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This is our first EVENTS SPECIAL mailing which includes happenings in historic places or in partnership with historic preservation organizations. This list is full but by no means comprehensive! We may do an additional mailing later in the year. To submit something for publication, please contact Meg Campbell at ptv@sover.net

July 29

The Yankee Brass Band, in its 20th year, will perform on the Green in South Royalton on Friday, July 29 at 7:00 pm. This unique 25-member ensemble will re-create an historically accurate American brass band circa 1850 performing music of the period in an appropriate style and on original instruments. The concert will consist of popular music, classical presentations, and novelties, as heard by our ancestors, and are guaranteed to delight audiences of all ages. Bring your lawn chairs, a picnic and turn back the time clock to the 1860 and 1870's!

July 30

Music on the Mount. Quintessential Brass presents a program of classical, jazz, swing, Dixieland, rock, and popular favorites, as well as musical spoofs and high jinx. This quintet has performed across New England since 1990. Bring lawn chairs and a picnic supper. Rain or shine. \$5.00 parking fee. Donations welcome. Time: 7:00 p.m. - Mount Independence, Orwell. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/MountIndependence

July 30th

Garden Tour at Old Constitution House. Site gardener Barbara Rhoad will lead an insider's tour of the perennial gardens at the Old Constitution House State Historic Site on Saturday, July 30, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. The program, "Welcome To Our Garden 2!" is an encore of Mrs. Rhoad's tour last spring - join her again to see the gardens in all their summer glory. Sturdy shoes are suggested, as the tour will include a walk around the new trail at Runnemed Lake. The event is free and open to the public. Old Constitution House, Windsor. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Constitution

July 31

Geology Hike. Geologist Helen Mango from Castleton State College is back to lead another of her popular hikes to explore the geology of Mount Independence, from the oldest rocks in the Potsdam Formation to the newer rocks of the Great

Meadows Formation. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. Time: 2:00 PM. - Mount Independence, Orwell. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/MountIndependence.

July 31

Who Clicked the Shutter? Gwenda Smith, who has been presenting slide shows about Strafford for the past thirty years, shares what she knows about the photographers who created the original images -- along with favorite examples of their work, of course. Gwenda Smith, Strafford Historian. Time: 2:00 PM. - Justin Morrill Homestead, Strafford. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Morrill

August 3.

An Evening to Remember - At this fifth annual summer evening social, visit with costumed interpreters from Chimney Point's past, rock on the porch, bring archaeological artifacts to be identified, and enjoy lake views, period games, children's activities, and other fun. 6:00 - 8:00 PM. - Chimney Point State Historic Site, Addison. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/ChimneyPoint

August 3

Star Light, Star Bright Star Night. This annual celestial show stars the constellations, planets, and meteor showers. Experienced stargazers will show you what to look for. You bring telescopes, binoculars, blankets, and flashlights. We provide the marshmallows. Call ahead to make sure program is on. If inclement weather, alternate date is August 4. 8:00 - 10:00 PM. - Hubbardton Battlefield. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Hubbardton

August 4

Social Band's Vermont Composers Project: Burlington's lively band of singers performing a program selected from newly commissioned works by 25 diverse Vermont composers. Middlebury, 8:00 pm, Town Hall Theater. 802-382-9222 www.townhalltheater.org. For more information, visit: www.socialband.org.

August 6/7

Social Band's Vermont Composers Project: Burlington's lively band of singers performing a program selected from newly commissioned works by 25 diverse Vermont composers. Ferrisburgh, Kingsland Bay State Park, Champlain Valley Festival, time TBA. 877-850-0206 www.cvfest.org. For more information, visit: www.socialband.org.

August 6

Plymouth Old Home Day. First popular during the early years of the 20th century, Plymouth Old Home Day in 2005 promises to be bigger and better than ever. Activities include wagon rides, chicken barbecue, sheep shearing, traditional Vermont craft demonstrations, Crabgrass Puppet Theater, Elena Dodd as Eleanor Roosevelt, and presentations by Linda Peavy & Ursula Smith ("Vermont Women & the Westward Movement") and Bernard Fleury (author of [A Bee in His Bonnet](#)). Time: 10:00 - 5:00 PM. - President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Plymouth Notch. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Coolidge

August 7

A Peek Through Lace Curtains. Readings from letters and journals of the women in Morrill's life and home; wife, sister in law, and domestic servants. Preliminary presentation on a work in progress. Susan Cain, Domestic Life Historian, Homestead Curator. Time: 2:00 PM. - Justin Morrill Homestead, Strafford. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Morrill

August 7

Hot Summer Sundays at Four. Tenor Tom Bogan and pianist Daniel Hobbs will perform within the paneled walls of Park-McCullough's fabulous acoustical gem—our Historic Carriage Barn. The estate is open to the public for tours from mid-May to mid-October and for special events throughout the year. Tickets are available in advance, at \$12 for members and \$15 for guests. Time: 4 PM -- Park McCullough House, North Bennington. For more information, contact Park McCullough at 802-442-5441 or visit www.parkmccullough.org.

August 7

Voices of Victorian Vermont: Park McCullough House, North Bennington. Culinary historian, cookbook author, and editor, Stephen Schmidt will speak on Changing Tastes: Favorite Desserts of Four Generations at Park-McCullough. Schmidt will explore the evolution of the American dessert table from the bountiful Anglo-American style that prevailed when Trenor Park built the house in 1865 to the ornate, French style fashionable when Lizzie McCullough hosted President Harrison in 1891, to the simpler, more informal, modern American style popular when Lizzie's daughter Bess occupied the house, from 1938 to 1965. One of three Sunday afternoon talks in August that ties in with the Just Desserts exhibition on view in the dining room of the Big House. There is no charge for members to attend these lectures. The cost per lecture for non-members is \$10. Voices of Victorian Vermont is funded by the Vermont Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Time: 2 pm - Park McCullough House, North Bennington. For more information, contact Park McCullough at 802-442-5441 or visit www.parkmccullough.org.

August 13 through August 21

Bennington Battle Week -- A town wide celebration of Battle of Bennington. Bennington Battle Monument, Bennington. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Bennington

August 14

Watercolor Landscape Painting. Using the Homestead gardens, landscape and picturesque views as inspiration, Vermont artist Kit Farnsworth will demonstrate watercolor and composition techniques. Appropriate for teens and adults. Pre-registration required, \$35. Please call 802-765-4129 to register and for a materials list. Time: 1:00 - 4:00 PM. - Justin Morrill Homestead, Strafford. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Morrill.

August 14

Westmore Community Church Open House. The Westmore Community Church in Westmore, Vermont at the beautiful Lake Willoughby will be holding an Open House on August 14th, 2006 to show off our wonderful new renovations and repairs. Through the generous support of the Preservation Trust, the Westmore Community Church Memorial Gifts Fund, donations and fund raising efforts, renovations are now complete. Service at 9 am, dedication of new doors, coffee hour and personally guided tours of the church and grounds to follow. For more information, contact Carol Davis (802) 525-3730.

August 16

The Nature of Vermont. Nancy Tanzer, volunteer educator and interpreter at Plymouth Notch, Billings Farm & Museum, and VINS, will discuss the land, people, and wildlife that interact to make Vermont an extraordinary place. Time: 2:00 PM. - President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Plymouth Notch. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Coolidge.

August 16

Free Day at State-Owned Historic Sites. Vermont's official state holiday-Bennington Battle Day-honors the stunning victory of colonial forces over the

British at this August 16, 1777, Revolutionary War battle. To celebrate the anniversary of this event, all of Vermont's State-Owned Historic Sites will be open free on Tuesday, August 16 to Vermont residents and Vermonters at heart. For further information about the locations and hours of these sites, visit the Vermont state-owned historic sites web site: www.HistoricVermont.org/sites or contact John Dumville at (802) 828-3051.

August 17

Sterling Weed and His Imperial Orchestra. Big Band Sounds!!! Swing with Sterling Weed's Imperial Orchestra, and Celebrate Sterling Weed's 104th Year! Grand Isle Lake House, East Shore Rd. North, Grand Isle. To hear a recent interview with Sterling Weed, check out Vermont Public Radio's website: http://www.vpr.net/vt_news/bigband.shtml Tickets are available through the [Preservation Trust of Vermont](http://www.preservationtrust.org) office, 802-658-6647.

August 19

Weapons of the Revolution. Antique Musket Shoot and Demonstration - Gene Kosche, Historian and collector of Antique rifles and muskets, will display and fire his rare weapons - some of which date back to the Revolution. Time: 1:00 PM Bennington Battle Monument. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Bennington

August 19.

Classic "Plymouth" car rally. Admire several dozen vintage vehicles when the National Plymouth Automobile Club visits Coolidge's hometown during its tour of Vermont. The club arrives around 10:00 AM and will be at the site during the morning. - President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Plymouth Notch. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Coolidge.

August 20 and August 21

The Molly Stark Cannon on Display and Ready to Fire. An original cannon captured at the Battle of Bennington, the brass 6 pounder can still be fired There will be interpretive displays and a uniformed guard to fire the cannon. 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Bennington Battle Monument. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Bennington

August 20

Living History March to the Monument. Members of the Living History Association, accompanied by fife and drum, will march from the Old First Church to the Monument for their annual Memorial Ceremony and Cannon Muster. Time: 1:00 PM at Church Bennington Battle Monument. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Bennington

August 20

Family Day at Hubbardton. Enjoy indoor and outdoor games and activities for children, an ox-pulling demonstration, and a Hubbardton Historical Society food stand. Site interpreter Carl Fuller leads an afternoon battlefield hike, telling the story of 16-year old Ebenezer Fletcher, an American soldier wounded and captured at the Battle of Hubbardton. Time: 10:00 - 4:00 PM. - Hubbardton Battlefield. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Hubbardton.

August 20

Secrets of a Lost Garden. A one-hour walk through Morrill's gardens, focusing on hidden design elements, structures and plants from 150 years ago. Lorenz Rutz, MS Botany, Gardener at the Morrill Homestead. Time: 2:00 PM. - Justin Morrill Homestead, Strafford. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Morrill.

August 21

Hot Summer Sundays at Four. Master pianist Claude Frank will perform within the paneled walls of Park-McCullough's fabulous acoustical gem—our Historic Carriage Barn. The estate is open to the public for tours from mid-May to mid-October and for special events throughout the year. Tickets are available in advance, at \$12 for members and \$15 for guests. Time: 4 PM - Park McCullough House, North Bennington. For more information, contact Park-McCullough at 802-442-5441 or visit www.parkmccullough.org.

August 21

Re-enactment of the Battle of Bennington will take place at the Crosier Farm, on Route 67A, close to the actual Battlefield. Time: 11:00 AM. Bennington Battle Monument. For more information, visit:

www.historicvermont.org/Bennington

August 21

Sprightly Steps: Vermont's Contra and Square Dancing Tradition. Early settlers may have frowned upon the merriment of dancing as "the work of the Devil," but the tradition found its way to the Green Mountains nevertheless. >From fancy balls or cotillions to kitchen junkets or tunks, people of all ages and backgrounds fell under the spell of the fiddle. Changes of musical styles and culture have made old-time dancing nearly extinct, but some practitioners keep the old styles alive. Stories and live fiddle tunes. Adam Boyce, Vermont Arts Council, Member of the Ed Larkin Contra Dancers. Time: 2:00 PM. - Justin Morrill Homestead, Strafford. For more information, visit:

www.historicvermont.org/Morrill.

August 21

Voices of Victorian Vermont: Park McCullough House, North Bennington. Cathy Kaufman, President of the New York Society of Culinary Historians, will offer an amusing and informative view of 19th-century dining etiquette in a talk entitled: Napkin Wars and Other Battles of the Victorian Table. One of three Sunday afternoon talks in August that ties in with the Just Desserts exhibition on view in the dining room of the Big House. Time: 2 pm - Park McCullough House, North Bennington. There is no charge for members to attend these lectures. The cost per lecture for non-members is \$10. Voices of Victorian Vermont is funded by the Vermont Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, contact Park McCullough at 802-442-5441 or visit www.parkmccullough.org.

August 23

Vouslez-Vous Danser? Enjoy an evening of traditional Quebecoise music and dancing at the Grand Isle Lake House with singer Michele Choinere and her band, Sabin Jacques, Rachel Aucion, and caller for contra dance Mark Sustic. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, 18 and under free. Sponsored by the Preservation Trust of Vermont. For more information, contact Mary Harwood 372-4127 or visit www.islandarts.org.

August 27

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Lincoln. Time: 7:30 pm, Lincoln United Church. 802-453-3175.

August 28

Voices of Victorian Vermont: Park McCullough House, North Bennington. Thomas Garbutt, who created the faux desserts on display in the dining room, will demonstrate the processes and unusual materials he used. His presentation is entitled Good Enough to Eat: The Art of Making Faux 19th-Century Desserts Look Real. Mr. Garbutt is known for his expertise in making fake display foods ranging from a Christmas window done entirely in chocolate at Bergdorf

Goodman's in New York to fake spilled containers of ice cream for Ben & Jerry's in Vermont. One of three Sunday afternoon talks in August that ties in with the Just Desserts exhibition on view in the dining room of the Big House. There is no charge for members to attend these lectures. The cost per lecture for non-members is \$10. Voices of Victorian Vermont is funded by the Vermont Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Time: 2 pm - Park McCullough House, North Bennington. For more information, contact Park McCullough at 802-442-5441 or visit www.parkmccullough.org.

September 1

10,000 Years of Native American Stone Quarries in Vermont. Archaeologist Matthew Boulanger from Archaeology Consulting Team Inc. discusses the Native American stone quarries in Vermont, how the stone was used, and the results of a recent chert chemical analysis study. Vermont Archaeology Month program. 7:00 PM. - Chimney Point State Historic Site, Addison. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/ChimneyPoint

September 3 & 4

The Plymouth Folk & Blues Concerts. Nashville and local musicians team up for a lively two-day festival of folk and blues music performed in the pure country air of historic Plymouth Notch. Organized by Jay Ottaway and the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation. Donation suggested. For more details, see the website: www.plymouthfolk.com. Time: 2:00 - 5:00 PM - President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Plymouth Notch. www.historicvermont.org/Coolidge

September 3.

Colleen McFarland, Chad Hollister, Jay Ottaway. Performing Songwriter Magazine has praised Nashville singer-songwriter Colleen McFarland as an "impressive and gifted talent." Colleen blends soaring passionate vocals with sophisticated melodies and lyrics. Her songs and performances, two critically acclaimed CDs, and extensive radio airplay have earned her a devoted national fan base. Colleen has shared the stage with notable artists including Jeff Black, Freedy Johnston, Entrain, Dar Williams, Lucy Kaplansky, and Jeffrey Gaines.

Chad Hollister of Rutland, Vermont performed at the Plymouth concerts last year and is back by popular demand. Chad is a national star in his own right. He has shared the stage with folk legend Bob Dylan and contemporary stars such as Phish and Tom Petty. A master of folk rock, Chad's lyrics, grooves, and strong vocals are always a hit with any audience.

Currently studying Songwriting at the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston, **Jay Ottaway** has played to audiences across Europe and the U.S. His lyrics have been published in American Songwriter Magazine (Nashville), and he has won two Berklee songwriting contests in the last several months. Jay is also co-organizer of the Plymouth Folk and Blues Concerts.

September 4. Jesse Terry, Bonnie Waters

Since his arrival in Nashville in May 2004, **Jesse Terry** has enjoyed a meteoric rise to success. He recently won the prestigious Nashville Songwriters Association International's songwriting contest, landed a full-time songwriting deal with Masville Music, and has performed at the world famous Bluebird Café as well as other great Nashville venues. A recent graduate of Berklee College of Music in Boston, Jesse discovered his musical roots in the New England area folk scene and has performed extensively throughout

the northeast.

Bonnie Waters is a Vermont singer/songwriter whose warm, sometimes haunting lyrics weave through a rich fabric of folk, Celtic, and blues influences. Her first CD "*The Journey*" is an exploration of spiritual themes and has a full pop/acoustic folk sound. The John Lennon Songwriting Contest produced her second CD, "*Live at The Bean*" after she won a prize in their competition. Bonnie is currently recording her third CD, which will be called "*Awakening*."

September 4

A Walking Tour through Justin Morrill's Strafford. Take a walking tour through the historic Upper Village of Strafford with stops at Morrill's boyhood home, his general store, the Morrill Memorial Library, the Morrill Mausoleum and a visit inside the 1799 Strafford Townhouse. Mary Vic Giersch, Friends of the Morrill Homestead. Time: 2:00 PM. - Justin Morrill Homestead, Strafford. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Morrill.

September 10

Plymouth Cheese & Harvest Festival - Selected twice by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce as one of the state's "Top Ten Fall Events." The bounties of the Vermont harvest are celebrated with a cheese recipe contest, wagon rides, historic farm & craft demonstrations, old-time fiddler Adam Boyce, harvest displays, Vermont Cheese Council exhibits, and more. Time: 10:00 - 4:00 PM. - President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Plymouth Notch. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Coolidge.

September 10

Social Band's Vermont Composers Project: Burlington's lively band of singers performing a program selected from newly commissioned works by 25 diverse Vermont composers. Presented in conjunction with [Preservation Trust of Vermont](http://www.preservationtrustofvermont.org)'s 25th Anniversary celebration. www.socialband.org. Brattleboro. Time: 7:30 pm, First Baptist Church. 802-257-1006 or 802-257-9234.

September 11

Day of Remembrance. The site will be open without charge for those who wish to contemplate or to honor past heroes. Visitor Center and battlefield tours. 9:30 - 5:30 PM. - Hubbardton Battlefield. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Hubbardton.

September 11

Natural Community Ecology and Botany Hike - Marc Lapin, coordinator for the Champlain Valley Clayplain Forest Project, leads a hike to discover the natural wonders of Mount Independence. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. - Mount Independence, Orwell. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/MountIndependence.

September 11

Flowers in the Fall: Your Garden need not fade away in August! By planting a few choice late bloomers, your garden will positively sparkle through September and beyond. This will be a detailed discussion of Rachel's favorite late season flowers, both perennial and annual, and also advice on garden work and propagation. Rachel Kane, Perennial Pleasures Nursery, East Hardwick, Vermont. Time: 2:00 PM. - Justin Morrill Homestead, Strafford. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Morrill.

September 16

Atlatl Workshop - Atlatl experts Bob and Cheryl Berg of Thunderbird Atlatl

will teach you how to make and use your own atlatl. \$65 fee includes instruction and all materials. Pre-registration required. Vermont Archaeology Month program. Noon - 5:00 PM. - Chimney Point State Historic Site, Addison. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/ChimneyPoint.

September 17-18

Tenth Annual Northeastern Open Atlatl Championship. Participate in or watch this annual championship. The growing sport of atlatl throwing is based on the ancient hunting technique of using the atlatl or spear thrower. Flint napping and other Native American life and craft demonstrations. Camping available at nearby DAR State Park; reservations required (www.vt.stateparks.com or call 888-409-7579). Co-sponsored by Vermont Archaeological Society. Vermont Archeology Month program. 10:30 - 3:30 PM. - Chimney Point State Historic Site, Addison. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/ChimneyPoint.

September 18

Secrets of a Lost Garden. A one-hour walk through Morrill's gardens, focusing on hidden design elements, structures and plants from 150 years ago. Lorenz Rutz, MS Botany, Gardener at the Morrill Homestead. Time: 2:00 PM. - Justin Morrill Homestead, Strafford. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Morrill.

September 21

Forts & Battlefields from Saratoga to Chambly - Historian Howard Coffin talks about the military sites of the Champlain war corridor and his new book on the subject. Vermont Archaeology Month program. Sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council. 7:00 PM. - Hubbardton Battlefield. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Hubbardton.

September 23

Northern Laurels to Southern Willows: the Rise and Fall of Horatio Gates. English actor-playwright Howard Burnham presents a dramatic program in costume on Major General Horatio Gates, the British-born commander of the Revolutionary War's American Northern Department to whom John Burgoyne surrendered after the Battles of Saratoga. Gates reads his apologia to Nathaneal Greene as he hands over the Southern Department Army in December 1780, tracing his early life and triumphs in the north. Call for details and location. Time: 7:00 PM. - Mount Independence, Orwell. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/MountIndependence.

September 24

Preservation Trust of Vermont 25th Anniversary Celebration. Throughout our history, the Preservation Trust has been very fortunate to have the support of many generous donors who have made it possible for us to provide almost 1,000 grants to community preservation organizations. Meet these organizations, share in their success, and view the 25 Years of Historic Preservation in Vermont Exhibition. Time: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. The Breeding Barn at Shelburne Farms. For more information, contact the Preservation Trust of Vermont at (802) 658-6647. www.ptvermont.org.

September 24

Family Archaeology and History Day. At 10:30 a.m. English actor-playwright Howard Burnham will portray British Revolutionary War General John Burgoyne in a program for children and the young at heart. From 11:30 to 3:00 enjoy activities to learn about archaeology and the colonial period. In the afternoon archaeologists from Archaeology Consulting Team will present programs for children and adults on what archaeologists do in Vermont and talk about the Mount Independence chert exhibit. Vermont Archaeology Month program. Time: 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM. - Mount Independence, Orwell. For more

information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/MountIndependence.

September 25

Voices of Victorian Vermont: Park-McCullough House, North Bennington.

The final talk in the series will take place on Sunday, September 25th, at 2 p.m. Brian Allen, Director of the Addison Gallery of American Art in Andover, MA, and leading expert on American art, will give a lecture entitled, A Fresh Look at the Park-McCullough Painting Collection. He will also lead those attending the lecture on a special tour of Park-McCullough's artwork collection. There is no charge for members to attend these lectures. The cost per lecture for non-members is \$10. Voices of Victorian Vermont is funded by the Vermont Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Time: 2 pm - Park McCullough House, North Bennington. For more information, contact Park-McCullough at 802-442-5441 or visit www.parkmccullough.org.

October 1

Dead Creek Wildlife Day. Chimney Point is a stop on Dead Creek Wildlife Day, offering excellent wildlife viewing opportunities and other activities. Look at ancient Native American stone hunting and fishing tools and try the atlatl. 9:30 - 5:00 PM.- Chimney Point State Historic Site, Addison. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/ChimneyPoint.

October 1

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October 2

Eighth Annual Mount Zion Hike. Hike up Mount Zion to enjoy the breathtaking views of the Hubbardton battlefield and the colors of autumn. Wear sturdy shoes, dress for the weather, and bring water. Meet at the Visitor Center. Time: 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Hubbardton Battlefield. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Hubbardton.

October 9

A 19th Century Apple Harvest Festival. Learn about Morrill's choices for apples, tour the replanted orchard, taste heirloom apple varieties, press cider with an antique cider press, learn about and sample hard cider, meet John Chapman (Johnny Appleseed), ride the horse drawn wagon, and more. Vermont grown apples, apple treats, pumpkins from our garden, heirloom tulip and daffodil bulbs, and our fresh pressed cider will be on sale. Complete program to be announced. Time: 11:00 - 4:00 PM. - Justin Morrill Homestead, Strafford. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Morrill.

October 9

Rural Ramble. Enjoy the fall colors and scenic beauty on the last hike of the season. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. Meet at the Visitor Center. 2:00 PM - Hubbardton Battlefield. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Hubbardton.

October 15

Discovering Lake Champlain. Ed Lalonde from Vermont Public Television will talk about the making of "Discovering Lake Champlain," the VPT special he produced, and will show the program, which traces the history of this great lake. Time: 1:00 PM. - Mount Independence, Orwell. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/MountIndependence.

October 15

Social Band's Vermont Composers Project: Burlington's lively band of singers performing a program selected from newly commissioned works by 25 diverse Vermont composers. www.socialband.org. East DeKalb, NY 2 pm wkshp, 7:30 pm concert. Old Meeting House Museum. 315-347-2178 or 315-347-1900.

November 12

Social Band's Vermont Composers Project: Burlington's lively band of singers performing a program selected from newly commissioned works by 25 diverse Vermont composers. www.socialband.org. Burlington TBA, Unitarian Church. 802-658-8488. Tour Homecoming Concert and CD Release Celebration. Stay tuned for details!

December 10

Coolidge Christmas Open House: Enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas in one of Vermont's most charming villages. Visit the Coolidge Birthplace, traditionally decorated for the season, and winter exhibits at the Aldrich House, Plymouth Cheese Factory, and 1924 Summer White House office. Old-time music, craft demonstrations, wagon/sleigh rides, special cancellation at the historic Plymouth post office, and children's holiday activities. Time: 10:00 - 4:00 PM. - President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Plymouth Notch. For more information, visit: www.historicvermont.org/Coolidge.

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