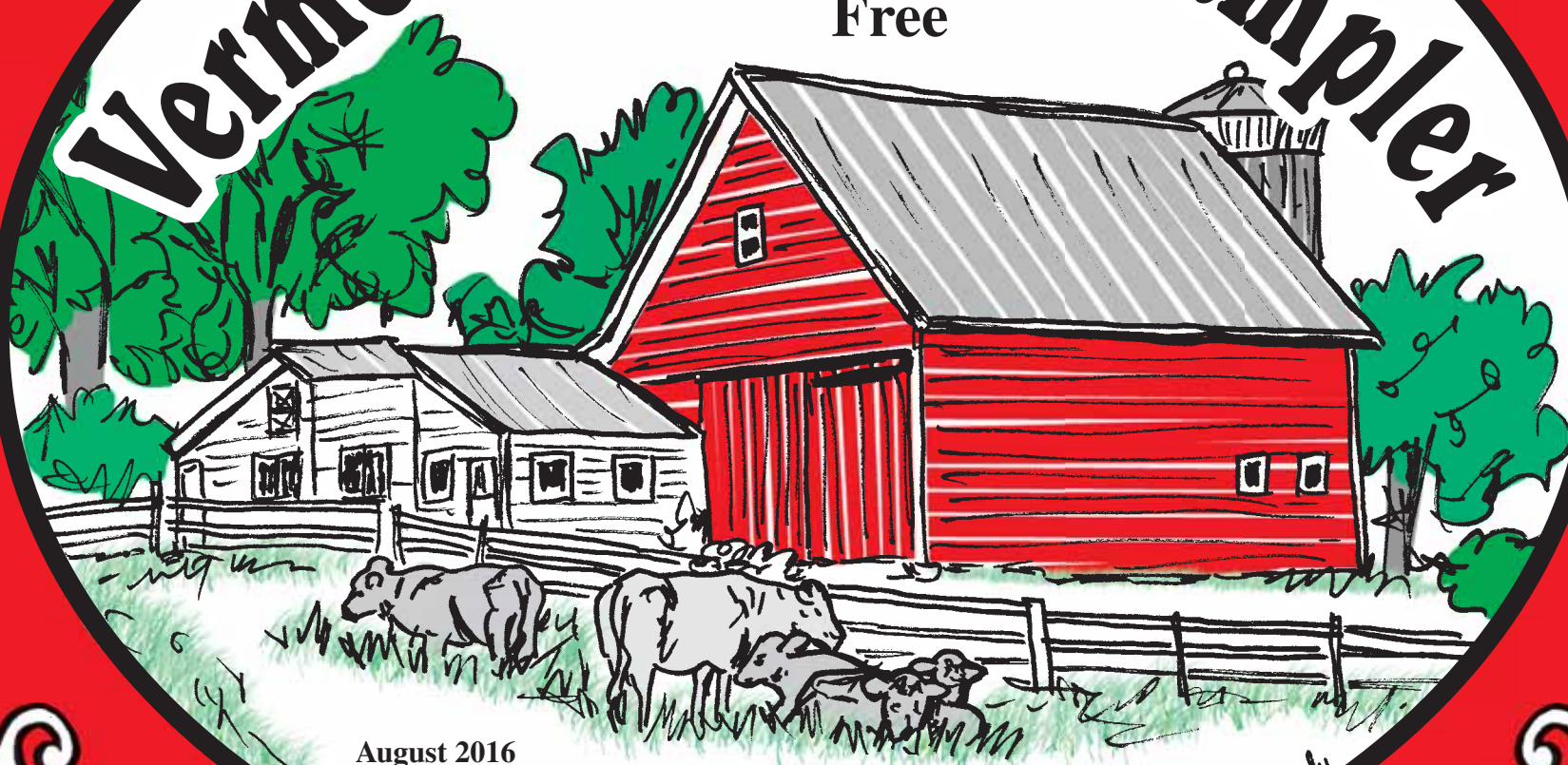


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The dance features contra dancing with three bands and three callers from 8 p.m. Sunday evening to 7 a.m. Monday morning, as well as English country dancing on Sunday afternoon from 2:30-5:30 p.m. at the Stone Church.

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Clean sneakers or soft-soled shoes only, please. No alcohol or alcohol bottles allowed in the building. For "survival tips" visit our website at www.dawndance.org.

Dawn dance tickets are \$20/\$25; English country dance tickets are \$10. We hope to see you on the dance floor!

The Gibson-Aiken Center is located at 207 Main St., Rt. 5, in Brattleboro, VT. The Stone Church is at 210 Main St. across the street from the Gibson-Aiken Center.

For more info call (802) 451-0822, info@dawndance.org, www.dawndance.org.



Family gathers for a summer portrait around 1900. Once the Alanson L. Follansbee home at #77 Stone Road, this is south of the Town Hall in Brookfield, VT. Sophia Follansbee was the Town Clerk and conducted town business here. (From *West Brookfield and Thereabouts* edited by Alice Wakefield).

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Annual Peach Shortcake Supper In Dummerston on August 20

Evening Star Grange in Dummerston Center, VT, will hold their annual Peach Shortcake Supper on Saturday, August 20, serving from 5-7 pm. No reservations needed.

Menu includes baked ham, macaroni & cheese, deviled eggs, baked beans, summer vegetable casserole, salad, with peach shortcake made with homemade biscuits and

real whipped cream. Prices are \$11 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12. Children 5 and under free. Takeouts available.

Evening Star Grange is at 1008 East-West Rd. in Dummerston Center, VT.

Takeouts are available. Call (802) 254-1138 the day of the supper. For more info call Carol at (802) 254-2517.

August Journal

Reenactment

by Bill Felker

I am owner of the sphere,
Of the seven stars and the solar year...

—Ralph Waldo Emerson: History

Throughout the woods, aging nettle, honewort, waterleaf, wingstem, ironweed, May apples, and touch-me-nots have obscured the web of spring: all the trilliums, the violet cress, the ragwort, the purple phlox, toothwort, Jack-in-the pulpit and bluebells.

In my garden, giant hosta leaves have covered the foliage of snowdrops, aconites, crocus and scilla. Pigweed, creeping Charlie, wild violets, waterleaf, dandelions and amaranth have filled in all around the remnants of the April wind-flowers. The stalks of hyacinths, daffodils and tulips have fallen over and are ceding to the next planting of zinnias and Mexican sunflowers.

But a litany of those flowers is like a recitation of historical facts. Like dates or events in human history, they are lost or do not make sense unless they are recreated in my mind.

Memory and imagination tell the stories, fill in the setting with details of sound, taste, texture and color and odor, connect the stories to other stories.

The meaning of natural history, like the meaning of human history, is dependent on my reenactment of what I saw happen or of what I believed happened. Without the thinking of or the telling of what has occurred, things lose their place, become disconnected, make no sense.

So I go back over what has taken place in the woods and garden. I relive as best I can the steps which brought me here, review their sequences pulled from underneath the overgrowths of previous phases.

The sediment of passage dissolves so quickly. Natural science only goes part of the way. It is I who must move beyond the names and dates, defend imperfect memory and insufficient data with fantasy, fill in the past with my own truth. I am, like Emerson might suggest, "the owner of the sphere," and I am responsible for not only my own narrative but for that of the world around me.



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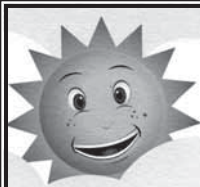
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Pownal Valley Fair

July 30 • Rt. 346, Pownal, VT

Exhibit hall featuring produce, crafts, quilts, flowers, honey, maple syrup and herbs, antique tractor pull, bingo, petting farm animals, fireworks, and music. Kids' fun fair. (802) 823-5258. www.vtliving.com/fairs/pownalvalleyfair.

Franklin County Field Days.

August 4-7 • 300 Airport Rd., Highgate, VT

Horse, pony & tractor pulls. Live music. ATV drag race, poker tournaments. Exhibits, midway rides, 4H dairy show, draft horse show, antique tractor parade, bands, and more. Breakfast in the 4H booth. Admission \$10. (802) 238-4904. franklincountyfielddays.org.

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149th Annual Orleans County Fair

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August 24-28 • Mountain View Park, Lyndonville, VT

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August 26-28 • 30 Vermont Rt. 30, Bondville, VT

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Antique Tractor Day at Billings Farm & Museum

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Billings Farm & Museum is celebrating it's 33rd Anniversary this year. Whether you are a visitor or make Vermont your home, plan a trip to Billings Farm this summer. You'll have a great time!

Antique Tractor Day

Billings Farm & Museum, gateway to Vermont's rural heritage, will host the 16th Annual Antique Tractor Day on Sunday, August 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. featuring both restored and unrestored tractors dating from the 1930s to the 1960s. The narrated tractor parade at 1:00 p.m. provides a wonderful opportunity to see the machines operating, with interesting and historical background details about each tractor. Tractor-drawn wagon rides will be offered; make-it-take-it wooden tractors for children, a toy tractor sandbox, ice cream making, and more.

Admission to Antique Tractor Day includes all programs and activities, plus an added bonus: the 30th Annual Quilt Exhibition.

30th Annual Quilt Exhibition

Billings Farm & Museum's 30th Annual Quilt Exhibition opens July 30 –and is on display through September 18. This juried exhibition of colorful quilts made exclusively in Windsor County will celebrate 30 years of quilting excellence at the Billings Farm. There will be quilting demonstrations, programs and activities for children and adults.

Time Travel Tuesdays

Billings Farm & Museum announces a program designed for children and adults to experience 19th century chores and



Antique tractor parade at Billings Farm & Museum's Antique Tractor Day in Woodstock, VT. photo courtesy of Billings Farm & Museum

pastimes in the restored and furnished 1890 Farm House.

Time Travel Tuesdays will be offered each Tuesday through August 23rd from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Help prepare seasonal meals in the kitchen, copy into ledger books in the farm office, churn butter in the creamery, and help with laundry. Relax in the sitting room with popular pastimes of the era—dominoes, tiddlywinks, and the stereoscope, plus needlework, photo albums, and games.

Foodways Fridays

Find out about heirloom vegetable and see them used in late 19th and early 20th century recipes prepared in our 1890 Farmhouse kitchen. Foodways Fridays will be offered Fridays through October 28th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Each Friday will feature a different menu, including such traditional New England favorites as Ladies Cabbage, Flemish Carrots, Cymling Pudding, and Pink Velvet Soup. Recipes will be available to take home. This program also includes a visit to the heirloom garden to chat with the Billings Farm gardener. The day is a great way for children to learn the importance of preserving heirloom seeds and caring about where their food comes from.

Wagon Ride Wednesdays

Horse-drawn wagon rides are offered at Billings Farm & Museum each Wednesday through September 28th, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Billings Farm & Museum is owned and operated by The Woodstock Foundation, Inc., a charitable, non-profit institution. Billings Farm is an operating Jersey dairy farm that continues a 145-year tradition of agricultural excellence



Visitors enjoy a horse and wagon ride around Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT. photo courtesy of Billings Farm & Museum

and offers farm programs and historical exhibits that explore Vermont's rural heritage and values.

Admission to Billings Farm & Museum includes all activities and programs, plus the operating dairy farm, farm life exhibits, and the restored and furnished 1890 Farm House. Adults \$14; 62 & over \$13; children 5-15 \$8; 3-4 \$4; 2 & under free. Open daily May 1 through October 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekends Nov. – Feb., and Christmas & Presidents' weeks, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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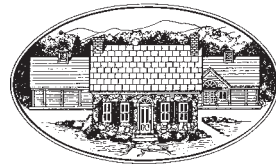
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August 20th Open Day Schedule

- **Garden of Jenny Lee Hughes & Edward Yoxen**, 471 Center Pond Road, Stoddard, NH (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Garden writer Tovah Martin will present "The Nostril Chronicles—A Nose's Tour of the Garden," at 3 p.m. Tovah will talk about fragrance, plus sample the aromatic wares and learn a lot about plant scents in the process.
- **The Gardens at Juniper Hill Farm**, 151 Reid Road, Franconia, NH (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Garden expert Roger Swain will be on hand 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., providing encouragement and advice, and shop for plants courtesy of Broken Arrow Nursery.
- **Eleanor Briggs' Garden**, 86 King's Highway, Hancock, NH (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Telescopes of Vermont will be on site demonstrating the Porter Garden Telescope.
- **The Gardens of Laura & Jamie Trowbridge**, 29 Cornish Road, Peterborough, NH (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Shop for plants at a pop-up nursery courtesy of Rocky Dale Gardens.
- **Garden of Michael & Betsy Gordon**, 14 High Street, Peterborough, NH (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Shop for plants at a pop-up nursery courtesy of Opus Plants.
- **Gardens of Maude & John Odgers**, 130 Four Winds Farm Road, Peterborough, NH (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Shop for plants at a pop-up nursery courtesy of Achille Agway.

August 21st Open Day Schedule

- **Distant Hill Gardens—Garden of Michael & Kathy Nerrie**, 507 March Hill Road, Walpole, NH (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Telescopes of Vermont will be on site demonstrating the Porter Garden Telescope.
 - **Hudson Garden**, 73 Wentworth Road, Westmoreland, NH (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Shop for plants at a pop-up nursery courtesy of The Inspired Gardener.
 - **The Gardens on Grout Hill**, 384 Grout Hill Road, Acworth, NH (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Shop for plants at a pop-up nursery courtesy of Rocky Dale Gardens.
 - **Gordon & Mary Hayward's Garden**, 508 McKinnon Road, Westminster West, VT (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Shop for plants at a pop-up nursery courtesy of Broken Arrow Nursery and Opus Plants.
- At 4 p.m. the Haywards will host a "Digging Deeper—Walking Design Workshop. In this one to one-and-a-half-hour walking design workshop, Gordon and Mary will follow the itinerary of their garden and highlight essential design elements they put into play to create their one-and-one-half-acre garden. They will illustrate how they put universal ele-



Gordon and Mary Hayward at their garden in Westminster West, VT. They will be hosting a Garden Conservancy's Open Days program on August 21, public welcome.

ments of composition to work as they designed their garden: the role of paths to initiate a garden design which integrates house and garden, theme and variation, elements of coherence, positive and negative space, contrasting textures and forms, the many roles of itinerary, variations in mood, color contrast, scale and proportion.

The Haywards will use their garden to illustrate universal design principles you can take home to put to work in your new or existing garden. Admission is \$35 per person, or \$30 for Garden Conservancy members. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Register online at www.opendaysprogram.org, or by calling toll-free, 888-842-2442.

Open Days garden visits on Saturday, August 20th and Sunday, August 21st are \$7 per person; children 12 and under are free. Open Days are rain or shine, and no reservations are required. Call (888) 842-2442, or visit www.opendaysprogram.org for more information.

All Open Days gardens are featured in the 2016 Open Days Directory; a soft-cover book that includes detailed driving directions and vivid garden descriptions written by their owners. The directory includes garden listings in eighteen states and costs \$25.95 including shipping. Visit www.opendaysprogram.org or call the Garden Conservancy toll-free at 1-888-842-2442 to order with a Visa, MasterCard or American Express, or send a check or money order to: the Garden Conservancy, P.O. Box 219, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Discount admission tickets are available as well through advanced mail order.



A New England Flower-Garden

Faithful came with Ira in the dim old long ago
Across the mountain passes where trails were rough and slow
To seek a home together where wild strange forests lay,
With love and courage only to guide their unknown way.

The goods they brought were simple, the pioneer's small store
Necessity made needful and practical—no more;
But Faithful in her packing that counted all her needs,
Took pains to make quite certain of her loved flower-seeds.

She brought the little package from far-off Boston town
Into the northern mountains that frowningly looked down,
And by the new log-cabin she sowed the seeds in spring,
About the time she sang herself to hear the robins sing.

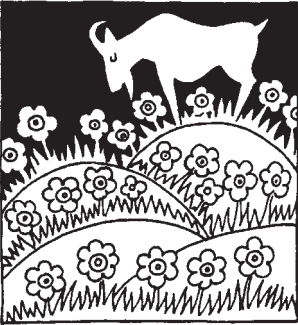
Beside the cabin blooming, bright in the wilderness,
Her English flowers brought her their gift of happiness
And made the forest clearing not one from which to roam,
But what her dreams had planned for—her heart's beloved home.

A century has vanished—and more if dates be true—
But still her garden blooms just as it used to do
When summer brings the mountains the golden sunny days
And cheery robins practice their merry roundelays.

Time took away the cabin, and Faithful could not see,
Returning to the valley, the scenes that used to be,
Save one—her flower-garden, beautiful and gay—
A symbol of the heart's own love that passes not away!



— ARTHUR WALLACE PEACH
Northfield, VT, July 1932



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

Candied Quinces

Select firm quinces, rub them over with a damp cloth, peel, core and cut each one into several pieces. The peels and cores should be tied in a muslin bag and boiled with the quinces. Place all in a preserving kettle on the stove, pour over them enough boiling water to nearly cover, and allow them to boil slowly until they are tender; then drain off the water and let cool. Weigh the quinces and allow an equal weight of sugar. When cold put them into glass jars in alternate layers, first sugar, then quinces, and so on, and seal. The juice in which they are boiled should be saved; add to it its weight in sugar and make into jelly.

—Blanche

Tomato Figs

Select small-sized, ripe tomatoes, either the red or yellow; scald and peel. To nine pounds of tomatoes add four pounds of brown sugar; cook slowly in the sugar without water till they are thoroughly preserved; then take out, spread on plates and dry in the sun. Pack them in layers with sugar sprinkled between.

—Tillie Barker

Mother’s Pickles

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

—Mrs. Lily Gregory

Crab Apples Preserved

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

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

—Miss Clara White



A young exhibitor keeps her cow company at the fair.

photo by Nancy Cassidy

Preserved Pears

If the seckle pear can be obtained select that on account of its size and flavor but if not to be had then any other pear will answer. Pare off the peeling with a thin knife so as not to waste the fruit. If a seckle leave it whole; if another variety, separate it in halves. Make a syrup of sugar and water, using three-fourths of a pound of sugar to every pound of fruit to be preserved and one cupful of water to a pound of sugar. Drop in the fruit and carefully cook. Just before taking from the stove drop in a few whole cloves, about two to every pear. Cloves are a great addition as they help bring out the flavor of the pear.

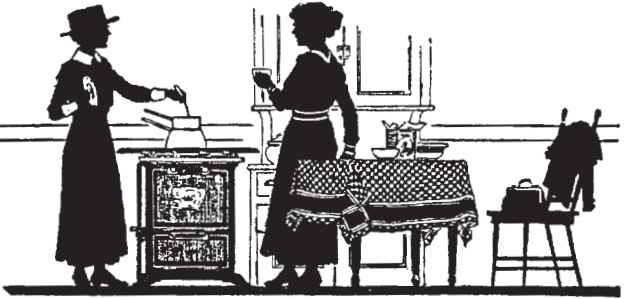
—Mrs. R. A.

Red Pepper Jelly

Chop ripe red peppers and place in a granite pan and set in a kettle of cold water over a hot fire. Let boil until the juice is entirely extracted. To every pint of juice allow a pound of sugar and boil until it thickens. Put in small tumblers. Fine for cold meats.

—Lulu Jenkins

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by Bill Felker

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—Philip Freneau

The Weeks of the Moon And the Weather

Week 1—The Coneflower Moon, becoming the new Katydid Moon on August 2 at 3:45 p.m., waxes throughout the first half of the month, coming into its second quarter at 1:21 p.m. on August 10. Rising before dawn, setting at dusk, this moon is overhead in the afternoon, making that time of day the best lunar time for fishing. You should catch the most fish after lunch when the barometer falls at the approach of the August 10 cool front.

As the moon waxes, lunar stress should decline. Plan on scheduling livestock and pet care, surgery, dental work and personal encounters for the days around August 10 when the moon will at its weakest point in the first half of August. Plant autumn crops in fields, pastures and gardens when the moon lies in Scorpio on August 8–11.

Week 2—The Katydid Moon waxes until it enters its second quarter on August 10 at 1:21 p.m. Rising in the middle of the day, setting after dark, the moon is overhead in the afternoon (most favorable for fishing). On August 18, it becomes full at 4:27 a.m. Lunar position in the mild second quarter throughout most of the period, augurs well for vacationers, police persons, healthcare workers and all public service employees. Plant for late-autumn greens and peas in Scorpio on the 8th through the 11th and in Capricorn on the 13th through the 16th.

Week 3—The Katydid Moon, full on the 18th at 4:27 a.m., dominates the sky and tides this week, inevitably influencing some human and animal behavior. Take extra time when you are driving to and from work or as you head down the road on vacation. Don't get into arguments, and don't buy any big-ticket items until the moon gets a little weaker.

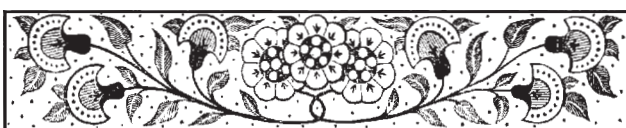
Plant root crops, shrubs and trees in Pisces on the 18th through the 20th and in Taurus on the 22nd through the 24th. Be fishing after midnight when the moon is overhead at that time. Your luck should improve the nights prior to the August 24 cool front.

Week 4—The gibbous Katydid Moon wanes through its third quarter all week, entering its final phase at 10:41 p.m. on August 24. Rising in the evening and setting in the morning, this moon lies overhead before dawn, increasing the odds for fishing success and for finding game in the early morning. As the barometer drops in advance of the August 29 high-pressure system, fish and game should be more active. Plant under Cancer between the 26th and 29th. Harvest any time you can.



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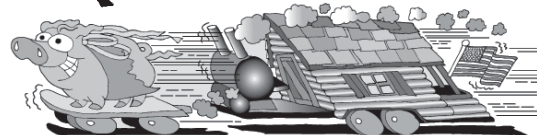
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The Natural Calendar

Plants and birds and animals and stars

by Bill Felker

August 1: Honeysuckle berries ripen, and hickory nuts and black walnuts drop into the undergrowth.

August 2: This is the first week of ragweed time, and the first week of late summer. Golden and purple coneflowers, and white, pink and violet phlox still dominate the gardens.

August 3: As August begins, the Sun begins to speed up its descent to equinox, its declination falling half again as fast as it did a month ago. By the start of the second week of August, it will be one third of its way to autumn.

August 4: August is the month of the Milky Way in the eastern night sky. Cygnus can be found there, its formation a giant cross. Below Cygnus is Aquila, spreading like a great eagle. Almost directly above you, Vega of the constellation Lyra is the brightest star in the heavens. Hercules stands beside it. Early summer's Corona Borealis and Arcturus have moved to the west.

August 5: Nights grow longer in August, almost one hour and fifteen minutes longer by the end of the month. The first week loses two minutes in a day; by the last week, the loss is up to three minutes every 24 hours. Even though the days shorten, the average percentage of possible sunshine per day increases to near 80 percent, the highest of the year.

August 6: Robin calls increase, short clucking signals for flocking, fledgling guidance and migration. Starlings and warblers become more restless. Hummingbirds, wood ducks, Baltimore orioles and purple martins start to disappear



“Knee-Deep in the Creek,” painting by August Bonheur

south; their departure marks a quickening in the deepening of late summer.

August 7: Green acorns fall to the sweet rocket growing back among the budding asters.

August 8: Violet Joe Pye weed becomes gray like the thistledown. Fruit of the bittersweet ripens. Spicebush berries redden.

August 9: Average temperatures have fallen one degree since July 28, the date after which the stability of middle summer begins to deteriorate. Beginning this week, averages drop a degree and a half per week until September 10, when they decline one degree every three days into January.

August 10: The end of fireflies, the occasional long and loud robin valediction song, the yellow jackets in the windfall apples and plums, the appearance of white snakeroot and boneset flowers, the fading of cottonwoods, and the occasional falling leaf combine now with all the other endings and beginnings to accelerate the passage of the summer, building momentum with an accumulation of more and more events.

August 11: The Perseid meteor shower, bringing up to 50 shooting stars a minute out of the northeast, will be visible after midnight between the 11th and the 13th.

August 12: This is the time that spiders in the woods weave their final webs. The katydids now chant through the night. Cicadas fill the afternoons.

August 13: Morning fogs are thickening as the night air cools more often into the 50s.

August 14: Grackle activity increases while cardinal song becomes less frequent. The early morning robins are silent. Whip-poor-wills, cedar waxwings, and catbirds follow the signs toward the Gulf of Mexico.

August 15: Scarlet has appeared in the sumac, Virginia creeper, and poison ivy. Ash, wild grape, redbud and cottonwood can be yellowing from the heat.

August 16: Elderberries are ready for wine. It is high bloom for velvetleaf, jimsonweed, prickly mallow, wild lettuce, ironweed and wingstem.

August 17: Signs of fall coming include rows of lanky great mulleins black and gone to seed, pokeweed the size of small trees with purple stalks and berries.

August 18: Grackles become louder in the afternoons now, but an entire morning can go by without a cardinal song.

August 19: The house-shaped star group, Cepheus, has traveled right into the middle of the sky by midnight, announcing the start of early fall. To the east of Cepheus, find the zigzag formation of Cassiopeia, followed by Perseus

(looking vaguely like a horse) rising in the northeast. The Big Dipper continues to hug the northern horizon throughout the night.

August 21: Puffball mushrooms emerge among spring's rotting stems and leaves. Mallard migration gets underway.

August 22: Today is Cross-Quarter Day, the day that marks halfway to autumn equinox. Summer's leisurely progress towards winter picks up speed now, the sun moving nearly twice as quickly toward the horizon as it did last month.

August 23: Elms, sumac and sycamore start to turn.

August 23: The shortening day signals the brain to prepare for the seasonal changes ahead. Expect to feel an autumnal surge of energy during the coming weeks. Depending on your metabolism, the autumn surge can last into early November

August 24: Grackles become louder in the afternoons now, and robins cluck their migration calls, but an entire morning can go by without a cardinal song or the sound of a dove.

August 25: Panicked dogwood has white fruit and leaves fading pink, trefoils are decaying, and staghorns are dark brown on the sumacs.

August 26: Ragweed pollen disappears with the last of the garden phlox. The year's final tier of wildflowers is budding: beggarticks, bur marigolds, asters, and zigzag goldenrod.

August 27: Telephone wires fill with birds as migrations accelerate. Flickers, redheaded woodpeckers, red-winged blackbirds, house wrens, scarlet tanagers, indigo buntings, Eastern bluebirds, robins, grackles, and black ducks move south.

August 28: Purple coneflowers and Joe Pye weed are pale now, and golden coneflowers have begun their three-week process of decay.

August 29: This week is the final week of late summer, and the final tier of wildflowers starts opening throughout the country. White and violet asters, orange beggarticks and bur marigolds, late field goldenrod, and zigzag goldenrod come into bloom, blending with the last of the purple ironweed, yellow sundrops, blue chicory, golden touch-me-nots, showy coneflowers, and great blue lobelias.

August 30: Rose of Sharon, which was bright from Missouri to Vermont a few weeks ago, has suddenly lost most of its blossoms. Japanese knotweed flowers darken and fall. False boneset begins to lose its brightness along the freeways.

August 31: At midnight, the Milky Way runs from east to west across the sky. The stars of the Summer Triangle are setting in the far west, and Orion is climbing from the eastern horizon. Hercules, which was overhead at 12:00 a.m. in the first week of June, is now setting in the northwest, and Castor and Pollux, the twins of Gemini, are appearing above the tree line in the northeast.



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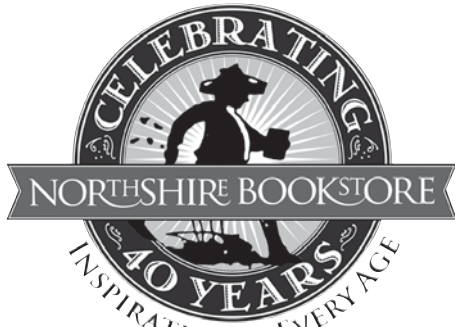
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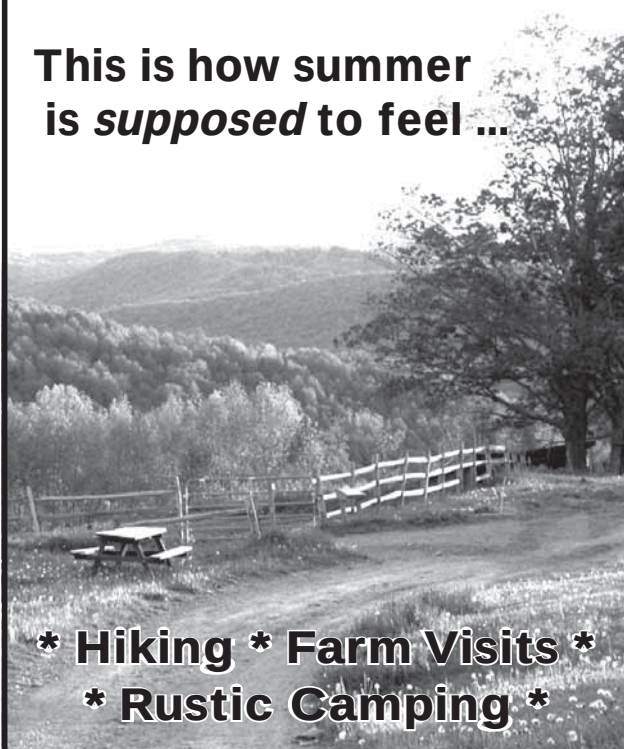
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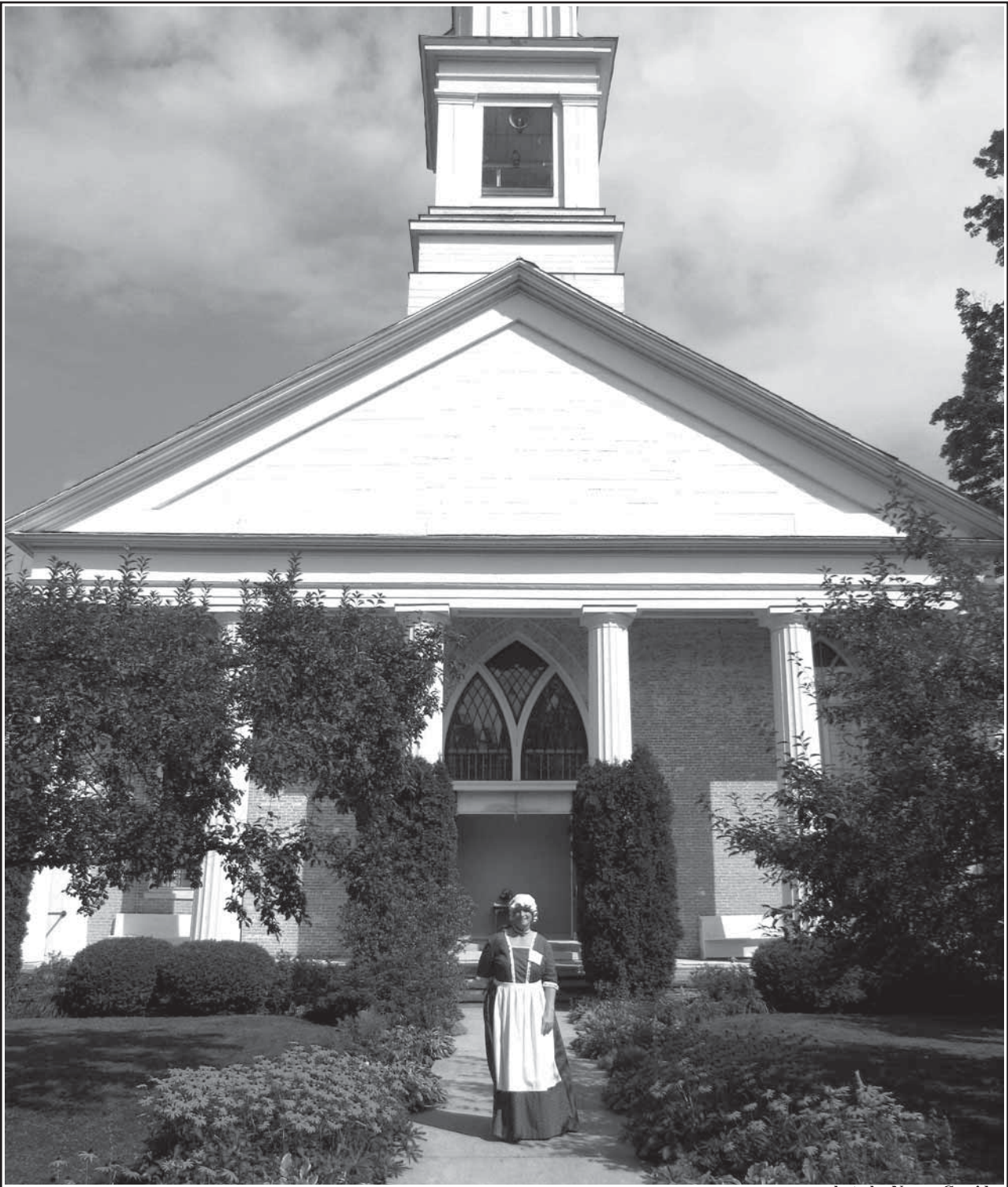
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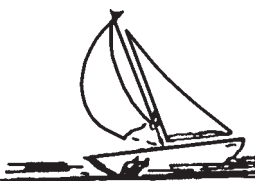
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The Shrine in the Isles

by Pamela Hayes Rehlen

As early evening sunlight flooded through the windows of Lake Bomoseen’s Trak Inn, Charlie Rogers sat in his family restaurant and spoke dreamily of a recent trip to the Hero Islands on Lake Champlain.

Charlie and Roz Roger’s son married a girl from Swanton, VT whose parents have a shoreline summer camp up there. Charlie talked about a recent get-together, motoring back after dinner in a boat full of family with a golden moon overhead, the vast lake stretching away its water as still as glass. He was enthralled.

I know the feeling.

For me, the magic of the islands is concentrated at Isle Le Motte and Saint Anne’s Shrine, a shoreline place of steady, cooling, Champlain Island breezes and rustling poplars that it took me a long time to discover, and a place to which, now, I always want to return.

St. Anne’s Shrine is owned and operated by the Edmundite Fathers, a French Catholic teaching order and the founders of Burlington’s St. Michael’s College. A few years ago, my husband and I discovered that the Shrine maintains a few campsites on a grassy hillside at the back of their outdoor chapel property. These are primarily for Knights of Columbus gatherings and Canadian and American pilgrim groups, but there are enough sites that tourist visitors like us can also be accommodated.

In high summer, it’s a long, ravishing views of Addison County farms and fields, drive pulling our Airstream camper north from Castleton to Burlington, to Colchester, and then from island to island along the shores of ocean-like Lake Champlain to South Hero, to Grand Isle, to North Hero, and finally to Isle La Motte.

At the Shrine, we visit with the staff people that we see every year, and we’re able to get a prime campsite up against a split rail fence under a poplar whose leaves rustle in the lake breezes.

Behind us is a hillside meadow where I remember in years past two teen-aged boys operating a behemoth harvester, cutting and baling just beyond the weathered fence.

The islands are dotted with old, faltering, and finished farms, selling out to make way for colossal new houses with sweeping views of the lake. As agriculture fades, it becomes hard to get land hayed. But I like to think that it was a good Catholic family that every summer sent its sons down from Alburg, VT—where there are some of the largest farms in the state—to assist the Edmundite Fathers and round bale their field.

The Fathers have owned and operated the 13-acre Saint Anne’s Shrine site since 1904, and three years ago, under a new director, the order expanded its retreat mission, particularly for Saint Michaels College students, and a row of



photo courtesy of St. Anne’s Shrine
Statue of the Blessed Mother in the “Mother’s Garden” on the lovely grounds at St. Anne’s Shrine on Isle La Motte, VT.

cabins went up along the former meadow ridgeline. That’s what we see now through our Airstream windows.

In August, my husband and I get up before six each morning, when it can already be in the high 70s, and bike ten miles—not hard on this flat land—because we know that when the hot orange sun comes out, it’s like opening a furnace door.

Island houses we pass are old and settled, built low to the ground with big shining windows behind deep flower beds. It seems like there’s an RV parked in every yard. The house names are often in French, and many of the cars parked out in front have Quebec plates.

It reminds me that we’re only eleven miles south of the Canadian border.

Two-thirds of the way around our biking loop, we stop at the Hall family farmstead, an 1828 farmhouse with a Canteen sign propped up against a tree in the front lawn. Over breakfast, we talk to the owners, a husband and wife island couple who’ve retired from Burlington to this farm and apple orchard that’s been in the wife’s family for generations.

When we get back to our campsite, we go down to the Shrine’s rocky beach where a ragged group of kids, and dogs, and adults speaking French into their cell phones spend the

day. We swim and arrange our chairs under the poplars, but it’s almost too hot to read. By mid-afternoon, the breeze has dwindled to little furnace-like puffs, and beach sounds are muffled.

In the evening, we dress up and drive to the Ruthcliffe Lodge and Restaurant where the 1950s-era dining room is paneled in knotty pine, and the whole place has the warm musty smell of an old deer camp. Diners sit out on the screened porch and watch tiny, distant motor boats come across the vast lake and finally dock at the bottom of the Ruthcliffe lawn.

It feels drowsy and faraway and out-of-time, like we’re in an old movie, Casablanca maybe, and I realize I’m the same as Charlie Rogers back at his Trak Inn restaurant on the shores of Lake Bomoseen. When I get home, I’ll also reminisce about the islands. For me, they sing a siren song.

Pamela Hayes Rehlen has written and lived most of her life in Castleton, Vermont. She is the author of stories, articles, essays and magazine features, and of two books: *The Blue Cat and the River’s Song* (\$17 plus shipping and handling) and *The Vanished Landmarks Game—Vermont Stories from West of Birdseye* (\$20 plus shipping and handling) available at the Castleton Village Store, P. O. Box 275, Castleton, VT 05735 and at a number of Vermont bookstores. To reach the store, call (802) 468-2213.



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The shore of Lake Champlain at St. Anne’s Shrine on Isle La Motte, VT.

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TUESDAY, JULY 26

JOHNSON. Tuesday Night Live. Outdoor music and goodwill. The Historical Society offers hot dogs and salads as well as slices of homemade pies and cakes. For schedule & information e-mail loisfrey@myfairpoint.net. *Every Tuesday in July and August.*

WOODSTOCK. Mt. Tom Hike. From Prosper Road to The Pogue—explore for turtles—and lunch at the cabin. Possibly hike on to the viewpoint. 2-4 miles, easy to moderate, with some ups and downs. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader Juergen Ewert, (802) 457-4345. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

CAVENDISH. Free Summer Concert Series: Green Brothers Band. Free and open to the public, so grab your lawn chair, a picnic and a cold drink, and join your friends and neighbors. 6-8 pm. On the Green, Rt. 131. (802) 226-7736. *Wednesdays through August 10.*

KILLINGTON. 34th Annual Killington Music Festival—Young Artist Concert Series. Free. 7 pm. Ramshead Lodge, Killington Rd. (802) 773-4003. kmfest@sover.net. www.killingtonmusicfestival.org. *Also July 28.*

RUTLAND. Vermont Summer Farmers' Market. 3-6 pm. Downtown in Depot Park (across from Walmart). (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Wednesdays through October 26.*

RUTLAND. Sunset to Seven Summer Concert with Distant Thunder. Bring a picnic basket and enjoy a summer evening of free live music. 7-8:30 pm. Main Street Park, corner of Main St (Route 7) and West St. (802) 773-1822. www.rutlandrec.com. *Also August 3.*

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Wednesdays. Horse-drawn wagon rides featured each Wednesday from 11 am – 3 pm. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12N. & Old River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org

THURSDAY, JULY 28

BURLINGTON. Lake Champlain Vermont Maritime Festival. Burlington Vermont's Waterfront. (802) 482-3313. www.lakechamplainmaritimefestival.com. *Through July 31.*

FAIR HAVEN. Summer Concert Series: Aaron Audet Band. Free. 7 pm. On The Green. (802) 265-3010. fairhavenvt.org.

HANOVER, NH. Concert with Chick Corea Trio: Chick Corea, Christian McBride and Brian Blade. Tickets \$25/42/52. 8 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

JAMAICA. 5th Annual Pikes Falls Chamber Music Festival. Evening concerts, community day, including an open mic night. Free, donations welcome. Town Hall. pikesfallschambermusicfestival.com. *Through August 6.*

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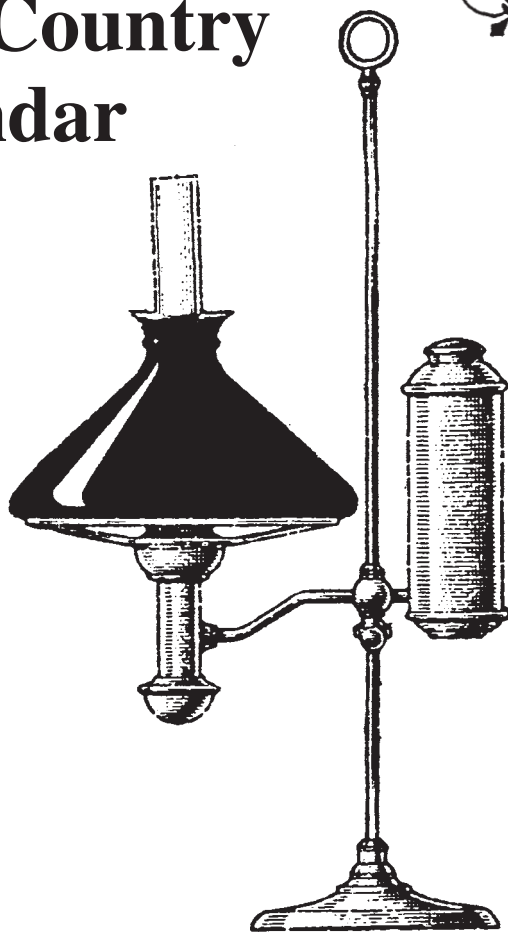
FRIDAY, JULY 29

ADDISON. 14th Annual Evening to Remember Social Open House. Enjoy a relaxing summer evening at this old tavern and resort on Lake Champlain. Visit the museum, rock on the porch, enjoy music and children's activities, and meet with special guests from Chimney Point's past. Donations appreciated. Chimney Point State Historic Site 8149 Route 17W. (802) 759-2412.

BARRE. Barre Heritage Festival. Celebration of community, food, music, ethnic pride, history, and the arts. Street entertainment, antique car show, vendors, a parade and a close proximity fireworks display. "Kids zone" with bounce houses, jousting, face painting and more. Art exhibits at Studio Place Arts and the Paletters art show at the Aldrich Public Library. Historical walks of downtown and a genealogy research station at the Vermont History Center. On North Main St. (802) 477-2967. *Also July 30.*

BELLOWS FALLS. Solo Cello Concert. With four-time Grammy winner Eugene Friesen, cello. He has been featured in concerts all over the world with the Paul Winter Consort, and is an artist-in-residence at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, and on the faculty of the Berklee College of Music in Boston. Tickets \$17/\$13. 7:7:30 pm. Immanuel Retreat Center, 12 Church St. (802) 460-0110. www.stonechurcharts.org.

BENNINGTON. Plymouth Fife and Drum Concert. 18th Century music. With 44 members ranging in age from 12 to 18, the Corps includes 22 fifes, 8 drums and 12 color guard members. The group performs in authentic wool uniforms, replicas of those worn by George Washington's personal guard. 1 pm. Bennington Battle Monument State Historic Site, 15 Monument Circle. (802) 447-0550. www.benningtonbattlemonument.com.



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RUTLAND. Friday Night Live. Local musical art followed by concert with Sawyer Fredericks, The Voice 2015 winner. Enjoy outdoor dining, children's activities and more. Free. 6-10 pm. On Center Street. (802) 773-9380. www.rutlanddowntown.com.

WILMINGTON. Annual Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival. All things blueberry! Blueberry slip and slide, parade, craft fair classic cars block party and lakeside dining. (802) 464-8092. www.vermontblueberry.com. *Through August 7.*

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BRANDON. Concert: Britt Connors & Bourbon Renewal. Concert tickets \$20. A pre-concert dinner \$20. Reservations recommended for the show and required for dinner. Venue is BYOB. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. Call (802) 247-4295 or e-mail info@brandon-music.net for reservations or for more information. brandon-music.net.

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EAST DORSET. Vermont Summer Equestrian Festival. Watch the horses and athletes, shop the onsite boutiques, or plan to have lunch. Admission \$9/\$6/\$5/\$3. 8 am – 4 pm. Harold Beebe Farm, 2971 Rt. 7. (802) 224-6978. www.vt-summerfestival.com. *Wednesdays through Sundays through August 14.*

GREENSBORO. Benefit Dinner. Vermont Land Trust farm-to-table dinner hosted by Thornhill Farm which is growing grain and elderberries for Caledonia Spirits. Appetizers and cocktails start at 5:30 pm. Dinner prepared by Chef Doug Paine of Hotel Vermont at 6 pm. Tickets \$140. Thornhill Farm, 198 Taylor Rd. (802) 262-1204. www.diginvt.com.

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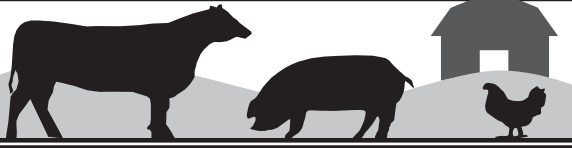
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NEW HAVEN. Farm to Ballet Outdoor Performance & Community Supper. A dance collaborative celebrating sustainable agriculture. Wood-fired pizza with ingredients from our farm and other farm-sourced food! Proceeds to fund farm educational programming. 5 pm. Golden Well Farm & Apiaries, 1089 River Rd. (802) 870-0361. goldenwellapiaries.com.

POWNAI. Pownal Valley Fair. Produce, crafts, quilts, flowers, honey, maple syrup and herbs. Antique tractor pull, bingo, petting farm animals, fireworks, and music. Kids' fun fair. Rt. 346. (802) 823-5258.

RUTLAND. Vermont Summer Farmers' Market. 9 am – 2 pm. Downtown at Depot Park (across from Walmart). (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through October 29.*

SHELBURNE. Green Mountain Draft Horse Field Day. Meet the farmers who use draft animal power and learn about working horse breeds including Suffolk Punch, Halfinger, Percheron, Clydesdale, Shire, and Belgian while they demonstrate plowing, seeding, reaping, binding, and threshing. Tour of Shelburne Farms by horse and wagon (\$8/person). Free with admission to the property: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 children 3-17, free to children ages 2 and under. 11 am – 2 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org.

SOUTH BURLINGTON. 37th Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show. Thousands of beautiful natural specimens and jewelry are available at affordable prices. Exhibits, lectures, demonstrations, silent auctions, door prizes, and activities for kids. Free parking and refreshments available. Admission: \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, children under 16 free with adult. Tuttle Middle School, 500 Dorset Dr. 10 am – 5 pm. (802) 849-6076. www.burlingtongemandmineralclub.org. *Also July 31.*

SOUTH BURLINGTON. Vermont Mozart Festival. Performance by 29 fellowship program awardees studying at Champlain College. \$15 per person, kids 15 and under free. Food provided by Farmers & Foragers. 7 pm. at Veterans Memorial Park, 1642 Dorset St. (802) 598-9520. www.vermontmozartfestival.org.

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WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum 30th Annual Quilt Exhibition. This juried exhibition of colorful quilts made exclusively in Windsor County will celebrate 30 years of quilting excellence at the Billings Farm. Quilting demonstrations, programs and activities for children and adults. Adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. billingsfarm.org.

SUNDAY, JULY 31

BURLINGTON. Annual Summer Greek Food Festival. Greek food, music and culture. Full Greek menu featuring chicken souvlaki, gyro, pastiche, stuffed vegetables, falafel, spanakopita and stuffed grape leaves, pastries, Greek-style coffees. Greek music and dancing, tours of the 102-year-old church building and a Greek "agora" of items. Free admission. Rain or shine. 12 noon – 5 pm. The Dormition of the Mother of God Greek Orthodox Church, 30 Ledge Rd. off S. Willard St. Additional parking at Christ the King Church. (802) 862-2155. priest@gocvt.org. www.gocvt.org.

BURLINGTON. Lake Champlain Vermont Maritime Festival. Stroll along the shores from venue to venue, view the classic boats, long boats, canoe, kayak and Dragon boat demonstrations. Experience boat building, sample local fare, enjoy music. Bring the kids! Along the spectacular shores of Burlington's Waterfront. (802) 482-3313. www.lakechamplainmaritimefestival.com.

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FERRISBURG. Join us for a discussion of Quaker aesthetics led by Penn State scholar Anne Verplanck in conjunction with the exhibit – Quaker Made: Vermont Furniture, 1820-1835. Adm. \$2. 3 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4331 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. www.rokeby@comcast.net.

HANOVER, NH. Vaughn Recital Series Concert: Four Shillings Short, the musical duo of Christy Martin & Aodh Og O'Tuma. Celtic, Folk & World Music. Free. 4–5:30 pm. Faulkner Recital Hall, Hopkins Center. (802) 649-1184. fourshillingsshort.com.

HARDWICK. Perennial Pleasures Free Guided Tour. Over 900 varieties of flowers, herbs and shrubs, specializing in heirloom and medicinal plants, and a special fondness for phlox. An eclectic gift shop. A tea-room serves English Cream Teas and light lunches in the display garden or conservatory. 10 am – 5 pm, Tuesday through Sunday. Perennial Pleasures Nursery, 63 Brickhouse Rd. (802) 472-5104. www.perennialpleasures.net. *Every Sunday through August 14.*

JAMAICA. 5th Annual Pikes Falls Chamber Music Festival. A series of evening concerts and a family and community day, including an open mic night. Free, donations welcome. Town Hall. pikesfallschambermusicfestival.com. *Through August 6.*

RUTLAND. Rutland City Band Concert in Main Street Park. Free. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. 7 pm. Main St. Park corner of West St. and Rt. 7. (802) 773-1822. www.rutlandrec.com. *Sundays through August 14.*

SOUTH BURLINGTON. 37th Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show. Vermont's largest gem, mineral, and fossil show. Admission: \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, children under 16 free with adult. Tuttle Middle School, 500 Dorset Dr. 10 am – 5 pm. (802) 849-6076. www.burlingtongemandmineralclub.org.

WAITSFIELD. Vermont Festival of the Arts. 100 events taking place in the Mad River Valley. Art shows in barns, hands-on activities for kids, theater performances, music under a tent, and even a free putting clinic, you will be immersed in our friendly, creative culture. (802) 496-6682. *Through September 5.*

WAITSFIELD. Annual Festival Frolic. A community picnic and celebration of Mad River Valley's creative people. Games and toys in a kids' zone, cash bar and flatbread (pizza), live music, small artworks for sale and fireworks at dusk. The Big Red Barn art show free and open to the public. Suggested festival donation: \$5 per person. 10 am - 6 pm. (802) 496-6682. info@vermontartfest.com. www.vermontartfest.com.

WILMINGTON. Annual Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival. All things blueberry! Blueberry slip and slide, parade, craft fair classic cars block party and lakeside dining. (802) 464-8092. vermontblueberry.com. *Through August 7.*

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Birding Hot Spots in Rutland County

Rutland County Audubon Society has developed a list of places to bird in our area—places that are special to us and are representative of a variety of habitats.

These birding hotspots are places that are publicly accessible; some large, some small. A few involve hiking and others can be canoed.

The spots are selected because they host special

birds or habitats. Some are chosen because they are a good place to take kids or a place for a quick break from our everyday lives.

We hope you will visit these places and report your sightings to www.ebird.org as well so that we can increase the knowledge of the birds of Rutland County. If there is a place that is special to you, please let us know!

Hollow Road In Brandon

Hollow Road lies just west of Brandon off Route 73. Coming from the east out of Brandon, a right turn onto a dirt road before the railroad overpass gets you there. There are a couple of pull-offs to park your car. Walk north on this country lane and find a variety of species.

Of interest are the Blue-winged and Golden-winged warblers that can be found by the power line. Eastern Towhee, Prairie Warbler and



Field Sparrow can be present as well. The wooded areas produce Ovenbirds, Scarlet Tanagers and thrushes. Other commonly found species will be there as well.

For more information on birding visit the Rutland County Audubon Societys at rutlandcountyaudubon.org.



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Vermont Country Calendar

WOODFORD. Long Trail Hike. Walk gated Little Pond Road to newly established Little Pond Trail, then hike south on Long Trail over Porcupine Lookout (2851'), with views, and down to Woodford Hollow. A moderate/strenuous 8.5 miles. Easy car spot. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader Peter Hope at (603) 863-6456. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WOODSTOCK. The 8th Annual Bookstock. Over 40 authors, poets and other artists to present and discuss their work in historic buildings around the village green and nearby sites. Free and open to all. A huge used and vintage book sale, music and food, a poetry slam, and a literary-themed art exhibit. www.bookstockvt.org.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

WINOOSKI. Concert: Four Shillings Short, the musical duo of Christy Martin & Aodh Og O'Tuma. Celtic, Folk & World Music. Free outdoor family concert. 6–8 pm. Landry Park, Pine St. (Rain date August 3). www.winooskivt.org. fourshillingsshort@gmail.com. fourshillingsshort.com.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

CALAIS. Concert: The Sky Blue Boys with Jon Henry Drake. Recreating the energy, fun and trios of the legendary Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys. No cover. 7:30 pm. The Whammy Bar at Maple Corner Store, 31 West County Rd. (802) 229-4329.

EAST DORSET. Vermont Summer Equestrian Festival. Admission \$9/\$6/\$5/\$3. 8 am – 4 pm. Harold Beebe Farm, 2971 Rt. 7. (802) 224-6978. www.vt-summerfestival.com. *Wednesdays through Sundays through August 14.*

HIGHGATE. Franklin County Field Days. Horse, pony & tractor pulls. Live music. ATV drag race, poker tournaments. Exhibits, midway rides, 4H dairy show, draft horse show, antique tractor parade, bands, and more. Breakfast in the 4H booth. Admission \$10. 300 Airport Rd. (802) 238-4904. franklincountyfielddays.org. *Through August 7.*

SPRINGFIELD. Annual Stellafane Convention. A gathering of amateur telescope makers. Fred Espenak, a well known NASA astrophysicist called Mr. Eclipse, will deliver our keynote address highlighting the total eclipse due on August 21, 2017. Workshops, talks, observing olympics, competitions. Located on Breezy Hill, 211 Jordan Rd. The Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc. P.O. Box 601, Springfield, VT 05156. Webmaster@Stellafane.org. stellafane.org. *Through August 7.*

STOWE. Art on Park. Dozens of talented Vermont artisans and artists each week. Live music and local eats each week. 5:30-8:30 pm. On Park St. in the village. For info contact Shari Vermeulen at shari@stoweivrancy.com. stoweivrancy.com. *Thursdays through August 25.*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

BELLOWS FALLS. Concert: Four Shillings Short, the musical duo of Christy Martin & Aodh Og O'Tuma. Celtic, Folk & World Music. Tickets \$20, seniors & students \$15. 7:30–9:30 pm. Immanuel Retreat Center and Stone Church Arts, 12 Church St. (802) 460-0110. stonechurcharts.org. fourshillingsshort@gmail.com. fourshillingsshort.com.

DERBY. Banjo Dan's Bluegrass Revue. Featuring Bob Amos & Catamount Crossing. The reunion of Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys. Tickets \$18. 7:30 pm. Haskell Opera House, Derby Line. (802) 873-3022 x 205. www.haskellopera.com.

HIGHGATE. Franklin County Field Days. 300 Airport Rd. (802) 238-4904. franklincountyfielddays.org. *Through August 7.*

SOUTH BURLINGTON. Vermont Mozart Festival. Outdoor all-Mozart concert-picnic. Performance by 29 fellowship-program awardees at Champlain College. \$15 per person, kids 15 and under free. Food provided by Farmers & Foragers. 7 pm at Veterans Memorial Park, 1642 Dorset St. (802) 598-9520. www.vermontmozartfestival.org.

SPRINGFIELD. Annual Stellafane Convention. A gathering of amateur telescope makers. Workshops, talks, observing olympics, competitions. The convention is located on Breezy Hill, 211 Jordan Rd. The Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc. P.O. Box 601, Springfield, VT 05156. Webmaster@Stellafane.org. stellafane.org. *Through August 7.*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

BURLINGTON. Vermont Shakespeare Festival. A professional company of 14 actors to present Shakespeare's play Julius Ceasar. Adults \$30, seniors \$27, students \$15. 7:30 pm. The Royall Tyler Theatre, University of Vermont, 116 University Pl. (877) 874-1911 www.vermontshakespeare.org.

CHESTER. Famous New England Clambake. Two to three lobsters each, steamers, littleneck clams, corn on the cob, red potatoes, watermelon, and soda. \$34 per person. Every Saturday 12-6 pm. William Austin's Tavern, 42 Maple St. (Rt. 103). (802) 875-3032. *Saturdays through August.*

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EAST MONTPELIER. Concert: Four Shillings Short, the musical duo of Christy Martin & Aodh Og O'Tuma. Celtic, Folk & World Music. 7:30–9:30 pm. The Old Meeting House, 1620 Center Rd. (802) 229-9593. www.oldmeetinghouse.org. fourshillingsshort.com.

HARTFORD. Ice Cream Social and Lawn Games. Museum tours, games for all ages and abilities, ice cream and beverages. 1-4 pm. Hartford Historical Society, 1587 Main St. and Hartford Library, 1641 Maple St. Rain date August 9. (802) 296-2568. hartford@vals.state.vt.us.

HIGHGATE. Franklin County Field Days. 300 Airport Rd. (802) 238-4904. franklincountyfielddays.org. *Also August 7.*

JAMAICA. Museum Presentation. Bennington Museum curator Jamie Franklin to discuss the exhibit, Milton Avery's Vermont. Free and open to the public. 5-6 pm. Jamaica Town Hall, 17 Pikes Falls Rd. (802) 874-4681. www.benningtonmuseum.org.

ORFORD. 40th Annual Flea Market. 190 vendors with a mix of wares: antiques, handcrafted items, fresh produce and the usual serendipity. Sponsored by the Orford Volunteer Fire Dept. Rain or shine. On the Common, Rt. 10. (603) 353-4855. ovfdinc@gmail.com.

RUPERT. Bluegrass Concert. Performance by Bob Amos and Catamount Crossing. Free. Bring a picnic supper. Donations appreciated. 5-7 pm. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. www.merckforest.org.

SPRINGFIELD. Annual Stellafane Convention. A gathering of amateur telescope makers. Workshops, talks, observing olympics, competitions. The convention is located on Breezy Hill, 211 Jordan Rd. The Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc. P.O. Box 601, Springfield, VT 05156. Webmaster@Stellafane.org. stellafane.org. *Also August 7.*

SPRINGFIELD. Dragons and Damsels. Learn about aquatic plants (natives and nuisances) with local expert Laurie Callahan. Watch a demonstration of the mobile boat rinsing unit. View aquatic critters and plants close-up. Walk the shoreline to discover insect larvae and exuviae ("skins"). Presented by the Black River Action Team. Bring the kids, a camera, a kayak or canoe, and a sense of adventure. Free, donations appreciated. 10 am - 4 pm. Hoyt's Landing public boat access on Route 11, just ½ mile west of Exit 7 off Interstate 91. (802) 738-0456. blackrivercleanup@yahoo.com.

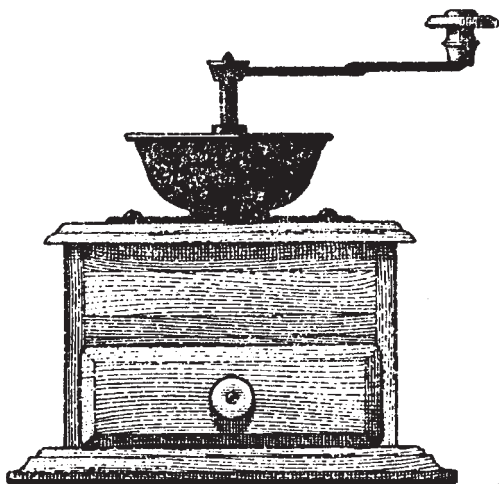
WATERBURY CENTER. Festival Music. The Plowboys Band will be entertaining off and on throughout the afternoon at the annual cider festival. Noon-5 pm. Free. Cold Hollow Cider Mill, 3600 Waterbury-Stowe Rd. (802) 244-8771. www.coldhollow.com.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

BENNINGTON. Vermont Antiquarian Booksellers Association Annual Summer Book Fair. Vermont history, modern literature, poetry, children's books, old and rare books, ephemera and much more. Admission is free. 10 am – 4 pm. Grace Christian School, 104 Kocher Dr. (802) 282-9769. john@catamountbooks.com. www.vermontisbookcountry.com.

BROWNINGTON. Back Road Poetry Reading. Rachel Hadas & Vijay Seshadri at 3 pm followed by book signing and reception. Brownington Congregational Church, 126 Parker Rd. (802) 633-4956. lisavonkann@gmail.com. www.backroadsreadings.com.

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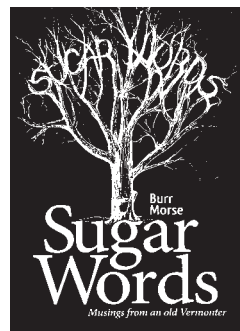
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(Sunday, August 7, continued)

GLOVER. Bread & Puppet Theater Performs “The Whatforward Circus and Pageant with Comet’s Passage Over Reality Passion Play”. Suggested donation \$10. Show 3 pm. Museum tour at 2 pm. 753 Heights Rd. (802) 525-3031. breadpup@together.net. www.breadandpuppet.org.

HIGHGATE. Franklin County Field Days. 300 Airport Rd. (802) 238-4904. franklincountyfielddays.org.

HUBBARDTON. Dig into Your Roots Genealogy Program. Genealogist Dani Roberts and family historian Francis Owen offer advice to get you started with researching your family history. 2–3:30 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton.

ROCHESTER. Rochester Chamber Music Society Concert. With Katherine Winterstein, violin; Vanessa Holroyd, flute; Cynthia Huard, piano, playing J.S. Bach Trio Sonata in G major, Telemann, Martinu Madrigal Sonata, Nina Rota Trio. Donations appreciated. 4 pm. Rochester Federated Church, Rt. 100. (802) 767-9234. rcmsvt.org.

RUTLAND. Rutland City Band Concert in Main Street Park. Free. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. 7 pm. Main St. Park corner of West St. and Rt. 7. (802) 773-1822. www.rutlandrec.com. *Sundays through August 14.*

SHOREHAM. Concert: Addison County Gospel Choir will perform at the church prior to their concert during Field Days later that week. Free will offering to benefit the Gospel Choir. 7 pm. Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School Rd. (802) 897-5420. gvanhazinga@earthlink.net.

SPRINGFIELD. Annual Stellafane Convention. A gathering of amateur telescope makers. The convention is located on Breezy Hill, 211 Jordan Rd. The Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc. P.O. Box 601, Springfield, VT 05156. Webmaster@Stellafane.org. stellafane.org.

ST. JOHNSBURY. Annual Dog Party. Four-legged friends and their companions are invited to Dog Mountain to party. Bounce house for kids, door prizes, food, dog contests, and foot-tapping live music by Vermont folk duo The Endorsements. Hot dogs, chips, lemonade. Free. Noon-4 pm. Stephen Huneck Gallery, 143 Parks Rd. (802) 748-3075. www.dogmt.com.

WESTON. Sundays on the Hill Concert Series. Flute choir performs a varied repertoire. Admission: adults \$5, under 12 free. 4 pm. Church on the Hill, Lawrence Hill Rd. www.SundaysOnTheHill.org.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

NEW HAVEN. Addison County Fair & Field Days. Vermont’s biggest agricultural fair! Children’s barnyard, horse show, dairy show, tractor pulls, kiddie rides. Crafts, exhibits, live entertainment, pony and ox pulling, midway, parade, pet show, demo derby, and Vermont products dinner. Adults (12 and over) Tuesday-Friday \$10, Saturday only \$12, season pass \$40, seniors free on Tuesday with Green Mountain Passport; ages 6-11 \$5, season pass \$15, 5 years and under free. 1790 Field Days Rd. (802) 545-2557. www.addisoncountyfielddays.com. *Through August 13.*

VERSHIRE. 2nd Annual Vermont Farmers Olympics. See teams of farmers testing their skills competing in events like electric fence limbo, hay bale toss, and a shoveling relay. Hosted by the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA Vermont) which will be providing wood-fired, fresh pizza made in its mobile oven. 4-8 pm. Broad Acres Farm, 537 Brown Rd. (802) 434-4122. www.nofavt.org/events/farmer-olympics.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

CAVENDISH. Free Summer Concert Series. Free and open to the public. Bring your lawn chair and join your friends and neighbors. 6-8 pm. On the Green, Rt. 131. (802) 226-7736.

NEW HAVEN. Addison County Fair & Field Days. 1790 Field Days Rd. (802) 545-2557. www.addisoncountyfielddays.com. *Through August 13.*

QUECHEE. Save Dewey’s Mill Pond. Volunteers needed to pull the nuisance milfoil plant from the pond. Supervised volunteer pulling sessions today and August 17 from 6-8 pm, and August 13 and 20 from 10 am – 2 pm. Volunteers encouraged to bring a small boat, kayak or canoe, along with a five-gallon bucket. Meet at the Dewey’s Pond Landing off of Quechee Main St. (802) 295-5036, (802) 295-6382. www.hartfordrec.com. *Also August 13, 17 & 20.*

RUTLAND. Vermont Summer Farmers’ Market. 3-6 pm. Downtown in Depot Park (across from Walmart). (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Wednesdays through October 26.*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

EAST DORSET. Vermont Summer Equestrian Festival. Admission \$9/\$6/\$5/\$3. 8 am – 4 pm. Harold Beebe Farm, 2971 Rt. 7. (802) 224-6978. www.vt-summerfestival.com. *Wednesdays through Sundays through August 14.*

FAIR HAVEN. Summer Concert Series: Michelle Fay Band. Free. 7 pm. On The Green. (802) 265-3010. fairhavenvt.org. *Also August 18.*

FAIRFAX. Workshop: Pollinator Plants and Buffers in the Northeast, with Jane Sorensen and John Hayden. Learn about native northeastern plants that attract a wide variety of beneficial pollinators for your farm, garden, and landscape. Cost: \$30. 5–7 pm. River Berry Farm, 191 Goose Pond Rd. rachel@nofavt.org. nofavt.org. www.riverberryfarm.com.

HUBBARDTON. Perseid Meteor Shower Night with members of the Green Mountain Alliance of Amateur Astronomers. Bring blankets or a reclining chair if you like. Telescopes will be available for deep space viewing. Marshmallows on us. Inside program if inclement weather. Donations appreciated. 8 pm – midnight. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton.

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SOUTH HERO. Snow Farm Vineyard Summer Concert. Music by Nobby Reed. Picnicking begins at 5 pm, music from 6:30-8:30 pm. Bring your own chairs and blankets. Food for purchase at the Sausage Shack, flatbread pizza, Rookies Root Beer, Homemade Island Ice Cream, and wine and beer and more available. Free admission. Snow Farm Vineyard, 190 West Shore Rd. (802) 372-9463. www.snowfarm.com. *Every Thursday through September 1.*

STOWE. Art on Park. Dozens of talented Vermont artisans and artists each week. Something for everyone—hand-crafted jewelry, pottery, paintings, drawings, photography, fiber arts, specialty food products, and more. Live music and local eats each week. 5:30-8:30 pm. On Park St. in the village. shari@stoweivibrancy.com. www.stoweivibrancy.com. *Thursdays through August 25.*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

BRANDON. Concert: They Might Be Gypsies. Concert tickets \$20. A pre-concert dinner \$20. Reservations recommended for the show and required for dinner. Venue is BYOB. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. Call (802) 247-4295 or e-mail info@brandon-music.net for reservations or for more information. brandon-music.net.

BURLINGTON. Two-Day Air Show. Wings Over Vermont will have fly-overs at the Waterfront Park from 11 am – 4 pm. Opening ceremonies at 10:30 am. (802) 863-1648. www.wingsoververmont.org. *Also August 14.*

CHESTER. Famous New England Clambake. Two to three lobsters each, steamers, littleneck clams, corn on the cob, red potatoes, watermelon, and soda. \$34 per person. Every Saturday 12-6 pm. William Austin's Tavern, 42 Maple St. (Rt. 103). (802) 875-3032. *Saturdays through August.*

DANVILLE. The Danville Fair. Children's parade at 10:30 am. Pony pull, carnival games, bingo, volleyball tournament, rib cook-off and music all day. Fireworks at 9 pm. On the Green. 148 Peacham Rd. www.danvillevtchamber.org.

EAST DORSET. Vermont Summer Equestrian Festival. Watch the horses and athletes, shop the onsite boutiques, or plan to have lunch. Admission \$9/\$6/\$5/\$3. 8 am – 4 pm. Harold Beebe Farm, 2971 Rt. 7. (802) 224-6978. www.vt-summerfestival.com. *Wednesdays through Sundays through August 14.*

EAST THETFORD. Contradance. Featuring music by Blind Squirrel with Adina Gordon calling. Everyone welcome – no partner or experience necessary. Dance at 8-11 pm. Bring clean, soft-soled shoes. Suggested donation \$10; seniors and children \$6. Pavilion, 140 Pavilion Rd. uvdm.org.

GREENSBORO. Circus Smirkus. Join us for a high-flying with flocks of jugglers, high-larious clowns and air-borne aerialists. Adults \$21, children 7-12 \$17, under 2 free. 1 pm. Circus Barn, 1 Circus Rd. (877) 764-7587. www.smirkus.org. pr@smirkus.org.

JAY. August West Fest. Festival celebrates the music of the Grateful Dead and the community in and around the Jay Peak area. Kids and well mannered dogs welcome. Snack stand and picnic area. Free. Ski parking area, 1181 Rt. 242. (802) 327-2596. augustwestfest.com.

NEW HAVEN. Addison County Fair & Field Days. 1790 Field Days Rd. (802) 545-2557. www.addisoncountyfielddays.com.

ORFORD, NH. Orford Day Celebration. The Mill Band performs, sausage and peppers available from Firefighters Association, The Flames perform at 7 pm. Lobster and steak dinner available from the Orford-Fairlee Lions. Free. Noon. Town Common, Rt. 10. (603) 653-4220.

SHELBURNE. Polo Game. Bring lawn chairs & coolers to the new polo field and watch a fast-paced and exciting polo game with the Sugarbush Polo Club. After the game you'll have a chance to meet the players and their horses. 1-5 pm. Polo field at 929 Shelburne-Hinesbury Rd. www.sugarbushpoloclub.com.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

BELVIDERE. Old Home Day. Games for kids and adults with great prizes. Snack stand, playground, restrooms and handicap access. Fun for all ages. 4411 VT Rt. 109. (802) 644-2751.

EAST DORSET. Vermont Summer Equestrian Festival. Grand Prix jumping. Watch the horses and athletes, shop the onsite boutiques, or plan to have lunch. Admission \$9/\$6/\$5/\$3. 8 am – 4 pm. Harold Beebe Farm, 2971 Rt. 7. (802) 224-6978. www.vt-summerfestival.com.

FERRISBURG. Pie & Ice Cream Social. Volunteer bakers will have pies of all kinds including apple, peach and berry. "A la mode" with ice cream, too. Cost: \$4 for pie \$1 for ice cream. Proceeds support the Museum's mission. 1-4 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. (802) 877-3406. rokeby.org.

RUTLAND. Rutland City Band Concert in Main Street Park. Free. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. 7 pm. Main St. Park corner of West St. and Rt. 7. (802) 773-1822.



MONDAY, AUGUST 15

LONDONDERRY. Vermont Open Farm Week at Taylor Farm. Cheese making, kite flying, farm tours, and hikes. Free. 8 am – 6 pm. Taylor Farm, 825 Route 11. (802) 824-5690. taylorfarmvermont.com. *Thru August. 21.*

RUPERT. Vermont Open Farm Week. Farm manager Jonathan Kilpatrick will conduct a tour of farming operations. Fee \$5 for adults, 2-4 pm. Children's farm tour for youngsters, 2-4 pm. \$2.50—they'll meet animals including piglets and chickens. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. merckforest.org.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

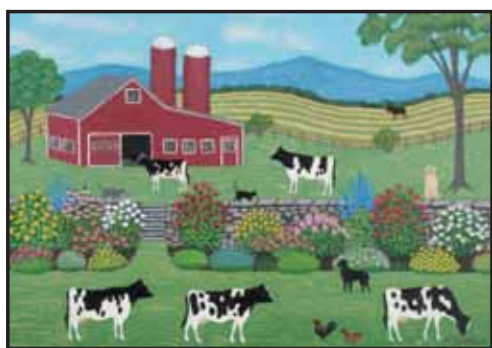
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RUPERT. Draft Horse Workshop. For teens 12 to 15. Katie Connor will give an overview of heritage horse breeds, training on how to care for the gentle giants and perhaps an opportunity to harness and drive the Merck team. Fee \$40. \$12:30-3:30 pm. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. www.merckforest.org. *Also August 19.*



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Vermont Country Calendar

RUTLAND. 171st Annual Vermont State Fair. Agricultural exhibits. Spectacular rides, thrill rides, family rides, and kiddie rides! The Aerosmith Legacy Show, comedy shows, lots of live music, demolition derby, Black Cat Hell Drivers. Johnny Peers and the Muttville Comix! The Horsing Around Show, Vermont Burlesque Festival, and much, more. Admission adults \$10, ages 6–11 \$5, 5 and under free, senior with Green Mountain Passport free. Fairgrounds on S. Main St. (802) 775-5200. www.vermontstatefair.org. *Through August 20.*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

BARTON. 149th Annual Orleans County Fair. Agricultural exhibits, 4-H judging and displays, cattle and sheep shows, antique tractor pulls, kiddie rides, crafts, grange exhibits. Harness racing, petting zoo. Live entertainment, draft horse pulling, horse show, and demolition derby. A great historic old-time country fair. 278 Roaring Brook Rd. (802) 525-3555. www.orleanscountyfair.net. *Through August 21.*

LONDONDERRY. Vermont Open Farm Week at Taylor Farm. Cheese making, kite flying, farm tours, and hikes. Public welcome. Free. 8 am – 6 pm. Taylor Farm, 825 Route 11. (802) 824-5690. www.taylorfarmvermont.com. *Through August 21.*

RUPERT. Farrier's Demonstration. Morning and afternoon sessions (call for times), free. The blacksmith will shoe Fern and Arch, our draft horses, one horse in the morning, one in the afternoon. Also, fleece skirting demonstration where visitors may try their hand at skirting (or cleaning) a sheep's fleece in preparation for spinning it into yarn. Free. 10 am – 3 pm. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. www.merckforest.org.

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RUTLAND. Vermont Summer Farmers' Market. 3-6 pm. Downtown in Depot Park (across from Walmart). (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Wednesdays through October 26.*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

BARTON. 149th Annual Orleans County Fair. 278 Roaring Brook Rd. (802) 525-3555. www.orleanscountyfair.net. *Through August 21.*

FAIR HAVEN. Summer Concert Series: J.P. Murphy Band. Free. 7 pm. On The Green. (802) 265-3010. fairhavenvt.org.

HUNTINGTON. Crop Mob at Maple Wind Farm. Come and be a farmer for a morning! Bring your gloves, sun hat and water bottle and join Beth and Margaret somewhere in our 15 acre organic vegetable field for a project, weeding & harvesting—fun in the dirt! 9 am – 12 noon. Maple Wind Farm, 1340 Carse Road. (802) 434-7257. www.maplewindfarm.com.

JERICHO. Open Farm Week: Class and Dinner. Seasonal cooking with Chef Contos. Farm tour included. See how they produce organic vegetables and pasture-raised meats and eggs year-round. Jericho Settlers' Farm, 22 Barber Farm Rd. (802) 899-4000. www.jerichosettlersfarm.com.

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RANDOLPH. Open Rehearsal. For Beethoven and Brahms concert. Free. 7 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 431-0204. outreach@chandler-arts.org. www.centralvtchambermusicfest.org.

ROYALTON. Open Farm Week at Four Springs Farm, Campground & Learning Center. Organic orchards, greenhouses and vegetable gardens, pastured poultry. Rustic camping, volunteering and educational programs. Farm tours and group prepared snacks from the farm. Call ahead to confirm hours. Four Springs Farm, 776 Gee Hill Rd. (802) 763-7296. *Through August 21.*

RUPERT. Vermont Open Farm Week Farm Chores for Children. Ages 3 and up (accompanied by adult). Hands-on/hands-dirty workshop, 2-4 pm, \$2.50. Farmer pizzasocial with wood-fired pizzas made fresh from locally-sourced ingredients. Suggested donation \$10. Co-hosted with the Northeast Organic Farmers Association (Vermont), 5:30-7:30 pm. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. www.merckforest.org.

RUTLAND. 171st Annual Vermont State Fair. Fairgrounds on S. Main St. (802) 775-5200. www.vermontstatefair.org. *Through August 20.*

SOUTH HERO. Snow Farm Vineyard Summer Concert. Music by Blues for Breakfast. Picnicking begins at 5 pm, music from 6:30-8:30 pm. Bring your own chairs and blankets. Food for purchase at the Sausage Shack, flatbread pizza, Rookies Root Beer, Homemade Island Ice Cream, and wine and beer and more available. Free admission. Snow Farm Vineyard, 190 West Shore Rd. (802) 372-9463. www.snowfarm.com. *Every Thursday through September 1.*

STOWE. Art on Park. Dozens of talented Vermont artisans and artists each week. 5:30-8:30 pm. On Park St. in the village. shari@stoweibrancy.com. www.stoweibrancy.com. *Thursdays through August 25.*

WILMINGTON. 99th Annual Deerfield Valley Farmer's Day Fair. Exhibition, classic car show, demolition derby, exhibit halls, horse pull, horse show, pie eating contest, saw contest, zoocademy. Admission 4 & under free, ages 5–64 \$12, ages 65 and up \$6. Baker Field. (802) 319-0117. www.dvfair.com. *Through August 21.*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

BARTON. 149th Annual Orleans County Fair. 278 Roaring Brook Rd. (802) 525-3555. www.orleanscountyfair.net. *Through August 21.*

BETHEL. Open House at Earthwise Farm & Forest. 9:30–11:30 am, pick a flower bouquet and walk our Labyrinth Garden. 12 noon – 1 pm, bring a picnic lunch. 1–2:30 pm, pasture walk to see how we manage our chickens, pigs and dairy cows on our rotational grazing system. Earthwise Farm & Forest, 341 McIntosh Hill Rd. (802) 234-5524. www.earthwisefarmandforest.com.

CORNISH, N.H. Annual Cornish Fair. Animals, 4-H displays, agriculture, museums, music, family entertainment, arts and crafts, food, pulling contests, chainsaw artist, and helicopter and midway rides. 9 am - 11 pm. Fee \$10, children under 12 free. Cornish Fair Grounds, 294 Town House Rd. (603) 675-5714. cornishfair.org. *Thru August 21.*

FAYSTON. Open Farm Week Lamb Kebab Dinner. Grilled spiced lamb kebabs grilled over a wood fire, with many vegetarian complements from the gardens, using our outdoor bread oven and served outside in the gardens weather permitting. Adult \$22, child \$10, dessert \$5. 6–9 pm. Knoll Farm, 700 Bragg Hill Rd. (802) 496-5686.

IRASBURG. Log Cabin Farm Alpacas Open House. Enjoy a hands-on tour, meeting the herd of 40+ alpacas. 10 am – 4 pm. Log Cabin Farm Alpacas, 3112 Barton Rd. (802) 323-6558. www.logcabinfarm.com. *Through August 21.*

LONDONDERRY. Vermont Open Farm Week at Taylor Farm. Cheese making, kite flying, farm tours, and hikes. Public welcome. Free. 8 am – 6 pm. Taylor Farm, 825 Route 11. (802) 824-5690. taylorfarmvermont.com. *Thru Aug. 21.*

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Memories of a Century Past

“Riding with Each Winner Down the Backstretch!”

by Elisabeth Doren

When I was small I dreamed of horses, I rode horses, I loved horses. We lived on a farm powered by horses, so it was possible to pursue my dream.

Whether the ground was white with snow or green with the many hues of summer made no difference, horsewise, to me. But the peak of my pleasure came in late summer, when the country fair was held.

All year long, I saved my pennies to squander on this event. My sisters and brother might wander off to the midway, but I could always be found at the race track, my face pressed against the rails of the wooden fence, watching the endless circle of pounding hooves.

Along about this time, that great racehorse, Dan Patch,

came into my life—not in person, but in my field of knowledge and in my dreams. I collected pictures of horses from the covers of father's farm magazines and papered the walls of my room with them—a solid band of horse flesh just where the vertical wall met the slant roof of the ceiling. I could be in bed in the morning and watch the parade of horses 'round my room.

I never hoped to see Dan Patch himself. It was enough to have his picture. And this I did have. I do not now, some 85 years later, remember where or how I got it—a large picture in full color of this horse of my dreams. (It would be a golden day if I still had it, for it is now listed at over \$1,000 in the catalogues.)

But money, real money—not the pennies of my childhood—was not even in my realm of wishes. The kind of money I knew about could be earned by good honest work, and saved in a small iron bank. When the great day of the fair came around, you had to shake the precious pennies out through the small slot, wherein they had entered, because you couldn't find the key. But the little pile of pennies was what mattered, because they were the key to the pleasures of the big day at the fair.

We children always went to the fair on the “free” day, saving our pennies for the goodies. I rode the merry-go-round for as long as I could afford it, and spent some time communing with the prize chickens. Those with feathers down to their bare feet seemed to me to do it right for our cold North Country.

I gave scant attention to the cattle sheds and pig pens—plenty of that at home. But the horse stalls! There I drank and drooled until my inner clock prompted me to race back to the race track to pursue my favorite pastime—face pressed against the guard rails, eyes glued to the hammering hooves, my heart riding with each winner down the backstretch!

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WILMINGTON. 99th Annual Deerfield Valley Farmer's Day Fair. Baker Field. (802) 319-0117. www.dvfair.com. *Through August 21.*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

BARTON. 149th Annual Orleans County Fair. 278 Roaring Brook Rd. (802) 525-3555. www.orleanscountyfair.net. *Also August 21.*

CHESTER. Famous New England Clambake. Two to three lobsters each, steamers, littleneck clams, corn on the cob, red potatoes, watermelon, and soda. \$34 per person. Every Saturday 12-6 pm. William Austin's Tavern, 42 Maple St. (Rt. 103). (802) 875-3032. *Saturdays through August.*

CORNISH, N.H. Annual Cornish Fair. Cornish Fair Grounds, 294 Town House Rd. (603) 675-5714. www.cornishfair.org. *Also August 21.*

DUMMERSTON. Annual Peach Shortcake Supper. Menu: baked ham, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, summer vegetable casserole, with peach shortcake made with homemade biscuits and real whipped cream. Takeouts available. Adults \$11, children 6-12 \$5, children under 5 free. 5-7 p.m. Evening Star Grange, 1008 East-West Rd. (802) 254-2517.

HUBBARDTON. Fifth Annual Mount Independence-Hubbardton Military Road Car Tour. Explore the section of the 1776-77 military road from the Hubbardton Battlefield to the Otter Creek in Rutland. Leader: Jim Rowe, president of the Crown Point Road Association. Meet with your own vehicle at the visitor center for orientation. 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton.

ISLAND POND. Open House at Village Farm. Wagon rides, sheep dog demonstrations, horse training demonstrations and more! Prepared food samples and recipes for in-season garden produce. 1-4 pm. Village Farm of Island Pond, 59 Cedar Wood Dr. (802) 723-4648.

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PEACHAM. Annual Acoustic Music Festival. A blend the old world and new, with concerts, contra dances, workshops and jam sessions in a variety of musical genres including celtic, old time, jazz, bluegrass, cajun, and folk. Performers include Cosy Sheridan, Cantrip, Bob Amos & Catamount Crossing, Erryn Marshall & Carl Jones, Annie & the Hedonists, Alan Greenleaf, Cajun Double Fiddles and more including three contra dance led by Luke Donforth. Craft fair, food court, family activities tent, and the ever-popular instrument petting zoo. 8:30 am – 10 pm. Town gym and other locations. (802) 6592-3140. www.pamfest.com.

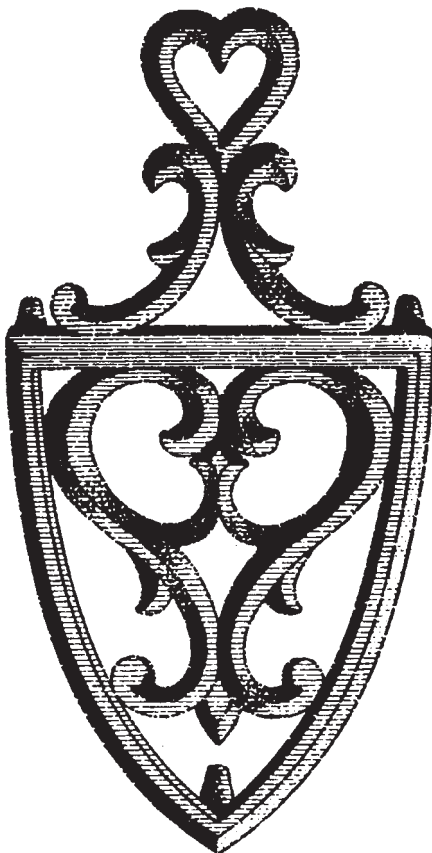
PERKINSVILLE. Annual Farm Dinner. Live Music & Multi-Course Family Style Farm Dinner (includes paired wines). Silent Auction to benefit The Springfield Area Parent & Child Center. \$75 per person (+ tax & gratuity). 5-9 pm. The Inn at Weathersfield, 1342 Rt. 106. (802) 263-9217. www.weathersfieldinn.com.

RANDOLPH. Chamber Music Festival. Includes the "Archduke Piano Trio" by Beethoven paired with the Brahms G minor Piano Quartet. Adults \$25, students free. 7:30-9:30 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 431-0204. outreach@chandler-arts.org. www.centralvtchambermusicfest.org.

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STATEWIDE. Farms Across Vermont celebrating 'Open Farm Week' with activities that may include milking cows and goats, harvesting vegetables, collecting eggs, and tasting farm fresh food. Many are free. Visit website for statewide events. (802) 434-2000. www.diginvt.com.

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WESTMINSTER WEST. Garden Conservancy Open Days Garden Tour. 10 am – 4 pm. \$7 per person, children under 12 free, no reservations required. Gordon & Mary Hayward's Garden, 508 McKinnon Rd. (888) 842-2442. www.opendaysprogram.org. *Also August 21.*

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

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HUBBARDTON. Battlefield Third Sunday—The Military Road. To commemorate the 240th anniversary of the 1776-77 Mount Independence-Hubbardton Military Road, site interpreter Carl Fuller and reenactor Wight Manning discuss its use by soldiers and for the transport of military supplies to Mount Independence. 2-3 pm. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton.

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SOUTH ROYALTON. Open House at Luna Bleu Farm. Tim will fire up the pizza oven, Suzanne and the crew will give farm tours and lead family friendly farm activities and games. 1-5 pm. Luna Bleu Farm, 96 Boles Rd. (802) 763-7981. lunableufarm.org.

WESTON. Sundays on the Hill Concert Series: The International String Trio. Admission: adults \$5, under 12 free. 4 pm. Church on the Hill, Lawrence Hill Rd. SundaysOnTheHill@gmail.com. www.SundaysOnTheHill.org. www.internationalstringtrio.com.

WILMINGTON. 99th Annual Deerfield Valley Farmer's Day Fair. Baker Field. (802) 319-0117. www.dvfair.com.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

LYNDONVILLE. 161st Annual Caledonia County Fair. Mini, pony, horse, & ox pulls. Yoked cattle show, cattle judging, cattle costume contest & sheep and goat show. ATV/UTV racing, motocross show, farm tractor, 4WD truck & lawn tractor pulls. Calvacade, tractor rodeo, pig scramble, chainsaw carver, all star rock band. Cassadee Pope concert. Admission \$14 advance, \$17 at the gate. Mountain View Park. (802) 626-8101. www.caledoniacountyfair.com. *Through August 28.*

RUTLAND. Vermont Summer Farmers' Market. 3-6 pm. Downtown in Depot Park (across from Walmart). (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Wednesdays through October 26.*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

GOSHEN. Farm to Table Dinner and Garden Party. Special dinner in the garden (weather permitting) featuring local farmers and growers and artisans and celebrating the season. 6 pm. Blueberry Hill Inn, 1245 Goshen Rd. (802) 247-6735.

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When summer days speed up so fast
That August bumps September,
You need a breakfast that will last,
And, 'less I disremember,
There's nothing 'round the morning hour
With which a man can grapple
Like good salt pork, and plenty o'nt,
Enriched with good fried apple.

It doesn't fade away so soon
Your stomach squirms with wonder;
A saint can work right up to noon
And not be "sawn asunder";
It beats them package foods a mile—
That top-shelf ten-cent scrapple—
Jest hand me good old fried salt pork
Enriched with good fried apple

Good solid pork, a-salted down
'Way back there last November,
That sputters sweet and spatters brown,
And 'less I disremember,
Them apples by the garden gate
That had a reddish dapple—
Yes; that's the kind of pork I mean,
And that's the kind of apple

Jest wipe 'em where your hand is flat,
And slice 'em thin and slanting,
And tip 'em in the spider fat
The while it's hot and panting;
Say; that's the kind of morning dish
With which the soul can grapple—
Good sweet salt pork, and plenty o'nt,
Enriched with good fried apple.

A meal that bids the spirit sing—
The dish that saves September;
And yet there's jest one other thing,
And, 'less I disremember,
A good cream gravy starts the stuff
A-sliding past your thrapple,
And makes that pork celestial pig
And glorifies that apple.

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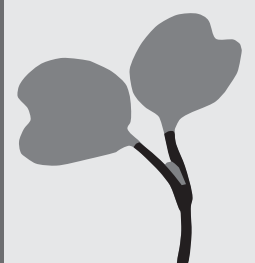
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(Thursday, August 25, continued)

LYNDONVILLE. 161st Annual Caledonia County Fair. Mountain View Park. (802) 626-8101. www.caledoniacountyfair.com. *Through August 28.*

MIDDLEBURY. Second Annual Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival. Features and short films of all genres at Town Hall Theater, Marquis Theater, and Middlebury College's Dana Auditorium. (802) 349-8059. cw@middfilmfest.org. *Through August 28.*

RANDOLPH. Open Rehearsal. Annemieke & Jeremiah McLane, piano & accordion. Free. 7 pm. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 431-0204. outreach@chandler-arts.org. www.centralvtchambermusicfest.org.

WEST PAWLET. West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department Auction. Auctioneer Chriss Mars. Antiques, tools, an old school desk, knick-knacks, glassware, toys available to view starting at 4 pm. Grilled burgers, hot dogs and French fries, sodas and bottled water. 5:30 pm. Volunteer Fire Department Firehouse. Rt. 153. (802) 645-0158.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

BONDVILLE. 220th Annual Bondville Fair. The oldest continuous fair in Vermont! Midway rides, live music, Wild Country Cloggers, Cheryl the Clown. Craft fair, quilt show. Horse, ox, truck and tractor pulls. Farm animals, sugar house demonstration. Flowers, vegetables, handcrafts, art & more. \$10 general admission, \$5 seniors (65+). 30 Vermont Rt. 30. www.bondvillefair.org. *Through August 28.*

ESSEX JUNCTION. Champlain Valley Fair. The Ten Best Days of Summer! Concerts by ZZ Top, Greg Allman, Rascal Flatts, Chris Young, Vanilla Ice and Salt 'n Peppa. Comedy by Jim Gaffigan. Agricultural exhibits, horse shows, horse pulling, cattle shows. Midway, grange, 4H, and lots of entertainment. Admission: adults \$12, children: \$5 (ages 5-12). 105 Pearl St. (802) 878-5545. info@cvexpo.org. www.champlainvalleyfair.org. *Through September 4.*

LYNDONVILLE. 161st Annual Caledonia County Fair. Mountain View Park. (802) 626-8101. www.caledoniacountyfair.com. *Through August 28.*

RANDOLPH. Friday Night in the Gallery. A new approach to a festival concert with Annemieke & Jeremiah McLane, piano & accordion, an encore performance of this wonderful Central Vermont Duo. Free/goodwill offering. 7 pm. Downstairs Gallery. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 431-0204. outreach@chandler-arts.org. www.centralvtchambermusicfest.org.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

BONDVILLE. 220th Annual Bondville Fair. 30 Vermont Rt. 30. www.bondvillefair.org. *Also August 28.*

CHESTER. Famous New England Clambake. Two to three lobsters each, steamers, littleneck clams, corn on the cob, red potatoes, watermelon, and soda. \$34 per person. Every Saturday 12-6 pm. William Austin's Tavern, 42 Maple St., Rt. 103. (802) 875-3032. *Saturdays through August.*

EAST THETFORD. Contradance. Featuring music by Cuckoo's Nest with caller David Millstone. Everyone welcome – no partner or experience necessary. Bring clean, soft-soled shoes. Suggested donation \$10; seniors and children \$6. Dance 8-11 pm. East Thetford Pavilion, 140 Pavilion Rd. uudm.org.

ESSEX JUNCTION. Champlain Valley Fair. 105 Pearl St. (802) 878-5545. info@cvexpo.org. www.champlainvalleyfair.org. *Through September 4.*

LYNDONVILLE. 161st Annual Caledonia County Fair. Mountain View Park. (802) 626-8101. www.caledoniacountyfair.com. *Also August 28.*

NEWPORT. Treasure Island Cruise. Come aboard the Northern Star for a special family event where 'pirates' of all ages are invited to dress-up, imagine and play games with the crew on a real ship. \$13 per person. 2-3:30 pm. Gateway City Dock. (802) 334-6345. www.newportrecreation.org.

RANDOLPH. A Special Concert for Kids. Join Annemieke & Jeremiah McLane as they perform Poulenc's L'Histoire de Babar and selections from Ravel's Mother Goose Rhymes. Admission \$6. 10:30 am. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 431-0204. www.centralvtchambermusicfest.org.

SHELDON. Breakfast on the Farm. Enjoy a free breakfast and learn how Vermont's agricultural community works. 8:30-11:30 am. Green Mountain Blue Cheese and Boucher Family Farm, 962 Morey Rd. (802) 828-2430. vermontbreakfastonthefarm.com.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

BONDVILLE. 220th Annual Bondville Fair. 30 Vermont Rt. 30. www.bondvillefair.org.

BROOKFIELD. Farm-to-Table Dinner by Sunset Lake. Pasture-raised and heritage meats paired with heirloom tomatoes, the season's best vegetables and our trio of local sweets (maple, honey and Fat Toad Caramel). Cash bar. Rain or shine. 5-9 pm. Ariel's Restaurant, 29 Stone Rd. (802) 276-3939. www.floatingbridgefoodandfarms.com.

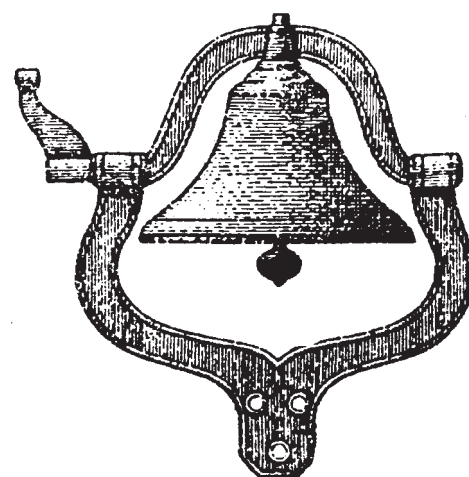
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LYNDONVILLE. 161st Annual Caledonia County Fair. Mountain View Park. (802) 626-8101. www.caledoniacountyfair.com.

RANDOLPH. Sixth Annual Breakfast with Bach. Enjoy Bach's Brandenburg Concerto #5 with breakfast. \$8 per person. 11 am. Esther Mesh room, upper gallery, Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 431-0204. outreach@chandler-arts.org. www.centralvtchambermusicfest.org.

SHELBURNE. 75th Anniversary Tree Farm Celebration/Picnic. Catered picnic and cash bar. Access to historic barns and first floor of the Inn, petting zoo, woodworking shop and cheese making operation. Walking and hiking, making bird houses, forestry tour, swimming, kayaking or canoeing (BYO), fishing (VT state fishing license required). Bring your own lawn chairs and recliners, blankets, etc. Raffle for a Tree Farm painting. Cost: \$25/person or \$40/couple; under 12 & Certified Tree Farm Inspectors free. 10 am – 4 pm. Shelburne Farm. (802) 747-7900. vermonttreefarm.org.

WOODSTOCK. Annual Mozart Festival. Led by violist Scott Woolweaver highlighting Mozart masterpieces and closing with the mysterious and powerful Ave Verum Corpus. The ensemble also features John Lindsey, violin and Karen Kaderavek, cello. Suggested \$10 donation. 4-6 pm. Our Lady of the Snows Roman Catholic Church, 7 South St. (802) 457-3981. www.pentanglearts.org.



Celebrate Vermont Forests And Foresters

The Vermont Tree Farm Program and Vermont Woodlands Association are sponsoring three events this August.

The first is a **Walk-in-the-Woods Tour** Saturday August 13, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kevin and Elaine Hall's property in Braintree, VT.

Kevin and Elaine Hall are the 2016 Vermont Tree Farmers of the Year! They have not only one exemplary property in the American Tree Farm System, but three. As a sneak preview of the Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year tour coming up on October 1, join us for a tour of their outstanding woodlot in Braintree where good forest management for the past 30 years has resulted in a high quality forest resource.

View harvesting equipment and techniques, trail construction and maintenance equipment and activities including road and trail stabilization techniques, bridges, culverts and drainage and various wildlife habitat improvement practices. Bring your

own lunch and drinks and eat at a scenic upland meadow on the property!

No pre-registration necessary. Moderate walking required. Rain or shine!

The second event is the **6th Annual Tree Farm Tour** of the Pfälzerwald Tree Farm in Sheffield, VT on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 11 a.m. Join Al Robertson, woodland owner and co-chair of the Vermont Tree Farm Program, as we take a leisurely walk in his forest.

The walk will allow you to enjoy some new trails, observe some work progress, check out the wildlife, find out about making forests more resilient to climate change, and talk about how we can help you with your ideas for your woodlot. Light refreshments will be served after the walk.

This is a field event (rain or shine) so dress accordingly. Mild to moderate hiking on rough trails is required. There is no charge for this workshop (donations to the VWA/ Vermont Tree Farm Committee are welcome). No registration is required.



Tree Farm tour participants from a previously held walk at the Pfälzerwald Tree Farm in Sheffield, VT. This year's tour takes place on August 20, 2016.

The third event is the **75th Anniversary Tree Farm Celebration & Picnic** on August 28, 2016 at Shelburne Farm in Shelburne, VT from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The American Forest Foundation (AFF) has kicked off its celebration of the 75th anniversary of the American Tree Farm System (ATFS), the largest and oldest sustainable forestry program for family forest owners, and Vermont is celebrating this August.

There will be a traditional catered picnic meal and a cash bar for beer and wine. The lineup of activities includes something for all ages. You will have access to all four historic barns and the first floor of the Inn, the petting zoo, woodworking shop and cheese making operation in the Farm Barn.

Enjoy swimming, kayaking or canoeing (BYO) in the adjacent Lake Champlain (no life guard present), fishing (VT state fishing license required) and walking and hiking around the 3,000 acre grounds and trails.

Make bird houses in a class led by Allen Yale. Go on a forestry tour led by Joe Nelson, Shelburne Farms forester. Or just enjoy the historic and beautiful scenery and views—bring your own lawn chairs and recliners, or blankets.

We'll have recognition of our Tree Farm program history, recent Tree Farmers and Inspectors of the year, and our ongoing work and accomplishments. And there will be a raffle for a Tree Farm painting by Peter Huntoon.

The cost to attend is \$25/person or \$40/couple. Additional family members are \$25/person. Children under 12 years of age will be admitted for free. Entry to Shelburne Farms and use of the Coach Barn is included.

For directions and more information contact Vermont Woodlands Association, PO Box 6004, Rutland, VT 05702. (802) 747-7900. info@vermontwoodlands.org. www.vermontwoodlands.org.



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Vermont Country Calendar

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

ESSEX JUNCTION. Champlain Valley Fair. 105 Pearl St. (802) 878-5545. info@cvexpo.org. www.champlainvalleyfair.org. *Through September 4.*

SHAFTSBURY. Workshop: Producing Healthy Brassicas with Biocontrols and Rotation. Andrew Knafel discusses their strategy for growing brassicas spring through fall. Fee: \$30. 5-7 pm. Clear Brook Farm, 123 Dexter Rd. rachel@nofavt.org. www.clearbrookfarm.co. nofavt.org.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

ESSEX JUNCTION. Champlain Valley Fair. 105 Pearl St. (802) 878-5545. info@cvexpo.org. www.champlainvalleyfair.org. *Through September 4.*

RUTLAND. Vermont Summer Farmers' Market. 3-6 pm. Downtown in Depot Park. (802) 342-4727. vtfarmersmarket.org. *Wednesdays through October 26.*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

ESSEX JUNCTION. Champlain Valley Fair. 105 Pearl St. (802) 878-5545. info@cvexpo.org. www.champlainvalleyfair.org. *Through September 4.*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

ESSEX JUNCTION. Champlain Valley Fair. 105 Pearl St. (802) 878-5545. info@cvexpo.org. www.champlainvalleyfair.org. *Through September 4.*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

ASCUTNEY. Romaine Tenney: A Celebration of a Farmer's Life. Ascutey honors the life of Romaine Tenney who lost his life in a tragic event brought about by the construction of Interstate 91 in 1964. Sky Blue Boys will perform their song which tells the story recounted on the musician's CD, along with other music, from 11 am - 12:30 pm. Historian Howard Coffin will participate in the event. Refreshments will be served. Free. Hosted by Wethersfield Historical Society. 11 am - 1 pm. At the Wethersfield-Proctor Library, 5181 Rt. 5. (802) 674-2626.

ESSEX JUNCTION. Champlain Valley Fair. 105 Pearl St. (802) 878-5545. info@cvexpo.org. www.champlainvalleyfair.org. *Through September 4.*

GUILFORD. Friends of Music at Guilford 50th Anniversary. Weekend begins with organ concert with Susan Summerfield playing works by Baroque masters J.S. Bach, Pierre Landrieu, Louis Couperin, C.E.P. and 20th century composers Darius Milhaud and Lou Harrison. A cake and champagne reception follows. 7:30 pm. Free. Donations appreciated. The Barn, 37 Bee Barn Rd. (802) 254-3600. www.formag.org. *Also September 4.*

GROTON. Concert: Banjo Dan salutes the Anniversary of the "Sleeping Sentinel" of Groton. Trivia Contest with prizes, cider press demonstration by Artesano Meadowy, and delicious refreshments. Free. 5:30 pm. Veterans Memorial Park. (802) 584-3426.

GUILFORD. 74th Annual Guilford Fair. Horse draw, cattle and horse shows and sheep shearing demonstrations. Live music, beautiful homegrown produce, flowers, handiwork and hobbies. 163 Fairgrounds Rd. www.guilfordfairvermont.com. *Through September 5.*

NORTHFIELD. Labor Day Celebration. Food, crafts and game booths 10 am - 10 pm. Flying pig foot race, No String Marionette Puppet show, Field of Faeries at the fountain 3:30-4:30 pm. Rock band Mirage 7-10 pm. (802) 485-9201. www.northfieldlaborday.org. *Also September 4 & 5.*

WAITSFIELD. Craft Fair. 100 juried artists, four bands, door prizes, food court, bounce house & face painting, handmade items from practical to whimsical, Man cave: cocktails & ping-pong (all adults welcome), snack stand, playground. Adults \$5, children under 12 free. 10 am-5 pm. Kenyon's Field, 3337 Main St. www.madrivercraftfair.com.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

ESSEX JUNCTION. Champlain Valley Fair. 105 Pearl St. (802) 878-5545. info@cvexpo.org. www.champlainvalleyfair.org.

GUILFORD. Friends of Music at Guilford 50th Anniversary. The 50-piece Guilford Festival Orchestra performs a lawn concert entitled "Celebrations" with music of Don McLean, Mozart, Gouvy, Barber and Humez. Finale is sing-in of Randall Thompson's Alleluia. Grounds open at noon for picnicking and gourmet lunch for \$10. Concert free. Donations appreciated. The Barn, 37 Bee Barn Rd. (802) 254-3600. www.formag.org.

GUILFORD. 74th Annual Guilford Fair. 163 Fairgrounds Rd. www.guilfordfairvermont.com. *Through September 5.*

NORTHFIELD. Labor Day Celebration. Food, crafts and game booths 10 am - 10 pm. Northfield auto parts show and parade, 12:30-3 pm. Wunderle's Big Top Adventure, noon - 1 pm. Scavenger hunt, 1-4 pm. Scared by Dolls rock band, 2:30-3:30 pm. Killin' Time rock band, 7-10 pm. (802) 485-9201. northfieldlaborday.org. *Also September 5.*

RANDOLPH. New World Festival. Celebrate Vermont's Celtic and French Canadian heritage with traditional - and sometimes not so traditional - music and dance. More than 70 musicians from New England, Canada and the British Isles. Concerts, music and dance workshop sessions, children's activities, and open dancing unfold on five continuous stages from noon until 11 pm. Food and drink provided by the area's chefs and breweries. Events at Chandler Music Hall and Gallery, all-weather tents on both sides of Main St., and in historic Bethany Church. Main Street is closed to traffic, and the festival site becomes an intimate pedestrian village. (802) 276-3808. nwfvolunteer@chandler-arts.org. chandler-arts.org.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

GUILFORD. 74th Annual Guilford Fair. 163 Fairgrounds Rd. www.guilfordfairvermont.com. *Through September 5.*

NORTHFIELD. Labor Day Celebration. Parade on Main St. 10-noon. No String Marionette Puppet show, Field of Faeries at the fountain 10 am. Tractor show behind Merchant's Bank 10 am. Chicken BBQ at American Legion noon. (802) 485-9201. www.northfieldlaborday.org.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES 2016

ADDISON. Chimney Point State Historic Site. The newly updated and expanded permanent exhibit on the Native American, French Colonial, and early American history of the Chimney Point area incorporates archaeological findings from the Lake Champlain Bridge project. Learn how to use the atlatl (ancient spear thrower). Children's French Colonial dress-up basket. Admission \$5, children 14 and under free. Wednesday through Sun and Monday holidays 9:30 am - 5 pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Rt. 17W. *May 28 to October 10.*

BELLOWS FALLS. TransCanada Bellows Falls Visitor Center and Fish Ladder. Sponsored by the Nature Museum at Grafton. Free admission. Program at 11 am. 10 am - 4 pm. Bellows Falls Visitor Center and Fish Ladder, 17 Bridge St. (802) 843-2111. info@nature-museum.org. www.nature-museum.org. *Every Friday, Saturday & Sunday through September 3.*

BENNINGTON. The Bennington Battle Monument is open for the season. A brand new elevator takes visitors to the observation floor for a spectacular view of three states. Events through the season include the 125th anniversary celebration in August. \$5 adult admission, \$1 for youth, five and under free. The Monument and gift shop are open seven days a week from 9 am - 5 pm. Bennington Battle Monument, 15 Monument Circle, (802) 447-0550. marylou.chicote@vermont.gov. www.historicsites.vermont.gov.

BURLINGTON. ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center. 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.

CHESTER. Famous New England Clambake. Two to three lobsters each, steamers, littleneck clams, corn on the cob, red potatoes, watermelon, and soda. \$34 per person. Every Saturday 12-6 pm. William Austin's Tavern, 42 Maple St. (Rt. 103). (802) 875-3032. *Saturdays through August.*

GRANITEVILLE. Rock of Ages Visitors Center. 558 Graniteville Rd. (802) 476-3119. rockofages.com.

HARDWICK. Perennial Pleasures Free Guided Tour. Over 900 varieties of flowers, herbs and shrubs, specializing in heirloom and medicinal plants, and a special fondness for phlox. An eclectic gift shop with summer hats in an old wooden extension. The seasonal tea-room serves English Cream Teas and light lunches in the display garden or conservatory. 10 am - 5 pm, Tuesday through Sunday. Perennial Pleasures Nursery, 63 Brickhouse Rd. (802) 472-5104. www.perennialpleasures.net.

Panna Cotta with Raspberries

2 cups buttermilk
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¾ cup heavy cream
¾ cup sugar
2 cups fresh raspberries



Sprinkle gelatin over 1 cup of the buttermilk. Let stand to soften, about 5 minutes. Meanwhile, bring cream and scant 1/2 cup of sugar to a boil on top of a double boiler. Add gelatin mixture; place over simmering water and stir until gelatin is dissolved. Stir in remaining buttermilk; strain through a cheese cloth. Divide among six four-ounce ramekins or small bowls on a baking sheet. Cover, refriger-

ate until set, about four hours. Sprinkle berries with remaining sugar. Let stand for one hour. To serve, unmold onto plates and serve with berries and their juices. (To unmold, dip into hot water and run tip of a knife around the edge.) *Serves six.*

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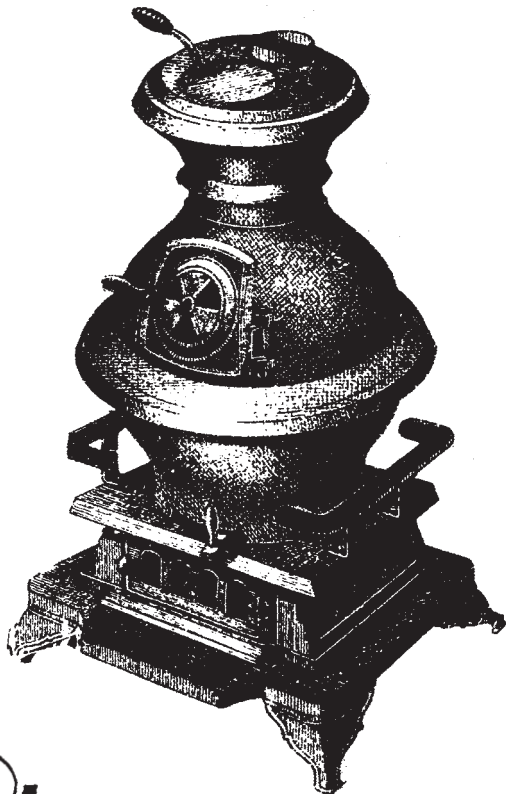


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HARTLAND. Upper Valley Seed Savers meet on the second Thursday of the month at 5 pm at member's gardens. Our mission is to further knowledge about seed saving and to work on projects that will help develop a body of locally-adapted open-pollinated 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. Admission: adults \$3, children 14 and under are free. Open 9:30 am – 5 pm Thurs through Sun, and Monday holidays. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 273-2282. historicsites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton. May 28 to October 10.

HUNTINGTON. Monthly Bird Monitoring Walk. Donation appreciated. 8-10 am. Green Mountain Audubon Center, 255 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-3068. Vermont@audubon.org. vt.audubon.org.

MARLBORO. Marlboro Music Festival. Performances are on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m., with two special Friday concerts on August 5th and 12th at 8 p.m. All concerts take place on the Marlboro College campus. (802) 254-2394. marlboromusic.org. July 16 through August 14.

ORWELL. Mount Independence State Historic Site. Celebrating "Strong Ground," the 240th anniversary of the start of American construction of the Revolutionary War's Mount Independence and the military road to Hubbardton and Rutland, the 50th anniversary of the trail system, and the 25th anniversary of the Mount Independence Coalition. Admission \$5 adults, free for children under 15. Open daily, 9:30 – 5:30. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 948-2000. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. May 28 – October 10.

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

PLYMOUTH NOTCH. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. Adults \$9, children 6 to 14 \$2, under 6 free. Family pass \$25. 9:30 am – 5 pm daily. 3780 Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. historicsites.vermont.gov. May 28 through October 16.

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

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

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

SHELBURNE. Shelburne Farms. Welcome Center, Farm and Farm Store. Open year round 10 am – 5 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org. *Open May 7 – October 31.*

SPRINGFIELD. Stellafane. An active amateur astronomy and telescope-making club that sponsors many events, classes, and a convention August 4-7. Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc., PO Box 601, Springfield, VT 05156. webmaster@stellafane.com. www.stellafane.com.

STRAFFORD. Senator Justin Morrill Homestead and Education Center. Adults \$6, children 14 and under free. Open Wednesday-Sunday and Monday holidays 11 am – 5 pm. Justin Morrill Homestead, 214 Morrill Memorial Hwy. (802) 765-4484. www.morrillhomestead.org. *Thru Oct. 10.*

VERGENNES. Underwater Historic Preserves. Five shipwrecks in Lake Champlain are marked and open for scuba divers. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. off Rt. 22A. (802) 475-2022. www.lcmm.org. *May 28 through late October.*

VERGENNES. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Step aboard replica 1776 gunboat Philadelphia II. See the replica 1862 schooner Lois McClure and our collection of canoes, kayaks, and wooden boats on display in the new Hazelett Watercraft Center. Take a boat cruise on Lake Champlain. Adult \$12, seniors \$11, youth 6-17 \$8, children 5 & under free. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. off Rt. 22A. (802) 475-2022. info@lcmm.org. www.lcmm.org. *May 21 through late October.*

WEYBRIDGE. UVM Morgan Horse Farm. Home of the "Government Morgan" considered by many to be the best in the world. Visit the grounds, see the horses. The farm's gift shop offers many UVM Morgan and horse related gift items. Small admission fee. 9 am – 4 pm. UVM Morgan Horse Farm, 74 Battell Dr., two miles from Middlebury. (802) 388-2011. www.uvm.edu/morgan. *Thru October 31.*

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WINDSOR. Old Constitution House. Admission: adults \$3, children 14 and under free. Open weekends and Monday holidays 11 am – 5 pm. The Old Constitution House is located on Main Street at the northern end of the village on Rt. 5, between exits 8 and 9 on I-91. Old Constitution House State Historic Site, 16 N. Main St. (802) 672-3773. jenney@vermont.gov. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. *May 28 through October 10.*

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BENNINGTON. Bennington Center for the Arts. Adults \$9, seniors & students \$8, families \$20, under 12 are free. Open Wed-Mon, 10 am – 5 pm. Bennington Center for the Arts, 44 Gypsy Lane. (802) 442-7158. thebennington.org.

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BRANDON. Compass Music and Arts Center. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Compass Music and Arts Center, Park Village, off Rt. 7. (802) 247-4295. www.cmacvt.org.

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

BURLINGTON. Fleming Museum of Art. Admission: adults \$5, family \$10, students and seniors \$3, children 6 and under free. Tue, Thu, Fri 10 am – 4 pm, Wed 10 am – 7 pm, Sat– Sun noon – 4 pm. Fleming Museum of Art, 61 Colchester Ave. (802) 656-0750. fleming@uvm.edu. www.flemingmuseum.org.

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HUNTINGTON. Birds of Vermont Museum. Adult \$7, senior \$6, child 3-17 \$3.50. Open daily 10 am – 4 pm. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. birdsofvermont.org. *Thru October 31*.

MANCHESTER. Southern Vermont Art Center. 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. Watercolor Exhibit. Artist Nancy Lent Lanoue is the featured artist displaying “Watercolors Inspired by a Life in Vermont.” Free and open to public. The Gallery at Equinox Village, 49 Maple St. (802) 885-6156. nlwatercolor.com. *Thru August 12*.

MANCHESTER. Visit Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home. Admission: \$18 adults, \$5 children 6-14, under 6 free. Open daily 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Hildene, off Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 362-1788. www.hildene.org.

MARLBORO. Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. Adults \$5, seniors \$3, children 5-12 \$2, kids 4 and under are free. Open 10 am – 4 pm weekdays, 10 am – 5 pm weekends. Rt. 9, Hogback Mountain. (802) 464-0048. www.vermontmuseum.org.

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

MIDDLEBURY. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont. Admission: adults \$5, youth 6-18 \$3, senior \$4.50, family \$ 12, under 6 free. Open Tues-Sat 10 am – 5 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History, One Park St. (803) 388-2117. henrysheldonmuseum.org.

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RANDOLPH. Chandler Gallery. Open Friday 3-6 pm, Saturday and Sunday 12-3 pm. At Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 431-0204. chandler-arts.org.

READING. Exhibit Opening. “Landscapes after Ruskin: Redefining the Sublime” which includes paintings, photographs and sculptures selected by Joel Sternfeld from the Hall Collection. Admission is free. Open weekends and Wednesdays by appointment. Hall Art Foundation, 551 VT Rt. 106. (802) 952-1056. www.hallartfoundation.org. *May 14 through November 27*.

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

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

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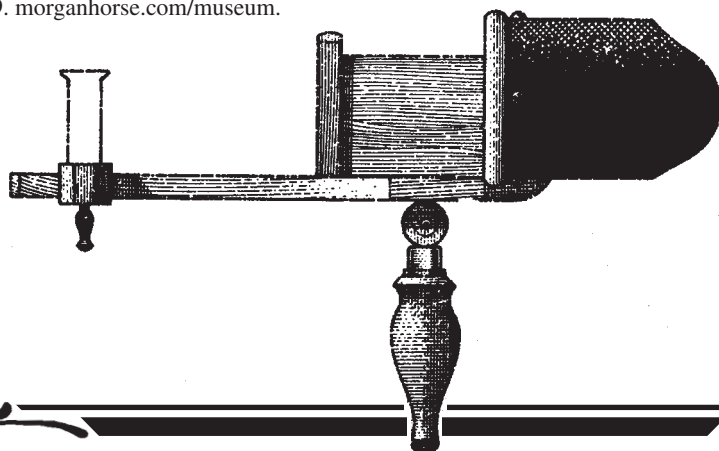
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WOODSTOCK. ArtisTree Community Art Center. Tues 11 am – 8 pm, Wed-Sat 11 am – 4 pm. Mount Tom Building, 1206 Rt. 12. (802) 457-3500. info@artistreevt.org. www.artistreevt.org.

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum. Admission: adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. Open May 1 through October 31, 10 am – 5 pm. Open weekends November through February and Christmas and vacation weeks, 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. billingsfarm.org.



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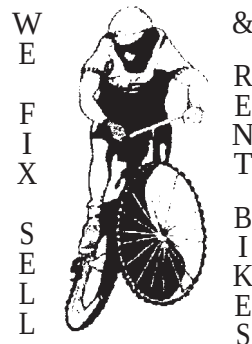


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Of Times Past
**Discoveries About Father
From 100 Years Ago**
by Charles Sutton

Sometime storage trunks at rest for years in family’s attics may contain treasures which can give intriguing insights into a lost time and place. My find from a trunk was a scrapbook with a big “C” on its cover that revealed surprises about my father’s life as a student at Cornell University 100 years ago. I learned that from 1916 to 1918 father—Frederick T. Sutton—was an associate editor on the student publication Cornell ERA, first published in 1868. It contained poetry, discourses on Cornell affairs, write-ups on prominent students and their activities as well as professors and alumni. Father covered sports for the publication including championship football and track teams. He, himself, was on the swimming squad and played lacrosse. Among his papers are photographs with his hand-written directions for cropping and sizing.

Early football at “Big Red”

In a Cornell-Harvard football game picture we see the ‘having-at-it’ players lacked shoulder pads and some weren’t wearing helmets. Another photo shows a downed player with a head injury and in pain awaiting the stretcher (a familiar sight back then). Their playing obviously was a lot more dangerous than the ‘sand-lot’ tackle-football experiences of my youth. Father was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. A copy of his initiation banquet on March 24, 1916 where he is one of 10 novitiates shows a menu of oyster cocktail, clam chowder, deviled crabs in natural shells, graham sandwiches, roasted spring chicken, candied grapefruit and spice or white cake. For the grown-ups: Rameses II Turkish cigarettes. The scrapbook contains a large number of programs for musical events and plays, an indication of something he would attend and enjoy all his life. There’s a letter dated May 10, 1917 informing him that he was that academic year’s



Harvard’s first game of the season at Cornell, circa 1916. Flower, of Harvard, comes through for a 10 yard gain.

winner of the faculty’s Sampson Fine Arts Prize given to the member of the senior class who has consistently demonstrated academic excellence, commitment, and achievement, particularly in the field of the history of art. **His early journalism and my later career** My father never talked about this or his early work in journalism although when my turn came to be a journalist he was worried about such a career for me because its low pay would make it more difficult to support a family. Even though I did start as a copyboy at the New York Times for \$40 a week, he always supported the ups and downs of my career although secretly he would have been happier if I had a career in business.

After the war he took jobs in banking and later was a stock broker. Cornell awarded students (including my father) with bachelor degrees after only two years of study as a thank-you for their service in the armed forces. Father would have liked to return to Cornell but he had to support himself and help his single mother. He faithfully returned for 10-year alumni anniversaries as long as his health allowed and was there when my brother and I graduated in the 1950s. Like my father, Fred and I went on active duty, me in the Navy and Fred in the Air Force, as soon as we graduated as we both had been in reserve officer training programs.

Serving in World War I

Father’s collection photos and news clippings show large numbers of Cornell students marching, often carrying rifles, some having firing practice or lined up for breakfast at an outdoor encampment. There’s a photo of 30 Cornell seniors or graduates who were headed to France in World War I to man ambulances to retrieve the wounded from the front. However, one news clipping reports that some ambulances were diverted to haul munitions rather than wounded soldiers. (Not really what they signed up for). There was a fund-raising drive back then to purchase ambulances for the war effort. A gift of \$1,000 would cover the cost of transforming a Ford into an ambulance and transporting it to the front lines in France. My father went into the Naval Air service as a cadet in mid-1918 and had additional training on Long Island, NY. He was discharged when the war ended in November, 1918. During World War I an estimated 9,000 Cornell students, professors and alumni served in the U.S. armed forces of which 3,000 were commissioned officers. Sadly 264 lost their lives. Of those who served many got their initial training on campus as can be seen in father’s memory book. “Pop,” as we called him, was an active father. I learned many things from him—a love of books, cooking, gardening, and adventure—and hope I inherited his kindness and generosity. The scrapbook from the trunk revealed a past I never really knew about and puts me, even at my age of 85, in a little more awe of the man who helped raise me.

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Running throughout the day are the silent auction, white elephant sale, bake sale, vintage quilt exhibit, music, face painting, hay rides and the Newbury Historical Society exhibit. Bidding closes at 1:30 p.m. for the silent auction.

This year, the festival is honored to announce that Meredith Willett is the chairperson of the 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. early morning goodies. Meredith, a nursing student and mother of three, comes with experience as the former owner of her own baking company, "Sweet Dreams."

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Meredith's Marvelous Donuts, the silent auction and the white elephant sale open for sales at 8 a.m. She will be closing up shop at 10 a.m., but you can hang around and shop for treasures while you await this year's "Let the Good Times Roll" parade at 10:30 a.m. The parade will be an eclectic mix of all we like to do and is strictly for fun. But wait! There's more!

The festival continues to focus on local foods throughout the day with Ribs BBQ from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Taste of Local Desserts from 12 to 2 p.m.

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Banjo Dan's Bluegrass Revue returns to the Haskell Opera House in Derby Line, VT on Friday, August 5 for a 7:30 p.m. show.

This year's concert, the fourth annual, promises to be the best ever. Bob Amos & Catamount Crossing has just released a new CD which captures all the energy and passion of classic bluegrass. They'll be featuring some great, obscure songs from this new release along with several of Bob's award-winning originals, once again highlighting the stirring vocals of Sarah Amos.

The big surprise this year, however, will be a reunion of the now-legendary Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys. Fan favorite Jon Henry Drake will be coming up from Nashville to play bass and recreate the great trios he sang with Dan and Willy Lindner. Phil Bloch will once again ring the rafters with his amazing work on the fiddle.

The quartet will reprise some of the Plowboys' top songs and debut some catchy new material. The Plowboys are thrilled by this opportunity to bring their music back to their all-time favorite venue.

Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys began a run of thirteen consecutive shows at the Haskell in 2000, becoming one of the top draws at this venerable Opera House on the Vermont-Quebec border and attracting fans from all over northern New England and southern Quebec.

Following the band's retirement in 2012 Dan and his brother turned their full

musical energies to their long-running duo The Sky Blue Boys, focusing on the early days of rural music and the "brothers duet" sound that led directly to the emergence of bluegrass in the mid-twentieth century.

Determined to keep a good thing going at the Haskell they recruited Bob Amos and Catamount Crossing to join them for a twin bill in 2013 and have drawn great crowds ever since.

The Sky Blue Boys regularly delight audiences with an engaging mix of traditional and original songs, while Bob Amos & Catamount Crossing delivers the full-bore band sound of today's bluegrass with sterling instrumental work and stunning vocals.

This year's Bluegrass Revue, with a bona fide Plowboys reunion on tap, figures to be the best-yet edition of Banjo Dan's Bluegrass Revue.

Tickets are just \$18 US or Canadian in advance through www.haskellopera.com, (802) 873-3022 x 205 or (819) 876-2471 x 205. Also available through Catamount Arts: www.catamountart.org, (802) 748-2600 or (888) 757-5559. They may be purchased at Country Thyme Vermont, 60 Rt. 111 in Derby, VT, (802)766-2852. Barring a sellout (always a possibility with this popular show) they should be available at the door.

For more information visit www.skyblueboys.com/banjo-dan-and-the-mid-nite-plowboys.



Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys will be performing in a reunion concert at Haskell Opera House in Derby Line, VT.



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They're More Than Just Flowers

by Burr Morse

One of my musician friends also runs a flower shop. She's quite "mellow" as most musicians are but one subject that can draw her ire is the phrase "in lieu of flowers" that we often see in obituaries these days. I can't say that I blame her because the phrase "in lieu of maple syrup" might well raise my hackles a bit...after all, our livelihood should be sacred to us. Susan (not her real name) runs a quaint little flower shop and does a great job of arranging bouquets for every purpose.

Believe it or not, the custom of flower arranging dates back to when that first couple, Adam and Eve, got a bit creative with some fig leaves. According to Wikipedia, the Egyptians were creating displays with plants as early as 2500 BC and even leaving proof of it in some stone carvings. For you "in lieu of" folks, flowers are indeed here to stay. The best flower arrangements of all, however, are heaven sent, like the clump of white irises that made their worldly debut out in the middle of the field in front of our house last month. If they'd been daisies or buttercups, I would have thought nothing of it, but irises don't simply appear out in the middle of a field.

Yes, they were planted, in this case, by my mother and father. Both Mom and Dad have been gone now for many years but we continue to receive occasional gifts and messages from them, sometimes even in duplicate. You see, the word "iris" comes from the Greek word for "rainbow" and my folks often communicate to us by rainbow. That iris clump stood fresh and fragrant for only a short time before it wilted in the sun but we sure enjoyed it...thanks Mom and Dad for the flowers!

Right now we're enjoying another heaven sent "bouquet"—our secret Showy Lady's Slipper swamp is in peak bloom. It happens every year about this time and, although it lacks the little "sent by" tag, we know that it, too, is from our parents. They loved those Showy Lady's Slippers which, by the way, were delivered annually to them by the great Teleflora in the sky. My dad used to trek up to the Lady's Slipper swamp every year at this time. He would wallow out into the knee-deep muck just to savour the beauty and before he left, he'd always pick a single one for his lady.

So to my musician-florist friend Susan I say, "Keep up the



Daisies in a summer meadow in Central Vermont

photo by Nancy Cassidy

good work". Flowers provide a bright spot in a bleak world however fleeting they may be. Arrangements of flowers are here to stay and if the Susans of this world didn't do it, God'll get it done.

William Blake put it so aptly in his poem "Auguries of Innocence":

*To see the world in a grain of sand
and heaven in a wild flower
hold infinity in the palms of your hand
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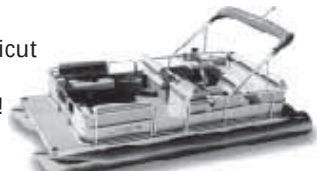
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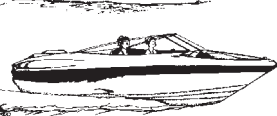


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North Country Book News

Children's Book Reviews by Charles Sutton

Engaging Stories About the Best of Friends

Some of us make friends in childhood that we keep our whole life long. Some of us move on but never forget. As adults we may have many friendly acquaintances but we treasure our few and sometimes only one closest friend.

The ups and downs and special discoveries of relationships with friends is explored in these delightful stories.

Want to read a book to your children that will fascinate and delight them (and yourself, too)? Meet *Fletcher and Zenobia* by Victoria Chess and Edward Gorey and illustrated by Victoria Chess (*New York Review Children's Collection*, \$14.95, www.nyrb.com).

A cat named Fletcher, while stranded in a tree, finds a mystery trunk filled with a collection of hats and a papier-mâché egg containing an elegant old-fashioned doll named Zenobia. They become fast friends but are a loss on how to get down from the tree. In the meantime they have a party with a five-layer lemon cake covered with raspberry icing and walnuts, peach ice cream, and strawberry punch. They try on all the hats, release party balloons and dance away the night on a tree branch.

A guest moth joins them, who was attracted to the food and excitement. The moth dances with both of them in between consuming huge amounts of cake and ice cream.

This leads to a happy ending as the moth has eaten so much he grows to an enormous size—large enough to carry both Fletcher and Zenobia on his back to “a great new world—and who knew what splendid occasions?”

After seeing illustrator Chess's captivating drawings of Fletcher the cat and Zenobia the doll one is happy to learn she has illustrated more than 100 such books for children. This is another in the marvelous New York Review Children's Collection of republished classics.

Sometimes friendships are one-sided, but this doesn't mean they won't last. Consider the story of *Nut and Bolt* by Nicole de Cock (*Fitzhenry & Whiteside*, \$18.95, www.fitzhenry.ca) where a donkey (Nut) has an unlikely but continuing friendship with a tiny mouse (Bolt).

Because real friends will ‘anything’ for each other, we are entertained initially by amazing doubled-page drawings of the mouse looking after an ever-willing donkey. Among the many favors Bolt does for Nut include combing his hair, brushing his teeth, scrubbing hooves, cleaning his ears, braiding his tail, and other loving gestures like knitting a scarf for him when it gets cold or protecting him from too much rain or sun. We wait a long time to see what Nut does for

this caring mouse—he let's the little mouse sleep safely at night in his long, furry ear!

Nut and Bolt was first published in the Netherlands and now by Fitzhenry & Whiteside Limited, a Canadian publisher of books for adults and children, established 50 years ago. Browse through their website at www.fitzhenry.ca to see what tempts you.

There's a saying ‘opposites attract’ and this certainly holds true with *Yak and Gnu* by Juliette MacIver and illustrated by Cat Chapman (*Candlewick Press*, \$14.99, www.candlewick.com). The story of this friendship begins with a little rhyme: “*This is Yak, this is Gnu, the best of friends, dear and true. Yak has a kayak, Gnu a canoe. Yak's is black, Gnu's is blue... There's nobody else like me and you. No one else but you and me can float a boat or sail the sea.*” The two go sailing

down a stream attracting an ever-enlarging flotilla of other animals in their remarkable array of boats—a snail, goat, calf, scorpion, rat, pig, humpback whale, gorilla, a herd of giraffes, and eventually an ocean liner full of yaks and gnus. At first stunned to be two of many, Yak comes to his senses proclaiming, “*But does it matter?... Who cares, my friend, when I have you.*” They sail together into the sunset, “*There's nobody else... quite like you.*”

The author and illustrator both live in New Zealand.

It's not unusual that in groups of children someone will assume the role of bully out of jealousy or just plain meanness. This sensitive topic is played out in *My Friend Maggie* by Hannah E. Harrison (www.penguin.com).

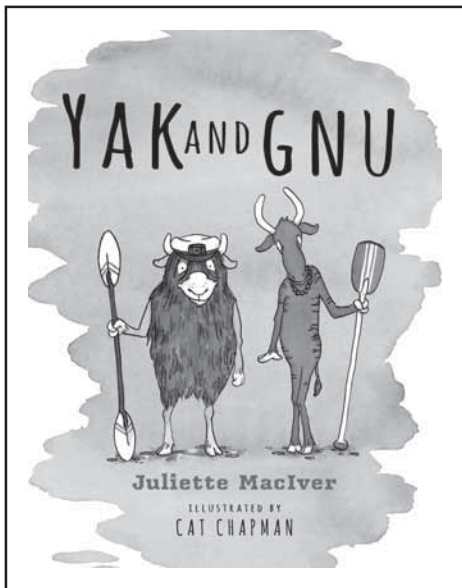
Penguin Young Readers Group, \$17.99, www.penguin.com) where a bully and her followers try to ruin the friendship between a jolly elephant, Maggie, and happy beaver, Paula. The bully Veronica convinces Paula that her friend is clumsy, her clothes too snuggish, and she ‘stinks’ at hide and seek. So the beaver shuns her elephant friend until Maggie comes to her aid once the bully Veronica turns on Paula calling her Bucky because her teeth stick out too far. We see a real friend is a friend through all ups and downs. The story is enhanced by exceptional heart-warming animal drawings especially when Maggie stands up tall to the pack of bullies.

Author/illustrator Hannah E. Harrison (www.hannaeharrison.com) is the award-winning illustrator of *Extraordinary Jane* and *Bernice Gets Carried Away*. She lives in Oklahoma.

There always will be adjusting in working out a friendship, but what if one is a slob and the other, squeaky clean? Follow *Gordon and Tapir* by Sebastian Meschenmoser (*North/South*, \$18.95, www.northsouth.com) to see how these two overcome their differences and remain friends. Tapir, a pig-like vegetarian jungle creature with a long snout, thrives on messes, whereas the fish-eating penguin Gordon must have cleanliness and order.

Among Tapir's annoying habits are strewing toilet paper all over, having a hippo-friend who has taken over the bathroom, and whose fishy garbage ‘stinks to high heaven.’ Gordon finally can't live in the mess any longer and moves out, leaving a Dear Tapir letter saying he has found a new place with lots room, call me, and come visit. They do stay in touch and Gordon even comes to one big mess of a party at Tapir's place where they both enjoy themselves and Gordon spends the night. In the end their friendship remains.

Colorful drawings predominate with black and white pencil drawings illustrating the dark time Gordon had in finally deciding to move out. This book was originally published in Germany and short-listed for the German Children's Book of the Year Award!



Bennington, VT

Vermont Antiquarian Booksellers Summer Book & Ephemera Fair

On August 7th, people from all over Vermont will attend the Vermont Antiquarian Booksellers Association's Summer Book and Ephemera Fair at the Grace Christian School in Bennington, VT from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

People think of a book fair as a place where extremely old and rare books are sold—books from the 1600s and 1700s, written in Latin or other exotic tongues. Most books, however, are far more modern and accessible. Any book lover can appreciate the books on Vermont history, modern literature, poetry, the American Civil War, and many other subjects offered at a fair. Children's books are always popular—while some dealers offer rare Victorian children's titles, others sell early editions of the Nancy Drew series or Dr. Seuss.

Prices vary as widely as the books—an old postcard of Burlington may be available for as little as \$2, while a rare Hemingway first edition may sell for \$2,000. Most titles at a book fair sell for under \$50, and many for under \$20. Factors that affect a book's price include condition (especially important for modern first editions), edition, rarity, and current market trends.

Ephemera can also be seen at the Vermont Book and Ephemera Fair. Ephemera is anything short-lived or ephemeral, usually paper items which were originally meant to be used and discarded. This includes postcards, posters, business cards, letters, tickets, labels, bookmarks, newspapers, magazines, cards, calendars, timetables and much more. These items can provide a fascinating glimpse of life in the past—an old postcard

may show buildings since destroyed, an invitation may mention musical evenings once held in your hometown, and an ad may remind the buyer of their childhood.

Even veteran dealers and collectors find items at a fair that they had never even heard of, much less seen before. Collectors, history buffs, scholars, and book lovers should not miss the opportunity to see what is new and unusual at this book fair.

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Tomato

A Fresh-from-the-Vine Cookbook

by Lawrence Davis-Hollander
(Storey Publishing)

More than any other vegetable, home and market gardeners for sure will plant a crop of tomatoes. To learn about this universally popular vegetable and the best way to cook it go no further than *Tomato—A Fresh-from-the-Vine Cookbook* by Lawrence Davis-Hollander (Storey Publishing, \$16.95, www.storey.com).

Between two covers of 290 pages one learns about the history of tomatoes, the best varieties to plant including heirlooms, planting in containers, how to preserve the harvest, popular tomato festivals, seed-saving techniques, and the stories of 17 celebrity chefs and their restaurants who contributed to this book with their favorite tomato recipes.

The author, who founded the Eastern Native Seed Conservancy, dedicated to seed preservation and the rediscovery of heirloom plants, shares his favorite tomatoes with us. They are Livingston's Beauty, Brandywine (Pink), Aunt Ruby's German Green, Lambert's General Grant, Magnus (a Livingston creation), Winsall, Indian Moon, Eva Purple Ball, Cardinal and Ponderosa Pink.

The two Livingston tomatoes on his list were developed by Alexander Livingston (1821-1898), of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, known as 'The Father of the Modern Tomato.' His family introduced 31 varieties of tomatoes in use today. Our author's choice includes Livingston's Beauty, a pinkish purple tomato considered the 'crown jewel of them all.'

As a 10-year-old boy Livingston became intrigued when he saw his first tomatoes growing wild in red, yellow and purple colors. He gathered some and was told not to eat them because there were poisonous. His life's work proved otherwise.

The book also introduces us to Alan Kapuler, a 'maverick plant genius' who started the mail-order company Peace Seeds in 1973 where he reintroduced the Brandywine

tomato among dozens of other varieties. He is best known for his Peacevine cherry tomatoes. His philosophy: "If I don't like it and I don't eat it, I won't grow it and I don't sell it."

Tomatoes were introduced to America from South America and we learn tomatoes then were 'tamed' by the Aztecs in Mexico who used them in their cooking. The New World should also thank the Aztecs for corn, potatoes, manioc (tapioca), cacao (chocolate), avocados, bananas, sweet potatoes and peanuts. The first known written recipes using tomatoes are in a cookbook printed in Naples in 1692. Not surprisingly, tomatoes are featured today in many Italian and South American dishes.

The book's 150 tomato recipes are featured in nine categories from which we

name one tempting recipe as an example of what's in store for the reader/cook: Sauces & Salsas—fresh rainbow salsa using several colorful tomatoes; Starters—scallops with Asian noodle salad and tomato-ginger jam; Soups—tomato, lentil and almond soup; Salads—red and yellow tomato salad with lentils, basil and goat cheese; Pizza & Sandwiches—heirloom tomato pizza with grilled vidalia onions, fresh ricotta, and acute balsamic; Mostly Vegetarian Main Dishes—risotto of heirloom confit tomatoes and roasted mushrooms; Main Dishes—angel-hair pasta with sun-dried tomatoes, lemon, and shrimp; Side Dishes—fried green tomatoes; Desserts—tomato custard pie.

This book reaffirms America's love affair with tomatoes, where we consume about 4.8 billion pounds of fresh tomatoes annually (18-22 pounds per person and 72 pounds of processed tomatoes). Roughly 27 million Americans have some type of vegetable garden with a majority growing tomatoes if nothing else. Even with tons of tomatoes produced in American annually, the world's biggest producer is none other than China!

The Art and Science of Preserving Wild Foods

This is when to start preserving the abundance from one's garden, berry patches and fruit orchard. Consider also putting up uniquely flavored foods from foraging in the wild. A good place to start is *Preserving Wild Foods—A Modern Forager's Recipes for Curing, Canning, Smoking, Pickling* by Matthew Weingarten and Raquel Pelzel (Storey Publishing, \$19.95, www.storey.com), where one learns how to use salt, sugar, and oil for curing and other ways for extending shelf life of meat, fish, berries and plants harvested from the forest, along the coastline or from the countryside..

The author is inspiring with careful instructions seasoned with amusing anecdotes in addition to beautiful, mouth-watering photos by Stephanie de Rouge.

Because his wife Kaytká is of Czech heritage we see how foods are preserved in 'the old country.' He describes a visit to the small village in Slovakia where her wife's grandparents have prepared a homecoming meal for them of hand-pinched potato pierogi, different kinds of sausages, stewed sauerkraut and pork, a goulash, plum doughnuts and

a plum-based brandy, butter cakes and crisp cookies. He lets us in on their secrets!

The author-chef is guided by the motto 'what grows together, goes together,' so fresh water trout would be joined with river bank edibles like fiddleheads and cattails.

Among his 'originals' with a Vermont flavor is blueberry-maple spoon fruit called a 'sun tea of jams.' He sterilizes 8-ounce jars with vodka and fills them near the top with a mixture of maple sugar, blueberries and lemon rinds. They are sealed and turned upside down and placed in sunlight for nine days when the sun-cooked jam is ready to eat.

Weingarten lives in Brooklyn, NY and is the chef at Inside Park, a restaurant next to St. Bartholomew's Church in midtown Manhattan.



TOMATO

A Fresh-from-the-Vine Cookbook

LAWRENCE DAVIS-HOLLANDER * Foreword by DEBORAH MADISON



A Culinary Journey in Colorful Drawings

Everyone in the family will want to help you with the cooking once you start using this one-of-a-kind 200-page cookbook with its delightful drawings entitled *Fresh Made Simple—Naturally Delicious Way to Eat* by Lauren K. Stein and illustrated by Katie Eberts (Storey Publishing, \$18, www.storey.com).

This work-of-art, double-teamed by food writer Stein and artist Eberts, offers 75 tasty recipes woven colorfully and cleverly in two-page drawings. These imaginative illustrations challenge the cook of any age to use their own judgement how much of this or that or just how long the cooking should take.

There's a choice of how the diverse dishes are prepared: scrambled, smooth, smashed, wet, tossed, rooted & toasted and spreadable. What would one smash? Cashews into

butter, avocados into guacamole and peas into pea puree & linguine.

In the guacamole drawing one sees a lemon dripping its juice, an avocado cut in two, an onion being finely chopped and bits of finely chopped jalapeno, garlic and cilantro awaiting their turn. A pretty bowl awaits the completed dish and a fork to smash it, and maybe have a testing bite, too. Imagine now drawings for making cheese fondue, goat cheese & caramelized onion quesadilla, kale pesto and much more. Bon appetite!



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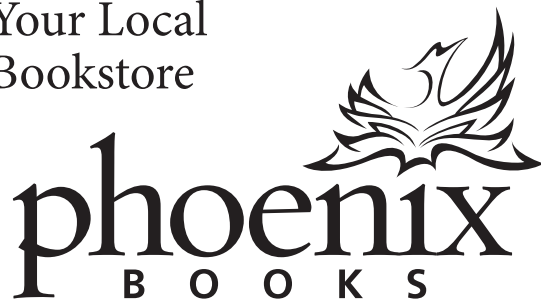
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North Country Reflections

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Getting to know the wild plants of Vermont
by Judith Irven

“My heart found its home long ago in the beauty, mystery,
order and disorder of the flowering earth.”
—Lady Bird Johnson

With their beautiful colors and shapes, and sometimes a subtle fragrance, I have always had a passion for flowers. Of course, as a gardener, I spend countless hours contemplating the best ways to cultivate and display the flowers in my garden. But, perhaps even more, I am in awe of the diversity and beauty of wildflowers that—with absolutely no help or assistance from humankind—thrive in our mountains and meadows.

Some, like clover, daisies and milkweed, bloom prolifically for months on end, and we mostly know their names and their habits. Others are less common and may be quite unfamiliar to many of us. A few weeks ago, when hiking around Hogback Mountain behind our house, I discovered a beautiful solitary lily, shown in this picture. Its gorgeous orange flowers decorated with striking purple spots, seemed to smile at the sky. Amazingly it was growing all by itself, and yet it appeared to be flourishing among the thick ferns and grasses. So, that same evening, I asked my husband Dick to take the picture you see here.

Now, with the photograph to remind me of the details of the flower and the leaves, I used a duo of wonderful new books, both published this year, to positively identify the plant I had seen.

The first book, *Wildflowers of New England* by Ted Elliam (published by Timber Press) is an illustrated field guide of all the perennial, biennial and annual flowers that grow wild in the six New England states: The second, *The New Vermont Flora* by Arthur Gilman (published by the New York Botanical Gardens) is an in-depth reference book naming and describing all the plants found growing naturally in Vermont.

In these books I discovered that its official English name is Wood Lily, and its Latin name is *Lilium philadelphicum*. Apparently Wood Lilies are found in dry woodlands or along the edges of fields and, in Vermont, they are considered uncommon or rare, and have only been seen in our eight southern counties.

I also learnt about two other lilies that grow wild in Vermont, the native Canada lily (*Lilium canadense*) and the Tiger lily (*Lilium lancifolium*) which was introduced from Asia.

For me the bloom-time of the many wildflowers is a sweet reminder of the passage of the seasons—spring, summer and fall. And some wildflowers bloom just briefly, making them even more special. A few days later I returned to see my lovely lily once more, only to find that it was all done flowering for this year. So, unless I find a different plant, a whole year must pass before I see the wood lilies once more.

Learning to see

We humans love to name and describe everything we encounter—from our family and friends to the numerous objects or ideas that interest us, and of course the plants we encounter in the natural world.

We also group them with similar plants, a discipline called ‘taxonomy’. Plants that share certain characteristics are grouped together in families. Thus true lilies are classified in the genus *Lilium* and are grouped with other lily-like flowers into a ‘family’ known as Liliaceae.

So, if you come across an unknown plant, you can use



Judith found this beautiful solitary Wood Lily, growing wild at the sunny end of Hogback Mountain in Goshen, Vermont.
photo by Dick Conrad

its visible characteristics, such as the color and structure of its flowers and the shape and arrangement of its leaves, to both name it and find its position in the great hierarchy of all plants.

Wildflowers of New England by Ted Elliman

Ted Ellian, who has worked at the venerable New England Wildflower Society for many years, has created a beautiful and extremely comprehensive field guide, covering well over 1000 wildflowers, both native and naturalized, that are found in our region.

The book is organized around flower color—first the white flowers, followed by ones that are yellow, red, blue, green, orange and lastly brown.

At the beginning of the book an easy-to-use identification key or index makes it relatively foolproof to identify and name that unknown flower you discovered on your walk. Start with the color of the flower, and then look carefully at the number of petals in each flower as well as how they are arranged. This lily was clearly orange, there were six petals and they were arranged in a circle. Next study the characteristics of its leaves. In the case of the wood lily it was easy to see that the leaves grew from the stem in whorls.

This information was sufficient to take me directly to a page showing a small number of plants with these characteristics and, by looking at the color photographs and descriptive paragraphs, it was easy to identify the plant I had seen.

The wood lily is grouped with other orange lily-like flowers including the tiger lily found today around old farmsteads but which originated in East Asia. And there is also the commonplace orange daylily that we see along Vermont roadsides in July and August. But, interestingly enough, the daylilies actually belong to a different plant family entirely.

The New Flora of Vermont by Arthur Gilman

The New Flora of Vermont, the climax of years of painstaking solo research by Vermont native and life-long environmentalist, Arthur Gilman is a monumental reference

book, where he both describes and categorizes over 2000 vascular plants—from trees and shrubs to wildflowers, grasses, ferns and mosses—that grow wild in Vermont. Many have been growing here for hundreds of years. Other have been ‘introduced’ by human activity (some but not all of which are invasive), while still others are relatively recent arrivals, pushing north as our climate changes.

Gilman calls his book a *NEW Flora of Vermont*. In his quest to document the condition of our wild plants today, his starting point was the original *Flora of Vermont*, first published in 1900, with a final fourth edition printed almost fifty years ago, in 1969.

Then, every weekend for twelve long years, he would travel as far as New York and Boston to scour old plant records and dried plant collections archived in libraries, and then roam the length of the state to locate where the different plants can be found today. From here he delved into modern research, especially DNA analysis, to categorize each plant in its correct family and genus.

The culmination of his work, the New Flora of Vermont, is an amazing gift to everybody who would like to learn more about the myriad plants—from the very rare to the commonplace—to be found across our beautiful state.

Plant detective

While the New Flora of Vermont provides an abundance of information on any plant you might encounter, using its key system to identify an unknown plant is a somewhat cumbersome process.

A much better way is to use these two books in tandem. Use *The Wildflowers of New England* to find the name, photograph and a brief description of the unknown plant, as I did with my Wood Lily. Now use the index in the *New Flora of Vermont* to read a longer description, where it may be found, as well as information on the other plants in the same genus and family.

In the case of the orange Wood Lily, this was how I discovered the existence of its very close relative, the beautiful Canada Lily (which I missed entirely in the field guide where it is, quite logically, grouped among the yellow flowers), along with the fascinating detail that the Canada Lily is pollinated by hummingbirds!

I never cease to be astonished and beguiled by the wonderful world of nature!

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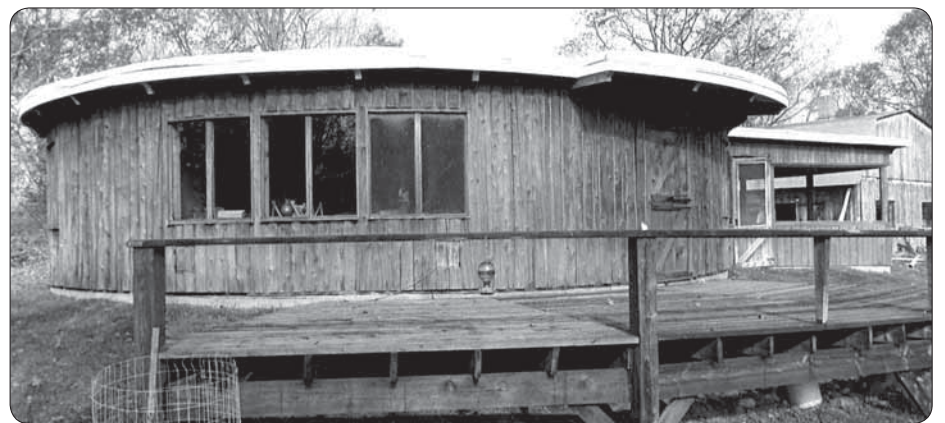
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