

Calendar of Events

Upcoming Events

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

REACH Service Exchange Network MeetUp Orientation

REACH members give and receive services, trading time and talents to help care for each other. Learn more about REACH, members and the role they play in the community. 1-2 p.m. Montpelier Senior Activity Center, 46 Barre Street. Free. 223-2518.

Herbal Vinegars for Home Use and Gifts

With Joann Darling. Learn how to use cider vinegar to extract vitamins and minerals from herbs and wild foods to make delicious and nutritious vinegars. Samples and handouts. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Hunger Mountain Coop community room, Montpelier. \$5 member/owners, \$8 nonmembers. Register at 223-8004, ext. 202, or info@hungermountain.com.

Coffeehouse

Enjoy live music and share your own. Good fellowship, potluck snacks and beverages. 7-9 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church, 137 Main Street, Montpelier (park and enter at rear). Free. rawilburjr@comcast.net. Event happens every first Friday.

Point-and-Shoot Camera Workshop with Bryan Pfeiffer

Learn all about your digital camera. Understand dials, buttons and menus. Refreshments, a handout and wisdom for capturing beauty in your world. Bring your camera to class. 7-9 p.m. First Baptist Church, School Street, Montpelier. \$10. wingsphotography.com

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Lake Champlain Birding

Before winter's deep freeze sets in, explore the wetlands, fields and water bodies of the Champlain Valley for lingering migrants and overwintering birds. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Carpool from North Branch Nature Center, 713 Elm Street, Montpelier. \$20 members, \$25 nonmembers. 229-6206.

Hike with the Green Mountain Club, Montpelier Section

Explore trails and woods roads in Stowe in anticipation of winter. Six miles. Meet at 9 a.m. Contact leader Charlene Bohl, 229-9908 or charlenebohl@comcast.net, for meeting place.

First Winter Farmers' Market

Montpelier's market goes indoors for the winter with new vendors and more vegetable vendors than ever. New England Culinary Institute students will be on hand with sample menus and recipes to help marketgoers plan localvore holiday meals. Live music by Sheefra. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Gym, Vermont College of Fine Arts, Montpelier. Carolyn, 223-2958 or manager [@montpelierfarmersmarket.com](mailto:montpelierfarmersmarket.com). Market happens every first and third Saturday through April.

Book Signing: Megan Price/Vermont Wild 2

More stories and wacky adventures from veteran Vermont game wardens. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Bear Pond Books, 77 Main Street, Montpelier. Free. 229-0774.

Roller Derby Open Recruitment and Recreational Practice

Derby curious? Central Vermont's Wrecking Doll Society invites quad skaters age 18 and up to try out the action. No experience necessary. Equipment provided: first come, first served. 5-6:30 p.m. Montpelier Recreation Center, Barre Street. First skate free. centralvermontrollerderby.com.

An Evening at the Library

Honoring Chris and Nancy Graff, with guest hosts Tom and Charlotte MacLeay. Live music, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, wine and a silent auction in a stylish after-hours library benefit. 7 p.m. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier. \$50. Tickets at 223-3338.

Vermont Fiddle Orchestra Concert

Featuring guest soloist Beth Telford of Braintree performing Cape Breton fiddle tunes, Cape Breton dancers Sophie Roe and Matt Brouard, and the Sap Run Fiddlers. 7 p.m. Chapel, Vermont College of Fine Arts, Montpelier. \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and students, children age 12 and under free. 877-343-3531 or vtfiddleorchestra.org.

self-ADDRESSED: A Dance/Theater Event

Four separate but related performances investigating aspects of the search for, the creation of, and the loss of home. Directed by Paul Besaw. 7 p.m. Contemporary Dance and Fitness Studio, 18 Langdon Street, Montpelier. \$10 suggested donation. 229-4676 or cdandf.com.

Contra Dance

All dances taught; no partner necessary. All ages welcome. Bring soft-soled shoes. 8-11 p.m. Capital City Grange, Northfield Street/Route 12 (just south of Montpelier), Berlin. \$8. 744-6163. Event happens every first, third and fifth Saturday.

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Holiday Events

HOLIDAY SALE

Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Trinity Community Thrift Store, 137 Main Street, Montpelier. 229-9155.

ILLUMINATION NIGHT

Tree-lighting, holiday carols, refreshments and seasonal performance by the Barre-Tones.

Friday, December 2, 5:30 p.m. College Hall, Vermont College of Fine Arts, Montpelier. Free. Stacy, 828-8580.

VERMONT PHILHARMONIC MESSIAH CONCERTS

Lisa Jablow leads the orchestra and chorus, both comprised of select local musicians, in a joyful rendition of Handel's 266-year-old masterpiece.

Friday, December 2, 7:30 p.m., St. Augustine Church, Barre Street, Montpelier; Sunday, December 4, 4 p.m., Barre Opera House. \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, \$5 students, \$32 family. 476-8188 or vermontphilharmonic.org.

A WINTER MOTH

Storytelling event. Theme is Holidays: Delights and Disasters. True stories of (mis)adventure told by your friends and neighbors. Come to listen, come to tell! Friday, December 2, 8 p.m.; doors open at 7:30 p.m. Hostel Tevere, Route 100, Warren. \$10. phantomtheater.info.

A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES

Local actors perform a dramatic reading of Dylan Thomas's work, accompanied by fiddle music, bells, caroling and cookies. Directed by Margo Whitcomb. December 3 and 4, 2 p.m.; additional 11 a.m. performance on Saturday. Christ Church, Montpelier. By donation; benefits restoration of the Taplin Auditorium.

OLD-FASHIONED HOLIDAY FAIR

Holiday items, live music, gift possibilities, wreaths, cookies, toys, lunch and more. Saturday, December 3, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Unitarian Church, 130 Main Street, Montpelier. unitarianchurchofmontpelier.org.

FREE DOWNTOWN WAGON RIDES

Take in Montpelier at draft-horse pace. Saturdays, December 3 and 10, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Downtown Montpelier. Free. montpelieralive.org.

DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY KICKOFF

Cookie decorating, followed by Santa's arrival on a fire truck and tree lighting. Saturday, December 3. 1-3 p.m., cookie decorating; 4 p.m., visit with Santa; 4:30 p.m., tree lighting. Free. La Brioche, Montpelier. montpelieralive.org.

RETURN OF THE MAD WRAPPER

Choose from a variety of fun and creative wraps and bows for a donation to Studio Place Arts.

Saturdays, December 3, 10 and 17, noon-3 p.m. Studio Place Arts, 201 North Main Street, Barre. By donation. 479-7069 or studioplacearts.com.

WEBSTER'S CHRISTMAS

Webster the wolf learns what Christmas is all about in a family performance. Story and puppet show with music, followed by a craft and a snack.

Saturday, December 3, 1 p.m. Ainsworth Public Library, 2335 Route 14, Williamstown. Free. 433-5877 or ainsworthpl@yahoo.com.

RIVER OF LIGHT LANTERN PARADE

Community celebration of light. Live music by Sambatucada and lanterns made by local students, artists and community members. Tree lighting follows.

Saturday, December 3, 5-6 p.m. Waterbury; parade starts at the state complex and ends at Rusty Parker Park. ariveroflightinwaterbury.wordpress.com.

HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE WORKSHOP

Sunday, December 4, 1-4 p.m. Barre Senior Center. For more information or to register, contact Joann at 476-3350 or gardens7gables@gmail.com.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Five versatile actors and a busy sound-effects wizard bring Frank Capra's 1940s holiday classic to life in a live radio play. December 6-8, 7 p.m. Lost Nation Theater, 39 Main Street, Montpelier. \$10 in advance,



\$15 day of show, children under 12 free (babies and toddlers not admitted). 229-0492 or lostonationtheater.org.

VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT

The orchestra explores the youthful side of the holidays in a program titled "Fun and Games."

Friday, December 9, 7:30 p.m. Barre Opera House. 476-8188 or barreoperahouse.org.

SOLIDARITY CRAFT FAIR

Vermont artisans, international crafts, silent auction, homemade lunch and white elephant room. Proceeds benefit Planting Hope's library and preschools in Nicaragua. Saturday, December 10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Unitarian Church, 130 Main Street, Montpelier. plantinghope.org.

FLOATING BRIDGE FOOD & FARM COOPERATIVE HOLIDAY SHOP

Choose a fresh Christmas tree and find special handmade, locally grown and experiential gifts.

Saturday, December 10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sunday, December 11, noon-4 p.m. Twin Pond Retreat, Brookfield. 276-0787 or floatingbridgefoodandfarms.com.

CHRISTMAS WITH COUNTERPOINT

Nathaniel G. Lew directs Vermont singers and organist Susan Summerfield in carols and holiday songs, including pieces by Vermont arrangers and composers Robert De Cormier and Erik Nielsen.

Saturday, December 10, 3 p.m. Christ Church, Montpelier. \$20 adult, \$15 senior, \$5 student and low income, children under 6 free. 540-1784 or contact@counterpointchorus.com.

WATERBURY COMMUNITY BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT

Marches and concert band favorites to benefit the Waterbury Food Shelf. Saturday, December 10, 3:30 p.m. Waterbury Congregational Church, 8 North Main Street. By donation of cash, check or nonperishable food item. 223-2137 or info@waterburycommunityband.org.

FREE FAMILY MOVIE: THE NEVERENDING STORY

Sunday, December 11, 10 a.m. Savoy Theater, Main Street, Montpelier. Free. montpelieralive.org.

NORTH BRANCH NATURE CENTER HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Refreshments and seasonal activities for families, including tours of the Critter Room, holiday gift-making from natural materials and adding a monarch to the symbolic Mexican fir tree.

Sunday, December 11, 1-4 p.m. North Branch Nature Center, 713 Elm Street, Montpelier. Free. 229-6206.

HOLIDAY A CAPPELLA CONCERT

Holiday tunes by the Barre-Tones (women's a cappella chorus), the Green Mountain Chorus (men's a cappella chorus), and the Barre Congregational Church Chancel Bell Ringers.

Sunday, December 11, 2:30 p.m. Montpelier High School. \$10 adults, kids under 8 free. Tickets at the door.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT CENTRAL VERMONT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Wednesday, December 14, 6 p.m. 79 Summer Street, Barre. Free. 476-5015.