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Addison County is a celebrated setting in this Vermont landscape. Situated between the placid shores of Lake Champlain and the mighty Green Mountains, this region's pastoral quality has attracted farmers, entrepreneurs and tourists for hundreds of years.

"Leaf peeping" within our county is as good as anywhere in the state, with incredible farmland vistas, lakes, rivers, waterfalls, and some of the most charming towns to visit on a foliage tour.

This Fall Guide is an annual supplement to the *Addison Independent*, an award-winning local paper that has proudly been serving this part of the Green Mountain State since 1946. We love finding new things to write about each year, along with revisiting some staples of the Vermont autumn (hello, foliage!) Within these pages we celebrate the many areas to visit, things to do, and reasons to love Addison County.

Whether you are interested in a scenic road trip around central Vermont, a wonderful meal at one of our many restaurants, a museum to expand your knowledge about the area, or a calendar of events highlighting the seasonal activities, this guide can be a great resource for you.

Read the Fall Guide and find out what's going on in Addison County. Then get out and taste a portion of the best that Vermont has to offer!

~ The editors

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## What fun can a college student have this fall?

### **By MARIA BARR**

As I head into my fourth and final year at Middlebury College, I can say with certainty that Vermont has transformed my favorite season from summer to fall. Growing up in Georgia, I didn't experience a "real" autumn until my first semester here, and after four years the foliage still takes my breath away each year.

But the beauty of Vermont fall goes beyond the color of the leaves and the cold nip in the air. The seasonal events, traditions and community gatherings make autumn a truly special time in the Champlain Valley.

Here are my top five recommendations for enjoying the season, both on campus and nearby. These are things for Middlebury students and Addison County residents alike can enjoy.

## 1. Take a lift ride or hike at the Snow Bowl

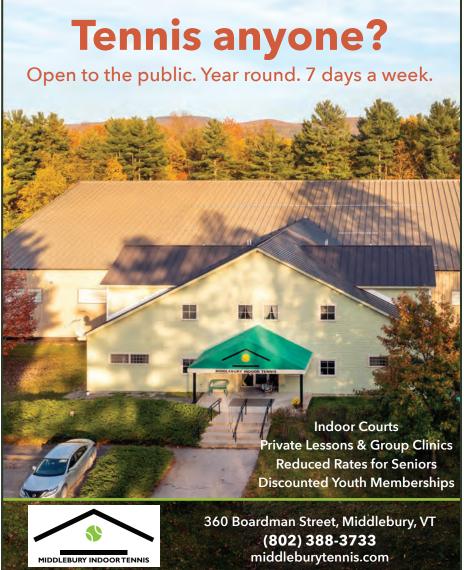
Since I began by raving about the leaves, it only feels right to start at my favorite place to admire them: the Middlebury Snow Bowl. Just a 20-minute drive from campus, this ski area in Hancock is just as magical in autumn as it is in winter. On the weekend of Oct. 3-5, the chairlifts will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., offering panoramic views of the foliage. Tickets are \$15 for adults (free for season pass holders). There will also be live music by Nick Bredice on that Friday and Saturday, plus food from the Tavern at the Bowl (See Looking for fun?, Page 5)



A CURIOUS GOAT checks out the writer while she hits some yoa positions in an unusual and fun fall activity.

Photo courtesy of Maria Barr







TWO YOUNG PEOPLE pause during an artistic activity on The Knoll, a pastoral retreat to the west of the Middlebury College campus.

Photo courtesy of Maria Barr

## Looking for fun?

(Continued from Page 4) and Gene's Chili Hut.

For a free alternative, hike up the mountain on your feet instead of riding it's about 1.5 miles uphill. I recommend going at sunrise for a breathtaking start to the day. Just remember to dress in layers and bring water!

## 2. Picnic at the Knoll at sunset

For something closer to the Middlebury

College campus, head to the Knoll, Middlebury's organic garden educational farm. Head west on College Street and when you get to the solar field take the path on the north side of Route 125; it's just an 11-minute walk from

The knoll is a peaceful spot for a picnic with friends — set up on the grass or use (See Sunsets, Page 7)



ONE GREAT SPOT to view the incredible fall foliage is on the slopes and trails of the Middlebury Snow Bowl. Any day you can walk up the trails on your own feet, or on Oct. 3-5 the ski lifts will whisk riders to the summit.

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HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE come to Middlebury each fall to gawk at the scores of antique and unique automobiles when the town closes Main Street.

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## Sunsets

(Continued from Page 5)

the picnic table in the outdoor kitchen space. (Be mindful of guidelines: keep dogs leashed, only use the oven with permission, do not start unregistered campfires, stick to paths, and pack out what you bring in.)

Time your visit for sunset to watch the sky light up over the mountains. On clear nights, the Knoll is also a perfect place for stargazing. Even a quick visit between classes makes for a restorative break.

### 3. Visit the Middlebury Car Show & **Fall Festival**

I stumbled upon this festival my first year, and it quickly became a favorite tradition. They close Middlebury's Main Street/Merchants Row and then line up more than 70 classic cars line and you can stroll up and down the thoroughfare oooh'ing and ahh'ing. There's also live music filling the air and local vendors offering a variety of food choices. I even found spanakopita — a personal highlight and taste of home as my favorite meal my mom makes!

This year's Car Show and Festival takes place Sunday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Triangle Park and along Main Street. It's an easy walk from campus and draws visitors from around the county. It's a wonderful way to enjoy the community spirit of Middlebury.

## 4. Go apple picking at a local orchard

Nothing says fall in Vermont quite like apple picking. My favorite local picking spot has been Happy Valley Orchard, less than 10 minutes from campus by car, but there are lots of places to go in the area. See the orchards guide in this section.

Many orchards are open for picking daily through September and October. From classic apple varieties like McIntosh and Honeycrisp to unique varieties like Vermont Gold and Winesap, there's plenty to try. Don't miss the fresh cider doughnuts and apple cider, perfect for fueling your orchard stroll. Hours vary by day, so plan accordingly before you go.

## 5. Try goat yoga at Fucci Farms in Castleton

For a truly unforgettable fall adventure, make the drive a few miles south of Addison County to Castleton for Flying Goat Yoga at Fucci Farms. Sessions include 30 minutes of yoga followed by 30 minutes of playtime with the goats, who might even hop onto you or your mat mid-pose.

Afterward, you can help feed them



CHARLEEN ROTAX PICKS apples at Champlain Orchards earlier this fall, when CHARLEEN ROTAX PICKS apples at Champian Colors
she also planned to harvest some fresh peaches and plums.
Independent photo/Steve James

treats. Classes are \$25 per person, and the setting — a grassy field with rolling hill views — makes it well worth the trip. Check the schedule at flyingyoga.com.

I hope at least one of these activities inspires you to make the most of this season. As I begin my final fall at

Middlebury, I feel more excitement than nostalgia — the crisp air, vibrant colors and community gatherings never lose their magic. Vermont in autumn is unmatched, and I hope you create your own lasting memories here.





## In downtown Middlebury

## Let your ghoul go at Spooktacular

The Better

Middlebury

Partnership's

Spooktacular, the

warm up, will take

place this year on

Sunday, Oct. 26,

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m

pre-Halloween

MIDDLEBURY — Organizers of the biggest show of princesses, mummies, monsters, witches and other creepies, are thrilled to bring back the Main Street Trick-or-Treating parade down

Middlebury's Main Street this fall.

The Better Middlebury P a r t n e r s h i p 's Spooktacular, the pre-Halloween warm up, will take place this year on Sunday, Oct. 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. That's a new, earlier time this year!

Parade attendees will gather by the gazebo on the Middlebury green.

At 11:30am the parade take off, led by the oneand-only Spooktacular Witch (don't worry, she's

the friendly variety of witch!). They will cross at Edgewater Galley and will travel up Main Street to Cannon Park.

With assisted crossing guards, the parade will cross Main Street to the (under-construction) Ilsley Library, then will march back up Main Street, finishing in Triangle Park by the fountain.

Shopkeepers and volunteers will be handing out candy on route, as well as along Merchants Row and in Triangle Park.

Dress up and take to the streets for this fun and festive celebration of Halloween!

The WVTK radio station will park its vehicle at Triangle Park to offer a festive sound track for the spooky affair.

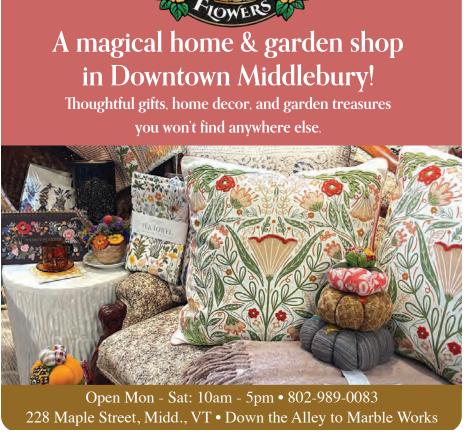
Look for kid-friendly yard games set up

in Triangle Park and a photo booth opportunity to capture great costumes and fun times!



MIDDLEBURY'S ANNUAL SPOOKTACULAR drew hordes of frightfully attired boys and ghouls to the downtown last year. The event saw shopkeepers and volunteers hand out scads of candy to a collection of ghosts and goblins who haunted Main Street and Merchants Row. Frankie Dunleavy also got into the act, casting a spell.

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## Despite drought, scientists expect great foliage

By CHARLOTTE OLIVER, VTDigger.org

As days get shorter and nights get colder across Vermont, green valleys and hillsides will soon be flush with splotches of yellow, orange and red. Because of the state's drought, scientists suspect that some trees may drop their leaves earlier — but not without providing humans a spectacle.

"Every year is different, and that's the cool thing about fall foliage," said Ali Kosiba, who studies the impacts of climate change on trees and forest ecology for the University of Vermont Extension. While we enjoy the beautiful colorscape, trees are responding to events from this summer and past years, she said.

During fall, trees gear up for winter by recycling nutrients from their leaves, pulling them into their trunks to store for the winter, she said. Canopies change color as they break down those nutrients — drawing onlookers who swarm the state in the annual ritual of leaf-peeping.

Trees in bogs usually produce a bright red color, Kosiba said. That's because in very wet conditions it's difficult for trees to access nitrogen in the soil. That makes it more important to retain nitrogen from their leaves, Kosiba said.

While the color in their leaves is a sight to behold, it really acts as a sunscreen for the tree, she said. The color helps prevent sunlight from hitting the leaf, giving the tree more time to recycle its



GORGEOUS FALL FOLIAGE abounds in Addison County, like in this scenic shot from the Middlebury College campus last year. Despite the drought, our maples and other hardy trees should put on a show again this fall.

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nutrients, she said.

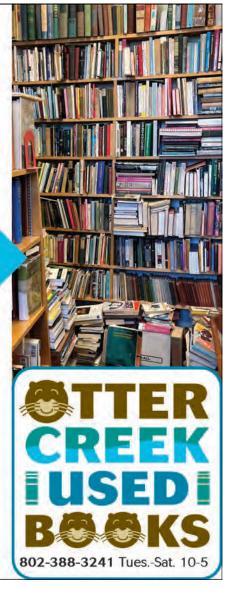
As of Sept. 15, the national drought monitor reports that more than half of Vermont is experiencing severe drought, spanning the northeast and central parts of the state, while southern and northwest Vermont are in moderate droughts, according to the monitor. The short-term

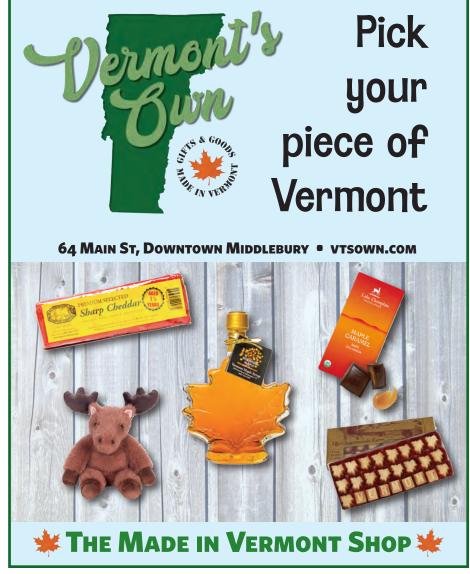
drought has been going on for about the past month, Kosiba said.

And while experts aren't quite sure how (See Foliage, Page 45)

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## Local artisans serve up jams and sauces

ADDISON COUNTY — For local makers of jams and preserves, fall is a season offering a delicious array of classic flavors like apple, maple and cinnamon. But the season is also a time ripe for experimentation.

Some of the more complex things we make are in fall," says V Smiley, owner of V Smiley Preserves in Bristol. "A lot of it is because fruit density changes as we go into cold seasons.3

Smiley says she's been preparing a slate of new plum and quince flavors with fruit she's sourced from throughhout our region. While many might think of jam

as a sweet confectionary, Smiley says she likes to incorporate a broader spectrum of fruit and herbal flavors in her preserves; something that comes down to one notso-secret ingredient.

"What's really unique about these preserves is that we sweeten with honey," Smiley said. "We're one of the few in the country to do so.'

Most jams and preserves are sweetened with sugar, which according to Smiley, means the enjoyer gets the sugar flavor up front and the fruit flavor later. Honey offers the opposite tasting experience. Honey, which Smiley often combines with lemon juice, doesn't work the same way

as sugar. It instead enhances the flavor of the fruits and herbs while keeping the flavor bright.

"I'm really interested in really bright flavors. What we do tends to be pretty light," she said.

She says many of her jams have a more tart flavor, while others are infused with a mix of herbs.

"I think one of our unsung flavors is ... plum jam with anise hyssop and lemon verbena," Smiley said. "Anything that's especially herbaceous like that is really good with cheese."

For those with a sweet tooth, Smiley recommends her Tixia gooseberry jam, sweetened with honey-candied bergamot oranges and yuzu. The gooseberries are grown on a property just a few miles away by Omar Fugaro in Middlebury.

"The gooseberry jam is really special." Smiley's journey with honeysweetened jam and preserves is one that's crisscrossed the country. Raised in New Haven, Smiley found success as an artist in Los Angeles. However, when she came down with a serious illness, she had to radically rethink what she ate and how she cooked. She adopted a diet that cut out grain and soy and consumed sugar only in the form of fruit and honey. Smiley said the challenge rekindled her passion for cooking, especially for other people, or as she put it, "Wanting to cook what I crave and wanting to cook what I want to eat.'

Moving back to her home state, Smiley bought Bristol Bakery and started Minifactory, the Main Street café and eatery where she produces her awardwinning preserves. From there, jars of V Smiley Preserves are sent to shelves throughout the country.

"The idea was always that V Smiley Preserves was a jar that went out and called people to come visit us in Vermont. I knew that whatever we did we had to build something that was both serving regulars and locals, but also be a destination," Smiley said.

We've built a really strong client base. There're people who love and rely on the product.'

While V Smiley Preserves can be seen in stores all over, Smiley said she's always coming up with new flavor combinations, some of which can be limited.

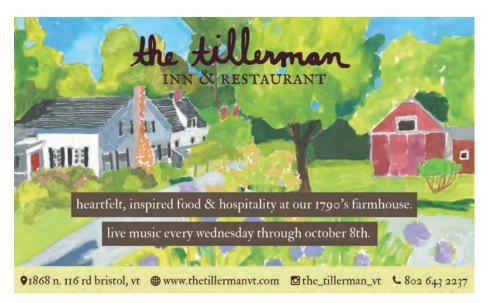
The best way to find everything is to come into Minifactory," she said.

Minifactory is open year-round, Thursday through Monday, 8 a.m. to 2

### A FALL PALATE

For those possessing a more traditional fall palate, Yates Family Orchard in Monkton offers a range of jams and savory sauces made with fruits grown right in the orchard or on neighboring farms.

"We spend our summers producing our own jarred products; jams and savory (See Palate, Page 11)



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## **Palate**

(Continued from Page 10) sauces," said orchard owner Jessica Yates. "(We're) always looking to combine our apples with great fall flavors."

Yates's farm stand offers sweet fall flavors like apple butter and cinnamon honey butter, as well as popular year-round flavors like strawberry and blueberry jam. Barbeque sauces and berry grilling sauce are available for those looking for a savory touch, while those looking for a sweet treat will find Yates's own fudge and cider caramel, which can be paired with the orchard's famous Dreamees: a freshly made cider doughnut topped with homemade maple soft serve ice cream.

"Most everything we produce comes from what we grow on the property," Yates said.

This includes a whole spectrum of different apple varieties, as well as a small crop of peaches, plums and pears. Yates said she sources a few other fruits. She was especially excited about her fig flavors; made with fruits she sources from Fearless Figs in Monkton. In the end, she said, her selection of sweet and savory jams come down to what crops are available locally and the homemade cider that goes into almost all their products, including the jams.

"Everything we make is small batch," Yates said.

According to Yates, this means she can offer unique flavors for the fall season. However, she added, this means flavors can come and go quickly, with as few as just 70 jars being made of some specific

But as Yates pointed out, her farm stand is also a marketplace for artisans and producers from all over the county who she says have dedicated years to honing their crafts. Sitting on the shelf alongside the orchard's own jams and sauces are locally produced maple syrups, Monti Verdi salami from Panton and coffee from Monkton's Ridge Roastersm, just to name a few.

"It's a labor of love," Yates said.

"Our stand is chockablock full of local products.'

Yates Family Orchard also hosts pick-your-own apples, yoga on Sunday mornings and live music every Sunday at 1 p.m. They are open through the end of October, every day from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30



THE OWNERS OF Yates Family Orchard in Monkton say that almost everything they produce comes from what they grow on the property.

Independent photo/lan Curry

## Start your autumn with a festival in Bristol

BRISTOL — The Bristol Harvest Festival kicks off its 26th year on Saturday, Sept. 27. The day's activities, organized by the Addison County Chamber of Commerce with assistance from the Bristol Recreation Department, are a celebration of the town and community to be enjoyed by all ages.

Activities on this Saturday take place between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The Bristol Town Green will be the site of more than 70 crafters and vendors booths offering fine handcrafts, locally made products, food and more. Bristol Green will also feature music all day and pony rides and sack races for the kids.

Set to perform on the bandstand this year are:

10:30 a.m. - Ridge Runners. 12:30 p.m. - Whiskey & Wine. 2 p.m. - Krishna Guthrie Band.

And check out the line up of food, which includes Hangry Hogg, Mexico in Vermont, The Stevens Farmstead, Green Mountain Kettle Corn and Rainbow Ice.

For more information visit the event website at BristolHarvestFest.com or call 802-388-7951 or email info@ addisoncounty.com.

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YOUNG ROWERS PULL their oars through the waters below the falls in Vergennes in last year's Otter Creek Challenge Race sponsored by Lake Champlain Maritime Museum.

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- Award-winning restaurants and cafés offering everything from espresso and fresh-baked treats to creative breakfasts, inspired lunches, hearty favorites and fine bistro dining.
- Historic Sites Walking Tour of our notable architecture and rich history explore the Little City on foot or online!



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## Find a peaceful, natural nook in the Little City

VERGENNES — When you are exploring the places around Vergennes where you can find beautiful views, set up campsites, hike trails, play and just hang out, don't skip an important spot on the Little City's waterfront — Falls Park.

Nestled in the heart of Vergennes, Falls Park features its stunning views of cascading falls and serene river surroundings. The well-maintained facilities, including accessible picnic tables and barbeque grills, create an inviting atmosphere for gatherings and leisurely afternoons. Read the informative historical boards to enrich your experience; they provide insights into the area's heritage.

Easy to get to, the park offers a tranquil environment to recharge amidst nature. The soothing sounds of flowing water enhance the ambiance, inviting individuals to relax and enjoy the beauty of their surroundings. Birdwatchers will also find delight in spotting local wildlife, such as ospreys and even the occasional bald eagle.

The travel website Tripadvisor.com features for pages of comments from visitors who wanted to share something about Vergennes and Falls Park.

Comments of a visitor from Florida were typical. They said, "The view of the falls is great. The park is a peaceful place.

It is a good place to have a picnic. Our dog loved running around."

Here are a few more observations, with the writer's listed residence:

"We enjoyed a paddle from the falls about three miles down."

— Rhode Island

"We always liked the view here of the water falls and finally got a chance to put our kayaks in for a nice paddle. The view is really nice."

— New Jeresev

"The history about the building of the pump house, which was on a poster at the site was interesting to read ... If you are in the area it's worth looking at."

— Thailand

"This basin is the attraction of the town, with an old mill with quite large water cascades each side of it."

— Mexico

"Coming from the airport on our way to Basin Harbor Resort, as we were going over the bridge we noticed the falls below. We turned into the park and we were pleasantly surprised. What a beautiful area, took some great pictures, very peaceful. We were so glad we stopped."

— Chicago

## What to do: Visit fascinating quilt show

MIDDLEBURY — The Milk & Honey Quilters Guild's (MHQG) show coming up Oct. 11 & 12 at the Middlebury Recreation Center will feature a selection of both new and familiar exhibits. Among the 200 quilts, the show will include pieces by local quilters, display and presentation of Quilts of Valor, a travel exhibit on loan from Sacred Threads, and quilt turning presentations featuring an array of historical quilts.

"The Giving Project" sale will include a variety of handmade items whose purchase will support a local non-profit. Also look for handwork demonstrations, vendors, lunch, raffles and more.

The Middlebury quilt show, "Quilting in the Land of Milk & Honey," takes place Saturday, Oct. 11, and Sunday, Oct. 12, at the Middlebury Rec Center, 154 Creek Road

(See Quilt show, Page 44)

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## Help create a mural in Ferrisburgh

FERRISBURGH — Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is dedicated to preserving and sharing the cultural and natural heritage of the Lake Champlain region. It serves a broad community throughout the Champlain Valley and beyond, working to connect all people with Lake Champlain through learning experiences, exhibits and collections at its 3-acre waterfront campus.

As part of the Ferrisburgh institution's mission to connect all people to Lake Champlain, inspiring them to learn from the past, build together in the present, and create a sustainable future, in October it will host a free family-friendly day of public art-making. The Oct. 18 event will feature Juniper Creative Arts, which will facilitate participants in making a new mural that will be going up at the museum in 2026.

This free. drop-in event is open to all ages and artistic abilities, rain or shine. We'll roll-up our sleeves, reflect on the past, and get hands-on as we contribute to a public art project for the museum's new exhibit exploring the American Revolution on Lake Champlain. The final mural will be unveiled with the new exhibit in May 2026.

Juniper Creative Arts is a family collective whose mural initiatives focus on creative placemaking to foster community-building, sense of belonging, and the celebration of African diasporic culture within themes of Afro-Futurism,



WILL KASSO CONDRY, Jennifer Herrera Condry and Alexa Herrera Condry, the Brandon family that makes up Juniper Creative Arts, will lead the public in creating a mural at Lake Champlain Maritime Museum in Ferrisburgh come Oct. 18.

Photo by Habiyb Shu'Aib

mythical fantasy, surrealism, and nature. To date, they have created close to 40 community murals located in schools and on public buildings across the state of Vermont.

Members of Juniper — Alexa Herrera Condry, Jennifer Herrera Condry and Will Kasso Condry — have won wide recognition for both their artistic and community-building skills.

This event will take place in the center of the museum campus under the *Philadelphia II* shed. Chairs and art supplies will be provided. No prior

registration required. For any questions or additional information about this event, reach out to Director of Visitor Experience & Learning Katharine Noiva at katharine@lcmm.org.

LCMM is located at 4472 Basin Harbor Road in Ferrisburgh.



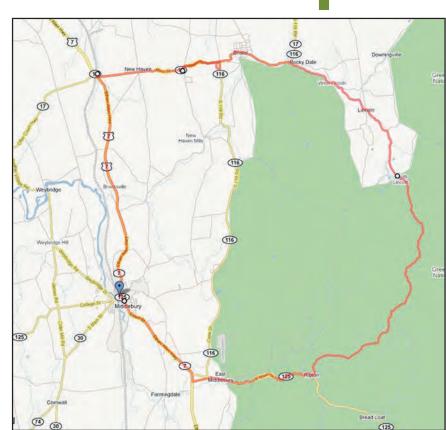


## Discover Addison County

## Fall Foliage Road Trips

### Ripton/Lincoln Tour — 1 Hour:

From Middlebury, travel south on Route 7, then east on Route 125, passing the Waybury Inn on your left. Travel up the mountain, turn left at the Ripton Country Store and follow Lincoln Road north to Lincoln (take your time, part of this stretch is a dirt road). Lincoln Road turns into Ripton Road. When you get to River Road turn left and head west through Lincoln Village, down the mountain to Route 17 (it is also called Route 116 at this point, so don't be confused if signs mention both names). Travel Route 17 west through the quaint village of Bristol (where you may like to stop for lunch at a variety of dining establishments) and on to Route 7. Turn left on Route 7 and travel south back to Middlebury.



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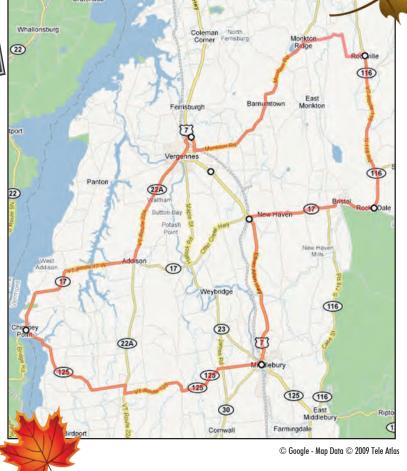


## Chimney Point Drive — 2 Hours:

Leaving Middlebury via College Street, take Route 125 west to Chimney Point, the site of the beautiful Lake Champlain Bridge, which was rebuilt in 2011. A short trip across the bridge to Crown Point in New York will offer great views back to Vermont, and is a fine place for a picnic or tour around a major historic landmark. On the Vermont side of the bridge, the Chimney Point State Historic Site at the foot of the span is a perfect place to learn about, well, history. The nearby DAR John Strong Mansion Museum is also worth a stop if you have the time.

From the Vermont side of the bridge, take Route 17 east to Addison, where you will pick up Route 22A and head north into Vergennes, the smallest city in the United States. Note: Vergennes has some of the most interesting buildings in Victorian architecture. If you have time, get out of your car, wander in the Bixby Memorial Library on Main Street, and gaze up at the stained glass ceiling in the center of the building.

From Vergennes, take Monkton Road east. Cross Route 7 and continue east to the village of Monkton Ridge. At Monkton Ridge turn right onto Bristol Monkton Road, heading south, and continue to Bristol. In Bristol turn right on Route 17 and drive west to Route 7 and head south on Route 7 back to Middlebury.



## Champlain Lookout — 3 Hours:

From Middlebury, take Route 30 (South Main Stretravel west to Larrabee's Point on Lake Champlain. Mistoric Site in Orwell, which is a very fine Revolution Ti Ferry, which provides a quick ride across the lake in September this season.

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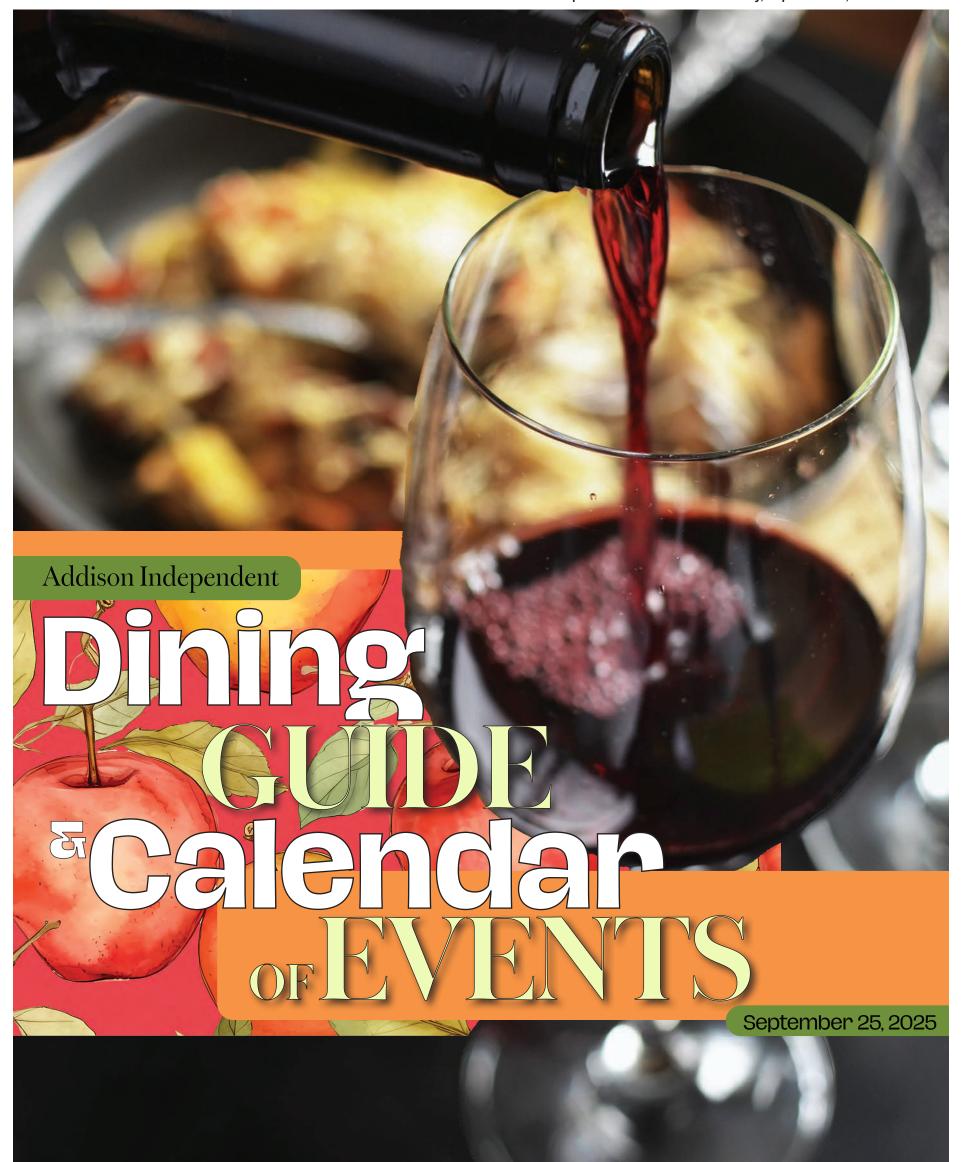
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Take Route 22A heading north. In Bridport take R where you can admire the Lake Champlain Bridge, east. At the West Addison General Store, known loca Street and continue north along Lake Champlain p Street take a left on Button Bay Road and head north Park, where one might want to stop and picnic. Bas resort, which features the Red Mill restaurant. Also Museum

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An Evening with Pianist Mathis Picard

Saturday October 18th 5:30-7pm

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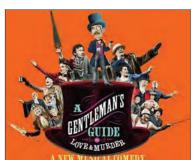
Tickets: \$10-\$20



Caravaggio

Great Art Wednesday Film Series
Wednesday November 12th 11am

Tickets: \$15



A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder

Middlebury College Musical November 13th, 14th, 15th 7:30pm November 15th 2:00pm

Tickets: \$5-\$10



Tina Friml & Friends

Friday November 14th 7 and 9pm

Tickets: \$10-\$20



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## events

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**THURSDAY** 

"I'm No Angel" on screen in Middlebury. Thursday, Sept. 25, 1 p.m., Marquis Theater, 65 Main St. Middlebury's Classic Film Club presents this Mae West film. Join fellow community film lovers for free screenings of films at the theater, followed by our usual short discussion of the film. As always, the popcorn is on us.

Shellhouse in Monkton. Thursday, Sept. 25, 4–7 p.m., Stine Orchard, 1823 Monkton Rd. Enjoy the crisp autumn air, the beauty of the orchard, and an evening of music, food drinks and community connection

Piranesi: Extraordinary fellow, madman, sublime dreamer, inventive genius Lecture in Middlebury. Thursday, Sept. 25, 4:30 p.m., Mahaney Arts Center Room 125, 72 Porter Field Rd. John Marciari, director of Curatorial Affairs at the Morgan Library & Museum, surveys Giovanni Battista Piranesi's inventive works and enduring legacy. Free. Info: middlebury.

edu/museum/events.

O & Schu in Goshen. Thursday, Sept. 25, 5-8 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn, Ripton Goshen Rd. (Rescheduled from July 10). \$34 per person (age 13 and older), includes all-you-can-eat pizza, lemonade and live music. Kids 7-12: \$20. Kids 6 and under, free when accompanied by their parent or guardian

"West Side Story Film" screening & talk in Middlebury. Thursday, Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m. Join Opera Company of Middlebury for a screening of the 1961 film with a special pre-show talk given by OCM Artistic Director Douglas Anderson before the event. Tickets \$10, under 26 free with registration. Register here: addisonarts. org/event/west-side-story-1961.

Hirschfield International Film Series:
"Love" in Middlebury. Thursday, Sept.
25, 7 p.m., Dana Auditorium, Sunderland Language Center, 356 College St. Norwegian drama directed by Dag Johan explores Haugerud unconventional intimacy. Free screening. popcorn at 6:30. Info: Hirschfield2025. Pizza and tinyurl.com/

## **FRIDAY**

Middlebury College special collections open house: "The Other Mozart" and forgotten sisters in Middlebury. Friday, Sept. 26, 3 p.m., Davis Family Library Special Collections, 110 Storrs Ave. Rare books and archives highlight contributions of women overlooked by history. Free. Info: tinyurl.com/MozartSisterMidd.

Bloodroot Gap in Brandon. Friday, Sept. 26, 5:30–7:30 p.m., Red Clover Ale, 43 Center St. Enjoy tight, energetic performances of

traditional and progressive bluegrass.

eorge Matthew Jr., carillonneur in

Middlebury. Friday, Sept. 26, 6 p.m.,

Middlebury Chapel lawn. Musicians from around the world come to Middlebury to perform in the Middlebury Chapel's bell tower, soaring high above the College campus. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket to enjoy the music from the lawns surrounding Middlebury Chapel. Rain or shine. Free and open to all.

Luke Bulla house concert in Weybridge. Friday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m., private home. Grammy Award-winning fiddler, guitarist, mandolinist and vocalist performs an intimate solo concert. Seating limited to 40. \$30. Reservations and payment via Venmo @daskom, or by check (make checks out to Luke Bulla and mail to Lloyd Komesar, 23 Catamount Drive, Leicester, VT 05733.) If you pay by check, please contact Lloyd at lloyd.komesar@gmail.

contact Libyd at holyd.konlesal@gmail.
com so he can reserve your seat.

MUHS homecoming football game in
Middlebury. Friday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m.,
Doc Collins Field. Bring your orange
and black to cheer on the MUHS Tigers
with the Middlebury. Alumni Association with the Middlebury Alumni Association, which will celebrate the induction of eight outstanding community members into the MUHS Hall of Fame.

The Other Mozart in Middlebury. Friday, Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m., Wright Theatre, 96 Chateau Rd. Sylvia Milo's award-winning play tells the story of Nannerl Mozart, Amadeus' equally gifted but forgotten sister. Tickets \$30/20/10/5. Info: www. middlebury.edu/events/event/other-

## **SATURDAY**

Harvest Festival in Bristol. Saturday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m., town green. More than 70 vendors local crafts and terrific food options on the green. All day live music at the bandstand with kids' activities and an ADA-compliant children's playground. After visiting the festival, continue strolling through the charming downtown and shop the local businesses

Progressive Party Town Caucuses in Addison County. Saturday, Sept. 27. Attendees must be registered voters of the town and may not participate in more than one political party membership committee. RSVP at progressiveparty.org. Specifics: 11 a.m., Weybridge Town Clerk's Office, 1727 Quaker Village Road; 1 p.m., Sarah Partridge Community Library, 431 East Main Street, East Middlebury; 3 p.m., Lincoln Library, 222 West River Road. The Goshen Caucus will take place on 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 30th at Goshen Town Hall. Fall's Upon Us Sidewalk Sale in Vergennes. Saturday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., downtown Vergennes. Enjoy special deals up and down Main Street and find bargains on end-of-summer merchandise during the fall sidewalk sale. Sale runs all day Saturday; some shops will extend into Sunday. More info at vergennesdowntown.

org.
Wade & Friends in Brandon. Saturday, Sept. 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kennedy Park, off Center St. The final Kennedy Park free concert of the year. Come hear originals plus quest performers.

Town Hollers in Cornwall. Saturday, Sept 27, noon-2 p.m., Sunrise Orchards, 1287 N. Bingham St. Enjoy live music in the

Mingle at the Museum in Middlebury.
Saturday, Sept. 27, 5-7 p.m., Henry
Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. Come
Mingle at the Museum and support the Sheldon by joining us for a night of music, refreshments, dancing and a silent auction. Featuring local food and drink, games and fun, and the musical stylings of Toast and their signature modern rock & roll. Tickets on sale at tinyurl.com/

Mingle-at-the-museum. Kids free.

MUHS Alumni Association Hall of Fame Dinner in Middlebury. Saturday, Sept. 27, 5–7:30 p.m., American Legion, 49 Wilson Rd. A social hour and celebratory dinner honoring the new MUHS Hall of Fame inductees. \$20/person. RSVP to Mary Jane Quesnel at mjqrq@hotmail. com

Ferrisburgh Grange "King Pede" card party in Ferrisburgh. Saturday, Sept. 27, 6:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center. Sandwich supper followed by card games.

## **SUNDAY**

28 Hope in Motion walk/run & wellness fair in Middlebury.
Sunday, Sept. 28, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.,
55 Collins Drive. Join the Turning Point Center of Addison County for its first annual 5K and 1K walk/run to raise awareness for substance use recovery. \$25 for the 5K, \$5 for the 1K. Register at runsignup.com/Race/VT/Middlebury/ TPCAChopeinmotion. Willowell Harvest **Festival in Monkton**. Sunday, Sept. 28, noon-3 p.m., 36 Stoney Meadow Lane. Celebrate the bounty of the land and the changing of the season with live music, performances, a magic show by Tom Verner and friends, horse-drawn wagon rides, face painting and more. Free, family-friendly, outdoors. More info at

willowell.org/events.

Snugfest in Ripton. Sunday, Sept. 28, noon–7 p.m., 56 Silver Towers Rd. Outdoor music and arts festival featuring LaMP, Cyro Baptista & Friends, Vorcza and more. Kids 12 and under free. Tickets at snugfest.com.

Sunday morning dance in Bristol. Sunday, Sept. 28, 12:30–2 p.m., Open Sky Studio, 8 Main St. Monthly dance practice led by Meshi Chavez invites participants to explore movement, sweat, and connect embodied presence. 90-minute session begins gently, builds to active exploration with music, and ends with stillness and reflection. All bodies and experience levels welcome. Sliding scale \$20-\$25

Tenderbellies String Band in Hinesburg. Sunday, Sept. 28, 1–4 p.m., Yates Family Orchard, 1074 Davis Rd. Enjoy live music, pick apples and relax in the orchard.

"Inquiry into the Revolutionary Mind: What Were You Thinking, Frederick Haldimand and Ethan Allen?" in Orwell. Sunday, Sept. 28, 1-2:30 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. A modern-day historian calls up personages from the past for a panel discussion with major players in the early 1780s Haldimand Negotiations. Should Vermont rejoin the British, and if so, why? The story involves Frederick Haldimand, Ethan and Ira Allen, Thomas Chittenden, and Justus Sherwood, treachery and intrigue and drama at all

## **MONDAY**

Bingo Monday Niaht Middlebury. Monday, Sept. 29, doors open at 4:30 p.m., Addison County VFW Post 7823, 530 Exchange St. \$1,000 jackpot. Kitchen open 5-6:30 p.m. with full menu and homemade desserts. Quickies at 6 p.m., regular bingo at 7 p.m. Open to the public. Benefits veterans brograms

Cribbage Night in Bristol. Monday, Sept. 29, 7-8:15 p.m., Libanus Lodge, corner of (See Calendar, Page 18)



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Korean drumming in Middlebury. Monday, Sept. 29, 7 p.m., Freeman International Center (Bunker), Middlebury College. See Sept. 22 listing.

## **TUESDAY**

What does it take to be a Vermont state legislator? in Orwell. Tuesday, Sept. 30, Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St., Orwell. Robin Scheu (Middlebury), Peter Conlon (Cornwall) and Joe Andriano (Orwell) will talk about their experiences serving as state legislators. Meeting organized by Orwell Democrats and Whiting Democratic Town Committee. Free & open to all.

Online grief support group for 'MAID' or

Online grief support group for 'MAID' or 'VSED' loss. Begins Tuesday, Sept. 30, 5:30 p.m., Zoom. This fall, Porter Medical Center's Palliative Support Services is again offering a grief support group for people who have supported loved ones through Medical Aid in Dying or Voluntary Stopped Eating and Drinking at the end of life. We warmly welcome anyone who is grieving this unique form of loss to a safe, facilitated, small group space for processing, reflection, and remembrance. Runs through Nov. 18. More info contact and registration contact Louella Richer at griefsupport@uvmhealth.org or 802-388-4744

Heart Chakra drum Circle in Middlebury. Tuesday, Sept. 30, 6:30 p.m., 54 Main St., Unit B. Brought to you by Breanna Elaine music and Love Play Grow Wellness. \$10 suggested donation.

## WEDNESDAY

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Sunday Morning in Bristol.

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 5-8 p.m., The
Tillerman, 1868 North 116 Rd. A group of
friends who celebrate life by attempting
to make pretty sounds: songs about the
ins and outs of life focused on melodic
harmonies, with an air of celebration. The
tunes range from softer piano-jazz cocktail
lounge songs to louder banjo driven
country with an occasional Latin twist.
Music is free. Refreshments available for
purchase.

Shoreham Historical Society October meeting in Shoreham. Wednesday, Oct. 1, 6:30 p.m., Stone Schoolhouse, 3130 Route 22A. Locals Christy Lombardo and Dave Stanowki will talk about their research and the history of their property on Tottingham Road.

## **THURSDAY**

Dark Star Project in Monkton.
Thursday, Oct. 2, 4–7 p.m., Stine
Orchard, 1823 Monkton Rd. As the
fall colors begin to shine, enjoy an evening
filled with great music, hearty flavors,
refreshing drinks and community spirit in

refreshing drinks and community spirit in a picturesque orchard setting.

Dera Company of Middlebury's 
"Candide" film screening & talk in 
Middlebury. Thursday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m., 
Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. 
A screening of OCM's acclaimed film of 
their 2021 production of "Candide." OCM 
Artistic Director Doug Anderson will give 
a pre-show talk. Tickets \$20-\$40, patrons 
under 26 free. Register here: addisonarts. 
org/event/candide.

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Twist o' Wool Guild meeting in Middlebury. Thursday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m., American Legion, 49 Wilson Rd. Show off

knitting, crochet, handspun, weaving or other fiber crafts with fellow enthusiasts. Learn about fiber activities in the region and share the love of the craft. Free and open to the public. More info at twistowool.

30th annual First Show: "The Truth Remixed" in Middlebury. Thursday, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m. Hepburn Zoo, 121 Hepburn Rd. Bold, funny, heartfelt performances explore the many sides of "truth." Thursday & Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 2 & 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$5. Info: middlebury. edu/college/academics/theatre.

## **FRIDAY**

Green Mountain Club Hike:
Adirondack Adventure in
Keene. Friday, Oct. 3. Five-mile
roundtrip Adirondack bushwhack to
Elizabethtown #4. Spectacular view of
the Boquet Valley under the east face of
Dix. For more information, contact Barry
Francis at barryfrancis@gmavt.net. More
at gmcbreadloaf.org.

Teen Center comic workshop in Middlebury. Friday, Oct. 3, 1–2 p.m., Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. Celebrate Midd Pride with award-winning cartoonist Tillie Walden, who will lead a hands-on comics workshop for middle and high school students. Supplies provided. Free, registration required. Register/info: henrysheldonmuseum.org.

Photography opening reception in Middlebury. Friday, Oct. 3, 4–7 p.m., PhotoPlace Gallery, 3 Park St. PhotoPlace Gallery presents "Trees and Seasons," a juried photography exhibition celebrating the enduring presence of trees as they mark time through seasonal change. At the opening reception celebrate the selected artists along with refreshments and mead tastings provided by Golden Rule Mead of Middlebury.

Vermont Female Farmers opening reception in Middlebury. Friday, Oct. 3, 4–6 p.m., Henry Sheldon Museum. Photographer JuanCarlos González will give a gallery talk at the opening of his portrait series celebrating Vermont's women farmers. Exhibition on view Oct. 1–Jan. 3, 2026. Free.

Pizza by the Pond with Brisson Boss & Pelletier in Goshen. Friday, Oct. 3, 5–7 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn, Goshen-Ripton Rd. Enjoy wood-fired pizza by the pond and live acoustic music from Brisson Boss & Pelletier, a trio of veteran Addison County performers known for their original songs and covers by artists including Nanci Griffith, Melissa Etheridge, Adele, U2, Madeleine Peyroux and Kasey Chambers. The group features members of the Horse Traders and Deb Brisson and the Hay Burners. More info and reservations at blueberryhillinn.com/pizza. The Bernstein Songbook & "Trouble in

The Bernstein Songbook & "Trouble in Tahiti" in Middlebury. Friday, Oct 3, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. An exploration of Bernstein's Broadway musicals. Prosecco reception to follow. Tickets \$61-\$88, under 26 free with registration. Register here: addisonarts. org/event/bernstein-songbook-featuring-trouble-in-fahiti

trouble-in-tahiti.

October Artist of the Month: Jeannie Podolak Reception and Talk in Brandon. Friday, Oct. 3, 7–8:30 p.m., Brandon Artists Guild, 7 Center St. Podolak, a Chittenden-based printmaker and art educator, will discuss her work in traditional and non-toxic printmaking techniques. Free.

30th annual First Show: "The Truth Remixed" in Middlebury. Friday, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m. See Oct. 2 listing.

## Calencial events

Cocoon in Middlebury. Friday, Oct. 3, 8 p.m., Mahaney Arts Center Robison Hall, 72 Porter Field Rd. Live storytelling on the theme "Before I Die," with Middlebury College students, faculty, community members and Moth GrandSLAM champion Christine Gentry. Reception follows. Tickets \$15/10/8/5. Info: www.middlebury.edu/events/event/cocoon-6.

**SATURDAY** 

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Dead Creek Wildlife Day in Addison. Saturday, Oct. 4, 7 a.m.– 4 p.m., Dead Creek WMA, 966 Route 17 West. Bird banding begins at 7 a.m.; main events 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Activities include birding, fishing, hunting, working dogs, reptiles and conservation programs. Free. More info at vtfishandwildlife.com or 802-878-1564.

Fall Family market in Middlebury.
Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., College
Park. Welcome to Middlebury College
Families during Fall Family Weekend.
Learn more at ExperienceMiddlebury.
com/midd-markets.

Fall Festival in Bridport. Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Town Green, 82 Crown Point Rd. Celebrate fall with the town of Bridport's festival featuring crafters, vendors, food and live music. Free.

Growing In Process Open Studio in New Haven. Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. As part of the Vermont Crafts Council's

statewide Open Studio Weekend, artist Mira Cabrera will bring her studio outdoors with new paintings, works in progress, and natural pigment demonstrations. Saturday features a 2 p.m. cider release toast with labels designed by the artist. Visitors may also explore vineyard paths with artworks among Free. More info at vermontcrafts. com.

Vermont Open Studio Weekend, Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., various spots around Addison County and Brandon. Artists open their work spaces to share their tools, equipment and inspirations. See locations online at www. vermontcrafts.com. Continues Sunday.

David Gibson & Ellie Hoffman in Cornwall.
Saturday, Oct. 4, noon–2 p.m., Sunrise
Orchards, 1287 N. Bingham St. Enjoy old
time fiddle and guitar music in the orchard.

Meet the Maker: Toppa! in Middlebury.
Saturday, Oct. 4, 12 noon, Vermont's Own, 64 Main St. Learn and play Toppa, a two-player quick strategy game with surprising complexity. Inventor Mark Gonyea will be on hand to teach and play. Drop in for a quick 10-minute game. Free. More info at vtsown.com, 802-388-7711.

The Bernstein Songbook & "Trouble in Tahiti" in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct 4, 1 p.m. See Oct. 3 listing.

30th annual First Show: "The Truth

30th annual First Show: "The Truth Remixed" in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 4, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. See Oct. 2 listing. Zach Nugent in Brandon. Saturday, Oct. 4, 4–6 p.m., Red Clover Ale, 43 Center St. Music ranging from the Grateful Dead and

classic Americana to original music rooted

in heart and history.

Bingo at St. Peter's Church in Vergennes.
Saturday, Oct. 4, doors open 5 p.m.,
games 6 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall,
85 South Maple St. Family-friendly
bingo with cash prizes, 50/50 raffle and
refreshments. Sponsored by the St.
Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit
cemetery improvements.

Rob Flax's Boom Chick Trio in Lincoln. Saturday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m., Burnham Hall, E. River Rd. The trio will perform swing, instrumentals, harmonies and stagecraft in two sets. Part of the Burnham Presents concert series. Doors open at 7 p.m. Sliding scale \$20/\$25/\$30; \$10 children under 12; free for lap infants. Homemade desserts available. Tickets and details at 802-349-3364, burnhampresents.org.

Diana Fanning, piano: 50th anniversary concert in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m., Mahaney Arts Center Robison Hall, 72 Porter Field Rd. Diana Fanning celebrates 50 years of teaching at Middlebury with a program of Chopin, Janáček, Beethoven, and Debussy. Tickets \$15/10/8/5. Info: www.middlebury. edu/events/event/diana-fanning-piano-50th-anniversary-concert.

**SUNDAY** 

Growing In Process Open Studio in New Haven. Sunday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. See Oct 4. listing. Sunday offers seasonal food from The Shepherd's Hearth.

Vermont Open Studio Weekend, Sunday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., various spots around Addison County and Brandon. Artists open their work spaces to share their tools, equipment and inspirations. See locations online at www.vermontcrafts. com. Continues Sunday.

Hike into History in Orwell. Sunday, Oct.

Hike into History in Orwell. Sunday, Oct. 5, 1-4 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. Enjoy a guided autumn walk on the trails and learn about the American and British activities at Mount Independence back in the autumn of 1776 and 1777. Wear walking shoes or boots and dress for the weather.

Soulshine Revival in Hinesburg. Sunday, Oct. 5, 1–4 p.m., Yates Family Orchard, 1074 Davis Rd. Enjoy live music, pick apples and relax in the orchard

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The Bernstein Songbook & "Trouble in Tahiti" in Middlebury. Sunday, Oct. 5, 1

p.m. See Oct. 3 listing.

Staged reading of

"Blood of the Lamb"
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**TUESDAY** 

"Hiking Over 60" book talk in Middlebury. Tuesday, Oct. 7, 6–7 p.m., Ilsley Library, Mini Meeting Room, 30 Main St. Author Philip Werner presents his new book on hiking gear and techniques for active adults.

"Walking with my ancestors: Cape Coast
Castle" in Middlebury. Tuesday, Oct. 7,
7 p.m., McCullough Student Center, 14
Old Chapel Rd. One-woman performance uses drumming, singing, dance, and acting to evoke the lives of Africans held in Cape Coast Castle. Free. Info: www. middlebury.edu/events/event/walking-myancestors-cape-coast-castle-2019.

WEDNESDAY

Green Mountain Club Hike: Middlebury Gap to Sucker Brook in Hancock. Wednesday, Oct. 8, Moderate hike of less than 6 miles with some elevation gain. Enjoy the fall woods with forest views. For more information, contact Ellen Cronan at 908-595-2926. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

Live music at The Tillerman barn in

Bristol. Wednesday, Oct. 8, 6-8 p.m., The

Tillerman, 1868 N 116 Rd, Bristol. Free live music with tacos by Las Hermosas and sweets and drinks from The Tillerman Food served 5-8 p.m. Rain or shine. Free. More info at thetillermanvt.com/livemusic.

**THURSDAY** oct

"Mildred Pierce" on Screen in Middlebury. Thursday, Oct. 9, 1 p.m., Marquis Theater, 65 Main St. Middlebury Classic Film Club's latest offering features this 1945 film in which Joan Crawford is a spurned housewife struggling to care for her two daughters: a lovable tomboy and a scheming, socialclimbing teen who almost drives her to ruin. The film, an adaptation of James M. Cain's novel, was nominated for Best Picture

Milton Buster & the Grim Work in Monkton. Thursday, Oct. 9, 4–7 p.m., Stine Orchard, 1823 Monkton Rd. As the orchard glows with autumn colors, enjoy

an evening of music, food, drinks and community connection.

True Crime Podcast Club in Middlebury.
Thursday, Oct. 9, 6 p.m., Mini Ilsley Library, 30 Main St. Paper Ghosts: The Ozarks Season 4. It is summer 1989. In the heart of the Ozarks, a young woman goes missing before a body is found, not far from the Missouri border. Soon, a second body is discovered nearby. The hunt for a possible serial killer heats up

as investigator M. William Phelps arrives on the scene to reinvestigate a once-cold case. Listen to the podcast on your own before the discussion. For 18+. Listen to the podcast wherever you get your podcasts or ask Renee for assistance.

**FRIDAY** 

10 Green Mountain Club Hike: Mt. Abe, Lincoln. Friday, Oct. 10. Mt. Abe via the Battell Trail in Lincoln: the primo hike of Addison County. 6.4 mile, moderately strenuous hike with about 2,500 feet of elevation gain. Some scrambling over rocks. Dogs welcome on leash only. Contact Morris Earle at earle@gmail.com or 802-734-0984. More at

gmcbreadloaf.org.

Prine Numbers: A night of John Prine tunes in Bristol. Friday, Oct 10, 5–8 p.m., BCC Botanicals, 140 North St. Remember Baker and Friends perform an evening of John Prine's music.

**SATURDAY** 

Monthly Wildlife Walk Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 11, 8–10 a.m., Otter View Park, intersection of Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Road. Join Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust to survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and Hurd Grassland. Birders of all ages and abilities welcome. Free. More info at 802-388-6019.

Middlebury Pride market in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Triangle Park, corner of Main and Merchants Row. Celebrate PRIDE during the Pride Parade down Main Street and peruse the pop-up market. Learn more at ExperienceMiddlebury.com/middmarkets

"Quilting in the Land of Milk & Honey" in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Middlebury Rec Center, 154 Creek Rd. 200 quilts made by local quilters, along with a special travel exhibit, "Quilts of Valor," raffles, homemade items, vendors and much more. Admission \$7/ under 12 free

Bingo at St. Peter's Church in Vergennes Saturday, Oct. 11, doors open 5 p.m., games 6 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 South Maple St. Family-friendly bingo with cash prizes, 50/50 raffle and refreshments. Sponsored by the St. Peter's Historic Preservation Committee to benefit restoration of the church bell

Contra dance in Cornwall. Saturday, Oct. 11, 7–9:30 p.m., Cornwall Town Hall, 2629 Route 30. Get ready to dance your socks off at this month's contra dance at the Cornwall Town Hall. Music by Red Dog Riley with special guest fiddler Cedar Stanistreet. Don Stratton will call the dances. All dances will be taught; no experience is necessary. \$5–\$10 or pay what you can.

**SUNDAY** 

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Green Mountain Club Hike: the Penfield Pond loop in Crown Point, N.Y. Sunday, Oct. 12. An easy mid-afternoon hike on the Penfield Pond history trail. Arrive early to enjoy the Annual Applefest at the Penfield Museum, then join us for a 2-mile hike following signs describing sites of the former ironworks village. Contact Ruth Penfield at ruthpenfield@gmail.com or 802-458-1116.

More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

Middlebury Car Show and Fall Festival in Middlebury. Sunday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m., Triangle Park/Main St. Main Street will be closed to vehicle traffic so we can welcome 75 classic cars and trucks. Food trucks, 30+ vendors, music, kids' activities and more. Free for spectators. Don't miss this fun, family-friendly event brought to you by the Addison County Chamber of Commerce and the Better Middlebury Partnership.

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Middlebury Market in Middlebury. Sunday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Triangle Park. In conjunction with the Middlebury Car Show and Fall Festival, check out some great cars and stroll through the market to see cars and stroll through the market to see what they have on offer. Learn more at ExperienceMiddlebury.com/midd-markets.

"Quilting in the Land of Milk & Honey" in Middlebury. Sunday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Middlebury Rec Center, 154 Creek Rd. See Oct. 11 listing.

Ripton Ridge Run in Ripton. Sunday, Oct. 12, 11 a.m., Ripton. Annual 10K, 5K and fun walk through Ripton and the Green Mountain National Forest. Proceeds



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benefit Friends of Ripton Students. Register at runsignup.com/Race/VT/ Ripton/RiptonRidgeRun.

Cal Humberto in Cornwall. Sunday, Oct. 12, noon–2 p.m., Sunrise Orchards, 1287 N. Bingham St. Live music in the orchard from Cal Humberto, a Burlington-based singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist whose original songs blend pop, jazz and R&B.

## **THURSDAY**

Green Mountain Club Stargazing in Addison.
Thursday, Oct. 16. Learn some of the major stars, asterisms, constellations, and deep sky objects for dates near the new moon. In the event of poor observing conditions, the outing will be rescheduled for the next Thursday, Oct. 23. Group limit is 8. Contact Ken Corey at kencorey53@ gmail.com or 802-349-3733 to register.

More at gmchreadlosf org

for the next Thursday, Oct. 23. Group limit is 8. Contact Ken Corey at kencorey53@ gmail.com or 802-349-3733 to register. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

Piranesi's prints: Paper, process, and preservation in Middlebury. Thursday, Oct. 16, 4:30 p.m., Mahaney Arts Center Room 125. Lecture by Theresa Fairbanks Harris, Yale University Art Museums, on conservation of paper and Piranesi's printmaking. Free. Info: www.middlebury. edu/museum/events.

**FRIDAY** 

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Spirits of Rokeby in Ferrisburgh. Friday, Oct. 17, 5-9:30 p.m., Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7, Ferrisburgh. "An Unexpected Visitor" is a night of immersive theater inspired by Rokeby's Spiritualist history. Enjoy a drink and a talk on Victorian Spiritualism before entering the historic home for a participatory séance dramatization. An unexpected guest may make an appearance! \$20 for Rokeby members, \$25 for non-members. Tickets at rokeby.org/series/2025-spirits-of-rokeby-an-unexpected-visitor.

**SATURDAY** 

Green Mountain Club Hike: Mt.

Mansfield in Underhill. Saturday,
Oct. 18. Hike the Laura Cowles
trail to the summit of Mt Mansfield and
hike back down the Sunset Ridge Trail.
Strenuous hike with 2,555 feet elevation
gain over about 4.6 miles. Beautiful views
of the Lamoille and Stowe Valleys. For

more information, contact Cary Beckwith at cwbeckwith@yahoo.com. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

Mountains to Mouth: An Exploration of the Watershed in Monkton. Saturday, Oct. 18, 8 a.m.—3 p.m., Monkton Town Hall, 92 Monkton Ridge. A day-long celebration of the natural history of Monkton and the Lewis Creek watershed. More info at lewiscreek.org or kate@lewiscreek.org.

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Lewis Creek Watershed. More into at lewiscreek.org or kate@lewiscreek.org. Craft Fair in Vergennes. Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, Maple St. Craft vendors, bake sale, luncheon and raffle. Sponsored by the St. Peter's Cemetery Association.

Peter's Cemetery Association.

Town Hollers in Cornwall. Saturday, Oct.
18, noon–2 p.m., Sunrise Orchards, 1287
N. Bingham St. Live music in the orchard.

Inseldudler Oompa German Band in Monkton. Saturday, Oct. 18, 1–5 p.m., Stine Orchard, 1823 Monkton Rd. The afternoon comes alive with the Oktoberfest-style sounds of The Inseldudler OOMPA German Band.

Spirits of Rokeby, "An Unexpected"

Spirits of Rokeby, "An Unexpected Visitor" in Ferrisburgh. Saturday, Oct. 18, 5-9:30 p.m., Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7, Ferrisburgh. See Oct. 17 listing. Sunday, Oct. 19

**SUNDAY** 

Sunday Stitch and Spin in Monkton. Sunday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., Russell Memorial Library, 92 Monkton Ridge Road. Bring a fiber project for a morning hangout. All fiber crafts welcome. Free and open to the public. More info at monktonlibrary.org/varns.

WEDNESDAY

Teach the World to Sew Day in Middlebury. Wednesday, Oct. 22, two sessions: 10 a.m.—noon or 12:30—2:30 p.m., Middlebury Sew-N-Vac, 260 Court St Suite 4. Free beginner sewing class for those who have never sewn before. Learn to operate a basic sewing machine and make a tote bag; all materials provided. Free, but space is limited. Register: 802-388-3559 or middleburysewnvac.com.

Estate planning seminar in Brandon.

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 6 p.m., Brandon
Free Public Library, 4 Franklin St. Attorney
Sarah Bouvier Haselton and senior
paralegal Katie Reen of Maple Haven
Law PLLC present a free estate planning
seminar, offering simple and clear
explanations of the process. Free. More
info at Brandon Free Public Library.

**THURSDAY** 

Memory altar in Middlebury.
Thursday, Oct. 23–Nov. 8, front porch, Henry Sheldon Museum, 1
Park St. As part of Porter Medical Center's "Stories from the Heart" project, the museum invites community members to contribute to a shared altar honoring loved ones who have passed. Free.
"All About Eve" on screen in Middlebury.

All About Eve" on screen in Middlebury. Thursday, Oct. 23, 1 p.m., Marquis Theater, 65 Main St. An aspiring actress feigns humility and naiveté to connive her way under the wing of a veteran Broadway star. She manipulates those in the star's circle in hopes of cheating her way to the top. Based on the short story "The Wisdom of Eve" by Mary Orr. A Middlebury Classic Film Club offering. Free!

"Turning Stones: Discovering the Life of Water" book talk in Middlebury.
Thursday, Oct. 23, 6–7 p.m., Ilsley Library, Mini Meeting Room, 30 Main St. Aquatic ecologist Declan McCabe will discuss how climate change and increased flood risk are impacting Vermont's waterways

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23, 7 p.m., Humanities House, 115
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Daisy Kulina and novelist and Middlebury
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**FRIDAY** 

Spirits of Rokeby, "An Unexpected Visitor" in Ferrisburgh. Friday, Oct. 24, 5-9:30 p.m., Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7, Ferrisburgh. See Oct. 17 listing.

SATURDAY

Taconic Ramble in Hubbardton.
Saturday, Oct. 25. This hike will span the two sides of the park on Mt. Zion major and minor for a moderate 5.5-mile hike with a few steep sections and a couple hundred feet of elevation change. Nice views to the southeast and to the west, plus a visit to the Japanese Zen garden

Green Mountain Club Hike:

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Spirits of Rokeby, "An Unexpected Visitor" in Ferrisburgh. Saturday, Oct. 25, 5-9:30 p.m., Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7, Ferrisburgh. See Oct. 17 listing.

Dreamers' Circus in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m., Mahaney Arts Center Robison Hall, 72 Porter Field Rd. Acclaimed Nordic acoustic trio blends folk, classical, jazz, and pop. Tickets \$30/20/10/5. Info: www.middlebury.edu/events/event/dreamers-circus-1.

Green Mountain Club Trail Work on the

Green Mountain Club Trail Work on the Long Trail in Hancock. Saturday, Oct. 25. Join the trail crew to help maintain the Long Trail. We will be clearing structures and getting the trail ready for winter. Rain date Oct 26. For more information contact Ellen Cronan at 908-595-2926.

**SUNDAY** 

Sunday morning dance in Bristol. Sunday, Oct 26, 12:30–2 p.m., Open Sky Studio, 8 Main St. See Sept. 28 listing.

**TUESDAY** 

Throat Chakra drum Circle in Middlebury. Tuesday, Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m., 54 Main St., Unit B. Brought to you by Breanna Elaine music and Love Play Grow Wellness. \$10 suggested donation.

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"These Shining Lives" in Middlebury. Thursday, Oct. 30, 8 p.m., Mahaney Arts Center Seeler Studio Theatre, 72 Porter Field Rd. Play based on the true story of women dial painters at the Radium Dial Company, who fought for justice and survival. Tickets \$15/10/5. Info: www.middlebury.edu/events/event/these-shining-lives-melanie-marnich.

## **FRIDAY**

Soulshine Revival in Middlebury. Friday, Oct. 31, 5:30-7 p.m., Main Stage, Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. With superb musicianship, this Allman Brothers tribute band faithfully re-creates their live performances and their classic hits. Free. Rescheduled from Aug. 23. More info at townhalltheater.org.

"These Shining Live in Middlebury. Friday, Oct. 31, 8 p.m. Mahaney Arts Center Seeler Studio Theatre, 72 Porter Field Rd. See Oct. 30 listing.



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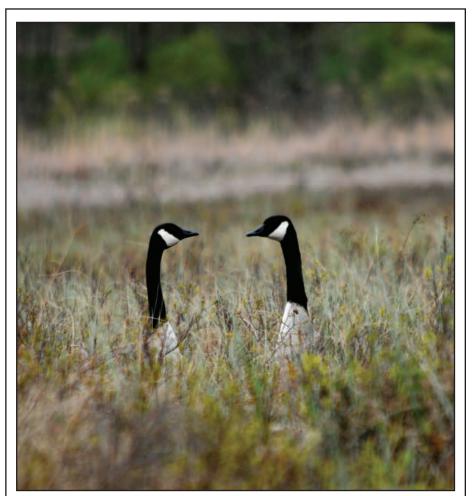
## nov SATURDAY

Penny Fair in Vergennes.
Saturday, Nov. 1, doors open
10 a.m., drawings 6:30 p.m., St.
Peter's Parish Hall, 85 South Maple St.
Annual event with games, raffles and chances to win prizes for pennies a chance. Fun for all ages.

"These Shining Lives" in Middlebury. Saturday, Nov. 1, Mahaney Arts Center Seeler Studio Theatre, 72 Porter Field Rd, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. See Oct. 30 listing.

## mov MONDAY

Fauré "Requiem" and "Darkness and Light" in Middlebury. Monday, Nov. 3, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 3 Main St. The Choir of St. Stephen's presents Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem" alongside the world premiere of "Darkness and Light," a new composition by Middlebury College professor emeritus Peter Hamlin. All are welcome at this special service to



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**WEDNESDAY** 

Green Mountain Club Hike:
Camel's Hump in Huntington.
Wednesday, Nov. 5. Ascend Camel's
Hump via the Forest City and Long Trail
and descend via the Burrow's Trail.
Nice views on the way to the summit.
Strenuous hike taken at a moderate
pace. Elevation gain of about 2,500
feet over 5.8 miles. To register, contact
Ken Corey at kencorey53@gmail.com
or 802-349-3733 to register. More at
gmcbreadloaf.org.

Roomful of Teeth and Allison Loggins Hull in Middlebury. Wednesday, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m., Mahaney Arts Center Robison Hall, 72 Porter Field Rd. Grammy-winning vocal ensemble joins composer/flutist Allison Loggins-Hull for the Vermont premiere of "Friction." Tickets \$30/20/10/5. Info: www.middlebury.edu/events/event/roomful-teeth-and-allison-loggins-hull-fluteelectronics.

**THURSDAY** 

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"There's a Hole in the World Where You Used to Be" in Middlebury. Thursday, Nov. 6, 4:30 p.m., Mahaney Arts Center Room 125,

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72 Porter Field Rd. Filmmaker Mariam Ghani presents her documentary on memory, mourning, and war, with lecture and Q&A. Free. Info: www.middlebury.edu/events/event/screening-mariamghanis-documentary-film-theres-holeworld-where-you-used-be.

Fossils in the Champlain Valley in Middlebury. Thursday, Nov. 6, 6–7 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, Mini NBM meeting room, 30 Main St. Paleontologist Stephen Wright discusses fossils from the Champlain Valley and what they reveal about ancient environments. Free.

Twist o' Wool Guild meeting in Middlebury. Thursday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m., American Legion, 49 Wilson Rd. Show off knitting, crochet, handspun, weaving or other fiber crafts with fellow enthusiasts. Learn about fiber activities in the region and share the love of the craft. Free and open to the public. More info at twistowool.wordpress.com.

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"Monochrome: Light, shadow, form, texture" opening reception in Middlebury. Friday, Nov. 7, 4–7 p.m., PhotoPlace Gallery, 3 Park St. Black-and-white photography exhibition highlighting the drama of light and shadow, elegance of form and richness of texture. Photos selected by juror Jason Landry. Refreshments and

mead tastings from Golden Rule Mead. On view in the gallery and online through Nov. 28. Free. Info: photoplacegallery@ gmail.com, 802-989-7556, bit.ly/PPG-Monochrome2025.

**SATURDAY** 

Monthly Wildlife Walk in Middlebury. Saturday, Nov. 8, 8–10 a.m., Otter View Park, intersection of Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Road. Join Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust to survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and Hurd Grassland. Birders of all ages and abilities welcome. Free. More info at 802-388-6019.

Looking back/moving forward: Vermont stories of LGBTQ+ caregiving & community in Middlebury. Saturday, Nov. 8, 1–3 p.m., Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. Scholar Andrew Ingall, podcaster Gail Golec, Social Tinkering founder Jeanette Langston, and artist/performer Francois Clemmons highlight LGBTQ+ caregiving legacies. Part of the Vermont Humanities Fall Festival 2025. Free.

Bingo at St. Peter's Church in

Bingo at St. Peter's Church in Vergennes. Saturday, Nov. 8, doors open 5 p.m., games 6 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 South Maple St. Family-friendly bingo with cash prizes, 50/50 raffle and refreshments. Sponsored by the St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to

benefit cemetery improvements.

SUNDAY

Brandon Has Talent in Brandon. Sunday, Nov. 9, 2–4 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Square. Community talent showcase featuring music, dance, and comedy acts. Admission by donation. More info at brandontownhall.com.

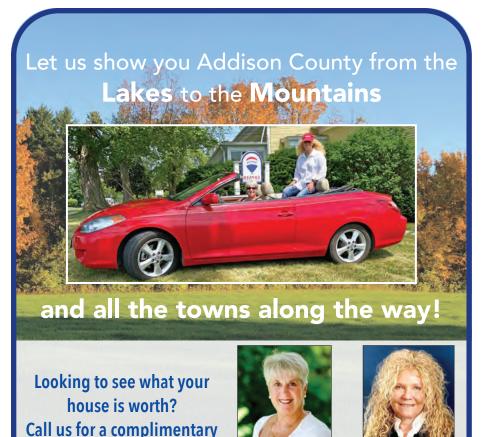
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Green Mountain Club Fall Speaker Program: "Britain by Foot," in Middlebury. Sunday, Nov. 9, 6:30 p.m. Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Court. GMC Bread Loaf Section's Morris Earle & Lynn Luginbuhl will show slides and tell tales from their recent hikes in Britain. Refreshments served. Admission is free; all donations support the Green Mountain Club. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

**MONDAY** 

Green Mountain Club Hike: Rattlesnake Point in Salisbury. Monday, Nov. 10. A three-mile

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## **THURSDAY**

Middlebury. Thursday, Nov. 13, 1 p.m., Marquis Theater, Main Street. Screening of "Rose Tattoo" starring Anna Magnani, followed by discussion. Free. Popcorn provided.

A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder" in Middlebury. Thursday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. Middlebury College Musical Theatre presents

Award-winning about Monty Tony comedy Navarro's outrageous path to a fortune. Info: www. middlebury.edu/events/ event/mcmts-gentlemansguide-love-and-murder.

## **FRIDAY**

Green Mountain Club hike: Raven Ridge in Monkton. Friday, Nov. 14. A 2.8-mile moderate hike on Nature Conservancy protected land with about 490 feet of elevation gain. Trail climbs a steep slope to a ridge with Champlain Valley views and geological features. Hiking pole recommended. Limited to 10 participants. Contact Ruth Penfield at ruthpenfield@gmail.com or 802-458-1116. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

Pre-concert lecture by Larry Hamberlin: Takács Quartet at Middlebury College. Friday, Nov. 14, 6:15 p.m., Mahaney Arts Center Room 125, 72 Porter Field Rd. Learn about the program before the quartet's concert. Free

Takács Quartet in Middlebury. Friday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., Mahaney Arts Center Robison Hall, 72 Porter Field Rd. The Grammy-winning quartet performs the Vermont premiere of Clarice Assad's "NEXUS" and works by Haydn and Debussy. Tickets \$30/20/10/5. Info: www. middlebury.edu/events/event/takacs"A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder" in Middlebury. Friday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. See Nov. 13 listing.

## **SATURDAY**

"A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder" in Middlebury. Saturday, Nov. 15, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. See Nov. 13 listing.

## SUNDAY

Sunday Stitch and Spin in Monkton. Sunday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., Russell Memorial Library, 92 Monkton Ridge Road. Bring a fiber project for a morning hangout. All fiber crafts welcome. Free and open to the public. More info at monktonlibrary.org/

Sunday morning dance in Bristol. Sunday, Nov. 16, 12:30–2 p.m., Open Sky Studio, 8 Main St. See Sept. 28 listing.

### nov WEDNESDAY

Green Mountain Club Hike: Leader's Choice. Wednesday. Nov. 19. Maybe it will be stick season, maybe there will be snow. Weather conditions will determine where we go. For more information contact Ellen Cronan at 908-595-2926. More at gmcbreadloaf.

## **THURSDAY**

Middlebury Middlebury Afropop Band and African Music and Dance performance in Middlebury. Thursday Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m., McCullough Student Center, 14 Old Chapel Rd. Free concert featuring East African musical traditions and Afropop songs. Info: www.middlebury. edu/events/event/middlebury-afropop band-and-african-music-and-dance-

## **SATURDAY**

Bingo at St. Peter's Church in Vergennes. Saturday, Nov. 22, doors open 5 p.m., games 6 p.m., Peter's Parish Hall, 85 South Maple St. Family-friendly bingo with cash prizes 50/50 raffle and refreshments. Sponsored

by the St. Peter's Historic Preservation Committee to benefit restoration of the church bell tower.

## **TUESDAY**

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Third Eye Chakra drum Circle in Middlebury. Tuesday, Nov. 25, 6:30 p.m., 54 Main St., Unit B. Brought to you by Breanna Elaine music and Love Play Grow Wellness. \$10 suggested donation.

## **FRIDAY**

Holiday Train Exhibit opening weekend in Middlebury. Friday, Nov. 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28–29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. Annual tradition featuring a three-level Lionel train layout and backdrop of the Green Mountains.

## **SATURDAY**

Holiday Train Exhibit opening

weekend in Middlebury.
Saturday, Nov. 29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. See Nov. 28 listing.

The Holley Jolly Holiday Market in Bristol. Saturday, Nov. 29, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Holley Hall, 1 South St. The Holley Jolly Holiday Market transforms Holley Hall into a vibrant hub of artisanal talent. Embrace the holiday spirit with a curated selection of high-end handmade goods from local vendors.

## **SUNDAY**

Green Mountain Club Hike: Mt. Grant in Lincoln. Sunday, Nov. 30. Moderate 8-mile hike via the Cooley Glen and Long trails to the summit of Mt. Grant, with 2,200 feet of elevation gain. Enjoy a piece of the Bread Loaf Wilderness. Contact Dwight Griesman at dwight.griesman@gmail.com to register. More at gmcbreadloaf.org. Free.

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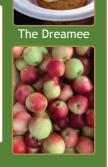
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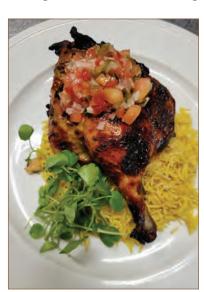


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## Morgan's Tavern

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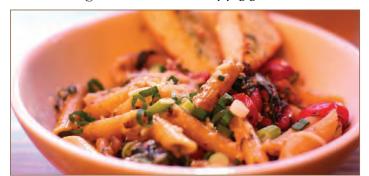
a unique and deeply satisfying culinary journey. Whether you're here for business or pleasure, Morgan's Tavern ensures an unforgettable dining experience, complemented by a thoughtfully curated wine list designed to please every palate. 14 Court Square, Middlebury | 802.388.4961





## Park Squeeze

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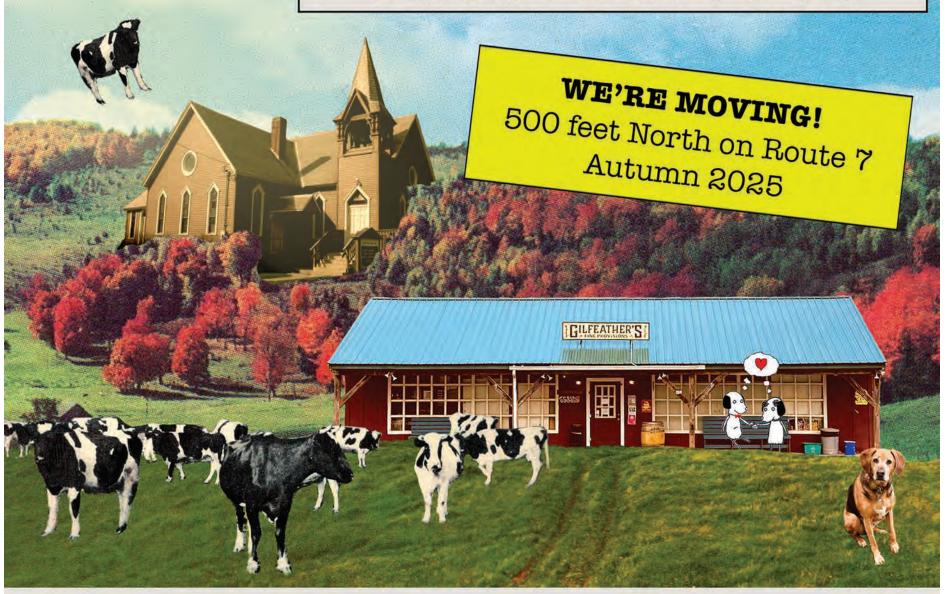
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| Mixed Garden Salad\$1                         | 2.95 |
| Mediterranean Salad fresh greens, roasted     |      |
| peppers, onion, cucumbers, mozzarella,        |      |
| tomato, kalamata olives& feta cheese          |      |
| dressing\$15.                                 |      |
| Scampi Shrimp Salad large shrimp in garlic    |      |
| lemon & olive oil over fresh greens, tomatoes |      |
| & marinated broccoli florets\$24              | .95  |
| Misto Verdure medley of roasted & marinate    | d    |
| vegetables with fresh herbs, olive oil &      |      |
| balsamic\$18                                  | .95  |
| Vermont Goat Cheese Salad w/ Eggplant         |      |
| & Arugula\$18.95                              |      |
| Crispy Calamari with fresh basil aioli\$17.   | 95   |
|   |      |
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#### DACTA

| PASIA                                      |         |
|--|---------|
| Cheese Lasagna                             | \$15.95 |
| Cheese Raviolimarinara sauce               |         |
| Pasta & Marinara                           | \$10.95 |
| add meatball \$2.50 or sausage \$3.95 each | ch      |
| Potato Gnocchi marinara sauce              | \$16.95 |
| add meatball \$2.50 or sausage \$3.95 each | ch      |
| Gnocchi, Portabellas & Peppers             | \$19.95 |
| Eggplant Parmesan & Pasta                  | \$18.95 |
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#### **MEAT ENTREES**

| Chicken Cacciatore - peppers,                |
|--|
| mushrooms in wine tomato sauce over          |
| pasta\$19.95                                 |
| Pork & Pappardelle - tender boneless pork in |
| a rich tomato sauce with mushrooms & peppers |
| over pappardelle pasta\$19.95                |
| Chicken Parmesan - over pasta\$18.95         |

#### **DEEP FRIED DINNERS**

| Sea Scallops                  | \$ MP   |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Gulf Shrimp                   | \$ MP   |
| Belly Clams                   | \$ MP   |
| Calamari                      |         |
| Filet of Fish                 | \$16.95 |
| Oysters                       | \$ MP   |
| Fried dinners include fries & |         |

Fried dinners include fries & cole slaw

**TOWN!** 

| SEAFOOD SUBS AND DINNERS  | 5                     |
|---|-----------------------|
| Tuna Melt\$11.9   | 5                     |
| California Fish Taco\$12.9  | 5                     |
| Salmon Patty Ciabatta\$13.9   | 5                     |
| Seafood Salad Sub Small \$14.95 Large \$16.9  | 5                     |
| Tuna Salad Sub Small \$11.95 Large \$13.9   | 5                     |
| Fish & Chips\$16.9  | 5                     |
| Blackened Salmon Sub  |                       |
| Small \$12.95Large \$15.9   | 5                     |
| Fried Shrimp Po Boy\$15.9   | 5                     |
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| Fried Oyster Po Boy \$15.9<br>Fried Fish Filet Sandwich \$16.9  | 5                     |
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#### **SALADS**

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|---|----------|
| Mixed Garden Salad                      | \$12.95  |
| Caesar Salad                            | \$10.95  |
| Chicken Caesar                          |          |
| Salmon Caesar                           |          |
| Shrimp Caesar                           |          |
| Fresh Yellow Fin Tuna Salad             |          |
| celery & mayo, served on bed of fresh g | reens    |
| with tomato & cucumber salad            |          |
| Mediterranean Salad                     | ,        |
| fresh greens, roasted peppers, onion,   |          |
| cucumbers, mozzarella cheese,tomato, k  | kalamata |
| olives & feta cheese dressing           |          |
| with chicken \$20.95 with shrimp \$24.9 |          |
| Sicilian Salad                          |          |
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fresh greens, marinated roasted eggplant, artichokes, olives, roasted peppers, mozzarella, sun dried tomatoes, lemon & olive oil.....\$17.95 with tuna **\$25.95** with shrimp \$29.95

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......Small \$10.95 Large \$12.95 The "Don Barzini" - oven baked sub with salami, roasted peppers & onions, tomato, provolone .....Small \$12.95 Large \$15.95 The "Fredo" - veggie sub with fresh mozzarella, romaine lettuce, tomato, onion & seasoned olive oil...Small \$10.95 Large \$12.95 Baby Bella & Roasted Pepper Sub - oven baked sub with fresh basil aioli, Vermont goat cheese & arugula....Small \$11.95 Large \$13.95 Eggplant Caponata & Mozzarella - oven baked sub of Sicilian eggplant salad & fresh mozzarella..... ...Small \$11.95 Large \$13.95 Turkey Sub - tomatoes, lettuce, mayo..

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Pancetta & Capicola Sub - oven baked sub with fresh mozzarella, seasoned olive oil, tomato .... Small \$12.95 Large \$15.95 & romaine Roast Beef & Provolone Sub - beef with aged provolone, lettuce, tomato, onion & horseradish mayo.....Small \$11.95 Large \$14.95



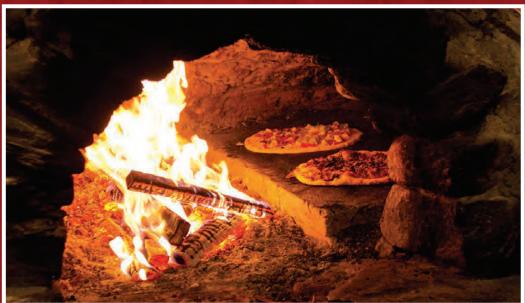






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Take a left onto Route 100 north through the town of Granville, watching on your left for the beautiful Moss Glen Falls. Continue north into Waitsfield, where you will pick up Route 17, and follow it west over the Appalachian Gap (elevation 2,365 feet — a great place to stop and enjoy foliage views). When you get to the bottom of the other side, you'll take a left and Route 17 and Route 116 will run together for several miles, including through the village of Bristol. Just past the village, Route 116 peels off south but you should stay on Route 17 westbound through New Haven until you come to Route 7. Take Route 7 south back to Middlebury.

#### Capital City Cruise — Day Trip:

From Middlebury, take Route 7 south to Route 125, Route 125 east over the mountains to Route 100 in Hancock. Take Route 100 south to Stockbridge, where you pick up Route 107 and drive east to Bethel.

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et) south to Sudbury, where you pick up Route 73 and ou may want to stop at the Mount Independence State ary War site. At Larrabee's Point you will find the Fort (for a fee). Sadly, low water caused the ferry to close

y in Vermont, this route continues from Larrabee's llow 74 north and east through historic Shoreham. oute 125 west to Chimney Point on Lake Champlain, which opened in November 2011. Follow Route 17 lly as WAGS, bear left off Route 17 and onto Jersey assed the Panton Town Hall. At the end of Jersey passing a short road to beautiful Button Bay State in Harbor Road takes you past the Basin Harbor look for the nearby Lake Champlain Maritime

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treet toward Vergennes and it will bring you back to Route 22A (just before At Addison Four Corners take Route 17 east to Route 23 and Route 23 south

### Quilt show

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#### **OUILTS OF VALOR**

"Quilts of Valor" are specially made quilts, stitched with love, prayers, and healing thoughts. They are presented to U.S. military veterans and troops who have been touched by war as a tangible token of appreciation that unequivocally says, "Thank you for your service, sacrifice, and valor." The show will include a display of these quilts and a ceremony awarding quilts to 10 local veterans on Saturday afternoon. Former Vermont Gov. Jim Douglas will be on hand to participate in the ceremony.

Milk & Honey Quilters Guild member Andre Emmell of Ferrisburgh coordinates regional Quilts of Valor efforts. Featured this summer on a segment of WCAX-TV's "Super Seniors," Emmell is, himself, a 20-year veteran of the military. Although he learned to sew as a child, Emmell didn't make his first quilt until he became a grandfather. While that first quilt made for his granddaughter is long since tattered, he assembled a team of quilters to help and has since made and presented hundreds of quilts to area veterans.

#### SACRED THREADS QUILT

A special area of the show will feature a collection of art quilts from Sacred Threads. Comprised of 39 pieces by quilters across the country, the travel exhibit is more commonly included in much larger exhibitions and museums.

"We are honored and delighted to have

been chosen to host this exhibit," said quilt show chair Joyce Dicianna, "especially so early in its circulation."

The collection debuted at the International Quilt Festival in Houston last fall, and the Middlebury show marks the exhibit's Northeast premiere, the first of only two scheduled shows in the region.

Sacred Threads began when quilter/ quilting instructor Vikki Pignatelli recognized a gap in shows where quilts are judged purely on their technical merits and might overlook the inspiration behind the work.

"Did it have anything to do with the spirituality?" Pignatelli said. "Well you know they just didn't get it. There's no safe place. And the next thing in my mind was, 'Well you have to start something."

Since 2001, Sacred Threads has sponsored biennial quilt shows and travel exhibits that are not focused on any specific faith or ideology but draw on themes from inspiration and healing to grief, joy, peace, and spirituality. Each piece is accompanied by an artist's statement describing the source of its inspiration.

#### **QUILT TURNING**

Something new to the lineup this year, local quilt shop owner Carla Berno of The Quilters' Corner at Middlebury Sew-n-Vac will offer a "quilt turning," which is a traditional form of exhibit where quilts are laid out on a table to be viewed and discussed. Currently on track to become a certified quilt appraiser,



ANDRE EMMELL, AN 84-year-old Ferrisburgh resident, maintains a home studio to make Quilts of Valor.

Berno particularly appreciates a quilt with a good story behind it. With that in mind, she has curated a group of quilts from her personal collection along with a few borrowed from friends and family, including some that are over 100 years old, and will share the stories of these very special quilts. Three quilt turnings will be offered during the show weekend, on Saturday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and again on Sunday at 11 a.m.

#### THE GIVING PROJECT

The guild has selected Tri-Valley Transit (TVT) as the recipient for "The Giving Project." In past years, the guild has sold handmade holiday ornaments and given the proceeds, ranging anywhere from \$500 to \$800, to local charities, including Addison County Restorative Justice Services, the MiddSummer Lunch & Recreation Program, Habitat for Humanity, and others.

When Guild member Dorothy Mammen nominated Tri-Valley Transit as this year's recipient, a few show committee members were surprised. "The bus company? Really?" one remarked. But as both a bus rider and volunteer Dial-a-Ride driver, Mammen knew firsthand the vital role TVT plays in Addison County. She shared how TVT connects people not just to jobs

(See Giving Project, Page 45)



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## Giving Project

(Continued from Page 44) and essential services, but to opportunity, independence, and community.

Tri-Valley Transit is gearing up to celebrate a major milestone — its 50th anniversary in 2026 — after recently providing its 5 millionth ride. The organization offers free, ADA-accessible transportation options to the community, helping residents access education, employment, healthcare, shopping, and more. TVT is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization who must raise 20% local match to unlock its federal operating grants. Donations are tax deductible and each \$1 can unlock \$4 more for rides or \$9 more to replace aged buses.

TVT's services include:

Shuttle Buses – Fixed route service follows a published schedule to connect the general public to stops throughout Addison County, as well as north to Burlington and south to Rutland for school, job training, work, medical appointments, and errands.

EZ Trip Microtransit Vans – Rides by reservation offer convenient, doorto-door rides within Middlebury for the general public to reach a wide variety of destinations.

Dial-a-Rides – Rides by reservation provides door-to-door transportation for eligible riders from every Addison County town—typically older adults, individuals with disabilities, or those with Medicaid coverage. Most Dial-a-Ride trips are



CARLA BERNO OF the Quilters' Corner at Middlebury Sew-n-Vac will present Quilt Turnings during the October quilt show.

provided by volunteer Community Drivers using their own vehicles, with mileage reimbursement.

A TVT representative will be available at the October quilt show to answer transportation questions and share information about becoming a Dial-a-Ride Community Driver. To learn more, visit trivalleytransit.org or call 802-388-2287.

In addition to ornaments, this year's fundraiser includes an expanded line of handmade items, including fabric baskets, pie carriers, cat toys, potholders, greeting cards, pin cushions, and more.

For more info, visit www. milkandhoneyquilters.com

## Foliage

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dry conditions will affect foliage, they encourage leaf peepers to be flexible and explore different parts of the state.

In the Champlain Valley and the Connecticut River Valley, scientists are seeing some leaves either going through the fall color progression rapidly, or just turning from green to brown, said Josh Halman, Forest Health Program manager for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

At a site he monitors in Underhill, Halman usually sees peak foliage the first week of October. But that peak can happen a little earlier up north or at higher elevations, he said. The drought this year may mean that foliage peaks in mid-September, he said.

While trees in dry conditions may have muted colors, trees on another side of the mountain or a few miles away may be vibrant and bright. Halman's already seen some impacts of drought on fall foliage, but "it's not uniform at all across the state," he said.

Some trees are suffering due to dry conditions coupled with hot temperatures — those two factors together tend to have "a really pronounced effect on plants," Kosiba said.

That's because hot air can hold more water, which means it's evaporating from surfaces more quickly, Kosiba said. "(Leaves) have these little openings that

allow them to bring in carbon dioxide, but water also evaporates from those little pores," she said.

During a drought, leaves will close up those pores, called stomata, to protect themselves from any water loss, Kosiba said. But that prevents them from taking in carbon dioxide and photosynthesizing, she said. "They basically kind of shut down for a little bit," she said.

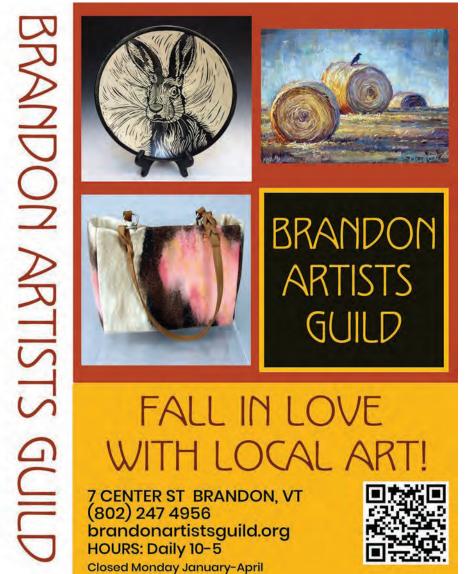
If water in the soil is also evaporating, the edges of leaves will start to brown, which signals that their cells are dying. The leaves become a liability to the tree's health, so rather than trying to store their energy, trees might drop them early, Kosiba said.

Trees tend to feel the most pronounced effects of drought in shallow soils or in rocky landscapes, according to Kosiba. South-facing slopes also tend to dry out faster because they face the sun, she said.

Vermont's diverse landscape leaves lots of room for variation in color development. You might see tons of green, then turn a corner and see tons of fall colors, Halman said.

Kosiba encouraged leaf peepers to look not only at the crowns of trees, but also at the plants in the understory and in their backyard.

"The hayscented fern turns a beautiful golden color, which is really spectacular," she said.

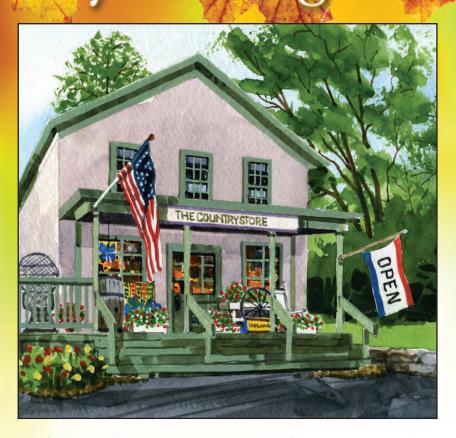


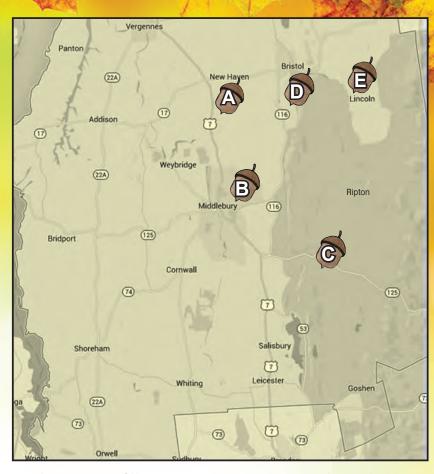


# Visit a Classic

Addison County Country Store

on your foliage tour





Don't worry about packing a lunch or forgetting something at home, because you'll want an excuse to stop at the wide variety of Country Stores along the way. Whether you need a sandwich, a gas stop, directions, keepsakes, or are just dying to stop in and meet a local Vermonter, these featured shops will give you just what you're looking for! Check out the map on this page for a directory of Country Stores, and make sure to add in a stop on your foliage tour.











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#### **Henry Sheldon Museum**

Don't miss these upcoming events at the Sheldon this fall!



#### Tillie Walden: Teen Comic Workshop

October 3: 1:00pm-2:00pm

Celebrate Midd Pride at the Sheldon Museum with award-winning cartoonist Tillie Walden. Walden will lead a hands-on workshop for middle and high school students - no prior drawing experience required. Supplies are provided, but registration is required as space is limited. Free to all

#### **Vermont Female Farmers** Opening Reception & Gallery Talk

October 3: 4:00pm-6:00pm

An exhibit opening reception and gallery talk with the Vermont Female Farmers exhibit photographer JuanCarlos González. The event is free and open to the public; light refreshments will be served.





#### **Summer Lee Jack: Textile Talk**

October 18: 3:00pm-4:30pm

What is the fabric you are wearing? What is the difference between weaves? What makes a taffeta a taffeta? We will look closely at fibers under a microscope and talk about their origins. Come learn ore about the textiles you see and use everyday!



A memory altar is a personal and meaningful way to honor the memories of loved ones who have passed. As part of the "Stories from the Heart" project, hosted by the Palliative Care Department at Porter Medical Center, the Sheldon Museum will be hosting an altar on our front porch and inviting the Addison County community to share in this tradition. All are invited to add something of meaning to the altar.





#### **Looking Back/Moving Forward: Vermont Stories of** LGBTQ+ Caregiving & Community

November 8: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Scholar, writer, and performer Andrew Ingall, podcaster and filmmaker Gail Golec, founder of Social Finkering Jeanette Langston, and Middlebury artist, actor, and vocalist Francois Clemmons, shine a light on  ${\tt LGBTQ}+{\tt Vermonters}$  whose stories and legacies serve to reimagine care for elders today and in the future. The program features a performative talk with slides, discussion with community leaders about LGBTQ + aging and caregiving, and Q&A.

Rolling Down the Tracks: Holiday Train Exhibit Opens on November 28th









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The Middlebury Farmers Market is now 51 years old!

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I look forward to Saturday Morning for my Middlebury Farmers' Market bliss. MFM is a relaxing and delicious way to get the weekend off to a satisfying start. The food, vendors, customers, and families are a pleasure, a farmers market family. So many of us have attended this market for decad<mark>es. They</mark> have been around for half a century. Imagine that. I have kept a relationship with this market through the best of times as well as the leaner times. I suggest that you treat yourself to a Saturday Morning Treasure, the Middlebury Farmers' Market is a good place to begin your weekend, it is habit-forming.



#### Visit the Henry Sheldon Museum A gem in downtown Middlebury!

## **ON EXHIBIT**

#### Vermont Female Farmers October 1- January 3



The Henry Sheldon Museum presents a new portrait series by photographer JuanCarlos González, offering an intimate look at the lives of women farmers shaping Vermont's agricultural future. Complemented by rarely seen farming tools and artifacts from the Museum's collection, the exhibition connects past and present while honoring stories of resilience, strength, and care.

#### **Opening Reception & Gallery Talk** October 3: 4:00pm-6:00pm

An exhibit opening reception and gallery talk with the Vermont Female Farmers exhibit photographer JuanCarlos González. Free and open to the public; light refreshments will be served





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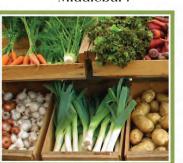
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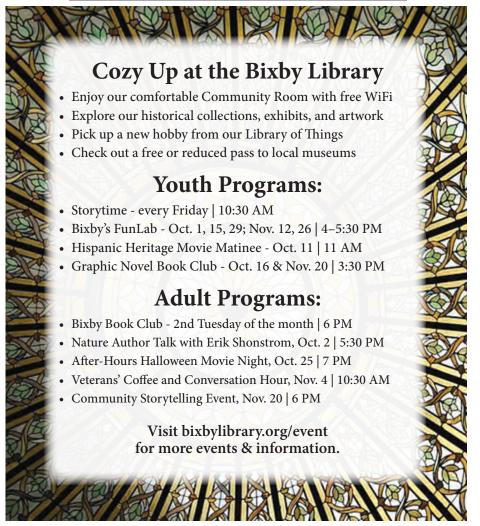
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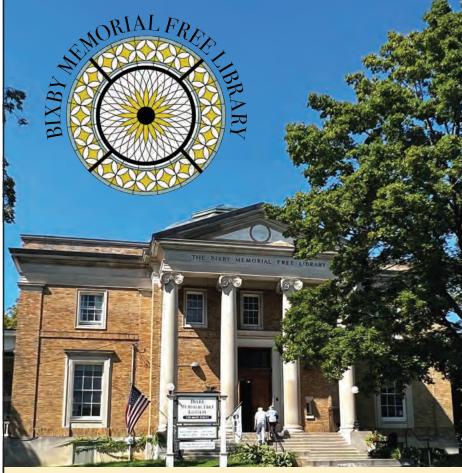
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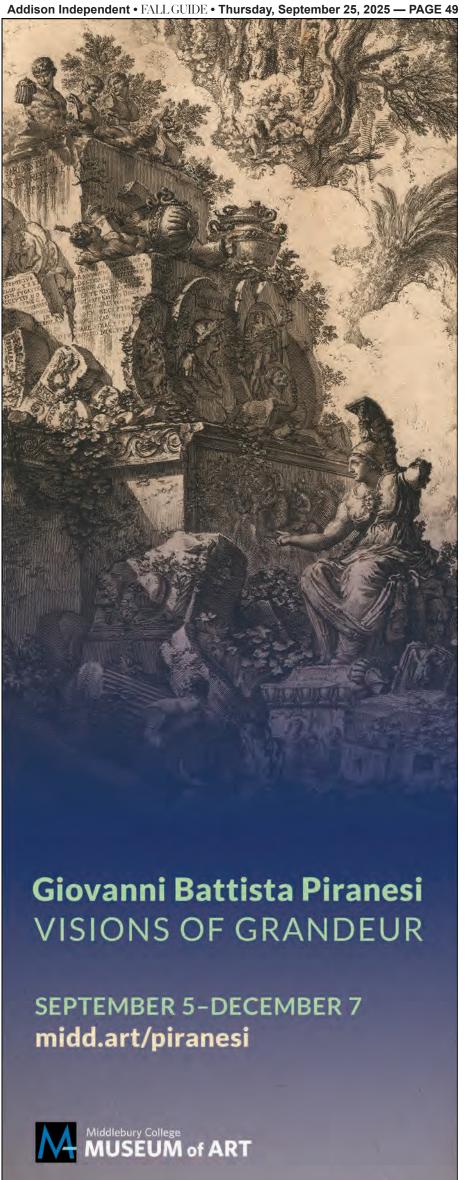
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Quiet country roads — even unpaved gravel stretches — make Addison County a great place to bike and soak up the fall foliage each autumn, like these folks in the recent Kelly Brush Ride.

Photo credit: Storyworkz Photography

## Take a bike ride!

# Peep at Addison County's beautiful fall colors

By IAN CURRY

ADDISON COUNTY — There's no better place to watch the changing of Vermont's foliage than from the saddle of a bike on a trail in the extensive Green Mountain wilderness or on one of Addison County's many scenic country roads. The Champlain Valley offers opportunities for bikers with all interests and skill levels.

"We see a lot of people out on bikes," said Carl Robinson, the owner of Frog Hollow Bikes in Middlebury and board member of the Addison County Bike Club (ACBC). According to Robinson, the club maintains "some great trails right here in town" that crisscross Chipman Hill, Means Woods, Battell Woods and Wright Park, with the latter two being especially good for beginner mountain bikers.

For those seeking more of an adventure, Robinson pointed out that the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area hosts some longer mountain biking routes that feature sweeping views of

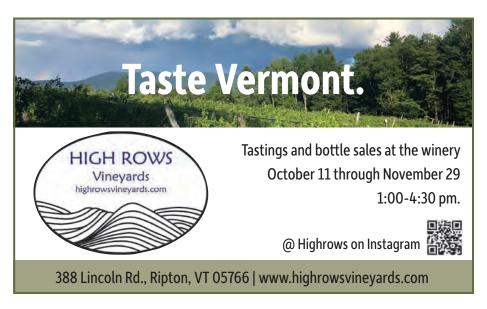
Silver Lake and Lake Dunmore. The Chandler Ridge and Leicester Hollow loop is a 10-mile trail that follows the Leicester Hollow Brook as it ascends to Silver Lake, where riders can cruise along Chandler Ridge, which offers views of the nearby lakes and as far away as New York state's Adirondack Mountains.

For cyclists seeking longer routes on paved and gravel roads, Robinson said Addison County provides a wealth of beautiful routes. He pointed to hilly areas along the Addison/Weybridge town line, as well as trails in the foothills of the Green Mountains.

"Going down by Snake Mountain is really nice, or up to Ripton if you like a climb," Robinson said.

I took Robinson's advice and brought my bike out for a grueling 28-mile ride from Middlebury, up the Bristol Notch and across to Ripton. While the Frog Hollow Bikes and the ACBC websites recommend easier trails too, I felt like I needed a challenge. Approaching the steep ridges of the Green Mountains I first headed east on Middlebury's Painter Road. As I rode alongside the mountains while pedaling north on Route 116, I could already feel

the aching in my legs from the thought of the climb. The moment you turn off Route 116 onto Bristol's Notch Road, the climb begins and offers little respite for (See Bike ride, Page 52)



# Five new things to try with squash

#### **By SARAH HARRIS**

If you're anything like me, you start the fall season wildly enthusiastic about butternut squash — only to hit mid-October and find yourself repeating the same several recipes over and over again. This year, I've resolved to put this esteemed vegetable to use in new and interesting ways. If you'd like to reinvigorate your butternut squash recipes, here are five new ideas to try.

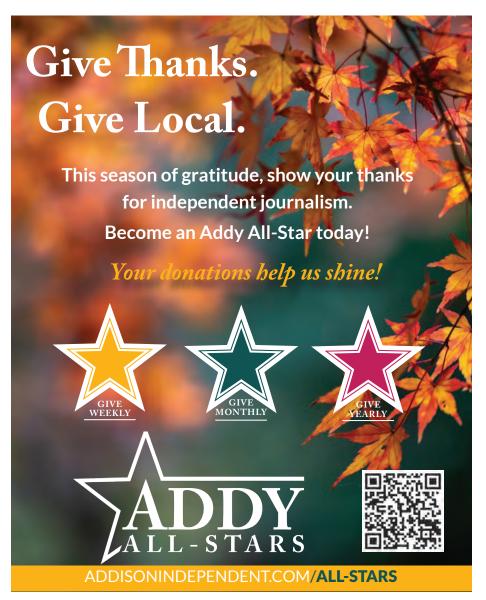
- 1. Put squash on your dessert menu. Using roasted, pureed butternut squash in lieu of canned pumpkin catapults this innately sweet vegetable into a whole new category. Hello, squash muffins, cookies, pie and brownies!
- **2. Try squash latkes.** Grate your butternut squash, add egg and flour, shape into patties, and fry on your stovetop. Just like potato pancakes, only more orange.
- **3.** Make a squash filling for your favorite dumpling. Stuff pierogies, wontons, momos, empanadas or another dumpling of choice with a bright burst of squash.
- **4. Turn squash into noodles.** Spiralize your squash into long strands and use as a pasta substitute. Or, if that doesn't appeal, just add squash to your regular pasta for a cozy, filling meal.
- **5.** Try squash curry. Squash is a flexible vegetable that feels right at home alongside traditional Thai or Indian flavors. Great for warming your bones as the cold rolls in.



*Disclaimer:* I'm no culinary expert, and this is by no means an exhaustive list. I'm sure there are about a million more ways

to celebrate this sweet seasonal vegetable. If you feel so inclined, shoot me an email with your favorite butternut squash

recipes. Wishing you tasty dinners, good company and cozy nights experimenting in the kitchen!



## Bike ride

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miles. Thankfully, the steepest sections are newly paved, and I was able to glide up the smooth surface much easier than I was expecting. By the time I hit the gravel roads higher up the Notch, I realized I had made it through the worst of it, though I still had a few miles of steady climbing to go before I could give my cramping legs a rest.

Once I got to the top, I was able to glide along next to the quiet highland meadows that lay between Ripton and Lincoln. It is a calming experience, especially after a long day of class and work. Though I wouldn't say the air in Middlebury is anything short of fresh, mountain air always tastes a little crisper, especially when looking over the Green Mountains in the late afternoon.

I choose to avoid Route 125 for my descent into the valley and instead follow the quieter North Branch Road for 12 miles in what turns into a thrilling downhill ride through the woods. The sky darkens and by the time I emerge from the tree line in East Middlebury, storm clouds loom. I love biking through the wetlands that surround the Otter Creek around Three Mile Bridge Road, but the idea of returning home soaked to the bone has me take Route 7 instead. There, I can at least get a good view of the sunset that pokes through the storm clouds.

Addison County has some great routes even for those who want to get seriously into the sport. Frog Hollow Bike Shop offers rentals for all types of bikes and hosts group gravel bike rides every Saturday morning. Little City Cycles in Vergennes and Cool Motion Outdoor Sports in Bristol are other options for bike rentals.

The county is also host to several biking events like the recently completed Tour de Farms 20, a family friendly ride that will stop at various area farms.

For those into really serious physical competition, The Endurance Society is sponsorint the "Gritus Gravel Bike Race" on Oct. 4 beginning at Silver Towers Camp in Ripton.

It's a 75-mile race, with three-quarters of the course on unpaved trails or roads and 4,700 feet of vertical climbing — ouch. Organizers warn: There will be no directional signs on course! GPS and Cue sheet is available from Ride with the GPS App.

A short course — only 27 miles and 2,700 vertical feet of climbing — will be offered for anyone interested.

Find out more and sign up online at www.endurancesociety.org/gritus.

So, whether you are a recreational pedlar or a hard-core climber, fall is a great time to bike in Addison County.

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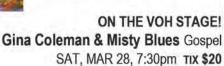
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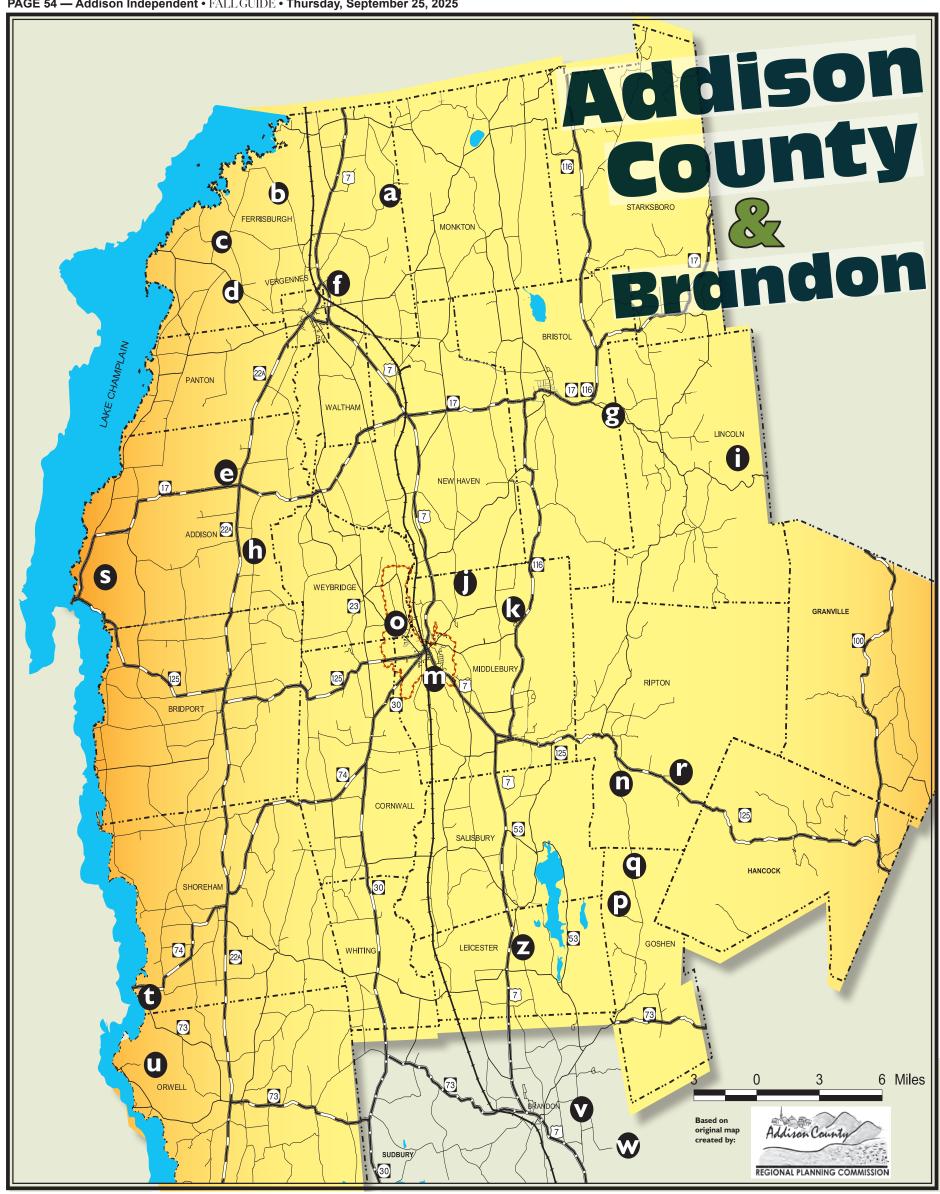
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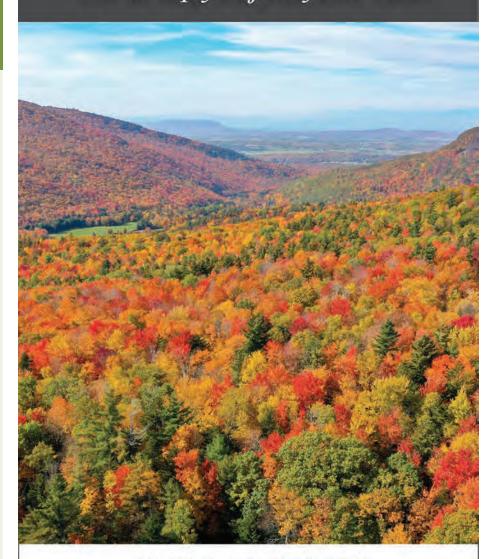


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a. Rokeby Museum, 45334 Route 7, Ferrisburgh. Underground Railroad site and prominent Quaker family farm. rokeby.org. Open through Oct. 12.

- b. Kingsland Bay State Park, Ferrisburgh. Day use, nature path. vtstateparks. com/kingsland.html. Open through Oct. 14.
- c. Button Bay State Park, Ferrisburgh. Overnight camping, nature trails. vtstateparks.com/buttonbay.html. Open through Oct. 13.
- d. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Ferrisburgh. Traces the history of Lake Champlain, extensive indoor and outdoor exhibits, including boats. lcmm.org. Free admission in 2025. Through Oct. 17.
- e. Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Route 17, Addison. Home to migrating waterfowl, walking paths, and boat launches. vtfishandwildlife.com/watch-wildlife/ dead-creek-visitor-center. Visitor Center open through Nov. 23.
- f. Bixby Library, 258 Main St., Vergennes. Stained glass ceiling illuminates historic library and extensive collection of early arrowheads and other artifacts. bixbylibrary.org.
- g. Lord's Prayer Rock, Bristol. In 1891, Joseph C. Greene paid a carver to engrave the Lord's Prayer on a huge rock sitting next to what is today Route 116. It's still an unusual roadside attraction. tinyurl.com/BristolLordsPrayer.
- h. Snake Mountain. Parking lot on Mountain Road in Addison. Family-friendly hike to beautiful vistas of Champlain Valley and Adirondacks. Don't leave valuables in the car. tinyurl.com/SnakeMtnWMA.
- i. Mount Abraham trail access, Long Trail, Lincoln. Summit includes 360-degree panorama. greenmountainclub.org.
- j. University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm, Morgan Horse Farm Road, Weybridge. Beautiful grounds featuring a leading breeding program for state's official animal. Tours daily. uvm.edu/cals/morganhorsefarm. Open through Oct. 27.
- k. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History, 1 Park St., downtown Middlebury. Tour the Judd Harris House, sculpture garden, ongoing exhibits and events. Fall shows feature Vermont female faremers among other things. henrysheldonmuseum.org.
- m. Middlebury College. Campus tours available at admissions office. Event listings available at arts center ticket office. middlebury.edu.
- n. Spirit in Nature Path, Goshen Road, Ripton. Immerse yourself in nature by walking any of the 13 different paths. spiritinnature.org.
- o. Trail Around Middlebury. The "TAM" is a 19-mile footpath that encircles Middlebury and links several hundred acres of town land, conserved properties and other local landmarks. maltvt.org/tam.
- p. Falls of Lana, Rattlesnake Cliffs, Silver Lake trails access, Salisbury-Leicester town line. newenglandwaterfalls.com/vermont.php.
- q. Branbury State Park, Salisbury. Day use and overnight camping, kid-friendly sandy beach and extensive grass lawn, boat rentals. vtstateparks.com/branbury.html. Open through Oct. 13.
- r. Rikert Outdoor Center, Ripton. Located on Middlebury College's Breadloaf Campus, take a walk on the ski trails before the snow flies and you will see some beautiful scenery. Another couple miles up Route 125 in Hancock is the Snow Bowl, which offers foliage viewing on its ski lifts several times this fall.
- s. Chimney Point State Historic Site, Addison. Chimney Point is the site of Native American, early French, and Revolutionary War-era settlement. Historic tavern was an important meeting place. Ongoing exhibits and tours. historicsites.vermont.gov/ chimney-point. Open through Oct. 12.
- t. Fort Ticonderoga (take the Crown Point Bridge in Addison then head 17 miles south). Preserved Revolutionary War fort with extensive interpretation, guides, reenactors, gift shop and many events. fort-ticonderoga.org. Open through Oct. 26.
- u. Mount Independence State Historic Site, Orwell. A largely undisturbed Revolutionary War site. Visitors center with extensive exhibits and many interpretive trails. historicsites.vermont.gov/mount-independence. Open through Oct. 19.
- v. Steven A. Douglas Birthplace & Museum, Route 7, Brandon. Town of Brandon museum located in historic birthplace of statesman Steven A. Douglas. Enjoy local history including architecture, industry, business, tourism, and immigration. brandon. org/things-to-do/the-brandon-museum.
- w. Brandon Artists Guild, 7 Center St., Brandon. Gallery shows work from a diverse group of more than 30 artists in various media. brandonartistsguild.org.
- z. Giant gorilla holding a VW, 2829 Route 7, Leicester. An unusual sight if you've never seen a nearly 20-foot-tall concrete gorilla hoisting a real car. roadsideamerica. com/story/11913.

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