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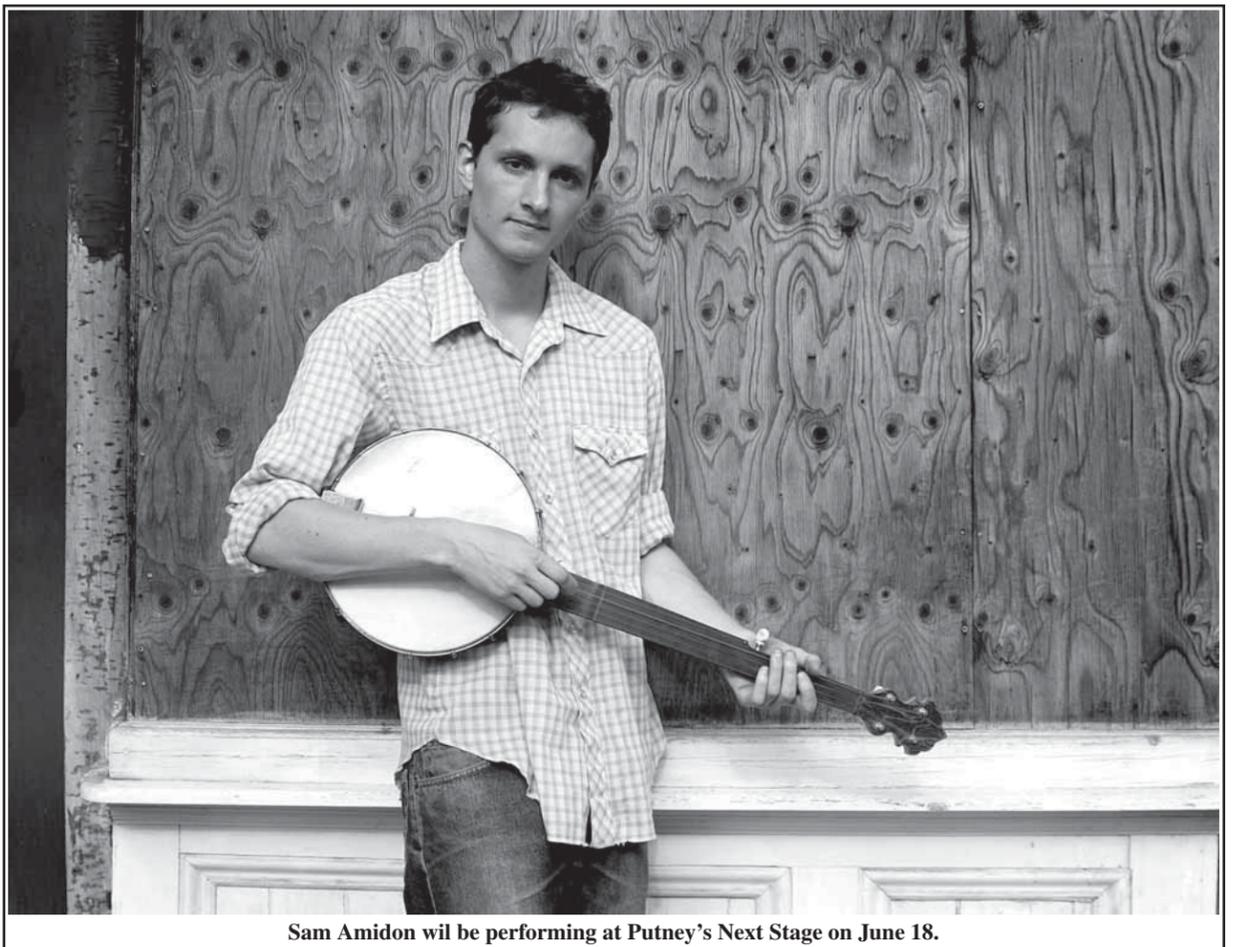
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Sam Amidon will be performing at Putney's Next Stage on June 18.

Album Release Concert

Sam Amidon Performs Radically Reworked Folksongs With Chris Vatalaro at Putney's Next Stage

Sam Amidon sings his radically reworked folksongs, accompanying himself on banjo, guitar and fiddle, Tuesday, June 18 at 7 pm at Next Stage in Putney, VT in a concert celebrating the release of his first album on the Nonesuch label: "Sweet Sunny South." Amidon is joined by multi-instrumentalist Chris Vatalaro. Alessi's Ark will start the evening.

Sam Amidon was born and raised in Brattleboro, VT by folk musicians Peter and Mary Alice Amidon. His brother Stefan is percussionist and singer with the reknowned Sweetback Sisters.

Sam Amidon had already released three albums of roots American music: "But This Chicken Proved Falsehearted," recorded at his then-home of Harlem in 2006 with Thomas Bartlett; followed by "All Is Well" in 2008 and "I See The Sign" in 2010 both recorded in Iceland with producer Valgeir Sigursson with added orchestrations by wonderkind American composer Nico Muhly. Pitchfork said of Amidon's music: "In bridging the very old and the very new on a handful of albums and collaborations, he has managed to meld the rural and the urban, the organic and the synthetic, the oral tradition and the written score." Amidon's upcoming "Bright Sunny South" is his first album with the prestigious Nonesuch record label.

Sam spent his childhood immersed in traditional music as a fiddler and singer, and at the age of 13 co-founded the infamous contra dance band Popcorn Behavior with his brother Stefan and his long-time friend Thomas Bartlett.

By 17, Sam had taken up the banjo and fallen in love with free jazz, Miles Davis, early indie rock, drone minimalism, mountain ballads and Buster Keaton films. Then, in 2002: "I moved to New York to get away from folk music and to start playing the music that I was listening to. To try improvising, to play in rock bands, whatever, and now what I do largely

is these folk tunes. I guess, partly, that singing these songs was just comforting. You're new to New York, you're singing these lonesome tunes, it feels good. But, at the same time, you have to pay attention to what people respond to. You have to find what's meaningful to you, and you find out what that is by being with friends. I found that this is what I could bring to the table, to other musicians, to Nico, to Thomas, to Bill Frisell, all these collaborations. The element I can bring that is meaningful for a musical dialogue has been folk songs."

Amidon's particular gift is not to compose new songs, but to rework and repurpose traditional melodies into a striking new form that makes them feel very much his own. He delivers these songs in a hauntingly plainspoken voice, one that encompasses sadness and stoicism, vulnerability and wisdom.

"Amidon reinterprets traditional material with a quiet intensity that makes ancient songs sound contemporary," writes the London Telegraph. "There's a quality of understatement to his vocal delivery but all kinds of shades of nuanced emotion emerge in arrangements where strange things shift beneath delicate acoustic surfaces, washes of lateral jazz and startling flourishes of experimental rock."

Sam has toured throughout the United States, the UK, Europe and Australia, performing solo and collaborating with a myriad of artists including Nico Muhly, Thomas Bartlett, Beth Orton, Shahzad Ismaily, Glen Hansard, and Bill Frisell.

Tickets, \$18/16, are available online at www.brownpapertickets.com and in person at Everyone's Bookstore, Elliot St., in Brattleboro, VT.

Next Stage is located inside 15 Kimball Hill in the center of Putney, VT. For updates and more information go to www.amidonmusic.com or contact Peter Amidon at (802) 257-1006. amidonpeter@gmail.com. www.amidonmusic.com.

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Phil Warren, teamster for Billings Farm, is driving Billings' Percheron draft horses Lynn and Sue, and a wagon full of visitors, around the farm in Woodstock, VT. photo by Billings Farm & Museum

Woodstock, VT

Summertime at Billings Farm & Museum

Billings Farm & Museum is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year. Over these past 30 years, over one million visitors – hailing from every state in the U.S. and over 40 foreign countries – have made the farm an important part of their visit to Vermont. Whether you are a visitor or make Vermont your home, plan a trip to Billings Farm this summer. 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.

June 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 — Ice Cream Sundays. June is Dairy Month! Visitors can participate in making and tasting hand-cranked ice cream at noon and 3:00 p.m., while learning the history and science of the "great American dessert."

June 24-28 and 15-19 — Junior Farm Vet Camp. This five-day program for ages 10-15, will introduce students to the physiology and basic care of large farm animals, under the guidance of a veterinarian. Fee and preregistration required.

July 2 through August 20 — Time Travel Tuesdays. Experience late 19th century chores and pastimes in the farmhouse firsthand, and stay as long as you like. There's plenty of work and fun for every age!

July 3 through September 25 — Wagon Ride Wednesdays. Horse-drawn wagon rides featured each Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

July 4 — Old Vermont 4th. A patriotic family celebration featuring the reading of the Declaration of Independence, historic debates, wagon rides, making 1890 flags, spelling bees, the egg toss, and lots more.

July 10, 17, 24, 31 — Farm Programs for Preschoolers. 9-10:30 a.m. Each program features a different farm theme with a story, special visit to the farm, hands-on activity, and snack. For children ages three and up. Fee and preregistration required.

July 12 through October 18 — Foodways Fridays. Discover how we use seasonal vegetable and herbs from our heirloom garden in historic recipes. Different take-home recipes each week!

July 21 — National Ice Cream Day. Help make and sample four flavors of ice cream as we celebrate the great American dessert. Horse-drawn wagon rides.

July 27 — Hay Day. Spend a summer day with us in the farm fields, where you'll see traditional haying techniques, including cutting, raking, and tedding with the farm's draft horses and equipment. Quench your thirst with a sample of switchel, the haymaker's drink. Penny-in-the-haystack, making scarecrows, puppets, & clothespin horses; horse-drawn wagon rides, farm programs, and activities.

August 1 through September 22 — 27th Annual Quilt Exhibition. This highly-anticipated juried exhibition of

more than 50 quilts made exclusively in Windsor County will celebrate 27 years of quilting excellence at the Billings Farm. Quilting demonstrations, programs, and activities for children and adults.

August 3 — Heritage Chicken Day. We'll feature a variety of breeds of chickens to see their similarities and differences, plus baby chicks. Fun facts about chickens and eggs, plus the egg toss and games.

August 11 — Antique Tractor Day. Tractors made between 1930 and the 1960s will be displayed by the proud and talented folks who restored them. The tractor parade at 1 p.m. includes restoration details and historical information. Tractor-drawn wagon rides and tractor activities for children, including the popular tractor sandbox. Plan to purchase lunch from the Pomfret-Teago Volunteer Fire Department.

Billings Farm & Museum is open daily April 27 through October 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekends Nov. – Feb., and Christmas & Presidents' weeks, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission: adults \$12; 62 & over \$11; children 5-15 \$6; 3-4 \$3; 2 & under: free. The Farm & Museum is located one-half mile north of the Woodstock village green on VT Rt. 12. For information call (802) 457-2355 or visit www.billingsfarm.org.



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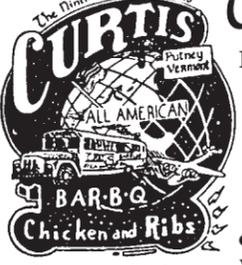
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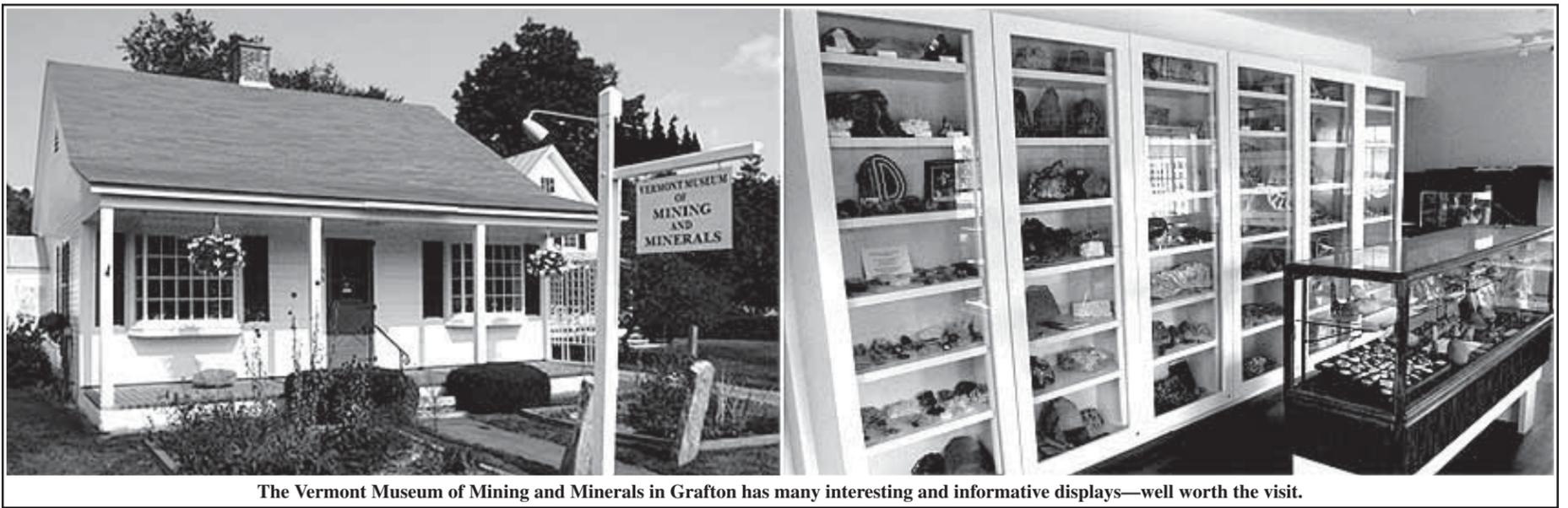
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The Vermont Museum of Mining and Minerals in Grafton has many interesting and informative displays—well worth the visit.

Vermont Museum of Mining and Minerals

There is an interesting little museum in Grafton, VT that merits a visit.

The Vermont Museum of Mining and Minerals features displays and specimens from all over the Green Mountain State and around the world. Learn about Vermont's rich mining and mineral industries through displays on talc, soapstone, and the world-famous Vermont marble, granite and slate.

Informative docents or the Museum Director, Susan Hadden will show you the exhibits and answer all your questions. More than that, you will learn all about the geology of Vermont as well as interesting things

about the development of our earth and what lies below the surface.

- See a spectacular two-foot crystallized fossil shell of a giant ammonite (a prehistoric marine invertebrate).

- Watch rocks go from mild to wild in a hands-on fluorescent mineral exhibit.

- Find out what fossils have been found in Vermont's Lake Champlain region.

- View raw gemstones and crystals like malachite from Africa, amethyst from Madagascar and brilliant Brazilian geodes.

- And kids can interact with special displays.

This season there is a new exhibit of New England

minerals with outstanding specimens from the Northeast region. See an unusual blue beryl crystal from Rhode Island, a stalactitic sea green prehnite from a famous Massachusetts locality, as well as large pyrite (fool's gold) from Montpelier and Chester, VT.

A new addition to the "Fabulous Fakes" cabinet is a replica of the 61-carat yellow Hooker diamond ring owned by the Smithsonian in Washington, DC. A special exhibit in honor of Gene Nickerson will include self-collected minerals by Gene and his wife Margaret.

The public is invited to visit this wonderful collection of minerals on display and

learn all about their history. Admission is free of charge.

Vermont Museum of Mining and Minerals is located at 55 Pleasant St., in Grafton, VT.

Directions: From the Grafton Post Office on Main St. (Rt. 121) follow Townshend Rd. south and make the first left onto Pleasant St. The museum is on the left.

It is open Saturdays, Sundays and major holidays, Memorial Day through mid-October, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1–4 p.m., or by appointment.

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The all-volunteer benefit music festival started 11 years ago when Pat Budnick, the owner of the Motel in the Meadow, decided to do a concert to raise money for breast cancer research. Pat's good friend had died of the disease and she wanted to do something. With the help of some friends and family Music-In-The-Meadow was launched.

This year's festival begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 22 and ends on Sunday, June 23 at 5 p.m. On Saturday from 12–7 p.m. Whislin' Rufus, Travis Parker, Mark Shelton, GB 101, Brendon Thomas, Backroad, The Bondville Boys will perform. And on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the line-up includes Garry Sharon, Mark Shelton, Bluegrasoles, DV8, and Dr. T and Versatiles.

Green Mountain Classic Cars, Chester Rescue Squad, and Yosemite Engine Company will have displays. And there will be plenty of good food available.

Music-in-the-Meadow has raised \$28,000 for the Susan G.

Komen Foundation to date. Last year between the concert, a raffle and donations they were fortunate to give \$6,560 to the Race for the Cure. This is a community supported event with all monies raised being donated and nothing spent for expenses. All of the raffle prizes, the food that is sold and especially the time and talent of the various musicians is donated. A local business provides free poster printing, the tent is donated, drinks that are sold are donated, and many people contribute and help out.

So bring your lawn chairs, blankets, friends and family and enjoy a weekend of fine local music, all for a good cause.

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14th Annual Roots on the River Music Festival June 6-9

The Fourteenth Annual Roots on the River Music Festival in Bellows Falls, VT promises to be an event to remember. It is held June 6 through 9 at a number of venues throughout the town. Headliner Fred Eaglesmith and his Traveling Steam Show will be appearing—his last year to do the festival.

Many of the favorites who have delighted fans through the years, such as Mary Gauthier and Roger Marin, as well new voices and sounds, will be performing.

The music itself is always the sweet part. The lineup this year begins on Thursday night at 33 Bridge St. with local favorites The Cold River Ranters, followed by Sean Rowe, and Girls Guns and Glory.

Friday, the music starts at noon in downtown Bellows Falls with performances on the Square. Look for Poor Old Shine, Bellows Falls' own Milkhouse Heaters, After the Rodeo, and Skumm & Oats. Make your way to the Bellows Falls Farmers' Market for performances by The Heather Maloney Band and Sam Creigh.

The evening will continue under the Big Tent at the Rode-way Inn with performances by Grant Peeples, Shelley King, and Dave Alvin and the Guilty Ones.

Saturday's memorable lineup includes: The Sea The Sea, Dan Weber, Roger Marin Band, David Wax Museum, Zoe Muth and the Lost High Rollers, The Steel Wheels, and Carolyn Mark. The evening will round out with Eaglesmith and his Traveling Steam Show.

The weekend winds down on Sunday at the Rockingham Meeting House with the popular pairing of Eaglesmith with Mary Gauthier. The two artists have co-written songs together and their duets in the historic Meeting House are always deeply moving.

Following the traditional street hockey game, the Farewell Ball will be held at Café Loco at Harlow's Farm on Rt. 5 with the Ray Mason Band.

If you've never been to the festival before, this is a good year to start. The festival is smoke-free and family- and dog-friendly, with a special staffed children's tent on the Saturday, and family priced tickets. There is limited seating under the big tent, so plan to come early to get a good seat, or bring a small lawn chair or blanket. Vendors will be on-site to provide food and beverages.

The Vermont Foodbank is this year's non-profit partner with the festival. In addition to the raffle supporting the foodbank, concertgoers are asked to bring non-perishable food items to each concert location to support our local food pantry at Our Place Drop In Center in Bellows Falls.

"The non-profit partner is an important part of our festival each year," Read said. "The state and local programs stretch food and dollars to feed an amazing number of people each year," Dorothy Read, festival co-producer, said.

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Fred Eaglesmith (on right) performs at the historic Rockingham Meeting House at the close of Roots on the River.

nior centers, shelters, after-school programs, the Vermont Foodbank runs programs that help feed as many as 86,000 Vermonters in need of food assistance. The agricultural programs, including a statewide crop gleaning project, help to increase the amount of locally sourced produce.

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With soft whispers laden the leaves rustle o'er me
The ash grove, the ash grove alone is my home.

Down yonder green valley where streamlets meander
When twilight is fading I pensively rove
Or at the bright noon tide in solitude wander
Amid the dark shades of the lonely ash grove.
'Twas there while the black bird was cheerfully singing
I first met that dear one the joy of my heart
Around us for gladness the blue bells were ringing
But then little thought I how soon we should part.

My lips smile no more, my heart loses its lightness;
No dream of the future my spirit can cheer.
I only can brood on the past and its brightness
The dear ones I long for again gather here.
From ev'ry dark nook they press forward to meet me;
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SWEET STRAWBERRY CAKE

Take three eggs, one cupful of sugar, two cups of flour, one tablespoonful of butter, a teaspoonful, heaped, of baking powder. Beat the butter and sugar together and add the eggs well beaten. Stir in the flour and baking powder well sifted together. Bake in deep tin plate. This quantity will fill four plates. With three pints of strawberries mix a cupful of sugar and mash them a little. Spread the fruit between the layers of cake. The top layer of strawberries may be covered with a baked meringue made with the white of an egg and a tablespoonful of powdered sugar or with fresh cream beaten and sweetened. Save out the largest berries and arrange them around in circles on the top in the white frosting. Makes a very fancy dish, as well as a most delicious cake.

—Hugo Ziemann, 1913

STRAWBERRIES PRESERVED IN THE SUN

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Put the strawberries into a wire basket, which plunge down in a pan of cold water, drain thoroughly, stem carefully without bruising. Weigh the strawberries, and to each pound allow one pound of granulated sugar.

Select large, stoneware plates, make them very hot either on top of the stove or in the oven; sprinkle over a layer of the granulated sugar and cover this closely with the berries. Cover with glass and stand in the sun's hottest rays. Move the dish as the sun changes its position. At four o'clock bring them in, and stand aside in a closet or cool place.

Next day put them out again in the sun. By this time they will no doubt have become clear, almost transparent, and thoroughly soft, but perfectly whole. Lift each berry carefully with a fork, and put into a tumbler or bottle. Boil the syrup over the fire for a few minutes until it thickens; strain, cool, and pour it over the fruit. This recipe will answer also for raspberries.

—Sara Tyson Rohrer, 1902

PICNIC STRAWBERRY ROLLS

Wash and hull 2 boxes of strawberries, drain and slice them, spread on a platter, sprinkle over them a very little lemon juice and 6 tablespoonfuls powdered sugar. Remove crusts from a dozen thin slices of white bread; spread melted butter, then the berries, roll and tie with baby ribbon at each end. Wring a napkin from cold water, pack the rolls in it, and then fold in a dry napkin.

—Times Cookbook by California Women, 1905

BAKED STRAWBERRY BATTER PUDDING

½ pint of cream
1½ cups of flour
2 eggs

1 tablespoon of butter
2 rounded teaspoonfuls of baking powder

Separate the eggs, beat the yolks, add the milk, then the butter, melted, then the flour and baking powder sifted together. Beat them five minutes and stir in carefully the well beaten whites of the eggs. Turn into a shallow greased baking pan, and cover the top with strawberries (other fruit can be used). Dust with four tablespoonfuls of granulated sugar, and bake in a quick oven thirty minutes. Serve warm with hard sauce or with plain milk or cream. (Note—have the pan sufficiently large to hold the batter, not over an inch thick.)

—Sara Tyson Rohrer, 1902

FRENCH STRAWBERRY CREAM CAKES

Cream Cake: ½ cup butter, 1 cup boiling water, 4 eggs, 1 cup flour. Pour butter and water in saucepan and place on front of range. As soon as boiling point is reached, add flour all at once, and stir vigorously. Remove from fire as soon as mixed, and add unbeaten eggs one at a time, beating, until thoroughly mixed, between the addition of eggs. Shape cream cake mixture oblong, making twelve cakes. Bake thirty minutes in a moderate oven. Split when done, and fill with Strawberry Cream Filling. If cream cakes are removed from the oven before being thoroughly cooked, they will fall. If in doubt, take one from oven, and if it does not fall, this is sufficient proof that others are cooked.

Strawberry Filling: 1 cup thick cream, ½ cup sugar, white of 1 egg, ½ cup strawberries, ½ teaspoon vanilla. Beat cream until stiff, using eggbeater; add sugar, white of egg beaten until stiff, strawberries mashed, and vanilla.

—Fannie Merritt Farmer, 1896



STRAWBERRY PUDDING-PIE, YANKEE STYLE

Sweet milk, 1 cup; 1 egg; butter, 1 tablespoonful heaping; baking powder, 1 teaspoonful; flour, 1 cup, or sufficient to make rather a thick batter; a little salt; sliced strawberries to half fill an earthen pudding-dish,

Directions—Stir the baking powder into the sifted flour; melt the butter, beat the egg and stir all well together. Having picked over the strawberries, buttered the dish and laid in the fruit to only half fill it, dip the batter over fruit to wholly cover it, as with a crust. The dish should not be quite full, for as it rises it runs over in baking. Bake in a moderate oven to a nice brown, to be done just “at the nick of time” for dinner. Turn it bottom up upon a pie-plate, and sprinkle on some powdered cinnamon or other spices, as preferred; then sprinkle freely of nice white sugar over all. Serve with sweetened cream or rich milk, well sweetened. Other berries in their season, work equally as well.

Remarks—This plan avoids the soggy and indigestible bottom crust of pie; and it matters not whether you call it pie or pudding. It eats equally well, even cold, with plenty of sugar and milk, having the cream stirred in.

—Mrs. Sarah A. Earley, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, 1884

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One Farmgirl's Lessons of Thrift and Joy

by Elizabeth Doren

The last time I drove by that old north country farm where I grew up nearly a century ago, I noted many changes—a swimming pool in the front yard, a new very fancy porch, and a wide driveway with several power-driven vehicles in it, leading out to the barn three times the size it used to be.

But my mind's eyes are blind to the things as they are today, and still see the old porch with its wildflower garden. Yes, and even the orchard reaching far up to the old family cemetery where our great grandparents were buried, their son who died at nineteen, and another son who died at the age of ten, the one my father spoke of fondly as Johnnie. That little cemetery looms large in my mind's eye, but something else seems larger—that chord struck down through the ages in my own family's philosophy.

When I was a child life was simpler. If you needed money, you earned it. No allowance, no handouts, but plenty of jobs. Some were routine, like doing dishes, making your bed, cleaning your room, feeding the chickens, gathering the eggs, pulling weeds in the garden, and a dozen others that you were given by virtue of being a member of the family.

But in addition to these routine chores there were special nuggets of opportunity, where you worked for real money, and seemingly the sky was the limit of what you might make.

Back in those days a junk man came around every few months and paid real money for rusty nails and scrap metal of all sorts. Getting rid of rusty nails was a worthy end on a farm powered by horses. I watched the procedure of taking

"Imagine! A team of ponies drives up to your door with a load of fresh-picked strawberries."

care of a horse's foot injured by stepping on a nail, in the days before penicillin. My father made a solution of disinfectants and treated the foot twice a day for weeks, or so it seemed to me. He picked up the horse's foot, turned it bottom side up, cleaned it and bathed it with the pink strong-smelling disinfectant.

It worked, and the horse was soon back in harness, and we were paid a penny a pound by the junk man for all the rusty nails we collected around the farm. Some years later we heard that the junk man's son had gone to law school. Our rusty nails traveled far!

Other jobs worth real money included pulling daisies—lovely to look at, but a bane to the farmer intent on raising hay. These we collected in a gunny sack and sold to our father for a penny a pound. Shame on the greedy child who neglected to shake out the heavy clods of earth that clung to the roots!

One time I planted sweet corn, several long rows of it. I weeded and hoed it until finally the harvest was ready. It was no chore to pick the plump full ears, and no problem to sell them to a hotel in town. I happily drove a horse and buggy the ten miles to market. At ten cents a dozen I made a real killing on that venture, and my father never charged me anything for the use of the land, or the manure I carefully shoveled out to fertilize it. If you think ten cents a dozen low for sweet corn, consider the difference in the price of



The Doren sisters on a teeter-totter with two of their ponies. Elisabeth is third from the right.

photo by Bertha Doren

maple syrup. High class first run was two dollars a gallon back then. Now you're lucky to find it for thirty-six dollars, and it's thinner than it used to be.

But the real killing we made in the market was when our folks "went into strawberries," acres of them, it seemed to me. Picking strawberries falls into the category of "stoop labor," but small children don't have to stoop far to gather in the luscious fruit, and if now and then one pops into a hungry mouth the labor doesn't seem so bad. It should be easy to pick a crateful or two in the early hours before the sun becomes too hot.

Around this time our enterprising mother had persuaded our equally enterprising father to let her acquire a little herd of Shetland ponies. She had located them in Canada. There was a stallion and two mares and three colts, the prettiest little ponies you ever saw. The stallion and two mares had originally come from the Shetland Islands and they whinnied with a real burr. Along with the ponies was a neat little carriage and two full sets of harness. This was just the outfit for

peddling berries. Imagine! A team of ponies drives up to your door with a load of fresh-picked strawberries. It didn't take long for us to unload the day's picking at ten cents a quart!

Strawberry season was a busy time for us—picking, peddling, canning, shortcake making. In fact the whole farm kept us all deeply occupied in those early growing-up years, now so long ago and far away.

Elisabeth Doren (1904–1998) wrote, painted, gardened and tended to children and libraries during her long life.



Bertha Doren with Billy, the Shetland pony herd stallion, circa 1912.

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My Summer Job

by Charles Sutton

The summer I was 17 I ran this ad in the local paper:

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Several people answered. A crippled woman wanted to be driven upcountry on Sundays; a diner wanted a busboy; another woman wondered if I could do the laundry, too. Every summer during those teen-age years I usually worked on a small dairy-chicken farm. But that summer I decided to do something completely different.

My brother Fred and I always helped out around the house. This was more than taking the garbage out, walking the dog or cutting the lawn. We helped with housework, did some cooking and washed lots of dishes. When it rained hard we took every pot and pan up into the attic to catch water pouring through the leaky roof.

When my mother and father had a dinner party, Fred and I waited on table and then cleaned up the mess afterwards. We didn't mind this because

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we could stay up late and get in on the party food. Once in a while one of the dinner guests would admire what we did (wishing their kids would do the same) and would even give us a dollar or two, figuring (rightly so) at home one had to work for free.

Among those who answered my ad was a retired couple—Mary and Harry Russell—who pleaded with me to come as their home was small and the work load light. And I said, "yes."

Their home was a recently built ranch house. My new employer Harry was a retired insurance salesman. He was often grumpy and nervous compared to his wife who was outgoing, friendly, and had a diplomatic smile. The couple gave me a gray 'house' coat to wear as a mark of my status: house boy or servant.

The job actually was quite easy though I grumbled a lot about never-ending repetitious house work, and in a diary I kept that summer I had many entries about long hours and how tired I got.

I could walk there from home and I showed up after breakfast with only one day off a

week. I did up the breakfast dishes, made the beds, cleaned the bathrooms, endlessly dusted, vacuum-cleaned, and did a general pick-up.

I didn't mind driving the wife or the two of them as they shopped, went out for lunch, or did other errands. Their car was a red four-door red colored 1940s vintage Cadillac which was fun to drive. I must admit I felt rather strange hanging out with the 'real' chauffeurs while I waited for Mary and Harry to come out of a theater or concert hall.

Lunch was easy as they seemed to have the same thing every day: cold cuts, salads, fruit, yogurt and iced tea. Before I left for home in the late afternoon I would fix anything they wanted for dinner, but they went out to eat a lot of the time, probably to help entertain Harry who was always at loose ends.

I'd bake a chicken, prepare some vegetables—that type of thing. Once they bought a three-rib prime roast of beef.

"Did I know how to cook that?" Mary asked. "Of course," I replied, "I'll roast it with some potatoes."

No, she insisted I boil it into a pot roast. I thought that disgraceful, but needless to say, it was the most delicious pot roast I've ever had, or cooked!

I had an hour or two break in the afternoon. I set up a servant's area in the basement which was a nice cool place. They even allowed me to have a beer then if I wanted it. But the real magic of the place was being alone and able to read D.H. Lawrence's *Lady Chatterley's Lover*. They had an original unexpurgated edition of this classic in their library which I borrowed for my summer reading, and 'edification.'

The job paid \$50 a week plus tips. I stacked up these crisp \$50 bills neatly on a top shelf in my bedroom closet at home. Only one was cashed in to add to tip money to live on for the whole summer. I really didn't need much for personal expenses as I was living at home and working six days a week.

Weekend guests were common but they would give me at least a \$5 tip. House servants, as a rule, don't like guests as there is just that much more work, mostly thankless. However, I didn't mind as I got the tips and



what's the big deal about setting another place mat or two on the dining room table and cooking a little extra.

One guest was their niece, an English professor at one of the New York universities. The fact that she seemed to me more 'beautiful' than any movie star and took an sincere interest in my future career (I wanted to be a writer), made her visits the highlight of the summer.

There was only one bad moment all summer that got me really upset, and I almost quit. But looking back on then event, it was a lesson for future jobs. At some point in time your boss will ream you out, rightly or wrongly, and you just have to take it, or leave.

There had been a violent thunder and lighting storm with heavy rains. Suddenly the screened-in porch with the dining area was awash with two to three inches of rain water and the furniture and other items were soaking wet.

Harry told me to hurry and get buckets, mops and rags. He was standing around looking as if he was going help with the cleanup. I handed him a bucket. A barrage of abusives

came out to the effect of—you work here, not me, and if you don't want to do your job, then get out, now!

Mary hovered in the background and was able to escort him away. She apologized later, and said that Harry acted that way in a crisis, and they both didn't want me to leave. I cooled off, too, moping up all that cool water.

By the end of the summer that saved stack of \$50 bills was getting pretty top heavy. It would be used when I went off to college for football tickets, beer, and hopefully to spend on a girlfriend. Parents would be paying for tuition, room and board, books and other expenses.

So one can imagine what a shock it was when my parents asked me if they could borrow my summer earnings. They were having some financial crisis, but promised (and they did) to pay me back, probably not all at once. This of course ruined my plan for saving all summer for my own personal expenses — now I would have to ask them for it.

I never found out what the money trouble was, nor did I ask. If you are part of a family, you just help.

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When all the world is young, lad,
And all the trees are green,
And every goose a swan, lad,
And every lass a queen,
Then, hey for boot and horse, lad,
And 'round the world away!
Young blood must have its course, lad,
And every dog his day.

When all the world is old, lad,
And all the trees are brown,
And all the sport is stale, lad,
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Saturday, June 22—Colchester, VT. Sam Mazza's 18th Annual Strawberry Festival. Fresh-picked strawberry shortcake with whipped cream. Strawberry milkshakes, strawberry fudge, strawberry jam & chocolate-dipped strawberries. Pony rides, kids games, petting zoo, face painting & Vermont specialty food samples. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sam Mazza's, 277 Lavigne Rd. (802) 655-3440. www.sammazzafarms.com.

Saturday, June 22nd—Guilford, VT. Annual Guilford Community Church Strawberry Supper. Ham and homemade baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, deviled eggs, homemade rolls, beverages, and strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream. Seatings at 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children under 11, preschool \$3. At the Guilford Community Church, 38 Church Dr. off Bee Barn Rd. Directions: I-91 Exit 1; go south on Rt. 5; turn left onto Bee Barn Rd., just past Guilford County Store and before the bridge. (802) 254-9019. guilfordchurchsupper@gmail.com.

Saturday, June 22nd—Manchester Center, VT. Annual Ham and Strawberry Supper. Baked pit hams with delicious special sauce and homemade baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, broccoli salad, homemade rolls, and beverages. Freshly-picked strawberries on homemade biscuits with real whipped cream. Served family-style. Handicap accessible. Reservations recommended. Adults \$11, children 8 and under \$5. One seating at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Rts. 7A & 30. For reservations call (802) 362-3473.

Saturday, June 22nd—Wells, VT. First Annual Pick-Your-Own Little Lake Orchard Strawberry Festival. Organic strawberries, music by The Grafters and the Poultney Blue Grass Society, strawberry shortcake, strawberry lemonade, and salads by Valley Roots Catering. 2-7 p.m. at Little Lake Orchard, North St. Rain date 6/23. (802) 417-7946.

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

Sunday, June 23rd—Monkton, VT. 27th Annual Strawberry Festival. At the Monkton Central School. Luncheon a la carte and our famous strawberry shortcake! Music by Sun Mountain. 12-3 p.m. (802) 453-4471.

Monday, June 24th—Vergennes, VT. 37th Annual Strawberry Festival. Strawberry shortcake with homemade



The Middletown Springs Historical Society hosts their 38th Annual Strawberry Festival on the Green in Middletown Springs, VT on June 16. The Historical Society Museum is open for the event.

pound cake, strawberries and ice cream, and beverages for \$5. Vergennes City Band will be playing 6-8 p.m. in the Vergennes City Park. (802) 759-3218.

Wednesday, June 26th—Plymouth, VT. 60th Annual Strawberry Festival. Barbeque, crafts table, touch-a-truck(s), face painting, and a huge Vermont raffle with many, many prizes. BBQ'd burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, baked beans, home made salads and beverages. Strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits, real whipped cream, and vanilla ice cream. Park entrance is free for the evening, and the food is a la carte. 5-8 p.m., rain or shine. At Camp Plymouth State Park off Rt. 100 at Echo Lake. (802) 228-3308.

Friday, June 28th—Waterbury, VT. 38th Annual Strawberry Supper. Delicious buffet dinner at historic downtown church followed by strawberry shortcake (made with local berries!). Full meal includes drink & dessert, or you can get "just desserts." Take-out too! \$10 adults, 12 and under \$6, dessert only \$4. 5-7 p.m. Waterbury Congregational Church, 8 N. Main St. (802) 244-6606.

Saturday, June 29th—Dummerston Center, VT. Annual Old-Fashioned Strawberry Supper. Ham and baked beans, potato and macaroni salads, coleslaw, homemade breads, beverages, and 10" double-tiered old-fashioned strawberry shortcakes with fresh local strawberries and real whipped cream! Adults \$10, children \$5. Sponsored by the Dummerston Congregational Church. Held at Evening Star Grange Hall, 1008 East West Rd. 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. (802) 254-2249.

Sunday, June 30—East Thetford, VT. 11th Annual Strawberry Festival. Organic strawberry picking, kids' activities, horse-drawn wagon rides, and an organic Good Food Concession with strawberry delights. Jeanne and the Hi Tops 1-4 p.m. Green event—bring a plate, utensils and cup to help reduce waste. The farmstand and coffee shop are also open. Parking \$5. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cedar Circle Farm, Pavil-

lion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. www.cedarcirclefarm.org.

Saturday, July 6—North Pomfret, VT. Annual Strawberry Supper. Baked ham and baked beans, potato salad, tossed salad, deviled eggs, rolls, coffee, punch, strawberry shortcake & whipped cream. Ladies Circle Bazaar and quilt raffle tickets. Supper benefits the North Pomfret Congregational Church. Seatings at 5, 6:15 & 7:30 at the Pomfret Town Hall. \$12 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. Call for reservations! (802) 457-1014.

Sunday, July 7—East Poultney, VT. 4th Annual Strawberry Social. On the Green at 6 p.m. Strawberry shortcake. Town band plays. Bring your own chairs. \$5 adult, \$3 children. (802) 287-2405

Saturday, July 13—Royalton, VT. Annual Strawberry Supper. Baked ham, baked beans, macaroni salad, potato salad, cole slaw, raised rolls,, beverages, and strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream. Adults \$8, children 12 and under \$4, 6 and under free. Seatings at 5, 6, 7 p.m. The Academy Building, Rt. 14, next to the church. (802) 728-6626.

Wild Strawberries

Someday I shall not go upon the hill
where they grow hot and sweet;
someday I shall not eat my fill
nor stoop beneath the beat
of June's warm sun upon my back!
Someday I shall not thread
my narrow way up the small path that's black
as the deep, sunless bed
the brook makes, in the hemlock gloom!
Someday I shall not stop to rest
beside the gentle plume
of birches I have loved the best!
No matter, when I shall not climb the hill,
forever, ever, I shall taste them still!



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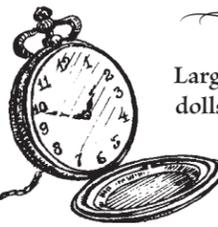
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Schedule of Summer Events

On-going. Children's colonial dress-up basket. Bring your flag to be raised over the Hubbardton Battlefield and receive a certificate.

June 8 & 9—Vermont Days Weekend. Free admission.

June 8—Go Fly a Kite. Learn how to make a simple kite or bring your own to fly and enjoy our freedoms. 1-4 p.m.

June 15—By the Light of the Silvery Moon. The Green Mountain Alliance of Amateur Astronomers bring telescopes and reveal moonlight magic in Vermont. If you like, bring binoculars, blankets, and flashlights. We provide the marshmallows. If inclement weather, inside illustrated program with exciting photos from deep space. Call to confirm. 8-10 p.m.

June 16—Battlefield Third Sunday. A Hubbardton resident from 1777 comes to life to talk with visitors about the battle and life in the path of war, and leads a walk to the East Hubbardton Cemetery and back. Inside program if inclement weather. 1 p.m.

June 29—Military Road Hike. Site interpreter Carl Fuller leads a vigorous guided hike on part of the 1776-77 military road that led to Mount Independence. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. 2-5 p.m.

July 1-7—Patriot Week. At Vermont State Historic Sites

July 6-7—Battle of Hubbardton Revolutionary War Encampment. The 236th anniversary of the only Revolutionary War battle fought in Vermont. Activities for everyone. Reenactors portray soldiers who fought here. Tactical military demonstrations, drilling lessons, guided camp and battlefield tours, camp life activities, Mistress Davenport's Schoolroom, history scavenger hunt, colonial games, children's activities, music, and shopping on sutler's row. Revolutionary War battle maneuvers Sunday morning. Food stand both days. 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

July 17—Star Light, Star Bright Star Night. Experienced stargazers from the Green Mountain Alliance of Amateur Astronomers share their telescopes and knowledge of the moon and the stars. Bring blankets, flashlights, and your own binoculars or telescopes if you like. The marshmallows are on us. If inclement weather, inside illustrated program. Call to confirm. 8-10 p.m.

July 21—Battlefield Third Sunday. Site interpreter Carl Fuller portrays a Hubbardton resident from 1777, telling the exciting experiences of the Samuel Churchill family, including grandson Amos. Site administrator Elsa Gilbertson shares the story of the 1859 Hubbardton Battle Monument and Amos's role in that effort. 1 p.m.



The Battle of Hubbardton, fought with reenactors in the early morning mists. photo by Nancy Cassidy

August 7—Starry, Starry Night. Members of the Green Mountain Alliance of Amateur Astronomers. Share their telescopes and knowledge. Bring blankets, flashlights, and your own binoculars or telescopes if you like. We provide the marshmallows. Inside program if inclement weather. Call to confirm. 8-10 p.m.

August 18—Battlefield Third Sunday. How did Hubbardton residents dress during the Revolution? Carol and Brook Aldrich, dressed in period attire, will tell you about clothing of the time, have reproduction items available to look at, and will offer suggestions on putting together a period outfit and resources to help you. 1 p.m.

August 24—Mount Independence-Hubbardton Military Road Car Tour. The Crown Point Road Association offers a driving tour along part of the 1776 Mount Independence-Hubbardton Military Road, from the Hubbardton Battlefield to Otter Creek. 9:30 a.m.

The Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site is located on Monument Hill Road 6 miles off VT Route 30 in Hubbardton. The site is open Thursdays through Sundays and Monday holidays through October 8, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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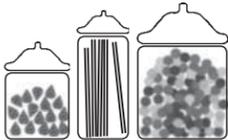
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 Of plain, dear folk. The shelves of well-known books,
 The work-worn desk that always seemed to call;
 The dimming family portraits on the wall,
 The windows looking out on lawn and trees,
 On summer skies and winter's treacheries.
 This hearth where many blissful hours were spent
 In talk and laughter, with the log-fire blent.
 Oh happy place, serene and hallowed home,
 Worth more to me than Greece or Caesar's Rome.
 Here have I strived and labored year on year,
 Have prayed and given up to many a tear.
 These rooms have secrets only God shall know,
 Though none were black, and some were white as snow.
 The time has come to say goodbye and go;
 Loved ones are dead or scattered, far away;
 Alone, I leave, with memories sad and gay,
 Knowing that I shall never find a spot
 That knows me as I am and as I'm not.
 This home is just as much a part of me
 As salt and waves and foam are of the sea;
 Living or dying, thought will still revolve
 Around these rooms, till life itself dissolve.
 —LEONORA CLAWSON STRYKER
 1935

Vermont Country Calendar

ONGOING EVENTS

ADDISON. Chimney Point State Historic Site. Special Exhibit: What Lies Beneath: 9,000 Years of History at Chimney Point. Open 9:30 am - 5 pm, Wed. - Sun. and Monday Holidays. 8149 VT Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicsites.vermont.gov/chimneypoint. Open through October 14, 2013.

ARLINGTON. Equinox Skyline Drive. An unforgettable drive to the summit of Mount Equinox. Scenic picnic areas. Hiking trails at the summit. Newly opened visitor's center. Admission: automobiles, \$15 car and driver, \$5 per passenger (under 10 free); motorcycles \$12 bike and driver, no passenger fee. Open 9 am - 5 pm. 42 Skyline Dr. off Rt. 7A. (802) 362 1115. www.equinoxmountain.com.

BARRE. Exhibit—The 1840s Drawing Books of John Henry Hopkins, Sr. and Jr. 10 am - 4 pm. In the Research Library at the Vermont History Center, 60 Washington St. (802) 828-2180. vermonthistory.org. Exhibit runs June 1-30.

BARRE. Art Exhibits, Classes, Workshops, and Artists' Studios. Tuesday-Friday 10 am - 5 pm, Saturday noon - 4 pm. Studio Place Arts, 201 N. Main St. (802) 479-7069. info@studioplacearts.com. www.studioplacearts.com.

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

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

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

BENNINGTON. Catamount Prowl 2013. The Bennington Area Chamber of Commerce announces Catamount Prowl 2013. The 34 fiberglass catamount sculptures will be embellished by area artists and on display in and around Bennington through October. Gala & auction October 26, 2013. (802) 447-3311. www.bennington.com.

BENNINGTON. The Dollhouse and Toy Museum of Vermont. Dolls and dollhouses, puppets, trucks and trains, toys, and educational displays. Museum shop. Admission is \$2 for children three and older, \$4 for adults and \$10 for families. Open Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 pm. 212 Union St. at the corner of Valentine St. dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com.

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

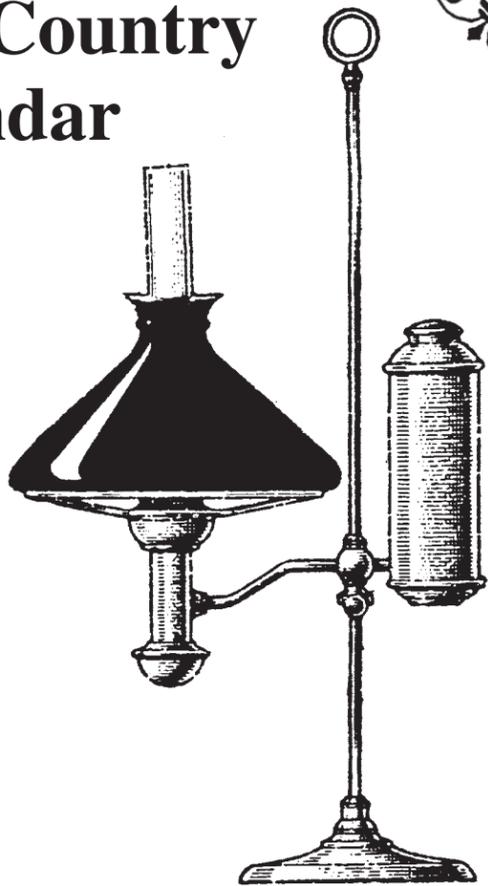
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BRANDON. First Fridays—Come on Downtown! Brandon's downtown will be keeping the lights on and the doors open until 9 pm (or later) the First Friday of each month this summer starting Friday, June 7. Shop. Eat. Drink. Browse. Stroll. Bump into friends. Chat. Just enjoy the evening! Sponsored by the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce. (802) 247-6401. Through September.

BRANDON. Farmer's Market. Seasonal vegetables and plants, honey, Vermont maple syrup, handcrafted jewelry, local mohair, wool and alpaca products, hand knit and crocheted items, baked goods, jams, jellies, local meats and much more. 9 am - 2 pm. In Central Park, 20 Park St. (802) 273-2655. cijka4@gmail.com. Every Friday through October 11.

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

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

BURLINGTON. ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center. Exhibits, workshops, programs, café, gift shop, story hour. 10th Anniversary celebration with special exhibits and programs on June 1 & 2. Admission: \$9.50 adults, \$7 ages 3 - 17, \$8 seniors and students, under 3 free. Monday-Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm. At Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, One College St. (877) 324-6385. info@echovermont.org. www.echovermont.org.

BURLINGTON. Vermont Stage Company Present's 2nd Annual Directing Bake Off—The 39 Steps. We will be dissecting the play The 39 Steps into three parts with three different directors and three casts! Tues - Sat 7:30 pm, Sun 2 pm. Tickets \$27-\$32.50. FlynnSpace, (802) 863-5966. www.flynnntix.org. www.vtstage.org. June 11-16.

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



Green Mountain Conservation Camps Run June thru August

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is taking applications for its Green Mountain Conservation Camp program online for the first time this year.

The one-week camp program for 12-14-year olds is held at two locations—Lake Bomoseen in Castleton and Buck Lake in Woodbury.

Campers learn about fish and wildlife conservation, ecology, forestry, orienteering, safe firearm and archery techniques, swimming canoeing, fishing and more. Natural resource professionals come to the camps for field activities.

Conservation Camps open June 16 and continue until August 16. Tuition is \$250 for the week, including food, lodging and equipment. Check the Fish & Wildlife website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com, for information about the program under

"Education and Training" on the left side of the home page.

Vermont's conservation camp program is unique because it is sponsored and directed by Fish & Wildlife Department professionals—the same people who manage Vermont's fish and wildlife resources. Working biologists, foresters, game wardens, and conservation educators teach young people about Vermont's forests, wetlands and wildlife.

The program's greatest strength is connecting young people to the outdoors.

The camp program is sponsored in part through a grant from the Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration Program.

For more info about Green Mountain Conservation Camps call (802) 241-3768. fwgmcc@state.vt.us. Visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

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

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

CHESTER. Vermont Institute of Contemporary Arts. Art Exhibits, Programs and Music. Free admission. Wednesday through Sunday 11 am - 6 pm. VTica, 15 Depot St. (802) 875-1018. info@vtica.org. www.vtica.org.

CHESTER. Chester-Andover Family Center Food Shelf and Thrift Shop. Clothes for the entire family including. Food Shelf and emergency financial assistance to those in need. Thrift shop hours: Tues. 10-4, Wed. 1-7, Fri. 10-4, and Sat. 9-2. 908 VT Rt. 103 South. (802) 875-3236.

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

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

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

CRAFTSBURY COMMON. Community Dinner. On the third Wednesday of every month, we gather for a free community supper. Really, it's free! We have a great 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.

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

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

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

DORSET. Dorset Farmers Market. A producer-only market with 50 area vendors. Fresh vegetables and fruits, home baked breads and pastries, artisan cheeses and wines, grass-fed meat and poultry, free-range eggs, condiments and pickles, specialty goods, hot prepared foods, crafts, and live local music. Rain or shine. Sundays from 10 am - 2 pm. Outdoors on the lawn at the H.N. Williams General Store, Rt. 30. Contact Nicole Henry, (802) 353-3539. marketmanager@dorsetfarmersmarket.com. Through October 13.

EAST THETFORD. Cedar Circle Farm and Education Center. A certified organic, fifty-acre vegetable and berry farm. Flowers, hanging baskets, tender greens. Pick-your-own strawberries during June and Strawberry Festival June 30. Coffee Shop (with wireless internet) open 8-5, farm stand open 10-6. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org. Open through October.

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

FAIRLEE. Outdoor Flea Market. Every Sat & Sun, weather permitting. 20 vendors. Antiques, collectibles, crafts & treasures. 7:30 am - 3 pm. Also July 4th. Free. Railroad Station, Main St., Rt. 5. (802) 333-4809. Thru Oct 13.

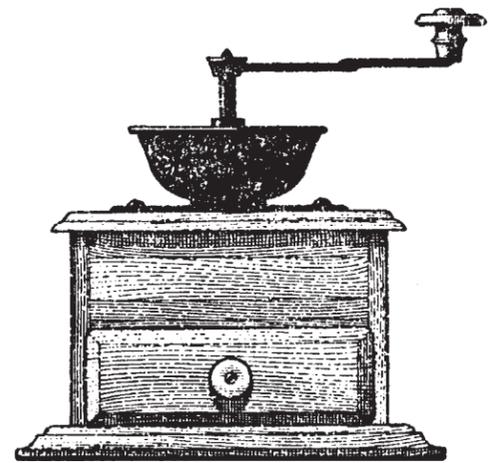
FERRISBURGH. New Exhibit: "Free and Safe—The Underground Railroad in Vermont." This exhibit will introduce you to Simon and Jesse, two fugitives from slavery who were sheltered at Rokeby in the 1830s. Learn about the abolitionist Robinson family who called Rokeby home for nearly 200 years. Wool Day June 22. Admission \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 students, children under 5 free. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. rokeby@comcast.net. www.rokeby.org. Open through October 27.

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. Open 10 am - 6 pm and after shows, daily. Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. (802) 525-3031. www.breadandpuppet.org. Open through November 1.

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 Rd. (802) 843-2111. info@nature-museum.org. www.nature-museum.org.



Birding Hot Spots in Rutland County

Located in the heart of the Green Mountains, Kent Pond, Gifford Woods State Park, and the Appalachian Trail along Rt. 100 in Killington offer a variety of birds in a beautiful setting.

Common Merganser, Mallard, Common Loon and Spotted Sandpiper are often present on Kent Pond. Sometimes Osprey are seen and, on more rare occasions, Bald Eagle. Spotted Sandpipers nest here. In the summer of 2009 a pair of loons un-

successfully attempted to nest on one of the islands in the pond. The pond is a particularly good place to visit after stormy weather in spring or fall. On May 31, 2011, observers there to check on the nesting loons were startled to find an American White Pelican perched on one of the rocks near the loon nest. There are two options for viewing Kent Pond. One is the fishing access on Rt. 100 (on the west side of the pond). The second is along

the impoundment on Thundering Brook Rd. (the east side of the pond). The area is heavily used by fishermen and kayakers especially on summer weekends.

The Appalachian Trail runs through Gifford Woods State Park west of Kent Pond and passes along the south side of the pond. The trail in either direction offers the opportunity to see a wide variety of warblers including Nashville, Northern Parula, Chestnut-sided, Magnolia, Black-throated Blue, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green, Blackburnian, Blackpoll, Black-and-white, American Redstart, Ovenbird and Canada warblers. Brown Creepers, Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers and Winter Wrens are present in good numbers.

A pleasant hike is to take the Appalachian Trail south of the parking lot and continue east along Kent Pond



and across Thundering Brook Road. This route will take you over a ridge to the bottom of Thundering Brook Road. You can then return the way you came or walk up Thundering Brook Road to the pond and then back along the trail to the fishing access parking lot. Alternately you can turn east, cross Route 100 (traffic moves quickly so use caution) and take the Appalachian Trail through Gifford Woods State Park.

Directions: Take Rt. 100 north from the intersection with Rt. 4 in Killington. The fishing access and parking lot are about ¼ mile on the right.

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



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GRAFTON. Grafton Ponds Outdoor Center. Mountain biking, bike terrain park, hiking, canoeing. 783 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2400. graftonponds.com.

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

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.*

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

HUBBARDTON. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site. Children's colonial dress-up basket. Bring your flag to be raised over the Hubbardton Battlefield and receive a certificate. Open 9:30 am – 5 pm. Thurs. – Sun., and Monday holidays. 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton. *Open May 25 to October 14, 2013*

HUNTINGTON. Monthly Bird Monitoring Walk. Help monitor bird populations in the different habitats on the museum's grounds. Our monthly walks gather long-term data on the presence of bird species, their abundance, and changes in populations. Donation appreciated. 8-10 am. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. www.birdsofvermont.org. *Last Saturdays of the month.*

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. May 1 through October 31, 10 am – 4 pm. November 1 through April 30, open by appointment. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. www.birdsofvermont.org.

KILLINGTON. Killington Music Festival's Music in the Mountains Concert. Features KMF faculty and accomplished students performing classical favorites and inspired chamber music. Tickets \$20. 7 pm. Rams Head Lodge, Killington Resort, Killington Rd. For tickets call (802) 422-1330. Info: (802) 773-4003. www.killingtonmusicfestival.org. *Saturdays June 29 through August 3.*

LANDGROVE. Horse-Drawn Wagon and Carriage Rides. Rides leave on the hour from Landgrove Inn. Call for reservations. (802) 824-4663. www.karlpfistersleigh.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. www.listencs.org.

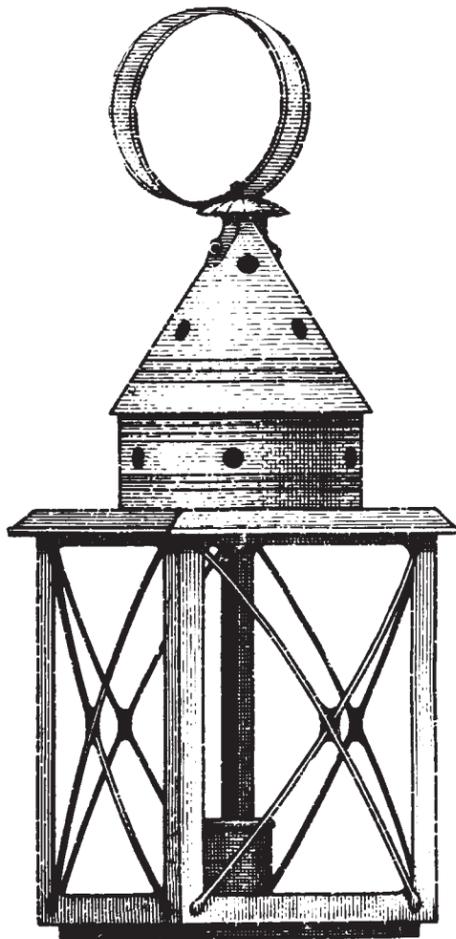
LEBANON, NH. ValleyNet Community Technology Center. 10-seat computer lab in the new Grafton County Senior Citizens Council building, Campbell St., downtown. Center is open for walk-ins 9 am - 4:30 pm, Mon-Fri. Free. (802) 649-2126.

LEICESTER. Addison County Farm Animal Homeopathy Study Group. Learn how other farmers are applying homeopathy to their herds or flocks. Discussion includes an in-depth look of at least one remedy, some theory and a case analysis. Meets the first 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.

LUDLOW. Fletcher Farms School for the Arts and Crafts. Vermont's oldest residential arts and crafts school. Register for our arts and crafts classes. Woodworking, oil and watercolor painting, kirigami, basketry, and much more. Spring classes. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, 611 Rt. 103 South. (802) 228-8770. www.fletcherfarm.org.

LUDLOW. Ludlow Farmers Market. Do some alternative grocery shopping for fresh local products, get ready-made dinner items, buy a charming little gift, or just have a snack. It's fresh food time! 4-7 pm. Okemo Mountain School, 53 Main St. (802) 734-3829. www.ludlowfarmersmarket.org. *Every Friday through October 11.*

LUDLOW. Black River Academy Museum. Exhibits and programs. Admission \$2, seniors and students \$1. Hours: Tues-Sat 12-4 pm. 14 High St. (802) 228-5050. info@bramvt.org. www.bramvt.org.



LUDLOW. 8th Annual Summer Music Series at Jackson Gore. Bring your lawn chairs and a Frisbee, enjoy warm summer sunsets with great music, a cold beverage, and friends and family. Free. 6-9 pm at Okemo Mountain Resort's Jackson Gore, Okemo Ridge Rd. (802) 228-1600. *Every Friday through August 30.*

LYME, NH. Flea Market on the Lyme, NH Common. 9 am to 4 pm. Sponsored by the Lyme Boy Scout Troop 273. Find Bargains or set up your booth. Last Saturday of the month. Questions please call (603) 795-2897 or (802) 333-4625. *May through September.*

MANCHESTER. "Celebration of Peonies." From mid-May through mid-June, stroll among more than 1,000 fragrant peony blossoms in the Hoyt Formal Garden to the rear of the Lincoln's mansion. Admission (includes all parts of the site) is \$16 for adults, \$5 for children 6-14, children under 6 free. Open daily 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Lincoln Family Home at Hildene is located off Rt. 7A just south of the village. (802) 362-1788. www.hildene.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. Hills Alive! A Festival of the Arts in Southern Vermont. World-class stage productions and concerts in southern Vermont venues. A dozen presenters from Bennington north to Weston will be on stage with drama, comedies, classical and bluegrass music performances. Admission. (802) 362-6313. info@hillsalive.org. www.hillsalive.org. *June 28 thru August 3.*

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

MANCHESTER CENTER. Manchester Farmers Market. Vegetables, fruits, breads, wines, cheeses, local specialty foods, crafts and kids activities. Accepts EBT and debit cards. Thursdays 3-6 pm. Adams Park, Rt. 7A North, downtown. Contact Nicole Henry (802) 353-3539. mfmvt@yahoo.com. *June 6 - October 3, 2013.*

MARLBORO. Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. 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 seven days a week Memorial Day through October 31. Open weekends in the winter. Rt. 9, Hogback Mountain. (802) 464-0048. museum@sover.net. www.vermontmuseum.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont. The oldest chartered community history museum in the U.S. Exhibits, research center, and museum shop. Admission: adults \$5, youth 6-18 \$3, senior \$4.50, family \$12, under 6 free. Summer/fall hours: Tues-Sat 10 am – 5 pm and Sun 1-5 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. (803) 388-2117. www.henrysheldonmuseum.org.

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MIDDLEBURY. Middlebury Arts Walk. Visit downtown Middlebury on the second Friday of every month. 5-7 pm. Downtown Middlebury & Marble Works, Main St. & Merchants Row. (802) 388-7951 x 2. info@middleburyartswalk.com. www.middleburyartswalk.com.

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. www.vermontfolklifecenter.org.

MONTPELIER. Spring Migration Bird Walks. Explore NBNC and other local birding hot spots for spring migrants, such as warblers, vireos, thrushes and waterfowl. Call for directions to meeting locations. Fee. Fridays and Saturdays, 7-8:30 am. North Branch Nature Center, 713 Elm Street. (802) 229-6206. chip@northbranchnaturecenter.org. northbranchnaturecenter.org. *Through June 7.*

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.*

MONTPELIER. Capital City Farmers' Market. Accepts EBT and debit cards. 9 am - 1 pm. Every Saturday. 60 State St. (802) 223-2958. montpelierfarmersmarket.com. *Through October.*

MONTPELIER. Special Exhibit: Plowing Old Ground—Vermont's Organic Farming Pioneers. Agricultural writer Susan Harlow and farmer/photographer John Nopper have documented the stories of Vermont's pioneer organic farmers. Black and white photographs with narratives collected from oral history interviews. Exhibit open Tues-Sat 10 am - 4 pm. Vermont History Museum, 109 State St. (802) 828-2291. www.vermonthistory.org.

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

NORWICH. Norwich Farmers' Market. Local produce and crafts. Excellent live entertainment. 9 am - 1 pm. Rt. 5 South. (802) 384-7447. manager@norwichfarmersmarket.org. www.norwichfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through October.*

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

ORWELL. Mount Independence State Historic Site. Open daily, 9:30 - 5:30. Admission \$5 for adults, free for children under 15. 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. *Through October 14.*

PERU. Bromley's Sun Mountain Adventure Park. 22 rides & attractions for everyone. Party on our Sun Deck with great food and drink specials from 5 pm 'til close. At Bromley Mountain Ski Resort, 3984 VT Rt. 11. (802) 824-5522.

PITTSFORD. New England Maple Museum. World's largest maple museum. 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.

PITTSFORD. Pittsford Farmers Market. Local produce, baked goods, jewelry, toys, artwork, knit & crochet items, nature crafts and more! The museum offers maple products & other goods. Accepting Farm to Family coupons. Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm. at the New England Maple Museum, 4578 US Rt. 7. (802) 483-6351 or email kfield16@yahoo.com. *June 8 through October.*

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

PLYMOUTH NOTCH. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. New Exhibit: Rooting for the Home Team—The Coolidges and Our National Pastime. Learn about President Coolidge's interest in the sport, and most especially, Mrs. Coolidge's passion. Featuring baseball memorabilia of the Roaring Twenties, the display includes 14K gold season passes, autographed baseballs, uniforms, bats, gloves, and more! Tuesday Tales of The Notch. Thursday Mornings at the Old Notch School. Wednesday Afternoons with Farmer Fred. Adults \$7.50, children 6 to 14 \$2, under 6 free. Family pass \$20. 9:30 am - 5 pm daily. 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicites.vermont.gov. *Through October 20.*

POULTNEY. Farmers Market. Poultney Lakes Region Farmers Market, Thursdays from 9 am to 2 pm June 20 thru Oct 3, featuring fresh fruits, veggies, plants, flowers and herbs. Local bakers with fabulous pies and treats, Vermont maple products and honey, homemade crafts and foods. For info (802) 287-5745.

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

PROCTOR. Wilson Castle Guided Historic Tours. Daily 9 am - 5 pm. Adults \$10; children ages 6-12, \$6; ages 6 and under free. Murder Mystery tours. Haunted Castle tours in October. Wilson Castle, 2708 West St. (802) 773-3284. www.wilsoncastle.com. *Through mid-October.*

PUTNEY. Green Mountain Orchards Farm Store. Apples and cider year round. 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.

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

QUECHEE. Vermont Toy Museum. Collection of more than 100,000 toys. Explore each decade of toys from the 1800's to the present. Visit our Toy and gift shop. May-October amusement rides (miniature passenger train and antique Allan Herschell carousel) with coin operated rides on the porch and vintage arcades to play inside. 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 shopping complex, Rt. 4. (802) 295-1550 x 102. info@vermonttoymuseum.com. vermonttoymuseum.com or quecheegorge.com.

RANDOLPH. The Randolph Farmers Market. Accepting EBT cards. 9 am - 1 pm every Saturday on Center Street. For info call Barb Meaney (802) 728-6329 or Art Rollins (802) 728-9123. randfarmmarket@yahoo.com. *Through October 12.*

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

ROCHESTER. Art Exhibits. Masterworks: Sculpture and Prints by Hugh Townley through July 28. BigTown Gallery, 99 N. Main St. (802) 767-9670. www.bigtowngallery.com.

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RUTLAND. Sunset Dinner Tours. Vermont Backroad Tours will pick up at locations in the Rutland area. Travel over the scenic back roads to a special location to watch the sunset. Then, traveling in the twilight, we'll stop for dinner at a local family restaurant. After dinner, ride across the Vermont countryside returning to the origin of the tour. Rate \$60 per person plus dinner. Seating limited to 12 guests. Call for reservations and other tour information. (802) 446-3131. Kelly@vtbackroadtours.com. www.vtbackroadtours.com.

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. The Rutland City Band Sunday Concerts. Free. 7-8:30 pm in the gazebo in Main Street Park, corner of Main St. (Rt. 7) and West St. (802) 773-1853. www.rutlandrec.com. Every Sunday from June 16 through August 18.

RUTLAND. Wednesday Concerts in the Park. Bring a picnic basket, family and friends and enjoy a summer evening of music. Free admission. 7-8:30 pm at the gazebo in Main Street Park at the corner of Main St. (Rt. 7) and West St. (802) 282-1092. www.rutlandrec.com. Every Wednesday June 19 through August 7.

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. Trinity Episcopal Church invites everyone to join us for a hot lunch every fourth Saturday of the month. By donation, if able. 11:30 am - 1 pm. Nourse Hall, 85 West St. (802) 775-4368.

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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.

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SOUTH WALLINGFORD. Bingo every Wednesday at 6 pm, doors open at 4 pm. There will be a jackpot! Maple Valley Grange #318 Hall, Rt. 7. (802) 446-2872. www.wallingfordvt.com.

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

SPRINGFIELD. Exhibits: "Changing Gears." Solo Digital Art Exhibition by Gloria King Merritt. Also paintings by Henry Anthony Swierczynski. Free. Mon-Fri, 9 am - 5 pm. The Great Hall, 100 River St. (802) 436-2200. marketingvermont@gmail.com. www.gloriakingmerritt.com. May 17 through August 23.

SPRINGFIELD. Gallery at the VAULT. A Vermont State Craft Center. Exhibits, classes, workshops. Open Tuesday - Saturday 11 am - 5 pm. 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. www.galleryvault.org.

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



STOWE. Art on Park. Look for the white tents on Park Street and a wide variety of artist and artisans—jewelers, potters, painters, fiber artists, homeopaths and more. Live music and local food vendors. Free. 5:30-8:30 pm. (802) 793-2101. www.stoweivibrancy.com. June 20 through August 29.

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. The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain and Dog Chapel. Free. Open Mon-Sat 10 am - 4 pm and Sun 11 am - 4 pm. The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. off Spaulding Rd. (802) 748-2700. info@dogmt.com. www.dogmt.com.

TINMOUTH. Contra Dance. Admission \$8, \$6 for teens, \$3 for children 5-12, under 5 free. Refreshments available. 8 pm at Tinmouth Community Center, Rt. 140, 5 miles west of Wallingford. For info or directions call (802) 235-2718. Tinmouthvt.org. Fourth Fridays.

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WELLS. Farmers Market. The Wells Village Farmers Market 9 am to 1 pm Saturdays Thru Oct at Wells Country Store, Wells Four Corner on Route 30. Info Helen Wood. (802) 325-3478.

WEST BRATTLEBORO. Cai's Dim Sum Teahouse at C.X. Silver Gallery. Dine with art all around. More than 30 authentic unique dishes, la carte with many vegan, gluten-free, and wheat-free options. Walk-ins welcome on second Sundays from 10 am - 8 pm or evenings throughout the month with reservations—call one or two days in advance. C.X. Silver Gallery, 814 Western Ave. (802) 579-9088. www.dimsumvt.com.

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 adamboyce@juno.com. Fourth Saturdays.

WEST PAWLET. West Pawlet Community Farmers Market. Fresh, honest food and goodies brought to you from your local farmers, chefs, and crafters. Every Friday from 4-7 pm, indoors and outdoors, year-round. West Pawlet Fish & Game Club (next to the Post Office), 2849 Rt. 153. On Facebook. wpcfmkt@gmail.com.

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

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

WEST TOWNSHEND. 6th Annual Townshend Farmers Market. Locally grown and produced foods, delicious baked goods, prepared foods, beautiful plants, handmade soaps, hand blown glass, hand carved chairs and more. (Rain or shine. Look for us in the big white church just next to the store during stormy weather!) Every Friday is Pizza Night at the store, 4-7 pm. At West Townshend Country Store, Rt. 30 and Windham Hill Rd. (802) 869-2141. posttoilsolutions.org. farmersmarket@posttoilsolutions.org. June 7 thru October.



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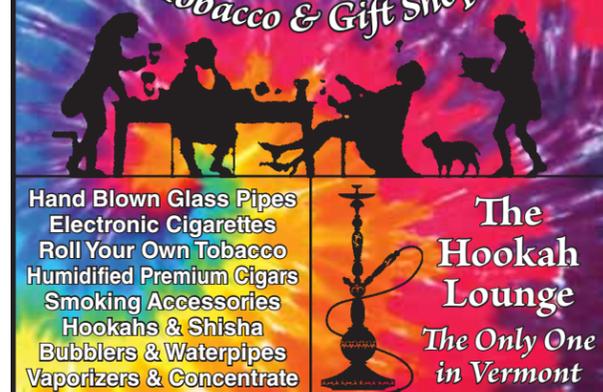
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WESTON. Cruise-In at The Vermont Country Store. Take a spin down memory lane in your classic car or truck and receive a maple creemee on us. Free admission. 5:30-7:30 pm, the last Monday of the month thru September. Mildred's Dairy Bar, 657 Main St. (802) 362-5950. June 24, July 29, August 26 & September 30.

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

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

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Upper Valley Co-op's First Friday Celebration. Live music by local artists, samples of local foods, 5% off all purchases for every shopper. 4-6 pm at the Upper Valley Food Co-op. The First Friday of every month is celebrated by businesses in White River Junction. (802) 295-5804. Kye@uppervalleyfood.coop. www.uppervalleyfood.coop.

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.

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.

WINDSOR. Summer Farmers Market. Fresh produce and more. Noon to 3 pm every first and third Sunday June 2 through October 27 at the State Street Green, Market manager: Steve Proctor, (603) 675-5840. mountaintskyline@myfairpoint.net. Facebook. www.windsorfarmersmarket.blogspot.com. Through October.

WINDSOR. Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery. Open June 10 am - 6 pm daily. July through September open Thursday-Sunday 10 am - 6 pm. At 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. ciderhillgardens.com. www.garymilek.com.

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 each month.

WINDSOR. Toasters, Spiders, Dutch Ovens: 18th Century Tavern Cooking. This special exhibit showcases the types of utensils that would have been used in Elijah West's tavern. Sat, Sun and Monday Holidays, 11 am - 5 pm. Old Constitution House, 16 Main St. (802) 672-3773. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. May 25 through October 14.

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

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum. Our 30th Anniversary Year! Horse-drawn wagon rides, free ice cream and hands-on programs. Premiere Jersey dairy farm, restored 1890 farmhouse, family programs, festivities and museum. See *A Place in the Land* in the theater. Admission (includes all activities and exhibits) \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, \$6 children 5-15, \$3 children 3 & 4. Open April 27- October 31, 10 am - 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. billingsfarm.org.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

ADDISON. World Atlatl Day. Try your hand at using this ancient spear throwing device. Free. 9:30 am - 5 pm. Chimney Point, 8149 VT Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. elsa.gilbertson@state.vt.us. www.historicsites.vermont.gov.

BURLINGTON. Discover Jazz Festival. Music performed by world class artists resonates from every corner of Downtown Burlington—this year with Bobby McFerrin, Branford Marsalis, Poncho Sanchez and his Latin Jazz band, and more. Tickets at (802) 863-7992. info@discoverjazz.com. www.discoverjazz.com/tickets. Through June 9.

CHESTER. Community Breakfast. Menu: bacon, sausage, eggs, homefries, pancakes, all the fixings, and beverages, buffet style from 8-10 am. \$7 donation at the door. Green Mtn. Express hosts a round and square dance from 7-11 pm. Refreshments. 50/50 tickets are on sale. \$5 donation at the door. At Gassetts Grange #327, jct. of Rts. 10 & 103N. (802) 875-2637. No July, resumes first Saturdays in August.

MIDDLEBURY. Rhubarb Festival and Sale. All things rhubarb! Enjoy the taste of rhubarb: luncheon, rhubarb pies, confections and savories. Cookbooks, used books, crafts, bling, jewelry, toys, and plants for sale. Children's activities and music. Free admission, luncheon \$7. 10 am - 2 pm. Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, Charles Ave. at 2 Duane Ct., between Middlebury Union High School and Mary Johnson Children's Center. (802) 388-8080. office@cvuus.org. www.cvuus.org.

POULTNEY. Spring Town Wide Yard Sale. 9 am - 4 pm. Rotary Chicken Barbecue in front of Citizens' Bank on Main Street, 11 am - 2 pm. (802) 287-4114. www.poultneyvt.com.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

CHITTENDEN. Teenie's Fishing Derby for Handicapped & Senior Citizens. Bring your own chair, bait & tackle. Food served at 11:30. Fishing starts at 1 pm. All free. 11 am - 3 pm. Teenie's Tiny Poultry Farm, Chittenden Rd./Teenie's Tiny Rd. (802) 773-2637. rdubin3@gmail.com.

SO. BURLINGTON. Workshop: Lilacs 101. Jeff Young, Lilac Collection Curator reviews how to properly choose, plant, grow and prune this sweet smelling spring shrub. 9 am - 11 am pruning instruction & 11:30 - 3 pm hands-on pruning practice. \$10. 9 am - 3 pm. UVM Horticulture Research Center, 65 Green Mountain Dr. (802) 864-3073. www.friendsofthehortfarm.org.

WOODSTOCK. Ice Cream Sunday. Participate in making and tasting hand-cranked ice cream at noon and 3 pm, while learning the history and science of the "great American dessert." Historic children's games from 11:30 am - 4 pm. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. Admission: adults \$12, age 62 & up \$11, children ages 5-15 \$6, 3-4 \$3, under 3 free. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. www.billingsfarm.org. Also June 9, 16, 23 & 30.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

BRATTLEBORO. Hemp Victory Celebration. Rural Vermont in conjunction with the national hemp advocacy group Vote Hemp, hosts a Hemp Victory Celebration from 5:30-9 pm at Hooker-Dunham Theater & Gallery, 139 Main St. More information about hemp history and the crop's many uses at www.VoteHemp.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Third Annual Slow Living Summit. A conference focused on the development of nurturing and mutually supportive communities, bioregions and economic systems. Fee: \$189/\$95. 4 pm. (802) 380-0226. www.slowlivingsummit.org. Through June 7.

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June is a basic truth, the whole sustaining principle of change and growth and maturity, of seed and leaf, blossom and seed again. It is January brought to summer's fruition, winter given meaning in the whole of the year. It is those long, sweet days we bought and paid for with long, cold nights and short bitter days at the dark turn of the year.

—Hal Borland

The Phases of the Wild Raspberry Moon

Strawberries mark the end of late spring, and raspberries pull the year well into early summer. When wild raspberries are sweet enough to eat, then chiggers wander the undergrowth, and all the first brood of fledglings have left the nest.

June 8: The Wild Raspberry Moon is new at 10:56 a.m.
June 16: The moon enters its second quarter at 12:24 p.m.
June 23: The moon is full at 6:32 a.m. June 29: The moon enters its final quarter at 11:54 p.m.

The June Sun

Summer solstice for 2013 occurs on June 21 at 12:04 a.m. (EST). The sun enters the middle summer sign of Cancer at the same time. Between June 19 and 23, the sun remains at its solstice declination of 23 degrees 26 minutes, and the day's length remains virtually unchanged.

Meteorology

Cool fronts are due to influence Vermont weather on or about June 2, 6, 10, 15, 23 and 29. Major storms are most likely to occur on the days between June 5-8, June 13-16, and June 24-28. New moon on June 8 increases the chances for freezing temperatures with the June 2 and 6 cool fronts.

Full moon on June 23 could contribute to unstable meteorological conditions in conjunction with the June 23 cool front.

The June Planets

Jupiter disappears from the evening sky in the first week of June. It will reappear as the morning star at the end of July's first week. Mars comes to the morning sky in Taurus after mid month. Venus, the evening star in Gemini, reaches conjunction with Mercury on June 20. Saturn continues to move across the night sky in Virgo.

The June Stars

The Corona Borealis directly overhead these June evenings tells you that lilies and dayflowers, trumpet creepers and sweet clover are coming in all across the land. In the far west, Leo and its bright Regulus take the last of the privets and angelica and sweet rockets. Rising in the east, the great Milky Way forecasts goldenrod and asters.

The Natural Calendar

Not long after peonies come in and the exotic flowers of the yellow poplar open, just past the prime of poppies, the last leaves of the canopy cover the land. When the high foliage is complete, then the wild multiflora roses and the domestic tea roses bloom, clustered snakeroot hangs with pollen in the shade, and parsnips, goatsbeard and sweet clovers take over the roadsides. Rare swamp valerian blossoms by the water, and common timothy pushes up from its sheaths.

Delicate Miami mist, pink yarrow, yellow moneywort, silver lamb's ear and the rough Canadian thistle bloom. Wild onions and domestic garlic get their seed bulbs. Poison ivy and tiger lilies and catalpas are budding. Daisies, golden Alexander, groundsel, sweet rocket and common fleabane still hold in the pastures, but garlic mustard and ragwort are almost gone. The bright violet heads of chives droop and decay. Tall buttercups recede into the wetlands.

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

BELLOWS FALLS. 14th Annual Roots on the River Festival. Everyday Inn, 593 Rockingham Rd. (802) 463-9595. ray@vermontfestivalsllc.com. www.vermontfestivalsllc.com. Also June 7-9.

BRATTLEBORO. Strolling of the Heifers Weekend. Fun and education for the whole family. Gallery walk and street festival. Food and craft vendors, entertainment, music and dancing in the street. 5:30 - 8:30 pm, downtown. (802) 380-0226. strollingheifers@gmail.com. www.strollingoftheheifers.com. Also June 8 & 9.

MIDDLEBURY. Farmer Poets' Night. An evening of reciting and listening to farmer poets, in conjunction with our new gallery exhibit, From Dairy to Doorstep. Bring your own poems to share or just come to listen. Free, donations accepted. 7 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. (802) 388-2117. www.henrysheldonmuseum.org.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

BELLOWS FALLS. 14th Annual Roots on the River Festival. Fred Eaglesmith, Zoe Muth, David Wax Museum, Mary Gauthier, the Steel Wheels. Everyday Inn, 593 Rockingham Rd. (802) 463-9595. ray@vermontfestivalsllc.com. www.vermontfestivalsllc.com. Also June 8-9.

BRADFORD. Old Church Theater's Comedy: "Let's Murder Marsha!" Marsha loves murder mysteries, and when she overhears her loving husband plan her birthday surprise, she thinks it is a plot to kill her! 7:30 pm Fri and Sat, Sun at 4 pm. Old Church Theater, 137 N. Main St. For tickets call (802) 222-3322. publicity@oldchurchtheater.org. www.oldchurchtheater.org. Through June 16.

GRANVILLE, NY. Exhibit Opening. Slate Valley Museum to host exhibit: "Preserving a Heritage, Building a Community: The Carpatho-Rusyn People of the Slate Valley." Enjoy traditional Slovakian food and learn about the history of the Carpatho-Rusyn families, culture, and community of the Slate Valley. 7-9 pm. at the Museum, 17 Water St. (518) 642-1417. www.slatevalleymuseum.org.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event: David Blistein. *David's Inferno: My Journey Through the Dark Wood of Depression.* Combines intensely personal reminiscences of a two-year nervous breakdown with contemporary insights on how manic-depression manifests and how it is diagnosed and treated. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. www.northshire.com.

WATERBURY. Waterbury's 250th Birthday Bash. Bring your picnic dinner and the Birthday Cake will be provided. In case of rain, Thatcher Brook School. Stowe St. Free. 5:30 pm. Rusty Parker Park, S. Main St. (802) 244-8089. bbtravelers@aol.com. waterburyhistoricalsociety.org.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

BELLOWS FALLS. 14th Annual Roots on the River Festival. Everyday Inn, 593 Rockingham Rd. Tickets: (802) 463-9595. ray@vermontfestivalsllc.com. www.vermontfestivalsllc.com. Through June 9.

BRATTLEBORO. Strolling of the Heifers Weekend. World-famous Strolling of the Heifers Parade, 10 am sharp on Main Street. Watch scores of lovable heifer calves led by future farmers, followed by many other farm animals, bands, tractors, floats, clowns and much more. Entertainment from 9 am. All-day 11-acre Slow Living Expo for food, music, dance, demonstrations, exhibits and fun. 9 am - 4 pm. (802) 380-0226. strollingheifers@gmail.com. www.strollingoftheheifers.com. Also June 9.

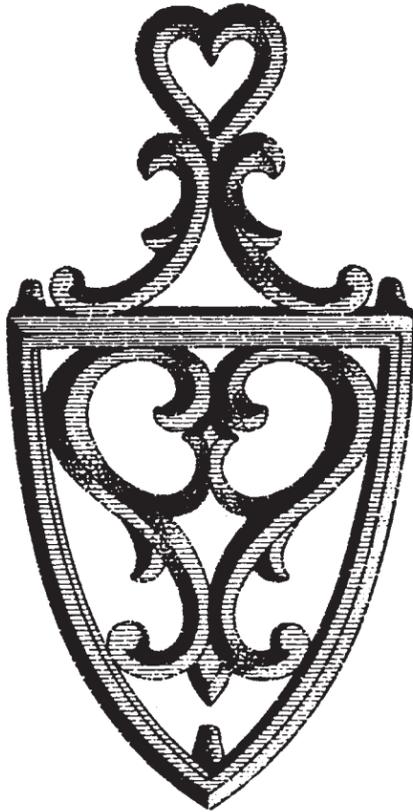
BURLINGTON. Revolutionary War Re-enactment in Honor of Ethan Allen's 275th Birthday. Admission. 10 am - 4 pm. Ethan Allen Homestead. (802) 865-4556. info@ethanallenhomestead.org. www.ethanallenhomestead.org

EAST HARDWICK. Plant Swap. A vegetable, flower and herb plant swap to take place after Children's Parade from 11-11:30 to 1 pm. at the Grange, Hardwick St. Free. (802) 755-6336. swapsisters@gmail.com.

HUBBARDTON. Vermont Days Weekend at Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site. Go Fly a Kite—learn how to make a simple kite or bring your own to fly and enjoy our freedoms, 1-4 pm. Monument Hill Rd. Free admission. 9:30 am - 5 pm. (802) 273-2282. www.Historicsites.vermont.gov. Also June 9.

MANCHESTER. 27th Annual Manchester Antique & Classic Car Show. Great food, music, giveaways! The cars will be out cruising downtown Manchester Saturday afternoon starting at 4 pm. \$10 per person; children under 12 free. 8 am - 3 pm. Dorr Farm Show Field on Rt. 30. (802) 362-6313. www.visitmanchestervt.com. Also June 9.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event: Lionel Shriver presents *Big Brother*—about fat: why we overeat and whether extreme diets ever really work. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. www.northshire.com.



MANCHESTER CENTER. Orvis Fly Fishing 101. Free fishing lessons on fly casting and outfit rigging. RSVP to reserve your spot. Orvis Company Store, 4180 Main St., Rt. 7A. (802) 362-3750. www.orvis.com. Also June 9.

NORWICH. Contradance with Northern Spy. Caller, David Millstone. 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.

ORWELL. Mount Independence History Program. Paul Gillies, Vermont historian and attorney, presents the annual J. Robert Maguire lecture. 1 pm. Mount Independence. (802) 948-2000. elsa.gilbertson@state.vt.us. www.historicsites.vermont.gov.

STATEWIDE. Vermont Days. Free admission to Vermont State Parks & Historic Sites and Free Fishing Day. Fun for the whole family! From encampments to pivotal Revolutionary War sites, to the private homesteads of U.S. Presidents, Vermont's State Historic Sites chronicle our heritage. Visit websites for locations and directions. (802) 828-3213. john.dumville@state.vt.us. www.vtstateparks.com. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. Also June 9.

STOWE. Stowe's 250th Birthday Ice Cream Social. Free ice cream and cake, music, games, activities for the kids and more! Free. 2-4 pm. Stowe Village Green. (802) 7932101. adele@stoweaccess.com. www.stoweivrancy.com.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

BELLOWS FALLS. 14th Annual Roots on the River Festival. Everyday Inn, 593 Rockingham Rd. For tickets call (802) 463-9595. ray@vermontfestivalsllc.com. www.vermontfestivalsllc.com.

BRATTLEBORO. Strolling of the Heifers Farm, Food & Fiber Tour. Weekend Farmers Breakfast at The Works Bakery Café, Main St. 7 am - 12 noon. Explore scenic countryside during this self-guided expedition. 10 am - 4 pm. Maps available at The Works Café in Brattleboro, The Chelsea Royal Diner in W. Brattleboro or at website. (802) 380-0226. www.strollingoftheheifers.com.

BRATTLEBORO. Tour de Heifer Cycling Tours. Strolling of the Heifers presents a trio of scenic farm-to-farm, hilly dirt-road bicycle rides tailored to most levels of cycling ability with routes ranging from 10 to 60 miles. 8 am - 4 pm. (802) 380-0226. strollingheifers@gmail.com. www.strollingoftheheifers.com.

CHESTER. Open Mike Country Jamboree. Hosted by Green Mountain Express. All musicians and singers invited. Refreshments on sale, raffles and 50/50 tickets. \$5 donatn. 1-4 pm. Gassetts Grange #327, Jct. 10 & 103N. (802) 591-4290. Second Sundays resuming in August.

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

MANCHESTER. 27th Annual Manchester Antique & Classic Car Show. Great food, music, giveaways! \$10 per person; children under 12 are free. 8 am - 3 pm. Dorr Farm Show Field on Rt. 30. (802) 362-6313. www.visitmanchestervt.com.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Join author Maryanne O'Hara as she presents her novel *Cascade* along with a brief slide-show of images of the towns that were flooded to create the Quabbin Reservoir in the 1930s. Free. 3 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. www.northshire.com.



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(June 9, continued)

RUTLAND. Performance: Vermont Center For Dance Education Recital. Featuring dancers of all ages. Adults \$20-\$25, under 12 & Sr's \$15. 2 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org. www.vermontcenterfordanceeducation.com.

STATEWIDE. Vermont Days. Free admission to Vermont State Parks & Historic Sites. Visit websites for locations and directions. (802) 828-3213. john.dumville@state.vt.us. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. www.vtstateparks.com.

STRAFFORD. Open House: Justin Smith Morrill Homestead. Tour the house, stroll the trails and visit the lovely gardens. Free refreshments and dessert. 2-4 pm. (802) 765-4288. john.dumville@state.vt.us. www.historicvermont.org/morrill.

THETFORD. Concert: Juneberry Music Choral Singing School's "Last Class." The final class is open to the public as singing students in the First Class and the Choir Class share what they've been working on. Lots of singing joy with snacks to follow! 1 pm. Thetford Hill Congregational Church. choralartsuv.org.

TUNBRIDGE. Breakfast & Bake Sale. The Tunbridge Recreation Committee and the Tunbridge Central School 8th grade class will host a breakfast and a bake sale. 8 am - 12 pm. Tunbridge Town Hall, Rt. 110. (802) 889-3310. *Continues second Sundays of each month.*

WINDSOR. Old Constitution House. Vermont Days. Free admission to all State-owned Historic Sites and day use at all State Parks. 11 am - 5 pm. 16 Main St. (802) 672-3773. william.jenney@state.vt.us. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. *constitution. Also June 10.*

WOODSTOCK. Concert: Vermont Pro Musica. Presenting an all-Bach concert featuring the Ascension Oratorio, BWV 11, and Cantata for the Feast of Trinity. 5 pm. St. James Episcopal Church. choralartsuv.org.

WOODSTOCK. Ice Cream Sunday. Participate in making and tasting hand-cranked ice cream at noon and 3 pm, while learning the history and science of the "great American dessert." Historic children's games from 11:30 am - 4 pm. Admission: adults \$12, age 62 & up \$11, children ages 5-15 \$6, 3-4 \$3, under 3 free (includes all activities, exhibits, restored 1890 farm house and barns, and special events.) Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. *Also June 16, 23 & 30.*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

BENNINGTON. "The Old Country Fiddler: Charles Ross Taggart." Fiddler Adam Boyce portrays Mr. Taggart including some live fiddling and humorous sketches. Free. 1 pm. Bennington Senior Center, 124 Pleasant Street. (802) 442-1052. shoag@benningtonvt.org. vermonthumanities.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

BURLINGTON. Vermont Traditional Foods and Health Symposium Film Screening: *Genetic Roulette, The Gamble of Our Lives*. Never-before-seen-evidence points to genetically engineered foods as a major contributor to rising disease rates in the US population, especially among children. Free. 7-9 pm. Film House, Main Street Landing. (802) 985-8686.

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

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Matthew Wolpe presents *Reinventing the Chicken Coop*. Raising chickens? 14 complete building plans for chicken coops that range from the purely functional to the outrageously fabulous. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. www.northshire.com.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

LUDLOW. 8th Annual Jackson Gore Summer Music Series. Come listen to 2Adam12, an R&B funk band. Bring your lawn chairs, enjoy dinner from the BBQ. Free. 6-9 pm at Okemo Mountain Resort's Jackson Gore, Okemo Ridge Rd. (802) 228-1600. *Every Friday through August 30.*

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Joe Eck presents *To Eat*. This book is a fitting capstone to a profound partnership. A memorable book about the path food travels from garden to table. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. www.northshire.com.

WINDSOR. Peony Days. Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery hosts a three-day group fine art show of eight painters featuring peonies, walks in the peony gardens. The Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery at 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. are open daily from 10 am - 6 pm. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. ciderhillgardens.com. www.garymilek.com. *Also June 15 & 16.*

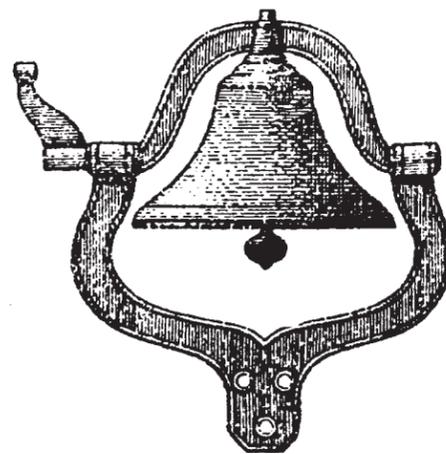
SATURDAY, JUNE 15

ADDISON. Blast from the Past: How They Made It in New France. Site Interpreter Karl Crannell offers hands-on-demonstrations on some of the crafts and skills practiced by those living here on the frontier of New France. Wood crafts, tailoring, and more. 1:30-3:30 pm. Chimney Point, 8149 VT Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. elsa.gilbertson@state.vt.us. www.historicsites.vermont.gov.

CHESTER. Book & Author Event. Australian Rohan Anderson will talk about his incredible cookbook, *Whole Larder Love*. Author and ultimate do-it-yourself-er Rohan Anderson is a family man and a modern-day hunter-gatherer living just outside the historical town of Ballarat, an 1800s gold rush town in Australia. Free, public welcome. 5 pm with reception and book signing to follow. Misty Valley Books, on the Green. (802) 875-3400. www.mvbooks.com.

EAST CHARLESTON. Birding Before Breakfast. Join us for these fun and fulfilling morning bird surveys! A homemade breakfast, prepared by our talented staff, will await your return. \$5. 7-9 am. Northwoods Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 723-6551. www.northwoodscenter.org. *Also June 29, & July 13.*

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



June Notebook: More is More

by Bill Felker

On earth and only on earth are sunset glow, green leaf, and eyes to see them. Here is all we know of reality, all-sufficient to our destiny, our thoughts and passions.

—Donald Culross Peattie

Summer's natural history includes names and numbers of flowers, insects, mammals, fish, leaves, odors, textures, colors, sounds, and tastes. The longest days bring high tide for new growth, and almost everything the land

contains seems to be in motion and be visible.

From this noon in time, the hands of the biological clock move down toward winter. And with our large brains, we rationalize about the loss. We create compensation for decay. We philosophize about transcendence and divinity, indestructible souls, heaven beyond the sky, salvation in kindness and love, immortality through children or influence. We try to believe in the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting. We try to understand how matter and energy are one, how nothing

is ever truly destroyed, how spirit is forever in motion, transformed from action to atom to action.

But we wonder, really, if life is not actually measured in quantity and presence, measured like the longest days. The absence of leaves and flowers and grass and warmth in winter is beautiful only in the context of its covenant with rebirth. An appreciation of snow and empty branches rises primarily from an aesthetic which values cold and dissolution only if their opposites are certain. In that context, we tolerate the

receding tide, find meaning in the yellowing foliage, in the autumn flowers, in the departure of the birds. And we find consolation in natural history like we find consolation in our own history, in recollection of our finest, longest days.

Here is the truth, it seems to me: Summer is measured in quantity, in the experience of bounty. Memory and longing are always second best. Accumulation does not always add up to ecstasy, but it reminds us of what is true. It affirms and proves what we know in this season, that less is not more, and that our imagined God and Paradise are the defiant and fantastic signs of an enduring June's immediate and peerless abundance.





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Vermont Country Calendar



Hartland JazzFest—Outdoor Festival in the Upper Valley

The Second Annual Hartland JazzFest, a one-day outdoor festival of live jazz performances in the Upper Valley, will take place on Saturday the 22nd of June from 1–8 p.m. at Foster Meadow Field, Rt. 5, next to the town library in Hartland, VT.

Over 40 musicians, including nationally recognized guests and favorite local jazz performers, will share the stage.

With food vendors on site, tent shelters, an adjacent playground, and a festive atmosphere, JazzFest is an event for the whole family. Festival-goers are invited to bring a picnic and chairs. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Admission is by donation (\$10 suggested per person). Gates open at noon.

JazzFest is produced by Hartland Community Arts in collaboration with the Hartland Recreation Department. All proceeds will support a

young jazz scholarship and future Hartland Community Arts programming and scholarships.

Featured performers include Skunk Hollow Jazz, Interplay Jazz All Stars with Fred Haas and Sabrina Brown, Carlos Ocasio and Rhumba Rhumba, Eric Bernstein's Almost Legendary Thundering Muskrats, Dr. Burma, and many more. See the Hartland Community Arts website for a complete list of performers.

Hartland Community Arts is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support and promote the arts in Hartland, Vermont.

Foster Meadow Field is on Rt. 5 in Hartland, VT. Directions: I-91 to exit 9, Rt. 5 north one mile to the library entrance on left. For JazzFest information visit www.hartlandcommunityarts.org and Facebook. Or call (802) 436-3047.

HUBBARDTON. By the Light of the Silvery Moon. The Green Mountain Alliance of Amateur Astronomers bring telescopes and reveal moonlight magic in Vermont. If you like, bring binoculars, blankets, and flashlights. We provide the marshmallows. If inclement weather, inside illustrated program with exciting photos from deep space. Call to confirm. 8-10 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. www.Historicsites.vermont.gov.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Ben Hewitt presents *Saved*. A narrative that challenges everything we know about the meaning of money. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. www.northshire.com.

RUPERT. Hay Days at Merck Forest and Farmland Center. A farm festival in collaboration with Green Mountain Draft Horse Assoc. Learn about draft power. Demonstrations and discussions. For all ages. Free. 10 am - 4 pm. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. www.merckforest.org. Also June 16.

WINDSOR. Peony Days. Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery hosts a three-day group fine art show of eight painters featuring peonies, walks in the peony gardens, and a painting demonstration by Hagop Kelejian. The Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery at 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. are open daily from 10 am - 6 pm. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. www.ciderhillgardens.com. www.garymilek.com. Also June 16.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

DUXBURY. B&B Tour. Visit Duxbury's four stunning B&Bs tucked away in our wooded hills. Homemade treats and stories served up by the innkeepers. Grand opening of the country's newest tree house B&B. Admission. 12-4 pm. (802) 244-6481. www.duxbury250.com.

GLOVER. Bread & Puppet Museum Open House. Music, shows, sourdough rye—and 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. Performances at 4 & 7:30 p.m. of Piero Della Francesca's Legend of the True Cross in the Dirt-Floor Theater. Free admission, donations welcome. 2-5 pm. Bread and Puppet Farm, Rt. 122. (802) 525-3031. www.breadandpuppet.org.

HUBBARDTON. Battlefield Third Sunday. A Hubbardton resident from 1777 comes to life to talk with visitors about the battle and life in the path of war, and leads a walk to the East Hubbardton Cemetery and back. Inside program if inclement weather. 1 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. www.Historicsites.vermont.gov.

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS. 38th Annual Strawberry Festival. To benefit the Middletown Springs Historical Society. Museum exhibits and live music by Paul Morgan and Friends. Local crafts and artists. Museum will be open. Strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits, ice cream, and whipped cream for \$6 per person. Coffee, ice tea, and lemonade are included. 2-4 pm on the Green, Rt. 140. (802) 235-2376.

PUTNEY. Twilight Concert: The Stockwell Brothers. Down home new grass. 5:30 pm on the Putney Tavern lawn (bring a lawn chair or blanket) or at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in case of rain. Free (donations accepted). Food available. (802) 387-5772. www.twilightmusic.org.

RUPERT. Hay Days at Merck Forest and Farmland Center. This farm festival is in collaboration with Green Mountain Draft Horse Association. Learn about draft power for farming. Demonstrations and discussions. All ages welcome. Free admission. 10 am - 4 pm. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. www.merckforest.org.

RUTLAND. The Rutland City Band Concert. Free. 7-8:30 pm in the gazebo in Main Street Park, corner of Main St. (Rt. 7) and West St. (802) 773-1853. www.rutlandrec.com. Every Sunday from June 16 to August 18.

WINDSOR. Peony Days. Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery hosts a three-day group fine art show of eight painters featuring peonies, walks in the peony gardens. The Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery at 1747 Hunt Rd., off State St. are open daily from 10 am - 6 pm. (800) 232-4337. flowers@ciderhillgardens.com. www.ciderhillgardens.com. www.garymilek.com.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

LEBANON, NH. Concert: The Happy Together Tour. Featuring The Turtles with Flo & Eddie, Chuck Negron formerly of Three Dog Night, Gary Puckett & the Union Gap, Mark Lindsay former lead singer of Paul Revere & the Raiders, Gary Lewis & The Playboys. Tickets: \$69/\$59/\$39. 7:30 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. www.lebanonoperahouse.org.

PUTNEY. Album Release Concert. Sam Amidon, with Chris Vatalaro performs radically reworked folksongs. Alessi's Ark opens. Tickets are \$18/16, available at www.brownpapertickets.com and at Everyone's Books, Elliot St. in Brattleboro. 7 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill in the center of town. (802) 257-1006. www.amidonmusic.com.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

DORSET. Play: The Scene by Theresa Rebeck starring Tim Daly. Wickedly scathing observations about the sort of self-obsessed New Yorkers who pursue their own interests at the cost of their morality and loyalty. Tues-Sun, 8 pm & 3 pm. The Dorset Playhouse, 104 Cheney Rd. Tickets: (802) 867-2223. www.dorsettheatrefestival.org. Through July 7.

PITTSFORD. Kitten Spay & Neuter Special. Kittens six months old or younger can be spayed or neutered at VT-CAN, a low cost spay/neuter clinic located in Middlesex for only \$20. Drop your kitten at the RCHS shelter, volunteers will transport it to VT-CAN where it will be spayed or neutered and given a rabies shot, and returned to RCHS later that day. Prior registration required; VT-CAN fees for services apply. 6:30 am - 6:15 pm. Rutland Co. Humane Society, 765 Stevens Rd. To register please call (802) 483-6700. www.rchsvt.org. www.vt-can.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

FAIR HAVEN. Concert in the Park. Yankee Dixie performs Dixieland. Free. 7 pm at the town park. (802) 265-3010. www.fairhavenvt.org. Each Thursday through August 22.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

EAST CHARLESTON. Full Moon Paddle. Warm summer nights are the perfect time to explore the Clyde River by light of the moon. Bring flashlight, snack and extra clothing. Weather permitting. Fee \$10, Canoe gear included. 7:30-9:30 pm. Northwoods Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Dr. (802) 723-6551. www.northwoodscenter.org.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

ADDISON. Amateur Radio Service Field Days. The Addison County Amateur Radio Association sets up a simulated emergency station, part of a nationwide event, using only emergency power supplies to practice emergency communications with no reliance on phone systems, internet, or commercial power sources. The public is welcome. Chimney Point, 8149 Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. Through June 23.

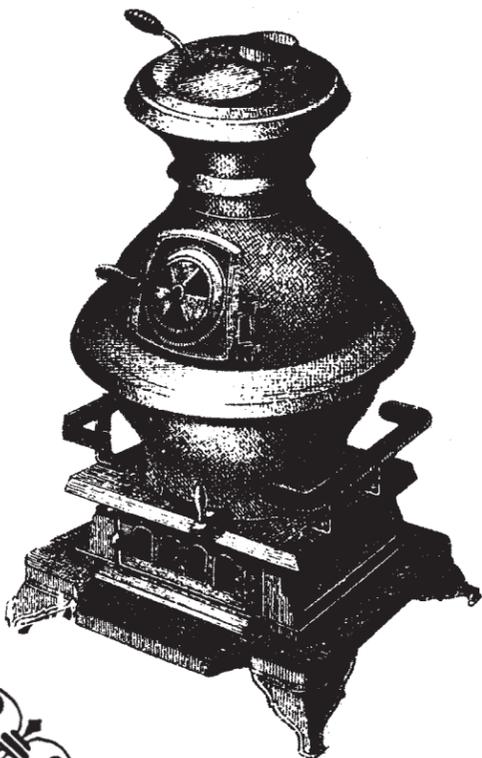
CASTLETON. 6th Annual Town Wide Yard Sale. 9 am - 3 pm on Castleton Community Center Green and indoors at the center's dining room and wellness center. Over 50 vendors! (802) 468-3093. homestead@shoreham.net.

CHARLOTTE. Garden Conservancy Open Day Tour of Converse Bay Farm. The garden features roses, a large lily pond, a parterre potager, and a ten-foot-by-sixty-foot border of hydrangeas, buddleias, and evergreens. Self-guided tour from 10 am - 4 pm. Admission \$5, rain or shine, no reservations needed. 1028 Converse Bay Rd. (888) 842-2442. www.opendaysprogram.org. Also June 23.

CHARLOTTE. Garden Conservancy Open Day Tour of The Gardens at Golden Apple Orchard, 1052 Whalley Rd. Explore a series of rooms divided by hedges for different planting themes, including an extensive vegetable garden. 10 am - 4 pm for self-guided tours. Admission \$5, rain or shine, and no reservations needed. (888) 842-2442. www.opendaysprogram.org. Also June 23.

CHESTER. 11th Annual Music-In-The-Meadow Benefit. Great family entertainment. Performers include Travis Parker, Mark Shelton, Brendan Thomas, GB101, Backroad, Bondville Boys, Bluegrasoles, Dr. T Band, DV8, and more. All goods and services are donated and all proceeds go to the Race for the Cure. Free admission. Raffle, food, entertainment. 8 am Saturday through 5 pm Sunday. Motel-in-The-Meadow, 936 Route 11 West. (802) 875-2626. www.motelinthemeadow.com. Also June 23.

COLCHESTER. Sam Mazza's 18th Annual Strawberry Festival. Strawberry shortcake with whipped cream and ripe strawberries. Strawberry milkshakes, strawberry fudge, strawberry jam & chocolate-dipped strawberries. Pony rides, kids games, petting zoo, face painting & Vermont specialty food samples. 11 am - 4 pm. Sam Mazza's, 277 Lavigne Rd. (802) 655-3440. www.sammazzafarms.com.



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FERRISBURGH. Wool Day. Border collies will demonstrate their herding skills while spinners and weavers turn fleece into wool and yarn into cloth. Wooly activities will engage children all afternoon. 1-5 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. rokeby@comcast.net. www.rokeby.org.

GRAFTON. Annual Grafton Food Festival. Celebrating local food and farms in southern Vermont. Admission. 10 am - 4 pm. Grafton Inn, 92 Main St. (800) 843-1801. info@graffoninnvermont.com. graffonfoodfestival.com. Through June 23.

GUILFORD. Annual Guilford Community Church Strawberry Supper. Ham and homemade baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, deviled eggs, homemade rolls, beverages, and strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream. Seatings at 5 pm & 6:30 pm. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children under 11, preschool \$3. At the Guilford Community Church, 38 Church Dr. off Bee Barn Rd. Directions: I-91 Exit 1; go south on Rt. 5; turn left onto Bee Barn Rd., just past Guilford County Store and before the bridge. (802) 254-9019. guilfordchurchsupper@gmail.com.

HARTLAND. 2nd Annual Hartland JazzFest. An outdoor festival of live jazz performances. Rain or shine. Sponsored by Hartland Community Arts and the Hartland Recreation Department. Donations requested—\$10 per person suggested, under 12 free. 1-8 pm. Gates open at noon. Foster Meadow Field, next to the town library, Rt. 5. (802) 436-3047. hartlandcommunityarts.org. Facebook.

HINESBURG. Garden Conservancy Open Day Tour of Paul Wiczorek's Garden, 2800 Lincoln Hill Rd. Features a small waterfall and stream set among weeping conifers and specimen shrubs, a woodland garden of diverse broad-leaf evergreens, and slow-growing conifers overlooking a sloping rock garden. 10 am - 4 pm for self-guided tours. Admission \$5, rain or shine, no reservations needed. (888) 842-2442. www.opendaysprogram.org. Also June 23.

HINESBURG. Garden Conservancy Open Day Tour of The Hidden Garden at 693 Lewis Creek Rd. Includes a watercourse with paths and stone bridges featuring levels of perennials, conifers, and damp-loving plants, a trout and reflecting pond. 10 am - 4 pm for self-guided tours. Admission \$5, no reservations required. (888) 842-2442. www.opendaysprogram.org. Also June 23.

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

SHELburne. Ben & Jerry's Annual Concerts on the Green. David Byrne and St. Vincent. Tickets: \$49-\$55. Tickets on-line: www.highergroundmusic.com. By phone: (888) 512-7469. Gates open 7 pm; show at 8 pm. Shelburne Museum, 6000 Shelburne Rd. (802) 985-3346. shelburnemuseum.org.

WELLS. First Annual Pick-Your-Own Little Lake Orchard Strawberry Festival. Organically-grown strawberries, music by The Grafters and the Poultney Blue Grass Society, strawberry shortcake, strawberry lemonade, and salads by Valley Roots Catering. Rain date June 23. From 2-7 pm at Little Lake Orchard, North St. (802) 417-7946.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

BRANDON. 2nd Annual "Sunday on Park Street"—A Tour of Park Street Gardens. Visit a dozen unique outdoor spaces. Demonstrations, refreshments. 12-6 pm. Tickets: \$25. To benefit the Brandon Free Public Library, 4 Franklin St. (802) 247-8230. info@brandonpubliclibrary.org.

CHESTER. 11th Annual Music-In-The-Meadow Benefit. Great family entertainment. Performers include Travis Parker, Mark Shelton, Brendan Thomas, GB101, Backroad, Bondville Boys, Bluegrasoles, Dr. T Band, and DV8. All goods and services are donated and all proceeds go to the Race for the Cure. Free admission. Raffle, food, entertainment. Sunday morning through 5 pm. Motel-in-The-Meadow, 936 Route 11 West. (802) 875-2626. www.motelinthemeadow.com.

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

MONKTON. 27th Annual Strawberry Festival at the Monkton Central School. Luncheon a la carte and our famous strawberry shortcake! Music by Sun Mountain. 12-3 pm. (802) 453-4471.

ROCHESTER. 19th Season Rochester Chamber Music Society Concert: Gypsy to Jazz. Lara St. John, violin; Martin Kennedy, piano. Program includes Ravel, Gershwin, Milica Paranosic, John Psathas, and Martin Kennedy. Admission by donation. Concert 4 pm at the Rochester Federated Church, 15 N. Main St., VT Rt. 100. (802) 767-9234.

WOODSTOCK. Ice Cream Sunday. Participate in making and tasting hand-cranked ice cream at noon and 3 pm, while learning the history and science of the "great American dessert." Historic children's games from 11:30 am - 4 pm. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. Admission: adults \$12, age 62 & up \$11, children ages 5-15 \$6, 3-4 \$3, under 3 free. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. Also June 30.

MONDAY, JUNE 24

BRATTLEBORO. Workshop: Computer Art. A hands-on Integrated Digital Art Workshop using iMacs, Wacom tablets and video production equipment, offered by Castleton State College and the Center for Digital Art. 9:30 to 4:30 Mon-Fri at Center for Digital Art, 74 Cotton Mill Hill. (802) 254-7390. www.micheljmoyse.com.

WESTON. Cruise-In at The Vermont Country Store. Free admission. 5:30-7:30 pm, Mildred's Dairy Bar, 657 Main St. (802) 362-5950. Also July 29, August 26 & September 30.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

RUTLAND. Humane Society Fundraiser. A 5K Walk, Wag & Run will take place at College of Saint Joseph starting at 6 pm. Bring your dog (or not) to help raise money for Rutland County Humane Society. For info visit www.rchsvt.org.

RUTLAND. Concert: Joan Baez. Tickets: \$55.75/\$64.75. 8 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

ORWELL. Children's Revolutionary Morning Camp. Children will enjoy Revolutionary times learning about Mount Independence with hands-on activities, walks and more. For ages 6 to 11. Limited space. Preregistration required. \$75. Wed-Fri 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Mount Independence, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. elsa.gilbertson@state.vt.us. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. Through June 28.

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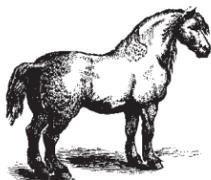
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PLYMOUTH. 60th Annual Strawberry Festival. Barbeque, crafts table, touch-a-truck(s), face painting, and a huge Vermont raffle with many, many prizes. BBQ burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, baked beans, home made salads and beverages. Strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits, real whipped cream, and vanilla ice cream. Park entrance is free for the evening, and the food is a la carte. 5-8 pm, rain or shine. At Camp Plymouth State Park off Rt. 100 at Echo Lake. (802) 228-3308.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

CHITTENDEN. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Concert. Featuring Broadway star Sara Jean Ford in "Summer Songbook." 7:30 pm. At Mountain Top Inn and Resort. For tickets call (800) 876-9293 x10. vso.org.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

ESSEX JUNCTION. Vermont Quilt Festival. New England's Largest and Oldest Quilt Event! Classes, lectures, quilt appraisals, free gallery talks and demos. Admission. Fri-Sat 9 am-6 pm, Sun 9 am-3 pm. Champlain Valley Expo, 105 Pearl St, Rt. 15. (802) 872-0034. info@vqf.org. www.vqf.org.

LUDLOW. 8th Annual Jackson Gore Summer Music Series. Come listen to Remember September, a smoothy Connecticut indie rock group. Bring your lawn chairs, enjoy dinner from the BBQ. Take a ride on the Timber Ripper Mountain Coaster. Free. 6-9 pm at Okemo Mountain Resort's Jackson Gore Courtyard, Okemo Ridge Rd. (802) 228-1600. Every Friday through August 30.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event: Jody Williams presents *My Name Is Jody Williams: A Vermont Girl's Winding Path to the Nobel Peace Prize*. From her modest beginnings to becoming the tenth woman—and third American woman—to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, Jody Williams takes the reader through the ups and downs of her tumultuous and remarkable life. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. www.northshire.com.

MIDDLEBURY. Annual Pops Concert and Fireworks. A concert of Broadway standards, pops and patriotic music by the Vermont Philharmonic followed by a glorious fireworks display. Bring flashlights, chairs, blankets, and a picnic. \$25 adults (\$20 through June 21), \$10 youth, under 12 free. Grounds open at 5:30 pm for picnicking; concert at 7:30 pm. Mahaney Center for the Arts at Middlebury College. (802) 388-2117. henrysheldonmuseum.org.

WATERBURY. 38th Annual Strawberry Supper. Delicious buffet dinner at historic downtown church followed by strawberry shortcake (made with local berries!). Full meal includes drink & dessert, or you can get "just desserts." Take-out too! \$10 adults, 12 and under \$6, dessert only \$4. 5-7 pm. Waterbury Congregational Church, 8 N. Main St. (802) 244-6606.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

CORINTH. Exhibit of Floral Paintings by Robert O'Brien, Stephanie Carleton, Stephanie Schreiber, and Greg Gorman. Reception from 4-6pm. In conjunction with the Corinth Topsham Garden Tour June 29, noon to 5 pm, rain or shine. \$20, under 18 free. Free refreshments at the Library. Towle Hill Studio show is free Sat 12-6 pm & Sun 12-3 pm. Towle Hill Studio, 28 Center Rd. (802) 439-3730. www.towlehillstudio.com.

DUMMERSTON CENTER. Annual Old-Fashioned Strawberry Supper. Ham and baked beans, potato and macaroni salads, coleslaw, homemade breads, beverages, and 10" double-tiered old-fashioned strawberry shortcakes with fresh local strawberries and real whipped cream! Adults \$10, children \$5. Sponsored by the Dummerston Congregational Church. 5-7 pm. Held at Evening Star Grange Hall, 1008 East West Rd. (802) 254-2249.

GRANVILLE, NY. Quarry Tour: A Slovakian Family from Immigrants to Quarry Owners. Join us for a tour of the Labas Family quarry, historically known as the Beecher Quarry, located on the Warren Switch Road in West Pawlet, VT. Meet at the Slate Valley Museum for a quick tour of the new Carpatho-Rusyn exhibit and then visit the quarry, just a short drive from SVM. Please pre-register for the event by calling the museum on our dedicated reservation line, (518) 642-1400. Slate Valley Museum, 17 Water St. (518) 642-1417. www.slatevalleymuseum.org.

HUBBARDTON. Military Road Hike. Site interpreter Carl Fuller leads a vigorous guided hike on part of the 1776-77 military road that led to Mount Independence. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. 2-5 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. www.Historicsites.vermont.gov.

KILLINGTON. Killington Music Festival's Music in the Mountains Concert. Features KMF faculty and accomplished students performing classical favorites and inspired chamber music. Tickets \$20. 7 pm. Rams Head Lodge, Killington Resort, Killington Rd. For tickets: (802) 422-1330. Info: (802) 773-4003. www.killingtonmusicfestival.org. Saturdays through August 3.

RANDOLPH. Vermont Symphony Orchestra Summer Festival Concert. Featuring Broadway star Sara Jean Ford in "Summer Songbook." Finale includes Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and fireworks! 7:30 pm. at the Three Stallion Inn, Stock Farm Rd. For tickets call (800) 876-9293 x 10. www.vso.org.

SPRINGFIELD. Workshop: Nightscapes in Pastel. Instructor: Robert Carsten. Work from your photos or sketches. Fee: \$70. Materials list available upon registration. 9:30 am - 4 pm. Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. www.galleryvault.org.

WESTMINSTER. 12th Annual Garden Tour. Westminster Cares will hold its two-day event, featuring the gardens of Mary and Gordon Hayward, nationally known garden designer, writer and lecturer. Three other beautiful gardens are also on the tour from 10 am to 3 pm. Tickets provide admission for both days. (802) 722-3607. wecares@sover.net. www.westminstercares.org. Also June 30.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Concert: Chris Smither. Having distilled his own signature sound of blues and folk for over 40 years, Chris continues to draw deeply from the blues, American folk music, modern poets and philosophers. Admission: \$25. 7 pm. Tupelo Music Hall, 188 S. Main St. (802) 698-8341. www.smither.com. www.tupelohallvermont.com.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

ADDISON. Program: Preservation Restoration on the Lake Champlain Bridge. Spend an afternoon learning about the restoration project on both sides of the bridge and see the completed historic bridge interpretive paths. State historic site managers Elsa Gilbertson from Chimney Point and Thomas Hughes from Crown Point, NY lead the program. Meet at the Chimney Point museum and plan to drive or bike over the bridge. \$8 for one, \$15 for two. 1-4 pm. Chimney Point, 8149 Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. elsa.gilbertson@state.vt.us. www.historicsites.vermont.gov.

EAST THETFORD. 11th Annual Strawberry Festival. Organic strawberry picking, ongoing horse-drawn wagon rides to and from the organic strawberry patch, educational displays, children's activities, and self-guided farm tours. Storytelling, live music, and an organic Good Food concession. Parking \$5, free if you walk or take the train from White River Jct. 10 am - 4 pm. Cedar Circle Farm, Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. www.CedarCircleFarm.org.

PUTNEY. Twilight Concert: Kat Wright & Brett Hughes. Americana music quartet featuring soaring vocal harmonies. 5:30 pm on the Putney Tavern lawn (bring a lawn chair or blanket) or at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in case of rain. Free (donations accepted). Food available. (802) 387-5772. www.twilightmusic.org.

RUTLAND. Concert: Catamount Radio & the Vermont State Fair present the Doobie Brothers with Special Guest Bachman & Turner. Doors open at 12 pm, Bachman & Turner will take the stage at 2 pm, Doobie Brothers will close the show starting at 5 pm. At the Vermont State Fairgrounds. For tickets go to www.vermontstatefair.net.

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SMUGGLERS' NOTCH. July 4th Celebration Smuggs-Style. A great week of fun and games surrounding the holiday! On July 4th, there will be a parade and country fair in Jeffersonville followed by festivities on The Village Green at Smugglers' Notch. The 40th Army Band Concert and an old-fashioned Firemen's Barbeque. Spectacular fireworks display. Smugglers' Notch Resort, 4323 Rt 108 S. (800) 451-8752. www.smuggs.com. Through July 7.

WESTMINSTER. 12th Annual Garden Tour. Westminster Cares will hold its two-day event. 10 am to 3 pm. (802) 722-3607. wecares@sover.net. www.westminstercares.org.

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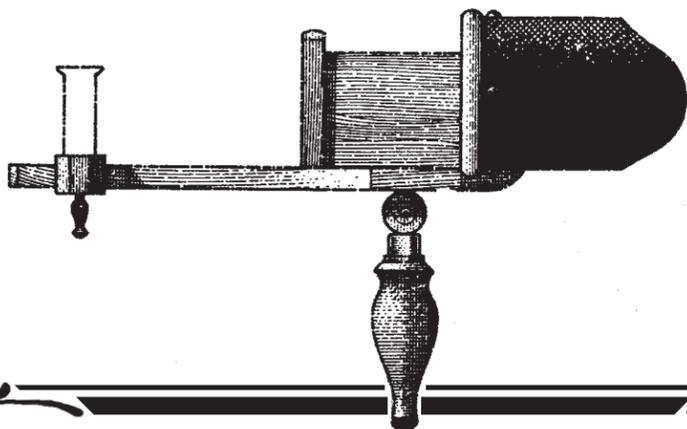
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Montague Golf Club Makes Spectacular Recovery

by Charles Sutton

On that fateful 28th day of August, 2011, Sam Sammis stood outside the Three Stallion Inn at Green Mountain Stock Farm in Randolph, VT and watched in utter dismay as Tropical Storm Irene's torrential rains sent flooding waters from the Third Branch of the White River onto the Montague golf course, eating away fairways, and depositing mounds of silt, large trees and other debris.

"It was very strange," he recalled, "no wind, but 20 to 40-foot uprooted trees being washed into the river, and many going onto the golf course."

That branch of the White River runs through the middle of the 18-hole course. Its 15-foot rampaging crest destroyed the 10th and 18th fairways and left a muddy mess of silt six feet deep on seven other fairways. The storm did an estimated \$500,000 worth of damage.

The golf club's new pro and clubhouse manager Paul Politano said the course looked like a moonscape.

But work began immediately to restore Montague to its beautiful pre-Irene setting, including scenic views of a friendlier river. Working with the advice and help from golf course designer Steve Durkee, a large crew of 'greens keepers' started the massive clean-up process.

Sammis said he was fortunate to find someone who agreed to clear away all the fallen trees that washed ashore in exchange for the free wood. By some miracle (and dozers helped, too) the grounds crews were able to clear the fairways and replant them with a special grass seed before winter set in.

Politano recalls what a welcoming sight it was seeing the little blades of grass coming up the following March where there had been so much thick mud.

Sammis has only one word to describe the quick recovery that enabled the course to be reopened the following 4th of July weekend—"spectacular!"

Sam and his wife Jinny purchased the club in the spring of 2009, and made some initial improvements including putting a new "stay-mat" surface on the club access road and on cart paths. Some 39 new golf carts and new Amish-built swing benches for the men's and ladies tees were added as well as a new coat of paint for the club house.

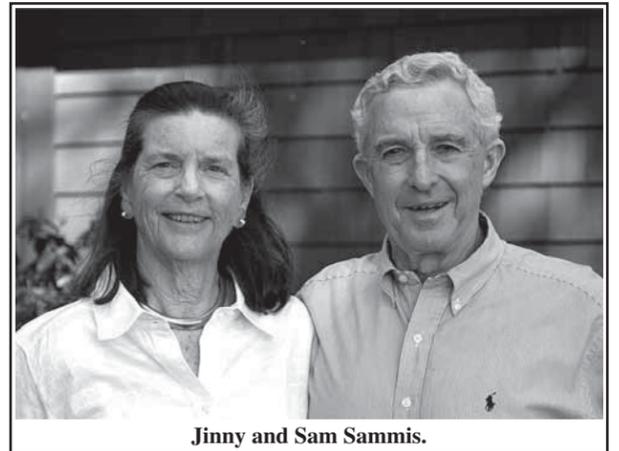
An earlier Sammis gift of 90 acres of land to the golf club in 1992 allowed the course to expand from nine to 18 holes. The acreage used for the second nine holes was used



The 18th green and new fairway at Montague Golf Club in Randolph, VT. photo by Brian Hartigan

historically for farming and pastures for Morgan horses by the previous owners of the Green Mountain Stock Farm. At one point Sammis considered putting a man-made lake there, but the sandy sub surface made that an unfeasible idea. He also loaned the club funds to put in new greens and tee-boxes and to upgrade the bunkers. The course was lengthened then to make two par-five holes.

The course got its start in 1897 thanks to Randolph philanthropist Robert J. Kimball who laid out a few links so his children could play golf next to their summer home, the Montague House (now the home of White River Crafts Center).



Jinny and Sam Sammis.

The Kimball family let visitors play on the 1,844 yard-long course until it became the membership-owned Montague Golf Club in 1913. The course grew over the years with a gift of 25 acres from the Kimball sisters in 1925 and an additional 65 acres from the Robert L. Knight estate in 1965.

Future plans may include moving the clubhouse to the Three Stallion Inn. Today inn guests can walk down to the course and take a cart to the clubhouse rather than driving there in their cars. The inn offers a special "Play & Stay" rate of \$230 a night for a couple which includes unlimited play time on the Montague 6,300 yard-long, 18-hole course as well as luxury inn accommodations including sauna, hot tub, pool, fitness center, in-room flat-screen HDTV and Wi-Fi.

In honor of the Fourth of July the inn is hosting the Vermont Symphony Orchestra performing a "Summer Songbook" concluding with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture with fireworks on Saturday, June 29.

Sammis has owned the 1,300 acre Green Mountain Stock Farm property since 1971 and has guided it's development with an eye to preserving its rural character—home sites are on 10 to 100 acres each and all share in the trails and open land that comprise the Stock Farm. The Three Stallion Inn operates as a bed and breakfast and offers other recreational opportunities including cross-country skiing, hiking, biking, tennis and horseback riding. It is available for catered events like weddings, anniversaries, conferences and reunions.

Golfers who want to see for themselves the remarkable recovery of this historic course (second oldest after Dorset Field Club) can play for a special 100th year anniversary rate of \$49, including golf cart.

Montague Golf Club is located just off Randolph Ave. in Randolph, VT. For more information call (802) 728-3806 or go to www.MontagueGolf.com. To contact the PGA Professional, Paul Politano, e-mail Paul@MontagueGolf.com.

Three Stallion Inn is at 655 Stock Farm Rd. in Randolph, VT. For reservations call (802) 728-5575. Visit www.threestallioninn.com.



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Grounds-keepers and others responsible for the Montague golf course's recovery from devastating storm Irene, from left to right, club owner Sam Sammis, Mark Sweetser, course superintendent Andy Wass, Dave Pash, Ron Comett, David Maxfield, George Trask, Adam Wheatley, Rich Hale, assistant supt. Kit Gage, Bryan Harrington, and club pro Paul Politano.

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East Thetford, VT

Strawberry Festival at Cedar Circle Farm

On the last Sunday in June, juicy red, organically-grown strawberries are cause for celebration at Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center in East Thetford, VT. Pack up the kids and come to the farm on Sunday, June 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to enjoy this special celebration, rain or shine! Now in its eleventh year, the Strawberry Festival offers fun for the whole family with kids' activities, storytelling, live music, horse-drawn wagon rides, strawberry picking, and an organic Good Food Concession.

Strawberries share the spotlight with award-winning British story teller, Simon Brooks of New London, NH, who weaves tales to delight children of all ages on the kids' stage. Under the tent, one of the Upper Valley's favorite bands, Jeanne and the Hi Tops, entertains from 1-4 p.m.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the organic Good Food Concession offers grilled Hogwash Farm sausages; veggie burgers; wheat berry salad; green salad with golden beets, fennel, and strawberry vinaigrette; strawberry shortcake with whipped cream or Strafford Organic Creamery ice cream; strawberry sundaes; strawberry smoothies (dairy & dairy-free); Café cookies; strawberry lemonade; kid-friendly strawberry-lemonade popsicles; and NOFA wood-fired pizza.

Throughout the day, visitors can enjoy a host of activities, such as ongoing horse-drawn wagon rides to and from the organic strawberry patch, berry picking, educational displays, children's activities, and self-guided farm tours.

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

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

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

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

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

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



Picking a basket of organic beautiful red strawberries at Cedar Circle Farm in E. Thetford, VT. photo by Ian Clark Photography

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Woods Work

by Burr Morse

You've heard me say before that I was born with a chainsaw in my hands. I'm using that "third appendage" right now out in our post-sugarin', pre-bug woods workin' up a few yellow birch trees into next year's firewood. That's just a "warmup" for things to come though: a new sap storage building is in the plans down at the sugarhouse and we'll be providing our own materials from start to finish. We'll need a few big Hemlock and spruce trees to be sawed into twelve by twelve posts and beams rugged enough to support twenty tons of sap next spring. That'll take some big trees.

Reminds me of the time I trailered a load of logs over to our neighbor Carroll Badger's sawmill. I pointed toward one with a nine inch diameter on the top end and told Carroll that I wanted it sawed into an eight by eight—"askin' an awful lot a'that air aren't'cha Burr?" What he meant, of course, is that after you "square up" a nine inch log by taking the slabs off, you certainly can't end up with an eight by eight. I'll never forget that quick lesson in common sense and will be more savvy this year when my brother Tick cranks out our timbers with his "Wood Miser" sawmill.

I learned lots over the years hauling logs into the Badger mill and fresh white lumber away from it but the woods was a different story. Some things came as easy as learning to

talk or rolling off a log, like knowing the kinds of trees, and feeling a deep love for the woods, but other things required a skilled teacher. Enter Grandpa Morse.

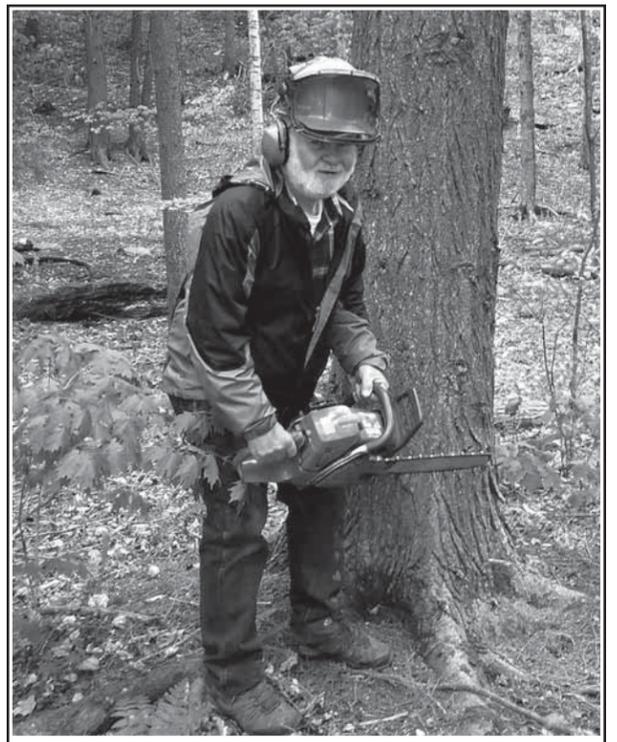
Sidney Morse was born with a good sharp ax and a yen to use it. He and I started going to the woods when I was a mere "shoot." Yes, I knew my trees, but he taught me their quirks and what they could best be made into, using words like "tension wood" and "bully spruce." To this day, spruce is my favorite tree because of a long ago stop at the base of one. We were out in the July woods when Grandpa hesitated and got out his pocket knife. "See that up there, Burr?" he said. I looked up as Grandpa detached a blob from the spruce

"That chunk of spruce gum stayed with me for hours, and to this day, I love spruce trees most of all."

and proceeded to pare off the ugly part with his knife. "Here, pop that into your mouth," he said, and unquestioning, I did. At first, it was pungent like a mouth full of sawdust, but as I chewed, it became the most pleasant gum I'd ever had. That chunk of spruce gum stayed with me for hours, and to this day, I love spruce trees most of all, from the strong timbers they make right down to the flavor of an occasional chew!

In spite of the spruce tree's superior qualities, the rascals can also "turn" on you. I found that out one day when my father Harry, Grandpa Morse, and I were up in the woods north of here, logging. We were in an area where spruces grow tall and straight, good "sticks" as Grandpa would say. I was doing the "felling" with the chainsaw, my dad was on the tractor skidding, and Grandpa, ax in hand, acted as general overseer. I've felled a lot of trees in my time so I know something about turning them in certain directions and avoiding disasters. I also know too well that accidents can happen as quickly as the blink of an eye or a puff of air and it was the latter that almost caused my father his life that day long ago.

One particular spruce went the wrong way when I made the final cut and lodged in another one. Due to the angle of its lean and the firm way it lodged, the three of us agreed that it would "stay put" and started working on other trees close by. I had just dropped a big one and was limbing it when, even above the chainsaw's high-pitched whine, I heard the most blood-curdling scream I've ever heard in my life. I looked up and that "lodged" spruce was heading



Burr Morse, out in the woods in Montpelier, VT.

right for my dad on the tractor! Things went into stop time like in a picture... Grandpa, hands cupped like a megaphone, screaming at the top of his lungs... spruce tree falling... Dad, unsuspecting human "bull's eye"... me, a horrified and helpless boy a distance away... and then at the last minute, Dad performed the most wonderful acrobatic miracle. He did a backward somersault and landed behind the tractor just as the tree made a final "whoosh", crushing the seat, fenders and steering wheel! After the dust settled, the three of us, accomplices in stupidity, surmised that on that perfectly calm day, a breeze way up high had caught the spruce's "sail-like" top and worked it loose from the other tree.

As a maple sugarmaker and all-around woodsman, I've learned that trees are wonderful gifts and are there for our use. Like everything else from the earth, however, the gift brings responsibilities—respect 'em but watch your back because they'll turn on you! We'll be careful out there cutting logs this summer because we want to be around for more years of sugarin', logging, or maybe just stopping in a cool shaded spot for an occasional chew.

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Serendipity

Happy Accidents in the Garden

by Judith Irven

Like most of us who read gardening magazines, I like to choose my plants carefully, with regard to color and eventual size, because I want to avoid nasty surprises in the years ahead.

But sometimes serendipity—those little wonders that pop up unexpectedly—serve to remind me that, though I might like to think I am in control of my outdoor world, that is not always the case.

Certainly not every unplanned event will be good—I remember the legions of dandelions that emerged one spring among the blueberries.

But sometimes those unexpected 'little somethings', often via self-seeding, are truly beautiful, and help me see the garden with fresh eyes.

Among the stones

A small bench sits on our sunny sheltered patio beside the front door, creating the perfect place to enjoy a cup of tea. The patio was made with large flat fieldstones set in gravel, which I have interplanted with creeping thyme.

Imagine my pleasure when, completely unannounced, a delightful group of volunteers appeared beneath the bench, including some deadnettle (*Lamium maculatum*), a white violet and a small fern (probably *Athyrium filix-femina*), plus by a stalwart Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia fuldiga*). Still thriving a year later, I could not have assembled a more charming arrangement if I had tried!

Between the roots

And as if my unplanned patio planting was not sufficient to make me a fan of serendipity, I then discovered a marvelous pairing outside our gazebo: a beautiful, tall double-flowered Columbine (*Aquilegia*), the color of burgundy wine, growing straight up from the middle of the pure white rose (*Rosa alba*). Since their roots are locked together in a firm embrace, that is how they will stay. I am certainly looking forward to greeting them in the coming year.

A quirky bird-feeder

Last spring a new plant sprung up in front of our kitchen window. I realized it was a sunflower, most likely from a seed dropped over the winter by a chickadee. Out of curiosity I left it, fully expecting it to amount to nothing, since I know from experience birdseed sunflowers are usually puny.

However this one proved to be the exception. While not a truly beautiful plant, for a couple of months it created a quirky silhouette against the larger garden beyond.

And in fall it fulfilled its destiny as a bird-feeder, when the returning chickadees and some song sparrows flocked all over it, to peck out every last seed.

Timing is everything

Ten years ago I planted three Littleleaf Lilac bushes (*Syringa myerii*) outside our bedroom window, which I chose primarily for their beautiful June fragrance and because their height was right for the space. But nothing prepared me for the crowds of beautiful swallowtail butterflies that mob the bushes for full two weeks in mid-June.

Apparently swallowtail butterflies are attracted to pink and purple flowers, and certainly all lilacs should fit the bill. But most years our Common Lilacs (*Syringa vulgaris*) receive



photo by Dick Conrad

Swallowtail butterflies swarm all over the Littleleaf Lilac, (*Syringa Meyerii*) which flower in Judith's garden about two weeks after the more ubiquitous common lilacs (*Syringa vulgaris*).

only a paltry number of butterfly visitors. However Common Lilacs bloom here at the end of May, which I conclude is slightly ahead of the emergence of the swallowtails. Oh! What a difference a couple of weeks makes!

A planting scheme gets modified

A few years ago my autumn garden project was to renovate the overgrown slope below the barn, and create a 'real garden'.

I decided to 'mix and match' a number of perennials I had on hand, including various daylilies, the tall scarlet Beebalm, *Monarda* 'Jacob Cline', and two early flowering phlox, the bright magenta *Phlox maculata* 'Rosalinde' and its white counterpart, P. m. 'Miss Lingard'.

Conventional wisdom whispered in my head that magenta and scarlet do not 'go together'. So after planting the two phlox together with a clump of lemon colored daylilies in front, I positioned the Beebalm some distance away.

But we all know that Beebalm will run, and lo and behold, the scarlet *M.* 'Jacob Cline' has shown up right behind the

magenta phlox *P.* 'Rosalinde', and for much of July they bloom together. And I have discovered I love the pairing of these bright colors and especially the way they light up the slope in front of the dark-sided barn. Another happy accident in the garden!

How much control does the gardener have?

As we choreograph our plants we gardeners like to think we are in control of the situation. But so often we forget the ever-present fourth dimension of time. Indeed the passage of time will gradually modify even the most carefully planned gardens. So it behooves us to be open to those happy accidents, as so often they yield something that is both unplanned and beautiful.

And that is what I love about gardening.

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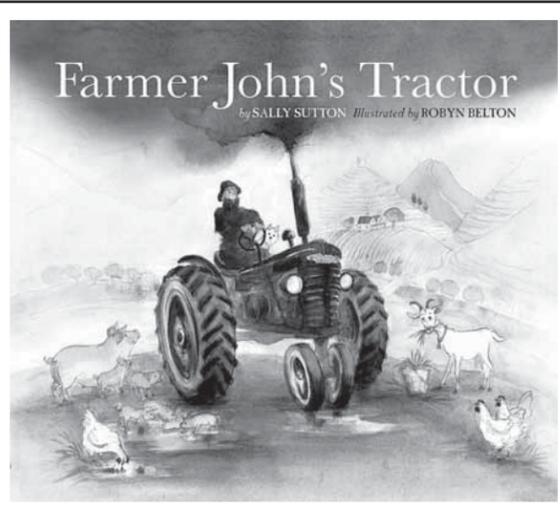
North Country Book News

Children's Book Reviews

Tales of Farm Life, Horse Friends, Chicks, and Brave Tractors

This is the season when you see tractors busy at work for spring plowing or even doing an early cut of hay.

Although with time all tractors need a rest, one never knows just when their extra agility, strength and pulling power will save the day. Consider *Farmer John's Tractor* by Sally Sutton and illustrated by Robyn Belton, both from New Zealand (\$15.99, www.candlewick.com). The farm tractor "lies locked in the shed, rusty yet trusty and orange red." One day there is a serious flood near the farm and both a small Volkswagen carrying a family of four and a jeep with its driver are entrapped in their vehicles in the rising waters. Both a tow truck and fire engine are unable to make a rescue, but farmer John's old clanking and rusty tractor makes the dramatic save! The rainy day illustrations are soft and engaging.



The author's amazing full-page illustrations capture the scariest parts of night contrasting the daytime fun of farm animals and their companion Otis, the tractor. Loren Long is an award-winning, best-selling author of two other Otis picture books—*Otis* and *Otis and the Tornado*.



For a story of an earlier time when farm work was done by horses instead of tractors read *Nora's Chicks* by Patricia MacLachlan and illustrated by Kathryn Brown (\$15.99, www.candlewick.com), where we see how an immigrant family readjusts to life on the American prairie far from the trees and hills of their native Russia.

Shy Nora has a difficult time dealing with loneliness until she starts looking after a family of chicks and two geese which her father originally had hope to eat. No way, they're her pets from then on. In an amusing drawing

we see the flock of half-grown chicks following Nora and her family into church, much to the amusement of the other church goers." Welcome," said the minister." And welcome to Nora's chicks."

Author MacLachlan has written more than fifty books for children including the Newbery Medal winning *Sarah, Plain and Tall*.



Very young children (ages 1-3) can be introduced to farm life though a delightful board book, *Noodle Loves the Farm* by Marian Billet (\$8.99, www.candlewick.com). This hard-bound book has "touch-and-feels for little paws!" with bright, clear illustrations. Noodle, a baby panda bear visits a farm with his mom where he gets to feel (as will your child) a horse's mane, sheep's wool, a kitty's fur and chicken feathers. In a final scene readers can see themselves in a mirrored farm pond. This book is really well-designed and worth getting.

Having "horse sense" has extra meaning in *Bramble and Maggie—Give and Take* by Jessie Haas and illustrated by Allison Friend (\$14.99, candlewick.com) as we see how easy Bramble can play stubborn if there's no "give and take" in her treatment by the "boss" Maggie.

In a series of amusing adventures Bramble teaches the young girl she can't be the boss all the time. As an example of her free spirit Bramble bloats up her belly, "big and fat," so Maggie can't put the girth on to saddle up before riding. Bramble continues to enchant us by taking on a chicken as a companion. Go with her as she visits the ocean for the first time—can't drink the water, but it is good to watch and smell.

Bramble's ways are familiar to many of us. This story and the pictures that accompany will delight horse lovers of all ages and teach novices about horse character. Author Jessie Haas lives in Vermont and has written more than twenty-five books for children, a lot of them about horses.

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Australian author Rohan Anderson will be at Misty Valley Books in Chester, VT to talk about his incredible cookbook, *Whole Larder Love—Grow, Gather, Hunt, Cook*, on Saturday, June 15, 2013, at 5 p.m.

Rohan Anderson is a family man and a modern-day hunter-gatherer living just outside the historical town of Ballarat, an 1800s gold rush town in Australia. Primarily concerned with how to live off the land and provide himself and his family with fresh, local food, Anderson has become a passionate hunter, fisher, forager, gardener, pickler, and sometimes barterer. Anderson now wants to share his secrets and experiences in order to help move people away from unhealthy eating habits and towards a more environmentally sustainable food industry. Through his blog, he has met James Fox, who grew up in Peru, VT. They have become friends and will finally meet when Rohan comes to Vermont this June. A remarkable book and a remarkable person. Reception and book signing to follow Rohan's talk, at the bookstore.

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With so much concern today for living off rather than exploiting the land, *Whole Larder Love—Grow Gather Hunt Cook* by Rohan Anderson (\$35, www.powerHouseBooks.com) is a timely and intriguing story by an Australian modern-day hunter-gatherer-chef.

Anderson goes beyond traditional back-to-the-earthers because he is also a hunter, fisher, forager as well as gardener. His preference to get all that is possible for his family (he has two young girls) from the wild much as native people did before colonization. Anderson is outspoken on how we should be living and treating the planet:

“Our affluent, post-industrial revolution society looks down its nose at this rugged lifestyle, preferring the conveniences the civilized world provides. I know which I prefer.”

This 240-page book gives one an insider’s look at his lifestyle complete with family photos of his girls and his unpretentious home along with exceptional illustrations of the foraged crops, fish and game, hearty and larders full of home pre-serves.

Book Review by Charles Sutton

So this is also a cookbook with his preference for Italian cooking. We have recipes for eel cake with white beans, garlic prawn risotto, fettuccine al funghi porcini, two-cheese gnocchi, wild duck Arancini and Potimarron Gorgonzola soup.

Because Anderson is an avid hunter—he shoots only for food to eat—the book has sections on firearms lingo and his hunting gear as well as gourmet-quality recipes for game and fish. He even show us how to skin a rabbit, but he admits “I’ve hunted and fished—no problems. But dispatching a bird takes guts. It’s not for the faint-hearted.”

Although he says his is peasant-style cooking or “log cabin food” one will be amazed at his recipes for game: roast duck ragu pasta bake, vindaloo hare, Spanish rabbit legs, quail ragu with polenta, and venison ossobuco.

We learn that he started harvesting wild mushrooms as a boy: “We had mushrooms in everything: soup, gravy, salads, and the family favorite, a simple pan fry in garlic and butter served on homemade toasted bread. In my adolescence I wasn’t even familiar with the term ‘forage,’ but now I embrace it.” Among the foods he forages today are walnuts which he makes into a walnut farfalle. His recipe calls for one cup of foraged walnuts (free just tastes better), farfalle, basil, grated Parmesan cheese, salt and pepper.

His book is garnished with thoughtful sayings. This one may sum it all up: “This food represents the old ways. It represents what we should hold onto tightly; tradition, and a determination to provide for oneself. These are things we should treasure.”

Most of us know there are a lot of edible plants, berries and other fruits and nuts growing in the wild. Some lucky few of us have harvested fiddleheads, elderberries for jam, and wild crab apples for jelly.

However, in *Backyard Foraging—65 Familiar Plants You Didn’t Know You Could Eat* by Ellen Zachos (\$16.95, www.storey.com) you will be amazed at what else is out there, even in your backyard or along the roadside, that is edible, including many flow-

ers and shrubs admired only for their beauty.

In this book with all its stunning color photographs, one is taken on a treasure hunt by an expert foraging guide who shows us the fun, safe, and free way to eat locally.

With each ‘edible’ the author gives details about what the plant is, how and when it should be harvested, and most importantly how to eat it. Take dahlias, for example. We learn that it is a sun-loving tender perennial, found in most gardens, but its tubers are edible. The tubers can be boiled, roasted or baked, but because they don’t have a strong taste, “think of them as a blank canvas, waiting to receive your unique blend of herbs and spices.”

Other common flowers that have edible parts include daisy, dandelion, daylily, Hosta, lilac, nasturtium, rosa rugosa and Rose of Sharon.

How many of us have admired the mountain ash tree for its large cluster of fragrant white flowers in the spring and bright orange berries in the fall? They cook down into a

tasty, not overly sweet jelly, a good accompaniment to meat according to Zachos.

Other trees in the guide that offer edible fruit or young leaves are hawthorn, cornelian cherry, kousa dogwood, chestnut, oak, spruce, pine, magnolia, and others.

How many of us were taught roadside sumac is poisonous. Stay away from white-berries sumac, Zachos advises, but all sumac bushes with red berries are safe to touch and eat. She says children like sumac-ade and the berries can be simmered and juiced to make jelly.

Have you kept a few guide books over the years because they’re extra special and too good to pass on? This is one of them!

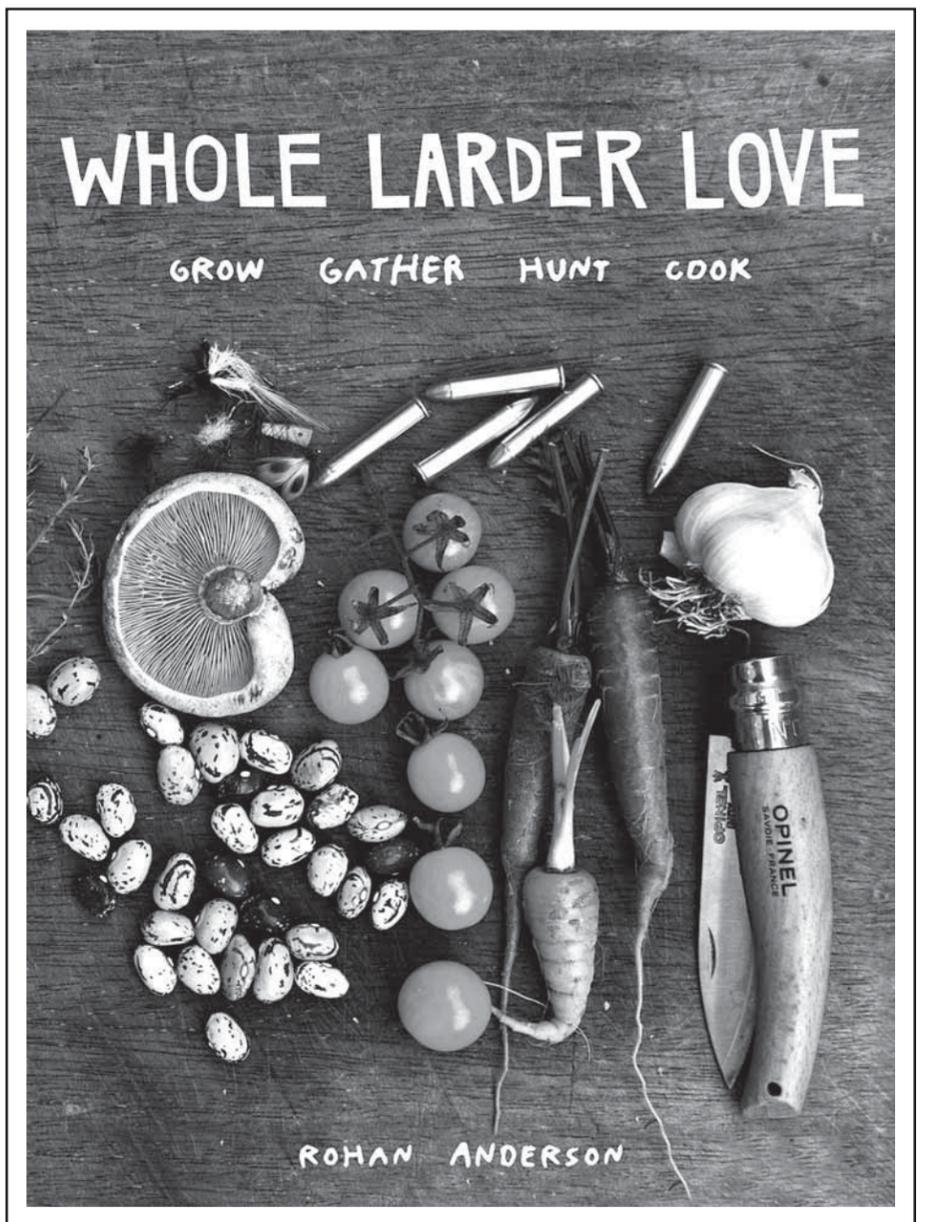


For an even more definitive look at backyard weeds that can be eaten or used for health remedies, you will be intrigued by *Goosefoot Acres Volunteer Vegetable Sampler—Recipes for Backyard Weeds* by Peter A. Gail, Ph.D. (\$25, www.dandyblend.com, (800) 697-4858). The work includes a collection of the author’s Business of Herbs columns for the past 10 years and recipes for 26 species of common backyard weeds.

Using the name ‘volunteer’ for weeds sets the tone for this fascinating collection of stories about the plant kingdom that supplied the major source of food for thousands of years long before supermarkets.

We learn that more gardeners now are harvesting or growing common weeds to sell at farmers’ markets or natural foods stores. You’ll see wild salad mixes, sunchokes, dandelion greens, wild onions and mushrooms.

“Would it surprise you to find seeds for the weeds you curse offered in one of your favorite seed catalogs?” Gail asks. Among those seeds are purslane, dandelion, sorrels,



wild spinach, burdock, amaranth, stinging nettle, chickweed, and shepherd’s purse.

Gail’s write-up on each edible weed gives its history, nutritious value, how it tastes, and tips and recipes for cooking.

Take, for example, amaranth (red-root pigweed). He writes: “It races with lamb’s-quarters to determine which can overrun your garden first!” We learn that its history goes back to 6700 B.C, where its grain was as valuable as maize. Its leaves are described

as luscious with a flavor like spinach but more delicate.

The author, an ethnobotanist, has studied and written extensively about the dandelion for many years, and authored *The Dandelion Celebration: A Guide to Unexpected Cuisine* (featured in the Vermont Country Sampler’s April, 2013 edition). He developed a coffee substitute, Dandy Blend, whose ingredients are dandelion, chicory and beet roots, barley and rye grains. For more information visit www.dandyblend.com.

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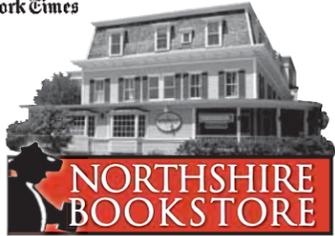
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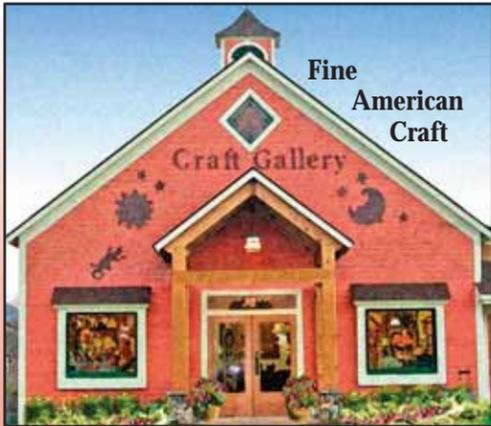
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