

# OUR TOWN

Fairfield Community Newsletter and Calendar

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**Our Town**, our local newsletter, evolved from the community meetings sponsored by the Vermont Council for Rural Development's Community Visit held in the winter of 2011. One of the needs raised by the community was the need for a central publication that would combine and collate events that are happening in and around Fairfield. Now, with this our **tenth** publication, we want to thank all the members of the committee who have made this happen: Laura Bellstrom, Barry Fauteaux, Laura Fulwiler, Miles Herbert, Kristen Hughes, Sue Magnan, Meg Marshall and Sara Tourville.

## July 2012

### Monthly Meetings, Activities and Dates to Remember

**Select Board:** 2nd & 4th Mondays @ town offices 7:30pm

**Grant Writer Committee:** 1st Monday of each month @ town offices 6pm

**Zoning & Planning Committee:** 1st Monday of each month 8pm

**School Board:** No meeting for July, be back in August

**BNML Trustee meeting:** 3rd Thursday @ BNML 3pm

**KnitWits:** 3rd Thursday @ BNML 6-8pm

**Mahjong:** Every Tuesday @ BNML @ 6:30pm

**Parent Teacher Organization (PTO):** back in September

**Our Town Newsletter Committee:** 1st Wednesday after the 20th deadline @ BNML 5:30

### Weekly Activities & Dates to Remember

#### Tuesday:

**Senior/Community Lunches** @ FCC 11:30-1pm. Call 827-3130 to reserve a place;

**Food Shelf** hours 1-1:30 and 3-5pm @ FCC;

**BINGO** 6pm @ FCC; Mahjong @ BNML 6:30pm (1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesday of each month)

#### Thursday:

**Fairfield Farmers Market Online** Pickup 3-6pm @ BNML

## July

**July 13:** American Red Cross Babysitting Training, NCSS The Family Center Maple Conference Room 9-4

**July 29:** Jig in the Valley, East Fairfield Green, noon to dusk, rain or shine

## **From The School Board**

The regular School Board meeting for July is cancelled. We will meet in August on our regular day, the second Monday, at 6pm in the school library. Please contact us with any questions or concerns. Our contact information is on the web site: [www.ffcsvt.org](http://www.ffcsvt.org) or call the school at 827-6639.

## **From The Community Center**

**July 29: SAVE THE DATE!!! Sunday, July 29th for The 20th ANNUAL JIG IN THE VALLEY!**

Noon to dusk, rain or shine! **8 hours of music** on The Green in East Fairfield by some of Vermont's most famous bands as well as guest stars from the dawn of time. This year's musical line-up includes: The Eames Brothers, Nobby Reed, The Oleo Romeos, John Cassel, Young Guns, Carol Ann Jones, Dale and Darci, Tommy and Gayle Steele, Al Zanzler, George Lewis, Phil Rolleston, and many more! Great Food under the Tent, Kids' activities, a big Flea Market, Pizza Oven, and BINGO!

**RAFFLE WINNERS picked at 4 p.m. at The Jig!** No need to be present to win. If you haven't yet bought your tickets, you can do so at the library, Stone's Shell, and at As the Crow Flies in St. Albans. Support the Center and win great prizes including a brand new Apple IPAD (compliments of Stone's); an overnight for two at the Trapp Family Lodge (including breakfast and use of the facilities); an 11-cup CUISINART Food Processor, and tickets to Lake Champlain Cruises! If you'd like to reserve a space at the Flea Market, please call Jane at 827-3713 today!

**PUDDLE DOCK CHILDCARE** located at the Center in the former Preschool space currently has openings for infants to 12 year olds! Great rates, subsidy accepted, snacks provided. Reading center, circle time, large fenced-in playground, outdoor activities, access to the ballfield and basketball court, indoor and outdoor sandbox, rest time, story time, arts and crafts, dramatic play and fun kitchen area! Don't delay - this spot is perfect and will fill up fast! Call anytime to schedule a visit. CONTACT: Desiree Kane-Murphy, 827-3930(home), 827-4477(Puddledock) or 782-2313(cell). Or email: [kdesire@yahoo.com](mailto:kdesire@yahoo.com) FACEBOOK Page - Puddle Dock Childcare

## **From the Bent Northrop Memorial Library**

**July 10 : Owls: Silent Predators in the Night, Tuesday, July 10th, 2:30.** Mr K. joins us for his first of two workshops this summer! School age kids will enjoy!

**July 12 (and more): Digital Photography for Youth!! Thursdays, July 12, 19, and 26th, 1-3:30 pm.** Have you ever wanted to learn how to take better digital photos? The University of Vermont Extension 4-H program will be partnering with the Bent Northrop Public Library to offer a Youth Digital Photography program open to youth entering grades 5-8 in the fall. Cameras will be provided. Join us for three Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:30 pm at the Library. No prior experience necessary. Adults or high school students who would like to volunteer as mentors are also needed. No prior experience is required. Please contact Kristen Hughes at the library to register or contact Martha Manning at UVM Extension, at 524-6501 or [Martha.manning@uvm.edu](mailto:Martha.manning@uvm.edu). Space is limited.

**July 12: Outdoor Family Concert, Thursday, July 12th, 6 p.m.** Aaron Flinn plays anything

he can get his hands on and writes, engineers, records and performs most of the material that you'll hear. Aaron shares elements of folk, indie rock and classic pop combined with powerful vocals, poetic lyrics and finger-picking guitar. An eclectic group of rock and folk rock songs, with an emphasis on lyrical substance and performance from the soul. Bring the family, a picnic and a blanket and chairs for this outdoor summer show!

**July 17(and more): Scrapbooking:** Looking for a way to document your summer fun? Join Shannon Kane on **Tuesdays, July 17th, 24th and 31st** for some informal scrapbooking collaboration! Shannon, a seasoned scrapbooker, will give you tips and techniques and share the tools that she has. Bring your own materials or contact her ahead of time to see what she suggests! **6:30pm, BNML Community Room**

**5 Wednesdays: Playgroup** fun continues for 5 Wednesdays this summer! Join our youngest Fairfielders and their caregivers for games, active play, and, of course, great books! **July 11, 18, 25, Aug 1 and 8. 10am, BNML Childrens Area**

**July 18: Unwired Games, Wednesday, July 18th, 2:30 pm.** School age kids can unplug and get outside! Play classic games like Capture the Flag, Hopscotch, Double Dutch, Marbles, Spud and Cats Cradle. Weather dependent.

**July 19: Gail Salzman, Featured Artist. Reception, Thursday, July 19th, 6-8 pm.** Fairfield's Gail Salzman will be the featured artist this summer in the town's Bent Northrop Memorial Library. Her exhibit **UNDERCURRENTS, June 13 - August 12**, presents a series of works on paper exploring energy and movement in the natural world, or "what lies beneath the surface." Salzman is primarily a painter working in oils; her work has been exhibited widely for over 25 years. This exhibit showcases experimental work from 2001, a time when her art was undergoing a thematic transition from figurative to her now distinctive abstract mode. She completed the "monotype/collage" series by creating many different prints on a large etching press, and then combining them into new images. **The library will host a reception for the artist on Thursday July 19, 6-8pm. Gail will give an informal talk about her work and creative process at 7pm.**

**July 21: Tie Dye, Saturday, July 21st, 10 am.** Our annual BYO Tie Dye day! We will have the dye and supplies and you bring the 100% cotton items that you want to dye!

**July 26: B. Amore, *Invisible Odysseys*, Book Signing, Thurs, July 26th, 6pm** Author B. Amore will sign her book **Invisible Odysseys** which complements the exhibits currently up at BNML. The exhibit focuses on the lives of Mexican Farmworkers in Vermont. The goal of the art is to communicate the experiences of immigration and ethnicity through material culture. B will briefly introduce the project and share her experiences as well. Books are on sale at the library.

**July 27: Laser Tag, Friday, July 27th, 6 pm.** Join us at the Chester Arthur Site for laser tag! \$10 per person (limit of \$30 per family). Come early to get the lay of the land! Let us know you plan to be there ahead of time! Call the library to register or with questions!

**July 28: Nuno Felting, Saturday, July 28th, 10 am.** Nuno-felting is a process where you use animal fiber to felt over silk or chiffon. Using warm water, soap, and agitation with your hands, the fiber adheres to the silk, creating a unique felted scarf. By dyeing the silk and the alpaca fiber

first you can create beautiful colors as well. Ages 12 and up, \$25/person

**August 1: Animals that Prowl After Dark, Wednesday, August 1, 2:30 pm.**

Mr K. joins us for his second workshops this summer! School age kids will enjoy! Friday, Aug 3rd:

**August 3: Day of Drama, Friday, 9a-7pm?**

Drama in a Day is a great way for kids to use their imaginations! It is a way to learn some theatre basics, and see their ideas come to life! Kids ages 9-15 work throughout the day to create a performance for that evening. The performance takes anywhere from 20-30 minutes, usually. With all the improvisation, we never quite know what's going to happen! \$20/participant, call or register online.

**August 24: SUMMER READING CELEBRATION**

Keep track of all the books that you read (use either the school form or pick one up here at the library) and earn one ticket for each book. Our youngest Fairfielders can participate too - just count the books that are read to you! Redeem those tickets for a ball to be used to DUNK THE TEACHER (or principal or librarian)... Last year you all read over 1100 books...the goal is greater this year! We need 1200 books to bring the Dunk Tank(s) to Fairfield! Read Fairfield! Time to be determined!

**Save the Dates:**

- Thursday, August 9th: Supported by the Vermont Humanities Council: Mark Greenberg – Kitchen Tunks and Parlor Songs
- Saturday, August 11, 2012: American Red Cross Babysitter's Training @ BNML

**Other**

**NCSS is hosting the *American Red Cross Babysitter's Training*** is designed for youth 11 – 15 years old and is open to the public. Participants will learn how to: supervise children and infants; perform basic child-care skills such as diapering and feeding; choose safe, age-appropriate games and toys; handle bedtime and discipline issues; identify safety hazards and prevent injuries; care for common injuries and emergencies such as choking, burns, cuts and bee stings; communicate effectively with parents; find and interview for babysitting jobs. All participants will receive a *Babysitter's Training Handbook*, *Babysitter's Training Emergency Reference Guide*, and a *Babysitter's Training CD-ROM*. **July 13, 2012 NCSS Family Center Maple Conference room, 9:00-4:00 To register, please contact April Wright at 393-6564.**