

# Vermont Country Sampler

## January 2017 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.*

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

**BELMONT.** New Year's Eve Fireworks at Star Lake. 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](http://www.benningtonmuseum.org).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Fair Winds Farm Sleigh Rides. No reservations needed 20-minute horse-drawn wagon rides, rain or shine, in conjunction with Brattleboro's Last Night Celebration. Adults \$8, 3-12 years \$4. Fair Winds Farm at 511 Upper Dummerston Rd., off Rt. 30. (802) 254-9067. [fairwinds@fairwindsfarm.org](http://fairwinds@fairwindsfarm.org). [www.fairwindsfarm.org](http://www.fairwindsfarm.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](http://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](mailto:box@flynncenter.org). Festival 11 am December 31 to 12:30 am January 1. (802) 863-6005. [www.firstnightburlington.com](http://www.firstnightburlington.com). [flynnntix.org](http://flynnntix.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](mailto:box@flynncenter.org). [flynnntix.org](http://flynnntix.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](mailto:box@flynncenter.org). [flynnntix.org](http://flynnntix.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](mailto:box@flynncenter.org). [flynnntix.org](http://flynnntix.org).

**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](mailto:box@flynncenter.org). [flynnntix.org](http://flynnntix.org).

**ENFIELD, NH.** Christmas Lights Display. View more than 450 creches from around the world and the lights display. 4-9 pm. No admission charged, donations accepted. Refreshments in cafeteria. La Salette Shrine, 401 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-7087. [www.lasaletteofenfield.org](http://www.lasaletteofenfield.org).

**HUNTINGTON.** Bird Monitoring Walk. Experienced birders, walks in the woods, and bird-friendly coffee. Please bring your own binoculars and dress for the weather. Free; please pre-register. 7:30 am. The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. (802) 434-2167. [museum@birdsofvermont.org](mailto:museum@birdsofvermont.org). [www.birdsofvermont.org](http://www.birdsofvermont.org). Also January 28 & February 25.

**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](http://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.mmfvt.org](http://www.mmfvt.org).

**MANCHESTER.** Concert: organist Michael Gallagher, playing the Aeolian organ. Admission: \$18 adults, \$5 children 6-14, under 6 free. 2-3 pm. Hildene, off Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 362-1788. [www.hildene.org](http://www.hildene.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. [montpelierlive.org](http://montpelierlive.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. [uvdm.org](http://uvdm.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](http://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](http://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](mailto:info@vtfarmersmarket.org). [www.vtfarmersmarket.org](http://www.vtfarmersmarket.org). *Saturdays through April 29.*

**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. Joseph Smith Birthplace Memorial, 357 LDS Lane. (802) 763-7742. [www.hsjsmemorial@ldschurch.org](mailto:www.hsjsmemorial@ldschurch.org). *Through January 1.*

**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 by calling Catamount or at local businesses. 4 pm – 12 midnight. (802) 748-2600 x 2. [info@firstnightstj.com](mailto:info@firstnightstj.com). [www.firstnightnorth.org](http://www.firstnightnorth.org).

**STOWE.** New Year's Eve Torchlight and Fireworks Show. The festivities kick off at 7 pm with the torchlight parade followed by a spectacular fireworks show from Northstar Fireworks. Spruce Camp Base Lodge, 7320 Mountain Rd. (802) 253-3000. [www.stowe.com](http://www.stowe.com).

**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.

**WARREN.** 7th Annual Dog Parade and Couture Contest. Bark in the New Year at the Dog Parade with your K9 friend in his/her most festive costume. The \$10 registration fee goes towards PAWSitive Pantry. Keep the night rolling with a New Year's Eve Celebration that includes a torchlight parade, fireworks, live music and more. Gate House Courtyard, Lincoln Peak, Sugarbush Resort. (800) 537-8427. sugarbush.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.

**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. Also January 1.

## 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.

**HUBBARDTON.** First Day Hike: Taconic Mountains Ramble State Park. Led by state bat biologist Alyssa Bennett. Hike is 2-3 hours on easy to moderate terrain. There will be freshly baked cookies afterwards. Come take a look at Vermont's newest state park! Meet at noon at Hubbardton Battlefield site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. (802) 828-1532. vtstateparks.com.

**MANCHESTER.** Concert: organist Michael Gallagher, playing the Aeolian organ. Admission: \$18 adults, \$5 children 6-14, under 6 free. 2-4 pm. Hildene, off Rt. 7A, just south of the village. (802) 362-1788. www.hildene.org.

**NORWICH.** Trail Loop Hike or Snowshoe. Appalachian Trail loop with Cossingham Rr. to Happy Hill Shelter. 4 miles, with 500' elevation gain, many short ups and downs. Moderate. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. For meeting time and place contact leaders: Kathy Astrauckas & Bob Hagen at (802) 785-4311. www.greenmountainclub.org.

**SHELBURNE.** Sleigh Rides. 20-minute horse-drawn wagon ride from the Welcome Center (weather permitting). Rides on the half hour from 11 am to 2 pm. No reservations; tickets sold on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 am when the Welcome Center opens. Cost: adult \$10, child \$8, under 3 free. 11 am – 2 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. www.shelburnefarms.org. Also January 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29.

**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. Joseph Smith Birthplace Memorial, 357 LDS Lane. (802) 763-7742. www.hsjsmemorial@ldschurch.org.

**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. For more information and location of hikes check out our website at www.vtstateparks.com. Or call (802) 249-1230. www.voga.org.

**WINDSOR.** First Day Hike: Mt. Ascutney State Park. Hike led by naturalist Scott Davison. Meet at 10 am at the ranger station at park entrance. Hike is 1+ hour easy loop on trails and woods roads. Mt. Ascutney State Park, 1826 Black Mountain Rd. (802) 828-1532. vtstateparks.com.

**WINHALL.** New Year's Snowshoe Outing. Meet at 10 am at the Bondville Post Office on Rt 30 in Winhall to car pool to the trailhead. Snowshoe via a side trail of the Catamount Trail, VAST 7 and the Long Trail to Stratton Pond for lunch and return via the Catamount Trail. Bring extra clothing, lunch, snacks, fluids, a headlamp just in case (daylight ends early). 5.5 miles and about 300-400 feet of elevation gain, moderate hike. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. For more details contact leader: Marge Fish at (802) 384-3654. www.greenmountainclub.org.

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## TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

**BURLINGTON.** Cirque Mother Africa. Artists from multiple African countries, exuberant traditional dancers, breathtaking acrobatics, a swirl of colorful masks and beads, and powerful percussionists. Tickets: \$15–\$36. 7:30 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. box@flynncenter.org. flynnntix.org.

**HANOVER, NH.** Mink Brook Winter Outing. Snowshoe or hike easy loop on level Quinn Trail near Mink Brook. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. For meeting time and place contact leader: Inge Brown at (802) 280-8017. www.greenmountainclub.org.

**STOWE.** Lantern Tours at Night. Three nightly one-hour inside and outside tours. Admission \$10 adults, \$5 students, under 10 free. Start at 7 pm at Stowe Area Visitors Center, Stowe Area Association, 51 Main St. (802) 244-1173. newf1ted@aol.com. Also January 5 & 7.

**TINMOUTH.** Concert: Village Harmony Alumni Ensemble, led by Larry Gordon and Gideon Crevoshay. Songs and dances from South Africa, contemporary American shape-note songs, quartet gospel, traditional songs from Corsica, Georgia and the Balkans, and German renaissance songs. 7 pm. Tinmouth Community Church, 6 Bliss Rd. (802) 446-2928. villageharmony.org.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

**BERLIN.** Exhibition: Shedding Light On the Working Forest, A Traveling Exhibition of Painting and Poetry. This project draws on the artistic friendship of painter Kathleen Kolb and poet Verandah Porche, to celebrate the landscape of the working forest and the voices of those who have honed skills into a livelihood there. Central Vermont Medical Center, 130 Fisher Rd. www.sheddinglightontheworkingforest.net. Through January 30.



## Wednesday, January 4, continued:

**BRATTLEBORO.** First Wednesday Lecture: “Chaucer’s Canterbury Tales: Still Funny After All These Years.” Dartmouth professor Peter Travis discusses the genius, literary achievement, and enduring humanity of Geoffrey Chaucer, the fourteenth-century “Father of English Poetry.” Free. 7 pm. Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main St. (802) 254-5290. [www.vermonthumanities.org](http://www.vermonthumanities.org). [www.brookslibraryvt.org](http://www.brookslibraryvt.org).

**MANCHESTER.** First Wednesday Lecture: “Reading for the Life of the World.” Vermonter Katherine Paterson, award-winning author of *Bridge to Terabithia* and *The Great Gilly Hopkins*, considers the importance and many benefits of reading. Free. 7 pm. First Congregational Church of Manchester, 3624 Main St. (802) 362-2607. [www.vermonthumanities.org](http://www.vermonthumanities.org). [mclvt.org](http://mclvt.org).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Program: *Manet—Portraying Life*. Host Tim Marlow and special guests. 11 am. Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. (802) 388-1436. [www.townhalltheater.org](http://www.townhalltheater.org).

**MIDDLEBURY.** First Wednesday Lecture: “What If Poor Women Ran the World?” Labor historian Annelise Orleck tells the story of nine African-American union maids in Las Vegas during the 1970s who challenged welfare cuts and built a long-lasting, vibrant anti-poverty program run by poor mothers. Free. 7 pm. Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. (802) 388-4095. [www.vermonthumanities.org](http://www.vermonthumanities.org). [www.ilsleypubliclibrary.org](http://www.ilsleypubliclibrary.org).

**MONTPELIER.** First Wednesday Lecture: “Zen, Past and Present: Where Did It Come From and Where Is It Now?” Middlebury College religion professor Elizabeth Morrison examines the history of Zen and its place in the U.S. Free. 7 pm. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, 135 Main St. (802) 223-3338. [www.vermonthumanities.org](http://www.vermonthumanities.org). [kellogg-hubbard.org](http://kellogg-hubbard.org).

**NEWPORT.** First Wednesday Lecture: “Buddhism and Christianity.” John P. Keenan, Emeritus Professor of Religion at Middlebury College, explores how Buddhism explicitly undermines the truth of all religious claims—doing so, ironically, in order to reinvigorate its practitioners’ understanding and practice. Free. 7 pm. Goodrich Memorial Library, 202 Main St. (802) 334-7902. [www.vermonthumanities.org](http://www.vermonthumanities.org). [www.goodrichlibrary.org](http://www.goodrichlibrary.org).

**NORWICH.** First Wednesday Lecture: “The Voyage of the St. Louis and American “Refugee” Policy.” Keene State professor Paul Vincent shares the story of the May 1939 voyage of the St. Louis—carrying mostly Jewish refugees fleeing Germany but denied entry into the US—and argues that many historians have failed to account for the event’s complex political context or the history of US immigration. Free. 7 pm. Norwich Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, 15 Church St. (802) 649-1184. [www.vermonthumanities.org](http://www.vermonthumanities.org). [norwichcongregational.org](http://norwichcongregational.org).

**RUTLAND.** First Wednesday Lecture: “Grandma Moses: American Modern.” Shelburne Museum director Thomas Denenberg explores the work of beloved painter Anna Mary Robertson “Grandma” Moses (1860-1961) and counters her marginalization as a pop culture phenomenon by placing her career within the context of mid-century American culture and modernist art. Free. 7 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. [www.vermonthumanities.org](http://www.vermonthumanities.org). [www.rutlandfree.org](http://www.rutlandfree.org).

**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). *Wednesdays through April 26, 2017.*

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** First Wednesday Lecture: “Face to Face with the Emotional Brain.” Dartmouth professor Paul Whalen explores how the human brain processes the facial expressions of others and what these responses mean for understanding our emotional lives. Free. 7 pm. St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main St. (802) 748-8291. [www.vermonthumanities.org](http://www.vermonthumanities.org). [www.stjathenaeum.org](http://www.stjathenaeum.org).

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

**BURLINGTON.** Book and Author Event: Box Brown and James Kochalka talk about their new books, *Tetris* and *Elf Cat in Love!* Tickets: \$3 (includes a coupon for \$5 off the book). 6:30 pm. Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. [kristen@phoenixbooks.biz](mailto:kristen@phoenixbooks.biz). [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz).

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

**HANOVER, NH.** Opera: Mark Morris Dance Group and The Silk Road Ensemble perform *Layla and Manjun*. An ancient love story makes a rare Western appearance in this stunning new chamber opera. 8 pm. Tickets: \$27–\$70. Spaulding Auditorium, The Hopkins Center, 2 East Wheelock St. (603) 646-2422. [hop.dartmouth.edu](http://hop.dartmouth.edu). *Also January 7.*

**HANOVER, NH.** Public Astronomical Observing. The Department of Physics and Astronomy offers free viewing through its astronomical telescopes. Observing is only possible under good weather conditions; If weather is questionable, call to confirm the status of a session. Free. 8–10 pm. Dartmouth College Observatory, Observatory Rd. (603) 646-9100. [tressena.a.manning@dartmouth.edu](mailto:tressena.a.manning@dartmouth.edu). *Also January 13, 20, 27, February 3.*

**HYDE PARK.** Jane Austen Weekend: Persuasion. Leisurely weekend of literary-inspired diversions for Jane Austen devotees in a Georgian-style mansion. Informative talk over dessert, Jane Austen’s Royal Navy afternoon tea, Regency-style dinner party with English country dancing. Also quill pen letter writing, Sunday brunch and a quiz with prizes. Governor’s House, 100 Main St. (802) 888-6888. [onehundredmain.com](http://onehundredmain.com).

**MANCHESTER.** Book & Author Event. Melissa O’Brien presents her book, *The Accidental Pastor*. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2525. [northshire.com](http://northshire.com).

**RUTLAND.** Friends of the Rutland Free Library Book Sales. Thousands of organized, new and gently used books, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles for all ages. Most items \$.25–\$3. Friday 10 am – 4 pm, Saturday 10 am – 2 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. [friends@rutlandfree.org](mailto:friends@rutlandfree.org). [rutlandfree.org](http://rutlandfree.org). *Also January 7.*

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Fourth Annual New Works Now. *Portugal* by Elizabeth Heffron, explores the fallout (both literal and metaphorical) of mankind’s nuclear adventures through the lens of a young couple living near the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in rural Washington State. Admission free, but seats are reserved. 7:30 pm. The Barrette Center for the Arts. (802) 296-7000. [boxoffice@northernstage.org](mailto:boxoffice@northernstage.org).

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Class: Zentangle Intro/Refresher, with Sadelle Wiltshire. Zentangle helps increase focus and creativity, provides artistic satisfaction and an increased sense of personal well being and calm. A wonderful practice for both the non-artist and artist alike. Fee: \$30. 10 am – 12:30 pm. Currier Hall, 12 Church St. (802) 460-0110. [sca@sover.net](mailto:sca@sover.net). [stonechurcharts.org](http://stonechurcharts.org). [www.tanglevermont.com](http://www.tanglevermont.com).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Winter Farmers’ Market. Fresh produce and local meats, yummy sweet treats, great lunch offerings, delicious pies, preserves and much, much more. Beautiful handmade gifts and live music. 10 am – 2 pm. Robert H. Gibson River Garden, 153 Main St. (802) 869-2141. [farmersmarket@posttoilsolutions.org](mailto:farmersmarket@posttoilsolutions.org). [www.posttoilsolutions.org](http://www.posttoilsolutions.org). *Every Saturday through March 25.*

**BURLINGTON.** Book and Author Event: Join Chris Bohjalian to celebrate the launch of his book, *The Sleepwalker*; the story of a wife and mother who vanishes from her bed late one night. Proceeds of the VIP reception go to the Vermont Foodbank. Tickets: Standard (1 copy of book + 1 seat) \$35; Standard for two (1 copy of book + 2 seats) \$40; VIP (1 copy of book + 1 seat, priority seating, reception) \$50; VIP for two (1 copy of book + 2 seats, priority seating, reception) \$65. 4 pm (VIP) and 5 pm (general admission). Contois Auditorium, 149 Church St. (802) 448-3350. [kristen@phoenixbooks.biz](mailto:kristen@phoenixbooks.biz). [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz).

**CHARLOTTE.** Winter Hike or Snowshoe Outing at Mt. Philo State Park. Easy, approximately 2-3 miles. Dog friendly event. Sponsored by the Bread Loaf Section of the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. For meeting time and place contact leader Mike Greenwood at (802) 349-5653. [mike802vt@comcast.net](mailto:mike802vt@comcast.net). [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**CUTTINGSVILLE.** Plymbsbury Hike or Snowshoe Outing. Snowshoe the trails in the Plymbsbury recreation area. 10 am – 3 pm. Moderate, 4 miles. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. For more details contact leaders Gerry & Chryl Martin at (802) 492-2244. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

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**HARTFORD.** Upper Valley Curling. The club supplies curling equipment. Curling club members will provide instruction at regular curling clinics. Price: \$25. 6–8 pm. Barwood Arena, 45 Highland Ave. (603) 763-9450. uppervalleycurling@gmail.com. www.uppervalleycurling.org. Also January 14, 21, 28, February 4.

**MIDDLEBURY.** MET Live in HD: *Nabucco*. Talk by Jim Pugh prior to performance. Tickets \$24. 1 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. (802) 388-1436. www.townhalltheater.org.

**PERKINSVILLE.** Hands-On Cooking Class. Join Jason and Caitlin of Sobremesa for a hands-on “Introduction to Fermented Vegetables” workshop 10:30 am–1:30 pm. Using just vegetables and salt, we will work in the warmth of The Hidden Kitchen at The Inn at Weathersfield to chop, salt, pound, and pack vegetables into jars. Inn at Weathersfield, 1342 Hwy 106. (802) 263-9217. www.weathersfieldinn.com

**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.

**PUTNEY.** Concert: Christine Ohlman & Rebel Montez. Rock n’ soul concert/dance party. Christine is the current, long-time vocalist with the Saturday Night Live Band. This dance party will feature the expanded and improved Next Stage dance floor and lighting, that is part of major renovations now completed. Tickets: \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. 7:30 pm. Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill. (802) 387-0102. nextstagearts@gmail.com. www.nextstagearts.org.

**RANDOLPH.** Celebrating Creativity in Mental Health, Wellness, and Recovery. Program includes performance by Me2 Orchestra. Tickets \$10. 6:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. www.chandler-arts.org.

**RIPTON.** Concert: The Brother Brothers. Rich harmonies and thoughtful songs are accompanied by guitar, cello, violin and banjo as only a group like the Brother Brothers can offer. Preceded by an open mic. 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, Rt. 125. (802) 388-9782. rcch.org.

**RUTLAND.** Friends of the Rutland Free Library Book Sales. Thousands of organized, new and gently used books, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles for all ages. Most items \$.25–\$3. Friday 10 am – 2 pm, Saturday 10 am – 2 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. friends@rutlandfree.org. rutlandfree.org.

**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.

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**SHREWSBURY.** Snowshoe Outing. Snowshoe the trails in the Plymbsbury recreation area. Moderate, 4 miles. Sponsored by Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for weather changes. Meet at 10 am at Shrewsbury Town Office, Cold River Rd. Leaders: Gerry & Chryl Martin, (802) 492-2244. www.gmckillington.org.

**WALTHAM.** Winter Picnic & Hike. Buck Mountain, Route 66. Animal Winter Picnic at Buck Mtn. with Young Adventurers Club. While the pace geared toward adventurers ages 4–8, everyone is welcome. Sponsored by the Bread Loaf Section of the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. For meeting time and place contact leaders Lauren Bierman at (802) 349-7498. laurenbiermanm@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Fourth Annual New Works Now. *She Exits, Laughing* by Marisa Smith, a hilarious and deeply perceptive story of aging gracefully (or sometimes not so gracefully) and how we try to care for one another in the face of the inevitable. Admission free, but seats are reserved. 7:30 pm. The Barrette Center for the Arts. (802) 296-7000. boxoffice@northernstage.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** January Weekends at Billings Farm. Visit our award-winning Jersey herd, draft horses, and sheep – all inside for the winter – and tour the restored 1890 Farm House. *A Place in the Land* our Academy Award®-nominee film will be shown every hour in the theater and a new exhibition, *Looking at Lincoln: Political Cartoons from the Civil War Era*, will be on display. 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 January 8, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 28, & 29.

**WOODSTOCK.** Seventh Annual Woodstock Film Series Screening: *Rams*. The big-horned head butters of the title here aren’t just the prized sheep kept in a remote Icelandic valley, but the two heavily bearded brothers who are most competitive about them. This superb film’s ending is so primordial you’ll know it’s about far more than livestock and sibling rivalry. 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. Through April 1.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Concert: Bells Merrily a’Ringing. Northern Bronze Handbell Ensemble perform familiar tunes such as “Carol of the Bells,” “Feliz Navidad,” “Deck the Halls” and “Parade of the Tin Soldiers.” Tickets at the door: adults \$12; children under 12 \$8. 3–5 pm. St. James Episcopal Church, 4 St. James Place. (802) 878-4014. stjamesvt.org.

**HANOVER, NH.** Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia perform *Brown Bear, Brown Bear & Other Treasured Stories*. Three beloved books by Eric Carle come to life through Mermaid Theatre’s signature black light puppetry. Recommended for ages 3 and up. 3 pm. Tickets: \$13–\$23. The Moore Theater, The Hopkins Center, 2 East Wheelock St. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

**KILLINGTON.** Pico Telemark Clinic. This instructional clinic will take place on easy or intermediate, lift-accessed, downhill terrain (lift access included) and will emphasize skill demonstration, practice, and technique evaluation. For all ability levels, from beginners to advanced skiers. 12 noon – 4 pm. Pico Mountain Ski Area. catamounttrail.org/events/pico-telemark-clinic.

**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. Price: \$4–\$8. 3–6 pm. Tracy Hall, 300 Main St. (802) 436-2151. barthoj@vermontel.net. Also February 12, March 12, April 9, June 11.

**SHELBURNE.** Sleigh Rides. 20-minute horse-drawn wagon ride from the Welcome Center (weather permitting). Rides on the half hour from 11 am to 2 pm. No reservations; tickets sold on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 am when the Welcome Center opens. Cost: adult \$10, child \$8, under 3 free. 11 am – 2 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. www.shelburnefarms.org. Also January 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29.

**SPRINGFIELD.** Champlain Valley Hard Water Club Fishing Derby. Crappie and yellow perch. 6 am – 2:30 pm. Hoyt’s Landing Access Area on the Connecticut River. (802) 774-8042.



## Sunday, January 8, continued:

**STOWE.** Snowshoe Outing. Starting from Stevensville, we will hike the Nebraska Notch Trail to the Long Trail, then follow it to Butler Lodge and return along the Butler Lodge trail. Moderate to strong pace. 6.2 miles. 1700' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. For more details contact leader David Hathaway at (802) 899-9982. david.hathaway.78@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

**WEST LEBANON, NH.** Winter Snowshoe or Hike Outing at Boston Lot. Attractive lake, and view from hill top. Moderate, with a few short steep sections. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. For more details contact leader Iris Berezin at (802) 295-2294. www.greenmountainclub.org.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Fourth annual New Works Now: Piece Of by Tasha Gordon-Solomon, An inventive, imaginative look at being a child in the age of memes, internet fame, and uber-liberal helicopter parents. Admission free, but seats are reserved. 2 pm. The Barrette Center for the Arts. (802) 296-7000. boxoffice@northernstage.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** Moonlight Trek. A moderate snowshoe or hike on Mt. Tom to the cabin. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. For more details contact leader Juergen Ewert at (802) 457-4345. www.greenmountainclub.org.

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## MONDAY, JANUARY 9

**CRAFTSBURY.** Intensive Course: Fundamentals of Artisan Cheese, taught by world-renowned, master cheesemaker, Ivan Larcher, with Jasper Hill, an American Cheese Society-Certified Professional Educator. Monday, January 9, 7:30 am, to Wednesday, January 18, 4 pm. Sterling College, 16 Sterling Drive, Craftsbury Common. www.sterlingcollege.edu/cheese. Through January 18.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Lecture: "Walt Whitman and the Civil War." "UVM professor Huck Gutman examines some of the most remarkable poems about war ever published and looks at Whitman's remarkable development. Free. 7 pm. Brownell Library, 6 Lincoln St. (802) 878-6954. www.vermonthumanities.org. www.brownelllibrary.org.

**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. Wednesdays through April 26, 2017.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Festival of Mandolin Chamber Music VIII. Learning and performance opportunities for those interested in chamber music composed for mandolin and its related instruments (as well as classical guitar). Participants will rehearse in preparation for a concert on Sunday at 3 pm. Fee: \$180. 5 pm Thursday – 5:30 pm Sunday. Immanuel Retreat Center, 12 Church St. (802) 460-0110. www.stonechurcharts.org. Through January 15.

**BENNINGTON.** The Valley We Live In Lecture Series: Your Garden, Weather and Climate- What will the Future Bring? Presented by Alan Baker. Admission: \$5. 7 pm. One World Conservation Center, 413 VT Rt. 7 South. (802) 447-7419. oneworldconservationcenter.org.

**BURKE.** Full Moon Snowshoe. Join us under the moonlight at the Burke Mountain Nordic Center for a guided snowshoe tour, followed by a campfire and s'mores. This is open to snowshoers of all ability levels and people of all ages! \$10 includes snowshoes and s'mores. 7-9 pm. New this year, NorthWoods Stewardship Center is going to be operating the Dashney Trails that are located just outside the doors of the Burke Mountain Nordic Center. (802) 723-6551. www.northwoodscenter.org.

**HANOVER, NH.** Winter Outing. X-C ski or snowshoe on Goodfellow Trails. Moderate. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. For more details contact leader Cathy Redpath at (802) 649-3862. www.greenmountainclub.org.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

**BURLINGTON.** Canada's Le Patin Libre (The Free Skate) perform Vertical Influences. Professional figure skaters blend modern dance, hip-hop, breakdance, and the high-speed thrill of professional skating. Tickets: \$40. 8 pm. Leddy Park Arena. 216 Leddy Park Rd. (802) 863-5966. box@flynncenter.org. flynnntix.org.

**EAST CHARLESTON.** Bunkhouse Grand Opening and Winter Trails Open House. This new addition to the NorthWoods campus features bunks for up to 18 people, a wood stove, shower/bath facility, and radiant floor heating. With the addition of the bunkhouse, more groups can access NorthWoods education and outreach programs, or plan their own Kingdom experience. Come for the Open House on the winter trails, free rentals, and good food and music by Geoffery Goodhue and Nick Vandenberg to follow. NorthWoods is accepting reservations for overnight stays. Visit our website or call (802) 723-6551 x 301 to make your reservation for 2017. Northwood Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Dr. www.northwoodscenter.org.

**HANOVER, NH.** Public Astronomical Observing. The Department of Physics and Astronomy offers free viewing through its astronomical telescopes. Observing is only possible under good weather conditions; if weather is questionable, call to confirm the status of a session. Free. 8-10 pm. Dartmouth College Observatory, Observatory Rd. (603) 646-9100. tressena.a.manning@dartmouth.edu. Also January 20, 27, February 3.

**HANOVER, NH.** Concert: US Premiere: Béla Pintér and Company perform *Our Secrets*. A hilariously disturbing look at surveillance, sexual desire and folk dancing under Communism. Adult language, graphic sexual content. Post-performance discussions with the artists. 8 pm. Tickets: \$22.50-\$35. The Moore Theater, The Hopkins Center, 2 East Wheelock St. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu. Also January 14.

**MANCHESTER.** Book & Author Event. Penny Gill presents her book, *What in the World is Going On?* Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2525. northshire.com.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Persian Music Concert. Persian music trio Constantinople makes its Middlebury debut in a special collaborative concert with kora player Ablaye Cissoko. The culture-spanning program, titled *Itinerant Gardens*, is a poetic encounter between strings (setar, viola de gamba, and kora), percussion and voice. 8-10 pm. Middlebury College Mahaney Center for the Arts, Robison Hall, 72 Porter Field Rd. www.middlebury.edu.

**RUTLAND.** Concert: Leo Kottke and Keller Williams. Tickets: \$35-\$50. 8 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. www.paramountvt.org.

**WILLISTON.** Concert: Brick Church Music Series—Pete's Posse. Tickets: \$14/\$12. 7 pm, doors at 6 pm. Old Brick Church, 100 Library Ln. (802) 764-1141. www.town.williston.vt.us.

**WOODSTOCK.** VINS Nature Chats: Life Above the Arctic Circle. Find out what it takes to survive in one of the harshest places on the planet and come face to face with a raptor that calls the Arctic home. Sponsored by Vermont Institute of Natural Science. 5:30 pm. Free. On The River Inn, 1653 Rt 4W. (802) 359-5000. vinsweb.org.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

**BARRE.** Concert: Pat Metheny, Jazz Guitarist. Tickets: \$28-\$66. 7:30 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. (802) 775-0903. www.barreoperahouse.org.

**Saturday, January 14, continued:**

**BENNINGTON.** Concert: Kat Wright and the Indomitable Soul Band. A soulful, jazzy, funky sound led by Wright's ear-soothing voice. Tickets: \$18 advance, \$22 at the door. Doors open at 7pm. Show starts at 8 pm. The Masonic Hall. [vtartxchange.org](http://vtartxchange.org).

**BRANDON.** Concert: Swing Noire, Vermont's hottest Hot Club style quartet, plays Gypsy Jazz in the tradition of Django Reinhardt. Tickets: \$20. Pre-concert dinner available for \$25. Reservations required for dinner and recommended for the show. 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.** Winter Farmers' Market. Fresh produce and local meats, yummy sweet treats, great lunch offerings, delicious pies, preserves and much, much more. Beautiful handmade gifts and live music. 10 am – 2 pm. Robert H. Gibson River Garden, 153 Main St. (802) 869-2141. [farmersmarket@postsoilsolutions.org](mailto:farmersmarket@postsoilsolutions.org). [www.postsoilsolutions.org](http://www.postsoilsolutions.org). *Every Saturday through March 25.*

**BRATTLEBORO.** Concert: Brattleboro Concert Choir presents Brahms' Ein Deutsches Requiem, with full orchestra and soloists Margery McCrum, soprano, and Stan Norsworthy, baritone. Admission. 7:30 pm. Latchis Theatre. (802-257-4523). [bmcvt.org](http://bmcvt.org). *Also January 15.*

**BRATTLEBORO.** Vermont Jazz Series Concert: Christian Scott Ensemble. From hip hop to bebop to New Orleans traditional. "A fiendishly gifted trumpeter." Tickets \$20-\$40, Students \$15 w/ valid ID. 8 pm. Vermont Jazz Center, 72 Cotton Mill Hill. For tickets call (802) 254-9088. [www.vtjazz.org](http://www.vtjazz.org).

**BURLINGTON.** Shape Note Concert. Tim Eriksen & Peter Irvine in with shape note singing group. 6 pm. Main Street Landing Black Box & Atrium, 60 lake St. (484) 459-1916.

**BURLINGTON.** So Percussion: A Gun Show, with choreography by Emily Johnson. The percussion-based group navigates the intersection of race, economic equality, public safety, and constitutional rights. Tickets: \$35. 8 pm. FlynnSpace, 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. [box@flynncenter.org](mailto:box@flynncenter.org). [flynnntix.org](http://flynnntix.org).

**CANAAN, NH.** Mt. Cardigan Outing. Climb Mt. Cardigan (3121') via unplowed road and West Ridge Trail, maybe return via South Ridge Trail. Snowshoes and traction needed. Outstanding views. 5.5 to 6 miles, with 1400' elevation gain. Moderate to strenuous. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader Tom Kahl at (207) 692-7495. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**HANOVER, NH.** Play: Bela Printer and Company—Our Secrets. From Hungary's leading theater company, a hilariously disturbing look at surveillance, sexual desire and folk dancing under Communism. \$22.50-\$35. 8 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center for the Arts, 2 W. Wheelock St. (603) 646-2422. [www.hop.dartmouth.edu](http://www.hop.dartmouth.edu).

**HANOVER, NH.** Pub Sing. Revels Traditions hosts pub sings at the Skinny Pancake, 3 Lebanon St. To check for times call (603) 277-9115. For information call Revels North at (866) 556-3083. [info@revelsnorth.org](mailto:info@revelsnorth.org). [www.revelsnorth.org](http://www.revelsnorth.org). *Also February 25, March 18, April 8, June 24, July 15, August 26, September 2, October 14, November 25 and December 1.*

**HARTFORD.** Upper Valley Curling. The club supplies curling equipment. Curling club members will provide instruction at regular curling clinics. Price: \$25. 6–8 pm. Barwood Arena, 45 Highland Ave. (603) 763-9450. [uppervalleycurling@gmail.com](mailto:uppervalleycurling@gmail.com). [www.uppervalleycurling.org](http://www.uppervalleycurling.org). *Also January 21, 28, February 4.*

**HUNTINGTON CENTER.** Camels Hump Winter Hike. We will ascend the Forest City trail from Burrows trailhead, hit the summit, then down Burrows. Difficult snowshoe. Strong pace. 6 miles. 2400' elevation gain. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader: Robynn Albert at [robynnalbert@hotmail.com](mailto:robynnalbert@hotmail.com). [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**LEBANON, NH.** Full Moon Fiesta. Travel by snowshoe, ski or snowboard at Storrs Hill Ski Area for light food and hot beverages. Bring your own mug, spoon and bowl. Fee: \$5-\$10, 5 and under free, \$30 maximum per family. 6–8 pm. Storrs Hill Ski Area, 60 Spring St. (603) 448-5121. [recreation@lebcity.com](mailto:recreation@lebcity.com).

**LUDLOW.** Laser Light Show. Okemo presenting a laser light show spectacular with colorful lasers projected on the Bull Run trail and into the night sky just outside Okemo's Clock Tower base lodge. A fireworks finale. Okemo's Sitting Bull open for beverages and rocking live music. 7 pm. Okemo Mountain Resort, 77 Okemo Ridge Rd. (802) 228-1600. [www.okemo.com](http://www.okemo.com).

**LYNDONVILLE.** Torchlight Ski and Snowshoe. Check in at the Kingdom Trail Nordic Adventure Center and then head out for a nighttime snowshoe or ski on the cross country ski trails. Solar torches will be your guide (but make sure that you have a headlamp) to a bonfire and hot chocolate. Great friends and family outing. Fee: \$5. 6-8 pm. Kingdom Trail Nordic Adventure Center, 2059 Darling Hill Rd. (802) 626-6005. *Also February 25.*

**MANCHESTER.** Book & Author Event. Julia Alvarez and Sabra Field present their book, *Where Do They Go*. Free. 4 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2525. [northshire.com](http://northshire.com).

**MONTPELIER.** Full Moon Snowshoe Hike. Under a full moon and surrounded by sparkling snow, let's snowshoe by lunar light! Night activities will illuminate how wildlife survives the long nights of winter. Snowshoes and hot chocolate provided. Fee: \$10. 7 pm. North Branch Nature Center, 713 Elm St. To register call (802) 229-6206. [www.northbranchnaturecenter.org](http://www.northbranchnaturecenter.org).

**NORWICH.** Contradance. Featuring music by Audrey Buddington, fiddle and Clayton Clemetson, piano, with caller Nils Fredland. Admission \$9, students \$6, 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. [uvdm.org](http://uvdm.org).

**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.*

**QUECHEE.** Winter Wildlife Celebration. For children of all ages. Events include raptor visits including raptor feeding, drawing classes, nest box building ( \$10 for materials), guided snowshoe walk, movie, popcorn and hot chocolate. 10 am-4 pm. Admission: adults: \$14.50, seniors (62 plus) \$13.50, youth (4-17) \$12.50 and children 3 and under free. Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS), 6565 Woodstock Rd. (802) 359-5000. [vinsweb.org](http://vinsweb.org).

**RANDOLPH.** Discussion: environmental activist Bill McKibben & journalist Amy Goodman. Tickets: \$30. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org).

**RIPTON.** Rikert Nordic Fatbike Roundup. Bring your own Fatbike or rent from the fleet. Group rides on and off-trail led by Rikert staff. Smaller bikes available for teens. Demos, games and a grill. Rikert Nordic Center, 106 College Cross Rd. (802) 443-2744. [rikertnordiccenter@middlebury.edu](mailto:rikertnordiccenter@middlebury.edu). [rikertnordic.com](http://rikertnordic.com).

**RUPERT.** Thoreau Cabin Workshop: Board Feathering and Shingle & Peg Making. Merck Forest and Farmland, 3270 Rt. 315, west of Manchester. (802) 394-7836. [merckforest.org](http://merckforest.org). *Also January 15.*

**RUPERT.** Full Moon Outing. Merck Forest and Farmland, 3270 Rt. 315, west of Manchester. (802) 394-7836. [merckforest.org](http://merckforest.org).

**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.*



**Saturday, January 14, continued:**

**RUTLAND.** Grown-Ups Playdate. 21+ party. Golf contests with prizes, demonstrations and instruction, shuffleboard and foosball round robin tournaments and a buffet with dessert bar. Raffle tickets and silent auction. Cost: \$40; advance ticket purchase required. Benefits the Wonderfeet Kids' Museum, 11 Center St. 7–11 pm, hosted by Stonehedge Indoor Golf, 172 S. Main St. (802) 282-2678. [www.wonderfeetkidsmuseum.org](http://www.wonderfeetkidsmuseum.org).

**SHELBURNE.** Sleigh Rides. 20-minute horse-drawn wagon ride from the Welcome Center. Rides on the half hour from 11 am to 2 pm. No reservations; tickets sold on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 am when the Welcome Center opens. Cost: adult \$10, child \$8, under 3 free. 11 am – 2 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. [shelburnefarms.org](http://shelburnefarms.org). *Also January 15, 21, 22, 28, 29.*

**SHELBURNE.** Workshop: Wildlife Detectives. Learn about wild animals that are active in the cold Vermont winter in our cozy, indoor, wintery forest. Then, we will bundle up and go outdoors to explore for signs of those animals. Fee: \$10. 10 am – 12 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org).

**SPRINGFIELD.** Workshop: Snowscapes in Pastel with Robert Carsten. Working from photos, explore composition, color, value, color temperature and more. Critique and discussion at the end of the session. All levels welcome. Materials list provided. Fee: \$80. 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. [galleryvault.org](http://galleryvault.org).

**SPRINGFIELD.** Bird Seed Sale. Ascotney Mountain Audubon Society is participating in bird seed sales 10 am–2 pm. Biden's Hardware, 362 River St. AMAS receives a percentage of all sales related to bird food and products. [amas@vermontel.net](mailto:amas@vermontel.net). [vtaudubon.org](http://vtaudubon.org). *Also February 18.*

**STOWE.** Kids Winter Carnival Kaos. Family Fun with costume characters, games, DJ, music & bouncy house! 1 pm. Stowe Elementary School, 254 Park St (802) 253-6138. [www.stowerec.org](http://www.stowerec.org).

**STOWE.** Martin Luther King Fireworks Show and Night Rail Jam. Celebrate MLK weekend with a fireworks show starting at 7 pm. Spruce Camp Base Lodge, 7320 Mountain Rd. (802) 253-3000. [stowe.com](http://stowe.com).

**STOWE.** Ninth Annual Ladies Nordic Ski Expo. A supportive environment to try out nordic skiing. Taught by women for women. 8:30 am – 5:30 pm. Trapp Family Lodge. [catamounttrail.org/events/ladies-nordic-ski-expo](http://catamounttrail.org/events/ladies-nordic-ski-expo).

**STOWE.** 43rd Winter Carnival. Sporting events and activities for all ages. Stowe Mountain Resort Ski Area, Mountain Rd., 51 Main St. (802) 777-5510. [stowewintercarnival.com](http://stowewintercarnival.com). *Through January 28.*

**STOWE.** Concert. Chad Hollister Large Band. Tickets: \$20-\$35. 7:30 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. [sprucepeakarts.org](http://sprucepeakarts.org).

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Screening. Twelve years in the making, *One Big Home* follows one carpenter trying to understand the trend toward giant houses on the tiny island of Martha's Vineyard. The showing of *One Big Home* includes an introduction and post-screening discussion with director/filmmaker Thomas Bena. 7 p.m. Briggs Opera House, 5 S. Main St. Reserve a seat at [wrif.org](http://wrif.org).

**WOODSTOCK.** Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend at Billings Farm. Visit our award-winning Jersey herd, draft horses, and sheep and tour the restored 1890 Farm House. Horse-drawn sleigh rides pulled by one of our teams of Belgian or Percheron draft horses. Watch the award-winning documentary, *A Time for Justice*, in our theatre throughout the day. 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. [ibillingsfarm.org](http://ibillingsfarm.org). *Also January 15, 16, 21, 22, 28, & 29.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Seventh Annual Woodstock Film Series Screening: *He Named Me Malala*. A look at the events leading up to the Taliban's attack on Pakistani schoolgirl, Malala Yousafzai, for speaking out on girls' education—followed by the aftermath, including her speech to the United Nations. 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](mailto:info@billingsfarm.org). [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org). *Through April 1.*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Mandolin Festival Concert: The New England Mandolin Ensemble perform newly-composed and nearly-forgotten works for classical mandolin ensemble. Tickets: \$17, seniors and students \$13. 3 pm. Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. (802) 460-0110. [www.stonechurcharts.org](http://www.stonechurcharts.org).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Concert: Brattleboro Concert Choir presents Brahms' Ein Deutsches Requiem, with full orchestra and soloists Margery McCrum, soprano, and Stan Norsworthy, baritone. Admission. 5 pm. Latchis Theatre. (802-257-4523). [bmcvt.org](http://bmcvt.org).

**ENFIELD, NH.** Shaker Sing. Informal sing led by Mary Ann Haagen in the Great Stone Dwelling Meeting Room. No previous experience required. Music will be provided and taught to all. Socializing and refreshments. Free, donations accepted. 3–5 pm. Enfield Shaker Museum, 447 Rt. 4A. (603) 632-4346. [mah@valley.net](mailto:mah@valley.net).

**MANCHESTER CENTER.** Hot Blues for Cold Nights Benefit Concert: Bob Stannard & Those Dangerous Bluesmen. Proceeds go to Ski for Heat, a nonprofit organization that raises money for heating fuel assistance for local Vermont low-income families and individuals. Suggested donation. 7–10 pm. Manchester Eagles Club, 2282 VT Rt. 11. (802) 362-9804.

**NORWICH.** Appalachian Trail Winter Hike. Snowshoe (or traction) on AT in Eastern Vermont. 5 miles, hilly. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader Dave Hardy at (802) 343-9017. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**SHELBURNE.** Sleigh Rides. 20-minute horse-drawn wagon ride from the Welcome Center (weather permitting). Rides on the half hour from 11 am to 2 pm. No reservations; tickets sold on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 am when the Welcome Center opens. Cost: adult \$10, child \$8, under 3 free. 11 am – 2 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org). *Also January 21, 22, 28, 29.*

**SOUTH BURLINGTON.** Winter Concert Series: Missisquoi River Band. Families welcome! Kids can choose to enjoy the performance with front row seats or from the listening corner filled with quiet tabletop activities. Free. 2 pm. South Burlington Community Library, 540 Dorset St. (802) 652-7080. [mpaquette@sbscshool.net](mailto:mpaquette@sbscshool.net). [www.sburlcomlib.com](http://www.sburlcomlib.com).

**STOWE.** 43rd Winter Carnival. Sporting events and activities for all ages. Stowe Mountain Resort Ski Area, Mountain Rd., 51 Main St. (802) 777-5510. [stowewintercarnival.com](http://stowewintercarnival.com). *Through January 28.*

**WALLINGFORD.** Hike from Wallingford Pond to Little Rock Pond. Snowshoes or grippers needed. Moderate, 5-6 miles. Sponsored by Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for weather changes. Meet at 9:30 am at Wallingford Elementary School. Leader: Cindy Taylor-Miller, (802) 446-2288. [www.gmckillington.org](http://www.gmckillington.org).

**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. [www.mountsnow.com](http://www.mountsnow.com). *Also February 22.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend at Billings Farm. Visit our award-winning Jersey herd, draft horses, and sheep – all inside for the winter – and tour the restored 1890 Farm House. Horse-drawn sleigh rides around the farm, pulled by one of our teams of Belgian or Percheron draft horses. Watch the award-winning documentary, *A Time for Justice*, in our theatre throughout the day. 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 January 16, 21, 22, 28, & 29.*

## MONDAY, JANUARY 16

**PERU.** Bromley Mountain Outing. Snowshoe or skin up on your skis from parking lot to Long Trail and use the Long Trail south to the summit of Bromley Ski Area. Bring extra clothes, lunch and snacks, fluids. Lunch at the summit. Moderate climb up with about 900 feet elevation gain, 2.5 miles up and then the trip down the ski trail. 10 am – 3:30 pm. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader: Katie Brooks at (516) 978-4016. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**STOWE.** 43rd Winter Carnival. Sporting events and activities for all ages. Stowe Mountain Resort Ski Area, Mountain Rd., 51 Main St. (802) 777-5510. [stowewintercarnival.com](http://stowewintercarnival.com). *Through January 28.*

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## TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

**BURLINGTON.** Performance: Comedian Sarah Silverman. Tickets: \$25-\$70. 7:30 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. [box@flynncenter.org](mailto:box@flynncenter.org). [www.flynncenter.org](http://www.flynncenter.org).

**EAST BARRE.** X-C Ski or Snowshoe Outing. At the Millstone Nordic Center. Abandoned marble quarries, lovely hardwood forests, views. Moderate. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leaders: Heinz & Inge Trebitz at (802) 785-2129. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

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**WOODSTOCK.** X-C Ski & Swim. At Woodstock Touring Center. Easy loops on golf course or challenging trails on your own. Optional swim. Trail/pool fee. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader Inge Brown at (802)280-8017. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

**LUDLOW.** Read With Oreo. School age children are invited to the library to read a story or two with Oreo the reading dog. 3 pm. Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St. (802) 228-8921. [www.fmlnews.org](http://www.fmlnews.org).

**RUTLAND.** Class: Write Now! Release your writer's block and give yourself the gift of written expression. Bring whatever you are working on, whether it be creative writing, spoken word, poetry, or your memoir. Space limited to 10 participants. Advance registration required. Facilitated by Joanna Tebbs Young. Tuition: \$20. 6:30–8:30 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. [www.chaffeeartcenter.org](http://www.chaffeeartcenter.org). *Third Wednesday of every month.*

**RUTLAND.** Sip N' Dip Painting Class. This is Arts Night Out! Paint along with instructors as you create your own masterpieces. All materials provided. BYOB. Tuition: \$30. 6:30–9 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. [www.chaffeeartcenter.org](http://www.chaffeeartcenter.org). *Bi-weekly, Wednesdays.*

**RUTLAND.** Class: Open Figure Drawing. Hone the your skills of observation of the human figure. Space limited to 10. Advanced registration required. Tuition: \$15. 6–8 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. [www.chaffeeartcenter.org](http://www.chaffeeartcenter.org). *Third Wednesday of every month.*

**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). *Wednesdays through April 26, 2017.*

**STOWE.** 43rd Winter Carnival. Sporting events and activities for all ages. Stowe Mountain Resort Ski Area, Mountain Rd., 51 Main St. (802) 777-5510. [stowewintercarnival.com](http://stowewintercarnival.com). *Through January 28.*

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

**BENNINGTON.** The Valley We Live In Lecture Series: "Our Farm Help Save the Planet." Presented by Sally Dodge. Admission: \$5. 7 pm. One World Conservation Center, 413 VT Rt. 7 South. (802) 447-7419. [oneworldconservationcenter.org](http://oneworldconservationcenter.org).

**BOLTON VALLEY.** Cross-Country Ski and/or Snowshoe at the Bolton Touring Center. Various distances, all abilities. Trail fee. Bring lunch. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leaders Mary Garcia at (622) 0585 or Mary Smith at (505) 0603. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**HANOVER.** Concert: The Jones Family Singers. Force-of-nature vocalists and vintage R&B rhythm section deliver spirit-lifting, hip-shaking gospel-funk. Post-performance discussion with the artists. 7 pm. Tickets: \$17–\$25. Spaulding Auditorium, The Hopkins Center, 2 East Wheelock St. (603) 646-2422. [hop.dartmouth.edu](http://hop.dartmouth.edu).

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**HUNTINGTON.** Tricky Tracks Workshop. Winter is a wonderful time to learn about the comings and goings of our furry and feathered neighbors. We'll discover how animals move through the snow then head outdoors in search of fresh tracks. 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).

**LEBANON, NH.** Performance: Moon Mouse. Lightwire Theater presents a cosmic adventure about celebrating differences. Recommended for Grades K–4. This is a sensory-rich show and may be overwhelming for some audiences. Tickets: \$4, \$6, \$10. 10 am. Lebanon Opera House, 51 N. Park St. (603) 448-0400. [lebanonoperahouse.org](http://lebanonoperahouse.org).

**RUTLAND.** Performance: Nick of Time – No Strings Marionettes. Tickets \$10. 7:30 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [paramountvt.org](http://paramountvt.org). *Through January 21.*

**SALISBURY.** Hike or Snowshoe Chandler Ridge from Falls of Lana. Moderate, 5 miles RT, 800 ft. ascent/descent. Good views of Green Mountains, Lake Dunmore and Adirondacks from Chandler Ridge. Bring lunch, water; poles and gaiters recommended. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Sponsored by the Bread Loaf Section of the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact Ruth Penfield at (802) 388-5407. [ruthpenfield@gmail.com](mailto:ruthpenfield@gmail.com). [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**STOWE.** 43rd Winter Carnival. Sporting events and activities for all ages. Stowe Mountain Resort Ski Area, Mountain Rd., 51 Main St. (802) 777-5510. [stowewintercarnival.com](http://stowewintercarnival.com). *Through January 28.*

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

**BARRE.** Performance: The Vermont Burlesque Festival. This two-hour show features 16 acts! Tickets: \$25-\$45. 8 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. (802) 775-0903. [www.barreoperahouse.org](http://www.barreoperahouse.org).

**BRATTLEBORO.** Windham Orchestra Concert: Verdi, Il Travatore, The Troubador. Admission. 7 pm. Latchis Theater. [bmcvt.org/windham-orchestra/concerts](http://bmcvt.org/windham-orchestra/concerts).

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Yankee Sportsman's Classic. Over 100 exhibitors, speakers, Celebrity Whitetail Symposium, Rainforest Reptile Show, VT Dept. of Fish & Wildlife seminars and more. 12-7 pm. Champlain Valley Exposition, 105 Pearl St. (802) 877-0033. [info@yankeeclassic.net](mailto:info@yankeeclassic.net). [www.yankeeclassic.net](http://www.yankeeclassic.net). *Also January 21 & 22.*



**Friday, January 20, continued:**

**HANOVER, NH.** Public Astronomical Observing. The Department of Physics and Astronomy offers free viewing through its astronomical telescopes. Observing is only possible under good weather conditions; If weather is questionable, call to confirm the status of a session. Free. 8–10 pm. Dartmouth College Observatory, Observatory Rd. (603) 646-9100. tressena.a.manning@dartmouth.edu. *Also January 27, February 3.*

**JEFFERSONVILLE.** Smuggs Ice Bash. Promoting the sport of ice climbing. Free gear demos from the industry's leading brands, clinics for the beginner to advanced climbers, multimedia slideshows by sponsored athletes, dry tooling competition and kick-off party, huge raffles and immense camaraderie in Vermont's premier ice climbing destination. Managed by Petra Cliffs Climbing Center and Mountaineering School in Burlington. At The Barn at Smugglers' Notch, VT Rt. 108 S. and Stebbins Rd. (802) 657-3872. www.petracliffs.com. smuggsicebash.com. *Also January 21 & 22.*

**MANCHESTER.** Book & Author Event. Katie McKenna presents her book, *How to Get Run Over by a Truck*. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2525. northshire.com.

**MONTPELIER.** Starry, Starry Night. Come explore the planets and the moon, seek out nebulas and galaxies, and learn the constellations of winter. We'll view the Orion Nebula, the Pleiades, and maybe even the Crab Nebula through a telescope. Dress warmly, bring the whole family, and be prepared to be dazzled by the winter night sky. Pre-registration is not required. Fee: \$12. 7 pm. North Branch Nature Center, 713 Elm St. To register call (802) 229-6206. www.northbranchnaturecenter.org.

**RUTLAND.** Performance: Nick of Time – No Strings Marionettes. Tickets \$10. 7:30 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. paramountvt.org. *Also January 21.*

**RUTLAND.** Performance: Comedian Bob Marley. Tickets: \$20-\$35. 8 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. paramountvt.org.

**STOWE.** 43rd Winter Carnival. Ice carving demonstration day along with more than 20 major activities for both young and old, from zany sports events, ski movies, broomball, snow golf and snow volleyball tournaments, beer garden and much more starting 9 am. Stowe Mountain Resort Ski Area, Mountain Rd., 51 Main St. (802) 777-5510. stowewintercarnival.com. *Through January 28.*

**TINMOUTH.** Concert. Possum Haw's Rutland County Farewell Concert. Donations \$10, homemade refreshments available. Doors open at 7 pm, concert at 7:30 pm. Old Firehouse Stage, Rt. 140 and Mountain View Rd. (802) 446-3953. tinmouthvt.org.

**TINMOUTH.** Contra Dance. Dance to the splendid tunes of Cedar Stanistreet and Marko Packard with Adina Gordon calling. Admission \$10-\$12, teens \$8, 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.*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Zentangle and the Spirit, a one-day retreat/workshop with Sadelle Wiltshire. Explore the ways creativity and spirituality are intertwined. Collaborative art projects with a spiritual bent, guided meditations, shared discussion and art journaling. Bring: your Zentangle® supplies, pens & color markers or watercolor pencils and a waterbrush, art journal, lunch (or \$ for take out in). Fee: \$80. 10 am – 4 pm. Immanuel Retreat Center, 12 & 14 Church St. (802) 460-0110. sca@sover.net. stonechurcharts.org. www.tanglevermont.com.

**BRANDON.** Classical Concert: Heliand Consort. 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.** Winter Farmers' Market. Fresh produce and local meats, yummy sweet treats, great lunch offerings, delicious pies, preserves and much, much more. Beautiful handmade gifts and live music. 10 am – 2 pm. Robert H. Gibson River Garden, 153 Main St. (802) 869-2141. farmersmarket@posttoilsolutions.org. www.posttoilsolutions.org. *Every Saturday through March 25.*

**BRATTLEBORO.** Annual Vermont Maple Conference. Important industry updates. Workshops on maple science, sugarbush health, sap production, marketing and business management, syrup production and other topics. Sessions on syrup filtering and beginning sugarmaking. Trade show and equipment displays. Fee: \$40, students \$5. Lunch is an extra \$15. School for International Training Graduate Institute. www.vermontmaple.org/maple-conferences.

**BURLINGTON.** Vermont Symphony Orchestra Masterworks Concert: violinist Katherine Winterstein. Tickets: Adults \$61/\$48/\$32/\$16; Students \$10. 8 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. box@flynncenter.org. flynnntix.org.

**BURLINGTON.** Celtic Winter Gathering and Green Mountain Performing Arts Winter Dance Showcase. Celtic dancers compete in a Scottish and Irish dance competition. Workshops for beginners through advanced dancers. Scottish and Irish inspired food available at the "Celtic Cafe". Green Mountain Performing Arts (GMPA) Winter Showcase on Saturday night at 6:30 pm and Sunday afternoon at 2 pm. 9 am Saturday to 3 pm Sunday. Main Street Landing. www.greenmountainperformingarts.org/winter-showcase--celtic-gathering.html. *Also January 22.*

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Yankee Sportsman's Classic. Over 100 exhibitors, speakers, Celebrity Whitetail Symposium, Rainforest Reptile Show, VT Dept. of Fish & Wildlife seminars and more. Kids trout pond. 9 am – 7 pm. Champlain Valley Exposition, 105 Pearl St. (802) 877-0033. info@yankeeclassic.net. www.yankeeclassic.net. *Also January 22.*

**ESSEX.** Megan Dowd Lambert presents Whole Book Approach Storytime. Free. 6 pm. (802) 448-3350. Phoenix Books Essex, 21 Essex Way. (802) 872-7111. kristen@phoenixbooks.biz. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

**HARTFORD.** Upper Valley Curling. The club supplies curling equipment. Curling club members will provide instruction at regular curling clinics. Price: \$25. 6–8 pm. Barwood Arena, 45 Highland Ave. (603) 763-9450. uppervalleycurling@gmail.com. www.uppervalleycurling.org. *Also January 28, February 4.*

**JEFFERSONVILLE.** Smuggs Ice Bash. Promoting the sport of ice climbing. Free gear demos from the industry's leading brands, clinics for the beginner to advanced climbers, multimedia slideshows by sponsored athletes, dry tooling competition and kick-off party, huge raffles and immense camaraderie in Vermont's premier ice climbing destination. Managed by Petra Cliffs Climbing Center and Mountaineering School in Burlington. At The Barn at Smugglers' Notch, VT Rt. 108 S. and Stebbins Rd. (802) 657-3872. www.petracliffs.com. smuggsicebash.com. *Also January 22.*

**MANCHESTER.** Book & Author Event. Robert Hauptman presents his book, *Deadly Peaks: Mountaineering's Greatest Triumphs and Tragedies*. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2525. northshire.com.

**MIDDLEBURY.** MET Live in HD: Roméo et Juliette. Talk by David Clark prior to performance. Tickets \$24. 1 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. (802) 388-1436. www.townhalltheater.org.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Concert: Jean-Michel Pilc, Jazz Piano, intimate lyricism to breathtaking virtuosity. Tickets: \$25/\$20/\$6. 8 pm. Mahaney Center for the Arts, 72 Porter Field Rd.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Jazz Piano. Called "a dazzlingly inventive pianist" Jean-Michel Pilc performs with a wide range and spectrum from intimate lyricism to breathtaking virtuosity. Sponsored by the Performing Arts Series. 8 pm. Reserved seating. Tickets: \$25/20/6. Middlebury College Mahaney Center for the Arts, Robison Hall, 72 Porter Field Rd. (802) 443-3168. www.middlebury.edu.

## Saturday, January 21, continued:

**NORWICH.** Snowshoe Outing. Snowshoe on new loop connecting Parcel 5 and Brookmeade Conservation Area to Gile Mt. and Ballard Trail. 5 miles, with 400-500' elevation gain. Moderate. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader Nick Krembs at (802) 649-1048. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**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.*

**PROCTOR.** Winter Hike on Library Ridge. Walk north along Route 3 a short distance, turn right on Williams Street and into the woods through the Town-owned gravel pit. From there, onto old woods roads to a newly-built cell tower and then south along Library Ridge until we intersect with the Carriage Trail and back to the skating rink. Some mild bushwhacking with excellent views to the east and west off the ridge. Moderate, 4-5 miles. Sponsored by Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Newcomers and non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for weather changes. Meet at 10 am at Proctor skating rink. Leader: Larry Walter, (802) 775-3855. [www.gmckillington.org](http://www.gmckillington.org).

**RANDOLPH.** Classical Concert. Pianist Simone Dinnerstein performs a program by Franz Schubert with response works by Philip Glass. Tickets: \$35, \$10 students, kids 5 and under free. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org). [www.simonedinnerstein.com](http://www.simonedinnerstein.com).

**RUTLAND.** Concert: UU Coffeehouse Series: Maiden Vermont. Tickets \$25. 7:30 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [paramountvt.org](http://paramountvt.org).

**RUTLAND.** Maiden Vermont Concert. Enjoy 50 voices singing doo-wop, swing, Broadway show tunes, spirituals, the Blues and other great tight-harmony pieces. 7 pm. Unitarian Universalist Church, 117 West St. (802) 558-7587. [www.maidenvermont.com](http://www.maidenvermont.com).

**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.*

**RUTLAND.** Performance: Nick of Time – No Strings Marionettes. Tickets \$10. 2 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [paramountvt.org](http://paramountvt.org).

**SHELBURNE.** Sleigh Rides. 20-minute horse-drawn wagon ride from the Welcome Center (weather permitting). Rides on the half hour from 11 am to 2 pm. No reservations; tickets sold on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 am when the Welcome Center opens. Cost: adult \$10, child \$8, under 3 free. 11 am – 2 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org). *Also January 22, 28, 29.*

**SHELBURNE.** Winterfest. Enjoy indoor and outdoor winter activities such as sledding, horse-drawn rides, crafts, music and delicious food during this annual family-fun event. Northern Lights Rock and Ice will provide a rock climbing wall. Music by Mr. Chris at 1 pm. Free. 12-3 pm. Farmyard courtyard. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. off Rt. 7. (802) 985-8686. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org).

**SPRINGFIELD.** Workshop: Painting the Winter Landscape in Watercolor with Robert O'Brien. Working from photos, learn to create a finished painting from a favorite winter subject. Explore glazing techniques and the layering of subtle tints of snow. The instructor will demonstrate and provide hands-on guidance. Critique and discussion at the end of the session. All levels welcome. Materials list provided. Fee: \$75. 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St. (802) 885-7111. [galleryvault.org](http://galleryvault.org).

**STOWE.** 43rd Winter Carnival. Experience the 17th annual NICA sanctioned ice carving competition 11 am-3 pm. Spruce Peak Plaza. Enjoy more than 20 other major activities for both young and old, from zany sports events, ski movies, broomball, snow golf and snow volleyball tournaments, beer garden and much more starting 9 am. through Jan. 28. Stowe Mountain Resort Ski Area, Mountain Rd., 51 Main St. (802) 777-5510. [www.stowewintercarnival.com](http://www.stowewintercarnival.com). *Through January 28.*

**STOWE.** PossumHaw Farewell Concert. Stunning vocal harmonies, the drive of bluegrass, original lyricism of folk. Tickets: \$20. 7:30 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. [sprucepeakarts.org](http://sprucepeakarts.org).

**WOODSTOCK.** January Weekends at Billings Farm. Visit our award-winning Jersey herd, draft horses, and sheep – all inside for the winter – and tour the restored 1890 Farm House. *A Place in the Land* our Academy Award®-nominee film will be shown every hour in the theater and a new exhibition, *Looking at Lincoln: Political Cartoons from the Civil War Era*, will be on display. 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 January 22, 28, & 29.*

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

**BRATTLEBORO.** Windham Orchestra Concert: Verdi, Il Travatore, The Troubador. Admission. 2 pm. Latchis Theater. [bmcvt.org/windham-orchestra/concerts](http://bmcvt.org/windham-orchestra/concerts).

**BURLINGTON.** Vermont Youth Orchestra Winter Concert: The overture to Berlioz's opera Benvenuto Cellini, the Finale of Elgar's Cello Concerto in E minor, Experience Knoxville Summer of 1915 by Barber, and Rimski-Korsakov's Capriccio Espagnol. Tickets: Adults \$17, Students \$12. 3 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. [box@flynncenter.org](mailto:box@flynncenter.org). [flynnntix.org](http://flynnntix.org).

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Yankee Sportsman's Classic. Over 100 exhibitors, speakers, Celebrity Whitetail Symposium, Rainforest Reptile Show, VT Dept. of Fish & Wildlife seminars and more. 9 am – 4 pm. Champlain Valley Exposition, 105 Pearl St. (802) 877-0033. [info@yankeeclassic.net](mailto:info@yankeeclassic.net). [www.yankeeclassic.net](http://www.yankeeclassic.net).

**FAIRLEE.** Upper Valley Trails Alliance 2017 Skate-a-thon. Join other winter sports enthusiasts as they skate laps on the Lake Morey Skating Trail, the longest groomed skating trail in the United States. Entry fee gets you free Nordic Skate Rentals (first come, first served), hot chocolate, soup, lunch from Boloco, and a raffle ticket for awesome prizes! Skaters get one additional raffle ticket for each lap around the lake. Accommodations available at Lake Morey Resort for \$89. Fee: \$15-\$25 payable day of event. 10 am – 3 pm. At Lake Morey Resort. [www.uvtrails.org](http://www.uvtrails.org).

**HANOVER, NH.** Concert: Winds of Change. Dartmouth College Wind Ensemble performing then and now works by Mozart, Strauss, Stravinsky and Caplan. \$9-\$10. 4 pm. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center for the Arts, 2 W. Wheelock St. (603) 646-2422. [www.hop.dartmouth.edu](http://www.hop.dartmouth.edu).

**NORWICH.** Muskeg Music Presents the 2017 Upper Valley Winter Series English Country Dancing. Music by Trip to Norwich with Carol Compton and Thal Aylward plus guest musicians. Chris Levey calling. Please wear clean soft soled shoes. Dances taught and newcomers are welcome. Admission: \$8, youth under 25 \$4, \$7 for Muskeg or CDSS members. Refreshments provided. 3-6 pm. Tracy Hall just off the Green. (802) 785-4121. [christopher.g.levy@dartmouth.edu](mailto:christopher.g.levy@dartmouth.edu). *Also February 26, March 26, April 30.*

**PROCTORSVILLE.** Gaslight Tinkers Concert. A New England band described as "African, Caribbean, Funk, reggae and Latin styles" with traditional Celtic fiddle and American roots. 4 pm. Gethsemane Church, 89 Depot St. (802) 226-7497.

**QUECHEE.** Snowshoe Outing. Lovely loop past beaver ponds. 2-3 miles, with some hills. Easy/moderate. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader Iris Berezin at (802) 295-2294. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).



## Sunday, January 22, continued:

**RUTLAND.** Jazz Sunday Celebration. The seven-piece Onion River Jazz Band from Burlington to perform hymns and other inspiring music along as well as with the choir in gospel arrangements in the African-American tradition. Also, after the service the band will play in Fellowship Hall. Grace Church, 8 Court St. (802) 775-4301.

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**RUTLAND.** Vermont Symphony Orchestra Sunday Matinee Concert with Katherine Winterstein. Program includes Theofanidis, Barber, and Beethoven. Tickets \$10-\$32. 3 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. paramountvt.org.

**SHELBURNE.** Sleigh Rides. 20-minute horse-drawn wagon ride from the Welcome Center (weather permitting). Rides on the half hour from 11 am to 2 pm. No reservations; tickets sold on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 am when the Welcome Center opens. Cost: adult \$10, child \$8, under 3 free. 11 am – 2 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. www.shelburnefarms.org. Also January 28, 29.

**JEFFERSONVILLE.** Smuggs Ice Bash. Promoting the sport of ice climbing. Free gear demos from the industry's leading brands, clinics for the beginner to advanced climbers, multimedia slideshows by sponsored athletes, dry tooling competition and kick-off party, huge raffles and immense camaraderie in Vermont's premier ice climbing destination. Managed by Petra Cliffs Climbing Center and Mountaineering School in Burlington. At The Barn at Smugglers' Notch, VT Rt. 108 S. and Stebbins Rd. (802) 657-3872. www.petracliffs.com. smuggsicebash.com.

**STOWE.** 43rd Winter Carnival. Free ice skating. Sporting events and activities for all ages. Stowe Mountain Resort Ski Area, Mountain Rd., 51 Main St. (802) 777-5510. www.stowewintercarnival.com. Through January 28.

**WOODSTOCK.** January Weekends at Billings Farm. Visit our award-winning Jersey herd, draft horses, and sheep – all inside for the winter – and tour the restored 1890 Farm House. *A Place in the Land* our Academy Award®-nominee film will be shown every hour in the theater and a new exhibition, *Looking at Lincoln: Political Cartoons from the Civil War Era*, will be on display. 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 January 28 & 29.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 23

**BELLOWS FALLS.** Discussion: Pushing the Limits of Nature, as developed in T. C. Boyle's novel "When the Killing's Done." Video clips with the author and everyday people. Retired marine biologist Peter Bergstrom will facilitate the community discussion. Light meal provided by Lisai's Deli. Free. Space limited; registration encouraged. 6:30 pm. Rockingham Library's top floor Meeting Room, 65 Westminster St. (802) 463-4270. programming@rockinghamlibrary.org. www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

**BURLINGTON.** Book & Author Event. Steve Early presents *Refinery Town*. Free. 6:30 pm. Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. kristen@phoenixbooks.biz. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

**ELMORE.** Cross-Country Ski. Start at Rte. 12 south of Elmore village and ski north to Little Elmore Pond, following an old woods road. Weather permitting, we will also ski around the pond. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Sponsored by the Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club. Leaders: Steve and Heather Bailey at (609) 424-9238 or stevebailey@gmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

**WALLINGFORD.** Presentation: How Will Climate Change Affect Vermont? Dr. Alan Betts, atmospheric researcher, will explain how global climate change is affecting Vermont, and review the transformation of society already underway. How can we develop a systems approach to land conservation and utilization as climate changes? Refreshments served. 6:30 pm. Wallingford Auditorium (above the Town Hall). (802) 446-2928. djfontein@gmail.com.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

**HANOVER, NH.** Snowshoe in the Woods. Snowshoe loop on Greensboro Ridge. Pleasant woods, with attractive rock formations. 2 miles, with a few hundred feet elevation gain. Easy. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader Peter Hope at (603) 863-6456. www.greenmountainclub.org.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

**BURLINGTON.** Play: *Native Gardens* by Karen Zacarias, produced by Vermont Stage. A disagreement over a longstanding fence line spirals into an all-out war of taste, class, privilege, and entitlement. Tickets: Wed, Thurs, Sat Mat, Sun Mat performances Adults \$32, Students \$28.80; Fri, Sat night Adults \$37.50, Students \$33.75. 7:30 pm; matinees 2 pm. FlynnSpace, 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. box@flynncenter.org. flynnntix.org. Through February 12.

**DORSET.** Free Community Supper. Menu includes minestrone soup, roasted pork loin with gravy, buttered noodles, red cabbage and apple sauce, tiny spring green peas, tossed green salad, rolls and butter, assorted desserts, and gluten free pasta and desserts. 5:30-7:30 pm. United Church of Dorset and East Rupert, UCC, 143 Church St. (802) 867-2260. Also February 16 and March 22.

**MANCHESTER.** Book & Author Event. James Rollins presents his book, *Seventh Plague*. Free. 6 pm. Northshire Bookstore 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2525. northshire.com.

**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. *Wednesdays through April 26, 2017.*

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

**BENNINGTON.** The Valley We Live In Lecture Series: The Bears of Vermont. Presented by Forrest Hammond, Vermont Fish and Wildlife. Admission: \$5. 7 pm. One World Conservation Center, 413 VT Rt. 7 South. (802) 447-7419. oneworldconservationcenter.org.

**BURLINGTON.** Book & Author Event. Katherine Arden presents *The Bear and the Nightingale*. Tickets are \$3 per person, and include a coupon for \$5 off the featured book. Coupons expire at closing the evening of the event. Seating is limited. 6:30 pm. Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. kristen@phoenixbooks.biz. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

**EAST HAVERHILL, NH.** Mountain Snowshoe Climb. Climb Black Mt. (2830') via Chippewa Trail. Steep, but with many incredible views, especially from the summit toward Mt. Moosilauke. 3.6 miles, with 1550' elevation gain. Moderate/strenuous. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader Cathy Redpath at (802) 649-3862. www.greenmountainclub.org.

**MANCHESTER.** Book & Author Event. Chris Bohjalian presents his book. Free. 6 pm. Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2525. northshire.com.

**STOWE.** 43rd Winter Carnival. Sporting events and activities for all ages. Stowe Mountain Resort Ski Area, Mountain Rd., 51 Main St. (802) 777-5510. stowewintercarnival.com. Through January 28.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

**BURLINGTON.** Performance: Balé Folclórico da Bahia. This troupe of over 30 exuberant performers fills the theater with thrilling folkloric choreography, explosive percussion, and joyous song. Tickets: \$15-\$42. 8 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. box@flynncenter.org. flynnntix.org.

**BURLINGTON.** Lane Series Folk Concert featuring Livingston Taylor and Tom Chapin. Tickets: \$40 adult, \$10 student. 7:30 pm. UVM Music Recital Hall, S. Prospect St. (802) 656-4455. www.uvm.edu/laneseries.

## Friday, January 27, continued:

**HANOVER.** Concert: Rudresh Mahanthappa's Bird Calls. A fiery, forward-looking tribute to jazz icon Charlie Parker by one of today's most celebrated sax players. 8 pm. Tickets: \$17-\$30. Spaulding Auditorium, The Hopkins Center, 2 East Wheelock St. (603) 646-2422. [hop.dartmouth.edu](http://hop.dartmouth.edu).

**HANOVER, NH.** Public Astronomical Observing. The Department of Physics and Astronomy offers free viewing through its astronomical telescopes. Observing is only possible under good weather conditions; If weather is questionable, call to confirm the status of a session. Free. 8-10 pm. Dartmouth College Observatory, Observatory Rd. (603) 646-9100. [tressena.a.manning@dartmouth.edu](mailto:tressena.a.manning@dartmouth.edu). Also February 3.

**MANCHESTER.** Book & Author Event. Kate Hennessy presents her book, *Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved by Beauty—An Intimate Portrait of My Grandmother*. Free. 7 pm. Northshire Bookstore 4869 Main St. (802) 362-2525. [northshire.com](http://northshire.com).

**MIDDLEBURY.** Musical Comedy. City of Angels, written in contemporary jazz idiom, a co-production of Town Hall Theater and Middlebury College Department of Music. Tickets \$16. 8 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. (802) 388-1436. [www.townhalltheater.org](http://www.townhalltheater.org). Also January 28, 29 & 30.

**RUTLAND.** Concert: Lyle Lovett and John Hiatt. Tickets: \$69.50-\$89.50. 8 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. [paramountvt.org](http://paramountvt.org).

**ST. ALBANS.** Third, Annual In Good Taste. Sample regional culinary delights, handcrafted beer, wine, and unique spirits in a cocktail-style setting. Local growers, producers and food artisans. Product available for sale; free, reusable shopping bag. Ample parking in the new downtown parking garage. Proof of ID required for alcohol samples. Tickets: Advance, Online Admission: 20 tasting tickets @ \$12; at the Door: 20 tasting tickets @ \$18. Two Tastings: 4-6 pm or 6:30-8:30 pm. St. Albans City Hall in the heart of downtown. (802) 524-2444. [info@fercvt.com](mailto:info@fercvt.com). [www.facebook.com/InGoodTasteVT](http://www.facebook.com/InGoodTasteVT).

**STOWE.** 43rd Winter Carnival. 2nd annual broomball tournament with six-person teams at The Commodores Inn and Resort. Come one, come all and play on a 6 person teams (2 females minimum) or watch the art of broomball, as well as the other "on snow" sports. Enjoy other activities for both young and old, from zany sports events, ski movies, beer garden, Karaoke competition and much more starting 9 am. Stowe Mountain Resort Ski Area, Mountain Rd., 51 Main St. (802) 777-5510. [stowewintercarnival.com](http://stowewintercarnival.com). Through January 28.

**WAITSFIELD.** Free Community Dinner. Enjoy a hearty and wholesome community meal, Free to the public. Come in, take a plate and head to the buffet. Each month features a new menu. Families are welcome. 5:30-6:30 pm. Waitsfield United Church, Rt. 100. (802) 496-3065. [www.waitsfieldchurch.org](http://www.waitsfieldchurch.org). Also February 24, March 31 and April 28.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

**BARRE.** Concert: Los Lobos. One of the original Latin crossover acts. Tickets: \$29-\$53. 7:30 pm. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main St. (802) 775-0903. [www.barreoperahouse.org](http://www.barreoperahouse.org).

**BENNINGTON.** Concert: The Ghost of Paul Revere. Maine-grown, foot-stompin' holler-folk quartet. Tickets; \$18 advance, \$22 at the door. Doors open at 7 pm; show starts at 8 pm. The Masonic Hall. [vtartxchange.org](http://vtartxchange.org).

**BONDVILLE.** Stratton Mountain Snowshoe. Meet at the Stratton base lodge outside at the west end (near the gondola) at 8:15 am for a free ride on the gondola up to the summit. We will snowshoe to the tower on the south summit, then take the Long Trail down to Stratton Pond. Bring extra clothing, lunch and snacks, fluids. Total snowshoe distance about 7 miles with about 800 feet of uphill. Moderately difficult. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For details contact leader Dave Ratti at (802) 366-0698. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**BRANDON.** Americana Concert: Zephyr. 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.** Winter Farmers' Market. Fresh produce and local meats, yummy sweet treats, great lunch offerings, delicious pies, preserves and much, much more. Beautiful handmade gifts and live music. 10 am - 2 pm. Robert H. Gibson River Garden, 153 Main St. (802) 869-2141. [farmersmarket@postsoilsolutions.org](mailto:farmersmarket@postsoilsolutions.org). [www.postsoilsolutions.org](http://www.postsoilsolutions.org). Every Saturday through March 25.

**BRATTLEBORO.** Tenth Annual Northern Roots Festival, presented by the Brattleboro Music Center. Irish, Scottish, Scandinavian and French Canadian music in intimate settings. Teaching workshops, performances and jam sessions. Tickets available for daytime program, evening concert or in combination. For ticket information and a complete schedule, contact the BMC at (802) 257-4523. [www.bmcvt.org](http://www.bmcvt.org).

**BURLINGTON.** Whole Book Approach Story Time. Free. 11 am. Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St. (802) 448-3350. [kristen@phoenixbooks.biz](mailto:kristen@phoenixbooks.biz). [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz). Saturdays mornings.

**BURLINGTON.** The Banff Mountain Film Fest. Tickets: \$18.35. 7 pm. Flynn MainStage, 153 Main St. (802) 863-5966. [box@flynncenter.org](mailto:box@flynncenter.org). [www.flynncenter.org](http://www.flynncenter.org).

**CHESTER.** 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual New Voices 2017. Hear authors read from their new work: Dan Cluchey, Rebecca Dinerstein, Kaitlyn Greenidge, Tom McAllister, and Adelia Saunders. Sponsored by Misty Valley Books. Admission \$10. 2 pm at the First Universalist Church in the Stone Village. (802) 875-3400. [www.mvbooks.com](http://www.mvbooks.com).

**HANOVER.** Two to Tango. Keysi Montas and Noelia Cirnigliaro demonstrate the dramatic footwork and complex moves of tango dance. Watch, listen, then try out some simple tango moves on the dance floor with them. 11 am. Free admission. Alumni Auditorium, The Hopkins Center, 2 East Wheelock St. (603) 646-2422. [hop.dartmouth.edu](http://hop.dartmouth.edu).

**HARTFORD.** Upper Valley Curling. The club supplies curling equipment. Curling club members will provide instruction at regular curling clinics. Price: \$25. 6-8 pm. Barwood Arena, 45 Highland Ave. (603) 763-9450. [uppervalleycurling@gmail.com](mailto:uppervalleycurling@gmail.com). [www.uppervalleycurling.org](http://www.uppervalleycurling.org). Also February 4.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Musical Comedy. City of Angels, written in contemporary jazz idiom, a co-production of Town Hall Theater and Middlebury College Department of Music. Tickets \$16. 8 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. (802) 388-1436. [www.townhalltheater.org](http://www.townhalltheater.org). Also January 29 & 30.

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**MORRISVILLE.** Annual Vermont Maple Conference. Important industry updates. Workshops on maple science, sugarbush health, sap production, marketing and business management, syrup production and other topics. Sessions on syrup filtering and beginning sugarmaking. Trade show and equipment displays. Fee: \$40, students \$5. Lunch is an extra \$15. Peoples Academy. [www.vermontmaple.org/maple-conferences](http://www.vermontmaple.org/maple-conferences). [go.uvm.edu/extension-maple](http://go.uvm.edu/extension-maple).

**NORWICH.** Contradance. Featuring music by Liz and Dan Faiella (Liz, fiddle; Dan, guitar & mandolin) with caller Luke Donforth. Admission \$9, students \$6, 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. [uvdm.org](http://uvdm.org).

**RANDOLPH.** Vermont Pride Theater presents "Perfect Arrangement". Tickets: \$18.50. 7:30 pm. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St. (802) 728-6464. [www.chandler-arts.org](http://www.chandler-arts.org).



## Saturday, January 28, continued:

**RIPTON.** EasternCup Cross Country Ski Weekend #3. Rikert Nordic Center, 106 College Cross Rd. (802) 443-2744. info@frostmountainnordic.org. www.frostmountainnordic.org. rikertnordic.com. *Through January 29.*

**RUTLAND.** A Talk with Italian Chef, Lidia Bastianich Tickets: \$40-\$85. 7:30 pm. Paramount Theater, 30 Center St. (802) 775-0903. paramountvt.org.

**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.*

**SHARON.** Ski or Snowshoe on Beautiful Trails. Wooded trails on a beautifully conserved property. 4 miles, moderate. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader Annie Janeway at (413) 374-0988. www.greenmountainclub.org.

**SHELBURNE.** Sleigh Rides. 20-minute horse-drawn wagon ride from the Welcome Center (weather permitting). Rides on the half hour from 11 am to 2 pm. No reservations; tickets sold on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 am when the Welcome Center opens. Cost: adult \$10, child \$8, under 3 free. 11 am – 2 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. www.shelburnefarms.org. *Also January 29.*

**SHOREHAM.** Winter Wassail. Join our fifth annual orchard celebration! Sleigh/wagon rides by Hammond's horses, hot cider, warm soup, bread, and mulled cider (hard or not), and a heating hut to keep warm. Bring sleds, snowshoes, skis, instruments, and most importantly warm clothes! 3-6 pm. Farm market 12-6 pm. Toasting of the trees 4 pm. Champlain Orchards, 3597 Rt. 74 West. (802) 897-2777. www.champlainorchards.com.

**STOWE.** Annual Children's Ice Fishing Derby. Learn how to ice fish while sipping on hot chocolate. Prizes for the longest, shortest and most fish in the pond. Make sure that everyone is dressed appropriately. Food, refreshments, fishing holes, bait, and limited equipment available. Pre-registration is encouraged. Cost: \$5 per child. 7:30 am – 12 noon. Commodore Inn Pond, 823 S. Main St. (802) 253-6138. recreation@townofstowevermont.org. www.stowerec.org.

**STOWE.** Snowshoe on Stowe Pinnacle. Great views of Stowe Village! Easy to moderate snowshoe. Strong pace. 3 miles. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader Robynn Albert at robynnalbert@hotmail.com. www.greenmountainclub.org.

**STOWE.** Performance: Cinderella by the State Ballet Theater of Russia. Enjoy 55 of Russia's finest dancers, beautiful costumes and the music of Sergei Prokofiev. Tickets: \$20-\$65. 7 pm. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr. (802) 760-4634. sprucepeakarts.org.

**WEST RUTLAND.** Alabaster Carving Sculpture Workshop with Scott Cahaly. Beginners and experienced sculptors alike will be guided through the process of looking into the rock for imagery, carving into material, planning and forming a sculpture, and using tools. Bring a bag lunch. Fee: \$150. 9 am – 3 pm. Carving Studio & Sculpture Center, 636 Marble St. (802) 438-2097. info@carvingstudio.org. www.carvingstudio.org. www.cahaly.net.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Youth Ice Fishing Derby. For ages 14 and younger. All legal species. Sponsored by Hartford Parks and Rec. 7:30 am – 12 noon. Dewey's Pond, 171 Bridge St. Check in at the Welcome Tent. (802) 295-5036. jmcdonough@hartford-vt.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** January Weekends at Billings Farm. Visit our award-winning Jersey herd, draft horses, and sheep – all inside for the winter – and tour the restored 1890 Farm House. *A Place in the Land* our Academy Award®-nominee film will be shown every hour in the theater and a new exhibition, *Looking at Lincoln: Political Cartoons from the Civil War Era*, will be on display. 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 January 29.*

**WOODSTOCK.** Seventh Annual Woodstock Film Series Screening: *Welcome to Leith*. The story of the attempted takeover of a small town in North Dakota by notorious white supremacist Craig Cobb. 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. *Through April 1.*

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

**HANOVER.** ChamberWorks Concert: Alex Ogle, Peggy Spencer, Zon Eastes and Greg Hayes. 1 pm. Free admission. Rollins Chapel. (603) 646-2422. hop.dartmouth.edu.

**MIDDLEBURY.** Musical Comedy. City of Angels, written in contemporary jazz idiom, a co-production of Town Hall Theater and Middlebury College Department of Music. Tickets \$16. 8 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. (802) 388-1436. www.townhalltheater.org. *Also January 30.*

**MONTPELIER.** Ice on Fire Winter Festival. Local performers offer theater, dance, storytelling, poetry and music. Children's activities, winter games, theater, song and storytelling. Opening puppet professional parade at 2 pm, closing bonfire at 5 pm. Food, hot cider, hot chocolate. Snowshoes provided, bring x-country skis and sleds. Bundle up and come out for this snowy celebration of community. By donation \$1-\$5 or bring baked goods. 2-5 pm. North Branch Nature Center, 713 Elm St. (802) 223-7335. www.northbranchnaturecenter.org.

**PERU.** Bromley Mountain Snowshoe Outing. Climb to the 3,260' summit from Mad Tom Notch for great views – hope for fluffy snow! Snowshoes will be needed. Moderate to difficult, 7 miles. Sponsored by Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Free. Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for weather changes. Leave at 9 am from Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station off Center Street in Rutland City. Leader: Allison Henry, (802) 775-1627. www.gmckillington.org.

**SHELBURNE.** Sleigh Rides. 20-minute horse-drawn wagon ride from the Welcome Center (weather permitting). Rides on the half hour from 11 am to 2 pm. No reservations; tickets sold on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 am when the Welcome Center opens. Cost: adult \$10, child \$8, under 3 free. 11 am – 2 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. www.shelburnefarms.org.

**THETFORD.** X-C Ski on Union Village Dam Loop. Partly on snowmobile trails. Moderate 5 miles, steep in places but with long easier sections as well. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leaders Inge & Heinz Trebitz at (802) 785-2129. www.greenmountainclub.org.

**WOODSTOCK.** January Weekends at Billings Farm. Visit our award-winning Jersey herd, draft horses, and sheep – all inside for the winter – and tour the restored 1890 Farm House. *A Place in the Land* our Academy Award®-nominee film will be shown every hour in the theater and a new exhibition, *Looking at Lincoln: Political Cartoons from the Civil War Era*, will be on display. 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 February 11-26.*

## MONDAY, JANUARY 30

**MIDDLEBURY.** Musical Comedy. City of Angels, written in contemporary jazz idiom, a co-production of Town Hall Theater and Middlebury College Department of Music. Tickets \$16. 8 pm. Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. (802) 388-1436. www.townhalltheater.org.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Vermont Farm Show. Vendors, products and machinery, trade association meetings, seminars and networking. Family friendly with a variety of animals, tractors, the latest innovations in technology for rural lifestyles, equipment, agricultural products and information. Champlain Valley Exposition. (802) 828-1319. www.vtfarmshow.com. *Through February 2.*

## Tuesday, January 31, continued:

**HANOVER.** Concert: Danish String Quartet. Program includes Beethoven's E-minor quartet and luscious arrangements of sprightly Scandinavian folk tunes. Post-performance discussion with the artists. 7 pm. Tickets: \$17–\$50. Spaulding Auditorium, The Hopkins Center, 2 East Wheelock St. (603) 646-2422. [hop.dartmouth.edu](http://hop.dartmouth.edu).

**QUECHEE.** X-C Ski Outing. On Quechee Golf Course, route to be determined. Easy. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Free. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader Juergen Ewert at (802) 457-4345. [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**RUTLAND.** Audubon Society Program. "Bird Friendly Maple Products" presented by Steve Hogenbuch of Audubon Vermont. 7 pm. Fox Room, Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 747-4466.

**STOWE.** Cross-Country Ski Outing. Ski on groomed trails, all levels. Trail fee. Trapp Family Lodge. Newcomers and non-members welcome. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club. For meeting time and place contact leader Dick Ruben at (802) 333-3707. [greenmountainclub.org](http://greenmountainclub.org).

**WAITSFIELD.** Mad River Glen Roll Back the Clock Ski Day. To celebrate Mad River Glen's anniversary lift ticket prices are rolled back to the 1948 rate of \$3.50! 8 am – 4 pm. Mad River Glen, 62 Mad River Resort Rd. (802) 496-3551. [ski@madriverglen.com](mailto:ski@madriverglen.com). [www.madriverglen.com](http://www.madriverglen.com).

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Vermont Farm Show. Vendors, products and machinery, trade association meetings, seminars and networking. Family friendly with a variety of animals, tractors, the latest innovations in technology for rural lifestyles, equipment, agricultural products and information. Champlain Valley Exposition. (802) 828-1319. [www.vtfarmshow.com](http://www.vtfarmshow.com). *Also February 2.*

**RUTLAND.** Friends of the Rutland Free Library Book Sales. Thousands of organized, new and gently used books, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles for all ages. Most items \$.25–\$.3. Friday 10 am – 2 pm, Saturday 3-7 pm. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St. (802) 773-1860. [friends@rutlandfree.org](mailto:friends@rutlandfree.org). [rutlandfree.org](http://rutlandfree.org). *Also March 4.*

**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). *Wednesdays through April 26, 2017.*

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

**ESSEX JUNCTION.** Vermont Farm Show. Vendors, products and machinery, trade association meetings, seminars and networking. Family friendly with a variety of animals, tractors, the latest innovations in technology for rural lifestyles, equipment, agricultural products and information. Champlain Valley Exposition. (802) 828-1319. [www.vtfarmshow.com](http://www.vtfarmshow.com).

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES 2017

**BARNET.** Karne Choling Shambhala Meditation Center. Meditation practice and contemplative study in beautiful rural Vermont. Karne Choling, 369 Patnaude Lane. (802) 633-2384. [reception@karmecholing.org](mailto:reception@karmecholing.org). [www.karmecholing.org](http://www.karmecholing.org).

**BARTONSVILLE.** Friday Night Bingo. 6:30 pm. Bartonsville Grange (located across from Rockingham State Police Barracks on Rt. 103), 116 Upper Bartonsville 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](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org). [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org). *Every Thursday.*

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

**BURLINGTON.** Monthly Film Screenings. 6 pm. Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center, 60 Lake St. Sponsored by Vermont International Film Foundation. Jan. 26-June 29. Film House & Lake Lobby, 60 Lake St. (802) 660-2600. [vtiff.org](http://vtiff.org).

**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.*

**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).

**LYME, NH.** Revels Kids. Learn songs and percussion, hear African folk tales, and create artwork in the style of Zimbabwe. Includes exchange evening when community can come to a potluck dinner to learn about this fascinating African country. After-school program for nine weeks. Thursdays starting January 30. Crossroads Academy, 95 Dartmouth College Highway. (866) 556-3083. [info@revelsnorth.org](mailto:info@revelsnorth.org). [www.revelsnorth.org](http://www.revelsnorth.org).



## Ongoing Events, continued:

**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.*

**MONTPELIER.** Revels Kids. Learn songs and percussion, hear African folk tales, and create artwork in the style of Zimbabwe. Includes exchange evening when community can come to a potluck dinner to learn about this fascinating African country. After-school program for nine weeks. Mondays starting January 30. Unitarian Universalist Church, 130 Main St. (866) 556-3083. [info@revelsnorth.org](mailto:info@revelsnorth.org). [revelsnorth.org](http://revelsnorth.org).

**NORWICH.** Suds & Science. Each month join Vermont Center for Ecostudies 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. [vtecostudies.org](http://vtecostudies.org). *First Tuesday of every month.*

**NORWICH.** Revels Kids. Learn songs and percussion, hear African folk tales, and create artwork in the style of Zimbabwe. Includes exchange evening when community can come to a potluck dinner to learn about this fascinating African country. After-school program for nine weeks. Wednesdays starting January 30. Marion Cross School, 22 Church St. (866) 556-3083. [info@revelsnorth.org](mailto:info@revelsnorth.org). [www.revelsnorth.org](http://www.revelsnorth.org).

**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! Poultnery Public Library, 205 Main St. (802) 287-5556. [poultneypubliclibrary.com](http://poultneypubliclibrary.com). *Second Tuesdays.*

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

**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).

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:kelly@vtbackroadtours.com). [www.vtbackroadtours.com](http://www.vtbackroadtours.com).

**SHELBURNE.** Sleigh Rides. 20-minute horse-drawn wagon ride from the Welcome Center (weather permitting). Rides on the half hour from 11am to 2 pm. No reservations; tickets sold on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 am when the Welcome Center opens. Cost: adult \$10, child \$8, under 3 free. 11 am – 2 pm. Shelburne Farms, 1611 Harbor Rd. (802) 985-8442. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org). *January 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29.*

**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](http://www.lds.org/locations/joseph-smith-birthplace-memorial).

**SO. 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](http://www.lds.org/locations/joseph-smith-birthplace-memorial).

**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](mailto:webmaster@stellafane.com). [www.stellafane.com](http://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](mailto:info@ourfarmsourfood.org). [salvationfarms.wordpress.com](http://salvationfarms.wordpress.com).

**STATEWIDE.** 2017 Online Extension Master Gardener Course. This non-credit course covers how to create a healthy and sustainable environment from food & flower gardens to a home landscape. Cost: \$425 by January 2, \$440 after January 2 (includes online course manual & materials). Tuesdays, February 7-May 16, 6:15–9 pm. (802) 656-9562. [www.uvm.edu/mastergardener](http://www.uvm.edu/mastergardener).

**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](http://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](http://www.stjathenaeum.org). *Every Friday and every 1st and 3rd Saturday.*

**STOWE.** 43rd Winter Carnival. More than 20 major activities for both young and old, from zany sports events, ice carving competitions, ski movies, broomball, snow golf and snow volleyball tournaments, beer garden and much more starting 9 am. Jan. 14-28. Stowe Mountain Resort Ski Area, Mountain Rd., 51 Main St. (802) 777-5510. [stowewintercarnival.com](http://stowewintercarnival.com).

## Ongoing Events, continued:

**STOWE.** Green Mountain Skimo Citizen Race Series. Casual uphill competition, Wednesday nights at Bolton Valley, and Saturdays at Sugarbush Resort and Stowe Mountain Resort. 5–8:30 pm. [catamounttrail.org/events/citizenskimo](http://catamounttrail.org/events/citizenskimo).

**TOWNSHEND.** Friesians 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. Friesians of Majesty, 185 Maggie Ladd Rd. (802) 365-7526. [www.friesiansofmajesty.com](http://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@vermontherbal.com](mailto:info@vermontherbal.com). On Facebook and Twitter. [www.vermontherbal.com](http://www.vermontherbal.com).

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

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Weekly Curling. The Upper Valley Curling Club will play each Saturday evening at 6-8 pm from January 7 through March 11. Fee is \$25. For those who need it, the club supplies curling equipment. Members also provide instruction at regular curling clinics. Barwood Arena, Highland Ave. (603) 763-9450. [uppervalleycurling@gmail.com](mailto:uppervalleycurling@gmail.com). [www.uppervalleycurling.org](http://www.uppervalleycurling.org).

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Comedy: *Trick or Treat*. A night of confrontation, mystery, and relentless suspense. This World Premiere is a roller-coaster ride starring NYPD Blue's Gordon Clapp. Advisory: Ages 14 and up for subject matter and strong language. Admission: 7:30 pm. The Barrette Center for the Arts. *January 18 through February 5*.

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:sdav@valley.net) or call (802) 436-3262.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** White River Indie Festival is seeking films from Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine-based filmmakers for its annual regional filmmaker showcase held in June. All lengths and genres are accepted. No entry fee. Submissions accepted until March 15. Online screener preferred but DVD or BluRay can be mailed to: Michael Fisher, 3 Bluestar Lane, So. Burlington, VT 05403. [michael@michaelfisherfilm.com](mailto:michael@michaelfisherfilm.com)

**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](http://www.garymilek.com). [www.ciderhillgardens.com](http://www.ciderhillgardens.com).

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

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

**WOODSTOCK.** Winter Weekends at Billings Farm. Visit our award-winning Jersey herd, draft horses, and sheep – all inside for the winter – and tour the restored 1890 Farm House. *A Place in the Land* our Academy Award®-nominee film will be shown every hour in the theater and a new exhibition, *Looking at Lincoln: Political Cartoons from the Civil War Era*, will be on display. 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). *January weekends and MLK Day, and February 11-26*.

**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](http://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](mailto:info@studioplacearts.com). [www.studioplacearts.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:stouffer@vermontel.net). [www.stephaniestouffer.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:shirley@thebennington.org). [www.thebennington.org](http://www.thebennington.org).

**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](http://www.benningtonmuseum.org).



## Museums, Exhibits & Galleries, continued:

**BERLIN.** Exhibition: Shedding Light On the Working Forest, A Traveling Exhibition of Painting and Poetry. This project draws on the artistic friendship of painter Kathleen Kolb and poet Verandah Porche, to celebrate the landscape of the working forest and the voices of those who have honed skills into a livelihood there. Central Vermont Medical Center, 130 Fisher Rd. [www.sheddinglightontheworkingforest.net](http://www.sheddinglightontheworkingforest.net). *January 4-30.*

**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.com](http://www.brandonartistsguild.com). *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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:info@echovermont.org). [www.echovermont.org](http://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](mailto:fleming@uvm.edu). [www.flemingmuseum.org](http://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](http://www.artmapburlington.com). *Monthly on the first Friday.*

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

## Museums, Exhibits & Galleries, continued:

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

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

**MIDDLEBURY.** Gingerbread House Exhibit. Free. Open daily, Monday–Saturday 10 am – 5 pm. Vermont Folklife Center, 88 Main St. (802) 388-4964. 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. www.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.

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

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

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

**MONTPELIER.** Exhibit: A small selection of paintings and texts from Shedding Light On the Working Forest, a traveling exhibition of painting and poetry. Vermont State House. sheddinglightontheworkingforest.net. *January 30 through February 26.*

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

**NORWICH.** 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. *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.

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

**QUECHEE.** 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. 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. www.quecheegeorge.com.

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

**RUTLAND.** 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 All Member Exhibit. Open Wednesday through Friday, 11 am – 5 pm, and Saturday 11 am – 3 pm. Chaffee Art Center, 16 S Main St. (802) 775-0356. www.chaffeeartcenter.org. *January 4 through 21.*

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

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

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

**SAXTONS RIVER.** 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.

**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.

**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. vtc@shorehambellmuseum.com. www.shorehambellmuseum.com.



## Museums, Exhibits & Galleries, continued:

**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.

**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. *Through April 21.*

**STOWE.** Helen Day Art Center. Exhibits and workshops. Free admission. Hours: Wednesday-Sunday, noon - 5 pm and by appointment. Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond St. (802) 253-8358. www.helenday.com.

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

**ST. JOHNSBURY.** The Stephen Huneck Gallery at Dog Mountain and Dog Chapel. Free. Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Rd. off Spaulding Rd. (800) 449-2580. contact@dogmt.com. www.dogmt.com.

**VERGENNES.** Exhibit: More Light. Featuring small works by Anne Cady, Bonnie Baird, Cameron Schimtz, Katie Loesel, Pamela Smith, Rebecca Kinhead, Sobelman Cortapega. Daily 11 am - 7 pm. Northern Daughters, 221 Main St. (802) 877-2173.

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

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

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

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** 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 January weekends and MLK Day and February 11-26, 10 am - 4 pm. Billings Farm & Museum, Rt. 12 & River Rd. (802) 457-2355. info@billingsfarm.org. www.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. *2nd Saturdays.*

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

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

**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.

## Community Dances and Music, Continued:

**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](http://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](http://www.petersiegel.com). [www.brattcontra.org](http://www.brattcontra.org). *Second and fourth Sundays.*

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

**BRATTLEBORO.** Brattleboro Music Center. Now registering for fall. Individual lessons, as well as classes for kids, teens, and adults; instrumentalists, singers, and non-musicians; absolute beginners and accomplished musicians. Daytime adult program, programs for kids, conducting class. Brattleboro Music Center, 38 Walnut St. (802) 257-4523. [www.bmcbvt.org](http://www.bmcbvt.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](mailto: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](http://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@gmail.com](mailto:Ira.Allen.Chapel@gmail.com), sometimes 427-A Waterman Building. [uvm.shape.note@gmail.com](mailto:uvm.shape.note@gmail.com). [youngtraditionvermont.org](http://youngtraditionvermont.org). *Every Tuesday.*

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

**DANVILLE.** Family Contra & Square Dance. By donation. Chip Hedler caller and David Carpenter band leader. 8 pm at Danville Town Hall. (802) 563-3225 [orsamlyman@sover.net](mailto: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@classrscdsboston.org](mailto:fairlee@classrscdsboston.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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. (802) 595-9951. [nscottieharrison@gmail.com](mailto:nscottieharrison@gmail.com). *Second Sunday of every month.*

**TINMOUTH.** Contra Dance. Admission \$10, 12 and under free. Refreshments. 8-11 pm at Tinmouth Community Center, Rt. 140. (802) 446-2928. [Tinmouthvt.org](http://Tinmouthvt.org). *Every third Friday.*

## HORSEBACK RIDING & SLEIGH RIDES

**BRATTLEBORO.** Fair Winds Farm Sleigh Rides. Half-hour reserved horse-drawn rides through fields and woods. Adults \$12, kids 3-12 \$8, minimum \$75, additional after 5 pm. Fair Winds Farm, 511 Upper Dummerston Rd., off Rt. 30. (802) 254-9067. [fairwinds@fairwindsfarm.org](mailto:fairwinds@fairwindsfarm.org). [www.fairwindsfarm.org](http://www.fairwindsfarm.org).

**CHITTENDEN.** Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides. Take a romantic sleigh ride with that someone special or bring the kids along and make memories to last a lifetime (maximum nine adults and children per ride). Ride in our custom made Austrian sleigh pulled by Percheron draft horses. Adults \$40, children \$20 for a half-hour ride. Cocoa provided. Available Wednesday through Sunday. Private rides and packages available. To reserve, call the Nordic Ski & Snowshoe Center at (802) 483-6089. Mountain Top Inn & Resort, 195 Mountain Top Rd. [www.mountaintopin.com](http://www.mountaintopin.com). *Through March.*

**PUTNEY.** Green Mountain Orchards. Horse-drawn sled rides with Percheron draft horses. Accommodating up to 10 people for a 20-minute ride for \$100. 130 West Hill Rd. (exit 4, I-91), look for signs in Putney Village. By reservation only, weather permitting. (802) 380-6244. [www.greenmtorchards.com](http://www.greenmtorchards.com).

**RUPERT.** Winter Sweetheart Sleigh Rides. Bundle up into a warm blanket, whisk across the winter landscape in a horse-drawn sleigh: frosty air, warm companionship, and hot cider in front of a crackling fire in the hearth at the end of the ride. Forty-five minute jaunt through fields and forest. Wool blankets provided—but dress for the cold! By appointment. Sweetheart sleigh for two for \$150 for a 45-minute ride. Merck Forest and Farmland Center, 3270 Rt. 315. (802) 394-7836. [www.merckforest.org](http://www.merckforest.org). *Through March.*

**SHELburne.** Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides. 20-minute rides from the Welcome Center (weather permitting) every Saturday and Sunday January 1 through February 26. 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](http://www.shelburnefarms.org). *Through February.*

**TOWNSHEND.** Friesians of Majesty. Enjoy a 45-minute sleigh ride drawn by two beautiful Friesian horses through the woods and open fields complimented by jingling harnesses. In our sleigh we provide plush blankets to keep our guests cozy. Open every day and offer sleigh rides on a reservation basis weather and trails permitting. \$62 per person for sleigh ride only. If you would like a sleigh ride and a tour it's \$78; children 5-12 are half-price. Maximum four adults (could possibly fit two adults and three children depending on size). See beautiful Friesian horses bred and trained right here in Vermont. Carriage and sleigh rides, wedding carriage, horse camp, tours, performances, and getaways in our cottage or loft apartments. Friesians of Majesty, 185 Maggie Ladd Rd. (802) 365-7526. [www.friesiansofmajesty.com](http://www.friesiansofmajesty.com).

**WILMINGTON.** Sleigh Rides at Adams Farm. Teams of Belgian draft horses take you around the perimeter of the farm, through the woods, across the ridge of a mountain, to an old log cabin. Warm up by the wood stoves, enjoy hot chocolate, and try the old player piano! Blankets provided, but dress accordingly. Weather permitting. Reservations required. Adults \$22, children 2-12 \$13, under 2 free. Private sleigh for two, \$100 for a 45-minute ride. Tues-Sat 12:15-8 pm, Sun 11:30 am – 7:15 pm. Adams Farm, 15 Higley Hill Rd. (802) 464-3762. [farmfresh@adamsfamilyfarm.com](mailto:farmfresh@adamsfamilyfarm.com). [adamsfamilyfarm.com](http://adamsfamilyfarm.com). *Through March.*



## Horseback Riding and Sleigh Rides, continued:

**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.

**WOODSTOCK.** Sleigh Ride Weekends at Billings Farm. There will be horse-drawn sleigh rides with Belgian or Percheron draft horses through the frosty farm fields on January 14th-16th and February 11th-26th. Explore the dairy farm and restored 1890 Farm House. 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.

## 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. 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.

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.** Public skating. Skate rentals available. \$5 per person or a season pass (which varies). Saturdays 4-5:15 pm, Sundays 3:45-5:15 pm. Wendell A Barwood Arena, 431 Highland Ave. (802) 295-5036. recreation@hartford-vt.org. www.hartfordrec.com. Through March 12.

## VERMONT FARMERS MARKETS

### WINTER 2017

**Bellows Falls Winter Farmers' Market** at the Wool Building, 33 Bridge 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. Winter Markets January through April, first and third Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. info@walloomsac.org. On Facebook.

**Battleboro Winter Farmers' Market** at River Garden, 153 Main St. 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, 590 Main St. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. 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.

**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.

**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, 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. 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. 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., 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.