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4 ***Library dance parties in Guilford***

5 GUILFORD — The Guilford Free Library invites the
6 community to three upcoming Thursday dance parties at the
7 library on June 4, July 2, and Sept. 3 at 4:30 p.m. with local and
8 internationally known musician Luke Concannon.

9 The dance parties at the library, 4024 Guilford Center
10 Rd., will be outside if weather permits. Participants may bring

11 their own picnic and blanket or enjoy the picnic tables behind
12 the library. All library programs are free and open to the public.
13 For more information, call librarian Amber Hunt at 802-257-
14 4603.

15 ***First Friday Picnic at Centre Church***

16 BRATTLEBORO — Stop by the front lawn of Centre
17 Congregational Church, 193 Main St., Friday, June 5, from 5 to 7
18 p.m., for their First Friday Picnic.

19 Enjoy some almost-summer fun on the lawn, with a
20 picnic supper of hamburgers or hot dogs, chips, and water (\$6)
21 and strawberry shortcake (\$10) while being entertained by Rev.
22 Yolanda's songs and storytelling and Doug the Devil Stick Man.
23 Face painting, a sidewalk chalk art contest, art display, and craft
24 vendors round out this kid- and senior-friendly Gallery Walk
25 event.

26 ***Kirtan chanting with Anna Sobel***

27 WEST BRATTLEBORO — Shemot Shelah, a Jewish kirtan
28 band, led by musician-storyteller Anna Sobel, will offer Hebrew
29 call-and-response chanting on Friday, June 5, at 6 p.m.

30 Kirtan is "a devotional practice that uses feminine and
31 nonbinary names for the Divine," said organizers in a news
32 release. "It opens the heart and paves the way for states of bliss
33 and peace." Storytelling will play a part in the event, as Sobel
34 brings to light "historical women's practices that relate to this
35 form of chanting." A catered dinner will follow.

36 The event is co-hosted by the Brattleboro Area Jewish
37 Community and All Souls Church. It will take place at the West
38 Village Meeting House, 29 South St. There is a suggested
39 donation of \$15-\$25. Register at bit.ly/868-kirtan.

40 ***Herb class in Dummerston***

41 WEST DUMMERSTON — Celebrate late spring at the
42 Dummerston Community Center & Library, 150 West St., with an
43 herb class about violets Saturday, June 6, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The

44 presenter will be Dianne Clouet, a community and clinical
45 herbalist who resides in Brattleboro.

46 Clouet says she loves growing medicinal herbs, wild-
47 harvesting locally abundant plants, and sharing herbal plant
48 knowledge with others. A 2022 graduate of Vermont Center for
49 Integrative Herbalism, she sees clients through her herb practice
50 Feather and Bone Herbs, featherandboneherbals.com, and is an
51 herbalist with the Peoples Medicine Project in Massachusetts.

52 This workshop is free, open to all, and refreshments will
53 be served. For more information, contact the library at 802-258-
54 9878 or dummerstonvlibrary@gmail.com.

55 ***Arlo Monroe art exhibit in Newfane***

56 NEWFANE — The Historical Society of Windham County
57 will be hosting a reception on Sunday, June 7, from 2 to 4 p.m.,
58 at the Historical Society's Research Center in Newfane (formerly
59 the Society's Museum). The occasion will open a guest exhibit
60 featuring the art of Arlo Monroe from the collection of Charles
61 Marchant.

62 Monroe was a well-known Windham County artist who
63 taught art and social studies and served as the headmaster of
64 Leland & Gray Seminary in Townshend for many years, where
65 Marchant taught for years as well. Marchant will share memories
66 of his former colleague at this special opening.

67 This guest exhibit will be on display throughout the
68 upcoming season, available for viewing on weekdays until mid-
69 October whenever the Center's Open flag is up, as well as by
70 special arrangement. Admission is free to this event, with
71 donations much appreciated. See
72 historicalsocietyofwindhamcounty.org for the latest updates and
73 schedule of events.

74 ***Vernon museum opens for summer season***

75 VERNON — On Sunday, June 7, the Vernon Historical
76 Museum at 4201 Fort Bridgman Road (Route 142) will open for
77 the summer season. The museum will be open to the public on

78 Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. (other times by appointment)
79 throughout the summer, from June 8 through Sept. 13. It will be
80 closed Mondays, July 5, July 19, and Sept. 6.

81 The main building was formerly Vernon's District
82 Schoolhouse #4. Built in 1825 with locally made bricks, the
83 schoolhouse has interesting architectural features and an original
84 slate roof. Inside, the museum houses a large archival collection.

85 To celebrate the June 7 opening, there will be an ice
86 cream social with free ice cream and a variety of toppings and a
87 one-day exhibit of several historic vehicles. Guests are asked to
88 bring a lawn chair, friends, and family. For further information,
89 contact the Vernon Historians at
90 vernonvermonthistorians@gmail.com or 802-258-2841.

91 ***Senior lunch in Dummerston***

92 DUMMERSTON — Evening Star Grange and Senior
93 Solutions will serve their next Senior Lunch Wednesday, June 10,
94 at the Grange Hall in Dummerston Center, with take-outs
95 available between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 pm and an in-house meal
96 served at noon. On the menu are baked ham, baked beans
97 (vegetarian available), macaroni and cheese, and mixed broccoli
98 and cauliflower with butter. Dessert is gingerbread with whipped
99 topping.

100 Reservations are highly suggested and can be made by
101 calling the hall at 802-254-1138. Leave name, phone number,
102 number of meals desired, and whether for eating in or taking out.
103 There is a suggested donation of \$4 for those age 60 and above
104 eating inside, and \$5 for those age 59 and under and all take-
105 outs.

106 ***Workshop covers ecological forest stewardship***

107 WEST DUMMERSTON — The Dummerston
108 Conservation Commission and Windham Woodlands (formerly
109 Windham Regional Woodlands Association) are sponsoring a
110 presentation by Paul Catanzaro Wednesday, June 10, from 6:30 to

111 8 p.m., at the Dummerston Community Center and Library, 150
112 West St.

113 Cantanzaro's talk will be based on the new book he co-
114 authored with Anthony "Tony" D'Amato, who holds a doctorate
115 in forest resources, called *Tending Your Forest: A Guide to*
116 *Ecological Forest Stewardship in the Eastern and Central United*
117 *States*. Catanzaro serves as the Massachusetts state extension
118 forester, co-directs the Family Forest Research Center, and teaches
119 Forest Ecology and Conservation at the University of
120 Massachusetts. D'Amato is a professor in silviculture and forest
121 ecology at the University of Vermont's Rubenstein School of
122 Environment and Natural Resources.

123 With chapters dedicated to climate, old growth forests,
124 wildlife resilience, economics, and more, their book is a guide to
125 help get woodland owners more deeply connected and engaged
126 with caring for their land to create healthier forests. This
127 presentation is meant for woodland owners and everyone else in
128 the community who cares about ecological forest management.
129 The program is free. Donations are appreciated.

130 ***Crêpe Night benefits Putney Library***

131 DUMMERSTON — Putney Library and Scott Farm
132 partner for a Crêpe Night fundraiser Wednesday, June 10, from
133 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Scott Farm, 707 Kipling Rd.

134 Crêpe Nights are family-friendly gatherings held
135 regularly at Scott Farm during the summer months. They are times
136 "to celebrate the harvest, good simple food, and community in a
137 stunning setting—picnic style," wrote organizers in a news
138 release.

139 The Early Risers, library enthusiasts Ashley Storrow and
140 Putnam Smith, will provide music during the event. Outdoor and
141 indoor tables and chairs are provided as well as a grassy hillside
142 "ripe for picnic blankets, folding lawn chairs, and bare feet."

143 Tickets are \$20 for adults or \$12 for children under 12.
144 Each ticket comes with a savory supper crêpe (galette), sweet
145 dessert crêpe, and side salad. Drinks are available for purchase.

146 Support the library while enjoying a beautiful Vermont evening.
147 Tickets are limited and advanced purchase is required. Additional
148 information and tickets are available at
149 scottfarmvermont.com/crepe-night.

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