

## It's the Six month anniversary of Our Town!

Newsletter submissions due on the 20th of each month to Meg Marshall *new e-mail*:  
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[www.tinyurl.com/fairfieldenews](http://www.tinyurl.com/fairfieldenews)

## May 2012

### Monthly Meetings, Activities and Dates to Remember

**Select Board:** 2nd & 4th Mondays @ town offices 7:30pm  
**Grant Writer Committee:** 1st Monday @ town offices 6pm  
**Zoning & Planning Committee:** 1st Monday @ town offices 8pm  
**School Board:** 2nd Monday @ FCS school library 6pm  
**Art Hop Classes:** Tuesdays March 27th, April 3, April 10th @ BNML 6:30pm  
**BNML Trustee meeting:** 3rd Thursday @ BNML 3pm  
**Book Club:** 2nd Tuesday @ BNML Loft 6:30  
**KnitWits:** 3rd Thursday @ BNML 6-8pm  
**Girls Club:** 2nd Saturday @ BNML 9:30am  
**Breastfeeding Support Group:** 1st Saturday @ BNML 9:30  
**Mahjong:** 1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesday @ BNML @ 6:30pm  
**Parent Teacher Organization (PTO):** 2nd Tuesday during the school year @ FCS library

### Weekly Activities & Dates to Remember

**Tuesday:** **Senior/Community Lunches** @ FCC 11:30-1pm call 827-3130 to reserve a place  
**BINGO** 6pm @ FCC; **Food Shelf** hours 3-5pm at FCC;  
**Mahjong** @ BNML 6:30 pm (1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesday of each month)  
**Wednesday:** **Playgroup/Story Hour** @ BNML 10-11:30;  
**Thursday:** **Fairfield Farmers Market Online** Pickup 3-6pm @ BNML or St. Albans  
**Friday:** **Food Shelf:** 2nd Friday of the month, 10-noon @ FCC

### May

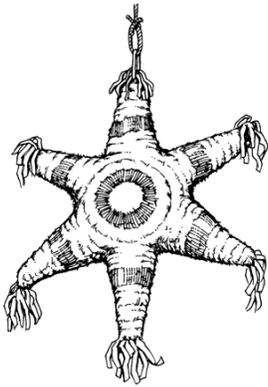
**May 5:** **Spring Cinco de Mayo** 11am-1pm @ BNML  
**May 6:** **Photography** 2-3:30 @ BNML  
**May 3:** **Nutritional Tools For Change** 6:30pm @ BNML  
**May 10:** **Orion - The Hunters' Institute** 7pm @ BNML  
**May 15:** **Meet and Greet** local author S.J. (Sara) Richard @ BNML

## **Bent Northrop Memorial Library**

### **New Art! New programs! New books!**

See the extraordinary talent of Community Center Guru, **Nance Shaw**, in the newest exhibit at the library! Nance Shaw spent the early part of her childhood in Greenwich, Connecticut where she rode her bike, built boats with her dad, organized backyard theater productions and tagged along at the heels of the local fishermen under the bridge on Long Island Sound. She was *also* a painter from a very early age. See how she has woven a little bit of “creative mindfulness” into everything she does.

May 1st also brings the arrival of a second exhibit, ***Invisible Odysseys***, to BNML. A project of Susannah McCandless, Ethan Mitchell, and conceived by B. Amore, *Invisible Odysseys* shares the autobiographical dioramas of various farmworkers and their journeys from Mexico to VT as undocumented workers in a foreign community. Five of the artists are from Franklin County! One striking fact is the contrast between the enormous distances that these workers have traveled in order to find work on the dairy farms in Vermont and the restricted lives which they lead when they finally arrive.



**The Recreation Committee, Outdoor Classroom and BNML** will host a ***Green Cinco de Mayo*** festival on Saturday May 5th from 11-1. **The *Invisible Odyssey*** exhibit will be open for browsing and the **Outdoor Classroom** will have some great food made by kids in the community.

There will be activities and games including Laser Tag and pinatas! The Laser Tag event offered by *Infinite* will be a fun, energetic game for all ages. Prior to the event, work to ***Green Up Fairfield!*** Grab a bag or two at the Town Clerk or BNML and spend the morning greening up...need some ideas for where to go? Give the library a call and we can assign you! :)

\*For more info. about the *Infinite* Co. for team-building, parties etc. ,

[www.infinitelasertag.com](http://www.infinitelasertag.com)

**Spanish Classes:** In coordination with ***Invisible Odysseys***, Kelly Christie is teaching ***Spanish classes*** @ BNML! At print time, we were surveying the community to find times and days that work for interested parties. Please contact the library ASAP to express interest or find out when the 6 week session begins!

**Nutritional Tools For Change:** On Thursday, May 3rd @ 6:30pm, the Outdoor Classroom brings Doug Flack to discuss nutrition in their second of a series of educational workshops for the community. Why are we suffering from obesity, cancer, behavior disorders? What is within your power to rectify? Begin with sampling of light local fare, then join Doug to learn about nutrition, healthcare concerns and food evolution. Learn about humans and the million year food timeline!

### **Orion: The Hunters' Institute :**

On Thursday, May 10 @ 7pm, hear Eric Nuse talk about the Heritage of North American Hunting. Orion is best known for its books and advocacy for fair chase hunting, hunter ethics and teaching hunting heritage. In addition to running a consulting business, Eric works with the State Fish and Wildlife agencies on hunter recruitment, hunter safety and ethics issues, and has just published Volume 2 of *Vermont Wild*, in which he shares his experiences as a Vermont game warden.



**The Peacemaker:** On Tuesday, May 15, meet and greet local author, S.J. (Sara) Richard, whose new book, The Peacemaker, follows newly-hired marshall Jack O'Malley, as he confronts changes in a small Colorado mining town. In addition to being available through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Better Planet, Sara's book will be available for cash purchase.

**Check out our new downloadable audio service!** The new One Click service has lots of new titles for you! They are all iPod compatible and available 24 hours a day! There is even a new iPhone app! Contact the library for your 14-digit barcode, fill out the short form to register, and download the software (or the app). There is no waiting list; these titles are always available! (... and there is a good selection of titles for family road trips!) See [www.bentnorthrop.org](http://www.bentnorthrop.org) for info!

### **Bent Northrop Memorial Library Anticipated Job Opening: Librarian**

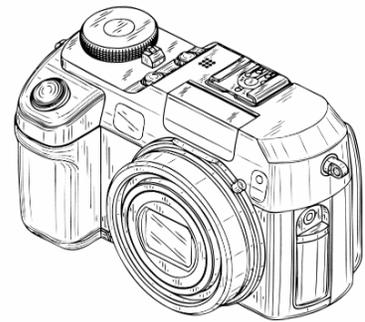
BNML seeks applications for Fairfield's Community Librarian position. Librarian is responsible for creating and participating in community programming, collection development and organization, BNML's online presence, and many other aspects of library operation. Successful candidate will demonstrate exemplary communication and technology skills, ability to work with variety of age groups, excellent customer service skills, and familiarity with rural realities. Job is salaried @ 32 hours/week. Applications accepted until position is filled. **For complete job description and requirements, pick up packet at BNML.** Contact: Julie Wolcott, Chair, BNML Trustees @ [gwfarm@vtlink.net](mailto:gwfarm@vtlink.net) (933-4592).

### **Fairfield Recreation**

#### **Learn how to take better pictures using your Digital Camera!**

Professional photographer Melanie Webb will lead a hands-on workshop on using Photoshop Elements to improve your photos. Bring your digital camera with fully charged battery. Call Rick Haag (524-7528) with any questions.

**Sunday, May 6, 2-3:30** at BNML FREE!



### **Parent Teacher Organization**

**Teacher Appreciation week**, May 7-11th! The PTO provides breakfast one day (muffins, breakfast casseroles, fruit etc.), lunch another day (pizza--salad donations needed!), and a dessert another day during the week for teachers. Room parents also usually organize special days in the classrooms for their child's teacher.

Please help us give a little bit back to our kids' teachers! If you'd like to help by making a dish for one of the days, please contact me. I also encourage you to contact other parents in your child's classroom to plan ways for the kids to show their appreciation to their teachers. In advance, thanks so much for your help! Erica Connell [eac0227@gmail.com](mailto:eac0227@gmail.com)

### **Fairfield Farmers Market Online**

[www.yourfarmstand.com](http://www.yourfarmstand.com)

May 10<sup>th</sup> brings is Opening Day for the summer season at the Online Market! If you haven't seen the market lately, check it out! There is a variety of greens and tasty bread baked fresh Thursday mornings. Farmer Brown is offering bacon and sausage, in addition to locally grown poultry and grass fed beef! Take advantage of seasonal offerings like wild leeks – just in time for grilling! The market is up and running 24 hours a day and sign up is free and easy! You can pay with a credit card and chose one of



two pickup locations – either Walkers in St Albans or BNML! Keep your money local, support the farmers and producers that live right next door, and know where your food is coming from.

### **Fairfield Outdoor Classroom**

Plants are springing up in the High Tunnel green house in Fairfield. Spinach, Arugula, Radishes, Green & Red Leaf Lettuce, Scallions and Beet Greens are slowly but surely growing and will be ready for consumption this month! Be on the lookout for these products on the school salad bar, Senior Meals & Meals on Wheels, the Foodshelf and for sale on the [yourfarmstand.com](http://yourfarmstand.com) Fairfield Online Farmer's Market here in town. Greens will be growing in the High Tunnel through the first couple weeks of June and then the beds will be lined with tomatoes, peppers, melons, basil, and more. We are looking for community members to adopt the high tunnel for a week during the summer to share in the work; if you are interested in helping with the high tunnel for a day or a week please contact Joanna Jerose @ 933.8789 [jerose@surfglobal.net](mailto:jerose@surfglobal.net). Huge thanks goes to Mark Paradee for bringing us sand, Brian Jerose for bringing us compost and Dave Gaudette for a much appreciated excavation job.

### **Fairfield School**

Dates to Remember...

- K-5 Spring Concerts: June 8th, 1PM
- 8th Grade Graduation: June 14th, 6:30PM