoration Demonstration. Lynne Boie will show participants how to create three types of holiday decorations: a Thanksgiving table decoration, a holiday topiary, and a winter wreath, using primarily natural materials. Advance registration recommended. \$12. 2-4 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. (802) 388-2117. henrysheldonmuseum.org.

MOUNT HOLLY. Book and Author Event: Vermont Author Megan Mayhew Bergman with her debut short story collection, Birds of a Lesser Paradise. Free, everyone welcome. 4 pm. Mt Holly Town Library. (802) 228-3236. www.thebooknookvt.com.

NORWICH. Contra Dance with Northern Spy. Caller: David Millstone. All dances taught. Beginners welcome. No partner necessary. Please bring a separate pair of softsoled shoes for dancing. 8 pm. Admission \$8 (students \$5, under 16 free, seniors by donation). Tracy Hall. (802) 785-4607. Second Saturdays through June 2013.

PLAINFIELD. Monthly Sacred Harp Sing. A free event, with beginners and loaner books available. 3-5 pm at the Community Center above the Co-op in Plainfield. For more information, contact Lynnette Combs at (802) 426-3850. lynnettecombs@gmail.com. Second Sundays.

WEST PAWLET. A Pancake Breakfast. Variety of pancakes; waffles, scrambled eggs, home fries, sausage and bacon, beverages. 7:30-11 am. Adults \$7, children \$5. At the fire house on Rt. 153 (Main St.).

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#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

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



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#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

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

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

ROCHESTER. Rochester Area Sports Trail Alliance's Vermont Backcountry Ski Forum. The purpose of the forum is to open and advance a dialogue among land owners/managers, recreationists, economic developers, industry leaders and public safety providers. 6-9 pm at Pierce Hall Community Center, 38 S. Main St. (802) 767-3836. idigvt.com/event/back-country-ski-forum.

RUTLAND. Workshop: Wampum Weaving. Instructor: Celeste Walker. Learn how to weave America's first currency! The skills learned will allow you to make larger projects such as a choker or belt on your own. Age: 13+. Fee \$45. 3:30-5 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S. Main St. (802) 775-0356. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

SAXTONS RIVER. "Make It a Handmade Holiday" Workshop: Lip Balms. Projects and techniques are easy to learn, with options to create your own unique piece. Fee: \$20. 6-8 pm. River Artisans Cooperative, 26B Main St. (802) 869-2099. riverartisans.wordpress.com.

WOODSTOCK. "National Theatre Live" on the big screen: Macbeth, with Kenneth Branagh. Tickets: adults \$20, students \$12. 7:30 pm. Woodstock Town Hall Theatre, 31 The Green. (802) 457-3981. www.pentanglearts.org. Also November 21.

welcome. Free, donations accepted. Every Thursday, 5-7 pm in the Social Hall of the Unitarian Church, 7 Church St. (802) 457-2557.



### **Enjoy Holiday Shopping at the Farm Store at Shelburne Farms**

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The Welcome Center and Farm Store is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.) Sales support the work of the nonprofit Shelburne Farms.

Shelburne Farms is located in Shelburne, VT.

For more information, call adults and children. If the (802) 985-8442. Visit www.



#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

BURLINGTON. Book & Author Event. Paul Gillies discusses his book, Uncommon Law, Ancient Roads, and Other Ruminations on Vermont Legal History. Free. 7 pm. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

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MONTPELIER. Bethany Bowl. A community meal that is free to all. 9 am -2 pm. At the Fellowship Hall, Bethany Church, 115 Main St. (802) 223-2424. www.bethanychurchvt.org. Every Tuesday.

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

HARTFORD. Public Talk by Matthew Bigl---"The Geology of the Area: How the Glaciers Shaped the Landscape and Soil Structure of This Area." Free. 6:30 pm. Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple St. (802) 295-3077. www.hartfordhistory.org.

#### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

BELLOWS FALLS. Bellows Falls Third Friday-BF3F. Stores and galleries in town and the surrounding area host special exhibits and events from 5-8 pm. Bellows Falls Farmers Market, 4-7 pm, Waypoint Center. Pickup a flier at Village Square Booksellers, 32 The Square. (802) 463-9404. villagesquarebooks.com. Third Fridays.

BURLINGTON. Vermont Humanities Council Fall Conference: Music and the Human Experience. Lectures and performances on music and the brain, Mozart's genius, the historical development of jazz and its cross-cultural influences, Arabic music, Stravinsky's revolutionary Rite of Spring, folk music traditions, and Beethoven and the Beatles. Fee: \$129 (\$79 student) includes breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Friday night dinner \$40. 6-10 pm. Dudley H. Davis Center, University of Vermont. (802) 262-2626 x 304. www. vermonthumanities.org. Thru Nov 16, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

LEBANON, NH. Original Musical: Underland. Admission by donation. 7 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. info@ lebanonoperahouse.org. trumbullhalltroupe.com. lebanonoperahouse.org. Also Nov 16 & 17.





## Vermont Country Calendar

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

BARRE. Concert: The Country Jamboree. Featuring the music of Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash, Tammy Wynette, Willie Nelson, Loretta Lynn, Merle Haggard and more. Tickets \$15-\$30. 7 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. Box office: (802) 476-8188. Information: (802) 476-0292. www.barreoperahouse.org

BELLOWS FALLS. Concert: Boston Mandolins Ensemble. The mandolin and its lower-pitched relatives, the mandola and mandocello (along with classical guitar) explore both contemporary and historical music. Admission. 7:30 pm. Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 463-3100. www.stonechurcharts.org.

BRANDON. Concert: John Funkhouser Trio. Tickets \$15. A dinner & show for \$30. Reservations are encouraged. 7 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 465-4071.

BRATTLEBORO. Concert: Manuel Valera and New Cuban Express. Valera represents the new generation of Latin Jazz playersfluent in music from both their home country (Cuba) and the jazz lineage. Tickets: \$20 general admission; students \$15. 8 pm. Vermont Jazz Center, 72 Cotton Mill Hill. (802) 254-9088. www.vtjazz.org.

**BROOKFIELD.** Hunter's Breakfast. 5-11 am. Also Christmas Fair from 5 am - 12 pm. First Congregational Church, Pond Village, corner of Ridge Rd. & Rt. 65.

ESSEX. Book & Author Event. Helen Hipp, A Different Kind of Safari story time and activities. Learn all about Rosie the Pink Hippo, and how she can help us be happy about being different. All ages welcome. Giveaways, music, and a drawing for a signed copy of the book. Free. 2 pm. Phoenix Books, 21 Essex Way. (802) 872-7111. kristen@ phoenixbooks.biz. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

RUTLAND. Holiday Fair of Vermont. Sponsored by the Vermont Farmers Market. The largest Holiday show of its kind in Southern Vermont. Over sixty vendors with every kind of Vermont-made crafts, Thanksgiving and Christmas decor, baked goods, gourmet specialty foods, jams and jellies, everything maple. Gift boxes and shipping available. 9 am - 4 pm. The Holiday Inn, Rt. 7 South. For info call Sherry Smith at (518) 796-2609 or visit vtfarmersmarket.org. Also December 14.

RUTLAND. Concert: Get The LED Out. The songs in all their depth and glory with the studio overdubs that Zeppelin themselves never performed live. Tickets: \$25.75/\$29.75. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

SHARON. Sharon Sprouts Market. Local vendors will offer fresh vegetables, meats, poultry, eggs, breads, pies, quiche, herbs, canned produce, Greek specialties, and a selection of handmade crafts in gym from 10 am - 1 pm at Sharon Elementary, exit 2 off I-89. Info: Keenan Haley at (802) 763-7425. www.sharon.owsu.org.

SHELBURNE. Moonlit Wagon Rides. Put on a fleece, grab some hot apple cider, and enjoy the crisp fall evening on a half-hour horse-drawn wagon ride. Hot apple cider will be provided or bring your own hot beverage. Fee: \$10 adult, \$7 children under 12. At 5:15, 6, 6:45 & 7:30 pm, weather permitting. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. Call to register: (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org

**SPRINGFIELD.** Workshop: Painting the Vibrant Color of Fall in Watercolor. Learn to paint the beautiful fall colors with watercolorist, Robert J. O'Brien. This class is open to all abilities with some drawing experience recommended. Fee \$70. Materials list upon registration. 9:30 am - 4 pm. Gallery at the Vault, 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. galleryvault@ vermontel.net. www.galleryvault.org.

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Weekends. Board the farm wagon pulled by a team of draft horses for a brisk ride around the farm. Rides will be offered from 10:30 am - 3 pm each weekend. Admission (includes all exhibits, activities, barns, and restored farmhouse) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. 10 am - 3:30 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@ billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. Also November 17, 23 & 24, 29, 30 & December 1.

WOODSTOCK. 4th Annual Woodstock Vermont Film Series: 5 Broken Cameras. Tickets prices: adults (16 & up) \$132 for 14-film package or \$11 per film. Children ages 3-15, \$6 per film. For a complete list of screenings and ticket information go to www.billingsfarm.org/filmfest or call (802) 457-2355. 3 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

BELLOWS FALLS. Concert: After the Rodeo. Brunch will be served. Admission charged. 12-2:30 pm at Popolo, 36 the Square. (802) 460-7676. info@popolo. us. popolomeanspeople.com.

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

CHESTER. 12th Annual Vermont Voices. Vermont writers share their work. Historian Howard Coffin will present his book, Something Abides, Discovering the Civil War in Today's Vermont. A book signing and reception will follow. Free. 2 pm at the First Universalist Church in the Stone Village. (802) 875-3400. mvbooks@vermontel.net. www.mvbooks.com.

FAIR HAVEN. Fair Haven Historical Society Genealogy Seminar. Learn the skills necessary to climb your family tree. Beginner class will teach the fundamentals of genealogy, from local records to websites, with a focus on local research. 2-4 pm. Fair Haven Grade School Learning Center. (802) 265-4791.

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

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### Aviary A New Exhibition Celebrating Birds

BigTown Gallery in Rochester, VT is presenting an exhi- teacher and best-selling aubition celebrating birds entitled Aviary, on display through November 30. It is free and open o the public.

The exhibition salutes our bird friends as they undertake their winter journeys, with photography by Virginia Beahan, Kirsten Hoving, Tad Merrick and Rosamond Purcell; collage by Varujan Boghosian, Jessica Ferguson, Marcy Hermansader, and Erika Lawlor Schmidt; painting by Gail Boyajian, Anda Dubinskis, Nancy Taplin, and 19th century British Field Book watercolors; textiles by Pat dipaula Klein and Bhakti Ziek; sculpture by David Bumbeck and Hugh Townley; woodblock print by Anthony Lapaglia; and featuring birdcarving by local artists Remy Lary and Floyd Scholz and guest artist Tom Head.

BigTown Conversations presents a lecture by Floyd Scholz, Master Birdcarver, entitled "A Love of Birds, A Passion for Art" on Saturday, November 2nd at BigTown Gallery at 3 p.m. VINS will have live raptors present.

Floyd Scholz, long-time Hancock, VT resident and founder of the Vermont Raptor Academy, is recognized as one of Projects. Seating for the lecture is limited, please RSVP to the preeminent Birdcarvers in the world today. Mastercarver, reserve your place.

thor, Scholz's portrayal of eagles, hawks, owls and other species have won him a following among museums and collectors worldwide.

Mr. Scholz will talk about his 43 years of birdcarving. Floyd will take us through his process of transforming an ordinary block of Tupelo wood into a majestic bird.

Audience members will have the first opportunity to enter a raffle for a chance to win a Redtailed Hawk feather, carved and painted by Floyd Scholz, which he has donated to benefit BigTown



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## **Vermont Country** Calendar

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

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

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

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

LEBANON, NH. Upper Valley Community Band presents Sound Off! Great for grade schoolers. Admission \$2. 10 am. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. info@lebanonoperahouse.org. www.lebanonoperahouse.org.

MONTPELIER. Bethany Bowl. A community meal that is free to all. 9 am -2 pm. At the Fellowship Hall, Bethany Church, 115 Main St. (802) 223-2424. www. bethanychurchvt.org. UCCBethany@comcast.net. Every Tuesday.

POULTNEY. Open House. Come celebrate The Nature Conservancy's new Southern Vermont office. Public invited. 3:30-6:30 pm. 348 Bentley Ave. (802) 229-4425 x 115. vtevent@tnc.org. www.nature.org.

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

CRAFTSBURY COMMON. Free Community Dinner. We have a good time with old and new friends. The food is great; the fellowship is wonderful-and you don't have to wear fancy clothes! 6 pm. United Church of Craftsbury, 7 Church Lane. (802) 586-8028. *Third* Wednesdavs.

NORWICH. Book & Author Event. Ed Behr, 50 Foods. Simple, practical information about buying, using, preparing, and enjoying. Behr focuses on aroma, appearance, flavor, and texture to determine what "the best" means for each food. Free. 7 pm. Norwich Bookstore, 291 Main St. (802) 649-1114. info@ norwichbookstore.com. www.norwichbookstore.com.

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

#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

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

CHESTER. Wreath-Making Workshop. Decorating a full 22" pre-made evergreen wreath with a variety of specially collected greens, natural materials, bows, and other decorations, plus all the wire, glue guns, and equipment necessary. Refreshments included. Fee \$40. 6:30-8 pm at Willard Hall, behind and below St. Luke1s Episcopal Church, 313 Main St. (Rt. 11 West, next to the Moon Dog Café). For reservations call Lillian Willis at (802) 875-1340 or lbwillisct@comcast.net. Also November 22 & 23.

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



NORWICH. Third Annual Pages in the Pub: "Great Holiday Gifts." Meet in our local pub to discuss books of all kinds. The presenters include book lovers from the library, the blog, the bookstore, and a special guest from the community. \$10 admission includes a beverage and a donation to the Norwich Public Library. 7-8:30 pm at the Norwich Inn. (802) 649-1114. info@norwichbookstore. com. www.norwichbookstore.com.

RUTLAND. Workshop: Furniture Rehab. Instructor: Robin Taft. "Recover" a small piece of furniture using decorative "tree-free paper." All finishing materials included. Bring a small piece of furniture and an empty jar to hold finishing material. Fee \$60. 5-8 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S. Main St. (802) 775-0356. info@chaffeeartcenter.org. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

SAXTONS RIVER. "Make It a Handmade Holiday" Workshop: Cookie Exchange. Projects and techniques are easy to learn, with options to create your own unique piece. Class fee: \$20. 6-8 pm. River Artisans Cooperative, 26B Main St. (802) 869-2099. shop@riverartisans.com. www.riverartisans.wordpress.com.

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

#### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

CHESTER. Wreath-Making Workshop. Decorating a full 22" pre-made evergreen wreath with a variety of specially collected greens, natural materials, bows, and other decorations, plus all the wire, glue guns, and equipment necessary. Refreshments included. Fee \$40. 9-10:30 am or 1-2:30 pm at Willard Hall, behind and below St. Luke1s Episcopal Church, 313 Main St. (Rt. 11 West, next to the Moon Dog Café). For reservations call Lillian Willis at (802) 875-1340 or lbwillisct@comcast.net. Also November 23.

PUTNEY. Concert: An evening of bluegrass and Americana music with the award-winning Claire Lynch Band plus local favorite Hot Mustard. Tickets: \$20, senior \$18, 10 and under \$10. 7:30 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill. (802) 254-9276. www.twilightmusic.org. www.nextstagearts.org.

RUTLAND. 5th Annual Holiday Craft Fair. 4-7:30 pm. Grace Congregational United Church of Christ, 8 Court St. (802) 775-4301. www.gracechurchvt.org.

RUTLAND. Comedy: David Sedaris. A master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today. Tickets: \$59.75/\$64.75/\$69.75. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

STOWE. Stowe Ski Swap. Come and sell your new or lightly used cross-country skis, boots, poles and snowshoes and pick up something new! Drop off Friday 2:30-6:30 pm, sale Friday 6:45-8 pm and Saturday 9 am – 4 pm. Pick-up Saturday 5-8 pm. Proceeds benefit VTXC, a Stowe-area based ski club that provides professional level coaching for athletes of all ages. Trapp Family Lodge Outdoor Center, 700 Trapp Hill Rd. (802) 253-5755. Also November 23.

WALPOLE, NH. The Orchard School's 18th Annual Craft Fair and Café. More than 40 locally (and nationally) known artisans. All of the crafters live and work within a 40-mile radius of Walpole. 6-8:30 pm. Walpole Town Hall. (603) 835-2495. Also November 23.

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

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ated objects to puzzles, Tshirts, and toys you can find that unusual and perfect gift. seven days a week from May The Museum has a wide selection of natural history books, children's stories, and information about birds, gardens, woodcarving and nature journaling.

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curate wood carvings of birds in natural habitat settings, and changing exhibit spaces showcasing current art and science projects of the region. Most carvings are Vermont birds, with several carvings of tropical, and extinct or endangered North American birds.

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The Birds of Vermont Mu-From one-of-a kind cre- seum is located at 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. in Huntington, VT. The Museum is open 1 - Oct 31 and by appointment at all other times.

Special events throughout the year include slide shows, bird walks, carving demonstrations and classes, and children's programs.

To schedule a visit, call



LEBANON, NH. Middle Eastern and American Belly Dance Showcase. Admission \$28/\$22. 7:30 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. info@ lebanonoperahouse.org. www.lebanonoperahouse.org.

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

MONTPELIER. Tony Demarco and Siobhan Butler Irish Fiddle and Dance Workshop. A great opportunity for players of different instruments to learn the same versions of tunes so they can play them together. Workshop fee: \$25. 11 am - 1 pm. Summit School, 46 Barre St. (802) 917-1186. www.summitschool.wix.com/summitschool.

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

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NORWICH. Contra Dance with Cuckoo's Nest. Caller: Ruth Sylvester. All dances taught. Beginners are welcome. No partner is necessary. Please bring a separate pair of softsoled shoes for dancing. Admission \$8, students \$5, under 16 free, seniors by donation. 8 pm, beginners session 7:45 pm. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 785-4607. rbarrows@ cs.dartmouth.edu. Every fourth Saturday.

ROCHESTER. Annual Christmas Sale. Greens, food, fudge, crafts and a White Elephant table. 9 am - 12:30 pm. Federated Church, Fellowship Hall, 15 N. Main St.

RUTLAND. 5th Annual Holiday Craft Fair. 9 am - 2 pm. Grace Congregational United Church of Christ, 8 Court St. (802) 775-4301. www.gracechurchvt.org

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

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Weekends. Board the farm wagon pulled by a team of draft horses for a brisk ride around the farm. Rides will be offered from 10:30 am - 3 pm each weekend. Admission (includes all exhibits, activities, barns, and restored farmhouse) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. 10 am 3:30 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm. org. Also November 24, 29, 30 & December 1.

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

BELLOWS FALLS. Concert: Mark Erelli and Hayley Reardon. Brunch will be served. Admission charged. 12-2:30 pm at Popolo, 36 the Square. (802) 460-7676. info@popolo.us. popolomeanspeople.com.

CHESTER. 12th Annual Vermont Voices. Vermont writers share their work. Honorary Vermonter Jon Katz (he lives just over the border in New York) will talk about his new book, Second Chance Dog. A book signing and reception will follow. Free. 2 pm at the First Universalist Church in the Stone Village. (802) 875-3400. mvbooks.com.

LEBANON, NH. Performance: Ruckus-A Cirque Spetacular. Admission: adults \$25, 65+ and 17 and younger \$14. 2 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. www.lebanonoperahouse.org.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Vermont Gun & Knife Show. Antiques & collectibles, free appraisals, buying, selling trading. Admission. Open to the public. Free parking. Sat 9 am – 5 pm, Sun 9 am – 3 pm. American Legion #26, 129 S. Main St. (802) 875-4540, (802) 380-8351. www. greenmtgunshowtrail.com. Also November 25.

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Weekends. Board the farm wagon pulled by a team of draft horses for a brisk ride around the farm. Rides will be offered from 10:30 am - 3 pm each weekend. Admission (includes all exhibits, activities, barns, and restored farmhouse) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. 10 am - 3:30 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www. billingsfarm.org. Also November 29, 30 & December 1.

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

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

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#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

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#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

CHITTENDEN. Thanksgiving Buffet in The Barn. Chef Casey and his team are planning a menu of traditional Thanksgiving items and some new ones as well. Music by Dayve Huckett Call to reserve your seat with family & friends. Adults \$39, children 12 and under \$17. Noon - 4 pm. The Barn at The Mountain Top Inn & Resort, 195 Mountain Top Rd. (802) 483-2311. mountaintopinn.com.

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

MONTPELIER. Summit School Players Jam. Share music. a meal, and help Summit School sustain its programs! Suggested Donation \$5. 6-8 pm. Summit School, 46 Barre St. (802) 917-1186. Every fourth Thursday.

#### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

BELLOWS FALLS. Walpole Artisan Tour. Open Studio Tour, occuring in Bellows Falls, VT and Walpole, NH. Free. 10 am - 5 pm. Sherwin Art Glass Studio, 33 Bridge St. (802) 376-5744. walpoleartisans.org. Through December 1.

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RUTLAND. Rusty Dewees: The Holiday Variety Show. Everybody's favorite uncle dances and prances. Fiddler Don Commo and guitarist Peter Wilder join Rusty on guitar and drums. Some cussin'. Tickets: \$24. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org. Also November 30.

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WOODSTOCK. 4th Annual Woodstock Vermont Film Series: In the Shadow of the Moon. Tickets prices: adults (16 & up) \$132 for 14-film package or \$11 per film. Children ages 3-15, \$6 per film. For a complete list of screenings and ticket information go to www.billingsfarm. org/filmfest or call (802) 457-2355. 3 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. www.billingsfarm.org.

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LEBANON, NH. Warren Miller Presents Ticket to Ride. A skiing and snowboarding film. Admission \$21. 7:30 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park Street. (603) 448-0400. info@lebanonoperahouse.org. www.lebanonoperahouse.org.

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## <u>Chandler Music Hall</u> No Strings Marionette Co. Premiers "The Three Pigs"

No Strings Marionette Company premiers a brand-new show for family entertainment on Thanksgiving weekend in their presentation of "The Three Pigs" at Chandler Music Hall in Randolph, VT on Saturday November 30 at 11 a.m.

Dan Baginski and Barbara Paulson, co-founders of the company, bring their creativity and sense of humor to this new look at an old tale. Their new production offers audiences a hilarious romp through an opera stage, an artist's studio, and the problem-solving mind of an innovative designer of buildings. An original script, handmade puppets, and fanciful scenery bring this imaginative tale to life.

Baginski and Paulson have toured New England for more than fifteen years, performing at hundreds of schools, libraries, festivals and community events. They have dazzled tens of thousands of children and adults with their marionette magic.

Although many puppet shows curtain off the puppeteers from the audience, Baginski and Paulson perform in full view of their audience. "We find that children are interested in seeing how the puppets work and how we do things," says Baginski. After the performance, children and their parents are invited to inspect the marionettes and the other tools of the puppeteers' trade.

Given these miniature actors' proven hold on audience attention, Dan and Barbara avail themselves of this golden opportunity to impart themes of sharing and giving which are artfully presented in their production.

Paulson and Baginski leave their audiences with something to think about, "entertainment with a twist", says Baginski.

In their newest production, audience members discover how a sensational singer, a prolific painter, and an industrious

architect deal with the non-stop taunting of a puffed-up bully. Patrons are invited to visit Chandler's annual Holiday bazaar before and after the show. Shoppers will find an array of handmade gifts and delicious treats from more than fifty artisans and specialty food producers.

All seats for this premier performance are \$6. General admission tickets may be ordered online at www.chandlerarts.org by calling Kathy at (802) 728-6464 between 3-6 p.m. weekdays. They can also be purchased at the Chandler Box Office before the performance. Chandler Music Hall is wheelchair accessible.

Chandler Music Hall is located at 71-73 Main St., Randolph, VT. For more information call (802) 728-9878. www. chandler-arts.org.

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### 12th Annual Holiday Artisans' **Bazaar at Chandler Music Hall**

Holiday Artisans' Bazaar and new exhibitors. Among opens November 16. The finest in local fine and functional arts and crafts and local specialty food products will be available at Chandler Gallery in Randolph, VT. Bazaar hours are Wednesdays 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 3p.m., and Sundays from 12-3 p.m. through December 23.

The works of more than 40 artisans represent the broad range of talent in the region and this year's bazaar

Chandler's 12th Annual features both returning artists the wide range of products available, shoppers will find wooden ware, pottery, woven goods, note cards, jewelry, ornaments, photography, paintings and specialty food items including fine chocolates, biscotti, brittles, and goats milk caramel. 

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### **Singer/Songwriter Peter Mulvey at Chandler**

Singer/songwriter Peter Mulvey brings his eclectic music and unique style to Chandler Music Hall in Randolph, VT on Saturday November 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Over the past 20 years, Peter Mulvey has pursued a restless, diverse path as a writer and musician immersing himself in Tin Pan Alley jazz, modern acoustic music, poetry, narrative, and Americana stylings.

He tours continually, feeling that "when you love what you do, you can work all the time." In addition to his own performances as a headliner, he has shared the stage with such notable musicians as Emmylou Harris, Richard Thompson, Ani DiFranco, The Indigo Girls, and Greg Brown, and has attracted audiences that stretch from Anchorage to Amsterdam.

In every aspect of his career, Mulvey draws on a wide range of influence. He is always reading, listening, and eager to hear new poetry, modern minimalist composers, old-time fiddle tunes, Argentinean trip-hop, or top-shelf bar bands. Said The Irish Times, "Peter Mulvey is consistently the most original and dynamic of the US singer-songwriters to tour these shores. A phenomenal performer with huge energy, a quick fire, quirky take on life, and an extraordinary guitar style. A joy to see."

Mulvey is convinced of the value of live performances for both the musician and the audience and strives to make a fresh, vital moment out of everything he and the audience bring to the table on a particular night. "People need this. I need this. To come together in a room, to try to make music come alive, for real, for right now, and then to let it go and that is the whole deal for me."

Mulvey's fifteenth record, The Good Stuff, was released in March 2012. His twenty years on the road, performing songs from his own catalog and from a vast and varied collection of classic and obscure covers, provide the foundation for this recording.

Recorded in just three days, the performances feature upright bassist Paul Kochanski, violinist Randy Sabien, guitarist David Goodrich, and drummer Jason Smith, Many of the songs on Mulvey's list were unfamiliar to some or all of the musicians in the room and they created an arrangement on the fly and recorded it immediately."When everything isn't planned head of time, it can be magical how each musician finds a way into the song," says Mulvey.

The point of departure is always a great song, a great classic, whether enshrined in the canon or not. Mulvey's latest record is an argument for the Great American Songbook not as a musty tome, but as a living, breathing document, always open to renewal and revision.

Reserved tickets to Peter Mulvey's performance at Chandler can be ordered online at www.chandler-arts.org or by calling the Chandler Box Office 3-6 p.m. weekdays. Chandler Music Hall is handicap accessible and an assisted listening system is available.

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### My Heart's In the Highlands

My heart's in the Highlands, my heart is not here: My heart's in the Highlands a-chasing the deer; Chasing the wild deer, and following the roe, My heart's in the Highlands wherever I go. Farewell to the Highlands, farewell to the North, The birthplace of valour, the country of worth; Wherever I wander, wherever I rove, The Hills of the Highlands for ever I love.

Farewell to the mountains high covered with snow; Farewell to the straths and green valleys below; Farewell to the forests and wild-hanging woods; Farewell to the torrents and loud-pouring floods; My heart's in the Highlands, my heart is not here, My heart's in the Highlands a-chasing the deer; Chasing the wild deer, and following the roe.



Peter Mulvey, singer-songwriter extraordinaire, is coming to Randolph, VT. photo by Claudia Valdez



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## Language of the Day

#### by Burr Morse

I got a distinct message on October 12 in another language, the universal language of "changing seasons". It came with our first snowflakes and was instantly translated in vastly different ways; to our Hawaiian guests, it brought appropriate awe but to me, Vermonter of many winters, it brought a stern "Oh c'mon, not this early!". It was, however, real, unavoidable, and most especially, nature. Nature...I wonder if she'll simply "photocopy" last winter's lethargy or "sock it to us"? If it's the latter, my thoughts go to the wild animals who will have four months of struggle ahead.

My son Tommy recently brought in a "Field and Stream" caliber photo of a six-point buck he'd captured on his digital camera. The buck stood majestically under an apple tree just a stone's throw from his house. With both hunting season and winter coming right up I wonder, will this guy's future include "frigid Vermont" or "Frigidaire"? One of our employees, Sheryl Larkin brought in a whole portfolio of Vermont wildlife taken by her husband's webcam down in their apple

#### "I'll light a fire tonight and sleep peacefully, knowing there's a roof over my head and a total absence of wild camels"

orchard—bear, deer, raccoons, turkeys, coyotes—yikes, I thought, Orwell's "Animal Farm" and "1984" come alive right there in Northfield, Vermont!

Folks always get a kick out of the Vermont maple process, including my suggestion, after removing my cap, that drinking maple sap causes baldness. I then go on to the subject of local varmints that shatter our maple sugar world. Deer, moose and squirrels pose a three-pronged attack these days on our plastic tubing systems. Of the three, squirrels with their incessant gnawing, are by far the worst.

Recently a southern lady spoke up after I had showed the picture of a sap line severed by one of the varmints, "c'n ah assume from yah remahks that y'all have an abundance o' squirrels?" Our sugarhouse presentation here at Morse Farm reveals some humorous "peculiarities" of the dance o' baldheaded squirrels. That not only "brought the house down" but activated my creative bent toward a future Seussianesque children's book...how 'bout "Bald Heads and Scram"?





Visitors enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride to the pumpkin patch in the late-October sun at Cedar Circle Farm, E. Thetford, VT.

On the same day, another of our sugarhouse guests, a guy from Down Under, wanted to tell me about a certain pest they have these days in Australia's outback. "Thought y'd loike t'heah abaaat one of ahh pists back howhm, myte—kimmels!" Being still in the "squirrel" mode, I stupidly said, "you mean camel squirrels—do they have humped backs?" He shot back quicker'n a Darwin dust storm, "no, no myte—oiye mean kimmels—bloody stinkin' kimmels!" He went on to say that it's not only kangaroos posing pest problems back home but feral camels (someone once brought them in from

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"bloody Ayrebia"). "Th'buggahs'll crash down ahh finces an at 'noite whinn we're aslipe in ahh ricks, they'll crush us t'dith!" Being rather influent in this "second language." I questioned him about "ricks" and learned they sleep under the stars over there in mattresses made of hay (ricks). Stupidly I asked about the rain—"Good hiivens myte, we hahve no ryne in th'outbahck!"

There's certainly no lack of variety in our foliage season sugarhouse. We see folks from all over the world but most especially, we hear about their customs, hear how they talk, and learn new things from them. We also learn to "dream" of things like bald-headed squirrels in VERmont maple trees—what a "hoot"!

As I close this writing, I think again of Northfield and East Montpelier wildlife: bear, raccoons, coyotes, turkeys, prizewinning bucks, and, worst of all, squirrels. Yup, they're all part of life around here just like the guarantee that winter's coming on.

Brrrrr...think I'll light a fire tonight and sleep peacefully, knowing there's a roof over my head and a total absence of wild camels.

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### 🛰 Plants For Wildlife -

by Dr. Leonard Perry, Extension Professor, University of Vermont

With fall clean-up well underway, most gardeners, myself included, are clearing out undergrowth and unwanted vegetation from around their garden and homes. However, what we may not want may be wanted, and even needed, during the winter months by wildlife.

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

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

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

Most people are familiar with the red-osier dogwood. This native twiggy shrub is found growing along streams and in abandoned fields and has brilliant scarlet stems in mid-winter. It provides browsing for deer, bear, beaver, and rabbit. Many species of birds enjoy its bluish-black fruit, found in clusters on the ends of the stems. Ruffed grouse, pheasant, and wild turkeys especially like it. Its low growing branches provide good cover for many of these birds.

The hophornbeam, another native tree, has fruits in the fall that are a secondary food for grouse. In winter, the tree buds are this bird's primary food.

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

Leonard P. Perry, Extension Professor, UVM Department of Plant and Soil Science, can be contacted at (802) 656-0479. Check out Perry's Perennial Pages at www.uvm. edu/~pass/perry/.

### The Night Is Freezing Fast



The night is freezing fast, To-morrow comes December; And winterfalls of old Are with me from the past; And chiefly I remember How Dick would hate the cold. Fall, winter, fall; for he,

Prompt hand and headpiece clever, Has woven a winter robe, And made of earth and sea His overcoat for ever, And wears the turning globe.

> -A.E. Housman 1859-1936

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Bring some items that you have grown and/or preserved to swap. Items will be swapped on a one-for-one swapsisters@gmail.com.

Our Second Annual Har- basis. Bring items with an estimated value of \$5, or \$5 increments. For example: a quart of canned tomatoes, a jar of jelly, a loaf of bread, a large winter squash, a pound of frozen meat, a bag of dried vegetables or a tea blend. 

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# **North Country Book News**

### **Book** News Maine Wild—Adventures of Fish and Game Wardens

pickaxe swung at his head and chasing down poachers barefoot wearing only his briefs, are among the true game ten so readers feel they are sitting around a campfire under

& Game Wardens from Green Mountain author Megan Price.

Price's three-volume Vermont Wild, Adventures of Fish & Game Wardens book series has been a best seller at many independent Vermont bookstores and gift shops for several years, selling more than 23,000 copies.

Now, Price has reached into Maine, to chronicle the often dangerous, frequently wacky adventures of retired warden Parker Tripp, who earned the coveted title of Chief Warden before his retirement in 1998. Bob Lutz, a retired Vermont warden and talented caricaturist, provides the illustrations for each story in the new Maine Wild.

"From being bitten by bear cubs, to having a pickaxe swung at his head, to being shot at, Warden Tripp's 23-year career was action packed," Price said. "Parker's stories

will have readers on the edge of their seat and laughing at the same time."

Tripp said, "Megan has done a tremendous job of writing my stories. A former award-winning reporter, she really has

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warden stories in the new *Maine Wild*, *Adventures of Fish* the stars and the warden is right there talking to them," Price noted. "There's no bad language or excessive violence. Children and adults enjoy the stories of true warden encounters with wild moose, bears and wacky poachers. Anyone of any age who loves outdoor adventures will enjoy these stories. I really admire these wardens.'

Published in paperback by Pine Marten Press, Maine Wild, Adventures of Fish & Game Wardens contains 280 pages and features a cover illustration of a black bear cub falling from a tree with Parker making a desperate grab for it. The book is designed to be stuffed into a backpack, taken into the woods and read. All four of the books feature water-resistant covers and large, eye-friendly type. Each book sells for \$19.95.

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The Maine Wild and Vermont Wild books are available at all independent bookstores, Kinney Drugs and many other locations throughout Vermont. They can also be ordered online using Paypal or by mailing a check. For a sneak preview of the Maine Wild stories, visit ParkerTripp.com or go to the publisher's website, www. PineMartenPress.com, to see all four Vermont Wild books by Megan Price.

### **Megan Price and Parker** Tripp Talk about *Maine Wild*

Green Mountain author Megan Price and retired Maine Chief Game Warden Parker Tripp will be appearing together at these Vermont bookstores to talk about Megan's new book, Maine Wild—Adventures of Fish & Game Wardens. The book is the fourth in her popular series highlighting the real life adventures of our game wardens in northern New England.

Books will be available for purchase and signing and admission is free.

Friday, November 8th. Vermont Book Shop, 38 Main St., Middlebury, VT. from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 9th. Kinney Drugs, 10212 Rt. 116, Hinesburg, VT from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Saturday, November 9th. Cornerstone Pub & Kitchen, 47 N. Main St., Barre, VT. 2 to 4 p.m. Presented by Next Chapter Bookstore.

Sunday, November 10th.



Each year in November, ter Miller presents his most Chester's Misty Valley Books invites Vermont writers who have written admirable books to come to the First Universalist Church in the Stone Village, on Sundays at 2 p.m., to share their work.

As has been the case since the beginning of Vermont Voices twelve years ago, Archer Mayor, Vermont's favorite mystery writer and raconteur, returns this year on Sunday, November 3, with his new-and 24th-Joe Gunther tale, Three Can Keep a Secret, which unfolds this time with Hurricane Irene as a backdrop. Amidst the turmoil and disaster relief, it's up to Gunther and his team to learn what really happened with two corpses -one missing—and what

secret "The Governor" might still have locked in her brain. On Sunday, November 10, photographer and writer Pe-

recent book, A Lifetime of Vermont People.

The following Sunday, November 17, historian Howard Coffin will present his book Something Abides, Discovering the Civil War in Today's Vermont, a fascinating tour, town by town, with stories, anecdotes, and information about Vermonters and their role in the Civil War.

Honorary Vermonter Jon Katz (he lives just over the border in New York) will talk about his new book, Second Chance Dog, on Sunday, November 24.

A book signing and reception will follow the events, all of which are free.

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Misty Valley Book is located On the Common in Chester, VT. For more information call Misty Valley Books at (802) 875-3400 or visit www.mvbooks.com.





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### I Left My Sole in Vermont A Walker's Journey and Guide **Through Central Vermont Back Roads** by Nicole Grubman

(Published by Red Barn Books of Vermont)

One thinks of the month of November as a time to move inside, put gardens finally to bed, and get tuned for winter. Think again, says Nicole Grubman, who has written an enticing guide to walking around the back roads of central Vermont, especially during this month.

And she writes:

"Times of transition (November and March) are great for wandering and wondering. Seasons of expectancy and yearning, they are periods when being and doing are more balanced...the unobscured landscape encourages us to become more transparent. There is space to pause, circle ourselves, and explore what lies along the perimeter."

> **Book Review** by Charles Sutton

And that she does, in a sensitive and ever-observant way on 23 hidden loops for walking, covering these areas: Mad River Valley, the backsides of Montpelier, Calais, Middlesex, Northfield, Plainfield Village and beyond, Marshfield, Cabot, Berlin Pond, and Waterbury Center.

On each of her walks she notes "how treasures emerge such as old cellar holes next to overgrown lilac trees, timid black bears lumbering along the backs of fallow field, orchards heavy with ripe fruits, family graveyards tucked in odd corners, abandoned houses filled with photographs of strangers...'

Reasons cited for walking this time of year are: seethrough landscapes; crisp, fresh air; no road dust; the smell

### Excerpt from: I Left My Sole in Vermont Walk #6—Horn of the Moon, East Montpelier

by Nicole Grubman

How to get there:

From Montpelier: Head up Main Street through town and stay straight through the roundabout. Make a quick left on North Street and continue uphill to the junction with Sparrow Farm Road.

Horn of the Moon is a hilly road that begins by crossing over the Wrightsville Reservoir and weaves through a network of delightful East Montpelier roads. It connects the section of Route 14 heading toward Worcester with the County Road in East Montpelier. I asked the head of the East Montpelier Historical Society where Horn of the Moon got its name. This was his response:

As the story goes, when the first white settlers came to what

### Children's Book Review Sophie's Squash

#### by Pat Zeitlow Miller, Illustrated by Anne Wilsdorf (Published by Random House)

small children getting attached to objects (animate After that Sophie takes her part with under any circumstances. Who can ever forget Linus and his blue security blanket?

In this charming book our heroine Sophie picks out a butternut squash at the farmers' market which her parents market she asks who how she plan to serve for supper. But can keep the squash healthy. Sophie has other ideas. It is just the right size to hold A little love," the farmer tells in her arms, bounce on her knee, and just the right size to love. She puts a face on the squash and lovingly puts

We're all familiar with it to bed. No way is it going to be eaten, then or ever! or inanimate) that they won't pet squash whom she has named Bernice wherever she goes including to the library where other kids make fun of its freckles (actually spots showing its days are numbered).

Returning to the farmers' 'Fresh air. Good, clean dirt



New Hope United Methodist Church viewed from Gendron Rd. in the village of Waits River, VT.

of woodsmoke; silence; and even the "dark silhouettes of wild turkeys gliding across barren fields."

On her own hikes she dresses carefully for weather conditions, has a camera and notebook, and takes water and small snacks like trail mix, an apple or energy bar. Her book gives safety tips and advice on proper walking forms, and tips for hill walking.

Maps for all the loops are included as well as detailed instructions like where to start and finish, what turns to make, and distances. A bonus is historical write-ups on many of the locations.

Nicole urges would-be walkers to explore those dirt back

was then the Town of Montpelier around 1789, there was

an old Indian living in the northwest corner of the town. He

told someone that when his cow wandered away he found it

under the shadow of Long Meadow Hill but told the listener

This response seems like complete nonsense. Maybe the

shadow of Long Meadow Hill looks like the Horn of the

Moon. I tried to find both myself, but the shadow remained

elusive, and I have yet to spot the horn of the moon. But

persisting with my search gives me an excuse to return to

This walk begins less than a ten-minute drive from Mont-

pelier at the corner of North Street and Sparrow Farm Road.

Ideally, it should be finished at sunset. The views at this road

junction look west toward the Worcester range and make

for a gorgeous end to the day. There's also nothing better

than completing a walk, watching the sun retreat behind the

mountains, and heading into Montpelier for a microbrew and a chat with the locals at Three Penny Taproom. Check out

The walk itself is perfectly balanced, starting out with a

wooded, modest ascent up North Street. Notice the white-

washed farmhouses, gnarled maple trees, and dry stack walls

that line the road. Throughout the walk old and new are

seamlessly woven. The silence of the old walls grounds the

rhythmic sounds of rural life still active even in the "month of

waiting" (March)... The Casella trash truck grinding through

gears to get up the icy roads, the scraping of the plow making

better access for the Montpelier commuters, the soft bubbling

sound of the road breathing as the ice thaws, and the bark of

golden retrievers dutifully announcing a stranger's passing.

Moon Road. After climbing up a steep, short hill, the road

dramatically curves, exposing expansive and sweeping views

Take North Street until it ends and turn left on Horn of the

their website at www.threepennytaproom.com.

that he found it on the Horn of the Moon.

this loop again and again.

roads, many which often turn into snowmobile trails or logging roads. And she writes: "These are roads whose origins are forgotten footfalls of people, for whom it made more sense to meander around rather than break through."

In one of her more unusual walks she tells about going to Dumpling Hill off Rt. 12 north of Montpelier. "It is a friendly walk with dogs that will follow you down the road, bright colored houses, and of course, the Dumpling Hill mailbox. When you visit don't forget to stop and leave a note.

She says this light blue mailbox is different. "It begged to be reopened like it belonged to the road itself. I peeked inside and found a little notebook with a woodcut print that read "sugaring," a red ribbon, and a pen. A message in the notebook invited one to stop and listen to things we don't hear anywhere else. Have picnic, walk a bit, and leave it clean for others. Leave us a note." Messages left by others went back two years. On another visit the box contained a message for a 'Welcome Potluck' for new families. Just go to the "house with the three chimneys."

Nicole is using her walking as a meditative aid to her work in human services. She is currently working towards a graduate degree in psychology and mental health counseling. In this work she will be sharing the messages she has learned about life while on the back roads:

Walking on roads taught me that evolving and growing are more about reclaiming and remembering than anything new. Finding the hidden treasures along those dusty roads, I uncovered the beautiful, forgotten parts of myself. Loop walks guided me, after years of running away, back to the place where I started. In this continual act of returning, I led myself home."

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is available at your bookseller or can be ordered from the author. Send \$15 (includes shipping and handling) to Nicole Grubman, 422 Southwest Shore Rd., Hinesburg, VT 05461.





her. Sophie lovingly plants Bernice on a hillside before the winter snows. There's a happy ending next spring when the squash sends up a new plant with two tiny squashes. "Wow!" Sophie tells them. You look just like your mom!" Guess where they end up? She names them Bonnie and Baxter.

~**~%@**~ Sophie's Squash by Pat Zeitlow Miller and illustrated by Anne Wilsdorf is published by Random House. You can find it at your bookseller for \$16.99.

of the valley and the looming Worcester range. The rest of the walk, including the Sanders Circle Extension (taking you back farther into the bowl of the valley), is a feast for both the eyes and the soul. Complete with open views, fields mixed with woods, and a hilly but not too steep terrain, this loop has it all. The walk ends in a charming fashion as you turn left off Jacobs Road onto Sparrow Farm Road. The final leg climbs back up to North Street, passing by Sparrow Farm and continuing along a row of large sugar maples.









#### <u>Randolph, VT</u>

## Christmas in Vermont at Three Stallion Inn

#### by Charles Sutton

Families-large or small-who have ever dreamed of spending the Christmas holiday season in a country setting should consider The Three Stallion Inn located in central Vermont in the midst of a large variety of holiday musical events, outdoors sports, and winter festivities.

For outdoors enthusiasts, the Inn has its own 35 kilometers of trails for hiking, mountain biking and cross-country skiing with rental skis and snowshoes available.

Its Fitness Center, good any time of the year, includes a treadmill and other exercise and rowing machines, hand weights, a whirlpool, hot tub and a sauna. Mosr rooms at the Inn feature bathrooms with heated, marble floors and steam showers.

Holiday rates are \$387 per night for two including a hearty Vermont breakfast, three-course dinner, taxes and gratuities plus free use of the XC trails, sauna and hot tub.

#### Dining at the Inn

An added incentive to stay at Three Stallion Inn is the restaurant, run by the well-known caterers, Travelin' Willy B's, who have leased the restaurant, tavern, and its catering & conference facilities from owners Sam and Jinny Sammis.

Willy Walker and his wife Beth met and worked together at the Three Stallion Inn. They started their own catering business and developed a reputation for delicious continentalstyle food featuring local and regional ingredients.

In preparation for the newly opened restaurant, the tavern area, previously known as Morgan's Pub, has been renovated with walls featuring rich colors, cocktail tables with swivel stools, and a reconfigured bar-all adding to the room's comfortable feeling. The menu features eight appetizers that can substitute as ing. Adm. (802) 476-8188. www.barreoperahouse.org. an entree or shared offering, seasonal, entree-size salads and a tavern menu that includes steaks, burgers, sandwiches, paninis, fresh pasta dishes and both vegan and vegetarian items. There will be eight taps of local and continental beers and wines by the glass or bottle.

#### Holiday Festivities in the Area

Vermont communities and organizations are offering a wide variety of events throughout the holiday season including music, dance, winter festivals, and fun for children. All major ski slopes will be operating and the Inn is an easy drive to Killington, Suicide Six, Stowe, Mad River Glen, and Bolton Valley. The following are some of the holiday and seasonal events offered in central Vermont.

#### **Holiday Music**

Handels' Messiah. Rutland's Grace Congregational Church presents its annual presentation at 3:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday, December 8, (802) 775-4301 x 206, dchart6010@ aol.com. Middlebury's Congregational Church Messiah is at 2 p.m., Sunday, December 22, (802) 989-7355, middle bury.edu.

#### Dance

Contra Dance with Northern Spy in Norwich, VT on December 14. Caller David Millstone. Bring potluck finger food snacks. Also, New Year's Eve Contra Dance with Cuckoo's Nest. Singing at midnight. Adm. Both at 8 pm at Tracey Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 785-4607. rbarrows@cs.dartmouth.edu. Contra Dance at 8 pm December 21 in Berlin, VT. All levels. No partner needed. Adm. 8 pm at Capital City Grange, 6612 VT Rt. 12. (802) 225-8921. capitalcitygrange.org.

#### Concerts

at / pm, December 4 at Barre Opera House, 6 N Main St., Barre, VT. Her performances for display boundless energy, featuring heart-rending ballads, and world-class step danc-A leading ensemble in vocal chamber music, Lionheart, will perform the 13th century "Il Laudario di Cortona: Christmas in Medieval Italy" and other early works of music at 7:30 p.m. December 6 at the UVM Recital Hall, 460 S. Prospect St. in Burlington, VT. Adm. (802) 656-4455. www. The world premier of Celtic Music for Advent and Christmas will be performed by the 60-voice Randolph Singers community chorus directed by its composer Kathy Wonson Sam and Jinny Sammis purchased the 1,300 acre Green Eddy at 4 p.m. December 8 at Chandler Music Hall in Randolph, VT. The program celebrates seasonal music from around the world, with foreign languages spoken by native speakers including. (802) 728-9878. www.chandler-arts.org.

#### Theater

The 24-member Nebraska Theatre Caravan will present Dicken's classic A Christmas Carol at Flynn Center, 153 Main St., Burlington, VT at 7 p.m. December 13. The performance includes a live orchestra and show-stopping special effects, Adm. (802) 863-5966. box@flynncenter.org. The Albany Berkshire Ballet will perform Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker at 2 & 6 p.m. at Rutland's Paramount Theater on December 22. Adm. (802) 775-0903. paramountvt.org.

#### Festivities

Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT, will celebrate the holiday season with special event weekends December 7 through January 1. Discover the simplicity of a 19th century Vermont Christmas in an authentically decorated farmhouse and working dairy farm. Horse-drawn sleigh or wagon rides Sundays. Billings Farm and Museum, 69 Old River Rd. 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Adm. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm. org. www.billingsfarm.org.

Join Revels North in celebrating the shortest day of the year with a spectacular 'journey' to Southern Appalachia, where Native American, African and European traditions combine in astonishing music, dance and folktales. 5 p.m. December 12–15 at Hopkins Center for the Arts, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H. Adm. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

Visit Woodstock, VT for Wassail Weekend, December 13-15. Celtic holiday concert, tour Woodstock homes decorated for the holidays, 28th Annual Wassail Parade of horses and Grammy-winning Cape Breton fiddler Natalie MacMaster riders, craft fair, Wassail Tea at St. James Church, concert with "The Ten," Canto Chamber Singers, 29th Messiah Sing.

Willy and Beth invite you to step in and enjoy a fresh- uvm.edu/laneseries. made meal at an Inn that welcomes both locals and visitors.

#### An historic property

Mountain Stock Farm in 1971 with its historic farm buildings that housed a major breeding center for Morgan horses from 1927 to 1962.

Its horse fame was later transferred to skiing when, by chance, Sammis was put in contact with Olympic skiers Kim Mumford and Bob Gray who were looking for a site to run an informal ski touring center. The couple was offered the use of the farm on a sweat-equity basis. They patched up the old buildings, heated by wood, cooked on a wood stove, and skied through the surrounding woods. They were there for five years and established the place as a cross country ski center. It went on to become The Three Stallion Inn offering all-season recreation at their front door.

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#### **Especially for Children**

Children of all ages visit & stroll with Santa among many holiday activities in Vergennes. VT from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. December 7. Program includes a craft fair, silent auction, wreath sale, Santa's workshop, cookie decorating, Champlain Brass Quintet, Victory Baptist Church choir, Dickens carolers, lighted Ireland truck, and Addison County Gospel choir. For schedule go to www.addisoncounty.com or call (802) 388-7951 x 1.

For schedule call (802) 457-3555, www.woodstockvt.com.

Come calling on Ethan and Fanny Allen for a Winter's Eve Celebration in Burlington, VT. on December 14, 4–7 p.m. Period group dances, live music, historical demonstrations, lantern lit tour of the Allen House! Ethan Allen Homestead. Adm. (802) 865-4556. www.ethanallenhomestead.org.

Visit Middlebury, VT for "Night Fires." The annual winter solstice celebration performed by Theatre Group, Ltd. delivers a pageant of singing, dancing, storytelling, and visual magic. December 20-22 at Town Hall Theater, 68 South Pleasant St. Adm. (802) 382-9222. townhalltheater.org.

#### **Hockey Tournament**

Some college ice hockey families and friends will be staying at the Inn while they attend the tournament at Dartmouth in Hanover, NH, that begins with Northeastern vs Air Force at 4 p.m., Dec 29, followed by Providence taking on Dartmouth at 7 p.m. On Dec. 30 the consolation game starts at 4 p.m. and the championship game at 7 p.m. Hanover is only a 39-mile drive from the Inn, using I-89. (603) 646-2466. dartmouthsports.com



The Three Stallion Inn is located at 665 Stock Farm Rd. off Rt. 66 near I-89, exit 4, in Randolph, VT. For further information or to arrange a stay call (802) 728-5575, e-mail info@threestallioninn.com or visit threestallioninn.com.



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3 rooms, plus loft -covered porch, gas lights, plus gas cook stove - wood stove for heat - 20 acres

land – good gravel road...Priced to sell \$78,000.

2081 Chelsea. Commercial Property – 33 self storage units – permits for 2 more buildings – 5 acres of land, plus mobile home, hook up, rental....**Price \$149,500.** 

**2076 Corinth.** 18x25' Camp, with ½ loft – 90% finished wired for a generator – 25 acres of land – very private but access with a car – good views...Price \$79,900.

2092 Orange. Executive Hunting Lodge/Summer Home -3 bedrooms  $-\frac{1}{2}$  bath - gravity spring - gas

lights - refrigerator - cookstove - maple floors -

pine walls - large decks on 2 sides - 500 gal.

septic - very private - 37.9 surveyed land - good

moose, bear and deer hunting...Price \$119,000.

2097 Topsham. 81/2 acres of land - surveyed with 990' frontage, on good gravel road. (Priced over \$5,000 below town assessment) \$25,9000.

2098 Chelsea. 28x36' – 4 rooms, plus bath Camp - 4 ft. block basement - 1,000 gal. septic tank graity spring, plus pump - 500 gal. propane tank, plus generator – 10.3 acres surveyed frontage on 2 Town Rds. (\$30,000 below town assessment) \$69,500.

**2101 Washington.** 50 acres of land – frontage on Rt. 110 – private road to top with excellent views. (\$31,000 under town appraisal) Price \$51,500.

**2084 Braintree Hill.** 3 Bedroom House – full cement basement – drilled well – 2 car garage – 3.5 acres of open field - excellent views of Braintree Mt. Range – close to Randolph.....Price only \$139,000.

2093 Chelsea. 47.6 Acres Surveyed Woodland small stream - very private - good hunting area -1440 ft. frontage on gravel road......Price \$89,500.

2083 Chelsea. 50 Acres of Land - good open fields - excellent views to the south - both telephone and electric power on property - good year-round gravel Rd – private building sites...Price \$200,000.

2057 Chelsea. 207 acre farm – 2 barns – 4-bay storage building - plus 2 other storage buildings - good pond site, plus trout brook - large, old, 10 room cape with garage - very private...Reduced to \$530,000. 2086 Royalton. 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> acre building lot – surveyed driveway and in-ground septic design - small stream – year-round gravel road...Price \$49,900.

2085 Royalton. 6 acres - driveway and pond - 24x18' horse barn - in-ground septic design good gravel road.....Price \$74,900.

2094 Chelsea. 30 acres of land - driveway and campsite on good trout brook - year-round gravel road – close to village.....Price \$44,900.

2096 Orange. 34 acres land - mostly woodland very private - very good hunting land...Price \$39,500.

2100 Corinth. Approx. 15 acres – mostly woodland - very private - good get-away and hunting land ... .....Price only \$16,900.

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