

# Vermont Country Sampler

## December 2016 Calendar

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

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

**BURLINGTON.** A Christmas Carol. A spirited ensemble brings Dickens' fable of redemption to life on a magical set created by noted designer James Othuse. Tickets: \$15–\$45. 7 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. box@flynncenter.org. www.flynncenter.org.

**HANOVER, NH.** Cirque Mechanics perform "Pedal Punk." Steampunk-inspired circus features spectacular feats on wheels of all sizes in a heart-racing ode to the bicycle. Tickets: \$13–\$40. 7 pm. Post-performance discussions with the artists. The Moore Theater, The Hopkins Center, 2 East Wheelock St. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu. *Also December 2.*

**LEBANON, NH.** Performance: City Center Ballet presents *Clara's Dream & Clara's Tea*. Based on the classic ballet story, The Nutcracker, Clara's Dream was created especially for our Upper Valley audience. Tickets: adults \$32, \$24, \$16, student/children (18 & under) \$16/\$8. 7:30 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 N. Park St. (603) 448-0400. lebanonoperahouse.org. *Also December 2, 3, 4.*

**NORWICH.** Norwich Square Holiday Festivities. Many of the shops at the Square will be featuring great deals, candlelit walkways, and refreshments. At Norwich Bookstore Glenn Suokko and Simon Pearce will be signing copies of the new book, *Simon Pearce: Design for Living!* 4–8 pm. Norwich Square, Main St. (802) 649-1114. norwichbookstore.com.

**RUTLAND.** Exhibit: The Syrian Experience as Art. The works of twelve artists. Castleton University Bank Gallery, 104 Merchants Row. (802) 282-2396. *Through January 31, 2017.*

**STOWE.** Friends of the Stowe Free Holiday Book Sale. Christmas books and others with holiday themes for children as well as many bestselling novels for adults. There are choices for all ages that would go perfectly under the tree. Cookbooks, large "coffee table" books, bestsellers and DVDs will also be available. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 am – 5:30 pm, Tuesday and Thursday 12 pm – 7 pm and Saturdays 10 am – 3 pm. Closed on Sundays and holidays. Stowe Free Library, 90 Pond St. (802) 253-6145. www.stowelibrary.org. *Through December 31.*

**STOWE.** Film: Bach's Christmas Oratorio. Performed by the Hamburg Ballet and Orchestra. The ballet celebrates the six feasts of Christmas as Bach interpreted it in the six parts of his Christmas Oratorio. Tickets: \$16. 7 pm. Running time: 180 minutes. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. sprucepeakarts.org.

**ST. ALBANS.** 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees. Annual tree lighting in Taylor Park. A family event with activities, Christmas movies, music, and more, all in downtown St. Albans. 5 pm. (802) 309-4487. www.festivaloftreesvt.com. *Through December 4.*

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** A Christmas Carol. Presented by Northern Stage. 2 & 7:30 pm. (802) 296-7000. The Barrette Center for the Arts, 74 Gates St. www.northernstage.org. *Through December 24.*

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

**BRATTLEBORO.** Vermont Jazz Series Concert: The VJC Big Band and Wanda Houston: A Tribute to Ella. 17-piece big band pays tribute to Ella Fitzgerald, one of the greatest jazz singers of all time. Tickets \$20–\$40, students \$15 w/valid ID. 8 pm. Vermont Jazz Center, 72 Cotton Mill Hill. (802) 254-9088. www.vtjazz.org.

**BRATTLEBORO.** 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Cotton Mill Open Studio and Holiday Sale. 50+ artists and artisans from the Cotton Mill and surrounding communities. Culinary delights, exhilarating circus acts, music and dance performances, and pottery demonstrations. Shop the three floors of the mill for a variety of artistic creations. Free admission and raffle. An elevator operator is available for handicap accessibility. 4–8 pm. Cotton Mill, 74 Cotton Mill Hill. (802) 254-2542. www.thecottonmill.org. *Also December 3 & 4.*

**BROOKFIELD.** Christmas Tree Cutting. Already-cut or Choose & Cut. Wreaths and evergreen brush. Christmas Barn with local farm goodies, refreshments, maple, and more. See our electric train layout. 9 am – 4 pm. L.H. Stowell & Son Christmas Trees, 1591 Twin Ponds Rd. (802) 276-3382. lhstrees.com. *Also December 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23.*

**BRISTOL.** Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt. Santa has hidden Candy Canes all around the Green. Bring a flashlight and help find them. You may even find a very special candy cane with a prize winning ribbon. Hot cocoa after the hunt. Free. 6:30 pm. 1 Main St. (802) 453-5885. www.bristolrec.org.

**CHESTER.** Meet the Grinch! Children and kids-at-heart will get to meet Dr. Seuss's meanest and greenest creation when the Grinch himself visits. All ages are welcome to bring a camera and get a photo taken with the Grinch. Grow your heart three sizes by bringing a nonperishable donation for our local food shelf. 4 pm. Phoenix Books Misty Valley, 58 Common St. (802) 875-3400. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

**COLCHESTER.** English Country Dance. Band: John Dunlop (cello), Laura Markowitz (violin), Chris Rua (oboe, winds). Caller: Adina Gordon. Admission: \$10. Pot luck finger foods. 7 pm. Elley-Long Music Center at St. Michael's College, 223 Ethan Allen Ave. (802) 899-2378. val.medve@gmail.com. www.burlingtoncountrydancers.org. *Also December 16.*

**EAST THETFORD.** Donut Fridays at Cedar Circle Farm and Education Center. Join us weekly for a celebration of food and community. Cider doughnuts, samples of featured products, local musicians, and hot cider bring our farmstand to life in the chilly temperatures. Open Friday 12–6; Saturday & Sunday 10 am – 3 pm. Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center, 225 Pavillion Rd. off Rt. 5. (802) 785-4737. growing@cedarcirclefarm.org. www.cedarcirclefarm.org. *Through December 19.*

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5–9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. www.lasaletteofenfield.org. *Through December 31.*

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Vermont International Festival. Crafts from all over the world, ethnic and gourmet foods, and international music, dance and stories. Local cultural and ethnic organizations provide information about their programs with exhibits, demonstrations and workshops. Admission: \$7, seniors and children \$5, under 6 free. 5–8 pm at Champlain Valley Exposition, 105 Pearl St. (802) 863-6713. www.vermontinternationalfestival.com. *Also December 3 & 4.*

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**HANOVER, NH.** Tree Lighting on the Dartmouth Green with Quebecois Singing & Dancing. Join Revels North at 5:30 pm singing carols as the holiday tree is lit. Free, with cookies and hot chocolate. If you want to sing along, go to the Top of the Hop in the Hopkins Center, 2 East Wheelock St. at 3:45 pm and learn the tunes! 4–8 pm. Dartmouth Green. (866) 556-3083. hop.dartmouth.edu. revelsnorth.org.

**KILLINGTON.** Vermont Holiday Festival. Santa's Workshop: decorating ornaments, reading stories and meeting the "Big Guy" himself! Festival of trees. Sleigh rides. Jack Frost Marketplace with hand-crafted, Vermont-made gifts. Live music. Free admission with non-perishable food item, \$10 per adult without a donation, \$5 ages 12+ without a donation, 11 & under free; Santa's Workshop \$10 per child. 4–8 pm. Doors open at 5 pm. Killington Grand Resort Hotel, 228 E Mountain Rd. (802) 773-4181. killingtonpico.org. *Also December 3.*

## Friday, December 2, continued:

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**PERKINSVILLE.** Live Music Friday with Steve Ellis. A truly unique farm-to-table dining experience. 7–9 pm. The Inn at Weathersfield, 1342 Rt. 106. Call for reservations: (802) 263-9217. www.weathersfieldinn.com.

**PUTNEY.** Darol Anger's Fifth Annual "Keepin' It In The Fam" Holiday Show. Banjoist Tony Trischka, singer/songwriter Emy Phelps, bassist Ethan Jodziewicz and guitarist Grant Gordy join fiddler Darol Anger for an evening of mythical, magical, musical mayhem to celebrate the holidays. Tickets: \$24. 7:30 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill. (802) 387-0102. www.nextstagearts.org.

**RANDOLPH.** Movie: Her Majesty's Secret Circus. Professional acrobatics and juggling, hilarious physical comedy and a rock-solid message about saying yes to the challenges in life. Tickets: All seats \$6. 10 am. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org.

**SHELBURNE.** Christmas Tree Lighting and Lasagna Dinner. With green salad, bread and assorted cookies. Activities for children are available sponsored by the Pierson Library. Cost: adults \$10, child \$5, max. \$30. Caroling at 5:45 pm and light the Christmas tree at 6 pm. Methodist Church, 30 Church St. (802) 985-3981. shelburne.umc@myfairpoint.net. www.shelburneumc.org.

**SHELBURNE.** Artisan Market. For adults and older teens. Over 60 artisans, decorate your own wreath, savory treats and live music. Admission free. 10:30 am – 3 pm. Lake Champlain Waldorf School, 359 Turtle Lane. (802) 985-2827. www.lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org.

**STOWE.** Opening Reception: Members' Art Show & Sale: Festival of Trees & Light. Artwork of our members amongst thirteen community decorated evergreen trees and a beautiful Hanukkah display of menorahs, games, and dreidels. Feast of hors d'oeuvres generously donated by local restaurants; carolers to ring in the holiday cheer. Free. 5–8 pm. Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond St. (802) 253-8358. www.helenday.com. *Exhibit on through December 31.*

**STOWE.** A Traditional Christmas in Stowe—Annual Alpine-style Christmas Festival. Lantern parade and Main Street tree lighting, artisan market, "The Gingerbread Man" puppet show, visits with Santa & Mrs. Claus and a real-life reindeer, ugly sweater party, holiday author's reading, carolers, hay rides, candy cane twisting and holiday cookie decorating, arts & crafts, indoor free skate, warm holiday beverages & sweet treats. 10 am – 5 pm. Downtown Stowe. (802) 253-7321. www.stoweivibrancy.com. *Through December 3.*

**STOWE.** Book & Author Event. Mr. Willem Lange will read from his holiday book *Favor Johnson*. Free. 4 pm. Stowe Free Library Meeting Room on the 1st floor of the Helen Day building, 90 Pond St. (802) 253-6145. www.stowelibrary.org.

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## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Workshop: Tangled Paper Jewelry. Create unique and green holiday and gift jewelry using recycled and art papers to create new and functional paper gifts. Tuition \$70. 10 am – 3 pm. Currier Hall, 12 Church St. (802) 460-0110. sca@sover.net. www.stonechurcharts.org.

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Community Holiday Party. Music by Stringfield Springers of Saxtons Rive. Light refreshments. Friends' Holiday raffle draw. Silent Auction (ongoing until December 17). Free. 11 am – 1 pm. Rockingham Public Library, 65 Westminster St. (802) 463-4270. programming@rockinghamlibrary.org. rockinghamlibrary.org.

**BENNINGTON.** The Festival Gala: Reimagining Grandma Moses. Music and conversation, festive cuisine, fine wine, delicious cocktails and, of course, the silent auction. Closed-bid auction of works created by twenty-eight artists who reimagined the works of Grandma Moses. Free babysitting on site. 7-10 pm. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. www.benningtonmuseum.org.

**BENNINGTON.** A Christmas Carol. Shakespeare on Main Street presents this timeless holiday classic in intimate Readers Theatre style. Director Gary Meitrott adapts Readers Theatre to include costuming and movement by the actors, adding a dramatic element to the performance. Free. 7:30 pm. Oldcastle Theatre, 331 Main St. (802) 447-0564. info@shakespeareonmainstreet.org. www.shakespeareonmainstreet.org.

**BENNINGTON.** A *Christmas Carol*: Readers Theatre Style. Director Gary Meitrott adapts Readers Theatre to include costuming and movement by the actors, adding a dramatic element to the performance. With simple, yet elegant, Victorian furniture and costuming, five actors bring all of the characters to life using Dickens' original words. \$15 adults, \$9 age 11-18, children under 10 free. 7:30 pm. Oldcastle Theatre, 331 Main St. (802) 447-0564. www.ShakespeareOnMainStreet.org. *Also December 4.*

**BETHEL.** Christmas Sale. crafts, bake sale, white elephant items and raffle. Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. 9 am – 2 pm. St. Anthony's Church, 221 Church St. (802) 234-5605.

**BRANDON.** Concert: John LaRouche Trio. John LaRouche on the chromatic harp, Levent Unal on guitar, and Ellen Powell on bass, with Special guest Coogie DeFrancesco. Jazz tinged with Latin, swing and tango beats. Tickets \$20. Pre-concert dinner 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.** 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Cotton Mill Open Studio and Holiday Sale. 50+ artists and artisans from the Cotton Mill and surrounding communities. Culinary delights, exhilarating circus acts, music and dance performances, and pottery demonstrations. Shop the three floors of the mill for a variety of artistic creations. Free admission and raffle. An elevator operator is available for handicap accessibility. 10 am – 5 pm. Cotton Mill, 74 Cotton Mill Hill. (802) 254-2542. www.thecottonmill.org. *Also December 4.*

**BRISTOL.** Middlebury Community Wind Ensemble Winter Concert. Including the music of Gabrieli, Verdi, a tuba concerto with Dana Howe and a premier arrangement by Bristol's own Ken Weston. Free. 2 pm. Mount Abraham Union High School Auditorium, 220 Airport Dr. (802) 443-2227.

**BRISTOL.** Tea with Mrs. Claus. Bring your children in their fancy and finest attire. Includes tea & cookies, Mrs. Claus, a craft to take home and other magical treats. Cost: \$10. 1–2 pm. 48 North St. (802) 453-5885. bristolrec@gmavt.net. www.bristolrec.org.

**BROOKFIELD.** Christmas Tree Cutting. Already-cut or Choose & Cut. Wreaths and evergreen brush. Royalton Pre-School is holding a bake sale in the heated Christmas Barn from 9 am – 3 pm. Hot food, hot beverages and delicious array of baked items are available. Eat well, take some home, all for a worthy cause. Local farm goodies, refreshments, maple, and more. See our electric train layout. 9 am – 4 pm. L.H. Stowell & Son Christmas Trees, 1591 Twin Ponds Rd. (802) 276-3382. www.lhstrees.com. *Also December 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23.*

**BURLINGTON.** Breakfast with Santa. Have breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Sing along to Christmas carols, decorate holiday cookies and make ornaments. Please make a reservation. Cost: \$15/child. 8:30 am. Gardener's Supply Company, 128 Intervale Rd. (802) 660-3505. www.gardenerssupplystore.com. *Also December 4.*

**Saturday, December 3, continued:**

**BURLINGTON.** Children's Mini Horse & Buggy Rides. Taking place at the top block of the Church Street Marketplace, kids can catch a ride on holiday decorated carriages pulled by miniature horses from the Green Mountain Miniature Horse Club. Free. 1-3 pm. Church Street Marketplace, 2 Church St. (802) 863-1648. churchstmarketplace.com. *Also December 10 & 17.*

**BURLINGTON.** Holiday Concert. Bella Voce Women's Chorus of Vermont with guest artists Northern Bronze Handbell Ensemble. Tickets: \$18, seniors & students \$15, children under 5 free. 8 pm. First Baptist Church, 81 St. Paul St. director@bellavocevt.org. www.bellavocevt.org.

**BURLINGTON.** Book and Author Event. Storytime with Eugenie Doyle, author of the new picture book *Sleep Tight Farm*. Free. 11 am. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. kristen@phoenixbooks.biz. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

**DUMMERSTON.** Walker Farm's Elysian Hills Christmas Tree Sales. Ready-cut or cut-your-own. Fresh Balsam wreaths, centerpieces, and greenery! Country Store open with fresh certified organic produce. Free hot cider, hot chocolate & pretzels. Open Saturdays and Sundays 10 am - 4 pm, Mondays through Thursdays 12-4 pm, Fridays 12-7 pm through December 24. Walker Farm's Elysian Hills Tree Farm, 209 Knapp Rd. (802) 254-2051. elysianhillstreefarm.com. *Through December 24.*

**EAST CORINTH.** Northeast Slopes Ski Swap. Drop off donated ski gear in good working order on Friday. Leave items behind lodge if no one is available to receive them. 9 am - 1 pm at the lodge. Northeast Slopes Ski Area, 10397 VT Rt. 25. (802) 439-5789. nes@northeastslopes.org. www.northeastslopes.org.

**ENFIELD, NH.** Concert: Guitar Orchestra. The Mascoma Valley Guitar Orchestra's holiday concert is part of Enfield Village Association's annual Hometown Holidays event. Free admission. 1 pm. Community Lutheran Church, 96 S. Main St. (603) 632-7197.

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. www.lasaletteofenfield.org. *Through December 31.*

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Visit with Santa. Meet the firefighters and enjoy some holiday refreshments. Get your picture taken with Santa in front of the Fire Engine. Look through the trucks and the station. Cookies, hot chocolate, tea and coffee provided. Cost: \$16. 10 am - 2 pm. Fire House, 2 Lincoln St. (802) 878-6958. essexjctfire.org.

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**FAIR HAVEN.** Marble Mansion Tour. Free. Silent auction, free door prizes every hour. 12 noon - 4 pm. Marble Mansion Inn, 12 W. Park Place. (802) 265-4556. www.marblemansioninn.com.

**FAIRLEE.** Ninth Annual Community Energy and Climate Action Conference: Local Leadership, Local Action on Energy. A full day of workshops, sessions on net zero communities, innovative transportation initiatives, 21st century technologies, and updates on the most pressing policy issues in Vermont. At Lake Morey Inn. (802) 223-2328 x 112. jmiller@vnrc.org. vecan.net.

**GRANVILLE, NY.** 5th Annual Slate Valley Festival of Trees Opening Celebration. Held in conjunction with the Village of Granville Holiday Celebration. See our decorated trees. Hear carolers, enjoy cookies and hot chocolate. Free holiday art activity for children, free children's bag of goodies. 10 am - 4 pm Saturdays. 1-5 pm daily, The Slate Valley Museum, Downtown at 17 Water St. (518) 642-1417. www.slatevalleymuseum.org. *Exhibit through December 10.*

**HANOVER, NH.** Annual Hanover Garden Club Holiday Plant Sale. Boxwood trees and centerpieces, raffle prizes, decorations, home-baked goods, costume jewelry and gardening gloves. Proceeds support Hanover's summer town gardens and hanging baskets. Free admission. 10 am - 1 pm. The Black Community Center, 48 Lebanon St. (603) 353-4318. www.hanovergardenclub.org.

**HAVERHILL, NH.** Concert: Turning of the Year—A Holiday Mini-Fest. Seven-time all-Ireland champion accordion player John Whelan teams up with the American Roots trio Low Lily, and Scottish style fiddler Katie McNally for concert featuring music of Ireland, Scotland, America and Scandinavia. Includes instrumentals and lesser-known carols and winter classics, featuring three fiddles, accordion, guitars, mandolin and vocals. Tickets: \$22. 7:30 pm. Court Street Arts, 75 Court St. (603) 989-5500. www.courtstreetarts.org.

**KILLINGTON.** Hike Deer's Leap. We'll be spotting cars for this hike and begin the hike at the Long Trail/Appalachian Trail parking lot just east of Pico Ski area. After crossing Route 4, we'll hike on the LT/AT to the Deer's Leap trail. From the top of Deer's Leap Rock we'll descend to the Sherburne Pass Trail back to Route 4. Moderate, approximately three miles. Free, newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Killington section of the Green Mountain Club. 9:30 am. Leaders: Larry Walter & Vivian Bebee, (802) 775-3855. www.greenmountainclub.org.

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**LEBANON, NH.** Holiday Bazaar. Cookie walk, lunch, themed gift baskets, flea market, books, crafts, jewelry and lots more. 9 am - 3 pm. Lebanon United Methodist Church, 18 School St. (603) 863-7348.

**LEBANON, NH.** Holiday Celebration. Carriage rides, crafts, musical entertainment, refreshments, and a visit from Santa Claus. Tree lighting ceremony at 5:15 pm at Colburn Park. Sponsored by Lebanon City Hall and the Masonic Lodge. Free. 2-5 pm. Lebanon City Hall, 51 N. Park St. (603) 448-5121.

**LUNENBURG.** Annual Gingerbread Bazaar. Door prizes, games and contests, with great prizes. Vendors offering decorations, birdhouses and other woodenware, ornaments, dried soup gift jars, candles, Scentsy items, Angry Coffee Roasters goodies, painted products, Historic items and Lunenburg T-shirts. Homemade delicacies. Soup and bread luncheon. 10 am - 3 pm. Lunenburg Primary School, right off Route 2 in the center of Lunenburg. (802) 892-6654. www.topofthecommon.org.

**LYME, NH.** Tree Festival. View over 75 trees that have been decorated by sponsors to raise money for scholarships by the Lyme Utility Club. Raffle for trees, sleigh rides, hot cocoa and candy canes. Santa at 5:30 pm. Free. 4:30-6:30 pm. Town Common, Main Street/Rt. 10. (603) 795-2213.

**LYNDONVILLE.** Santa Claus is Coming to Town. Fun & festivities starting at Cobleigh Public Library and continuing at the Darling Inn. Holiday crafts and Santa, along with hot cocoa, cookies, and candy canes. Free. 10 am - 12 noon. The North Pole Express Train will run at 12 noon, 2 pm, 4 pm and 6 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets available at the Lyndon Freight House. Prepaid tickets required. 14 Depot St. (802) 626-9696. www.nekchamber.com.

**MANCHESTER.** Tractor Parade Weekend. From Memorial Ave. to Equinox Terrace. 5-6 pm. (802) 362-6313. visitmanchestervt.com.

**Saturday, December 3, continued:**

**MANCHESTER.** Hildene Holiday Open House. Robert and Mary Lincoln's home is decorated throughout the month as they might have done when they stayed at Hildene through the holidays in the early 1900's. Hildene's museum store welcomes visitors for a unique holiday shopping experience. Dressed in holiday finery, the spirit of the season abounds in our 100-year-old carriage barn! Apple cider, Vermont tastings & fresh cider doughnuts. The fragrance of pine boughs & sounds of the season. Distinctive holiday gifts. Open daily 9:30 am-4:30 pm. Admission \$20 adults; children 6 to 14, \$5; under 6, free. No admission for welcome center and museum store. Rt. 7A. (802) 362-1788. info@hildene.org. www.hildene.org. *Also December 4.*

**MIDDLEBURY.** Very Merry Middlebury—Santa's Arrival. 9:45 am Santa arrives via fire truck, over the Cross Street Bridge and up Main Street. Visit with him at the Middlebury Community House from 10 am – 12:30 pm. Horse-drawn wagon ride through downtown Middlebury. Free. Hot cocoa hut in Cannon Park; just 25 cents for a cup with all the fixings, open from 9:30 am – 2 pm. (802) 598-1696. experiencemiddlebury.com.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Middlebury Farmers' Market Annual Holiday Market. Christmas shopping at its finest. Our vendors have the freshest produce, meats, eggs, cheese, maple syrup, honey, hot foods, and a wonderful variety of crafts. 9:30 am – 2 pm. Mary Hogan Elementary School, 201 Mary Hogan Dr. (802) 948-2352. www.middleburyfarmersmarket.org.

**MILTON.** Breakfast with Santa. Delicious hot pancake breakfast. Seatings at 8 am, 9 am, and 10 am. Visit Santa and have a photo taken with him, listen to stories with Mrs. Claus and make a special craft in Santa's workshop. Bring a non-perishable food item for the food shelf. Cost: adults and children 12 and older \$10, children ages 3-11 \$5, under 2 free. 8-11 am. United Church of Milton, 51 Main St. (802) 893-1457. calwine@miltonfamilycenter.org. www.miltonfamilycenter.org.

**MORRISTOWN.** 16th Annual Festival of Lights. Visit by Santa Claus and Mrs. Clause, horse-drawn drawn wagon rides, a cookie walk, holiday movies, a bonfire, a parade and much more! Free. 8:30 am – 6:30 pm. MACC, 43 Portland St. (802) 888-6669. eallen@morrystownvt.org. maccvt.org/2015-festival-of-lights.

**NEWPORT.** Santa Festival. Take a tour of the Peppermint Trail, find Santa's Reindeer and catch all the gingerbread cookies. Caroling, winter sales, old-fashioned games, Santa! Ornament workshop, handbell choir, and wagon rides. Free. 1-3 pm. 210 Main St. newportlive@gmail.com. www.newportrecreation.org.

**NORWICH.** Gingerbread Festival. Silent auction of more than 80 gingerbread houses, handcrafted items, a gingerbread house-making demonstration, cookie decorating and kids' activities. \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Lunch will be available for purchase. Benefits the Family Place. Admission: \$5 per person or \$10 per family. 10 am – 3 pm. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 649-3268

**PERKINSVILLE.** Live Music Friday. With Steve Ellis on guitar. 7-9 pm. The Inn at Weathersfield, 1342 Rte 106. Call for reservations: (802) 263-9217. www.weathersfieldinn.com.

**PERKINSVILLE.** Cookies and Cocktails Cooking Class. With chef/cooking instructor/baker Molly Pam. Menu: eggnog spritz cookies, cranberry rugelach, gingerbread snowflakes with juniper royal icing, toffee bars, chocolate rum balls. Cocktails: eggnog, pear and ginger bellini, cranberry whiskey sour. Fee: \$55. 10 am – 1 pm. The Inn at Weathersfield, 1342 Rt. 106. Call for reservations: (802) 263-9217. www.weathersfieldinn.com. www.mollypam.com.

**PITTSFORD.** Christmas Fair. Baked goods, handcrafted items, books, raffles, silent auction and White Elephant table. Lunch will be available. 9 am – 2 pm. Parish Hall, St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 2918 US Rt. 7. (802) 483-2301. www.stalphonsusvt.org.

**POULTNEY.** Santa is Coming! Story time at 6 pm at Poultney Public Library, 205 Main St. At 6:30 pm Santa arrives in front of the library atop a Poultney Fire Department truck to lead the children down the street to the Town Office for cocoa and cookies. After a dedication by Father Daniel Jordan from St. Raphael's Catholic Church, Santa will light the tree. (802) 287-5556. ppl5556@yahoo.com

**QUECHEE.** Winter Fair. Activities for children include puppet shows, cafe, ornament making and nature house. Books and craft and art supplies available for purchase. Admission and puppet shows free; activities \$2-\$6. 10 am – 2 pm. Upper Valley Waldorf School, 80 Bluff Rd. (802) 296-2496 x 11. www.uvws.org.

**RANDOLPH.** "Kamikaze Comedy" Live & Upstairs. Outrageous characters, over-the-top stories, and games that involve the whole crowd for an evening of hilarity. Tickets: adults \$15, students \$10. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org.

**RANDOLPH CENTER.** Floating Bridge Food & Farms Annual Holiday Market & Tree Cutting. 11 am – 3 pm. At the Red Schoolhouse at the Vermont Technical College Campus. Tree cutting at L.H. Stowell & Son Tree Farm in Brookfield. (802) 276-0787. Floatingbridgefoodandfarms.com. *Also December 4.*

**READING.** Holiday Craft Fair. Jewelry, candles, fiber art, homemade goods, pottery and holiday greenery. Lunch available 11am – 1 pm. Proceeds benefit Reading Historical Society. 9 am – 2 pm. Robinson Hall, 799 Rt. 106. (802) 484-7250.

**RICHMOND.** Holiday Market. Shopping, Santa, live music, food and more. 60 vendors in four locations: Richmond Free Library, Richmond Congregational Church, Richmond Town Hall and Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Santa arrives by horse and wagon at Richmond Free Library 10 am. Free horse drawn wagon rides 10 am – 12 noon starting in front of the library. Benefit silent auction, bidding ends at 2 pm. Main St. (802) 434-3979. sherry@westernslopesvt.org. www.westernslopesvt.org.

**RIPTON.** Open mic followed by featured performer: Jory Nash. An award-winning singer-songwriter, storyteller, and recording artist who blends elements of folk, jazz, blues, pop & soul into an original stew of sound. Delicious homemade baked goods, tea & coffee. \$10 general admission, \$15 generous admission, \$3 kids under 12. Doors open at 7 pm. Ripton Community Coffee House, Rte. 125. (802) 388-9782. rcch.org.

**RUPERT.** Holiday Wreath-Making Workshop. Fee: \$20 per wreath. 9 am – 12 pm and 1-4 pm. Merck Forest and Farmland, 3270 Rt. 315, west of Manchester. (802) 394-7836. 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.** Santa Train. Trains depart downtown Rutland from the Jeffords Train Station (Amtrack). Board approximately 1/2 hour before departure times. Visit Santa by walking or driving to the back entrance of the Opera House building. Entrance located across the street from the train station. Cost: \$16. 10 am, 12 noon, 1:30 pm, 3 pm, 4:30 pm. 25 Evelyn St. Call for tickets. (802) 776-7636. ghawley@catamountradio.com. www.catamountradio.com.

**RUTLAND.** Annual Festival of Trees. Auctioneer Bob Prozzo will present a huge selection of auction items. Cash bar. Tickets \$10. 5:30 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

**RUTLAND.** Meet the Grinch! Children and kids-at-heart will get to meet Dr. Seuss's meanest and greenest creation when the Grinch himself visits. All ages are welcome to bring a camera and get a photo taken with the Grinch. Grow your heart three sizes by bringing a nonperishable donation for our local food shelf. 10 am. Phoenix Books Rutland, 2 Center St. (802) 855-8078. phoenixbooks.biz.

**RUTLAND.** Rutland County Farmers Market Holiday Fair. Over 60 crafters will be attending with sewn, floral, jams & jellies crocheted & knitted items, and much, much more. Lunch is available. 9 am – 4 pm. College of St. Joseph, 71 Clements Rd. (802) 753-7269.

**RUTLAND.** Winter Vermont Farmers' Market. Local produce, crafts, prepared foods. Live music. EBT and debit cards. Saturdays 10 am – 2 pm and Wednesdays 3-6 pm. Vermont Farmers, Food Center at 251 West St. in downtown Rutland. (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through April 29.*

**Saturday, December 3, continued:**

**SHELBURNE.** Annual Holiday Fair. Huge artisan market, holiday singing, children's craft making, storytelling, magical activities, games, African drumming, homemade bistro food and more! Admission free. 10:30 am – 3 pm. Lake Champlain Waldorf School, 359 Turtle Ln. (802) 985-2827. [lespeshade@lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org](mailto:lespeshade@lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org). [www.lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org](http://www.lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org).

**SHELBURNE.** First Annual Gingerbread Festival. Gingerbread building competition. This year's theme is "Imaginary Places." Festive food and fun activities for children of all ages. Silent auction of goody-filled baskets. Free. 1–4 pm. Vermont Day School, 6702 Shelburne Rd. (802) 495-5150. [Imacdonald@vtdayschool.org](mailto:Imacdonald@vtdayschool.org). [www.vtdayschool.org](http://www.vtdayschool.org).

**SOUTH BENNINGTON.** Holiday Wreath Making Workshop. Create beautiful seasonal greenery, using natural materials. Music, cocoa and cookies while you work. Pre-made arrangements for sale. All materials included. Bring clippers and any items from home you wish. May include being outside; please dress for the weather. Fee. Please pre-register. 10 am – 1 pm. One World Conservation Center, 413 VT Rte. 7 South. (802) 447-7419. [oneworldconservationcenter.org](http://oneworldconservationcenter.org).

**SOUTH POMFRET.** Concert: Vagabond Violin. Classicopia presents Paul Chou, violin, and Daniel Weiser, piano, in a program of folk-influenced music from around the world. Includes works by Smetana (Czech), de Falla (Spain), Grieg (Norway), Kreisler (Germany), and Gershwin (USA). Tickets: \$20 at the door, 18 and under, free. 2 pm. ArtisTree Community Arts Center, 2095 Pomfret Rd. (603) 643-3337.

**SOUTH STRAFFORD.** Annual Holiday Celebration. 10 am to noon: gift making workshop at Newton School; includes materials to make ornaments, cards, gift wrap and other "to be treasured gifts", for all ages. 10 am – 3 pm: Artisan Craft Sale at Barrett Hall; two levels of handmade items, including pottery, jewelry, wood-turned gifts, original artwork, creative clothing, historical society treasures, wreaths and more. Several raffles. Open studio at 12 Justin Morrill Highway; original art for sale, including holiday cards. (802) 765-4512.

**SOUTH ROYALTON.** Christmas Craft Sale. Homemade items and raffle. Lunch 11 am – 1 pm. Proceeds benefit South Royalton Senior Center. 9 am – 2 pm. Royalton Academy Building, 4266 Rt. 14. (802) 763-7386.

**STOWE.** Welcome to Winter! Hot chocolate, holiday music, games, hay rides, Victorian-inspired crafts! 12 noon – 3 pm. At the David Gale Recreation Center, 336 Park Ave., behind Stowe Elementary School. (802) 253-6138.

**STOWE.** Stowe Community Church Christmas Fair. Hand decorated Christmas wreaths, needlecraft, baked goods, ornaments and decorations, hearts & crafts, Rada cutlery, a treasures and trinkets room, the Pocket Lady and books by our pastor, Will Vaus. 9:30 am – 2 pm. Stowe Community Church, 137 Main St. (717) 715-7158. [www.stowechurch.org](http://www.stowechurch.org).

**STOWE.** Homemade Candy Cane Demonstrations. Candy makers boil, pull, turn, roll and twist these special Candy Canes into works of art. Free to watch, or register ahead to make your own candy cane for \$6. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 11 am, plus 2 pm on Saturdays. Laughing Moon Chocolates, 78 South Main St. (802) 253-9591. [leigh@laughingmoonchocolates.com](mailto:leigh@laughingmoonchocolates.com). [www.laughingmoonchocolates.com](http://www.laughingmoonchocolates.com). *Through December 23.*

**STOWE.** Annual Alpine-style Christmas Festival: A Traditional Christmas in Stowe. Lantern parade and Main Street tree lighting, artisan market, "The Gingerbread Man" puppet show, visits with Santa & Mrs. Claus and a real-life reindeer, ugly sweater party, holiday author's reading, carolers, hay rides, candy cane twisting and holiday cookie decorating, arts & crafts, indoor free skate, warm holiday beverages & sweet treats. 10 am – 5 pm. (802) 253-7321. [www.stowevibrancy.com](http://www.stowevibrancy.com).

**STOWE.** Concert: Scottish master fiddler Alasdair Fraser & cellist Natalie Haas. Haunting laments from the Gaelic tradition to classically-styled airs, raucous dance tunes, and improvisations based on traditional themes. Tickets: \$20, \$27 & \$31 regular, \$37 premium. 7 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. [sprucepeakarts.org](http://sprucepeakarts.org).

**STRAFFORD.** Annual Holiday Celebration. 11 am – 2 pm: Friends of the Library Annual Holiday Sale and Raffle at the Morrill Memorial Harris Library featuring wreaths, bulbs, "regiftables," baked goods and three raffle baskets. 11 am – 1 pm: Historical Society visit with Santa at the Strafford Post Office. 11:30 am – 1 pm: lunch at the United Church, featuring pulled pork, mac and cheese, soup, sandwiches, and desserts, \$3-\$10. Proceeds support the Newton School trip. (802) 765-4512.

**ST. ALBANS.** 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees. Annual tree lighting in Taylor Park. A family event with activities, Christmas movies, music, and more, all in downtown St. Albans. 5 pm. (802) 309-4487. [www.festivaloftreesvt.com](http://www.festivaloftreesvt.com). *Through December 4.*

**VERGENNES.** Holiday Stroll. Breakfast with Santa at VUHS, Winter holiday Craft Fair at VUES, Bixby Library. Silent auction, see Santa arrive via fire truck, stroll, sing, visit & have a picture taken with Santa, read with Mrs. Claus, make decorations in Santa's workshop, decorate cookies. Champlain Brass Quintet, Victory Baptist Church Choir, Dickens Carolers, lighted SD Ireland Holiday Truck, Addison County Gospel Choir, City Park lighting. Free. 8 am – 5:30 pm. Vergennes Opera House. (802) 388-7951. [marguerite@addisoncounty.com](mailto:marguerite@addisoncounty.com). [www.vergennesdowntown.org](http://www.vergennesdowntown.org).

**WALLINGFORD.** St. Patrick's Church Annual Christmas Bazaar. A large selection of beautiful craft items, homemade baked goodies, including baked beans, a Chinese auction and silent auction. Themed baskets, along with our luncheon. 9 am – 2 pm. 218 N. Main St. (802) 446-2161.

**WATERBURY.** River of Light Parade. Bring your lanterns and join the parade or line the parade route. Music by Sambatucada and Jeh Kelu. Bonfire and hot chocolate following the event. Free. 5 pm. Departs from the Thatcher Brook Primary School on Stowe St. [mmonley@wvsu.org](mailto:mmonley@wvsu.org). [ariveroflightinwaterbury.wordpress.com](http://ariveroflightinwaterbury.wordpress.com).

**WEST LEBANON, NH.** Christmas Bazaar. Handcrafted items, holiday decor, homemade baked goods, needlework, knitting, gift baskets, holiday decor and jewelry, Grannie's Attic bargains. Coffee and homemade donuts 9-11 am; luncheon 11 am – 1 pm. 9 am – 1 pm. West Lebanon Congregational Church, 18 Maple St. (603) 298-8096

**WEST WINDSOR.** Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon. Fiddle music in the morning by Adam Boyce. 9 am – 2 pm. Town Hall, 22 Brownsville-Hartland Rd. (802) 484-5944. [www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org](http://www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org).

**WESTON.** Christmas in Weston. Experience an Old Fashioned Vermont Christmas. Visit shops, galleries and restaurants. Museum tours, horse drawn wagon rides, caroling, petting zoo, Santa, crafts and activities for the whole family. 11 am – 5 pm. In the village. (802) 824-0034.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Upper Valley Curling Club League Play. \$25 for the evening. For those who need it, the club supplies curling equipment. If you are interested in the sport but lack experience, curling club members will provide instruction at regular curling clinics. 5:30 pm. Barwood Arena, Highland Ave. (802) 763-99450. [www.uppervalleycurling.org](http://www.uppervalleycurling.org). *Through December 17.*

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Selections from the 2016 Maine International Film Festival with special guests Ken Eisen and Karen Young. 3-10 pm. Briggs Opera House, 5 S. Main St. (802) 281-3785. [wrfi.org](http://wrfi.org).

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** *A Christmas Carol.* Presented by Northern Stage. 2 & 7:30 pm. For tickets call (802) 296-7000. The Barrette Center for the Arts, 74 Gates St. [www.northernstage.org](http://www.northernstage.org). *Through December 24.*

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** 4th Annual White River Elementary School Holiday Craft Fair. 9 am – 2 pm. White River Elementary School, 102 Pine St. (802) 738-7373.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Christmas Bazaar. Crafts, knit items, food, baked goods, cookie walk, white elephant, jewelry and silent action. Lunch: soup and sandwiches. 9 am – 4 pm. St. Anthony's Church, 15 Church St. (802) 295-2225. *Also December 4.*

## Saturday, December 3, continued:

**WINDSOR.** Christmas Tree Sale. Windsor Boy Scout Troop 218 sells locally grown and fresh cut 5- to 8-foot trees as a fundraiser for Scout Summer Camp attendance and other program activities. Prices \$35-\$40. 10 am – 4 pm. Masonic Hall Lawn, Main St. (802) 436-2265.

**WINOOSKI.** Benefit Train Show. See operating layouts in a variety of gauges, books, videos, railroadians, toy train dealers, a food concession, and displays. Cost: adults \$5, children under 12 years old \$1, children under 6 years old free. 10 am – 3 pm. Winooski Educational Center at the High School, 80 Normand St. (802) 862-7634. jmalcovsky@comcast.net. trc.trains.com.

**WOODSTOCK.** Seventh Annual Woodstock Film Series Screening: *Taxi Tehran*. “With just three tiny cameras, a bunch of roses, and no budget, this enchanting film shot in the back of a taxi shows how little you need to make a great movie. —David Sexton, *The Evening Standard*. Big screen in the museum’s theater, with high definition digital projection and Dolby™ surround-sound. Tickets prices: adults (16 & up): \$11 per film. Children: ages 3-15: \$6 per film. 3 & 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** Christmas at Billings Farm. Learn how Christmas was celebrated in late 19th century Woodstock in the farmhouse and linger in the cozy kitchen as treats are baked in the woodstove. Holiday programs and making historic ornaments. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. Also December 4, 17, 18 & December 24 through January 1.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

**BRANDON.** Operation “Christmas for Troops” Packing Party. We send enough in each package for an entire unit, to men and women in the Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Army. Come and help pack. 2–4 pm. Brandon American Legion, 55 Franklin St. operationchristmasfortroops@gmail.com.

**BRATTLEBORO.** 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Cotton Mill Open Studio and Holiday Sale. 50+ artists and artisans from the Cotton Mill and surrounding communities. Culinary delights, exhilarating circus acts, music and dance performances, and pottery demonstrations. Shop the three floors of the mill for a variety of artistic creations. Free admission and raffle. An elevator operator is available for handicap accessibility. 11 am – 4 pm. Cotton Mill, 74 Cotton Mill Hill. (802) 254-2542. www.thecottonmill.org.

**BROOKFIELD.** Christmas Tree Cutting. Already-cut or Choose & Cut. Wreaths and evergreen brush. Bake sale hosted by the East Randolph Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary with chili, mac ‘n cheese, homemade soups, pies, baked goods, tea, coffee, and hot chocolate. Christmas Barn with local farm goodies, maple, and more. See our electric train layout. 9 am – 4 pm. L.H. Stowell & Son Christmas Trees, 1591 Twin Ponds Rd. (802) 276-3382. www.lhstrees.com. Also December 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23.

**BURLINGTON.** Music for the Winter Holidays. Browse for gifts while you enjoy live holiday music. Full Circle is a group of five women who play a mixture of medieval, Renaissance, Celtic, folk, and holiday music on recorders, tin whistle, harp, guitar, hammered dulcimer, percussion and voices. Their recordings will be offered for sale at the store. Free. 2-4 pm. Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. kristen@phoenixbooks.biz. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

**BURLINGTON.** Breakfast with Santa. Have breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Sing along to Christmas carols, decorate holiday cookies and make ornaments. Please make a reservation. Cost: \$15/child. 8:30 am. Gardener’s Supply Company, 128 Intervale Rd. (802) 660-3505. www.gardenersupplystore.com.

**BURLINGTON.** Play: Toys Take Over Christmas. At the end of the show kids have a chance to meet all the characters in the play along with Santa! Toy drive to benefit Toys For Kids of VT: please bring an unwrapped toy to the performance. Tickets: adults \$15, children under 14 \$8, all children including babies must have a ticket. 10 am, 2 pm, 6 pm. UVM Theatre, 85 South Prospect St. (802) 656-2094. theatre@uvm.edu. www.uvmtheatre.org.

**BURLINGTON.** Holiday Concert: Bella Voce Women’s Chorus of Vermont with guest artists Northern Bronze Handbell Ensemble. Beloved carols and joyous holiday selections from England, Italy, France, the West Indies and the United States. Tickets: \$18, seniors & students \$15, children under 5 free. 8 pm. First Baptist Church, 81 St. Paul St. director@bellavocevt.org. www.bellavocevt.org.

**CHESTER.** 2016 Vermont Voices series: Author Thomas Christopher Greene will talk about his fifth novel, *If I Forget You*, in which, twenty-one years after they were driven apart by circumstances beyond their control, two former lovers have a chance encounter on a Manhattan street. 2 pm. A discussion and book signing will follow the event. Phoenix Books Misty Valley, 58 Common St. (802) 875-3400. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

**COLCHESTER.** Concert: “Vermont’s Own” 40th Army Band Concert Band performing “Holiday Treasures.” Seasonal favorites including Leroy Anderson’s “Sleigh Ride,” “A Charlie Brown Christmas,” “Chanukah Is Here” and “A Holiday Sing-A-Long.” Free. 2 pm. St. Michael’s College’s McCarthy Arts Center Recital Hall, One Winooski Park. (802) 338-3480.

**COLCHESTER.** Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling. Crafts, songs, cocoa, cookies, and lights on the tree. Children can make a holiday craft in the library. Sing with the Colchester Community Chorus. The annual tree lighting follows outside around 5 pm. Free. 4-5:15 pm. Meeting House, 898 Main St. (802) 537-7297. jmuse@colchestervt.gov. colchestervt.gov.

**DUMMERSTON.** Walker Farm’s Elysian Hills Christmas Tree Sales. Ready-cut or cut-your-own. Fresh Balsam wreaths, centerpieces, and greenery! Country Store open with fresh certified organic produce. Free hot cider, hot chocolate & pretzels. Open Saturdays and Sundays 10 am – 4 pm, Mondays through Thursdays 12-4 pm, Fridays 12-7 pm through December 24. Walker Farm’s Elysian Hills Tree Farm, 209 Knapp Rd. (802) 254-2051. elysianhillstreefarm.com. Through December 24.

**ENFIELD, NH.** Moravian Stars Workshop. Join artist and retired art teacher, Tracy Smith, for magical paper folding and create the multi-pointed stars used in the Moravian communities to mark the Advent season. These handmade symbols of hope and celebration are fun to make, display and give as gifts. Cost: \$25 per person. All materials and refreshments provided. 1-4 pm. Enfield Shaker Museum, 447 Rt. 4A To register by December 4, call the Museum at (603) 632-4346 or email education@shakermuseum.org.

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. www.lasaletteofenfield.org. Through December 31.

**ESSEX.** Meet the Grinch! Children and kids-at-heart will get to meet Dr. Seuss’s meanest and greenest creation when the Grinch himself visits. All ages are welcome to bring a camera and get a photo taken with the Grinch. Grow your heart three sizes by bringing a nonperishable donation for our local food shelf. 12 pm. Phoenix Books, 22 Essex Way. (802) 872-7111. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Vermont International Festival. Crafts from all over the world, ethnic and gourmet foods, and international music, dance and stories. Local cultural and ethnic organizations provide information about their programs with exhibits, demonstrations and workshops. Admission: \$7, seniors and children \$5, under 6 free. 10 am – 5 pm at Champlain Valley Exposition, 105 Pearl St. (802) 863-6713. www.vermontinternationalfestival.com.

**HIGHGATE CENTER.** The Polar Express—Yearly PJ Story Time. Ages: 1-9. Lighted hay ride around town with caroling and Santa. Children are dropped off at the North Pole (library) for a reading of the beloved book, *The Polar Express*. Each child will get a special sleigh bell from one of Santa’s reindeer to take home. Hot cocoa and cookies. Tickets: \$10 donation. Tickets are required at boarding time. 5-6:30 pm. Highgate Public Library, 17 Mill Hill. (802) 868-3970. highgatepublic@comcast.net. www.highgatelibrary.wordpress.com.

## Sunday, December 4, continued:

**LEBANON, NH.** Performance: City Center Ballet presents *Clara's Dream & Clara's Tea*. Based on the classic ballet story, *The Nutcracker*, Clara's Dream was created especially for our Upper Valley audience. For Clara's Tea enjoy a light bite before the performance. Tickets: adults \$32, \$24, \$16, student/children (18 & under) \$16/\$8. 1 & 4 pm. Lebanon Opera House, 51 N. Park St. (603) 448-0400. lebanonoperahouse.org.

**LYNDONVILLE.** The North Pole Express. Fully enclosed and heated vintage coaches travel to The North Pole to pick up lively elves, Mrs. Claus and, of course, Santa. Snuggle in (pajamas are encouraged but not required) for narration, hot cocoa, gingerbread cookies and caroling. Santa boards the train and greets all passengers and presents them with a special gift. Tickets: \$25. Reservations required. Train rides: 12 noon, 2 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm. The Lyndon Freighthouse, 1000 Broad St. (802) 626-1400. www.thelyndonfreighthouse.com.

**MANCHESTER.** Hildene Holiday Open House. Robert and Mary Lincoln's home is decorated throughout the month as they might have done when they stayed at Hildene through the holidays in the early 1900's. Hildene's museum store welcomes visitors for a unique holiday shopping experience. Dressed in holiday finery, the spirit of the season abounds in our 100-year-old carriage barn! Apple cider, Vermont tastings & fresh cider doughnuts. The fragrance of pine boughs & sounds of the season. Distinctive holiday gifts. Open daily 9:30 am-4:30 pm. Admission \$20 adults; children 6 to 14, \$5; under 6, free. No admission for welcome center and museum store. Rt. 7A. (802) 362-1788. info@hildene.org. www.hildene.org.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Classical Concert: Cellist Sophie Shao and Friends. An afternoon of chamber music including Beethoven's C Minor string trio, Schumann's Piano Trio no. 2, and Dvorak's second piano quartet. Tickets \$25/\$20/\$6. 3 pm. Middlebury College, Mahaney Center for the Arts, Robinson Hall, 72 Porter Field. (802) 443-3168.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Opening Reception for the Annual Gingerbread House Competition. Free. 4-6 pm. Vermont Folklife Center, 88 Main St. (802) 388-4964. www.vermontfolklifecenter.org.

**MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS.** Annual Holiday Craft Fair. Light refreshments and luncheon will be served. 10 am – 3 pm. Middletown Springs Elementary School, 155 Schoolhouse Rd. (802) 287-9408.

**NORWICH.** Upper Valley International Folk Dancing. Traditional music and dances of Eastern and Western Europe, Scandinavia, the Mediterranean, and beyond, including line, circle and couples dances. All welcome. No partner necessary. Bring clean soft-soled shoes for the dance floor. Admission: \$4/\$8. 3-6 pm. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 436-2151. barthoj@vermontel.net. Also January 8, February 12, March 12, and April 9.

**PUTNEY.** Putney Winter Farmers' Market. Farm products including greens, storage vegetables, cheese, meat and maple products. Hot lunch, baked goods and crafts from fiber to pottery to wood carvings. Debit and EBT cards accepted, and 10 for 10 "Crop Cash" matching for EBT customers. Live music. 11 am – 2 pm. Green Mountain Orchards, 130 West Hill Rd. www.putneyfarmersmarket.org. Also December 11 & 18.

**RANDOLPH CENTER.** Floating Bridge Food & Farms Annual Holiday Market & Tree Cutting. 11 am – 3 pm. At the Red Schoolhouse at the Vermont Technical College Campus. Tree cutting at L.H. Stowell & Son Tree Farm in Brookfield. (802) 276-0787. Floatingbridgefoodandfarms.com.

**RUTLAND.** Handel's Messiah. The Rutland Area Chorus, soloists and orchestra will perform the concerts at 3:30 pm and 7 pm under the direction of Dr. Sherrill Blodget, Director of Choral Activities at Castleton University. Reception to follow 7 pm performance. Freewill offering. Grace Congregational Church, 8 Court St. (802) 775-4301. gracechurchvt.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.

**SAXTONS RIVER.** Artisans Cooperative Gallery Open House. During the Christmas tree lighting festivities. Many unique gifts and demonstrations by local artists. Refreshments. 2-4 pm. Store hours extended from 10 am until 5:30 pm that day. Saxtons River Artisans Cooperative, 26B Main St. (802) 869-2099. riverartisans.com.

**SHELBURNE.** Winter Gifts. Learn how to make easy, holiday goodies, and create "green" crafts with natural and recycled materials. Children ages 5 and up. Registration required. Cost: \$23, \$17 each additional child. Two sessions: 9:30-11:30 am & 12:30-2:30 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8686. cwright@shelburnefarms.org. www.shelburnefarms.org.

**ST. ALBANS.** Nutcracker Doll & Me Tea. Two hours of Nutcracker themed fun for children ages 3-12 and their dolls. Come in your prettiest dress and enjoy a fun afternoon with The Sugar Plum Fairy, Clara and all your favorite Nutcracker characters! Tickets: \$20 (includes a Nutcracker Ballet performance, Keepsake Portrait, tea refreshments, activities & games) to benefit Northern VT Ballet Company. 3-5 pm. Saint Albans City Hall, 100 Main St. (802) 393-8655. balletschoolofvermont.com.

**ST. ALBANS.** 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees. Annual tree lighting in Taylor Park. A family event with activities, Christmas movies, music, and more, all in downtown St. Albans. 5 pm. (802) 309-4487. www.festivaloftreesvt.com. Through December 4.

**THETFORD HILL.** Concert: Thetford Chamber Singers. The choral music program "For Each of Us," is about home, family, and extending both of these to strangers. Includes Argentine composer Ariel Ramirez' Navidad Nuestra. Tickets: \$8/\$15. 4:30 pm & 7:30 pm. First Congregationalist Church, 2596 Rt. 113. thetfordchambersingers.org.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Shopping Extravaganza. 20 craft persons and vendors selling jewelry, knitted items, home decor and more. 10 am – 3 pm. Newberry Market, 19 S. Main St. (802) 588-2013.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Christmas Bazaar. Crafts, knit items, food, baked goods, cookie walk, white elephant, jewelry and silent action. Breakfast with fresh fruit cup. 9-10:30 am. St. Anthony's Church, 15 Church St. (802) 295-2225.

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## MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. www.lasaletteofenfield.org. Through December 31.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. www.lasaletteofenfield.org. Through December 31.

**RUTLAND.** Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical. Tickets: \$30/\$40. 6 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Wreath Decorating Program. Bring in a 24" wide wreath made from fresh green boughs, grapevines or artificial material. Decorations will be provided by Alma Beals. Alma will guide the participants in arranging and attaching decorations to the wreaths. Free; Registration required. 5-7 pm. Rockingham Library, 65 Westminster St. (802) 463-4270. www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

## Wednesday, December 7, continued:

**BRATTLEBORO.** First Wednesday Lecture—"William Carlos Williams: America's Most Revolutionary Twentieth Century Poet." UVM professor Huck Gutman considers how William Carlos Williams changed American and world poetry forever by creating a new poetic language and new poetic forms. 7 pm. Hosted by Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main St. (802) 254-5290. [www.vermonthumanities.org](http://www.vermonthumanities.org).

**BURLINGTON.** The Dish: Food Waste Panel and Discussion. Panel: Theresa Snow, Salvation Farms; Ren Weiner, Miss Weinerz; Nick Savasta, Cheese and Wine Traders; Michele Morris, Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD). Moderated by Alison Nihart. Free; \$5 suggested donation to benefit Intervale Center. Cash bar. 5:30-7 pm. Doors open at 5 pm. ArtsRiot, 400 Pine St. [www.citymarket.coop](http://www.citymarket.coop).

**BURLINGTON.** *12<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Tales.* Produced by Vermont Stage. Pour yourself a cup of hot cider and grab a plate of molasses cookies. Featuring work by the Young Writers Project, poetry brought to you by the Young Writers Project, and songs written and performed by Patti Casey and Pete Sutherland. Tickets: \$28.80-\$55. 7:30 pm. FlynnSpace, 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. [box@flynncenter.org](mailto:box@flynncenter.org). [flynntix.org](http://flynntix.org). *Also December 8, 9 & 10.*

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. [www.lasaletteofenfield.org](http://www.lasaletteofenfield.org). *Through December 31.*

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** First Wednesday Lecture: "America in a New, More Dangerous World." Distinguished veteran diplomat George Jaeger discusses recent rapid changes in world power relationships and the key challenges America faces: from our perception of our world role and management of nuclear policy to our critical relationships with Europe, Russia, and China. 7 pm. Hosted by Brownell Library, 6 Lincoln St. (802) 878-6954. [www.vermonthumanities.org](http://www.vermonthumanities.org).

**MANCHESTER.** First Wednesday Lecture: "Where Am I? The Power of Uniqueness." Former Scenic America President and TED talk lecturer Ed McMahon highlights the importance of a sense of place and explores why our physical surroundings are worth caring about. 7 pm. Hosted by the Manchester Community Library at First Congregational Church, 3624 Main St. (802) 362-2607. [www.vermonthumanities.org](http://www.vermonthumanities.org).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Talk—"The Spirit of Christmas Past: Four Centuries of Christmas in New England." Kenneth Turino, of Historic New England traces the development of Christmas celebrations from 17th century New England through today. Holiday reception following the talk. \$10; reservations and advance payment requested. 7 pm. Meeting room in the Middlebury Town Office building, across the street from the Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. (802) 388-2117. [www.henrysheldonmuseum.org](http://www.henrysheldonmuseum.org).

**MIDDLEBURY.** First Wednesday Lecture: "Wallace Stevens and the Art of the Empty Mind." Yale Professor of English Amy Hungerford demonstrates how, in the early 20th century, Wallace Stevens set out to clear away a Romantic view of nature. 7 pm. Hosted by Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. (802) 388-4095. [www.vermonthumanities.org](http://www.vermonthumanities.org).

**MONTPELIER.** First Wednesday Lecture: An Evening with Billy Collins. The former US Poet Laureate will speak and read from his work. Reception in the Cedar Creek Room follows, hosted by Friends of the Vermont State House. 7 pm. Please note: all tickets have now been claimed. Non-ticket holders will be seated in overflow rooms broadcasting a video stream. At the House Chamber, Vermont State House. (802) 223-3338. [www.vermonthumanities.org](http://www.vermonthumanities.org).

**NEWPORT.** Community Holiday Celebration. With the North Country Brass Quintet, Newport Area Community Orchestra Wind Quintet, Holiday Choir, guest artists and carol sing-a-long. Admission by donation. 7 pm. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 44 Second St. (802) 334-7365. [www.nowplayingnewport.com](http://www.nowplayingnewport.com).

**NORWICH.** First Wednesday Lecture—"Magic and Loss: The Internet as Art." New York Times journalist Virginia Heffernan considers the Internet as a vast, collective work of art. 7 pm. Hosted by Norwich Public Library, at Norwich Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. (802) 649-1184. [www.vermonthumanities.org](http://www.vermonthumanities.org).

**RUTLAND.** First Wednesday Performance Lecture: If You Don't Want Your Slave to Speak Freely, You Should Also Forbid Him to Sing! Middlebury College Artist-in-Residence Dr. Francois Clemmons illustrates how the Negro Spiritual grew out of slaves' experiences. 7 pm. Hosted by Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. [www.vermonthumanities.org](http://www.vermonthumanities.org).

**RUTLAND.** Winter Vermont Farmers' Market. Local produce, crafts, prepared foods. EBT and debit cards. Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm and Wednesdays 3-6 pm. Vermont Farmers, Food Center at 251 West St. in downtown Rutland. (802) 342-4727. [info@vtfarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@vtfarmersmarket.org). [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org). *Wednesdays through April 26, 2017.*

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** *A Christmas Carol.* Presented by Northern Stage. 11 am - 7:30 pm. For tickets call (802) 296-7000. The Barrette Center for the Arts, 74 Gates St. [www.northernstage.org](http://www.northernstage.org). *Through December 24.*

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Concert: Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul and Mary). Tickets: patron (includes a "meet and greet" with Peter at 5:30 pm in the lower theater, with wine, beer and light appetizers) \$60; \$45, \$35, \$25. 7:30 pm. Bellows Falls Opera House, 7 Square. (802) 463-4766. [info@vermontfestivalsllc.com](mailto:info@vermontfestivalsllc.com). [tickets.catamountarts.org](http://tickets.catamountarts.org).

**BRANDON.** Concert: The St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble, an a cappella group from Russia, presents 'Masterpieces of Russian Choral Music: From Baroque to Classical.' Tickets \$20. Pre-concert dinner 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](mailto:info@brandon-music.net). [www.brandon-music.net](http://www.brandon-music.net).

**BURLINGTON.** Vienna Boys Choir Concert. Tickets: \$15-\$55. 7:30 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. [box@flynncenter.org](mailto:box@flynncenter.org). [flynntix.org](http://flynntix.org).

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. [www.lasaletteofenfield.org](http://www.lasaletteofenfield.org). *Through December 31.*

**HUNTINGTON.** Program: Predator Prowl. Can you crunch with your canines, catch with your talons, and munch with your mandibles? If so, you might be a predator! We'll forage for food, sniff for a snack, and hone our hunting skills. Let's howl, growl, and prowl! Ages: 3-5 with adult companion. Fee: \$10 adult-child pair, \$4/additional child. 9-10:30 am. Education Barn, Green Mountain Audubon Center, 255 Sherman Hollow Rd. Pre-registration required: (802) 434-3068. [vermont@audubon.org](mailto:vermont@audubon.org). [www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Very Merry Middlebury—Mid Night Stroll. Shops will be open late for extended shopping. Tons of sales, discounts, giveaways and other special promotions, as well as free tastings, live performances, traditional Christmas caroling, the holiday SD Ireland truck and more surprises! (802) 598-1696. [experiencemiddlebury.com](http://experiencemiddlebury.com).

**STOWE.** Film: *The Three Tenors Christmas Concert* with Luciano Pavarotti, José Carreras, and Plácido Domingo (2000). Tickets \$16. 7 pm. Running time: 81 minutes. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. [sprucepeakarts.org](http://sprucepeakarts.org).

**WEST RUTLAND.** West Rutland Marsh Bird Monitoring Walk. 3.7-mile loop around the marsh (or go halfway). Meet at the West Rutland Price Chopper parking lot at 8 am. [birding@rutlandcountyaudubon.org](mailto:birding@rutlandcountyaudubon.org).

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** *A Christmas Carol.* Presented by Northern Stage. 2 & 7:30 pm. For tickets call (802) 296-7000. The Barrette Center for the Arts, 74 Gates St. [www.northernstage.org](http://www.northernstage.org). *Through December 24.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Screening: National Theatre Live—*War Horse.* A journey from the fields of rural Devon to the trenches of First World War France. Music and songs, and life-size puppets who bring breathing, galloping, charging horses to thrilling life on stage. Tickets: adults \$20, seniors \$19, 12 & under \$10. 7 pm. Woodstock Town Hall Theatre, 31 The Green. (802) 457-3981. [pentanglearts.org](http://pentanglearts.org).



## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

**BARRE.** Vermont Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops Concert. In addition to excerpts from Messiah, traditional favorites, and a carol singalong. The program includes a marvelous piece by Sowah Mensah from Ghana that features African percussion. Tickets: \$30/\$24/\$10. 7:30 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. (802) 775-0903.

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Three-Day Advent Retreat: The Music and Mysticism of Hildegard of Bingen. Contemplative prayer and other spiritual practices, song, music, optional spiritual direction, informal discussion, personal time, and group sessions. Shared package: \$320, single package \$370 (Full tuition, room, all meals, concert ticket). Friday 5 pm – Sunday 1 pm. Immanuel Retreat Center, 12 & 14 Church St. (802) 460-0110. sca@sover.net. www.stonechurcharts.org. *Through December 11.*

**BROOKFIELD.** Christmas Tree Cutting. Already-cut or Choose & Cut. Wreaths and evergreen brush. Christmas Barn with local farm goodies, refreshments, maple, and more. See our electric train layout. 9 am – 4 pm. L.H. Stowell & Son Christmas Trees, 1591 Twin Ponds Rd. (802) 276-3382. lhstrees.com. *Also December 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23.*

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. www.lasaletteofenfield.org. *Through December 31.*

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Tree Lighting and Train Hop. See your old favorites, including Santa at the Teen Center, the Roaming Railroad and model train displays. Grab a map and tour train hop stations for a chance to win amazing raffle prizes! Free trolley shuttle to Maple Street Park for the festive lighted trees and music. 6-9 pm. Main St. darby@essexjunction.org. www.ejrp.org.

**HARTLAND.** Holiday Show. includes Hartland Community Chorus, Hartland Flute Choir and “The Crabbie Christmas Cabbie,” a theatrical vignette. Free, donations support Hartland Christmas Project. 7:30 pm. Damon Hall, 1 Quechee Rd. hartlandcommunityarts.org.

**HAVERHILL, NH.** The Pine Hill Singers. A peaceful, musical interlude for this holiday season! Admission by donation. 7 pm. Court Street Arts, 75 Court St. (603) 989-5500. www.courtstreetarts.org.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Live Radio Play: *It's a Wonderful Life*. Presented by the Middlebury Actor's Workshop. Tickets \$22/\$10. 7:30 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. (802) 388-1436. www.townhalltheater.org. *Also December 10 & 11.*

**PERKINSVILLE.** Live Music Friday with Draa Hobbs on guitar. A truly unique farm-to-table dining experience. 7-9 pm. The Inn at Weathersfield, 1342 Rte 106. Call for reservations: (802) 263-9217. www.weathersfieldinn.com.

**RUTLAND.** December Library Book Sale. Featuring holiday gift books. 10 am – 4 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. www.rutlandfree.org. *Also December 10.*

**RUTLAND.** Musical: *The King & I*. Presented by Rutland Youth Theater. Tickets: adults \$12, under 18 and over 65 \$10. 7 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 773-1822. www.rutlandrec.com. *Also December 10.*

**ST. ALBANS.** Holiday Tractor Parade. Free hot chocolate, photo booth, visit with Santa and check out the holiday tractors on display. Face painting and photo booth. 6 pm parade starts—from St. Albans Co-op Store up Main Street by Taylor Park. Donations of nonperishable food items will be collected at the entrance of the store. 4-7 pm. St. Albans Co-op Store, 138 Federal St. (802) 524-6581. stalbanscooperative.com.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** A *Christmas Carol*. Presented by Northern Stage. 7:30 pm. For tickets call (802) 296-7000. The Barrette Center for the Arts, 74 Gates St. www.northernstage.org. *Through December 24.*

**WILLISTON.** Concert: Brick Church Music Series—Carol Ann Jones Quartet, country/swing for the holidays. Tickets: \$14/\$12. 7 pm, doors at 6 pm. Old Brick Church, 100 Library Ln. (802) 764-1141. www.town.williston.vt.us.

**WOODSTOCK.** Woodstock History Center Holiday Open House. Special Wassail-themed exhibits, hot cider & seasonal treats. Celtic harp music & silent auction. Free admission. 5-7 pm. Woodstock History Center, 26 Elm St. (802) 457-1822. woodstockhistorical.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** Wassail Weekend at Billings Farm. Tour the festively decorated 1890 Farm House and make an historic ornament as a memento of your visit. Horse-drawn sleigh or wagon rides (weather permitting) on Sunday. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. *Through December 11.*

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Concert: The Fire and the Ecstasy—The Music of Hildegard of Bingen, with Ruth Cunningham, Melinda Gardiner and Lesslie Lassetter. Tickets: \$35, \$17 and \$13. 7:30 pm. Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 460-0110. www.stonechurcharts.org.

**BELMONT.** Christmas in Mount Holly. The true Christmas spirit resonates through the library with carolers, a Christmas skit by the Mount Holly Players, refreshments and, of course, a visit from Santa. Free! 4 pm. Mount Holly Library, 26 Maple St. (802) 259-9130.

**BENNINGTON.** Family Day at The Festival: Reimagining Grandma Moses. Enjoy crafts and more (activities require a small additional fee, up to \$5.) Any child who bring school supplies to be donated to children in need, is admitted free. Children's Shopping Boutique, 10:30 am to 3:30 pm, for children ages 4 to 12, price range from \$1 to \$10. Free gift-wrapping and gift tags are included. Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus from 1-3 pm. Bake sale. Children's Creative Classroom Creations—take a chance on wonderful pieces designed by the children and inspired by Grandma Moses artwork. Sale for adults, 15% off. \$3 admission. 10 am – 3:30 pm. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. benningtonmuseum.org.

**BENNINGTON.** St. Peter's Episcopal Church 76th Annual Christmas Tea. Fundraiser, with our best cookies and tea sandwiches along with tea, coffee and punch. The parish hall has been transformed into a beautiful candlelight tea room adorned with pine trees and wreaths, and the breathtaking high tea table. Christmas Shop for holiday shopping. Admission \$7.50, children 4-10 \$4.50, under 5 free. 3-5 pm. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 200 Pleasant St. (802) 442-2911.

**BRANDON.** A *Christmas Carol*: Readers Theatre Style. Director Gary Meitrott adapts Readers Theater to include costuming and movement by the actors, adding a dramatic element to the performance. With simple, yet elegant, Victorian furniture and costuming, five actors bring all of the characters to life using Dickens' original words. \$15 adults, \$9 age 11-18, children under 10 free. 2 & 7:30 pm. Brandon Town Hall Theatre, One Conant Square. (802) 282-2581. www.shakespeareonmainstreet.org. *Also December 4.*

**BRANDON.** Concert: Singer-songwriter Sarah Blacker with percussionist Aaron Katz. Rock, pop, indie-folk, and Americana. Tickets \$20. Pre-concert dinner 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. www.sarahblacker.com.

**BROOKFIELD.** Christmas Tree Cutting. Already-cut or Choose & Cut. Wreaths and evergreen brush. The United Federated Church Youth Group is conducting a bake sale in the heated Christmas Barn barn from 9 am – 3 pm. Hot food, hot beverages and a very tasty array of baked items such as whole pies are offered. Local farm goodies, refreshments, maple, and more. See our electric train layout. 9 am – 4 pm. L.H. Stowell & Son Christmas Trees, 1591 Twin Ponds Rd. (802) 276-3382. www.lhstrees.com. *Also December 11, 16, 17, 18, 23.*

**BROWNSVILLE.** 1980s Dance in Brownsville. Music by DJ Rick Davis, silent and live auction, prizes for best '80s attire. Includes dessert bar and light refreshments. Admission: \$15, children age 15 and under, free. Benefits Ascutney Outdoors winter season projects. 7-10 pm. Town Hall, 22 Brownsville-Hartland Rd. (802) 291-1348.

**BURLINGTON.** Vermont Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops Concert. Tickets: \$15-\$52. 7:30 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. box@flynncenter.org. flynnntix.org.

**Saturday, December 10, continued:**

**BURLINGTON.** Children's Mini Horse & Buggy Rides. Taking place at the top block of the Church Street Marketplace, kids can catch a ride on holiday decorated carriages pulled by miniature horses from the Green Mountain Miniature Horse Club. Free. 1–3 pm. Church Street Marketplace, 2 Church St. (802) 863-1648. churchstmarketplace.com. *Also December 17.*

**BURLINGTON.** Book & Author Event. Join Guido Masé and Jovial King, founders of Urban Moonshine, for a book signing and a meet & greet featuring delicious samples from the pages of their new book, *DIY Bitters*. 2–4 pm. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 872-7111. phoenixbooks.biz.

**DUMMERSTON.** Walker Farm's Elysian Hills Christmas Tree Sales. Ready-cut or cut-your-own. Fresh Balsam wreaths, centerpieces, and greenery! Country Store open with fresh certified organic produce. Free hot cider, hot chocolate & pretzels. Open Saturdays and Sundays 10 am – 4 pm, Mondays through Thursdays 12-4 pm, Fridays 12-7 pm through December 24. Walker Farm's Elysian Hills Tree Farm, 209 Knapp Rd. (802) 254-2051. elysianhillstreefarm.com. *Through December 24.*

**EAST CORINTH.** Performance: Coffeehouse. Dixie Dee and the Band of Men plays the fundraiser for Blake Memorial Library. Tickets \$5-\$10. 7 pm at the Town Hall in Cookeville, 1387 Cookeville Rd. (802) 439-5980.

**ENFIELD, NH.** Traditional Tree Ornament Making Workshop. Bring your child or grandchild to this fun afternoon of making ornaments that remind us of the sights and smells of long-ago holidays. Choose from clove oranges, popcorn-cranberry garland, shaped cinnamon ornaments, noting lidded paper boxes and more! All materials and tools supplied. Light refreshments served. Cost: \$25 adult with one child. 1-4 pm. Enfield Shaker Museum, 447 Rt. 4A To register by December 2, call the Museum at (603) 632-4346 or email education@shakermuseum.org.

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. www.lasaletteofenfield.org. *Through December 31.*

**ESSEX.** Second Annual Barn Lighting and Flock Move-In-Day. Hot chocolate, cider and a bonfire. Farmer John and Laddie, the Sheepdog read Sweet Pea's book *The SheepOver* and Finn's book, *Brave Little Finn*. Pictures with your favorite animal character! Sign the Barn Wall with a message to Sweet Pea, Finn and all their friends. Free. 4-6 pm. Moonrise Farm, 15 Gray Way. (802) 899-2000. john@brickhousestudios.com. www.sweetpeafriends.com.

**LUDLOW.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday on Main Street. A magic show, Vendor, gift wrapping stations, ornament decorating, caroling, hot chocolate and cookies, and a visit from Santa Claus. 4-8 pm. Downtown. (802) 376-9322.

**LUDLOW.** Okemo Moonlight Snowshoe Hike. This guided snowshoe hike up the mountain will offer a nighttime perspective of Okemo's Jackson Gore under the light of a nearly full moon. Return to the fire pit at the Jackson Gore Inn to roast marshmallows and share stories. Free for participants with snowshoes. Rental snowshoes available for nominal fee. Okemo Mountain Resort, 77 Okemo Ridge Rd. To register call (802) 228-1956. okemo.com.

**LYME, NH.** Christmas Pageant. Song, narration and dance. Free. 7:30 pm. Congregational Church, 1 Dorchester Rd. (603) 795-2287. *Also December 11.*

**MANCHESTER.** Bird Walk. The Vermont Bird Place & Sky Watch and local birders meet to conduct a survey of the wild birds present on the grounds of Hildene. Meet at the Welcome Center parking lot at 8 am. Free. Hildene, off Rt. 7A, south of the village. (802) 362-2270. randy@thevermontbirdplace.com.

**MANCHESTER.** Inn Tour Weekend. Walk through history and learn more about some of Southern Vermont's most famous inns during this magical time of year. Inns throughout Manchester, Dorset, and Arlington will be open for visitors. Each location plays host in a unique way, making for a cozy and fun Saturday afternoon in the country. Inn tours with 13 participating inns, 1-5 pm, tickets \$15/\$35. (802) 362-6313. visitmanchestervt.com.

**MANCHESTER.** Book & Author Event. Alex Prud'homme presents his book, *The French Chef in America: Julia's Second Act*. Free. 7:30-8:30 pm. Northshire Bookstore 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2525. northshire.com.

**MANCHESTER.** Concert: Northshire Voices performs its inaugural concert entitled Winter Serenade, with members of the First Congregational Church's Chancel Choir and Tall Spire Ringers. 4 pm. First Congregational Church, 3624 Main St. (802) 768-8144. dolivoanne@gmail.com. fccmanchester.org.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Very Merry Middlebury—Holiday Character Breakfast. Seasonal characters, coloring, balloons & music. Two seatings at 8:30 am & 10 am at the Middlebury Inn. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$8 kids 12 & under. Limited seating, purchase your tickets. (802) 598-1696. experiencemiddlebury.com.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Live Radio Play: *It's a Wonderful Life*. Presented by the Middlebury Actor's Workshop. Tickets \$22/\$10. 2 & 7:30 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. (802) 388-1436. www.townhalltheater.org. *Also December 11.*

**MONTPELIER.** Kellogg-Hubbard Holiday Book Sale. Thousands of books, from shiny new bestsellers to antique curiosities. Also find CDs, DVDs, maps, sheet music, and more. Books are organized by subject for easy browsing. Hardcover \$2 each, softcover \$1 each. Hours: 10 am – 5:30 pm. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, 135 Main St. (802) 223-3338. www.kellogg-hubbard.org.

**MONTPELIER.** 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Touch of Vermont Holiday Gift Market. Nearly 45 Vermont artisans and specialty food makers. Raffle prizes from every single vendor as well as wonderful grand prizes. Admission free. 9 am – 4 pm. City Hall, 39 Main St. www.touchofvt.org.

**NORWICH.** Contradance. Featuring music by "Clayfoot Strutters" with caller Mary Wesley. Admission \$12, students \$9, seniors by donation; under 16 free. Sponsored by Muskeg Music. Dance starts at 8 pm. 7:45 pm for walk-through. Bring clean, soft-soled shoes. Potluck snacks. 8-11 pm. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 649-1419. www.uvdm.org. *Also December 31.*

**PEACHAM.** Annual Santa, Crafts and Latkes. A party for the whole family. Start the morning with crafts, followed by a visit from the man in red, and end with a feast of latkes and applesauce. 10 am – 12 pm. Peacham Library, 656 Bayley-Hazen Rd. (802) 592-3216. peachamlibrary.org.

**PLYMOUTH.** Coolidge Holiday Open House. Winter exhibits at the Museum & Education Center, Aldrich House, Plymouth Cheese Factory, and 1924 Summer White House office. Sleigh rides, old-time music, craft demonstrations, lunch at the Wilder House Restaurant, special cancellation at the historic Plymouth post office, and children's holiday activities. Admission: adults \$9, children 6–14 \$2, children under 6 free, family pass (up to 8 people) \$25. 10 am – 4 pm. President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 VT Rt. 100A. (802) 672-3773. historic-sites.vermont.gov.

**PUTNEY.** The River Singers 25th Anniversary Holiday Concert. 95-voice multi-generational chorus performs songs from Bosnia, South Africa, the Republic of Georgia, Russia, Bulgaria, American Folk, rousing African American gospel and more! Tickets: \$15, students and seniors 65+ \$10. Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 4 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill. (802) 387-0102. nextstagearts@gmail.com. www.nextstagearts.org. marycaybrass.com. *Also December 11.*

**RANDOLPH.** Sweetback Sisters Country Christmas Singalong Spectacular. Audience participation (fear not! Songbooks are provided). Tickets: adult \$22, student \$11. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org. www.thesweetbacksisters.com.

**RUPERT.** Thoreau Cabin-Building Joinery Workshop. Tool use, timber-framing, and mortise & tenon. Nominal fee. Call for details. Merck Forest and Farmland, 3270 Rt. 315, west of Manchester. (802) 394-7836. merckforest.org.

**RUTLAND.** Vermont Farmers Market Christmas Holiday Fair. Craft and food creators; Christmas wreaths and décor; crafts in fiber, fabric, wood and glass; jewelry; baked goods and specialty foods with the flavor of Vermont; prepared foods, apples, cider and veggies. Free admission. 9 am – 4 pm. The Holiday Inn, Rt. 7 south. (802) 342-4727. [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org).

**RUTLAND.** December Library Book Sale. Featuring holiday gift books. 10 am – 2 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. [www.rutlandfree.org](http://www.rutlandfree.org).

**RUTLAND.** Musical: *The King & I*. Presented by Rutland Youth Theater. Tickets: adults \$12, under 18 and over 65 \$10. 7 pm. Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St. (802) 773-1822. [www.rutlandrec.com](http://www.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.** Winter Vermont Farmers' Market. Local produce, crafts, prepared foods. Live music. EBT and debit cards. Saturdays 10 am – 2 pm and Wednesdays 3-6 pm. Vermont Farmers, Food Center at 251 West St. in downtown Rutland. (802) 342-4727. [info@vtfarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@vtfarmersmarket.org) [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org). *Saturdays through April 29*.

**SO. BURLINGTON.** Workshop: Winter Centerpiece. Make a fresh arrangement with aromatic greens and cuttings. Bring a container that holds water and a pair of pruners. Feel free to bring cuttings from your own garden. Class limit is 12. Fee: \$40, includes materials cost. 10 am – 12 noon. UVM Horticulture Farm, 65 Green Mountain Dr. (802) 864-3073. [info@friendsofthehortfarm.org](mailto:info@friendsofthehortfarm.org). [friendsofthehortfarm.org](http://friendsofthehortfarm.org).

**STOWE.** Festival of Trees and Light Family Day. Seasonal art activities and sweet treats. Create holiday decorations, play dreidel games, and decorate gingerbread houses. Free, donations of non-perishable food items accepted. Donations welcome of new, unwrapped toys, games, puzzles, new hats, gloves, mittens, and gently used outerwear. 1-4 pm. Helen Day Art Center, 5 School St. (802) 253-8358. [mail@helenday.com](mailto:mail@helenday.com). [www.helenday.com](http://www.helenday.com).

**STOWE.** Demo Day. Visit many of the snowsports industries leading ski and ride manufacturers. Located at the base of the Forerunner Quad, consumers have a chance to test firsthand the latest 2016-2017 lineup of skis, snowboards, AT and Telemark equipment. Registration at Stowe Toys adjacent to the Forerunner Quad. 9 am. Stowe Mountain Resort, 5781 Mountain Rd. (802) 253-3000. [www.stowe.com](http://www.stowe.com).

**STOWE.** Film: *Three Stars in Munich* (2016). Anna Netrebko, Jonas Kaufmann and Thomas Hampson sing together for the first time, for one night only, captured on film with HD surround sound. Tickets: \$16. 7 pm. Running time: 90 minutes. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. [sprucepeakarts.org](http://sprucepeakarts.org).

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** Victorian Holiday Open House. Ring in the holiday season with platters of holiday sweets, crafts for giving and for decorating, singing, special planetarium presentations, and lots of good cheer. Free. 1:30-4 pm. Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium, 1302 Main St. (802) 748-2372. [discoverstjohnsbury.com](http://discoverstjohnsbury.com).

**WEST RUTLAND.** St. Bridget's Christmas Sale. Twenty vendor tables with varied homemade crafts, photography, Pampered Chef, Avon, jewelry, white elephant, bake sale, and several large baskets and trees for raffle. Enjoy a wonderful lunch with many homemade soups and sandwiches while you shop. 9 am – 2:30 pm. In the Parish Hall, The Parish of St. Bridget, 28 Church St. Please call Jody for information at (802) 438-5584. [www.westrutlandcatholic.org](http://www.westrutlandcatholic.org).

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Upper Valley Curling Club League Play. \$25 for the evening. For those who need it, the club supplies curling equipment. If you are interested in the sport but lack experience, curling club members will provide instruction at regular curling clinics. 5:30 pm. Barwood Arena, Highland Ave. (802) 763-99450. [www.uppervalleycurling.org](http://www.uppervalleycurling.org). *Also December 17*.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** *A Christmas Carol*. Presented by Northern Stage. 2 & 7:30 pm. For tickets call (802) 296-7000. The Barrette Center for the Arts, 74 Gates St. [www.northernstage.org](http://www.northernstage.org). *Through December 24*.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Polar Express Train Ride. hot cocoa, cookies, the reading of the children's book *The Polar Express* during the ride, a holiday singalong and a visit from Santa. Sponsored by White River Rotary Club. Tickets: \$25, children under three free. Advance tickets required. 10 am – 7 pm. Union Station, 100 Railroad Row. (802) 299-1005. [polarexpress.info@yahoo.com](mailto:polarexpress.info@yahoo.com). [hartfordvtpolarexpress.com](http://hartfordvtpolarexpress.com). *Also December 11*.

**WOODSTOCK.** 32nd Annual Wassail Parade of Horses. Come see an eclectic array of festive and period costumes, splendid outfitted carriages and mounted riders, and participants of all ages from far and wide. Benefits High Horses Therapeutic Riding Program. 2-3:30 pm. Free. Woodstock Village Green. (802) 457-3555. [info@woodstockvt.com](mailto:info@woodstockvt.com).

**WOODSTOCK.** Concert: Irish Christmas in America. Evocatively-sung Irish ballads, lively instrumental tunes and thrilling Irish dancing, with singer Séamus Begley and the immense vocal talents of Sligo's Niamh Farrell. Tickets: adults \$35, seniors \$30, 17 & under \$15. 8 pm. Woodstock Town Hall Theatre, 31 The Green. (802) 457-3981. [pentanglearts.org](http://pentanglearts.org).

**WOODSTOCK.** Woodstock History Center Museum Open House. Special Wassail-themed exhibits, silent auction, hot cider & food for sale. Free admission. 9:30 am – 2 pm. Woodstock History Center, 26 Elm St. (802) 457-1822. [woodstockhistorical.org](http://woodstockhistorical.org).

**WOODSTOCK.** Wassail Weekend at Billings Farm. Tour the festively decorated 1890 Farm House and make an historic ornament as a memento of your visit. Horse-drawn sleigh or wagon rides (weather permitting) on Sunday. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org). *Also December 11*.

**WOODSTOCK.** 15th Annual Holiday House Tour. Docents at each location provide historical information and answer questions. Live performances by local musicians at some of the homes. Tours are self-guided and at your own pace. Reception at The Prince and The Pauper Restaurant from 11 am – 1 pm. Tickets: \$40, 17 & under free. 9:30 am – 1:30 pm. All tours begin at the Woodstock Town Hall Theatre, 31 The Green. (802) 457-3981. [pentanglearts.org](http://pentanglearts.org).

**WOODSTOCK.** Concert: Cello by Candlelight. An evening of solo cello for the Solstice with Eugene Friesen. Tickets \$15 at the door only. 7:30 pm. North Universalist Chapel, 7 Church St. (802) 457-2557. [northchapelvt.org](http://northchapelvt.org).

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

**BROOKFIELD.** Christmas Tree Cutting. Already-cut or Choose & Cut. Wreaths and evergreen brush. Bake Sale sponsored by Ineract, a Rotary-sponsored program. Christmas Barn with local farm goodies, refreshments, maple, and more. See our electric train layout. 9 am – 4 pm. L.H. Stowell & Son Christmas Trees, 1591 Twin Ponds Rd. (802) 276-3382. [www.lhstrees.com](http://www.lhstrees.com). *Also December 16, 17, 18, 23*.

**DUMMERSTON.** Walker Farm's Elysian Hills Christmas Tree Sales. Ready-cut or cut-your-own. Fresh Balsam wreaths, centerpieces, and greenery! Country Store open with fresh certified organic produce. Free hot cider, hot chocolate & pretzels. Open Saturdays and Sundays 10 am – 4 pm, Mondays through Thursdays 12-4 pm, Fridays 12-7 pm through December 24. Walker Farm's Elysian Hills Tree Farm, 209 Knapp Rd. (802) 254-2051. [elysianhillstreefarm.com](http://elysianhillstreefarm.com). *Through December 24*.

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. [www.lasaletteofenfield.org](http://www.lasaletteofenfield.org). *Through December 31*.

**ENFIELD, NH.** Holiday Cookie Fair. Get your spot in line early to buy homemade holiday cookies by the pound. The cookies are generously donated by dedicated volunteers and go very quickly. Free to attend. Cookies sold at \$10 per pound. 1 pm. Enfield Shaker Museum, 447 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-4346. [events@shakermuseum.org](mailto:events@shakermuseum.org).

## Sunday, December 11, continued:

**ENFIELD, NH.** Gift Boxes Workshop. Join artist and retired art teacher, Kate Mortimer, to craft lovely paper gift boxes embellished with unique buttons or beads. Use your handcrafted containers for precious gifts to give to others or to hold your own treasures. Bring any embellishment you like or a paper you especially want to use. Cost: \$25 per person. Materials available and refreshments provided. 2-5 pm. Enfield Shaker Museum, 447 Rt. 4A. To register by December 11, call the Museum at (603) 632-4346 or email [education@shakermuseum.org](mailto:education@shakermuseum.org).

**HANOVER, NH.** Performance: Hanover Christmas Mystery. A musical re-enactment of the nativity, which is in its 100th year. The story is told through carols, with Hanover High School girls as angels, and boys as shepherds; and local men lending their voices as elder shepherds, the wise men and Joseph. The identity of Mary is a mystery until the performance. Wrapped gifts (marked with gender and age of intended recipient) may be brought to the manger and will be donated to local charities. Free, donations welcome. 4 & 5 pm. Rollins Chapel, College St. (561) 329-6575. [jbseaton1@msn.com](mailto:jbseaton1@msn.com).

**LUDLOW.** Annual December Ski & Snowboard Demo. Test-drive the latest ski and snowboard equipment for free at the Jackson Gore base area. Registration is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. A credit card imprint is required and snowboarders must provide their own bindings. 8 am – 3 pm. Okemo Mountain Resort, 77 Okemo Ridge Rd. (802) 228-1600. [okemo.org](http://okemo.org).

**LYME, NH.** Christmas Pageant. Song, narration and dance. Free. 5:30 pm. Congregational Church, 1 Dorchester Rd. (603) 795-2287.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas. Modeled after the long-standing British tradition, this annual program includes Bible readings of Advent and Christmas and carols performed by the College Choir with the congregation. Each service is preceded by performances on the chapel carillon. Donations accepted. 4 & 7 pm. Mead Memorial Chapel, Middlebury College. (802) 443-3168. [www.middlebury.edu](http://www.middlebury.edu).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Live Radio Play: *It's a Wonderful Life*. Presented by the Middlebury Actor's Workshop. Tickets \$22/\$10. 2 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. (802) 388-1436. [www.townhalltheater.org](http://www.townhalltheater.org).

**MILTON.** Annual Holiday Concert & Sing-Along. With the Milton Community Band. Familiar tunes of the season, special guest musicians, and a sing-along to well-known songs. Free. 2 pm. Milton High School Auditorium, 17 Rebecca Lander Dr. (802) 893-4922. [bnappi@town.milton.vt.us](mailto:bnappi@town.milton.vt.us). [www.miltonvt.org](http://www.miltonvt.org).

**NEWPORT.** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Concert. The Lake Region Select Choir of the Lake Region High School. Donations accepted. 3 pm. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 44 Second St. (802) 334-7365. [www.nowplayingnewport.com](http://www.nowplayingnewport.com).

**PERKINSVILLE.** Candlelight Christmas in the Village. Includes readings, piano, organ, flute, harp and guitar music, chime choir, women's choir, solos duets, trios and audience participation. Free. 5 pm. Community Church, Rt. 106. (802) 263-5245.

**POULTNEY.** *A Christmas Carol*: Readers Theatre Style. Director Gary Meitrott adapts Readers Theater to include costuming and movement by the actors, adding a dramatic element to the performance. With simple, yet elegant, Victorian furniture and costuming, five actors bring all of the characters to life using Dickens' original words. \$15 adults, \$9 age 11-18, children under 10 free. 2 & 7:30 pm. Stone Valley Arts Center, 145 E. Main St. (802) 282-2581. [www.shakespeareonmainstreet.org](http://www.shakespeareonmainstreet.org).

**PUTNEY.** Putney Winter Farmers' Market. Farm products including greens, storage vegetables, cheese, meat and maple products. Hot lunch, baked goods and crafts from fiber to pottery to wood carvings. Debit and EBT cards accepted, and 10 for 10 "Crop Cash" matching for EBT customers. Live music. 11 am – 2 pm. Green Mountain Orchards, 130 West Hill Rd. [www.putneyfarmersmarket.org](http://www.putneyfarmersmarket.org). Also December 18.

**PUTNEY.** The River Singers 25th Anniversary Holiday Concert. 95-voice multi-generational chorus performs songs from Bosnia, South Africa, the Republic of Georgia, Russia, Bulgaria, American Folk, rousing African American gospel and more! Tickets: \$15, students and seniors 65+ \$10. 4 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill. (802) 387-0102. [nextstagearts@gmail.com](mailto:nextstagearts@gmail.com). [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org).

**RUTLAND.** Vermont Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops Concert. In addition to excerpts from Messiah, traditional favorites, and a carol singalong. The program includes a marvelous piece by Sowah Mensah from Ghana that features African percussion. Tickets: adults \$32-\$20; AARP \$20-\$16; students \$10. 3 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [paramountlive.org](http://paramountlive.org).

**RUTLAND.** Book & Author Event. With John Churchman, co-author of *Brave Little Finn!* Meet the adorable and resilient baby lamb Finn in this true story about friendship and courage. John Churchman is an artist, photographer and farmer, bringing stories to life with his enchanting photo-illustrations. Free, everyone welcome. 10 am. Phoenix Books Rutland, 2 Center St. (802) 855-8078. [phoenixbooks.biz](http://phoenixbooks.biz).

**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*.

**WEST PAWLET.** Pancake Breakfast. To benefit the West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Dept. Menu includes pancakes including regular, chocolate chip, blueberry and cranberry and local maple syrup, waffles, West Pawlet's world-famous home fries, scrambled eggs, sausage and bacon, coffee, tea, milk and orange juice. \$10 for ages 12 and up; \$5 for 5-12; free under 5 yrs. 7:30-11 am. West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department, VT Rt. 153, Main St. (802) 345-4312.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Polar Express Train Ride. hot cocoa, cookies, the reading of the children's book *The Polar Express* during the ride, a holiday singalong and a visit from Santa. Sponsored by White River Rotary Club. Tickets: \$25, children under three free. Advance tickets required. 10 am – 5:30 pm. Union Station, 100 Railroad Row. (802) 299-1005. [polarexpress.info@yahoo.com](mailto:polarexpress.info@yahoo.com). [hartfordvtpolarexpress.com](http://hartfordvtpolarexpress.com).

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** *A Christmas Carol*. Presented by Northern Stage. 2 pm. For tickets call (802) 296-7000. The Barrette Center for the Arts, 74 Gates St. [www.northernstage.org](http://www.northernstage.org). *Through December 24*.

**WOODSTOCK.** Program: The History of Christmas in New England. Historian Ken Turino will share insights into how Christmas was celebrated historically in New England. Free. 2 pm. Woodstock History Center, 26 Elm St. (802) 457-1822. [woodstockhistorical.org](http://woodstockhistorical.org).

**WOODSTOCK.** Wassail Weekend at Billings Farm. Tour the festively decorated 1890 Farm House and make an historic ornament as a memento of your visit. Horse-drawn sleigh or wagon rides (weather permitting). Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).

**WOODSTOCK.** Annual Messiah Sing. A stirring rendition of the Christmas portions of Handel's *Messiah*. The audience joins in for the choruses, so bring your libretto, if you have one. Suggested donation \$10. 4-6 pm. Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, 7 South St. (802) 457-2322. [www.ourladyofthesnows.org](http://www.ourladyofthesnows.org). [www.pentanglearts.org](http://www.pentanglearts.org).

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. [www.lasaletteofenfield.org](http://www.lasaletteofenfield.org). *Through December 31*.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. [www.lasaletteofenfield.org](http://www.lasaletteofenfield.org). *Through December 31*.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. [www.lasaletteofenfield.org](http://www.lasaletteofenfield.org). *Through December 31*.

### Wednesday, December 14, continued:

**RUTLAND.** Annual Gingerbread Construction Competition. This year's theme is Animal Kingdom. Entry Deadline: Saturday, December 10 by 3 pm. See the exhibit on Wednesday-Friday 11 am – 5 pm; Saturday, 11 am – 3 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. rfranzoni@chaffeeartcenter.org. www.chaffeeartcenter.org. *Through December 23.*

**RUTLAND.** Winter Vermont Farmers' Market. Local produce, crafts, prepared foods. EBT and debit cards. Saturdays 10 am – 2 pm and Wednesdays 3-6 pm. Vermont Farmers, Food Center at 251 West St. in downtown Rutland. (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Wednesdays through April 26, 2017.*

**WARREN.** Holidays with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet/Counterpoint. Enjoy the spirit of the season with a perfect blend of voice and brass. 7:30 pm. Warren United Church. For tickets call (802) 864-5741. vso.org.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** *A Christmas Carol.* Presented by Northern Stage. 11 am & 7:30 pm. For tickets call (802) 296-7000. The Barrette Center for the Arts, 74 Gates St. www.northernstage.org. *Through December 24.*

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

**BENNINGTON.** Museum ABCs: Paintings and poems inspired by paintings, paintings inspired by poems. Story time in the galleries for preschool children and their families. Free. 1:30-2:30 pm. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. www.benningtonmuseum.org.

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. www.lasaletteofenfield.org. *Through December 31.*

**HANOVER, NH.** The Christmas Revels: A French Canadian Celebration of the Winter Solstice. Colorful, high-energy songs, dance and pageantry, a multigenerational local cast and chorus of more than 75 people and guest artists. Tickets: \$25/32/38/46, 18 and under \$11/13/15/20. 7 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu. RevelsNorth.org. *Also December 16, 17 & 18.*

**STOWE.** Holiday Concert: Vermont Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet and Counterpoint Vocal Ensemble. 7:30 pm. Stowe Community Church, 137 Main St. For tickets call (802) 864-5741. vso.org.

**WEST DOVER.** Backcountry Film Festival. The Dover School Club has partnered with Winter Wildlands Alliance to bring you screenings at the Snow Barn from 6-9 pm. 90-minute program will show pilots from seven Backcountry films that will be released in 2017. Raffle prizes from Abler, Mountain Kakis, Mount Snow throughout the night. Half-price pizza all night and cash bar will be open. Family friendly event open to all ages. Tickets: \$10 and can be bought online or at the door. All door proceeds go to the Dover School Ski Club. Mount Snow, 39 Mount Snow Rd. (802) 464-3333. www.mountsnow.com.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** *A Christmas Carol.* Presented by Northern Stage. 2 & 7:30 pm. For tickets call (802) 296-7000. The Barrette Center for the Arts, 74 Gates St. www.northernstage.org. *Through December 24.*

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

**BARNARD.** 6th Annual Winter Carols. Choir and instrumental performances and community sing-alongs in a candle lit 18th Century Church. Free. 7 pm. First Universalist Church, 6211 VT Rt. 12. (802) 234-1645. info@barnarts.org. www.barnarts.org.

**BRATTLEBORO.** Performance: *The Flying Nut—Bratt in the Bayous.* The Nutcracker featuring performers from Youth Performance troupes and NECCA's Professional Training programs. Dance to washboards and banjos, adventure with voodoo kings, carnival march to the swamp of sweets! Cost: \$10-\$25. 7-9 pm. New England Center for Circus Arts, 209 Austine Dr. (802) 254-9780. info@necenterforcircusarts.com. necenterforcircusarts.org. *Also December 17 & 18.*

**BRATTLEBORO.** Queer Circus Weekend. Workshops on the intersection of circus with queer identity and experience; multi-level but geared toward people already coming in with circus experience. Fee includes all workshops & discussions, 6 meals, admission to NECCA's Flying Nut performance on Friday at 7 pm and a NECCA Queer Circus t-shirt. Friday 5-8 pm, Saturday 9 am – 8 pm, Sunday 9 am – 12 noon. New England Center for Circus Arts, 74 Cotton Mill Hill. (802) 254-9780. info@necenterforcircusarts.org. *Through December 18.*

**BRISTOL.** Community Christmas Caroling. Join community friends and family in front of Holley Hall at 6 pm. Then go out to sing to the community. All are welcome. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Hot cocoa and cookies upon return. 6 pm. Holley Hall, 1 Main St. (802) 453-5885. www.bristolrec.org.

**BROOKFIELD.** Christmas Tree Cutting. Already-cut or Choose & Cut. Wreaths and evergreen brush. Christmas Barn with local farm goodies, refreshments, maple, and more. See our electric train layout. 9 am – 4 pm. L.H. Stowell & Son Christmas Trees, 1591 Twin Ponds Rd. (802) 276-3382. www.lhstrees.com. *Also December 17, 18, 23.*

**COLCHESTER.** Breakfast Dinner with Santa. Santa is going to read the children a bedtime story! Wear your PJ's if you want! Dinner will be breakfast: pancakes, eggs, and sausage. Pre-registration required. 6:15-7:15 pm. Colchester Meeting House, 830 Main St. (802) 264-5640. recreation@colchestervt.gov. colchestervt.gov.

**COLCHESTER.** English Country Dance. Band: John Dunlop (cello), Laura Markowitz (violin), Chris Rua (oboe, winds). Caller: Adina Gordon. Admission: \$10. Pot luck finger foods. 7 pm. Elley-Long Music Center at St. Michael's College, 223 Ethan Allen Ave. (802) 899-2378. val.medve@gmail.com. www.burlingtoncountrydancers.org.

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. www.lasaletteofenfield.org. *Through December 31.*

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**MIDDLEBURY.** Middlebury Does Christmas. The best area singers present the songs you know and love (and several you don't know) in jazzy new arrangements, backed by a swingin' 6-piece band. Tickets \$20. 7 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. (802) 388-1436. www.townhalltheater.org. *Also December 17.*

**NEWPORT.** Holiday Concert: Vermont Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet and Counterpoint Vocal Ensemble. 7:30 pm. United Church of Newport. For tickets call (802) 864-5741. vso.org.

**PERKINSVILLE.** Live Music Friday with Ali T on guitar. A truly unique farm-to-table dining experience. 7-9 pm. The Inn at Weathersfield, 1342 Rt. 106. Call for reservations: (802) 263-9217. www.weathersfieldinn.com.

**PUTNEY.** The Third Annual GrooveBarbers' Holiday Concert Extravaganza! Mellifluous vocal blend, close harmonies and warm arrangements of holiday classics from the secular to the sublime. Tickets: adult \$15, children 6-12 \$7.50, under 6 free. 7 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill. (802) 387-0102. nextstagearts@gmail.com. www.nextstagearts.org.

**RANDOLPH.** Concert: Darlingside, a new and widely popular Boston-based Americana quartet. Kris Gruin, from Montpelier Vermont, opens the show. Tickets: adult \$22, student \$11. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org.

**RUTLAND.** Festive Feast. Dinner will be catered by Table 24 and performers include *Maiden the Shade*, *House Blend* and the *Catamount Brass Quintet* with James P. Cassarino, organist. Tickets \$40. 6 pm. Trinity Episcopal Church, 85 West St. (802) 775-4368. www.trinitychurchrutland.org.

**Friday, December 16, continued:**

**TINMOUTH.** Contra Dance. The Tartan Raiders with Joanne Garton on fiddle and Brendan Taaffe on guitar, and Mary Wesley 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](http://tinmouthvt.org). *Every third Friday through May 2017.*

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** A *Christmas Carol*. Presented by Northern Stage. 7:30 pm. For tickets call (802) 296-7000. The Barrette Center for the Arts, 74 Gates St. [www.northernstage.org](http://www.northernstage.org). *Through December 24.*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**

**BRANDON.** Concert: Maple Jam, a cappella. Tickets \$20. Pre-concert dinner 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](mailto:info@brandon-music.net). [www.brandon-music.net](http://www.brandon-music.net).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Performance: *The Flying Nut—Bratt in the Bayous*. The Nutcracker featuring performers from Youth Performance troupes and NECCA's Professional Training programs. Dance to washboards and banjos, adventure with voodoo kings, carnival march to the swamp of sweets! Cost: \$10–\$25. 1 & 5 pm. New England Center for Circus Arts, 209 Austine Dr. (802) 254-9780. [info@necenterforcircusarts.com](mailto:info@necenterforcircusarts.com). [necenterforcircusarts.org](http://necenterforcircusarts.org). *Also December 18.*

**BROOKFIELD.** Christmas Tree Cutting. Already-cut or Choose & Cut. Wreaths and evergreen brush. Christmas Barn with local farm goodies, refreshments, maple, and more. See our electric train layout. 9 am – 4 pm. L.H. Stowell & Son Christmas Trees, 1591 Twin Ponds Rd. (802) 276-3382. [www.lhstrees.com](http://www.lhstrees.com). *Also December 18, 23.*

**BURLINGTON.** Children's Mini Horse & Buggy Rides. Taking place at the top block of the Church Street Marketplace, kids can catch a ride on holiday decorated carriages pulled by miniature horses from the Green Mountain Miniature Horse Club. Free. 1–3 pm. Church Street Marketplace, 2 Church St. (802) 863-1648. [churchstmarketplace.com](http://churchstmarketplace.com).

**BURLINGTON.** Holiday Skating Show: *The Gift*. Skaters from the Leddy Group Lesson Program and the Champlain Valley Skating Club will perform to music of the season. Admission by donation. 3-5 pm. Gordon H. Paquette Ice Arena, 216 Leddy Park Rd. (802) 865-7558. [sjennings@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:sjennings@burlingtonvt.gov). [www.enjoyburlington.com](http://www.enjoyburlington.com).

**BURLINGTON.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter Wonderland Banquet and Showcase with the Vandencross Dance Company. Tickets: dinner \$20, show \$10, both \$25. 12 pm and 4:30 pm. Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center, 60 Lake St. (802) 279-2318. [www.vandencross.com](http://www.vandencross.com).

**BURLINGTON.** Vermont's Own "Nutcracker." Presented by the Vermont Ballet Theater. Tickets: \$36–\$23. 2 & 7 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. [box@flynncenter.org](mailto:box@flynncenter.org). [flynnntix.org](http://flynnntix.org). *Also December 18.*

**DUMMERSTON.** Walker Farm's Elysian Hills Christmas Tree Sales. Ready-cut or cut-your-own. Fresh Balsam wreaths, centerpieces, and greenery! Country Store open with fresh certified organic produce. Free hot cider, hot chocolate & pretzels. Open Saturdays and Sundays 10 am – 4 pm, Mondays through Thursdays 12-4 pm, Fridays 12-7 pm through December 24. Walker Farm's Elysian Hills Tree Farm, 209 Knapp Rd. (802) 254-2051. [elysianhillstreefarm.com](http://elysianhillstreefarm.com). *Through December 24.*

**EAST MONTPELIER.** Holiday with the Animals Party. Yummy treats to eat, fun activities, visiting with shelter animals and a special appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus! Bring donations for the shelter animals so they can enjoy the holidays, too! Free, donations accepted. 10 am – 2 pm. Central Vermont Humane Society, 1589 Rt. 14 S. (802) 476-3811. [linnea@centralvermonthumane.org](mailto:linnea@centralvermonthumane.org). [www.centralvermonthumane.org](http://www.centralvermonthumane.org).

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. [www.lasaletteofenfield.org](http://www.lasaletteofenfield.org). *Through December 31.*

**GRAFTON.** Holiday Concert: Vermont Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet and Counterpoint Vocal Ensemble. 5 pm. White Church. For tickets call (802) 864-5741. [vso.org](http://vso.org).

**HANOVER, NH.** The Christmas Revels: A French Canadian Celebration of the Winter Solstice. Colorful, high-energy songs, dance and pageantry, a multigenerational local cast and chorus of more than 75 people and guest artists. Tickets: \$25/32/38/46, 18 and under \$11/13/15/20. 1 & 5 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center. (603) 646-2422. [hop.dartmouth.edu](http://hop.dartmouth.edu). [RevelsNorth.org](http://RevelsNorth.org). *Also December 18.*

**MANCHESTER.** Elf Express Weekend. Green Mountain Train Rides. Family entertainment on board from Santa and his elves. Entertainment, surprises, and refreshments. Sponsored by The Manchester Lions Club. Departures at 12 pm. R.K. Miles Depot Station, 670 Depot St. (802) 362-6313. [visitmanchestervt.com](http://visitmanchestervt.com).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Very Merry Middlebury—Visit with Santa. Old-fashioned visits with Santa from 10 am – 12 noon at Danforth Pewter. The Hot Cocoa Hut (Cannon Park 10 am – 2 pm) and Gift Wrap Station (51 Main, 12 noon – 4 pm). (802) 598-1696. [experiencemiddlebury.com](http://experiencemiddlebury.com).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Middlebury Does Christmas. The best area singers present the songs you know and love (and several you don't know) in jazzy new arrangements, backed by a swingin' 6-piece band. Tickets \$20. 2 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. (802) 388-1436. [www.townhalltheater.org](http://www.townhalltheater.org).

**ROCHESTER.** Opening Reception for Two New Exhibits. "Figuration featuring paintings by Mark Goodwin and Lucy Mink-Covello, and "Landscape and Figure" showcasing Fulvio Testa's watercolors. Reception 3-5 pm. Gallery hours: Wed-Fri 10-5, Sat 12-5, Sun-Tues by appointment. BigTown Gallery, 99 N. Main St. (802) 767-9670. [info@bigtowngallery.com](mailto:info@bigtowngallery.com). [www.bigtowngallery.com](http://www.bigtowngallery.com). *On exhibit through Valentine's Day.*

**RUPERT.** Holiday Ornament-Making Workshop. Fee: \$5. 9:30-11:30 am. Soap-making workshop, fee \$15, 1-2:30 pm. Merck Forest and Farmland, 3270 Rt. 315, west of Manchester. (802) 394-7836. [merckforest.org](http://merckforest.org).

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

**RUTLAND.** Holiday Party and Reception for Annual Gingerbread Construction Competition. This year's theme is Animal Kingdom. 1–3 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. [rfranzoni@chaffeeartcenter.org](mailto:rfranzoni@chaffeeartcenter.org). [www.chaffeeartcenter.org](http://www.chaffeeartcenter.org).

**RUTLAND.** Meet Santa. Chat with Santa and play at the museum. Free admission during Santa's visit. Event in-partnership with the Downtown Rutland Partnership. 2–5 pm. Wonderfeet Kids' Museum, 11 Center St. (802) 282-2678. [wonderfeetkidsmuseum.org](http://wonderfeetkidsmuseum.org).

**RUTLAND.** Winter Vermont Farmers' Market. Come and meet Santa! Local produce, crafts, prepared foods. Live music. EBT and debit cards. Saturdays 10 am – 2 pm and Wednesdays 3-6 pm. Vermont Farmers, Food Center at 251 West St. in downtown Rutland. (802) 342-4727. [info@vtfarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@vtfarmersmarket.org) [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org). *Saturdays through April 29.*

**STOWE.** 24th Annual Stowe Messiah Community Sing-In. No rehearsal required. Singers and listeners are both welcome. Scores available but bring your own if you have one. Suggested donation: \$8 at the door. Please bring non-perishable food items for the Lamoille County Food Shelf. 7 pm; doors open at 6:40 pm. Stowe Community Church, 137 Main St. (802) 253-7257.

**STOWE.** Concert: Northern Bronze Bells Ensemble. 1 pm and 4 pm. Spruce Peak Village Center, 5781 Mountain Rd. (802) 977-7823.

**STOWE.** Concert: Christmas in Ireland with the McLean Avenue Band. Traditional Irish tunes and ballads with elements of Rock, Pop, and R&B. Joined by dancers from the Heather Morris Celtic Dance Academy in Morrisville and singers from the Bishop John A. Marshall School. Tickets: \$20, \$42 & \$48 regular, \$54 premium. 7 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. [sprucepeakarts.org](http://sprucepeakarts.org).

**Saturday, December 17, continued:**

**WATERBURY.** Solaris Holiday Concert: "Here We Come a Wassailing!" Tickets \$20, \$15 seniors and students. 7:30 pm. Waterbury Congregational Church at The White Meeting House, 8 N. Main St. (802) 244-6606. director@solarisensemble.org. solarisensemble.org.

**WEST DOVER.** 6th Annual Mount Snow Film Festival. Come out and enjoy some of this year's best videos and get yourself stoked for the season! Free admission, free raffle. 6 pm. Sundance Base Lodge, Mount Snow, 39 Mount Snow Rd. (802) 464-3333. www.mountsnow.com.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** A *Christmas Carol*. Presented by Northern Stage. 2 & 7:30 pm. For tickets call (802) 296-7000. The Barrette Center for the Arts, 74 Gates St. www.northernstage.org. *Through December 24.*

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Upper Valley Curling Club League Play. \$25 for the evening. For those who need it, the club supplies curling equipment. If you are interested in the sport but lack experience, curling club members will provide instruction at regular curling clinics. 5:30 pm. Barwood Arena, Highland Ave. (802) 763-99450. www.uppervalleycurling.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** Seventh Annual Woodstock Film Series Screening: *Last Man on the Moon*. When Apollo astronaut Gene Cernan stepped off the moon in December 1972, he left his footprints and his daughter's initials in the lunar dust. Only now is he ready to share his epic, but deeply personal story of fulfillment, love, and loss. Big screen in the museum's theater, with high definition digital projection and Dolby™ surround-sound. Tickets prices: adults (16 & up): \$11 per film. Children: ages 3-15: \$6 per film. 3 & 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** Chamber Music Concert. Symphony New Hampshire Chamber Players perform classics by Joseph Canteloube, Darius Milhaud and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Free, registration required. 4-5 pm. Woodstock Terrace, 456 Woodstock Rd. (802) 457-2228. gretchen@terracecommunities.com.

**WOODSTOCK.** Christmas at Billings Farm. Learn how Christmas was celebrated in late 19th century Woodstock in the farmhouse and linger in the cozy kitchen as treats are baked in the woodstove. Holiday programs and making historic ornaments. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. *Also December 18 & December 24 through January 1.*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**

**BRATTLEBORO.** Performance: *The Flying Nut—Bratt in the Bayous*. The Nutcracker featuring performers from Youth Performance troupes and NECCA's Professional Training programs. Dance to washboards and banjos, adventure with voodoo kings, carnival march to the swamp of sweets! Cost: \$10-\$25. 1 & 5 pm. New England Center for Circus Arts, 209 Austine Dr. (802) 254-9780. info@necenterforcircusarts.com. necenterforcircusarts.org.

**BROOKFIELD.** Christmas Tree Cutting. Already-cut or Choose & Cut. Wreaths and evergreen brush. Christmas Barn with local farm goodies, refreshments, maple, and more. See our electric train layout. 9 am – 4 pm. L.H. Stowell & Son Christmas Trees, 1591 Twin Ponds Rd. (802) 276-3382. www.lhstrees.com. *Also December 23.*

**BURLINGTON.** Solaris Holiday Concert: "Here We Come a Wassailing!" Tickets \$20, \$15 seniors and students. 3 pm. College Street Congregational Church, 265 College St. (802) 244-6606. director@solarisensemble.org. www.solarisensemble.org.

**DUMMERSTON.** Walker Farm's Elysian Hills Christmas Tree Sales. Ready-cut or cut-your-own. Fresh Balsam wreaths, centerpieces, and greenery! Country Store open with fresh certified organic produce. Free hot cider, hot chocolate & pretzels. Open Saturdays and Sundays 10 am – 4 pm, Mondays through Thursdays 12-4 pm, Fridays 12-7 pm through December 24. Walker Farm's Elysian Hills Tree Farm, 209 Knapp Rd. (802) 254-2051. elysianhillstreefarm.com. *Through December 24.*

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**MANCHESTER.** Elf Express Weekend. Green Mountain Train Rides. Family entertainment on board from Santa and his elves. Entertainment, surprises, and refreshments. Sponsored by The Manchester Lions Club. Departures at 12 pm. R.K. Miles Depot Station, 670 Depot St. (802) 362-6313. visitmanchestervt.com. *Also December 18.*

**MANCHESTER.** Holiday Concert: Vermont Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet and Counterpoint Vocal Ensemble. The program includes arrangements of *The Friendly Beasts*, *I Wonder as I Wander*, *Masters in This Hall*, and *You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch!* Traditional favorites, a singalong, and a brand-new student composition round out the performance. 4 pm. First Congregational Church. For tickets call (802) 864-5741. vso.org.

**PUTNEY.** Putney Winter Farmers' Market. Farm products including greens, storage vegetables, cheese, meat and maple products. Hot lunch, baked goods and crafts from fiber to pottery to wood carvings. Debit and EBT cards accepted, and 10 for 10 "Crop Cash" matching for EBT customers. Live music. 11 am – 2 pm. Green Mountain Orchards, 130 West Hill Rd. www.putneyfarmersmarket.org.

**PUTNEY.** Yellow Barn Residency Concert: Honoring Enrique Granados. Soprano Laura Strickling and pianist Liza Stepanova explore two major works: *Canciones amatorias*, that sets Renaissance Spanish love poems; and a Spanish-language song cycle by Venezuelan-American composer Reinaldo Moya. Tickets: \$18, seniors \$16, students \$9. 3 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill. (802) 387-6637. nextstagearts@gmail.com. www.nextstagearts.org.

**RANDOLPH.** Movie: "Babette's Feast." The story of pious sisters Martine and Philippa, who grow to spinsterhood under the wrathful eye of their strict pastor father on the forbidding and desolate coast of Jutland. Tickets \$9. 6:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org.

**RUTLAND.** Albany Berkshire Ballet Presents "The Nutcracker." Tickets: \$30-\$40. 2 & 6 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. paramountlive.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.*

**WEST WINDSOR.** Advent Concert and Carol Sing. 5 pm. Brownsville Community Church, 66 Brownsville-Hartland Rd. (802) 484-5944. www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** A *Christmas Carol*. Presented by Northern Stage. 2 pm. For tickets call (802) 296-7000. The Barrette Center for the Arts, 74 Gates St. www.northernstage.org. *Through December 24.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Christmas at Billings Farm. Learn how Christmas was celebrated in late 19th century Woodstock in the farmhouse and linger in the cozy kitchen as treats are baked in the woodstove. Holiday programs and making historic ornaments. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. *Also December 24 through January 1.*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19**

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. www.lasaletteofenfield.org. *Through December 31.*

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. [www.lasaletteofenfield.org](http://www.lasaletteofenfield.org). *Through December 31.*

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** *A Christmas Carol.* Presented by Northern Stage. 7:30 pm. For tickets call (802) 296-7000. The Barrette Center for the Arts, 74 Gates St. [www.northernstage.org](http://www.northernstage.org). *Through December 24.*

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. [www.lasaletteofenfield.org](http://www.lasaletteofenfield.org). *Through December 31.*

**RUTLAND.** Winter Vermont Farmers' Market. Local produce, crafts, prepared foods. EBT and debit cards. Saturdays 10 am – 2 pm and Wednesdays 3-6 pm. Vermont Farmers, Food Center at 251 West St. in downtown Rutland. (802) 342-4727. [info@vtfarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@vtfarmersmarket.org). [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org). *Wednesdays through April 26, 2017.*

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** *A Christmas Carol.* Presented by Northern Stage. 2 & 7:30 pm. For tickets call (802) 296-7000. The Barrette Center for the Arts, 74 Gates St. [www.northernstage.org](http://www.northernstage.org). *Through December 24.*

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

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**LUDLOW.** Read with Oreo. School age children are invited to come to the library and read a story with Oreo the Reading Dog. Free. 3 pm. Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St. (802) 228-8921.

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Pajama Party, *The Polar Express* and Santa Claus. The Children's Department invites all little ones to wear their jammies and join us for a cozy evening with a reading of *The Polar Express* and visit from Santa Claus! Hot cocoa and a treat will be provided. 6 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2200. [www.northshire.com](http://www.northshire.com).

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** *A Christmas Carol.* Presented by Northern Stage. 2 & 7:30 pm. For tickets call (802) 296-7000. The Barrette Center for the Arts, 74 Gates St. [www.northernstage.org](http://www.northernstage.org). *Through December 24.*

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

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**PERKINSVILLE.** Live Music Friday with Ken Rokicki on guitar. A truly unique farm-to-table dining experience. 7-9 pm. The Inn at Weathersfield, 1342 Rt. 106. Call for reservations: (802) 263-9217. [www.weathersfieldinn.com](http://www.weathersfieldinn.com).

**PUTNEY.** Concert: Sean Altman's Jewmongous. Ex-Rockapella star Sean Altman's unkosher comedy song concert. All faiths and the faithless are welcome but due to occasional potty-mouthedness, not appropriate for kids under sixteen unless you're training them to be sailors. Tickets: \$20. 7:30 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill. (802) 387-0102. [nextstagearts@gmail.com](mailto:nextstagearts@gmail.com). [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org). [www.jewmongous.com](http://www.jewmongous.com).

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** *A Christmas Carol.* Presented by Northern Stage. 2 & 7:30 pm. For tickets call (802) 296-7000. The Barrette Center for the Arts, 74 Gates St. [www.northernstage.org](http://www.northernstage.org). *Through December 24.*

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

**DUMMERSTON.** Walker Farm's Elysian Hills Christmas Tree Sales. Ready-cut or cut-your-own. Fresh Balsam wreaths, centerpieces, and greenery! Country Store open with fresh certified organic produce. Free hot cider, hot chocolate & pretzels. Open 10 am – 4 pm. Walker Farm's Elysian Hills Tree Farm, 209 Knapp Rd. (802) 254-2051. [elysianhillstreefarm.com](http://elysianhillstreefarm.com).

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**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** *A Christmas Carol.* Presented by Northern Stage. 2 pm. For tickets call (802) 296-7000. The Barrette Center for the Arts, 74 Gates St. [www.northernstage.org](http://www.northernstage.org). *Through December 24.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Christmas at Billings Farm. Learn how Christmas was celebrated in late 19th century Woodstock in the farmhouse and linger in the cozy kitchen as treats are baked in the woodstove. Holiday programs and making historic ornaments. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org). *Also December 26 through January 1.*

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. [www.lasaletteofenfield.org](http://www.lasaletteofenfield.org). *Through December 31.*

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

**BURLINGTON.** Reindeer Up Close. Vermont Reindeer Farm with live reindeer. Get an up-close look at these incredible animals and learn more about them and what makes them so well-suited for cold, snowy weather. Admission: adults 18–59 \$13.50, children 3–17 \$10.50, seniors and college students \$11.50, 2 and younger free. Presentations at 11 am, 12:30 pm, and 2 pm. ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center/Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, One College St. (877) 324-6386. [www.echovermont.org](http://www.echovermont.org).

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. [www.lasaletteofenfield.org](http://www.lasaletteofenfield.org). *Through December 31.*

**STOWE.** Film: Warren Miller's *Here, There and Everywhere* (2016). On-screen interviews with the original ski bum and filmmaker Warren Miller as he spins tales of the past 67 years of great film adventures. Tickets: \$16. 7 pm. Running time: 90 minutes. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. [sprucepeakarts.org](http://sprucepeakarts.org).

**WOODSTOCK.** Christmas at Billings Farm. Learn how Christmas was celebrated in late 19th century Woodstock in the farmhouse. Holiday programs and making historic ornaments. Horse-drawn sleigh or wagon rides. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. [info@billingsfarm.org](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org). *Through January 1.*

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

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## Tuesday, December 17, continued:

**LUDLOW.** Okemo Torchlight Parade and Fireworks Display. A spectacular pyrotechnics show starts at 7:30 pm in the Okemo Clock Tower base area. Torchlight parade of skiers and riders traversing Okemo's Open Slope trail precedes the fireworks show. 3 pm. Okemo Mountain Resort, 77 Okemo Ridge Rd. (802) 228-1600. okemo.org.

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## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

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**LUDLOW.** Animals in Winter. The Nature Museum at Grafton will be visiting the library for this special school vacation week program. Participants will learn about the special adaptations animals have in order to allow them to survive a cold Vermont winter. 10:30–11:30 am. Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St. (802) 228-8921.

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**STOWE.** Performance: Flip Fly Fun! by Nimble Arts. Jugglers, acrobats, aerialists and clowns. Recommended for all ages. Tickets: \$20, \$38 regular, \$48 premium. 7 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. sprucepeakarts.org.

**WARREN.** Photography Outback Tour. Experience and capture the beauty of Sugarbush and the Mad River Valley with our guided photo hike. Our photography workshops are centered on the incredible landscapes that we hike through at our mountain. Enjoy our favorite trails equipped with a DSLR or an iPhone, while our experienced guides teach you the ins and outs of digital photography. Fee: \$78 with rentals, \$68 without rentals. Call for advance registration. 10 am – 1 pm. Sugarbush Ski & Ride School, 102 Forest Dr. (888) 651-4827. sugarbush.com. *Also January 15 and February 22.*

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**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. www.lasaletteofenfield.org. *Through December 31.*

**STOWE.** Ski With DC Adventures Film Festival. Two hours of epic ski and snowboard films from around the world. Tickets: \$12. 7 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. sprucepeakarts.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** Christmas at Billings Farm. Learn how Christmas was celebrated in late 19th century Woodstock in the farmhouse and linger in the cozy kitchen as treats are baked in the woodstove. Holiday programs and making historic ornaments. Horse-drawn sleigh or wagon rides. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am – 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. *Through January 1.*

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

**JAY.** Jay Peak Demo Days. Take a spin over to Alice's Table Patio to check out, and try-out, current and future skis & snowboards from some of the industry's top brands. All demos go out at 9 am and must be returned by 3 pm. You might even be able to buy the pair of skis or snowboard you loved the most. Jay Peak, 830 Jay Peak Rd. (802) 988-2611. www.jaypeakresort.com. *Also January 14, February 18, March 25, April 8.*

**PERKINSVILLE.** Live Music Friday with Dave Clark on guitar. A truly unique farm-to-table dining experience. 7-9 pm. The Inn at Weathersfield, 1342 Rte 106. Call for reservations: (802) 263-9217. www.weathersfieldinn.com.

**STOWE.** Green Mountain Mahler Festival Concert: Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 in D minor, Op. 125 "the Choral." Tickets: \$25, \$20 for persons 60+ years of age, \$10 students. 7:30 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. sprucepeakarts.org.

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## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

**BELMONT.** New Year's Eve Fireworks. Welcome in the New Year with good friends, good cheer, fireworks, a bonfire and skating (if possible). Co-sponsored with the Mount Holly Sno\*Drifters. Free! 9–10:30 pm. Star Lake, 25 Lake St. (802) 259-9130.

**BENNINGTON.** Kids 'Noon' New Year's Party. Music, party hats, sparkling grape juice, and the countdown to noon. \$5 admission; accompanying adults free of charge (does not include admission to the galleries.) 11 am – 12:30 pm. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. www.benningtonmuseum.org.

**BRATTLEBORO.** Last Night Celebration. 20-minute horse-drawn sleigh or wagon rides, rain or shine, music, free skating, fireworks. Retreat Meadows, 1 Anna Marsh Lane. (802) 257-7705. www.brattlebororetreat.org.

**BURLINGTON.** First Night Burlington. Alcohol-free New Year's eve celebration and Vermont's largest one-day arts festival, attracting 20,000 people. Musical performances, dance, theater, circus arts, puppetry, visual arts, storytelling, comedy, fireworks and a parade. A First Night Burlington button admits one to all events all sites, on a first-come, first-served basis. First Night Buttons: adult (age 13+): \$22; child (age 3–12) \$5; student with valid ID \$10; family pack (two adult, two child) \$42. 11 am. Buttons are available at the FlynnTix Box Office in person only at 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. box@flynncenter.org. Festival 11 am December 31 to 12:30 am January 1. (802) 863-6005. www.firstnightburlington.com. flynnitix.org.

**BURLINGTON.** Circus Smirkus. Presented by First Night Burlington. Tickets: \$5, ages 3 and up. Tickets available at the FlynnTix Box Office in person only, no exceptions: both button and ticket required for entry to these performances. 12 noon, 2 pm, and 4 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. box@flynncenter.org. flynnitix.org.

**BURLINGTON.** Concert: Ray Vega. Presented by First Night Burlington. Tickets: \$5, ages 3 and up. Tickets are available at the FlynnTix Box Office in person only, no exceptions: both button and ticket required for entry to these performances. 4 pm, and 5:30 pm. FlynnSpace, 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. box@flynncenter.org. flynnitix.org.

**BURLINGTON.** Kilimanjaro. Presented by First Night Burlington. Tickets: \$5, ages 3 and up. Tickets are available at the FlynnTix Box Office in person only, no exceptions: both button and ticket required for entry to these performances. 10 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. box@flynncenter.org. flynnitix.org.

**Saturday, December 31, continued:**

**BURLINGTON.** First Night Burlington Presents "A Celtic Celebration." Tickets: \$5, age three and up. 7 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. box@flynncenter.org. flynnntix.org.

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. www.lasaletteofenfield.org. *Through December 31.*

**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. 7:30 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.*

**LUDLOW.** Family New Year's Eve. Magic show, wagon rides, party hat decorating, bingo games and trivia. DJ dance party. Kids' dinner party including pizza, mac and cheese. Party games. Balloons, noisemakers, photo booth. Fireworks. 5-9 pm. Jackson Gore Village, Okemo Mountain Resort, 77 Okemo Ridge Rd. (802) 228-1600. okemo.org.

**MANCHESTER.** Manchester Music Festival 6<sup>th</sup> Annual New Year's Eve Concert. Family concert at 3:30 pm—tickets: adults \$13; 18 and under free. Evening concert at 5:30 pm. At the First Congregational Church, 3624 Main St. For tickets or information call (802) 362-1956. www.mmfv.org.

**MONTPELIER.** New Year's Eve Celebration. Something for everyone. Many restaurants and bars offering a special dinner, music or just a drink. Marko the Magician at Montpelier High School 4:30-5:15 pm (magic show). 5:45-7 pm (hypnosis magic show). 7:30 pm. Fireworks, best viewing from the State House lawn. Dave Keller's New Years Eve extravaganza concert, 8 pm. City Hall. (802) 223-9604. montpelieralive.org.

**NORWICH.** Contradance. Featuring music by "Pete's Posse" with caller Adina Gordon. Admission \$15, students \$12, seniors by donation; under 16 free. Sponsored by Muskeg Music. Dance starts at 8 pm. 7:45 pm for walk-through. Bring clean, soft-soled shoes. Potluck snacks. 8 pm till 2017. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 649-1419. uvdum.org.

**PERKINSVILLE.** Live Music Dining with the Peter Concillio Trio. A truly unique farm-to-table dining experience. 7-9 pm. The Inn at Weathersfield, 1342 Rte 106. Call for reservations: (802) 263-9217. www.weathersfieldinn.com.

**RUTLAND.** New Year's Early Eve Event for Children. Live music, local foods, family crafts, face painting. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Fox Room, Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. rutlandfree.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.** Winter Vermont Farmers' Market. Local produce, crafts, prepared foods. Live music. EBT and debit cards. Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm and Wednesdays 3-6 pm. Vermont Farmers, Food Center at 251 West St. in downtown Rutland. (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org www.vtfarmersmarket.org. *Saturdays through April 29.*

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** First Night North in St. Johnsbury. A New Year's Eve festival of the arts. 100 shows by 300 musicians, dancers, comedians, magicians, puppeteers, storytellers, circus, fire artists, fireworks, and more! Food and free shuttle. Button admission \$20, \$13, 5 and under free, available at local businesses. 4 pm - 12 midnight. (802) 748-2600 x 2. info@firstnightstj.com. www.firstnightnorth.org.

**WAITSFIELD.** Mad River Glen New Year's Family Celebration. Bonfire (bring x-mas trees and wood if you got it), potluck dinner (last names starting A to M bring heavy appetizers, chili, soups, stew, etc; N to Z please bring a dessert). Flag football in the snow (we hope!), kids' movie, and torchlight parade. 6:30-10:30 pm. Basebox, Mad River Glen Cooperative, 57 Schuss Pass Rd. (802) 496-3551. ski@madriverglen.com. www.madriverglen.com.

**WEST DOVER.** Mount Snow Torchlight Parade & Fireworks. Kick off your New Year's Eve celebration with us as our Mount Snow Ski & Snowboard School instructors will descend the Canyon ski trail in a beautiful torchlight glow. Immediately following we'll light up the sky with a huge fireworks display. The best place to watch our instructors descend is between the Clocktower and the Cape House. Beforehand join us for free s'mores at the top of the Tubing hill at 3 pm, and then head to the Base Area at 4:45 pm for a bonfire! Mount Snow, 39 Mount Snow Rd. (800) 245-7669. mountsnow.com. *Also January 15 and February 22.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Seventh Annual Woodstock Film Series Screening: *Sing Street*. The story of 14-year old Conor pulling himself up out of bleak circumstances with the help of his older brother, who teaches him that the key to greatness in any endeavor is to risk being ridiculed.. Big screen in the museum's theater, with high definition digital projection and Dolby™ surround-sound. Tickets prices: adults (16 & up): \$11 per film. Children: ages 3-15: \$6 per film. 3 & 5 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**

**BURLINGTON.** Run Vermont's Annual First Run 5k and Youth Fun Run. Through downtown. Presented by UVM Medical Center. Prizes awarded in several costume categories. (802) 863-8412. www.runvermont.org/events/first-run.

**STATEWIDE.** First Day Hikes at Vermont State Parks. Start the New Year on the right foot with a hike in a Vermont State Park. Join the free, guided, easy, family hikes taking place in state parks and forests throughout the state. Hike leaders include professional guides and outdoor educators. Don't need a guide? Then get outside at the state park or forest of your choice. Entry is free. Bring the whole family! Dress for the weather; bring snowshoes if there is a lot of snow, and some beverages and snacks. Dogs are welcome (on leash) unless otherwise noted. You don't need to pre-register, just show up. Update messages will be posted on December 31st and January 1st. For more information and more hikes as they are added check out our website at www.vtstateparks.com. Or call (802) 249-1230. www.voga.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** Christmas at Billings Farm. Learn how Christmas was celebrated in late 19th century Woodstock in the farmhouse and linger in the cozy kitchen as treats are baked in the woodstove. Holiday programs and making historic ornaments. Horse-drawn sleigh or wagon rides. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am - 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org.

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES 2016**

**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.*

## Ongoing Activities, continued:

**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](http://www.stonechurcharts.org). *Nearly every Thursday!*

**BRATTLEBORO.** Post Oil Solutions meets frequently and sponsors events with a mission to advance cooperative, sustainable communities. For info contact Tim Stevenson at [info@postoilolutions.org](mailto:info@postoilolutions.org) or [www.postoilolutions.org](http://www.postoilolutions.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.*

**CASTLETON.** Coffee Hour. Enjoy homemade goodies, hot brew and good company. Free. 9-11 am. Castleton Community Center, 2108 Main St. (802) 468-3093. *Continues on Fridays.*

**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](mailto:innkeeper@innvictoria.com). [www.innvictoria.com](http://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.** 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](http://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.*

**DUMMERSTON.** Walker Farm's Elysian Hills Christmas Tree Sales. Ready-cut or cut-your-own. Fresh Balsam wreaths, centerpieces, and greenery! Country Store open with fresh certified organic produce. Free hot cider, hot chocolate & pretzels. Open Saturdays and Sundays 10 am – 4 pm, Mondays through Thursdays 12-4 pm, Fridays 12-7 pm through December 24. Walker Farm's Elysian Hills Tree Farm, 209 Knapp Rd. (802) 254-2051. [elysianhillstreefarm.com](http://elysianhillstreefarm.com). *November 26 through December 24.*

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. 5-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 410 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. [www.lasaletteofenfield.org](http://www.lasaletteofenfield.org). *December 2-31.*

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Winter Lights in the Park. Take a walk through Maple Street Park and enjoy the bright lights and winter tunes on display. Can you find all of the hidden ornaments in the trees? Pick up a scavenger hunt list on your way into the park! Free. 5-8 pm. Maple Street Park, 75 Maple St. (802) 878-1375. [recreation@ccsvt.org](mailto:recreation@ccsvt.org). [www.ejrp.org](http://www.ejrp.org). *Through January 1.*

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:info@fletcherfarm.org). [www.fletcherfarm.org](http://www.fletcherfarm.org).

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Tour: Winter Merriment on the Backroads. Visit the oldest marble quarry in the U.S., quintessential VT villages, an international woodworking facility/kitchen store, Vermont's finest artisans' boutique, a maple syrup/cheese shop, a Norman Rockwell exhibit, an antique covered bridge, sweeping mountain/valley vistas. Comfortable 10-passenger tour vehicle with local guide (4-passenger SUV for small groups). \$35 PP. Daily tour starts at 1 pm & returns by 3:30 pm. Advance reservations necessary. 39 Bonnet St. (802) 362-4997. [www.backroaddiscovery.com](http://www.backroaddiscovery.com). *Through February 28.*

**MIDDLEBURY.** Very Merry Middlebury—I Spy Contest. All December long. Try to find the hidden ornaments (designed by artist Ashley Wolff) in ten store windows in downtown Middlebury and be entered to win \$100 in Middlebury Money. Rules and contest details will be displayed in the window of the Vermont Bookshop beginning December 1st. The contest is free. Most events are free. (802) 598-1696. [experiencemiddlebury.com](http://experiencemiddlebury.com).

**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](mailto:library@town.milton.vt.us). [miltonlibraryvt.org](http://miltonlibraryvt.org). *First and third Saturdays.*

**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](http://www.vtecostudies.org). *First Tuesday of every month.*

**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](http://www.poultneyhistoricalsociety.org). [www.poultneyvt.com](http://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](http://poultneypubliclibrary.com). *Second Tuesdays.*

**POULTNEY.** Holiday Storytime. Stories, songs, games, and crafts. Fridays at 11 am. December 23 Christmas Story Time, complete with reindeer food. December 30, noon, New Year's Eve Story Time. Free. Poultney Public Library, 205 Main St. (802) 287-5556. [pp15556@yahoo.com](mailto:pp15556@yahoo.com). *December 2-30.*

**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](http://www.greenmtorchards.com).

## Ongoing Activities, continued:

**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.** 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. vtbackroadtours.com.

**SHELBURNE.** Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides. 20-minute rides from the Welcome Center (weather permitting). If there's not enough snow, we'll have wagon rides. Fee: \$10 adult, \$8 children, 2 and under free. 11 am – 2 pm every half-hour, first come, first served. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org. *Daily December 24 (except Christmas) through January 1.*

**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.

**SOUTH ROYALTON.** Christmas Light Illumination. See 200,000 Christmas lights illuminated for the first time this season. Live enactment and singing. Free. 4:30–11 pm November 27 through New Year's Day. Joseph Smith Birthplace Memorial, 357 LDS Lane. (802) 763-7742. www.hsjsmemorial@ldschurch.org.

**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.

**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.

**STOWE.** Homemade Candy Cane Demonstrations. Candy makers boil, pull, turn, roll and twist these special Candy Canes into works of art. Free to watch, or register ahead to make your own candy cane for \$6. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 11 am, plus 2 pm on Saturdays. Laughing Moon Chocolates, 78 South Main St. (802) 253-9591. leigh@laughingmoonchocolates.com. www.laughingmoonchocolates.com. *Through December 23.*

**STOWE.** Friends of the Stowe Free Holiday Book Sale. Christmas books and others with holiday themes for children as well as many bestselling novels for adults. There are choices for all ages that would go perfectly under the tree. Cookbooks, large "coffee table" books, bestsellers and DVDs will also be available. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 am – 5:30 pm, Tuesday and Thursday 12 pm – 7 pm and Saturdays 10 am – 3 pm. Closed on Sundays and holidays. Stowe Free Library, 90 Pond St. (802) 253-6145. www.stowelibrary.org. *December 1–31.*

**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.

**WEST RUTLAND.** Vermont Herbal General Store. Owned and operated by a registered pharmacist. Tai' Chi Gung classes, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm at the store. Free intro classes. Meditations at the store Wednesdays at 5 pm. 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 11 am – 4:30 pm, Saturday 1–6 pm, Sunday 1–4 pm, closed Friday and Monday. 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.

**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.*

## Ongoing Activities, continued:

**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. shaoshantemple.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** Tech Tuesdays: Free one-one help with technology. Computer basics; how to use an e-reader, get a free email address, download e-books and audiobooks, start a blog, learn HTML, FTP, CGI or JavaScript, Word or Excel. 4-6 pm. Norman Williams Public Library, 10 The Green. To set up an appointment, please contact the library at (802) 457-2295. www.normanwilliams.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** Christmas at the Farm. Learn how Christmas was celebrated in late 19th century Woodstock in the farmhouse. Linger in the cozy kitchen as treats are baked in the woodstove. Holiday programs and making historic ornaments. Horse-drawn sleigh or wagon rides, weather permitting. Don't miss a winter visit to the farm. Admission: adults \$14, 62 & up \$13, ages 5-15 \$8, 3-4 \$4, under 3 free. 10 am - 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.billingsfarm.org. *December 3 & 4, 17 & 18 & December 24 through January 1.*

**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. www.vermonthistory.org.

**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.** 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.** Annual Festival: "Reimagining Grandma Moses". Twenty-eight artists respond to the works of Anna Mary Robertson "Grandma" Moses. Collage art, paintings, textiles, videos and more. Open Thursday through Tuesday, 10 am - 5 pm (closed Wednesday). Admission: adults \$10, seniors (62+) and students 18 and over \$9, under 17 free. Bennington Museum, 75 Main St. (802) 447-1571. www.benningtonmuseum.org. *November 25 through December 30.*

**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.

**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: The Spirit of the Season—"My Favorite Things". A holiday themed show by the ensemble company of the Brandon Artists Guild with reasonably priced items. Opening reception 5-7 pm on November 4. All are welcome to enjoy the art, the company, and the refreshments. Brandon Artists Guild, 7 Center St. (802) 247-4956. www.brandonartistsguild. *November 4 through January 31.*

**BRANDON.** Exhibit: "Peace on Earth." Works by Stephanie Whitney-Payne, Joan Curtis, Mary Fran Lloyd, Ruth Hamilton, B Amore, Robert Black, Fran Bull, Louise Kenney, Denise Letendre Bach, Sandy Mayo, Judith Reilly, Alice Sciore, Jessica Scriver, Lowell Snowdon Klock, Christopher Sommer and students from the Leicester Central School. An exhibit of paintings by Stephanie Stouffer will also feature works related to the theme. Compass Music and Arts Center, 333 Jones Dr. (802) 247-4295. www.cmacvt.org. *Through January 7.*

**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.

**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.

**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.*

## Museums, Exhibits and Galleries, continued:

**CENTER RUTLAND.** The Rutland Railroad Museum. Housed in the Rutland Depot, built in 1917. See railroad artifacts and historical exhibits including HO & N scale model railroad layouts and a children's layout. The museum is also available to educational groups and schools for tours by appointment. Open Saturdays from 11 am – 1 pm. Rutland Railway Association, 79 Depot Lane. For information call John Schaub at (802) 768-8427. [info@rutlandrailroadmuseum.org](mailto:info@rutlandrailroadmuseum.org). [www.rutlandrailroadmuseum.org](http://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](http://www.103artisansmarketplace.com).

**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.

**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](http://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](http://www.graftonvalleyartsguild.com).

**GRAFTON.** Art Exhibits. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Gallery North Star, 151 Townshend Rd. (802) 843-2465. [gallery@gnsgraffton.com](mailto:gallery@gnsgraffton.com). [www.gnsgraffton.com](http://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](http://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.** 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 by appointment from November 1 through May 1. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. [birdsofvermont.org](http://birdsofvermont.org).

**LEBANON, NH.** AVA Gallery and Art Center. 11 am – 5 pm. 11 Bank St. (603) 448-3117. [avagallery.org](http://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](http://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: \$20 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](http://www.hildene.org).

**MARLBORO.** Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. Perched on an overlook—on a clear day the horizon is 100 miles away! See mounted specimens of over 600 native New England birds and mammals, a Raptor Center with live hawks and owls, amphibian and reptile exhibit and fall wildflower exhibit. Hogback Mountain Gift Shop next door. Admission: adults \$5, seniors \$3, children 5–12 \$2, 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](mailto:museum@sover.net). [www.vermontmuseum.org](http://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](mailto:cfa@middlebury.edu). [museum.middlebury.edu](http://museum.middlebury.edu).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Gingerbread House Exhibit. Free. Open daily, Monday–Saturday 10 am – 5 pm. Vermont Folklife Center, 88 Main St. (802) 388-4964. [www.vermontfolklifecenter.org](http://www.vermontfolklifecenter.org). *Through December 22.*

**MIDDLEBURY.** Exhibit: World Challenges. An intimate look at the consequences of climate change, war, and violence. Vermont timber historian and wood carver Chuck Herrmann created the colorful white pine triptych with inventive interpretations of melting and jagged ice with Artic animals. Admission: adults \$5, youth (6–18) \$3, seniors \$4.50, family \$12. Museum hours: Tues–Sat. 10 am – 5 pm; Sundays Dec. 4, 11 and 18, noon–4 pm. The Henry Sheldon Museum, One Park St. (802) 388-2117. [henrysheldonmuseum.org](http://henrysheldonmuseum.org). *Through January 14.*

**MIDDLEBURY.** Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont. The oldest chartered community history museum in the United States, welcoming visitors since 1882. Exhibits, research center, and museum shop. Admission: adults \$5, youth 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](http://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](mailto:info@vermontfolklifecenter.org). [www.vermontfolklifecenter.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:vhs-info@state.vt.us). [www.vermonthistory.org](http://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](http://academics.norwich.edu/museum). *Through December 17.*

**NORWICH.** Exhibit: Making Music. Explore the science and the art behind making and playing four instrument families—strings, percussion, air instruments, and electronic instruments. Free with museum admission: adults \$15, children 2–17 \$12. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Montshire Museum of Science, One Montshire Rd. (802) 649-2200. [www.montshire.org](http://www.montshire.org). *Through September 17, 2017.*

**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](http://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](http://www.montshire.org). *Through January 1.*

**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](mailto:info@vinsweb.org). [www.vinsweb.org](http://www.vinsweb.org).

**QUECHEE.** Forest Exhibit. Experience the sights and sounds of the natural Forest. Admission: adults \$14.50, seniors (62 plus) \$13.50, youth (4-17) \$12.50, children 3 and under free. Open 10 am – 4 pm year round. Vermont Institute of Natural Science, 6565 Woodstock Rd. (802) 359-5000. [info@vinsweb.org](mailto:info@vinsweb.org). [www.vinsweb.org](http://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. [vermonttoy museum.com](http://vermonttoy museum.com). [www.quecheegorge.com](http://www.quecheegorge.com).

**RANDOLPH.** 15th Annual Holiday Market. Shop for holiday gifts: work by both perennial favorites and new exhibitors. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. [chandlermarket@gmail.com](mailto:chandlermarket@gmail.com). [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org). *Through December 21.*

**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](mailto:info@bigtowngallery.com). [www.bigtowngallery.com](http://www.bigtowngallery.com).

**RUTLAND.** Exhibit: The Syrian Experience as Art. Twelve Syrian artists express their individual and varied responses to the devastation of their country. Open Thursday through Saturday, 12-6 pm. Castleton University Bank Gallery, 104 Merchants Row. (802) 282-2396. *Through January 31, 2017.*

**RUTLAND.** Annual Gingerbread Construction Competition. This year's theme is Animal Kingdom. Entry deadline: Saturday, December 10 by 3 pm. Wednesday-Friday 11 am – 5 pm; Saturday, 11 am – 3 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. [rfranzoni@chaffeeartcenter.org](mailto:rfranzoni@chaffeeartcenter.org). [www.chaffeeartcenter.org](http://www.chaffeeartcenter.org). *December 14-23.*

**RUTLAND.** Exhibit: Surface Expressions. Current work by members of the Vermont chapter of the international Surface Design Association. Both two and three dimensional forms by 14 artists from across Vermont. Wednesday-Friday, 11 am – 5 pm and Saturday, 11 am – 3 pm; closed Thanksgiving. Chaffee Art Center, 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. *Through December 9.*

**RUTLAND.** Exhibit: Political Cartoons. Historical cartoons from the Amity Art Foundation and contemporary cartoons by Steve Halford. Open Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, 11 am – 5 pm and Saturday, 11 am – 3 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 South Main St. (802) 775-0356. [info@chaffeeartcenter.org](mailto:info@chaffeeartcenter.org). [www.chaffeeartcenter.org](http://www.chaffeeartcenter.org). *Through November 5.*

**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](mailto:info@chaffeeartcenter.org). [www.chaffeeartcenter.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.riverartisans.com).

**SAXTONS RIVER.** Main Street Arts. Exhibits, concerts, lectures, workshops, and classes for adults, teens and children. Community Art Show running October 17 through November 11. Main Street Arts, 35 Main St. (802) 869-2960. [www.mainstreetarts.org](http://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 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century American works. Over 20 gardens. 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](http://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](mailto:vtcat@shorehambellmuseum.com). [www.shorehambellmuseum.com](http://www.shorehambellmuseum.com).

**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](http://galleryvault.org).

**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](https://www.facebook.com/GreatHallSpringfield). *Through April 21.*

**STOWE.** Members’ Art Show & Sale: Festival of Trees & Light. Artwork of our members amongst thirteen community decorated evergreen trees and a beautiful Hanukkah display of menorahs, games, and dreidels. Free. Hours: Wednesday–Sunday, noon – 5 pm and by appointment. Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond St. (802) 253.8358. [www.helenday.com](http://www.helenday.com). *December 2-31.*

**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](http://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](mailto:contact@dogmt.com). [www.dogmt.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:info@carvingstudio.org). [carvingstudio.org](http://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](mailto:TRPS@sover.net). [www.tworiversprintmaking.org](http://www.tworiversprintmaking.org).

## Museums, Exhibits and Galleries, continued:

**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 Tues & Wed 4-7 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.

**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. 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.*

**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. *2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 cuvlever@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.bmcvt.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.** 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.*



## Community Dances and Music, continued:

**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 fairlee@classicsboston.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. Not a performance or church function, just fellowship in song. 7-9:30 pm. Hanover Friends Meeting House, 43 Lebanon St. Information: danhertzler@gmail.com. *Second Thursdays.*

**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. 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.

**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.

**SHELBURNE.** Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides. 20-minute rides from the Welcome Center (weather permitting). If there's not enough snow, we'll have wagon rides. Fee: \$10 adult, \$8 children, 2 and under free. 11 am - 2 pm every half-hour, first come, first served. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. www.shelburnefarms.org. *Daily December 24 (except Christmas) through January 1.*

**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.

**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.

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## VERMONT FARMERS MARKETS

### WINTER 2016-2017

**Bellows Falls Winter Farmers' Market** at the Bellows Falls Amtrak Station, Depot St. Third Fridays October 2016 through April 2017. 4-7 p.m. (603) 499-2374. bellowsfallsmarket@gmail.com. bffarmersmarket.com.

**Bennington-Walloomsac Holiday and Winter Farmers Markets** at First Baptist Church, 601 Main St. December 3 & 17, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Winter Markets January through April, first and third Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. info@walloomsac.org. On Facebook.

**Brattleboro Winter Farmers' Market** at River Garden, 153 Main St. Holiday markets December 3, 10 & 17, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Open December 24 & 31, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Open Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., November 5, 2016 through March 25, 2017. Accepts EBT and debit cards. Sherry Maher, (802) 869-2141. farmersmarket@posttoilsolutions.org. www.posttoilsolutions.org.

**Burlington Winter Farmers' Market** at Dudley H. Davis Center, UVM campus. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. December 3, 10, 17; January 14 & 28; February 11 & 25; March 11 & 25; April 8. Accepts EBT and debit cards. Chris Wagner, (802) 310-5172. info@burlingtonfarmersmarket.org. burlingtonfarmersmarket.org.

**Champlain Islands—South Hero Winter Farmers' Market** at South Hero Congregational Church on South St. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. December 3 & 17. Denise Boutin, (802) 372-3291. deniseboutin@gmail.com. champlainislandsfarmersmarket.com.

**Dorset Winter Farmers' Market** at J.K. Adams Kitchen Store and Factory on Rt. 30. Sundays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., October 30 through May 6. (802) 353-9656. marketmanager@dorsetfarmersmarket.com. dorsetfarmersmarket.com.

**Groton Growers' Winter Farmers Market** at Groton Community Building Gym. Every third Saturday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., from October through May. Mary Berlejung. (802) 584-3595. grotongrowers@gmail.com. www.grotongrowers.org.

**Hartland Winter Farmers' Market** at Damon Hall, Rts. 5 & 12, Hartland Three Corners. Friday afternoons, December 16 & 23, 4-7 p.m. hartlandfarmersmarket@gmail.com. hartlandfarmersmarket.com.

**Londonderry—West River Winter Farmers' Market.** Floodbrook Union School. Saturdays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. thru January 7. Jenny Strecker. (802) 875-5004. westriverfarmersmarket@gmail.com. www.westriverfarmersmarket.com.

**Middlebury Winter Farmer's Market** at Mary Hogan Elementary School, 201 Mary Hogan Dr. Saturdays, December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 5, 12, 19, 26. middleburyfarmersmkt@yahoo.com. www.middleburyfarmersmarket.org.

**Montpelier—Capital City Winter Farmers' Market.** 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. December 3 & 17; January 7 & 21; February 4 & 18; March 4 & 18; and April 1 & 15 at Montpelier High School cafeteria. Carolyn Grodinsky, (802) 223-2958. manager@montpelierfarmersmarket.com. www.montpelierfarmersmarket.com.

**Northfield Winter Farmers' Market.** Norwich University's Plumley Armory. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. December 6, January 8, February 5, March 5, and April 2. northfieldfarmersmarketvt@gmail.com. www.northfieldfarmersmarketvt.com.

**Norwich Farmers' Winter Market** at Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., December 7 holiday market till 2 pm) & 21; January 11 & 25; February 8 & 22; March 8 & 22; April 12 & 26. Steve Hoffman, (802) 384-7447. manager@norwichfarmersmarket.org. norwichfarmersmarket.org.

**Rutland Winter Farmers' Market.** Food Center Building at 251 West St. Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Wednesdays 3-6 p.m. November 2 through May 6. (802) 342-4727. info@vtfarmersmarket.org. www.vtfarmersmarket.org.

**St. Johnsbury—Caledonia Winter Farmers Market** at St. Johnsbury Welcome Center, Railroad St. First Saturday, November through April 1, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Elizabeth Everts, (802) 592-3088. sites.google.com/site/caledoniafarmersmarket.