

Vermont Country Sampler

October 2016 Calendar

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

ADDISON. Dead Creek Wildlife Festival. Activities for everyone from beginning birders to carving (soap and wood!) to hunting dog trials to nature journaling. Waterfowl calling contest, bird watching, archery range, nature walks, working dog demonstrations, fishing how-to, wildlife photography tips, building bluebird boxes, nature arts & crafts. Volunteers welcome. Free admission and parking. Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Rt. 17 one mile west of the junction of Rt. 22A and Rt. 17. (802) 828-1000. www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

BARNET. 13th Annual Rubber Ducky Derby at Ben's Mill. 35 prizes go to the 'holders' of the first 35 ducks to cross finish line. Also six "Lucky Ducks" with monetary prizes. Ducks swim at 11 am. Tub raffle, free prizes at the kids table, food vendor, free ducky chow raffle, machines demonstrated. AOK Kids will perform and more. To benefit restoration of Ben's Mill. 9 am – 3 pm. 2236 West Barnet Rd. (603) 653-3046. lgahea1308@gmail.com. www.bensmill.com.

BARRE. Michael Jackson Tribute. Who's Bad: The Ultimate Michael Jackson Tribute Band, a power-packed performance of Michael Jackson's expansive catalog, paying studious attention to MJ's every original groove and gravity-defying dance moves. Tickets \$21-\$43. 7:30 pm. Barre Opera House, City Hall, 6 N. Main St. (802) 476-8188. www.barreoperahouse.org.

BELLOWS FALLS. A Celtic Harvest Celebration. With Aine Minogue, harp and vocals. Tickets \$17/\$13. 7:30 pm. Immanuel Episcopal Church, 12 Church St. (802) 460-0110. www.stonechurcharts.org.

BENNINGTON. Chicken Pie Supper. Menu: chicken pie with lots of chicken with gravy topped with homemade biscuits, mashed potatoes, butternut squash mashed with butter and a touch of maple syrup, apple cabbage salad, homemade orange cranberry relish, hot biscuits, coffee, tea and milk. Apple crisp and real whipped cream for dessert. Adults \$12, under 12 is \$5, under 3 no charge. Two seating, call for reservations. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 200 Pleasant St. (802) 442-2911.

BETHEL. Community Forward Festival. See the world's slowest parade of pumpkin people along the sidewalks and lawns. Children's crafts, musical entertainment, food, including the Fire Departments chicken BBQ, art and a real live magic show featuring Magic by George. A block of downtown will be transformed into a pedestrian friendly area with pop-up businesses lasting all weekend. Saturday evening there will be a soup-a-thon at the White Church and a penny sale at the High School. (802) 234-9722. www.townofbethelvt.com. *Also October 2 & 3.*

BONDVILLE. Antiques at Stratton Mountain. 30+ select dealers. Breakfast preview 8-10 am, \$15. Admission \$10. 10 am – 5 pm. Stratton Mountain Lodge, Stratton Mountain Rd. (802) 989-1158. Stratton.com. *Also October 2.*

BRANDON. Brandon Town Players Murder Mystery Comedy. Seating cabaret style with hors d'oeuvres and dessert served. Cash bar and concession available. Audience guessing whodunit with prizes given. Tickets \$6-\$8. 7:30 pm. Brandon Town Hall, 2417 Franklin Street (just off Route 7). (802) 282-2581. brandontownhall.org.

BRANDON. Concert: Durham County Poets. Five guys from Canada's Chateauguay Valley who play in blues bands, gospel groups, Cajun, folk, rock and country bands. Tickets \$20. A pre-concert dinner is available for \$25. Reservations recommended for the show and required for dinner. Venue is BYOB. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. (802) 247-4295. info@brandon-music.net. www.brandon-music.net.

BRATTLEBORO. Vermont Jazz Series Concert. With the Caili O'Doherty Quartet. Tickets \$20-\$40. 8 pm. Vermont Jazz Center, 72 Cotton Mill Hill Rd. For tickets call (802) 254-9088. www.vtjazz.org.

BURLINGTON. Concert: S.I.N.siZZLE, A2VT, and Benny Nduwayo. Tickets \$15. 8 pm. FlynnSpace, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org.

CLAREMONT, NH. Revels North: HopStop Family Show. Live music and dance from the rousing Québécois tradition fill this sampler of scenes from Revels North's annual holiday performance. In the folk tale of *The Flying Canoe*, lumberjacks in the northern forest go on an exciting journey home for one night, making magic and mischief along the way. Free admission. 3 pm. Claremont Savings Bank Community Center. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

DANBY. TerroRealm. Vermont's largest and scariest haunted event. Featuring two walk-through haunted attractions. \$12-\$157-11 pm. Otter Creek Fun Center. (802) 558-1837. screams@terrorealm.com. terrorealm.com.

DANVILLE. Dead North. This years haunt will include a short ride, a mile walk of terror through a haunted cornfield and buildings including animatronics, the mostly live residents of Dead North and special effects. Not recommended for young children or persons with health concerns. Tickets are \$25 per person. 7 pm. Great Vermont Corn Maze, 1404 Wheelock Rd. (802) 748-1399. deadnorth@screampass.com. www.vermontcornmaze.com. *Also October 7 & 8.*

DERBY LINE. Performance: The King Returns. Acclaimed vocalist and World-Class Elvis Presley impersonator, Mark Shelton brings Elvis back to life with a full live band, background singers, lights, internationally celebrated sound engineer, and a spectacle worthy of Vegas! Tickets \$15. 2 & 7 pm. Haskell Opera House, 93 Caswell Ave. (802) 274-8050. haskellopera.com.

EAST MONTPELIER CENTER. Chicken Pie Dinner. Menu: chicken and biscuits, squash, peas, cranberry sauce, coleslaw, and apple crisp for dessert. \$12 adults, \$6 children under 12. 12 noon, 5 pm, 7 pm. At the Old Meeting House, 1620 Center Rd. For reservations call (802) 223-6934. www.oldmeetinghouse.org.

FAIRLEE. Flea Market. Free admission. 7:30 am – 3 pm. Railroad Station on Rt. 5. (802) 333-4809. *Saturdays through October 8.*

GOSHEN. Challenging Hike. Enjoy many scenic vistas on the Long Trail from Brandon Gap to Middlebury Gap. Another new hike as part of the leader's section hike of the Long Trail. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club, Montpelier Section. Difficult hike, at 9.9 miles and 2,000' elevation gain. For meeting time and place contact leader Jill Aspinall at happy.jill.aspinall@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

HANOVER, NH. Revels North: HopStop Family Show. Live music and dance from the rousing Québécois tradition fill this sampler of scenes from Revels North's annual holiday performance. In the folk tale of *The Flying Canoe*, lumberjacks in the northern forest go on an exciting journey home for one night, making magic and mischief along the way. Free admission. 11 pm. Alumni Hall, Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

MANCHESTER. 28th Annual Manchester Fall Art and Craft Festival. 200 fine art and craft exhibitors, dining and beverages, specialty foods, live music, and more. 10 am – 5 pm. Admission \$10, weekend pass \$12, kids free. The Practice Tee at Riley Rink, Rt 7 N. www.craftproducers.com. *Also October 2.*

MENDON. Ski & Snowboard Swap and Sale. A huge selection of new and used equipment from Killington Sports, Peak Performance, Basin Sports and First Stop, along with consignment clothing and equipment from Pico Ski Club. Pico Mountain season pass office and Phat Italian open during the swap. 9 am – 2 pm. 73 Alpine Dr. (802) 422-6200. www.picoskiclub.com. *Also October 2.*

PUTNEY. Concert: Jazz Vocalist Kendra Shank with Draa Hobbs Quartet featuring Special Guest Rich Greenblatt. Tickets: \$15. 7:30 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill. (802) 387-0102. www.nextstagearts.org.

RANDOLPH. Concert: Hard Days Night—A Beatles Tribute Band. Tickets \$35/\$25/\$10. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org.

RIPTON. Ripton Community Coffee House. Joe Crookston performing—songwriter, singer, guitarist, painter, fiddler, banjo player, eco-village member and believer in all things possible. Refreshments available. Admission \$15/\$10/\$3. Doors open at 7 pm, open mic at 7:30 followed by featured performers. Ripton Community Coffee House, Rt. 125. (802) 388-9782. rrech.org.

RUTLAND. Vermont 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.*

RUTLAND. Rutland Railway Association and Model Railroad Train Expo! There will be model train layouts running. Fun for the kids and older kids. Admission \$10 for 10 and older, 9 and under free. 10 am – 3:30 pm. College of St. Joseph gymnasium, 71 Clement Rd. (802) 776-5214. rutlandrailevents@gmail.com. therutlandrailwayassociation.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. Hawk Walk. Enjoy a leisurely walk looking for late migrating raptors and all the other hearty birds that winter on the Farm. You'll also meet some of the Outreach for Earth Stewardship's wild raptor ambassadors. Amateurs to experts, all welcome! Fee: \$5. For ages 10 and up. Registration required. Walk at 7:30 am, live presentation at 10 am. Outreach for Earth Stewardship, Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8442. www.shelburnefarms.org.

SO. STRAFFORD. 22nd Annual Strafford Ball. An English Country Dance. Featuring music by The Bare Necessities, calling by Scott Higgs. Dance instruction 1-4 pm. Dinner 5:30 pm, dance 7:30 pm. Barrett Hall. To register go to tinyurl.com/StraffordBall2016.

SPRINGFIELD. Dump Daze Flea Market. Free admission, parking, food and restrooms. 8 am. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 33 Fairground Rd. (802) 885-2723. *Saturdays through October 29.*

STATEWIDE. Fall Open Studio Weekend. In conjunction with American Craft Week. A statewide celebration of the visual arts and creative process, offering a unique opportunity for visitors to meet a wide variety of local artists and craftspeople in their studios, and purchase high quality, hand made artwork. The Vermont Crafts Council publishes a free map booklet with directions to participating sites. The Vermont Open Studio Guide is available throughout the state at Tourist Information Centers, galleries and studios and on the VCC website starting at www.vermontcrafts.com or by calling (802) 223-3380. *Also October 2, 8 & 9.*

STOWE. Oktoberfest. The Town of Stowe's event field will be transformed into a Bavarian village, under a traditional tent this year for this annual celebration of the harvest and fall foliage. From Oompah bands to authentic Bavarian foods and freshly brewed Vermont beers to traditional sing-a-longs and dancing, even a silent auction. Tickets \$5-\$10. 11 am – 3 pm. At Stowe Events Field, Week Hill Rd. (802) 253-7321. www.gostowe.com. *Also October 2.*

TUNBRIDGE. 28th Annual Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival. Sheep, goats, alpacas, llamas, rabbits. Vendors offering all your favorite fibers and yarn along with equipment and supplies. Shepherd workshops, fiber arts classes, contests, fleece show & sale, cashmere goat exhibit and show, sheep herding demonstrations. Delicious local food. Admission: adults \$6, seniors \$5, children under 12 \$1. 10 am – 5 pm. Tunbridge Fair Grounds, off Rt. 100. (802) 592-3062. www.vtsheepandwoolfest.com. *Also October 2.*

WOODSTOCK. Annual Pumpkin and Apple Celebration. Horse-drawn wagon rides. Cider pressing, hands-on activities and program plus pumpkin and apple displays highlighting these two important fall crops. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12N. & Old River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. *Also October 2.*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

BENNINGTON. Moonlight In Vermont. A celebration of Milton Avery's Vermont with a concert featuring jazz songs from the mid-1930s to the mid-1940s sung by Kerry Ryer-Parke. She is joined by Mowgli Gianniti on bass, Peter King on guitar, and Bruce Williamson on piano and saxophone. Free. 2 pm. Paresky Wing of the Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. benningtonmuseum.org.

BONDVILLE. Antiques at Stratton Mountain. 30+ select dealers. Admission \$5. Admission \$10. 11 am – 4 pm. Stratton Mountain Lodge, Stratton Mountain Rd. (802) 989-1158. Stratton.com.

BRANDON. Gallery Talk by Stephanie Stouffer. Part of her current exhibit 'The Creative World of Stephanie Stouffer,' original paintings, along with selected licensed products. 2 pm. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Dr. (802) 247-4295. www.cmacvt.org. *Exhibit runs through October 29.*

BROOKFIELD. Harvest Market and Apple Picking. Harvest focused afternoon of eating, and shopping inside Brookfield's Old Town Hall. You can also enjoy apple picking at Liberty Orchards. Local, seasonal fresh farm produce, pasture-raised meats and poultry, cider, caramel, honey, maple syrup, herbal teas, flowers, pickles, canned items, beeswax candles, soap and much more will be on offer at this festive, seasonal market. Library Book Sale. Lunch and snacks available. 12-3 pm. Brookfield Old Town Hall, Stone Rd. (802) 276-3939. www.floatingbridgefoodandfarms.com.

CLAREMONT, NH. Concert: Newmont Military Band. Donations welcome. 2 pm. West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts, Union Episcopal Church, 133 Old Church Rd. (802) 738-0022. wcc-ma.org.

DANVILLE. Autumn on The Green. Over 100 vendors. Artisans, crafters, cottage industries and businesses. Visitors roam among the wares and displays while musicians play from the bandstand. Demonstrations by the American Society of Dowsers, a blacksmith, chair maker, and wood turner, plus delicious food. The Pope Library hosts a chicken and biscuit lunch at the Creamery Restaurant, just off the Green. Free admission. 10 am – 4 pm. On the Danville Town Green. (802) 626-8511. info@travelthekingdom.com. autumnonthegreen.org.

DUMMERSTON. Discussion: Making Hard Cider. Jason MacArthur, co-owner of Whetstone Cider Works, will discuss making hard cider. Learn about apple varieties, techniques, equipment, yeast strains, fermentation, bottling and racking for producing this delicious, affordable, easy-to-make elixir at home. Basic cider equipment and fresh cider for fermenting for sale. Fee: \$40. Pre-register at (802) 254-6868. Scott Farm Orchard, 707 Kipling Rd. www.ScottFarmVermont.com.

DUMMERSTON. Orchard Stroll. Join orchardist Zeke Goodband to learn about the history of our heirloom fruits and discuss orchard ecology, how grafting was used to create the orchard, scout for pests and how to manage them. 10 am. Orchard-related items will be available for sale in the farm market. No charge for the stroll. Scott Farm Orchard, 707 Kipling Rd. (802) 254-6868. www.ScottFarmVermont.com

HUNTINGTON. Sundays for Fledglings. Kids discover birds from feathers to flying, from art to zoology and develop skills in observation, research, and just goofing around. Earn a Junior Birder Badge! Sundays 2-3 pm. Free, donations welcome. Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. www.birdsofvermont.org. *Sundays through October 23.*

MANCHESTER. 28th Annual Manchester Fall Art and Craft Festival. 200 fine art and craft exhibitors, dining and beverages, specialty foods, live music, and more. 10 am – 5 pm. Admission \$10, weekend pass \$12, kids free. The Practice Tee at Riley Rink, Rt 7 N. craftproducers.com.

MARSHFIELD. Marshfield Harvest Festival. Free family-friendly activities: face painting, cider pressing, popcorn popping, arts and crafts, field games, music from local bands and more! Book sale and bake sale. Sample food from our Chili-Cook-Off in our Chili Tent and then vote for your best tasting chili and the cook will win a prize!! Salads and corn bread will complement the chili (\$8 adults and \$4 children). Barbecue: hamburgers from a local farm, hot dogs, and veggie burgers. 11 am – 2 pm. 122 School St. (802) 426-3581. www.marshfield.lib.vt.us.

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RUPERT. Be Brave—Hike-a-thon Fundraiser. Join as a team or join as an individual. Set a hiking goal – between 1-4 hours – and get sponsors to support your efforts. Scavenger hunt, silent auction, basket bonanza, food & beverages, and a performance by pop recording artist, singer and songwriter Brielle. Free, donations appreciated. 10 am – 2 pm. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. www.merckforest.org.

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

RUTLAND. Vermont Dining Train. Scenic train excursion through the rolling hills of Vermont. Guests are seated aboard an authentic Pullman Dining Car and served a freshly-prepared four course dinner and beverages. Fare \$65-\$85. 5-8:45 pm. Rutland Amtrak Station, 25 Evelyn St. For reservations call (800) 292-7245 or go to www.vermontdiningtrain.com. *Also October 9 & 16.*

SHELburne. Family Program: Terrific Tractors & Other Cool Machines. From John Deere tractors to some of the trucks we drive – climb aboard and pretend you are the farmer for a day! Admission: adults \$8, seniors \$6, children 3-17 \$5, ages 2 and under free. 10 am – 4 pm. Farm Barn Courtyard, Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8442. www.shelburnefarms.org.

SHOREHAM. Pickin' Party. Come on out to the orchard for our third pickin' party of the year! We'll have live music, pick-your-own apples, as well as horse & wagon rides and free cider tastings. Champlain Orchards, 3597 Vermont Route 74 West. (802) 897-2777. www.champlainorchards.com.

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WOODSTOCK. Classical Concert. Pentangle will present Leslie Stroud and Matthew Odell in "A Paris Afternoon" featuring chamber music for flute and piano by French composers Albert Roussel, Michel Merlet, Francis Poulenc, Olivier Messiaen and César Franck. Donation \$10. 4 pm. North Universalist Chapel, 7 Church St. (802) 457-3981. www.pentanglearts.org.

WOODSTOCK. Annual Pumpkin and Apple Celebration. Horse-drawn wagon rides. Cider pressing, hands-on activities and program plus pumpkin and apple displays highlighting these two important fall crops. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12N. & Old River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

WOODSTOCK. Program: Conservation Through the Artist's Eye. View works by acclaimed landscape painters in the Mansion and explore how art influenced the conservation movement. Admission \$8, seniors \$4, 15 and younger free. 1-2:30 pm. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Park, 54 Elm St. (802) 457-3368 x 222. www.nps.gov. *Every Monday and Thursday through October 31.*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

BURLINGTON. Book and Author Event. Celebrate the launch of Mary Fillmore's new novel, *An Address in Amsterdam*. Even in the most hopeless situation, an ordinary young woman can make the choice to act with courage—and even love. \$3 (includes a coupon for \$5 off the featured book). 7 pm. Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. kristen@phoenixbooks.biz. www.phoenixbooks.biz. www.seehiddenamsterdam.com.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book Launch Party. David Macauley presents his new book, *The Way Things Work Now*. Tickets \$35. 6 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (800) 437-3700. northshire.com.

SHELburne. House & Formal Gardens Tour at the Inn at Shelburne Farms. Join our knowledgeable guide for an in-depth tour of the Inn and its formal gardens followed by self-service afternoon tea featuring sweets and savories made by the inn's pastry chef. Fee \$18, pre-registration required. 2:30-4 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8442. www.shelburnefarms.org. *Every Tuesday and Thursday through October 13.*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

BELLOWS FALLS. Ghost Hunting Program. Vermont Paranormal Investigators from the Springfield/Ludlow area will share their paranormal experiences. Learn about the theory and science behind ghost hunting and the equipment they use. 7 pm. Free. Rockingham Library, 65 Westminster St. (802) 463-4270. programming@rockinghamlibrary.org. www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

BURLINGTON. Book and Author Event. Celebrate the launch of Bill Torrey's new book, *The Ta Ta Weenie Club*. This homespun collection of twenty-one stories takes place in Vermont during the '60s and early '70s. \$3 (includes a coupon for \$5 off the featured book). 7 pm. Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. kristen@phoenixbooks.biz. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

HARTLAND. Author Event. Angela Palm Riverine & Robin MacArthur. Half wild stories & memoir by Vermont writers. 7 pm. Hartland Library, 1 Quechee Rd. Sponsored by Norwich Bookstore, 291 Main St. (802) 649-1114. info@norwichbookstore.com. www.norwichbookstore.com.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book and Author Event. Michael Puett and Christine Gross-Loh present their book, *The Path; What Chinese Philosophers Can Teach Us About the Good Life*. A Vermont Humanities program. Free. 7 pm. First Congregational Church, 3624 Main St. (800) 437-3700. www.northshire.com.

RUTLAND. Rutland Free Library October Book Sale. Thousands of organized books, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles for sale. 4-8 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. rutlandfree.org

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.*

STOWE. Autumn Walk. Moderate. 3-4 miles. Enjoy a late fall walk on the bike path, followed by lunch at McCarthy's. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leaders Mary Smith at (802) 505-0603 or Mary Garcia at (802) 622-0585. www.greenmountainclub.org.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

BARNARD. Feast and Field Farmers' Market. 4:30-7:30 pm, music at 5:30 pm. Campfire jam to follow at 8 pm. 1544 Royalton Turnpike. (802) 999-3391. clovermont@gmail.com. feastandfield.com. *Every Thursday through October 20.*

BRATTLEBORO. Panel Discussion: Guns in Our Community. Ann Braden of Gun Sense VT, Clai Lasher-Sommers of Everytown for Gun Safety, Game Warden and Vermont Hunter Safety Instructor Kelly Price, and a representative of the Brattleboro Police Department share their perspectives on guns in our community. Free. 7 pm. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. brattleboromuseum.org.

BURLINGTON. Book and Author Event. Celebrate the launch of Sëan Moran's new book, *The Diary of a Movie Greaser: Remembering Grease from Start to Finish*. In 1977 Sëan Moran moved to Hollywood to shoot Grease with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. \$3 (includes a coupon for \$5 off the featured book). 7 pm. Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. kristen@phoenixbooks.biz. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

CHITTENDEN. Walk Along Chittenden Brook. Meet at the Godnick Center on Deer Street in Rutland to carpool. Old wood road follows along a pretty stream. Some short, steep sections. Moderate. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. 9 am – 12:30 pm. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Leader: Bob Perkins, (802) 773-0184. www.greenmountainclub.org.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book Launch Party. Jack Mayer presents his book of historical fiction, *Before the Court of Heaven*. Free. 6 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (800) 437-3700. northshire.com.

MONTPELIER. Humorous Comedy. *Sylvia* – a comedy by A.R. Gurney is love triangle with a dog at its heart. Empty-nesters Greg & Kate, with the mongrel mutt Sylvia, prove that a dog is not only man's best friend, but sometimes his salvation! Sylvia, the dog – who talks – is played by Courtney Wood. 7:30 pm. Tickets \$15-\$30. Lost Nation Theater, City Hall Arts Center, Main St. (802) 229-0492. www.lostnationtheater.org. *Daily Thursdays-Sundays until October 23.*

RANDOLPH. Classic Repertory Theater presents *Romeo and Juliet*. 10 am. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org.

SHELBURNE. Share the Harvest. Enjoy a meal at the Inn at Shelburne Farms and a percentage of sales will help low-income families afford a summer of fresh produce from local farms. Breakfast 7:30–11:30 am; Dinner 5:30–9:30 pm. Reservations required. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8498. info@shelburnefarms.org. www.shelburnefarms.org. nofa-vt.org.

SHELBURNE. House & Formal Gardens Tour at the Inn at Shelburne Farms. Join our knowledgeable guide for an in-depth tour of the Inn and its formal gardens followed by self-service afternoon tea featuring sweets and savories made by the inn's pastry chef. Fee \$18, pre-registration required. 2:30-4 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8442. www.shelburnefarms.org. *Every Tuesday and Thursday through October 13.*

STATEWIDE. 22nd Annual Share the Harvest. Fundraising events to enable limited-income Vermonters to purchase CSA shares, held at more than 60 food businesses around the state. Shop or dine at participating businesses to help NOFA-VT meet a fundraising goal of \$18,000. Sponsored by Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT). (802) 434-4122. kim@nofavt.org. www.nofavt.org.

WOODSTOCK. Program: Conservation Through the Artist's Eye. View works by acclaimed landscape painters in the Mansion and explore how art influenced the conservation movement. The Billings' Collection includes paintings by Cole, Bierstadt and Durand. Admission \$8, seniors \$4, 15 and younger free. 1-2:30 pm. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Park, 54 Elm St. (802) 457-3368 x 222. www.nps.gov. *Every Monday and Thursday through October 31.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

BENSON. Benson Volunteer Fire Department's Haunted Hayride. Cost: \$10. Ticket booth opens at 6:30 pm. To reserve seats call Kathleen Dole at (802) 537-3315. bensonhayride@gmail.com. Benson Volunteer Fire Department, 2646 Stage Rd. *Also October 8.*

BRATTLEBORO. Documentary—Walk With Me: The Trials of Damon J. Keith. America's journey from the time of a segregated army to the time of an African-American president, as seen through the eyes of a man who helped make that transition possible. Free. 8 pm. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. www.brattleboromuseum.org.

BRATTLEBORO. New Exhibit Opening Reception: "Windows to Creative Expression"—Young Poets & Artists from the Poetry Studio. Free. 5:30 pm. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. www.brattleboromuseum.org.

BURLINGTON. Performance: Rennie Harris Puremovement. Tickets \$15-\$42. 8 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org.

DANVILLE. Dead North. This year's haunt will include a short ride, a mile walk of terror through a haunted cornfield and buildings including animatronics, the mostly live residents of Dead North and special effects. Not recommended for young children or persons with health concerns. Tickets are \$25 per person. 7 pm. Great Vermont Corn Maze, 1404 Wheelock Rd. (802) 748-1399. deadnorth@screampass.com. www.vermontcornmaze.com. *Also October 8.*

EAST FAIRFIELD. Concert: Lonesome Mountain Boys. Suggested donation \$10. Desserts available at intermission. 7-9 pm, doors open at 6:30 pm. At The Meeting House on the Green, 53 School St. (802) 827-6626. www.meetinghouseonthegreen.org.

ESSEX JUNCTION. Lil' Vermonters Fall/Winter Consignment Event. Clothing, furniture, toys, DVDs, baby gear, shoes, and lots more. 6-9 pm. Champlain Valley Exposition, 105 Pearl St. (860) 810-9872. lilvermonters.com. *Also October 8.*

GRANVILLE, NY. Zombie Walk. Join the other zombies and ghosts on a walk across the covered bridge from the Pember Library and Museum to the Slate Valley Museum. Frighteningly fun activities will be available and ghoulish treats will be served. Free. 7 pm. Slate Valley Museum, 17 Water St. (518) 642-1417. www.slatevalleymuseum.org.

KILLINGTON. Killington Ski Club Ski & Bike Sale. Unbelievable deals on new & used ski and snowboard equipment. 5-9 pm. Ramshead Lodge, Killington Resort, Killington Rd. (802) 422-6894. johnnyo@killingtonskiclub.com. *Also October 8 & 9.*

LYNDONVILLE. Cobleigh Library's 13th Annual Huge Book Sale. There is a great selection with hundreds of books in all genres with something for everyone at bargain prices. 9 am – 2 pm. Cobleigh Public Library, 14 Depot St. 802-626-5475. abbymjohnson3@gmail.com. *Also October 8.*

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book and Author Event. Ken Davis presents his book, *In the Shadow of Liberty: The Hidden History of Slavery, Four Presidents and Five Black Lives*. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (800) 437-3700. www.northshire.com.

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PUTNEY. Concert: Rani Arbo and daisy mayhem. Tickets: \$24. 7:30 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill. (802) 387-0102. nextstagearts.org.

RUTLAND. 7th Annual Chocolate Fest and Silent Auction. Chocolate Fest, door prizes, silent auction. Admission \$5. 6 pm. Holiday Inn, 476 Holiday Dr. (802) 775-1911. www.hivermont.com. rutlandumc.com.

WOODSTOCK. Foodways Fridays. Learn the importance of heirloom vegetables, while seeing them used in historic recipes prepared in our 1890 Farm House. Each Friday will feature a different menu, including traditional New England favorites. 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. billingsfarm.org. *Fridays through October 28.*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

BARRE. Talk: The 1838 Murder at Berlin Pond—New Evidence in an Old Case. VHS Assistant Librarian Marjorie Strong will shed light on this "murder" that has fascinated writers and historians since the 1840s. Free. 2 pm. Vermont History Center, 60 Washington St. (802) 479-8500. vermonthistory.org.

BENSON. Benson Volunteer Fire Department's Haunted Hayride. Cost: \$10. Ticket booth opens at 6:30 pm. To reserve seats call Kathleen Dole at (802) 537-3315. bensonhayride@gmail.com. Benson Volunteer Fire Department, 2646 Stage Rd.

Saturday, October 8, continued:

BENNINGTON. Sixth Annual Norshaft OktoberFest. Treat yourself to the wonderful taste of bratwurst, knockwurst, wienerschnitzel, golabki (stuffed cabbage), pirogies, and other great tasting German foods along with specialty German brews, fall brews on tap and delicious wines. fun-filled fall family day with dancing to the toe-tapping music provided by the Rymanowski Brothers. art and craft vendors offering Vermont products, and children's activities including hayrides and face-painting. Admission: \$5. 11 am – 5 pm. Colgate Park, Rt. 9. (845) 641-6007. savoia@aol.com. norshafliions.org.

BONDVILLE. Harvestfest. A fall spectacular with live music, hay rides, pumpkin painting and caramel apple dipping. Ride the gondola to view fall foliage or challenge yourself in The North Face race to the summit. Annual craft brewfest and chili cook-off features the region's best craft brew and homemade chili recipes for you to sample. Stratton Mountain Resort, Stratton Mt. Rd. off Rt. 30. (888) 787-2886. stratton.com. *Also October 9 & 10.*

BRANDON. Concert: Dave Keller. One of the finest blues and soul men of his generation. Concert tickets \$20. A pre-concert dinner \$20. Reservations recommended for the show and required for dinner. Venue is BYOB. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. Call (802) 247-4295 or e-mail info@brandon-music.net for reservations. www.brandon-music.net.

BRANDON. Stone Bench Dedication. Students at the Carving Studio and Sculpture Center in West Rutland developed the theme, produced scale models in clay and then carved the limestone bench given to partnering municipalities. Dedication at 1 pm, Kennedy Park, Rt 7. (802) 438-2997. info@carvingstudio.org.

BRADFORD. Hike on Wright's Mountain. Climb Wright's Mountain with the Upper Valley Land Trust. Grand opening of the new Wilderness Trail! Views. ~3 miles, with a few hundred feet elevation gain. Moderate. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. To sign up, contact us@uvlt.org. www.greenmountainclub.org.

BRIDPORT. Bridport Grange Chicken Pie Supper. Tickets \$12 at the door. Money raised will be used for Bridport Grange Renovation Project. 5-7 pm. Bridport Grange, 3015 Rt. 22A. For reservations call (802) 989-3237.

BURLINGTON. Burlington Geographic 2016 Field Workshops: Land and Lake. Explore birds, bedrock, beaches, and more on this place-based exploration of the Burlington Bike Path. Bicycle rentals \$25 per person or bring your own bicycle. Meet at Local Motion on the Burlington Waterfront, #1 Steele St. (802) 985-8686. info@shelburnefarms.org. www.shelburnefarms.org.

BURLINGTON. Celebrate Star Wars Reads Day. A national event. Master the art of reading. Latest Star Wars books (for everyone from kids to adults), Star Wars-themed crafts and more. Costumes encouraged. 1 pm. Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St. (802) 872-7112. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

CHESTER. A Huge "Christmas Under the Tent" Sale. Decorating, entertaining and gift giving needs—toys, gifts, items for the holiday table, artificial trees and decorations galore priced \$1-\$10. Bake sale and free hot dog lunch. 10 am – 3 pm. Chester Andover Family Center, 908 Rt. 103. (802) 875-3236. www.andover-chesterfamilycenter.org.

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EAST BETHEL. Annual Chicken Pie Supper. Menu includes chicken pie, mashed potato, gravy, squash, cole slaw, rolls, and home made pie for dessert. Adults \$10, kids \$5. Followed by a two-act murder mystery: *A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody*. 5 pm. Middle Branch Grange #463, 78 Store Hill Rd. (802) 728-9257.

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FAIRLEE. Flea Market. Free admission. 7:30 am – 3 pm. Railroad Station on Rt. 5. (802) 333-4809. *Saturdays through October 8.*

HUNTINGTON. Open Studio Weekend. Green Mountain Wood Carvers: October Carve-in and Meeting. Leaf Garland Workshop. Soap Carving during "Sundays for Fledglings." The Big Sit! Free with admission, donations welcome. 10 am – 5 pm. Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. www.birdsofvermont.org. *Also October 9.*

HUNTINGTON. Green Mountain Woodcarvers: Monthly meeting and carve-in. Carvers are always happy to explain how they carve and to share their expertise with others. Ask questions and become a member! 9 am – 1 pm. Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. www.birdsofvermont.org.

HUNTINGTON. Leaf Garlands with Lori Hinrichsen. Gather leaves and use needle and thread to make a cascade of color. Maximum size: 12 participants, so please pre-register. Ages 7 and up. Suggested donation: \$5. 2-4 pm. Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. birdsofvermont.org.

HUNTINGTON. Hike on the Camels Hump Loop. We'll take Forest City Trail to Montclair Glen Lodge, then climb the Long Trail to the Camels Hump summit and return along the Burrows Trail. Difficult hike. Moderate to strong pace. 6 miles. 2400' elevation gain. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader David Hathaway at (802) 899-9982 or david.hathaway.78@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

JAMAICA. Landscape Tour. Meet up with Bennington Museum curator Jamie Franklin who will guide you to the landscapes that inspired artist Milton Avery during his extended summers in Vermont. 11 am – 2:30 pm. Reservations required. (802) 447-1571. benningtonmuseum.org.

JEFFERSONVILLE. Bike Ride on the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. Jeffersonville to Morrisville, with a stop at the Beergarden for food and drinks. Easy 35 miles with no car traffic. Meet at 9 am at the Main Street Restaurant and Bakery in Jeffersonville. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. 9 am – 2 pm. Sponsored by the Northern Frontier Section of the Green Mountain Club. Leader: Ferdinand, (802) 933-4252 or fluffier@gmail.com. greenmountainclub.org.

KILLINGTON. Killington Witchcraft. Hay rides, haunted bounce house, pumpkin hoisting, craft beer, artisanal foods, fall maze, face painting, pumpkin rolling contest, pumpkin hoisting competition, scary indoor movie, and more. 11 am – 8 pm. Snowshed Lodge, Killington Resort. www.killington.com. *Also October 9.*

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MANCHESTER. Fall Orvis Days. A Weekend celebration at The Flagship Store. Fly fishing seminars and classes, free food, local brews, free pumpkin painting, VINS Birds of Prey demonstration, live dog demonstrations from Snowbound Kennels, local food vendors and artists, free gun fitting, save up to 75% on merchandise. 9 am – 6 pm. Orvis Flagship Store, 4180 Main St. (802) 362-3750. Orvis.com. *Also October 9.*

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book and Author Event. Lou Zambello presents his book, *Flyfisher's Guide to New England*. Free. 11 am. Orvis Flagship Store, 4180 Main St. (800) 437-3700. www.northshire.com.

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MOUNT HOLLY. 28th Annual Cider Days. Revolves around a 100+ year old antique cider press which employs the "rack & cloth" method of pressing cider. Hot and cold cider, homemade apple pie and apple crisp with ice cream or Crowley cheese for sale. 36 local artisans, bakers, farmers, and food vendors. Library book sale and calendar photo contest. The historical Perkins House and blacksmith shop will be open. Roast beef supper family style with selection of 40 homemade pies for dessert – seatings at 5 & 6 pm. \$12 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 at the Odd Fellow Hall. Events on the Green in village of Belmont, part of Mount Holly. 9 am – 4 pm. www.mounthollyvt.org. *Also October 9.*

NORWICH. Concert: Cameraata. 7 pm. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Upper Valley, Rt. 5 South (across from The Family Place). (802) 649-8828. uucuv.org.

NORWICH. Contradance. Featuring the band "Old Sam Peabody" and caller Nils Fredland. Regular dance starts at 8 pm. 7:45 pm for walk-through. Bring clean, soft-soled shoes. Pot-luck snacks. Admission \$9; students \$6, seniors by donation, under 16 free! Sponsored by Muskeg Music. 8-11 pm. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 649-1419. uvdm.org.

NORWICH. Book & Author Event. David Macaulay discusses his new book, *The Way Things Work Now*. Explaining the latest developments in the technology that most impacts our lives. 1 pm. Norwich Bookstore, 291 Main St. (802) 649-1114. info@norwichbookstore.com. www.norwichbookstore.com

PERU. Bromley Mountain Hike. Meet at the Peru Town Office/Park and Ride to carpool to the Mad Tom Notch trailhead for the Long Trail. Hike up to the summit of the north peak of Bromley Mountain and then through to the south summit of Bromley Mountain (the ski area summit). Return the way we came back to Mad Tom Notch. Total distance of 5 miles with about 900' total elevation gain. Moderately easy hike. Bring extra layer, warm hat, raincoat, lunch, snacks, fluids, poles if you use them. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. 9 am – 2:30 pm. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Leader: Marge Fish, (802) 384-3654. www.greenmountainclub.org.

POULTNEY. Poultney Fall Town Wide Yard Sales. Come search the streets of Poultney for bargains both in the shops and on the sidewalks. 9 am – 4 pm. (802) 287-2010. poultneyvt.com.

RANDOLPH. First Annual Central Vermont Brew Fest 2016. Celebrating Vermont craft beer. 21+ only. Rain or shine. Free parking. Event t-shirts for sale. Tickets \$40. 2-8 pm. One Main Tap & Grill, Kelley Way.

RUTLAND. 55th Annual Fall Art in the Park. Sponsored by the The Chaffee Art Center. Art, food, music, craft demonstrations, and kids activities. 10 am – 5 pm. Main Street Park corner of West St. and Rt. 7. (802) 775-0356. info@chaffeeartcenter.org. www.chaffeeartcenter.org. *Also October 9.*

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

RUTLAND. Fall Foliage Family Nature Hike. Led by a retired science educator. 10 am – 12 pm. Pine Hill Park. (802) 775-7976. www.rutlandrec.com.

RUTLAND. Vermont 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. Artist Talk and Sculpture Tour. Artist Michael Zebrowski discusses his latest investigation into site-specific art installation. Free, registration required. 11:30 am. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8686. tmccarney@shelburnefarms.org. www.shelburnefarms.org.

SHELBURNE. Orienteering Course. Beginner, intermediate, and advanced courses available. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Fee: \$6. Clinic 9–10 am; courses 10 am–12 noon. Registration required for the clinic; Walk-ins are welcome to run the course. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Road. (802) 985-8686. info@shelburnefarms.org. www.shelburnefarms.org.

SHELBURNE. Workshop: Forest to Furniture with the Shelburne Craft School. Build a rustic table or bench out of a piece of wood from a tree grown on the Farm. Lessons will cover handtools, power tools, and the uses of finishes. Prior woodworking experience helpful, but not necessary. Fee: \$475 (includes instruction, materials, dinner on Friday & Saturday; lunch on Saturday & Sunday). Saturday 9 am – 6:30 pm, Sunday 9 am – 5 pm. Registration required. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Road. (802) 985-8686. info@shelburnefarms.org. www.shelburnefarms.org. *Through October 9.*

SHOREHAM. Annual Harvest Fest. Serving Champlain Orchards BBQ pork with their own applesauce, apple cider and fresh baked apples pies and great side dishes—all to the sounds of down-home acoustic folk music. A fun and delicious way to celebrate the fall season! 12:30-9:30 pm. Champlain Orchards, 3597 Vermont Route 74 West. (802) 897-2777. www.champlainorchards.com

SO. BURLINGTON. Workshop: Farm to Medicine Cabinet. Kate Westdijk, Food Systems Research Specialist at UVM, will take you on a tour of medicinal plants, followed by demonstrations of ways to prepare the plants for your family's medicine cabinet. Recipes included. Fee: \$20. 9 am – 12 noon. UVM Horticulture Farm, 65 Green Mountain Dr. (802) 864-3073. info@friendsofthehortfarm.org. www.friendsofthehortfarm.org.

SPRINGFIELD. Annual Vermont Apple Festival and Crafts Fair. Over 60 vendors. Crafts, food, apple cider making, amusement rides, pony rides, train for kids & adults, apple pie contest, kids' races, pie-eating contest, and more! Free admission. 9 am – 4 pm. 13 Fairground Rd. (802) 885-2779. springfieldcoc@vermontel.net. www.springfieldvt.com.

SPRINGFIELD. Dump Daze Flea Market. Free admission, parking, food and restrooms. 8 am. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 33 Fairground Rd. (802) 885-2723. *Saturdays through October 29.*

ST. JOHNSBURY. Fall Festival and Dog Party at Dog Mountain. activities for the whole family, from foot-tapping live music by Vermont folk duo The Endorsements, to a bounce house for the kids, door prizes, food, dog contests, and more. Free. 12-4 pm. Rain or shine. 143 Parks Rd. (802) 748-3075. info@dogmt.com. www.dogmt.com.

STATEWIDE. Fall Open Studio Weekend. In conjunction with American Craft Week. A statewide celebration of the visual arts and creative process, offering a unique opportunity for visitors to meet a wide variety of local artists and craftspeople in their studios, and purchase high quality, hand made artwork. The Vermont Crafts Council publishes a free map booklet with directions to participating sites. The Vermont Open Studio Guide is available throughout the state at Tourist Information Centers, galleries and studios and on the VCC website starting at www.vermontcrafts.com or by calling (802) 223-3380. *Also October 9.*

TUNBRIDGE. Anything Apple Celebration. Wide variety of apple foods for lunch, sampling and takeout. Silent auction and lawn activities. Proceeds benefit The Tunbridge Church painting fund. 11 am – 3 pm. Free. Tunbridge Town Hall. 279 Rt. 110. (802) 889-5528. kjayvt@gmail.com

WEST BARNET. Breakfast at the Lake View Grange. Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, pancakes with real maple syrup, juice, and coffee. More than you can eat! Yummy! Adults \$7, seniors \$6, kids \$3. 8-10 am. Lake View Grange, 4770 Garland Rd. (603) 653-3046.

Saturday, October 8, continued:

WEST DOVER. 19th Annual Mt. Snow Oktoberfest. Whet your palate with German fare like schnitzel and bratwurst along with German and domestic beers. Live oom-pah music, yodeling and stein-holding contests, keg toss, schnitzel toss, and apple slingshot. The Kids Zone features pumpkin painting, games and a bouncy house. Admission \$12-\$45, children 6 and under free. 11 am – 5 pm. Mount Snow, 39 Mount Snow Rd. (800) 245-7669. mountsnow.com. Also *October 9*.

WEST DOVER. 43rd Annual Harvest Arts and Crafts Show. 50+ vendors including local artisans, specialty food makers and more. Original works of art, handmade jewelry and furniture, sample homemade fudge. Free admission. 10 am – 5 pm. Main Base Lodge and base area, Mount Snow, 39 Mount Snow Rd. (800) 245-7669. www.mountsnow.com. Also *October 9*.

WEST NEWBURY. Family-Style Turkey Supper. Meal served on china includes turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, coleslaw, cranberry sauce, rolls. Pie—apple, pumpkin and mince meat. Coffee, tea or cider. Adults \$13, children (10 and under) \$6, take-outs \$13. Craft & bake sale. Settings at 5, 6:15 & 7:15 pm. West Newbury Hall, 219 Tyler Farm Rd. Reservations recommended. (802) 429-2632. westnewburyhall@gmail.com. www.westnewburyhall.org.

WESTMORE. Annual Harvest Ham and Bean Supper. Ham, homemade baked soldier beans, winter squash, cole slaw and roll. To support the Westmore community activities. 5-7 pm. Westmore Fellowship Hall, 27 Hinton Hill Rd. (802) 525-1108.

WINDSOR. History Happens at Old Constitution House. 18th-century reenactors Carl and Carolyn Malinowski demonstrate period home life activities that showcase Carl's skills at woodworking, coopering, and powder horn carving, and Carolyn's expertise in outdoor cooking, harvesting, and food preservation techniques. 11 am – 5 pm. The Old Constitution House, on Main Street at the northern end of the village. (802) 672-3773. historicsites.vermont.gov. Also *October 9*.

WOODSTOCK. 32nd Annual Harvest Weekend. Husking bee and barn dance, plus a variety of 19th century harvest activities and programs for the entire family. The husking bee begins at noon, followed by a barn dance from 1-4 p.m. Lend a hand pressing cider, preserving apples, threshing grain, and making butter and ice cream. Children can help dig potatoes and other root crops and learn how crops are "put up" for the winter. Other activities include shelling beans, fence building, apples-on-a-string, and 19th century games. Hot-spiced cider and homemade doughnuts. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12N & Old River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. Also *October 9*.

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BRANDON. Brandon HarvestFest (Make Your Own Leaf Person). 1-4 pm. The Chamber of Commerce supplies all materials, accessories, and instruction on how to make your very own "Harvest Person." Event-goers choose clothes, a hat, shoes, and embellishments to personalize their own "Person." Volunteers help with the finishing touches. The first "Harvest Person" per family is free of charge. After that, they are only \$5 each. Hayrides and pumpkins, The Lion's Club delicious grill, apple pies, St. Mary's Church with coffee, cider and donuts. Central Park, 20 Park St. Rain location will be the Methodist Church. (802) 247-6401. brandon.org.

BURLINGTON. Performance: Flip Fabrique. The six stunning acrobats of Flip Fabrique, one of Montreal's top circus acts among many, blend art forms in an exciting mix of theater, circus, cabaret, and street performance spectacle. High-flying antics leap from vertigo-inducing trampoline drops to hilarious sketches of physical comedy. Tickets \$15-\$45. 3 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. www.flynncenter.org.

BURLINGTON. Open Farm Sunday. Join us at the University of Vermont Cooperative for Real Education in Agricultural Management (CREAM) Dairy Barn! There will be games, free cheese, and cows to play with in the student-run herd. UVM Feel Good will be at the barn making grilled cheeses throughout the event as well. CREAM 2016 is looking forward to meeting all of you! 11 am – 2 pm. University of Vermont Dairy Barn, Paul Miller Research Complex, Spear St. (802) 656-2070.

CHARLOTTE. Annual Tractor Parade. More than 200 tractors including some being ferried across Lake Champlain from New York. Craft fair, face painting, farmers market, animals, rope making, pony rides, free games for children, a toy tractor display and more. Pie eating contest at 11 am. Music featuring The Bulls Eye Barbershop Quartet, The Unpredictables, The Mayfly Girls and The Silver Leviathan Band starting at 11 am. Parade at 1 pm (rain or shine). Free. parade@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/tractorparade.

CHESTER. Country Open Mic Jam. Hosted by the Green Mountain Express. Everyone is welcome. Sing, play, or dance, or just come and sit and listen and enjoy. There are raffle and 50/50 tickets, and refreshments on sale in kitchen. \$5 door donation. 1-4 pm. Gassetts Grange, just 200 ft. above Jct of Rt. 10 and Rt. 103N. (802) 875-2637, (802) 875-1051.

DUMMERSTON. 14th Annual Heirloom Apple Day. Taste some of the farm's 120 varieties and hear the enlightening history of these unique fruits with Orchardist Zeke Goodband. Heirloom apples and cider as well as Whetstone Cider Works hard cider samples and Rigani Wood-Fired Pizza available. Tastings at 10 am, noon & 2 pm. Talk and tastings are free. Scott Farm Orchard, 707 Kipling Rd. (802) 254-6868. www.ScottFarmVermont.com.

EAST DUMMERSTON. 48th Annual Apple Pie Festival. Fifteen hundred apple pies baked in the church basement ovens available for sale at \$16 per pie. Also available apple cider donuts and homemade ice cream, apple cider, and Grafton cheddar cheese. Apple pie can be bought by the slice. Events include the Fire Department's annual pancake breakfast 7-11 am; the Grange hosting crafters selling homemade items from wooden pens, knitted and stitched crafts, soaps and alpaca socks to homemade jams, jellies, pickles, as well as maple syrup and candy; a huge, multi-family tag sale; lunch at the Grange with hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade baked beans and corn chowder; and exhibit at Dummerston Historical Society. Free. 10 am-5 pm. Dummerston Congregational Church. 1535 Middle Rd. (802) 257-0544. www.dummerstonchurch.org.

EAST THETFORD. 14th Annual Pumpkin Festival. Fun for the whole family with kids' activities. Horse-drawn wagon rides, storyteller/musicians, pumpkin picking, organic good food concession, live music featuring Off the Rails from 10:30-12:30 pm and the Stovepipe Mountain Band 1-3 pm. Lunch menu with pasture raised pulled pork tacos (vegetarian option also) with kitchen crafted krauts, seasonal organic soups, salads, and pumpkin brownies. NOFA wood-fired artisan pizza. Parking in designated fields for \$10 per car, carpooling encouraged. Everything free except the food. No pets please. Cedar Circle Farm, Pavillion Rd. just off of Rt. 5. www.cedarcirclefarm.org.

FERRISBURGH. Presentation: Up Country Furniture. Longtime Vermont auctioneer and collector Duane Merrill will discuss three decades of finds, highs and lows, gems and surprises in the Vermont antiques trade with special attention to Nathan Burnell, a mid-nineteenth century cabinetmaker from Milton, VT, whose work he has both sold and collected. 3 pm. Admission \$2. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. rokeby@comcast.net. www.rokeby.org.

HUNTINGTON. International Big Sit! The world's most sedentary birding event. How many birds can we perceive from a 17-foot diameter circle? Free, pledges and donations welcome. Snacks and coffee provided. Bring your own binoculars. Dawn to dusk. Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. www.birdsofvermont.org.

HUNTINGTON. Sundays for Fledglings. Kids discover birds from feathers to flying, from art to zoology and develop skills in observation, research, and just goofing around. Earn a Junior Birder Badge! Sundays 2-3 pm. Free, donations welcome. Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. www.birdsofvermont.org. *Sundays through October 23*.

Sunday, October 9, continued:

KILLINGTON. Killington Witchcraft. Hay rides, haunted bounce house, pumpkin hoisting, craft beer, artisanal foods, fall maze, face painting, pumpkin rolling contest, pumpkin hoisting competition, scary indoor movie, and more. 11 am – 8 pm. Snowshed Lodge, Killington Resort. www.killington.com.

KILLINGTON. Killington Ski Club Ski & Bike Sale. Unbelievable deals on new & used ski and snowboard equipment. 9 am – 2 pm. Ramshead Lodge, Killington Resort, Killington Rd. (802) 422-6894. johnnyo@killingtonskiclub.com.

LONDONDERRY. Stratton Mountain Hike. Meet at 8:30 am at Clark's IGA in Londonderry to car pool to the Long Trail trail head on the Arlington-Wardsboro Rd. (Kelley Stand Rd.) or at the trail head at 9:15 am. Hike up to the summit of Stratton Mountain via the Long Trail to the tower, lunch/view at the tower, return the same way we came. Total hike 7.6 miles round trip with 1700 elevation gain. Bring an extra layer, warm hat, raincoat, lunch and snacks, fluids, poles if you use them. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. 8:30 am – 4 pm. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Leader: Marge Fish, (802) 384-3654. www.greenmountainclub.org.

MANCHESTER. Fall Orvis Days. A Weekend celebration at The Flagship Store. Fly fishing seminars and classes, free food, local brews, free pumpkin painting, VINS Birds of Prey demonstration, live dog demonstrations from Snowbound Kennels, local food vendors and artists, free gun fitting, save up to 75% on merchandise. 10 am – 5 pm. Orvis Flagship Store, 4180 Main St. (802) 362-3750. Orvis.com.

MIDDLEBURY. Houses of Worship Tour. The Henry Sheldon Museum is sponsoring a tour of eight houses of worship in Middlebury village, embodiments of two centuries of religious culture and architectural craftsmanship, organized by Glenn Andres, Middlebury College Professor Emeritus of History, Art and Architecture. Participants will visit these churches in any order between 1 and 5 pm. The walk highlights: the Congregational Church (1806-09); St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (1826-27); St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church (1892-1912), exterior only; the United Methodist Church (1892-93); Memorial Baptist Church (1905-06); Mead Chapel at Middlebury College (1916); Havurah Jewish Congregation (1876; 2001); and the Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Church (2009). Tickets and maps on sale in advance and on October 9 at \$25 per person at the Sheldon Museum, One Park St. (802) 388-2117. www.henrysheldonmuseum.org.

MONTPELIER. Humorous Comedy. *Sylvia* – a comedy by A.R. Gurney is love triangle with a dog at its heart. Empty-nesters Greg & Kate, with the mongrel mutt Sylvia, prove that a dog is not only man's best friend, but sometimes his salvation! Sylvia, the dog – who talks – is played by Courtney Wood. 2 pm. Tickets \$15-\$30. Lost Nation Theater, City Hall Arts Center, Main St. (802) 229-0492. lostonationtheater.org. *Daily Thursdays-Sundays until October 23.*

MOUNT HOLLY. 28th Annual Cider Days. Revolves around a 100+ year old antique cider press which employs the "rack & cloth" method of pressing cider. Hot and cold cider, homemade apple pie and apple crisp with ice cream or Crowley cheese for sale. 36 local artisans, bakers, farmers, and food vendors. Library book sale and calendar photo contest. The historical Perkins House and blacksmith shop will be open. Roast beef supper family style with selection of 40 homemade pies for dessert – seatings at 5 & 6 pm. \$12 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 at the Odd Fellow Hall. Events on the Green in village of Belmont, part of Mount Holly. 12-4 pm. www.mounthollyvt.org.

MOUNT INDEPENDENCE. Hike into History. Stephen Zeoli leads this fall tour, which explores what author, historian, and illustrator Benson Lossing saw on his 1848 visit to the Mount. Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather. 1-3 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 272-2509. historicsites.vermont.gov.

NORWICH. English Country Dance. Music by Trip to Norwich. Adina Gordon calling. Sponsored by Muskeg Music. 1-4 pm. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 785-4121. tinyurl.com/LeveyECD.

PIERMONT, NH. Autumn Hike and Paddle. Climb Piermont Mountain (2117'). Views from the outlook. 1350' elevation gain. Moderate. Optional paddle on Lake Armington or Lake Tarleton after. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leaders Heinz & Inge Trebitz at (802) 785-2129. www.greenmountainclub.org.

PITTSFORD. 23rd Annual Sheep Festival. Sponsored by The Rutland Area Shepherds. Variety of sheep and wool products and activities including sheep breeds on display, sheep shearing and sheep dog demonstrations, vendors, live music, silent auction and raffle. Free. 11 am – 4 pm. Pittsford Recreation Center, Furnace Rd. (802) 342-3176. info@vermontshepherds.com.

RUTLAND. 55th Annual Fall Art in the Park. Sponsored by the The Chaffee Art Center. Art, food, music, craft demonstrations, and kids activities. 10 am – 5 pm. Main Street Park corner of West St. and Rt. 7. (802) 775-0356. info@chaffeeartcenter.org. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

RUTLAND. Vermont Dining Train. Scenic train excursion through the rolling hills of Vermont. Guests are seated aboard an authentic Pullman Dining Car and served a freshly-prepared four course dinner and beverages. Fare \$65-\$85. 5-8:45 pm. Rutland Amtrak Station, 25 Evelyn St. For reservations call (800) 292-7245 or go to www.vermontdiningtrain.com. *Also October 16.*

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.*

SOUTH LONDONDERRY. Stratton Mountain Music Series Concert: Dark Star Orchestra. Continuing the Grateful Dead concert experience. Tickets \$25. 4 pm. Stratton Mountain Base Area, 5 Village Lodge Rd. (802) 297-4000. www.stratton.com.

STATEWIDE. Fall Open Studio Weekend. In conjunction with American Craft Week. A statewide celebration of the visual arts and creative process, offering a unique opportunity for visitors to meet a wide variety of local artists and craftspeople in their studios, and purchase high quality, hand made artwork. The Vermont Crafts Council publishes a free map booklet with directions to participating sites. The Vermont Open Studio Guide is available throughout the state at Tourist Information Centers, galleries and studios and on the VCC website starting at www.vermontcrafts.com or by calling (802) 223-3380.

STOWE. Autumn Hike. Hike and paddle! Moderate. 2.4 miles round trip. Relaxed pace. Hike to Sterling Pond Shelter. The Sterling Pond Trail out of Smugglers' Notch is short and steep. Bring lunch, water, and a mountain-inspired poem to read. Meet at Montpelier High School to carpool. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time contact leaders Reidun and Andrew Nuquist at (802) 223-3550. www.greenmountainclub.org.

UNDERHILL. Hike on Mt. Mansfield. With a hint of winter in the air and maybe a little color of Autumn still left, we'll hike the Butler Lodge Trail, the Wampahoofus to the Forehead and on to the Chin via the Long Trail. And then find a path down. Difficult hike. Moderate to strong pace. 10 miles. 3000' elevation gain. Group limit 10. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader Phil Hazen at (802) 355-7181 or philhazen@comcast.net. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WEST DOVER. 19th Annual Mt. Snow Oktoberfest. Whet your palate with German fare like schnitzel and bratwurst along with German and domestic beers. Live oom-pah music, yodeling and stein-holding contests, keg toss, schnitzel toss, and apple slingshot. The Kids Zone features pumpkin painting, games and a bouncy house. Admission \$12-\$45, children 6 and under free. 11 am – 5 pm. Mount Snow, 39 Mount Snow Rd. (800) 245-7669. www.mountsnow.com.

WEST DOVER. 43rd Annual Harvest Arts and Crafts Show. 50+ vendors including local artisans, specialty food makers and more. Original works of art, handmade jewelry and furniture, sample homemade fudge. Free admission. 10 am – 5 pm. Main Base Lodge and base area, Mount Snow, 39 Mount Snow Rd. (800) 245-7669. www.mountsnow.com.

Sunday, October 9, continued:

WESTFORD. Fundraiser Barn Dance. Food, lawn games, face painting, music, and more. 4-7 pm. Cost: \$25 for whole family. \$10 an individual. Barn School, 217 Brookside Rd. thebarnschoolvt@gmail.com. www.thebarnschoolvt.com.

WEST PAWLET. Pancake Breakfast. Variety of pancakes including regular, chocolate chip, blueberry and cranberry with local maple syrup as well as waffles, West Pawlet's world-famous home fries, scrambled eggs, sausage and bacon, coffee, tea, milk and orange juice. Prices are \$10 for 12 years and up, \$5 for 5-12 years and free to children under 5. 7-11 am. West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Dept., 2806 Rt. 153 (Main Street). (802) 345-4312. wp5801@yahoo.com.

WOODSTOCK. 32nd Annual Harvest Weekend. Husking bee and barn dance, plus a variety of 19th century harvest activities and programs for the entire family. The husking bee begins at noon, followed by a barn dance from 1-4 p.m. Lend a hand pressing cider, preserving apples, threshing grain, and making butter and ice cream. Children can help dig potatoes and other root crops and learn how crops are "put up" for the winter. Other activities include shelling beans, fence building, apples-on-a-string, and 19th century games. Hot-spiced cider and homemade doughnuts. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12N & Old River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

BONDVILLE. Harvestfest. A fall spectacular with live music, hay rides, pumpkin painting and caramel apple dipping. Ride the gondola to view fall foliage or challenge yourself in The North Face race to the summit. Annual craft brewfest and chili cook-off features the region's best craft brew and homemade chili recipes for you to sample. Stratton Mountain Resort, Stratton Mt. Rd. off Rt. 30. (888) 787-2886. stratton.com.

BRATTLEBORO. Brattleboro Coop Ciderfest. 10 am – 4 pm. Brattleboro Coop, 2 Main St. (802) 257-0236. www.brattleborofoodcoop.com.

CLAREMONT, NH. Concert: Bassel and the Supernaturals. Blues and funk from Chicago. Donations welcome. 7 pm. West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts, Union Episcopal Church, 133 Old Church Rd. (802) 738-0022. www.wcc-ma.org.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book and Author Event. Geraldine Brooks presents her book, *A Secret Chord*. A rich and utterly absorbing novel about the life of King David. Tickets \$5 includes admission and \$5 off the purchase of *A Secret Chord*. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (800) 437-3700. www.northshire.com.

NORWICH. Book and Author Event. Jodi Picoult presents her new book, *Small Great Things*. Tickets include the reading, a signed book, and light refreshments. 10 am. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Upper Valley Meetinghouse, 320 Rt. 5 south. (802) 649-1114. www.norwichbookstore.com.

SO. BURLINGTON. Workshop: Farm to Medicine Cabinet. Kate Westdijk, Food Systems Research Specialist at UVM, will take you on a tour of medicinal plants, followed by demonstrations of ways to prepare the plants for your family's medicine cabinet. Recipes included. Fee: \$20. 9 am – 12 noon. UVM Horticulture Farm, 65 Green Mountain Dr. (802) 864-3073. info@friendsofthehortfarm.org. www.friendsofthehortfarm.org.

WOODSTOCK. Program: Conservation Through the Artist's Eye. View works by acclaimed landscape painters in the Mansion and explore how art influenced the conservation movement. The Billings' Collection includes paintings by Cole, Bierstadt and Durand. Admission \$8, seniors \$4, 15 and younger free. 1-2:30 pm. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Park, 54 Elm St. (802) 457-3368 x 222. www.nps.gov. *Every Monday and Thursday through October 31.*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

BURLINGTON. Concert: Jason Isbell, Singer-Songwriter. Tickets \$55.75-\$45.25. 7:30 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org.

HUNTINGTON. Discovery Time in the Nestlings Nook. Discover birds through stories and investigative play! Books, crafts, music, nature walks and more. Designed for pre-schoolers but all ages are welcome. Free with admission; donations welcome. 10:30-11:30 am. Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. www.birdsofvermont.org.

NORWICH. Autumn Hike on Gile Mountain. Great views from tower! An easy ~1.5 miles, with a few hundred feet elevation gain. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader Inge Brown at (802) 280-8017. www.greenmountainclub.org.

SHELburne. House & Formal Gardens Tour at the Inn at Shelburne Farms. Join our knowledgeable guide for an in-depth tour of the Inn and its formal gardens followed by self-service afternoon tea featuring sweets and savorys made by the inn's pastry chef. Fee \$18, pre-registration required. 2:30-4 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8442. www.shelburnefarms.org. *Every Tuesday and Thursday through October 13.*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

BURLINGTON. Concert: Dream Theater. A band whose cerebral compositions already define the vanguard of progressive hard rock. Tickets \$46.61-\$75.64. 7:30 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org.

BURLINGTON. Play: *American Hero*. Tickets \$32/\$28.80. 7:30 pm. FlynnSpace, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org. *Also October 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.*

LEBANON, NH. Band Concert. Dark Star Orchestra will perform a show based on a set list from the Grateful Dead's 30 years of extensive touring or use their catalog to program a unique set list for the show. 7 pm. Tickets \$39. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. www.darkstarorchestra.net.

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, OCTOBER 13

BARNARD. Feast and Field Farmers' Market. 4:30-7:30 pm, music at 5:30 pm. Campfire jam to follow at 8 pm. 1544 Royalton Turnpike. (802) 999-3391. clovermont@gmail.com. feastandfield.com. *Every Thursday through October 20.*

BELLOWS FALLS. Discussion: Vermont's Timber Rattlesnakes. Learn about this endangered and often misunderstood reptile which fills a special niche in Vermont's native wildlife ecosystem. Free, adults and families with children (age 7+) are welcome to attend. 7 pm. Rockingham Free Public Library, 65 Westminster St. (802) 463-4270. rockinghamlibrary.org.

BURLINGTON. Concert: Art Garfunkel. Tickets \$50-\$90. 7:30 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org.

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ESSEX. Book & Author Event. Join Archer Mayor for a talk on his new Joe Gunther mystery, *Presumption of Guilt*. Mayor, in addition to writing the New York Times bestselling Joe Gunther series, is an investigator for the state medical examiner and has 25 years of experience as a firefighter/EMT. Free. 7 pm. Phoenix Books Essex, 21 Essex Way. (802) 872-7111. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

MANCHESTER CENTER. A Night of Poetry. With Tim Mayo and Jayne Benjulian. Free. 6 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (800) 437-3700. www.northshire.com.

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SHELBURNE. Workshop: Farm to Medicine Cabinet Winter Health Medicine Making. Instructor: Guido Masé. Gather medicinal plants and barks particularly suited for winter health. Learn how to make a tasty and effective cough syrup and an herbal “tincture” for cold, flu, and fever. Leave with two jars of home remedies. Fee: \$20. 5:30–7 pm. Registration required. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8686. info@shelburnefarms.org. www.shelburnefarms.org.

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SHELBURNE. Resiliency and Water: Panel Discussion. Centering on the human impact of changes in our landscape. Moderated by Rebecca Kneale Gould. Panelists include Kelly Hamshaw, exhibiting artist Rachel Moore, and a representative of the Vermont DEC Rivers Program. Free. 6 pm. Registration required. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8686. tmccarney@shelburnefarms.org. www.shelburnefarms.org.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

BARRE. Concert: De Temps Antan. A power trio that uses Quebec’s vibrant living music tradition as a springboard for musical innovation performing bilingual songs that feature the fiddle, accordion, harmonica, guitar and bouzouki. 7 pm. Barre Opera House, City Hall, 6 N. Main St. (802) 476-8188. www.barreoperahouse.org.

BURLINGTON. Concert: Esperanza Spaulding. Firmly rooted in contemporary jazz of the highest order. Tickets \$25-\$58. 8 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org.

BURLINGTON. Play: *American Hero*. Tickets \$32/\$28.80. 2 pm. FlynnSpace, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org. *Also October 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.*

HANOVER, NH. Concert: The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra with Jeremy Denk, piano. A program of Mozart and Schubert. Tickets: \$17-\$50. 8 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Stephen Long presents his book, *Thirty Eight: The Hurricane That Transformed New England*. A groundbreaking account of the cataclysmic hurricane of 1938 and its devastating impact on New England’s inland forests. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (800) 437-3700. www.northshire.com.

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SPRINGFIELD. Exhibit Opening: Signs of Life. Contemporary paintings and intricate collages. Mary Welsh’s collages are made of found materials; Roger Sandes’s paintings look like silk and feel like eggshell. Wine and light refreshments. Free. 5–7 pm. The Great Hall at One Hundred River Street. Use Pearl Street entrance only for the opening. (802) 885-3061. Facebook.com/GreatHallSpringfield.

TINMOUTH. Concert. Dana and Susan Robinson are two guitar-playing, banjo-frailing, fiddle-sawing, and harmony-singing interpreters of contemporary songwriting and traditional Appalachian music. Donations \$10, homemade refreshments available. Doors open at 7 pm, concert at 7:30 pm. Old Firehouse Stage, Rt. 140 and Mountain View Rd. (802) 446-3953. wilburs@greenmtn.edu. tinmouthvt.org.

TUNBRIDGE. Family Contra Dance with the Ed Larkin Old Time Dancers. All dances taught. Refreshments at intermission. Admission \$8. 7:30-10 pm. Tunbridge Town Hall, 279 Rt. 110. (802) 436-1152. clydo46@gmail.com.

WOODSTOCK. Foodways Fridays. Learn the importance of heirloom vegetables, while seeing them used in historic recipes prepared in our 1890 Farm House. Each Friday will feature a different menu, including traditional New England favorites. 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. *Fridays through October 28.*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

BENNINGTON. Community Day. Celebrate the work created by Milton Avery during his summers in southern Vermont, 1935-1943. Meet artist Leslie Parke in the Regional Artists Gallery for a reception celebrating her exhibition Particle/Wave, Photographs by Leslie Parke. Art activities for young and young-at-heart, and more. Free. 10 am-5 pm. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. benningtonmuseum.org.

BOLTON. Autumn Hike from Bolton to Puffer Shelter. We’ll hike up an old abandoned section of the Long Trail from Bolton Valley ski area. At the intersection with the current Long Trail we’ll go north over Bolton Mountain to Puffer Shelter and enjoy the most stunning views on the Long Trail. Difficult hike. Moderate pace. 7 miles. 2500’ elevation gain. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader Phil Hazen at (802) 355-7181 or philhazen@comcast.net. www.greenmountainclub.org.

BRANDON. Concert: The Twangtown Paramours. Sophisticated Americana, a hybrid of the Nashville and Austin music scenes. Concert tickets \$20. A pre-concert dinner \$20. Reservations recommended for the show and required for dinner. Venue is BYOB. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. Call (802) 247-4295 or e-mail info@brandon-music.net for reservations. brandon-music.net.

BRATTLEBORO. Performance: Elegies for Angels, Punks and Raging Queens. Monologues from the perspective of characters who’ve died from AIDS, and songs representing the feelings of friends and family members. 7:30 pm. Latchis Theatre, 50 Main St. (603) 313-0052. susan@svidol.com.

BRATTLEBORO. Vermont Jazz Series Concert: Chico Freeman Plus+tet. Tickets \$20-\$40, students \$15 w/valid ID. 8 pm. Vermont Jazz Center, 72 Cotton Mill Hill. For tickets call (802) 254-9088. www.vtjazz.org.

BURLINGTON. Play: *American Hero*. Tickets \$32/\$28.80. 7:30 pm. FlynnSpace, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org. *Also October 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.*

CABOT. 17th Annual Apple Pie Festival. Silent auction, lunch bar, craft fair, and pie contests for adults and youths. Pie entry fee \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for youth. Admission is free to festival. Cabot School Gym, 25 Common Rd. (802) 563-3396. bonniesd@together.net. www.cabothistory.com.

DUMMERSTON. Heirloom Apple Pie Workshop. Pastry chef Laurel Roberts Johnson, the queen of tarts, tackles “pie dough anxiety”. Make flaky pie dough and bake an apple pie with our heirloom apples. Take home your pie, dough, and a tote of heirloom baking apples. 10 am – 1 pm. Fee \$50. Scott Farm Orchard, 707 Kipling Rd. Pre-register at (802) 254-6868. www.ScottFarmVermont.com.

GRAFTON. Athens Dome, Bear Hill Hike to Grafton Overlook. A moderate-to-difficult hike steeply uphill over ledges and through spruce groves and fern glens on a beautiful trail to the summit. 1-4 pm. Free. Sponsored by the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association. Because of the necessary car shuttle, please register at (802) 869-1388. camil@vermontel.net. www.windmillhillpinnacle.org.

GRANVILLE, NY. Book & Author Event. Michael Golay presents his book, *America 1933: The Great Depression, Lorena Hickok, Eleanor Roosevelt, and the Shaping of the New Deal*. Admission \$5. 2 pm. Slate Valley Museum, 17 Water St. (518) 642-1417. www.northshire.com.

Saturday, October 15, continued:

HANOVER, NH. Concert: Troker. From Guadalajara, a muscular jazz-meets-mariachi fusion—with the grit of rock and groove of funk. Tickets: \$17-\$25. 8 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

LEBANON, NH. Concert: Esperanza Spaulding presents Emily's D+Evolution. This uncanny live performance of her luminiferous album, a prog-infused romp that strings across myriad media, genres, and decades, remains on-message and firmly rooted in contemporary jazz. 7:30 pm. Tickets \$36-\$51. Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park St. (603) 448-0400. hclow@lebanonoperahouse.org. www.lebanonoperahouse.org.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Caitlin Shetterly presents her book, *Modified: GMOs and the Threat to Our Food, Our Land, Our Future*. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (800) 437-3700. www.northshire.com.

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PIERMONT, NH. Climb Peaked Mountain. Steep, rough herd path up a few hundred feet to viewpoint. ~2-3 miles. Moderate. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leaders Inge & Heinz Trebitz at (802) 785-2129. www.greenmountainclub.org.

RANDOLPH. Cajun Concert. Michael Doucet and BeauSoleil, one of the leading Cajun bands in the world. Tickets \$26, students \$10, 5 and under free. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org.

RUPERT. Thoreau's Cabin Project. Help with sitework and laying the stone foundation at Racey Pond in the construction of a facsimile of Thoreau's Walden Pond cabin using materials harvested at Merck Forest or sourced locally. Local artisans will lead workshops using hand tools and work techniques consistent with the historical period. Details of each workshop are listed on the website. Merck Forest & Farmland, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. www.merckforest.org.

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

RUTLAND. Leaf Chase 10K. Trail run or walk on the Carriage Trail. Registration fee \$25. Registration begins at 8:45 am at Giorgetti Park. A bus will leave at 9:30 am from Giorgetti Park to take runners to the Carriage Trail. Fee includes a long sleeve t-shirt and lunch at end of race! (802) 773-1822. rutlandrec.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. Truckload Event. Fill your car or truck with special apples for making hard cider. Fill car for \$25, truck for \$50 or oversized truck \$75. 9 am-6 pm. Shelburne Orchards, 216 Orchard Rd. (802) 985-2753. info@shelburneorchards.com. www.shelburneorchards.com.

SHELBURNE. The Borderlands. A magical Halloween without the Howl. "Come away, O, human child! To the woods and waters wild With a fairy hand in hand, For the world's more full of magic than you can understand." Enter the Borderlands – a wild woods walk that skirts the edge of the Faerie realm. Groups of twelve leave every 15 minutes, and are guided through a mile-long walk in the woods, with small performance venues along the way. Pause for a dance, a story, a pantomime, a riff of music. What you see might change the way you perceive the invisible world. All ticket proceeds benefit The Way of the Bard, wild teens who seek to dispel bias through practical magic, music and story. Adults \$15, 6-12 \$10, under 6 free. 2-5 pm. 338 Thompson Rd. (802) 985-1124. www.treewild.org. *Also October 16, 22 & 23.*

SO. BURLINGTON. Winter Preparation Workshop. Spend the morning finding out how to put our Pollinator Garden to bed and to get plants ready for winter. Free. 9 am – 12 noon. UVM Horticulture Farm, 65 Green Mountain Dr. (802) 864-3073. info@friendsofthehortfarm.org. friendsofthehortfarm.org.

SPRINGFIELD. Dump Daze Flea Market. Free admission, parking, food and restrooms. 8 am. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 33 Fairground Rd. (802) 885-2723. *Saturdays through October 29.*

VERGENNES. Roktoberfest. A beer, bacon, seven bands festival featuring music to keep you dancing, local beer, and a menu that include the flavors of fall: bacon, cheddar and maple. Basin Harbor, 4800 Basin Harbor Rd. (802) 475-2311. www.basinharbor.com.

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Weekend. Capture the brilliant colors of a Vermont autumn on its 9th annual scenic narrated horse-drawn wagon ride around the farm fields. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12N. & Old River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. *Also October 16.*

WORCESTER. Hike Mount Worcester. Moderate. Hike this beautiful peak and see the fall foliage! Five miles round trip. 2000' elevation gain. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leaders Steve and Heather Bailey at (609) 424-9238 or stevecbailey@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

BARRE. Annual Opera Gala Italia. The Vermont Philamonia Orchestra to perform with vocalists and instrumentalist. Tickets \$12-\$15. 2 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. (802) 476-8188. www.barreoperahouse.org.

BURLINGTON. Play: *American Hero*. Tickets \$32/\$28.80. 7:30 pm. FlynnSpace, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org. *Also October 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.*

BURLINGTON. Burlington Geographic 2016 Field Workshops: New Farms, New Foods. Alisha Laramee leads this hands-on workshop at the NFNA farm in the Winooski River floodplain. Join the community in tending to the late-season fields, while learning about Burlington's ethnic landscape through the international foods growing in Burlington's richest soils. Free with registration. 9-11 am. Meet at Ethan Allen Homestead's main parking lot. (802) 985-8686. info@shelburnefarms.org. www.shelburnefarms.org.

DUMMERSTON. How-to Brew Beer. Visit a hop yard and learn home brewing techniques from master brewer Thomas Coleman, former owner of Black River Brewing Co. He'll show making extract/partial mash beer and evaluating craft brew styles. 10 am – 2 pm. Fee: \$50. Scott Farm Orchard, 707 Kipling Rd. Pre-register at (802) 254-6868. www.ScottFarmVermont.com.

HUNTINGTON. Sundays for Fledglings. Kids discover birds from feathers to flying, from art to zoology and develop skills in observation, research, and just goofing around. Earn a Junior Birder Badge! Sundays 2-3 pm. Free, donations welcome. Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. www.birdsofvermont.org. *Sundays through October 23.*

LYME, NH. Two Hikes in Nash Stream Forest. Very easy level walk to lovely Pond Brook Falls and Trailblazer Bridge, then climb of North Percy Peak (3430'), with good views. 4.4 miles, with 2200' elevation gain. Moderate to strenuous. 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.

MONTPELIER. Humorous Comedy. *Sylvia* – a comedy by A.R. Gurney is love triangle with a dog at its heart. Empty-nesters Greg & Kate, with the mongrel mutt Sylvia, prove that a dog is not only man's best friend, but sometimes his salvation! Sylvia, the dog – who talks – is played by Courtney Wood. 2 pm. Tickets \$15-\$30. Lost Nation Theater, City Hall Arts Center, Main St. (802) 229-0492. www.lostnationtheater.org. *Daily Thursdays-Sundays until October 23.*

Sunday, October 16, continued:

POULTNEY. The 4th Annual Vermont Fermentation Festival. Hour-long fermentation workshops highlight making flavorful and fizzy kombucha, beer brewing, vegan yogurt, ethnic fermented food and more. Keynote speaker is Marisa Mauro of Ploughgate Creamery. Tickets \$12-\$15. 9 am – 4 pm. Green Mountain College, 1 Brennan Circle. (802) 342-4640. www.rutlandfarmandfood.org.

READING. Film Screening: Mr. Turner. Explores the last quarter century of the life of J.M.W. Turner (1775-1851), the single-minded artist who worked hard and traveled extensively. Following a tour of the exhibition, the screening will take place at the nearby Reading Public Library. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided. Free of charge but pre-registration required. 1 pm. Hall Art Foundation, 551 Rt. 106. (802) 952-1056. vermont@hallartfoundation.org. www.hallartfoundation.org.

RUTLAND. Vermont Dining Train. Scenic train excursion through the rolling hills of Vermont. Guests are seated aboard an authentic Pullman Dining Car and served a freshly-prepared four course dinner and beverages. Fare \$65-\$85. 5-8:45 pm. Rutland Amtrak Station, 25 Evelyn St. For reservations call (800) 292-7245 or go to www.vermontdiningtrain.com.

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SHELBURNE. Educator Workshop: ABCs of Farm-Based Education. Instructors: Rachel Cadwallader-Staub and Susie Marchand. Three days of hands-on discussion and activity-based learning. Fee: \$250 includes lunch, dinner & tax (scholarships available); optional accommodations \$65/person/night. Registration required. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8686. info@shelburnefarms.org. www.shelburnefarms.org. *Through October 18.*

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STOWE. Autumn Hike Along Skyline Trail. We’ll hike up to Stowe Pinnacle to Hogback Mountain to Mt. Hunger along the Skyline Trail. This will require car drops at the Mt. Hunger trailhead and the Stowe Pinnacle trailhead. Difficult hike. Moderate to strong pace. 6.3 miles. 2200’ elevation gain. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader Lindsay Pokorak at (607) 242-7420 or lpokorak@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WOODSTOCK. Wagon Ride Weekend. Capture the brilliant colors of a Vermont autumn on its 9th annual scenic narrated horse-drawn wagon ride around the farm fields. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12N. & Old River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

SPRINGFIELD. Art of Colored Pencils. Explore this portable art form with Josephine Hebeski who will cover the basics of pencil drawing and techniques to achieve rich contrasts, textures, patterns and reflections. Cost is \$45. Please preregister. Materials list available upon registration. 11 am – 5 pm. Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. galleryvault@vermontel.net. www.galleryvault.org.

WOODSTOCK. Program: Conservation Through the Artist’s Eye. View works by acclaimed landscape painters in the Mansion and explore how art influenced the conservation movement. The Billings’ Collection includes paintings by Cole, Bierstadt and Durand. Admission \$8, seniors \$4, 15 and younger free. 1-2:30 pm. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Park, 54 Elm St. (802) 457-3368 x 222. www.nps.gov. *Every Monday and Thursday through October 31.*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

BURLINGTON. Book & Author Event. Join Chelsea Monroe-Cassel to celebrate the launch of *World of Warcraft: The Official Cookbook*. We’ll have samples of treats from the book for attendees. She also is the co-author of the New York Times bestseller *A Feast of Ice and Fire: The Official Game of Thrones Companion Cookbook*. Like the literature and fictional settings she loves, Chelsea’s work is a synthesis of imagination and historical research. Tickets are \$3. 7 pm. Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

ESSEX JUNCTION. Opening Reception for Hooked in the Mountains XVIII. A hooked rug and fiber arts exhibition of the Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild. Tickets \$12. 6-8 pm. Champlain Valley Exposition, 105 Pearl St. gmrhg.org. *Through October 23.*

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LYNDONVILLE. A Succession Planning Workshop for Landowners: Ties to the Land—Take steps to guide the future of your land. Sponsored by The Vermont Woodlands Association and UVM Extension. Registration fee: \$35, each additional family member \$20. The fee includes morning coffee and lunch plus one copy per family of *Ties to the Land* succession planning workbook and planning binder with worksheets. Registration deadline October 12. 9 am – 3 pm. Lyndon State College. (802) 747-7900. info@vermontwoodlands.org. vermontwoodlands.org.

MONTPELIER. Christopher Scheer: In Defense of Pleasure—A Clown Play for Adult Audiences. 7:30 pm. Tickets \$10. Lost Nation Theater, City Hall Arts Center, Main St. (802) 229-0492. lostonationtheater.org. *Also October 19.*

WOODSTOCK. Hike on Mt. Peg. Good views, one mile or so, with 320’ elevation gain. Easy to moderate. 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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

BURLINGTON. Play: *American Hero*. Tickets \$32/\$28.80. 7:30 pm. FlynnSpace, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org. *Also October 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.*

BURLINGTON. Book Launch. Join Elizabeth Powell and David Huddle to celebrate the release of their new titles. Elizabeth Powell’s *Willy Loman’s Reckless Daughter* is the winner of the 2015 Robert Dana-Anhinga Prize for Poetry. Both a cyber-thriller and a simmering romance, David Huddle’s novel *My Immaculate Assassin* raises disturbing and timely questions. Tickets are \$3. 7 pm. Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

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MANCHESTER CENTER. Kids Book & Author Event. Nick Bruel presents his book, *Bad Kitty Does Not Like Snow*. Join us for an extra special story time with author Nick Bruel, creator of the *Bad Kitty* children's series! Free. 4 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (800) 437-3700. www.northshire.com.

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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, OCTOBER 20

BARNARD. Feast and Field Farmers' Market. 4:30-7:30 pm, music at 5:30 pm. Campfire jam to follow at 8 pm. 1544 Royalton Turnpike. (802) 999-3391. clovermont@gmail.com. feastandfield.com. *Every Thursday through October 20.*

BRANDON. Hike on Hawk Hill. Meet at 9 am at the Godnick Center on Deer Street in Rutland to carpool. Follow the forest trail to the site of old Brandon and surrounding area. Moderate. 9 am – 1 pm. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Leader: Tom Cops, (802) 282-1675. www.greenmountainclub.org.

BRATTLEBORO. Artist Talk: Kyle Cassidy. In connection with the exhibit *Up in Arms*, Kyle Cassidy discusses his 2007 cross-country odyssey, during which he photographed gun owners in their homes and asked them why they own guns. Admission: adults \$5, students, youth 18 and under free. 7 pm. Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 10 Vernon St. (802) 257-0124. www.brattleboromuseum.org.

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BURLINGTON. Lecture—The Children's Crusade: How Patrick Leahy's 1974 election changed modern campaigns in Vermont. In this talk, Phil Baruth focuses on Patrick Leahy's stunning underdog election to the Senate in 1974. 7 pm. Memorial Lounge, Waterman Building, University of Vermont. (802) 479-8500. vermonthistory.org.

ESSEX JUNCTION. Nightmare Vermont. A thrilling, interactive haunted house. Tickets \$12. 7-10 pm. At Champlain Valley Expo, 105 Pearl St. info@nightmarevermont.org. nightmarevermont.org. *Also October 21, 22, 27, 28 & 29.*

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KILLINGTON. Sixth Annual Farm to Plate Network Gathering. The entire Farm to Plate Network comes together to reflect on what has been accomplished and plan for the challenges that lie ahead implementing Vermont's food system plan. 9 am – 5 pm. Killington Grand Resort. farm2plate@vsjf.org. www.farmtoinstitution.org. *Also October 21.*

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Tracy Kidder presents his book, *Truck Full of Money*. A perfectly executed, exquisitely reported parable of the Internet age and the wild, mad adventure that is start-up culture. Free. 6 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (800) 437-3700. www.northshire.com.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Soho Press Mystery Event! Join Associate Publisher Juliet Grames and Sales Manager Carin Siegfried to find out what great Soho Crime novels you should be reading this fall. Free. 2 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (800) 437-3700. www.northshire.com.

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SHELBURNE. The Alchemy of Science, Spirituality and the Arts: Creating a Culture of Clean Water. Panelists: Cameron Davis, Phelan Fretz, Mary Abele, and Reverend Nancy Wright. Free; registration encouraged but not required. 6-8 pm. All Souls Gathering, 291 Bostwick Farm Rd. (802) 985-8686. tmccarney@shelburnefarms.org. www.shelburnefarms.org.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

BOLTON. Hike Winooski Footbridge & Stimson Mountain. Cross the long-awaited Winooski River Footbridge and hike a relocated section of the Long Trail. Carpooling available to the parking area on Route 2. Walk to the beautiful 224-foot suspension footbridge, which officially opened in June 2015 then turn back to hike the Long Trail (LT) north up the new LT relocation west of Stimson Mountain to the old LT. Continue this hike on the old LT to our car spot on Bolton Notch Road. Moderate, 5.8 miles. Wear appropriate clothing; bring water, food and hiking poles if desired. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Bread Loaf Section of the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader Ruth Penfield at (802) 388-5407 or ruthpenfield@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

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HARDWICK. 8th Annual Vermont Vaudeville. Presenting "Vaudeville, Eh?" Tickets: adults \$15 & kids \$8. Matinee \$12/\$6. 2 and 8 pm. Hardwick Town House, Church St. (802) 472-1387. vermontvaudeville@gmail.com. www.vermontvaudeville.com. *Also October 22.*

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. David Hinton presents his book, *Existence: A Story*. The meaning of life--as expressed in a single Chinese landscape painting: a new work of meditative philosophy by the renowned translator of the Chinese classics. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (800) 437-3700. www.northshire.com.

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PUTNEY. Book & Author Event. Pulitzer Winner Tim Weiner: *One Man Against the World—The Tragedy of Richard Nixon*. Tickets: \$10. 7:30 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill. (802) 387-0102. www.nextstagearts.org.

RANDOLPH. Concert: A Symphony of Whales. Vermont Symphony Orchestra plays this special Halloween themed concert for children which includes an introduction of the instruments and several seasonally spooky selections. Tickets \$6. 10 am. Chandler Music Hall, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org. www.vso.org.

TINMOUTH. Contra Dance. Music by Shindy with Luke Donforth calling. Admission \$10, \$8 for teens, 12 and under free. Refreshments available. 8-11 pm at Tinmouth Community Center, Rt. 140, 5 miles west of Wallingford. For info or directions call (802) 446-2928. Tinmouthvt.org. *Every third Friday (except November which is on the fourth Friday) through May 2017.*

WEST NEWBURY. Eastern Square Dance. Traditional singing squares, waltzes, polkas, foxtrots, two-steps, Virginia Reel, Portland Fancy, Paul Jones, others. All dances taught. With Adam Boyce, fiddler/caller, Donna Weston on piano. Admission by donation, all ages welcome. 7:30 pm at the Community Hall at 219 Tyler Farm Rd. (802) 429-2316 or adamrboyce@juno.com. *Fourth Saturdays.*

WOODSTOCK. Foodways Fridays. Learn the importance of heirloom vegetables, while seeing them used in historic recipes prepared in our 1890 Farm House. Each Friday will feature a different menu, including traditional New England favorites. 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. *Fridays through October 28.*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

BELLOWS FALLS. Trivia Night. "Books, Brains & Beer" event includes cash bar provided by Donovan's, complimentary sweet and savory snacks, prizes for the best Halloween costumes and a harvest-themed basket raffle. Sign up for a table (of up to 6 people) for \$75. Or register as a single for \$15. Space is limited. Rockingham Library, 65 Westminster St. (802) 463-4270. programming@rockinghamlibrary.org. rockinghamlibrary.org.

BELLOWS FALLS. Concert: Possum Haw, Vermont homegrown bluegrass & country-folk quintet. Tickets: \$17, senior & student/child \$13. 7:30–9:30 pm. Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 460-0110. sca@sover.net. stonechurcharts.org.

BRANDON. Concert: Bob MacKenzie Blues Band. Tickets \$20. A pre-concert dinner \$20. Reservations recommended for the show and required for dinner. Venue is BYOB. 7:30 pm. Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. Call (802) 247-4295 or e-mail info@brandon-music.net for reservations. www.brandon-music.net.

BROWNINGTON. Candlelight Harvest Dinner. 6 pm – 10 pm. Old Stone House Museum, The Samuel Read Hall House, 109 Old Stone House Rd. (802) 754-2022. oldstonehousemuseum.org.

BURLINGTON. Vermont International Film Festival. See website for schedule. Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center. www.viff.org. *Through October 30.*

BURLINGTON. Live Interactive Stage Show: The Price is Right! With host Jerry Springer. Tickets \$50.25-\$49.75. 8 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org.

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BURLINGTON. Burlington Geographic 2016 Field Workshops: Roads and Rails. Brennan Gauthier and Kyle Obenauer, VTrans Archaeologist and Historic Preservation Specialist, lead this adventure through time and space following the story of Burlington's transportation heritage. Free with registration. 9 am – 1 pm. Meet at ECHO Center's front entrance on the Burlington Waterfront, 1 College St. (802) 985-8686. sbeckett@uvm.edu. www.shelburnefarms.org.

EAST POULTNEY. 14th Annual Horace Greeley Writers' Symposium. Explore the art of writing as presented by publishers and writers in the fields of literature, poetry, philosophy, and history. Keynote speaker David Elliott is the author of picture books and novels for young people, including *The New York Times* bestselling *And Here's to You!* Presenters include Hope Ferguson, freelance writer; David Mook, writer and poet; Jean Yeager, blogger and tweeter. Fee \$75., students \$20. 9 am-5 pm. United Baptist Church On the Green. (802) 287-2577. www.horacegreeleyfoundation.org.

ESSEX. Book & Author Event. Noted author Jacqueline Davies will introduce her new children's book, *Panda Pants*. Every child who attends will receive a free sixteen-page illustrated booklet filled with fun panda facts (while supplies last)! Free. All ages welcome. 11 am. Phoenix Books Essex, 21 Essex Way. (802) 872-7111. phoenixbooks.biz.

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GRAND ISLE. Emmons Island Haunted Trail. Child's Walk 4:30-6 pm: they tone the trail way down to allow the very young to see it in the day time, no actors or chainsaws running, just a free beginner's walk on the trail. Costume contest at 5 pm, kids games, face painting and more. Evening Walk at 6:30-10 pm, PG-13, intended for those who can take being spooked, \$10 ticket required or seven non-perishable food goods for donation. Food and beverages available for purchase. One Island Meadow Lane. (802) 372-4113. www.ihtrail.org.

HANOVER, NH. Concert: Barbary Coast Jazz Ensemble. Tickets: \$9-\$10. 8 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

HARDWICK. 8th Annual Vermont Vaudeville. Presenting "Vaudeville, Eh?" Tickets: \$12/\$6. 2 pm. Hardwick Town House, Church St. (802) 472-1387. vermontvaudeville@gmail.com. www.vermontvaudeville.com.

LYME, NH. Hike Lyme Hill. Explore Lyme Hill Conservation Area. Good trails, with view at top. 4-5 miles. Moderate. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader Dick Ruben at (802) 333-3707. www.greenmountainclub.org.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Stop in and visit with Winslow Tudor, grandson of beloved Vermont artist Tasha Tudor, as he signs his new cookbook, *The Tasha Tudor Family Cookbook: Heirloom Recipes and Warm Memories from Corgi Cottage*. Free. 1 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (800) 437-3700. northshire.com.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Join author and stand up comedian Jerry Thornton for some stand-up comedy and a lively discussion about his new book, *From Darkness to Dynasty: The First 40 Years of the New England Patriots*. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (800) 437-3700. www.northshire.com.

MONTPELIER. Ski and Skate Swap. Bring items to sell on Friday, October 21 before the sale, from 9 am – 7 pm. Sale 9 am – 2 pm. Montpelier High School Gym, 5 High School Drive (802) 225-8699 www.montpelierrec.org.

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PITTSFORD. Chili Cook-Off. Free to enter your crock pot of chili or make a donation to get a bowl to taste, eat and vote! Great prizes for first, second and third place. There will also be drinks and baked goods. All proceeds will go to Sara's Stories, a new book program in Pittsford for kids 0-5, in memory of Sara Gallipo. Come for fun free family games and activities—pumpkin memory, a book walk on the trails, pumpkin tic-tac-toe, pumpkin play dough and more! 11:30 am – 2 pm. Pittsford Recreation Area, Furnace Rd. (802) 483-2972.

PUTNEY. Concert: Patty Larkin. A true phenomenon among singer/songwriters in the American folk music scene today. Tickets: \$24. 7:30 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill. (802) 387-0102. nextstagearts.org.

RANDOLPH. Music and Dance Party. Dance callers Robin Russell and Martha Kent teaching a variety of village dances of the British Isles, Ireland, Scotland and France. Traditional dance music provided by "Larks in the Attic" (Susan Reid fiddle, Linda Young celtic harp, Pam Bockes guitar). Admission \$10-\$15. No charge for children under age 6. 6:30-10:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts. 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org.

RANDOLPH. A Succession Planning Workshop for Landowners: Ties to the Land—Take steps to guide the future of your land. Sponsored by The Vermont Woodlands Association and UVM Extension. Registration fee: \$35, each additional family member \$20. The fee includes morning coffee and lunch plus one copy per family of *Ties to the Land* succession planning workbook and planning binder with worksheets. Registration deadline October 14. 9 am – 3 pm. Three Stallion Inn. (802) 747-7900. info@vermontwoodlands.org. vermontwoodlands.org.

RUPERT. Autumn Hike in Merck Forest. We will do a loop hike (with two lookouts) beginning at the south entrance (Hidden Valley Road) to park cars. Hike along Old Town Road, turning left onto Lookout Road (for one lookout); continue on Lookout Road to a short section of Beebe Pond Trail to the top of Antone Mountain (for the second lookout), and back by way of Masters Mountain Trail to Old Town Road. Moderate to difficult, some steep climbing and several switchbacks, 4–5 miles. 9:30 am – 5 pm. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Leaders: Larry Walter & Vivian Bebee, (802) 775-3855. www.greenmountainclub.org.

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

RUTLAND. Vermont 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.*

SAXTONS RIVER. Workshop: Painting the Vibrant Colors of Fall in Watercolor. With Robert O'Brien. The instructor will explain his technique for capturing the vibrancy of autumn colors through the layering process. Students will paint for the duration of the class followed by a critique at the end. Hands-on assistance provided by the instructor. Open to all abilities. Cost: \$71. Materials list provided at time of registration. 9:30 am - 4 pm. Main Street Arts, 35 Main St. (802) 869-2960. info@mainstreetarts.org. www.mainstreetarts.org.

SHELBURNE. Workshop: Lenses on the Land. Instructors Marshall Webb and Sebastian Ventrone will guide you throughout the day both technically and creatively, so that you can get the most out of your camera. Pre-registration required. Fee: \$75 (includes breakfast and lunch). 6:30 am – 6:30 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8686. registration@shelburnefarms.org. www.shelburnefarms.org.

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SO. BURLINGTON. Community Pumpkin Carving & Pumpkin Glow. Head on over to the FH Tuttle Middle School. It is a great way to kick-off Halloween weekend. Bring a pumpkin to carve there. All you need is a little imagination and a lot of carving enthusiasm. They will supply the carvers, stencils, markers, and decorations. Once the pumpkins have been carved they will light them. 6-8 pm. 500 Swift St. (802) 846-4108. www.sburl.com/recdept.

Saturday, October 22, continued:

SPRINGFIELD. Dump Daze Flea Market. Free admission, parking, food and restrooms. 8 am. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 33 Fairground Rd. (802) 885-2723. *Saturdays through October 29.*

STOWE. Work Hike in Stowe. All abilities needed and welcomed. Various distances. From Barnes Camp and Smugglers' Notch, work on the Long Trail North, Sterling Pond Trail, and the trail around Sterling Pond. Bring lunch and water, wear sturdy boots, work clothes and gloves. Tools supplied. Meet at Montpelier High School at 8 am. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Rain Date: October 23. Leader: Andrew Nuquist, (802) 223-3550 or trails@gmcmontpelier.org. www.greenmountainclub.org.

UNDERHILL CENTER. Hike on Mt. Mansfield. We'll ascend by the Halfway House Trail and pick up the Canyon North and Canyon North extension trails, perhaps Subway to the ridge and then on to the summit. We'll descend by Sunset Ridge. Slippery conditions will alter trail selection. Difficult hike, strong pace, 6.5 miles. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader Mark McLane at mmclane44@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

WARDSBORO. Annual Gilfeather Turnip Festival. It's "Turnip Time" again honoring Vermont's New State Vegetable. Bushels and bushels of turnips along with 40 craft and farmers market vendors "take over" the small village, inside and outside of Town Hall and under tents along Main Street. Turnip contest, cart with 150 pounds of turnips and seeds for sale and queen-size quilt and food & crafts basket raffles. 'Artist of the Month' exhibit (9 am – 1 pm) features original paintings, fiber arts, ceramics and photography. Turnip cafe serving homemade cider donuts and coffee and then lunch featuring delicious, creamy gilfeather turnip soup starting at 11 am. The town's troubadour Jimmy Knapp will serenade visitors in the town hall. 10 am – 3 pm. (802) 896-3416. www.wardsborovermont.com. www.friendsofwardsborolibrary.org.

WINDSOR. American Precision Museum's 17th Annual Model Engineering Show and Maker Space. Informative workshops and demonstrations throughout the day. 9 am – 4 pm. Windsor Recreational Center, 29 Union St. (802) 674-5781. www.americanprecision.org.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

BURLINGTON. Performance: Comedian Mike Birbiglia. Tickets \$16.50-\$36.50. 7 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org.

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FERRISBURGH. Program: Western Abenaki Artifacts at Rokeby with Fred Wiseman. Admission \$2 or free with museum admission. 3 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 US-7. (802) 877-3406. rokeby@comcast.net. www.rokeby.org.

HUNTINGTON. Sundays for Fledglings. Kids discover birds from feathers to flying, from art to zoology and develop skills in observation, research, and just goofing around. Earn a Junior Birder Badge! Sundays 2-3 pm. Free, donations welcome. Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. www.birdsofvermont.org.

EAST POULTNEY. Gathering of the Clans Event. The Poultney area St. David's Society is sponsoring a 'Gathering' featuring "A Story of a Clock" about the Mark Robert's family's grandfather clock which was made in northwest Wales 202 years ago. The presentation which Mark has created will share the interesting story of the clockmaker and how the clock ended up in Vermont. Light refreshments. Free will offering. 2:30 pm. United Baptist Church, 1500 E. Main St. (802) 287-5744. pds88@yahoo.com.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Whitney Stewart presents her book, *Feldpost: The War Letters of Friedrich Reiner Niemann*. Documents the life and frontline experiences of a German soldier from the 6th Infantry Division from 1941-1945. Free. 4 pm. Equinox Village, 49 Maple St. (800) 437-3700. www.northshire.com.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

BURLINGTON. Halloween Barn. Young kids and their friends and family are invited to a fun-filled evening trick-or-treating at the UVM Horse Barn from 5:30-7 pm. Students and their horses will be dressed up for the event, passing out candy at each horse stall. Children are encouraged to wear costumes and bring buckets to fill with candy. Activities at the craft table or kids can run through the obstacle course in the arena. Dress warm, as the barn and arena can be cold this time of year. Park at Gutterson Fieldhouse to be shuttled to and from the barn. A \$3 suggested donation per child is appreciated. University of Vermont Horse Barn, Paul Miller Research Complex, Spear St. (802) 656-2070.

WOODSTOCK. Program: Conservation Through the Artist's Eye. View works by acclaimed landscape painters in the Mansion and explore how art influenced the conservation movement. The Billings' Collection includes paintings by Cole, Bierstadt and Durand. Admission \$8, seniors \$4, 15 and younger free. 1-2:30 pm. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Park, 54 Elm St. (802) 457-3368 x 222. www.nps.gov. *Every Monday and Thursday through October 31.*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

HANOVER, NH. Concert: Ian Bostridge, tenor with Thomas Ades, piano. World-renowned British tenor's transcendent interpretation of Schubert's magnificent song cycle *Winterreise*. Tickets: \$17-\$50. 7 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

BURLINGTON. Performance: Capitol Steps. The widely-heralded lampooners of the political sphere. Tickets \$15-\$42. 7:30 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org.

BURLINGTON. Play: *American Hero*. Tickets \$32/\$28.80. 7:30 pm. FlynnSpace, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org. *Also October 27, 28, 29, 30.*

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, OCTOBER 27

BURLINGTON. Screening with Live Orchestra: The Triplets of Belleville. This beloved animated film is screened as composer Benoît Charest leads Le Terrible Orchestre de Belleville in the live performance of his original score. Tickets \$15-\$35. 7:30 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org.

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HANOVER, NH. Performance: The Capitol Steps. The reigning champs of bipartisan political mockery toast election season with amusing song parodies and groan-inducing puns. Tickets: \$20.70-\$30. 7 & 9:30 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Nicholas P. Sargen presents his book, *Global Shocks*. Provides the reader with a toolkit and guiding principles to manage money when markets are in turmoil. Free. 6 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (800) 437-3700. www.northshire.com.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

BARRE. Performance: Blues Alive. The official Blue Brothers Revue to perform its captivating and infectious music. 8 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. (802) 476-8188. barreoperahouse.org.

BURLINGTON. Play: *American Hero*. Tickets \$32/\$28.80. 7:30 pm. FlynnSpace, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org. *Also October 29, 30.*

BURLINGTON. Vermont International Film Festival. See website for schedule. Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center. viff.org. *Through October 30.*

CALAIS. Bluegrass Concert with The VT Bluegrass Pioneers—Banjo Dan, Willy Lindner and the great Danny Coane. Fine brews, eats and vibes, and real bluegrass music. 7:30 pm. The Whammy Bar at the Maple Corner Store. (802) 229-4329.

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ESSEX JUNCTION. Essex Fall Craft and Fine Art Show. Artists, painters, sculptors, art dealers, and collectors. Admission \$8, includes admission to the Fall Vermont Antique Expo and Sale the same weekend also at the Expo. Free parking. 12-6 pm. Champlain Valley Expo, 105 Pearl St. vtcrafts.com. *Through October 30.*

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MANCHESTER CENTER. Book Launch Party. Jane Klonsky celebrates her new book, *Unconditional: Older Dogs, Deeper Love*. Free. This party will kick off with some wine and cheese and will follow with a conversation and presentation of some of the amazing stories and images that inspired this beautiful book. This captivating collection of photographs and anecdotes is a one-of-a-kind celebration of humans special bond with, and love for, their senior dogs. 6:30 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (800) 437-3700. www.northshire.com.

RANDOLPH. Concert. Singer-songwriter Greg Brown. A storyteller who moves his audiences with his warmth, humor and deeply human musical vision. Tickets \$24-\$35. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org.

TINMOUTH. Concert. Sutherland and Posse. Pete Sutherland (fiddle, piano, banjo and vocals), his protégé Oliver Scanlon (fiddle, mandolin, dobro, foot percussion and vocals) and Tristan Henderson (guitars, mandolin, jaw harp, bodhran, foot percussion and vocals) in songs and old, new and lyrical tunes. Donations \$10, homemade refreshments available. Doors open at 7 pm, concert at 7:30 pm. Old Firehouse Stage, Rt. 140 and Mountain View Rd. (802) 446-3953. wilburs@greenmtn.edu. tinmouthvt.org.

WOODSTOCK. Foodways Fridays. Learn the importance of heirloom vegetables, while seeing them used in historic recipes prepared in our 1890 Farm House. Each Friday will feature a different menu, including traditional New England favorites. 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.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

BENNINGTON. Fallapalooza. Events include farmers' market, wagon rides, food vendors, children's activities and live entertainment. Bring the kids for store-to-store trick-or-treating for gifts and games. Free. 10 am – 3 pm. 215 South St. (802) 442-5758. www.betterbennington.com.

BURLINGTON. Concert: Vermont Symphony Orchestra Masterworks. Ran Dank, piano, performing Beethoven's Piano Concerto. No. 3. Tickets \$61-\$16. 8 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org.

BURLINGTON. Halloween Kids Express Train Rides. Enjoy Halloween in a whole new way aboard the Halloween Express at ECHO. Pre-boarding Halloween party at the ECHO Center starting one hour before your train ride departure. After the party, enjoy a spirited 60-minute train ride to Shelburne and back featuring Halloween story time with a cookie and juice box for each child, popular costumed characters, a small goodie bag and more! Costumes encouraged! Fee: \$29 per person, children under one year may share a seat with an adult at no extra charge. 8 am – 6 pm with trains leaving at 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm, and 7 pm. One Main St. (802) 872-9000. www.halloweenexpressvt.com. *Also October 30.*

BURLINGTON. Play: *American Hero*. Tickets \$32/\$28.80. 7:30 pm. FlynnSpace, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org. *Also October 30.*

Saturday, October 29, continued:

DUMMERSTON. 9th Annual Heirloom Apple Harvest Dinner. Scott Farm and Vermont Fresh Network co-host a five-course harvest dinner showcasing the farm's heirloom apples and cider and local foods prepared by Chef Tristan Toleno of Entera Catering. Tickets: \$45. Reservations needed. Scott Farm Orchard, 707 Kipling Rd. (802) 254-6868. www.ScottFarmVermont.com.

ESSEX JUNCTION. Fall Pumpkin Fest. Food vendors, pumpkin crafts, storytelling by the bonfire, and the great pumpkin walk starting at 6 pm. Bring a carved pumpkin. Free. 4:30-7 pm. Maple Street Park. (802) 872-3370. www.ejrp.org.

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HANOVER, NH. Performance: The Dartmouth College Gospel Choir. A Homecoming Weekend celebration. Tickets: \$10-\$15. 8 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center for the Arts. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

HARTFORD. Trunk-or-Treat. Trick or Treat from car to car, trunk to trunk. Costumes highly encouraged. Bring your trick or treat bags. Local businesses and organizations bring a vehicle, decorate the trunk/tailgate and pass out candy as kids "Trunk or Treat" from trunk to trunk. Trunk or treating allows kids to have all the trick or treating fun without crossing streets or worrying about traffic. It's also a great accessibility benefit for those individuals with disabilities or limitations. 5-7 pm. In the parking lot at Hartford Town Hall and Lyman Point Park, 171 Bridge St. (802) 295-5036. www.hartford-vt.org.

HUNTINGTON. Bird Monitoring Walk. Experienced birders, walks in the woods, and bird-friendly coffee. Please bring your own binoculars and dress for the weather. Free; please pre-register. 8 am. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. www.birdsofvermont.org. *The last Saturday of every month.*

JERICO. Bluegrass Concert with The VT Bluegrass Pioneers—Banjo Dan, Willy Lindner and the great Danny Coane. 7-10 pm. Jericho Café and Tavern, 30 Rt. 15. (802) 899-2223.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Writing Workshop. With James Crews. In this one-day workshop, we'll explore how the natural world can enliven our writing beyond mere description. Fee: \$40, order early, space is limited. Bring your own writing supplies. 10 am – 2 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (800) 437-3700. www.northshire.com.

MANCHESTER CENTER. Book & Author Event. Ruth Franklin presents her book, *Shirley Jackson: A Rather Haunted Life*. A genius of literary suspense and psychological horror, Jackson plumbed the cultural anxiety of postwar America more deeply than anyone. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (800) 437-3700. www.northshire.com.

MONTPELIER. The Poe Spectacular. By Lost Nation Theater. The party of the Year! Spooky-kooky fun! Fiercely fearsome drama from the best of Poe, costume contest with great prizes, decadent desserts and a great dance party with the 21-piece LC Jazz Big Band. Montpelier City Hall Arts Center is transformed into a gothic candle-lit, hauntingly hip atmospheric chamber for dancing and eerie entertainment! Tickets \$20-\$25. 8 pm. Montpelier City Hall Arts Center, Main St. (802) 229-0492. www.lostnationtheater.org.

MONTPELIER. Annual Halloween Party for Grades 6 and Under. For all Montpelier spooks, goblins, and costumed individuals. Fun, games, and refreshments. Co-sponsored by the Montpelier Rec. Dept., Police Dept., Fire Dept., and the VFW. Free. 1-2:30 pm. Montpelier High School Cafeteria. (802) 225-8699. montpelierrec.org.

MOUNT INDEPENDENCE. "Go Home Guy Carleton." A walk commemorates Oct. 28, 1776, when the defensive strength here helped convince Gen. Guy Carleton and his British fleet to head back to Canada. Afternoon includes artillery fire. Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather. 1-3 pm. Mount Independence State Historic Site, 497 Mount Independence Rd. (802) 272-2509. historicsites.vermont.gov.

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

NORWICH. Author Event. Join Penny McConnel discussing her latest novel *A Great Reckoning*. Louise Penny has written 12 mysteries featuring Armand Gamache. 7 pm. Reservations required. Norwich Bookstore, 291 Main St. (802) 649-1114. info@norwichbookstore.com. www.norwichbookstore.com

QUECHEE. Hoots & Howls. A full day, family friendly event. Each portion of the day is designed to be educational, nature-based, non-frightening, and fun! Together we will conduct science experiments, rediscover the magic of storytelling, and get up close to snakes, owls, skulls and bones. There will also be games, crafts, and ooey-goey Halloween fun to be had all day long! Admission: day & evening, adults \$14, youth 4-17 \$12.50. 3 and under free; evening only, adults \$11.50, youth 4-17 \$9.50, 3 and under free. 10 am – 8 pm. Vermont Institute of Natural Science, 6565 Woodstock Rd. (Rt. 4). (802) 359-5000. vinsweb.org.

RUTLAND. 57th Annual Halloween Parade. Line-up at 5:30 pm, parade at 6:30 pm. Parade route: Madison St. & Strongs Ave. to Wales St., left to West St., left onto Merchants Row ending at the plaza. (802) 773-1822. www.rutlandrec.com.

RUTLAND. Halloween 5K Race. Annual dressing-up-in-costume fun run/walk in downtown Rutland! Race starts and ends up in the BROC parking lot across from train station. Registration starts at 9:15 am with race starting at 10 am. Fee: \$10. (802) 773-1822. rutlandrec.com.

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

RUTLAND. Vermont 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.*

SPRINGFIELD. Dump Daze Flea Market. Free admission, parking, food and restrooms. 8 am. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 33 Fairground Rd. (802) 885-2723.

ST. JOHNSBURY. Northeast Kingdom Classic Series—Ariel Quartet. A dynamic string quartet with an international reputation performing Beethoven, Widmann, and Dvorak's "American Quartet." 7:30 pm. Admission: \$18; student \$6; special rate: \$6 for those who find the regular price beyond their budget. United Community Church South, 1052 Main St. (802) 748-8012. www.arielquartet.com.

WOODSTOCK. Seventh Annual Woodstock Film Series Screening: *Dark Horse*. (PG) Set in a former mining village in Wales, an inspirational true story of a group of friends from a working men's club who decide to take on the elite "sport of kings" and breed themselves a racehorse. Big screen in the museum's theater, with high definition digital projection and Dolby™ surround-sound. Screenings at 3 & 5. Tickets prices: adults (16 & up): \$132 for 15-film package or \$11 per film. Children: ages 3-15: \$6 per film. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. billingsfarm.org.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

BURLINGTON. Concert: The U.S. Jazz Ambassadors. The official big band of the United States, showcasing dynamic jazz from some of the country's top musicians. Free admission, four-ticket limit. 3 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org.

BURLINGTON. Halloween Kids Express Train Rides. Enjoy Halloween in a whole new way aboard the Halloween Express at ECHO. Pre-boarding Halloween party at the ECHO Center starting one hour before your train ride departure. After the party, enjoy a spirited 60-minute train ride to Shelburne and back featuring Halloween story time with a cookie and juice box for each child, popular costumed characters, a small goodie bag and more! Costumes encouraged! Fee: \$29 per person, children under one year may share a seat with an adult at no extra charge. 8 am – 6 pm with trains leaving at 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm, and 7 pm. One Main St. (802) 872-9000. www.halloweenexpressvt.com. Also October 30.

BURLINGTON. Vermont International Film Festival. See website for schedule. Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center. viff.org. Through October 30.

BURLINGTON. Halloween Howl. Come in your spookiest, funniest, and most awesome costume. Hayride, candy-free haunted walk, crafts, get your face painted, dance to spooky music, fun fall games, listen to some scary storytelling! The haunted walk is wheelchair-accessible. Food trucks! 1 pm. Oakledge Park. (802) 881-7767. enjoyburlington.com.

BURLINGTON. Burlington Halloween Ride. Join hundreds of riders for a rolling Halloween costume party! The police-escorted parade begins at City Hall Park at 2 pm. Bike decorating and other activities begin at 1:30 pm. Costume contest with great prizes, free stickers and spoke cards! The easy four-mile ride ends at Oakledge Park at the Halloween Howl, a fun and free event for kids! 2 pm at City Hall Park. (802) 540-0319.

BURLINGTON. Play: *American Hero*. Tickets \$32/\$28.80. 2 pm. FlynnSpace, 153 Main St. (802) 863-7992. flynncenter.org.

ESSEX JUNCTION. Essex Fall Craft and Fine Art Show. Artists, painters, sculptors, art dealers, and collectors. Admission \$8, includes admission to the Fall Vermont Antique Expo and Sale the same weekend also at the Expo. Free parking. 10 am – 4 pm. Champlain Valley Expo, 105 Pearl St. vtcrafts.com.

ESSEX JUNCTION. Fall Vermont Antique Expo and Sale. Established antique and vintage collectible dealers and individual sellers. Admission \$8 includes admission to the Fall Essex Craft & Fine Art Show on the same weekend. 10 am – 4 pm. Champlain Valley Exposition, 105 Pearl St. (802) 878-5545. cvexpo.org.

MIDDLEBURY. Ninth Annual Middlebury Spooktacular. Halloween event for kids of all ages! Dress in costume and play games and activities then trick-or-treat down Main Street! 1 pm. On the Middlebury Town Green. bettermiddleburypartnership.org. Also October 31.

SHELburne. Shelburne Halloween Parade and Trick-or-Treating. Parade begins at 2 pm on Falls Rd. Trick-or-treating and costume contest at the Town Gym 2:30-4 pm. Music and free food at the Fire Station 2:30-4:30 pm. (802) 658-4061.

SHELburne. Haunted Happenings. The museum's grounds will be transformed into a fantastic Halloween landscape. Don your favorite costume and get ready for tricks, treats and fun activities. Visitors encouraged to bring donations of non-perishable food items. Admission \$6, children under 2 free. 10 am – 1 pm. Shelburne Museum, 6000 Shelburne Rd. (802) 985-3346. www.shelburnemuseum.org.

SPRINGFIELD. Benefit Concert. Join The Sky Blue Boys for an afternoon of music to benefit services for local folks in need. 4 pm. Donations accepted for the North Springfield Warming Shelter. 4 pm. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 33 Fairground Rd. (802) 899-2223. farm@tds.net

WOODSTOCK. 23rd Annual Family Halloween. Pumpkin carving, doughnuts-on-a-string, wagon rides, cranking pumpkin ice cream, plus "not-too-scary" Halloween stories, pumpkin games, and animal programs will be featured. Costume parades around the farm will be held at 12 & 2 p.m., and all children will receive a ribbon. Children in costume receive free admission when accompanied by an adult who pay the regular admission fees of \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12N & Old River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

BENNINGTON. Third Annual Haunted Monument. Ghosts and ghouls take over the Monument for a spooky Halloween tour. 6–9 pm. Bennington Battle Monument, Old Bennington. (802) 447-0550.

BURLINGTON. Halloween at ECHO. Have your face painted in the morning with HyperFocus Art, trick-or-treat around the building, make special spooky crafts, and more. At noon and 1 pm, join the University of Vermont Chemistry Club for fun experiments! Come see spectacular examples of chemistry happening before your eyes. Half-price admission for kids in costume. ECHO, One College St. (877) 324-6386. echovermont.org.

COLCHESTER. Horses for Hope Halloween Bash at Enniskerry Farm. Trick or treating with the horses, pony rides, silent auction, games for the kids, treats for the horse and families, costume contest, silent auction and Pony-Paddy Bingo! All money raised will go to the American Cancer Society. Luminary Ceremony to remember those loved ones lost and those fighting their battle. Bags can be purchased the day of the event. Tickets \$5 per family member includes trick or treating, games and a pony ride and can be purchased the day of the event. 10 am – 2 pm. Enniskerry Farm, 906 Middle Rd. (802) 872-9992. www.enniskerryfarm.com.

MIDDLEBURY. Ninth Annual Middlebury Spooktacular. Halloween event for kids of all ages! Dress in costume and play games and activities then trick-or-treat down Main Street! 1 pm. On the Middlebury Town Green. bettermiddleburypartnership.org.

ST. JOHNSBURY. Trick-or-Treat at Fairbanks Museum. Enjoy a spooky night at the museum. All families with children welcome on Halloween! 4-8 pm. Fairbanks Museum, 1302 Main St. (802) 748-2372. fairbanksmuseum.org.

WOODSTOCK. Program: Conservation Through the Artist's Eye. View works by acclaimed landscape painters in the Mansion and explore how art influenced the conservation movement. The Billings' Collection includes paintings by Cole, Bierstadt and Durand. Admission \$8, seniors \$4, 15 and younger free. 1-2:30 pm. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Park, 54 Elm St. (802) 457-3368 x 222. www.nps.gov. Every Monday and Thursday through October 31.

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 – 5pm. Chimney Point State Historic Site, 8149 VT Rt. 17W. (802) 759-2412. historicites.vermont.gov. Through October 10.

ARLINGTON. Equinox Skyline Drive. An unforgettable drive to the summit of Mount Equinox. Scenic picnic areas. Hiking trails at the summit. Newly opened visitor's center. Admission: automobiles, \$15 car and driver, \$5 per passenger (under 10 free); motorcycles \$12 bike and driver, no passenger fee. Open 9 am – 5 pm. 42 Skyline Dr. off Rt. 7A. (802) 362-1114. www.equinoxmountain.com. Through October 31.

Ongoing Activities 2016, continued:

BARNET. Karme Choling Shambhala Meditation Center. Meditation practice and contemplative study in beautiful rural Vermont. Karme Choling, 369 Patneade Lane. (802) 633-2384. reception@karmecholing.org. www.karmecholing.org.

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

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

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

BENNINGTON. Arthur Miller Play: *The Ride Down Mt. Morgan.* Admission \$37. Students \$12. Dinner & theatre for 2, \$90.52 w/service fee. Dinner at Pangea or Mt. Anthony Country Club. Play performed at Oldcastle Theatre Company, 331 Main St. (802) 447-0564. www.oldcastletheatre.org. *October 7-23.*

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. \$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.

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

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

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

BURLINGTON. Composting Course. Learn the basics of backyard composting in just four short weeks through an online Master Composter course offered by the University of Vermont (UVM) Extension Master Gardener program through GoToWebinar. Classes held from 6:15 to 9 pm on September 22, 29 and Oct. 6 and 13. Register by September 9. Fee: \$50 includes the online training manual. (802) 656-9562. www.go.uvm.edu/mastercompostercourse.

BURLINGTON. Saturday Story Time. Enjoy timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Each week, we'll choose a new picture book, a classic, or a staff favorite. We might even take audience requests! Free. 11 am. Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. kristen@phoenixbooks.biz. www.phoenixbooks.biz. *On Saturdays.*

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

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

CHESTER. Vermont Inn to Inn Walking. One of the most independent and relaxing ways to observe and explore historic sites, swimming holes, antique shops, book stores, covered bridges, farms, lakes and mountain streams. Each day offers a new and unique walking route from one inn to another with each inn offering its own style of food, accommodations and Vermont hospitality! 321 Main St. (802) 875-4288. *Through October 28.*

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

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

CORNISH, NH. Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site. Open daily 9 am – 4:30 pm. Admission \$7, children 16 free. Federal Golden Age Passports are honored. Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, 139 Saint-Gardens Rd. www.nps.gov/saga. *Through October 31.*

ESSEX. Storytime: Whole Book Approach. This method has proven successful for a wide range of ages, reading levels, and learning styles. Traditional storytime “dropouts” are encouraged to attend. Saturdays weekly at 10 am beginning October 1. Phoenix Books Essex, 21 Essex Way. (802) 872-7111. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

GRANITEVILLE. Rock of Ages Visitors Center. Order custom granite house plates, desk plates and street number plates. Rock of Ages Visitor's Center, 558 Graniteville Rd. (802) 476-3119. rockofages.com. rockofagesgiftshop.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, specializing in summer hats, is located in the old wooden extension, and a 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.

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

HUBBARDTON. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site. Children's colonial dress-up basket. Bring your flag to be raised over the Hubbardton Battlefield and receive a certificate. Admission: adults \$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. historicites.vermont.gov/Hubbardton. *Through October 10.*

HUNTINGTON. Sundays for Fledglings. Kids discover birds from feathers to flying, from art to zoology and develop skills in observation, research, and just goofing around. Earn a Junior Birder Badge! Sundays 2-3 pm. Free, donations welcome. Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. www.birdsofvermont.org. *Sundays through October 23.*

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

Ongoing Activities 2016, continued:

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

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

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

MANCHESTER CENTER. Fall Foliage Tour. Join Backroad Discovery Tours in a comfortable 10-passenger vehicle for an overview of the area and suggestions of places to visit, things to do & dining options. Tours include sweeping mountain/valley vistas; the oldest marble quarry in the U.S.; quintessential Vermont villages; a 3100-acre farm/forest preserve with outstanding views, a maple syrup operation, a private alpaca farm & the "birthplace of Vermont." 1-4 pm. Fee \$35 per person. Reservations necessary. (802) 362-4997. bckrddisc@aol.com. www.backroaddiscovery.com. *Through October 31.*

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

MONTPELIER. The Summit School of Traditional Music and Culture. A non-profit folk music school is offering 11 consecutive evening classes starting September 12. Courses include old-time banjo and fiddle, dance music from France and Brittany, Quebecois, West African drumming, American harmony singing, Appalachian clogging and percussive dance, Swedish fiddle, blues workshop, and repertoire of old-time fiddle, mandolin and guitar. Cost \$150-\$200. The Summit School of Traditional Music and Culture, 43 Barre St. (802) 917-1186. director@summit-school.org. www.summit-school.org.

MONTPELIER. Humorous Comedy. Sylvia – a comedy by AR Gurney is love triangle with a dog at its heart. Empty-nesters Greg & Kate, with the mongrel mutt Sylvia, prove that a dog is not only man's best friend, but sometimes his salvation! Sylvia, the dog – who talks – is played by Courtney Wood. Thursdays through Saturdays 7:30 pm and Saturday and Sundays 2 and 7 pm. Tickets: \$15-\$30. Lost Nation Theater, City Hall Arts Center, Main St. (802) 229-0492. www.lostnationtheater.org. *October 6-23.*

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

NORWICH. Evening for Adults. The Montshire Museum is open after hours for adults of all ages. Pull up a stool at the science discovery lab or simply explore the museum's visiting and permanent exhibits on your own. Jasper Murdock Ale and wine from Norwich Inn for purchase. Free with museum admission. 6-9 pm. Montshire Museum of Science, One Montshire Rd. (802) 649-2200. www.montshire.org. *October 14, November 11.*

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. Special Exhibit: "Independence Must Be Won: The Art of Ellen Viereck." Admission \$5 for 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. *Through October 10.*

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

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

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

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

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

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. historicites.vermont.gov. *Through October 16.*

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

RANDOLPH. 15th Annual Holiday Market. Shop for holiday gifts: works by both perennial favorites and new exhibitors. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. chandlermarket@gmail.com. www.chandler-arts.org. *November 17 through December 21.*

RUPERT. Tale Trail is Open at Merck Forest and Farmland. Spaced at intervals along the discovery trail (an easy, family-friendly hike from the visitor center to the farm), the trail features pages from a picture book relating to the surrounding woods. Parents can read a story to their children and introduce them to the environment. The first trail story features Anthony D. Frederick's *Around One Log*, a story about a rotting log and the creatures who make it their home. Open daily. Merck Forest & Farmland, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. www.merckforest.org.

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

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

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

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

Ongoing Activities 2016, continued:

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

SHELBURNE. Shelburne Farms. Welcome Center, Farm and Farm Store. Family programs, workshops, events. Open year round 10 am – 5 pm. Enjoy eight miles of walking trails in woodlands and meadows. Walkers, check in with the Welcome Center. Admission: adults \$8, seniors \$6, children 3-17 \$5, ages 2 and under free. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org. *Through October 16.*

SHELBURNE. Historic Barn Tour. Explore two magnificent barns (Breeding Barn & Old Dairy Barn) — their past, present, and future. 1½ hours. Admission plus \$3 fee: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 children 3-17, free to children ages 2 and under. 2:30-4:15 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org. *Every Monday through October 10.*

SHELBURNE. House & Formal Gardens Tour at the Inn at Shelburne Farms. Join our knowledgeable guide for an in-depth tour of the Inn and its formal gardens followed by self-service afternoon tea featuring sweets and savories made by the inn's pastry chef. Fee \$18, pre-registration required. 2:30-4 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8442. www.shelburnefarms.org. *Every Tuesday and Thursday through October 13.*

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

SPRINGFIELD. Eureka Schoolhouse. Open weekends 10 am – 4 pm. Free admission, donations appreciated. Eureka Schoolhouse State Historic Site, 470 Charlestown Rd. (802) 828-3051. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. *Through October 10.*

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

STATEWIDE. Fall Gamebird Hunting Seasons. Vermont's hunting season for ruffed grouse started September 24 and runs through December 31. Daily limit is four grouse with a possession limit of eight. The woodcock hunting starts October 1 and runs through November 14. Daily limit is three woodcock with a possession limit of nine. For information on hunting in Vermont get a copy of the 2016 Hunting, Fishing & Trapping Laws and Guide available from license agents and the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. (802) 828-1000. fwinformation@vermont.gov. vtfishandwildlife.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. director@morrillhomestead.org. www.morrillhomestead.org. *Through October 10.*

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

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

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

VERGENNES. Underwater Historic Preserves. Five shipwrecks in Lake Champlain are marked and open for scuba divers. Coast Guard-approved yellow buoys identify the Preserves. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. off Rt. 22A. (802) 475-2022. info@lcmmm.org. www.lcmmm.org. *Through late October.*

VERGENNES. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Step aboard replica 1776 gunboat Philadelphia II. Explore some of the lake's 300+ historic shipwrecks in our Nautical Archaeology Center. Key to Liberty exhibit. 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. Admission: 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@lcmmm.org. www.lcmmm.org. *Through late October.*

WEST DOVER. Scenic Chairlift Rides. Take a scenic ride on the Bluebird Express to the summit of Mount Snow daily 10 am – 5 pm through October 10, then Weds.thru' Sundays. Views include Somerset Reservoir, Mount Monadnock, and sometimes even Mount Washington. Round-trip lift tickets: adults \$15 or \$20 all day; youth (6-18) \$10 & \$15, seniors and children under 5 free. 39 Mount Snow Rd. (800) 245-SNOW. www.mountsnow.com.

WEYBRIDGE. UVM Morgan Horse Farm. The UVM “government” line of Morgan Horse is considered one of 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. uvm.morgans@uvm.edu. www.uvm.edu/morgan. *Through October 31.*

WEST RUTLAND. Vermont Herbal General Store. Owned and operated by a registered pharmacist. Tai' Chi Gung classes, Tuesdays at 5 pm at the store. Free intro classes. Usul & Karuna Reiki Healings & Classes. Handmade Herbal Medicines, Oils, Essences, Crystals, Gemstones & Books. Teas, Lotions, and Capsules. All are welcome. Open Tuesday & Wednesday 1-6, Thursday-Saturday 12-6, Sunday 1-4, closed Friday. Vermont Herbal General Store, 578 Main St. (802) 438-2766. info@vermonthherbal.com. On Facebook and Twitter. www.vermonthherbal.com.

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

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

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

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

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Upper Valley Seed Savers meet on the second Thursday of the month at 5 pm at Upper Valley Food Coop through the winter. Our mission is to further knowledge about seed saving and to work on projects that will help develop a body of 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.

Ongoing Activities 2016, continued:

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. William.jenney@vermont.gov. www.historicsites.vermont.gov. *Through October 10.*

WINDSOR. Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery. Come and explore our gardens. 10 am – 5 pm, Thursday through Sunday through September; Friday-Sun in October and November. 1747 Hunt Rd. (802) 674-6825. www.garymilek.com. www.ciderhillgardens.com.

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

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

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

MUSEUMS, EXHIBITS & GALLERIES

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

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

BELLOWS FALLS. Art Exhibit: Abstract and Landscape Photography of Jimmy Jenner, Jr. The shots represent the Old Railroad and Old Mills, including some shots taken just across the river in New Hampshire at the Historic Round House. Opening Reception: August 19th, 4-7 pm, in conjunction with BF3F. Flat Iron Exchange, 51 the Square. (802) 460-0357. *Through October.*

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

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

BENNINGTON. Exhibit: Something About Summer—Paintings by Mark Barry. Featuring images based on his everyday life spent with family and friends in Maryland and Vermont. Open daily, 10 am – 5 pm. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. benningtonmuseum.org. *Through October 2.*

BENNINGTON. The Dollhouse and Toy Museum of Vermont. Dolls and dollhouses, puppets, trucks and trains, toys, and educational displays. Museum shop. Admission is \$2 for children three and older, \$4 for adults and \$10 for families. Open Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 pm. 212 Union St. at the corner of Valentine St. (802) 681-3767. www.dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com.

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

BENNINGTON. Exhibit—Duane Michals: Photographs from the Floating World. One of the great photographic innovators of the last century, widely known for his work with series, multiple exposures, and text. Admission: \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and students over 18. Open daily, 10 am – 5 pm. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. www.benningtonmuseum.org. *Through October 30.*

BENNINGTON. Exhibition: "Milton Avery's Vermont." A focused look at the work of this great American modernist who summered in southern Vermont 1935 through 1943. Admission \$10 adults, \$9 seniors and students over 18. No charge for younger students. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St., Rt. 9. (802) 447-1571. www.benningtonmuseum.org. *Through November 6.*

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

BENNINGTON. The Jane Stickle Quilt on Display. The Jane Stickle quilt that inspires quilters all over the world will be on its yearly display but shown for a short time (through October 10) due to the fragility of the fabric. Quilters from around the country plan trips especially to see the 1863 quilt comprised of 169 five-inch blocks, each in different patterns, containing a remarkable total of 5,602 pieces surrounded by a unique scalloped border. Admission: \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and students over 18. Open daily, 10 am – 5 pm. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. www.benningtonmuseum.org. *Through October 10.*

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

BRANDON. Exhibit: Catherine M. Palmer Drawings. Amazing colored pencil drawings. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Dr. (802) 247-4295. www.cmacvt.org. *Through September 17.*

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

BRANDON. Unique Art Exhibit—The Creative World of Stephanie Stouffer. See many of the Belmont, VT artist's internationally known images that appear on greeting cards, mugs, tapestries, pillows and rugs. More than 1,500 of her original paintings have never been exhibited or offered for sale. Stouffer is known for her vivid imagination, precision, and exceptional use of color which creates work sometimes described as 'folk art with a contemporary flair'. Viewers can see her masterful use of whimsy and the patience and love she puts into each piece. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Dr. (802) 247-4295. www.cmacvt.org. *Through October 29.*

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

BRATTLEBORO. 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. brattleboromuseum.org.

Museums, Exhibits & Galleries, continued:

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHESTER. 103 Artisans Marketplace. Hand crafted gifts, decorative accessories, small batch Chocolates and Vermont Maple products. Greenleaf Café now open. Owned by artists Elise & Payne Junker, exclusive showroom of Junker Studio metalwork. Open every day 10 am – 5 pm, closed Tuesday. Located at 7 Pineview Dr. and Rt. 103, south of town—look for the life-size moose! (802) 875-7400. www.103artisansmarketplace.com.

CORNISH, NH. Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site. Open daily 9 am – 4:30 pm. Admission \$7, children 16 free. Federal Golden Age Passports are honored. Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, 139 Saint-Gardens Rd. www.nps.gov/saga. *Through October 31.*

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

FERRISBURGH. Rokeby. From 1793 to 1961, Rokeby was home to four generations of Robinsons — a remarkable family of Quakers, farmers, abolitionists, artists, and authors. Today, the Robinson family's home is a National Historic Landmark, designated for its exceptional Underground Railroad history. Enjoy house tours, outbuildings and hiking trails. Open daily however the house may be seen by guided tour only, with tours at 11 am and 2 pm on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Admission \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 students, children younger than 5 are free. Admission is free on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 5 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. rokeby@comcast.net. rokeby.org. *Through late October.*

FERRISBURGH. Exhibit—Quaker Made: Vermont Furniture, 1820–1835. Several pieces by Quaker cabinetmaker Stephen Foster Stevens, along with account books, diaries, documents, photographs, and other personal items. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Admission: adults \$10, seniors \$9, students \$8; children younger than 5, free. Admission to the exhibit, “Free & Safe”, is free on Tuesdays from 1-5 pm. Rokeby Museum, 4334 Rt. 7. rokeby@comcast.net. rokeby.org. *Through October 30.*

GLOVER. Bread & Puppet Theater & Museum. One of the oldest, nonprofit, self-supporting theatrical companies in the country. The Bread and Puppet Museum is a massive accumulation of the puppets, masks, paintings and graphics of the Bread and Puppet Theater, housed in a 150-year-old barn in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, 25 miles south of the Canadian border. It is one of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets and masks in the world. Performances and tours available. Bread & Puppet Theater & Museum, 753 Heights Rd. (802) 525-3031. breadpup@together.net. www.breadandpuppet.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

HUNTINGTON. Art Exhibit. “In Layers: The Art of the Egg” is a show rich with layers, media, expression, and craft focusing on the beauty, biology, and essence of eggs. Daily. Admission fee. Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow. (802) 434-2167. museum@birdsofvermont.org. *Through October 31.*

HUNTINGTON. Birds of Vermont Museum. Features over 500 carved wooden birds, representing 259 species. Museum, special events and bird walks, exhibits, children's programs, gift shop, video, restrooms and trails with maps available. Admission: 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. *Through October 31.*

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

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

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

MANCHESTER. Visit Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home. Summer home of presidential son, Robert Lincoln. House, gardens, Pullman car, working farm and cheese-making facility, floating boardwalk, walking trails, museum store and welcome center. 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.

Museums, Exhibits & Galleries, continued:

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

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

MIDDLEBURY. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont. New Exhibit. Pedaling Through History: 150 Years of the Bicycle – The Glenn Eames Collection marks the 150th anniversary of the first pedal bicycle patent in the United States, *through October 16*. The oldest chartered community history museum in the United States, welcoming visitors since 1882. Exhibits, research center, and museum shop. Admission: adults \$5, youth 6-18 \$3, senior \$4.50, family \$ 12, under 6 free. Open Tues-Sat 10 am – 5 pm. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History, One Park St. (803) 388-2117. henrysheldonmuseum.org.

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

MIDDLEBURY. The National Museum of the Morgan Horse. New Exhibit featuring Jeanne Mellin Herrick's original paintings, drawings, works of art and artifacts relating to the history of the Morgan horse breed, *through December*. Exhibit: Stacey Stanhope Dundon's oil paintings, functional pottery, and full size horse heads, and local artist Gayl Braisted's paintings of barns. Gift shop full of Morgan horse t-shirts, books, and posters. Free admission, donations accepted. Open Thursday & Friday 1-5 pm, Saturday 10 am – 5 pm. The National Museum of the Morgan Horse, 34 Main St. (802) 388-1639. www.morganhorse.com/museum.

MONTPELIER. Vermont History Museum & Bookstore. One admission fee gives access to both the Vermont History Museum and the Vermont Heritage Galleries. Adults: \$5; families: \$12; students, children, seniors: \$3; members and children under 6: free. Open 9 am – 4 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. Pavilion Building, 109 State St. (802) 828-2291. vhs-info@state.vt.us. www.vermonthistory.org.

NORTHFIELD. Exhibit—World War: America and the Creation of a Superpower. The exhibit examines the way the two World Wars have defined the country's place in the world. Norwich University, Sullivan Museum & History Center, 158 Harmon Dr. (802) 485-2183. academics.norwich.edu/museum. *Through December 17*.

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

NORWICH. Exhibit: "Dinosaur Revolution." Undertake three Mesozoic Missions spanning 150 million years, mimic dinosaur behavior, and live large in reptilian role-play activities. Admission: adults \$15, children \$12, under 2 free. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Montshire Museum of Science, 1 Montshire Rd. (802) 649-2200. www.montshire.org. *Through January 1*.

PROCTOR. Vermont Marble Museum and Marble Gift Shop. Admission. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Vermont Marble Museum, 52 Main St. (800) 427-1396. www.vermontmarblemuseum.org. *May 21 – October 31, 2016*.

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

QUECHEE. Vermont Toy Museum. Collection of more than 100,000 toys. Toy and gift shop. Free admission to the museum. 10 am – 5 pm daily except holidays. On the 2nd floor inside Quechee Gorge Village, Rt. 4. (802) 295-1550 x 102. vermonttoymuseum.com. www.quecheegorge.com.

RANDOLPH. Ceramic Exhibit. Sleight of Hand. Clay and paint features the work of three internationally known ceramic artists organized by potter Holly Walker. Exhibitors are ceramicists Gail Kendall (Lincoln, NE), Sarah Heimann (Lebanon, NH), and Holly Walker and painter Laurie Sverdlove, both of Randolph. Thursdays 10 am – 5 pm, Fridays 10 am – 6 pm, and Saturdays 12-6 pm. Chandler Gallery, 71-73 Main St. (802) 431-0204. www.chandler-arts.org. *Through November 6*.

READING. Art Exhibit. "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. Also open September 30 from 5-8 pm for a tour at your own pace and without a guide. Box lunches available for after your tour. Hall Art Foundation, 551 VT Rt. 106. (802) 952-1056. www.hallartfoundation.org. *Through November 27*.

ROCHESTER. BigTown Gallery. Exhibits, readings, events. Gallery hours: 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. Exhibits, workshops, classes. Open Tuesday-Friday 12-6 pm, and Saturday 10 am – 5 pm. Chaffee Downtown Gallery, 75 Merchants Row. (802) 775-0062. info@chaffeeartcenter.org. www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

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

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

SAXTONS RIVER. Exhibit: "Outdoor Perspectives." Showcases Shane Harris' deep connection to the outdoor world of southeastern Vermont in all seasons. Main Street Arts, 35 Main St. (802) 869-2960. info@mainstreetarts.org. www.mainstreetarts.org. *October 17 through November 11*.

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

SHELBURNE. Shelburne Museum. Renowned for its collection of American folk art and quilts. Home to holdings of decorative arts, design, decoys, and carriages. The paintings collection includes French Impressionists as well as over 400 18th-20th century American works. Over 20 gardens with hundreds of lilacs and peonies. Historic houses and community buildings. Admission: adult \$24. Ages 5-17 \$5, under 5 free. 10 am – 5 pm daily. Shelburne Museum, 6000 Shelburne Rd. (802) 985-3346. shelburnemuseum.org.

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

SOUTH ROYALTON. "Fully Involved." Art exhibit by Tunbridge artist Bunny Harvey. 10 am – 4 pm weekdays. White River Gallery at BALE, 35 S. Windsor St., (802) 498-8438. www.balevt.org. *Through September 11*.

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

Museums, Exhibits & Galleries, continued:

SPRINGFIELD. Exhibit: Signs of Life. Contemporary paintings and intricate collages. Mary Welsh's collages are made of found materials; Roger Sandes's paintings look like silk and feel like eggshell. The Great Hall at One Hundred River Street. (802) 885-3061. Facebook.com/GreatHallSpringfield. *October 14 through April 21.*

SPRINGFIELD. Art Exhibit. "Fall Things Bright and Beautiful" sings the praises of the season on silk with symphonic sunflowers, jazzy geraniums and a whole rhapsody of roses. By textile artist Teresa Hillary of Charlestown, NH and the UK. Tuesday through Saturday from 11 am – 5 pm. Gallery At The Vault, 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. www.galleryvault.org. *September 15 through November 3.*

SPRINGFIELD. Open Wall Show: Kaleidoscope of Color. Beautiful photographs, paintings, sculpture, pen and ink, linen bowls, jewelry, mixed media and wood art. Steampunk table and hair "fascinators". A non-juried show for artists living in a 30 mile radius of Springfield. The works are on display along with wooden toys for the younger set. Open 11 am – 5 pm. Tuesday-Saturday. Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. galleryvault@vermontel.net. www.galleryvault.org. *Through October 27.*

STOWE. Art Exhibit. Paintings and drawings by NYC artist Pat Steir will be on display, accompanied by a video of Steir by local artist Molly Davies. Exhibit: "Intergalactic Current," collaged paintings by visual artist Sally Gil. Admission by donation. Wednesdays-Saturdays 12-5 pm. Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond St. (802) 253-8358. gallery@helenday.com. www.helenday.com. *Through November 13.*

STOWE. 25th Annual "Exposed"—2015 Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition. 21 monumental sculptures and installations from a mix of emerging local to internationally recognized artists. Self-guided cellphone audio tours; an extensive website; walkabout tours; a full color catalogue with images and descriptions; and a comprehensive map. Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond St. (802) 253-8358. hdacexhibits@helenday.com. www.helenday.com. *Through October 15.*

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

ST. JOHNSBURY. The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain and Dog Chapel. Free. Summer hours: Gallery open seven days a week. Dog Chapel open seven days a week from dawn to dusk. Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. off Spaulding Rd. (800) 449-2580. contact@dogmt.com. www.dogmt.com.

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

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

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Private and Semi-Private Printmaking Lessons: Collagraph with Susan Berry, Etching with Rachel Gross, Monoprint with Lois Beatty, and Solarplates with Sheri Hancock-Tomek. Fees: \$125 for a 3-hour one-on-one session, including materials. Two Rivers Printmaking Studio, 85 North Main St, Suite 160. (802) 295-5901. TRPS@sover.net. www.tworiversprintmaking.org.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION. Russian Exhibit. We take on a comet called "67P" and the Soviet space dogs, Belka and Strelka. Open Thurs-Sun 1-6 pm. Parking adjacent to the rear of the building. Located at 58 Bridge St., Studio 6, near the underpass. (802) 356-2776. info@mainstreetmuseum.org. www.mainstreetmuseum.org.

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

WINDSOR. American Precision Museum. The Museum preserves the heritage of the mechanical arts, celebrates the ingenuity of our mechanical forebears, and explores the effects of their work on our everyday lives. The American Precision Museum, housed in the original Robbins & Lawrence Armory, now holds the largest collection of historically significant machine tools in the nation. Admission: adults \$8.50, students \$5, children under 6 free, families \$20. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. American Precision Museum, 196 Main St. (802) 674-5781. www.americaprecision.org.

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

WOODSTOCK. 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. Admission: adults \$14, age 62 & up \$13, children ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. *Through September 18.*

WOODSTOCK. Billings Farm & Museum. Visit the Jersey herd, draft horses, oxen, and sheep and tour the restored and furnished 1890 Farm House. 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.

COMMUNITY MEALS

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

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

CRAFTSBURY COMMON. Community Dinner. We gather for a free community supper. Really; it's free! We have a great time with old and new friends. The food is great; the fellowship is wonderful—and you don't have to wear fancy clothes! 6 pm. United Church of Craftsbury, 7 Church Lane. (802) 586-8028. *Continues on third Wednesdays.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Community Meals, continued:

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

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

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

WEST RUTLAND. SculptFest 2016. A gifted group of artists will present sculptural installations and performances for SculptFest 2016. Opening reception on September 10 features live music by "Swing Noir" and refreshments, 5-8 pm. (802) 438-2097. info@carvingstudio.org. www.carvingstudio.org. *Through October 23.*

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY DANCES AND MUSIC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BURLINGTON. Slow Jam: fiddle tunes of North America and Europe, for all acoustic instruments. Meet other musicians; learn to play by ear. Beginner and intermediate level. 7-9 pm. North End Studio B, 294 North Winoski Ave. woodburystrings.com. *Second Fridays of odd months starting January.*

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

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

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

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

HANOVER, NH. Social Singing from The Sacred Harp. Early American hymns in the shape note tradition. Free and open to the public, no experience necessary, loaner books provided. Just fellowship in song. 7-9:30 pm. Hanover Friends Meeting House, 43 Lebanon St. danhertzler@gmail.com. *Second Thursdays.*

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

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

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

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

HORSEBACK RIDING & WAGON RIDES

BRATTLEBORO. Fair Winds Farm Wagon Rides. Half-hour reserved horse-drawn rides through fields and woods. Adults \$12, kids 3-12 \$8, minimum \$75, additional after 5 pm. Visit our farm store. Fair Winds Farm is a "Diversified, Horse Powered, Vermont Family Farm" at 511 Upper Dummerston Rd., off Rt. 30. (802) 254-9067. fairwinds@fairwindsfarm.org. www.fairwindsfarm.org.

Horseback Riding and Wagon Rides, continued:

LONDONDERRY. Wagon Rides at Taylor Farm. On the hour on the weekends. Rides last 45 minutes. Come early and pack up a picnic basket of goodies from our farm store. Our wagons each hold up to 10 adults. Prices: \$20 for everyone over age 7, \$10 for ages 7-3, under 2 free; private rides \$150 for 1-5 people, \$200 for 6-10 people. Mid-week private rides available on request with advance notice. Taylor Farm, 825 Rt. 11. By reservation only, call (802) 824-5690. www.taylorfarmvermont.com.

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

WILMINGTON. Scenic Horseback Trail Rides. \$25/40 minutes. Children over 6 can ride alone. Year round seven days a week by reservation. Flames Stables, Rt. 100 south. (802) 464-8329.

RECREATION & NATURE CENTERS

BENSON. Obstacle Race Training Center and Indoor Gym. Natural terrain with 60 man-made obstacles over five miles. Polar Bear Obstacle Challenge February 6. Events and races. Monthly memberships. Icebug footwear for sale. Open year round regardless of the weather. Shale Hill Adventure Farm, 517 Lake Rd. (802) 537-3561. shalehilladventure@aol.com. www.shalehilladventure.com.

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

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

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

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

NEWPORT. Tour de Kingdom. Cycling and biking the back roads of the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, the Eastern Townships of Quebec, and the North Country of New Hampshire. Call or visit website for schedule. (802) 249-9100. tourdekingdom.org.

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

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

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

SHELBURNE. Morning Bird Walk. Celebrate the return of the dawn chorus. Join naturalist Matt Kolan to explore shrubland, grassland, wetland, and forest habitats in search of the sights and sounds of our feathered friends. Fee: \$6, pre-registration required. 7-9 am. At the Welcome Center at Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org.

SHELBURNE. Shelburne Farms. Welcome Center, Farm and Farm Store. Family programs, workshops, events. Open year round 10 am – 5 pm. Enjoy eight miles of walking trails in woodlands and meadows. Walkers, check in with the Welcome Center. Admission. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org. *Open through October 16.*

WOODSTOCK. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park. Tours, trails, carriage roads, gardens and a mansion at Vermont's only national park. Admission: \$4 or \$8, under 15 free. Walk the grounds for free. Guided tours, reservations available. 10 am – 5 pm daily. 54 Elm St. (802) 457-3368. www.nps.gov/mabi/index.htm. *Through October 31.*

VERMONT FARMERS MARKETS FALL 2016

Barnard – Feast and Field Market, 1544 Royalton Turnpike. Thursdays 4:30-7:30 pm through October 20. (802) 999-3391. feastandfield@gmail.com.

Bennington Farmers Market in the Park behind Bennington Station Restaurant. Saturdays 10 am – 1 pm through October 29. (802) 681-3501. kaykeez@gmail.com.

Brandon Farmers Market in Brandon Central Park. Fridays 9 am – 2 pm through October 7. (802) 273-2655. cijka4@gmail.com.

Battleboro Area Farmers Market, 570 Western Ave. Saturdays 9 am – 2 pm through October 29. (802) 254-8885. farmersmarket05301@yahoo.com.

Burlington Farmers Market in City Hall Park. Saturdays 8:30 am – 2 pm through October 29. (802) 399-0149. chriswag31@gmail.com.

Burlington – Old North End Farmers Market at Dewey Park. Tuesdays 3-6:30 pm through October 25. oldnorthendfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Burlington – UVM Medical Center Farmers Market, Davis Concourse. Thursdays 2:30-5 pm through October 16. (802) 847-5823. tanya.mcdonald@uvmhealth.org.

Castleton Farmers Market in the parking lot beside Citizen's Bank. Thursdays 3:30 – 6 pm through October 6. (802) 273-2241.

Craftsbury Common Market on Craftsbury Common. Saturdays 10 am – 1 pm through October 8. (802) 586-8022. mama.kris.covill@gmail.com.

Danville Farmers Market on the Danville Green. Wednesdays 9 am – 1 pm through October 5. (802) 592-3088. cfmamanager@gmail.com.

Dorset Farmers Market at J.K. Adams Kitchen Store, 1430 Rt. 30. 5/8. 10/9. Sundays 10 am – 2 pm through October 9. (802) 353-9656. marketmanager@dorsetfarmersmarket.com.

Fair Haven Farmers Market on the Green. Fridays 3-6 pm through October 28. vfmrutland@gmail.com.

Fairfax Farmers Market, 961 Main St. Thursdays 4:30-7:30 pm through October 13. (802) 999-8486. jfamfarmmarket@gmail.com.

Hardwick Farmers Market. Fridays 3-6 pm through October 20. hardwickfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Jeffersonville Farmers and Artisans Market, 276 Main St. Wednesdays 4:30-7:30 pm through October 12. (802) 999-8486. jfamfarmmarket@gmail.com.

Jericho Farmers Market at Mills Riverside Park. Thursdays 3-6:30 pm through October 6. (802) 343-9778. jerichofarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Londonderry – West River Farmers Market at the crossroads of Rts. 100 and 11. Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm through October 8. (802) 875-5004. westriverfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Ludlow Farmers Market, 53 Main St. Fridays 4-7 pm through October 7. (802) 230-7706. ludlowfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Vermont Farmers Markets—Fall 2016, continued:

Lyndon Farmers Market at Bandstand Park. Fridays 3-6 pm through October 14. (802) 751-5178. lyndonfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Manchester Farmers Market at Adams Park. Thursdays 3-6 pm through October 6. (802) 470-4237. mfmvermont@gmail.com.

Middlebury Farmers Market at the MarbleWorks. Wednesdays 9 am – 12 pm through October 12 and 9 am – 12:30 pm Saturdays through October 29. middleburyfarmersmkt@yahoo.com.

Milton Farmers Market at Hannaford Plaza. Thursdays 4-7 pm through October 6. (802) 893-1009. btourangeau@miltonyouth.org.

Montpelier – Capital City Farmers Market, 60 State St. Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm through October 29. 9 am – 1 pm. (802) 223-2958. manager@montpelierfarmersmarket.com.

Morrisville Farmers Market at Hannaford Green. Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm through October 15. (802) 585-5267. berkshirebotanicals@gmail.com.

Newport Farmers Market at Vermont's North Country Chamber of Commerce. Wednesdays 9 am – 2 pm through October 12 and Saturdays 9 am – 2 pm through October 15. (802) 274-8206. breezyhillacresszych@yahoo.com.

Norwich Farmers Market, 300 Rt. 5 South. Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm through October 29. (802) 384-7447. manager@norwichfarmersmarket.org.

Poultney – Lakes Region Farmers Market, Main St. Thursdays 9 am – 2 pm through October 6. (802) 468-5805. poultneymarket@gmail.com.

Putney Farmers Market at Carol Brown Way across from the Putney Co-op. Sundays 11 am – 2 pm through October 9. (802) 387-4052. putneyfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Randolph Farmers Market at Gifford Park. Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm through October 8. (802) 728-2007. randfarmmarket@yahoo.com.

Richmond Farmers Market at Volunteer Green. Fridays 3-6:30 pm through October 14. (802) 434-5273. rfmmanager@gmail.com.

Rochester Farmers Market at Rochester Park. Fridays 3-6 pm through October 7. (802) 595-0342. vermont@sover.net.

Royalton Farmers Market at the South Royalton Green. Thursdays 3-6 pm through October 13. (802) 299-0592. msmoore@myfairpoint.net.

Rutland – Vermont Farmers Market and Rutland Downtown Farmers Market both at Depot Park in front of Walmart. Wednesdays 3-6 pm through October 26 and Saturdays 9 am – 2 pm through October 29. (802) 342-4727. summermarketmanager@vtfarmersmarket.org

Shelburne Farmers Market at Shelburne Parade Ground. Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm through October 15. (802) 578-3026. info@sbpavt.org.

South Burlington Farmers Market at University Mall, 155 Dorset St. Sundays 10 am – 2 pm. (802) 652-0188. sbfm@commonroots.org.

St. Albans – Northwest Farmers Market at Taylor Park. Saturdays 9 am – 2 pm through October 29. (802) 827-3157. alavista@myfairpoint.net.

St. Johnsbury Farmers Market, Pearl St. Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm through October 29. (802) 592-3088. cfmamanager@gmail.com.

Stowe Farmers Market, Behind Red Barb Shops, Rt. 108. Sundays 10:30 am – 3 pm through October 16. (802) 279-3444. stowefarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Townshend Farmers Market, West Townshend Country Store, Rt. 30. Fridays 4-7 pm, through October 14. (802) 874-4800. farmers@svcable.net.

Waitsfield Farmers Market at Mad River Green. Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm through October 15. marketmanager@waitsfieldfarmersmarket.org.

Whitingham Farmers Market at Whitingham Municipal Center. Fridays 4-7 pm through October 7. (802) 368-1946. charles@be.coop.

Windsor Farmers Market at State Street Green. Saturdays 11 am – 2 pm through October 15. (802) 359-2551. windsor.vt.farmers.market@gmail.com.

Winooski Farmers Market, Winooski Falls Way. Sundays 10 am – 2 pm through October 9. (802) 598-3867. maura@downtownwinooski.org.

Woodstock – Mt. Tom Farmers Market, Rt. 12N. Saturdays 9:30 am – 12:30 pm through October 22. (802) 763-2070. foxxfarm22@gmail.com.

Woodstock – Market on the Green at the Village Green. Wednesdays 3-6 pm through October 12. (802) 457-3555. info@woodstockvt.com.