

The Bridge

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Covered Bridges Garden Club Newsletter

September 2009

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We would love to have you participate in any of these committees! If you wish to help, please email us or contact Marsha Phillips at 326-3111 or Sue Wilson at 326-4189.

Please send items for the newsletter to the editor: mcmanikin@comcast.net or call 848-7567.

Next Meeting



Pruning Potluck
Picnic &
Village Green
Clean-Up Day

Sunday, September 27th at 10 a.m.

Village Green, Montgomery

We have had to reschedule this event so that Jeff Gonyaw and Michael Perry can be available to direct proceedings, and so that the timing is right for the planting of spring bulbs.

Please bring basic gardening tools and learn from others how to trim, prune, prepare shrubs for the winter months, and plant bulbs. If a severe frost has occurred prior to this date, we will also dismantle barrels and move them back, where appropriate. Otherwise, we'll plan to get a team together to do this mid-week, at a later date.

Please bring a plate of potluck finger food to the gathering, to share with others. Hot and cold drinks, plates and napkins will be provided.

Please plan to dedicate at least a few hours of your time to this effort. It benefits us all and for less experienced gardeners, is an excellent learning opportunity.

 CHRISTA'S CORNER 

The small park is dotted with vendor tables offering hand-dyed wool, vegetables, honey, herbs and plants, jewelry, ice cream, hot dogs and hamburgers, and trinkets once thought irreplaceable by their owners. A brightly colored ribbon of seekers of bargains and the just curious weaves in and around the tables, and the sultry summer air is filled with chatter and laughter. A little girl with huge brown inquiring eyes, her arms held out like wings of a gliding butterfly, her legs moving like pistons through the summer worn grass, is swept up in her pursuing mother's arms and raised high towards the sun before both collapse into giggles. Seen through squinted eyes the park looks like a gently shifting jigsaw puzzle where individual pieces change their shape without destroying the overall design ... of which I am a small, but very thankful part.

Until next time ... **stay well ... and think GREEN.**

— Christa Chevalier



“We are shaped and fashioned by what we love.”

Johan Wolfgang von Goethe



A special thanks to
Charlotte Rosshandler
&
Ken Secor
for the lovely photos
of our beautiful August day
in the park.



CBGC's 7th Annual Harvest Fest—August 2009

Harvest Fest '09 has come and gone—and we have many people to thank for its success:

We received generous donations from the following people & businesses:

Bernie's Restaurant

Flicks

Trout River Traders

T & J's

The Snow Shoe Lodge & Pub

Bouyea-Fassetts Bakery

Sylvesters Market

TD Banknorth

Berry Hill Perennials, Richford

Bailey Nursery, Jeffersonville

Beaver Meadow Farm Greenhouses, Enosburg

Cady's Falls Nursery, Morrisville



We would also like to thank our vendors:

Frog Petals—Cindy Churchill & Nicki Johnson

Jeanette's Carousel of Colors—Jeanette Ward

Cedar Waddles—Kevin Scheffler

Sharon Szelza Designs—Sharon Szelza—jewelry

Carol Kremer—ceramics

Ruth Shine—ethnic jewelry

Yvonne Combs—pickles, jams, relishes, and jelly

Mountain Fiber Folk—Carol Farmer—fiber arts

Montgomery Town Library

Montgomery Area Community Alliance

Nicole Lautary—chair massage

Betty Curboy—jewelry, baked goods, & canned goods

Mountain Spirit Herbals—Lauri Ellis—herbal products, produce, & jam

Creative Haven Studio—Lynne Berard—water color originals, prints, & cards

And of course thanks to all of our club members for their time and hard work and for donating cakes, veggies, trinkets & treasures, plants, and flowers, for selling & buying raffle tickets, setting up and taking down tents, and just plain showing up to enjoy the day.

If anyone has any suggestions for next year, please let us know. If we have more input, we can have a more successful event.

—Jaye Secor, Event Coordinator

And the Winners Are!!!!

I want to thank all of our members who purchased and/or sold raffle tickets for this year's CBGC Raffle. The club made over \$1000! We are so fortunate to have such talented people in our community that are also so generous with their work. As you know the items we had this year were absolutely wonderful. Many thanks to their creators. And now the winners...

- ◆ Stone bench by Charlie Finchman was won by Rita Kalsmith.
- ◆ Artistic iron plant holder by Steve Hathaway was won by Chantel Pothier.
- ◆ Beth McAdams original watercolor went to Charles and Kay Henderson.
- ◆ Jay Kerch and Lili DeBrule have still to decide which they will take. One of them will be going home with the Marie Baron wall hanging of Longley Bridge and the other will receive Charlotte Rosshandler's gorgeous photo titled "Three Bees."

I am already working on next year's items and am delighted with the commitments I already have!

—Marsha Phillips



So how much money did the club make on Harvest Fest?

INCOME	2008	2009	Difference
Baked goods	358.15	234.25	-123.90
Donations	40.00	10.00	-30.00
Food & beverages	422.00	342.00	-80.00
Plants	787.96	592.00	-195.96
Produce	0.00	122.50	122.50
Raffle tickets - fest day sales	430.00	285.00	-145.00
Raffle tickets - pre-fest sales	865.00	760.00	-105.00
T-shirts, notecards, ...	37.50	0.00	-37.50
Trinkets & treasures	1,172.69	581.90	-590.79
Vendors	325.00	350.00	25.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,438.30	\$3,277.65	-\$1,160.65
EXPENDITURES			
Beverages - cleanup	0.00	30.86	-30.86
Food & beverages	275.99	4.57	271.42
Insurance	75.00	75.00	0.00
Plants	210.00	88.00	122.00
Publicity	0.00	51.20	-51.20
Raffle	18.25	15.00	3.25
Trinkets & treasures	120.00	100.00	20.00
Vendor expenses	0.00	18.99	-18.99
Ways & means	10.00	0.00	10.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$709.24	\$383.62	\$325.62
NET INCOME	\$3,729.06	\$2,894.03	-\$835.03



July's Meeting: A Moss Walk at the home of Winston Lewis & Tim Chapin



Dorothy Allard's presentation and hands-on learning through moss "treasure hunts" were fascinating. Winston and Tim's home was the perfect setting! Thank you so much for your hospitality!!!

A special thank you to Charlotte Rosshandler for the lovely photos of our lovely day!!!





UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

Friends of the UVM Horticulture Farm Events:

Leaf Casting Workshop—Saturday, September 12th, 9 am—Noon

Presenter: Nancy Simpson

Location: Blasberg Building, UVM Horticulture Research Center, 65 Green Mountain Dr., So. Burlington, VT

Back by popular demand..... Nancy will show you how to create your own natural objects with leafcasts of your favorite large leaved plants. Bring a few fresh large leaves with you. You can use them as decorative objects in your garden or as a lovely dish in your home. This workshop is limited to 12 participants. *Pre-registration is required by Sept 10th.* Please pre-register at info@friendsofthehortfarm.org or call 864-3073. Suggested donation: \$5 FHF Members & Master Gardeners / \$10 non-members. For this workshop, there is there an additional \$20 materials fee. More info and directions at: www.friendsofthehortfarm.org.

Editor's note: As of August 19th there were only two openings left for this workshop so it may already be full. Call soon!

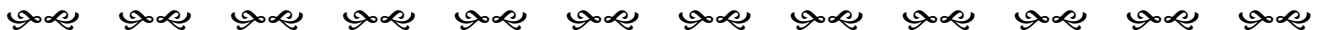
Guided Mushroom Walk and Talk—Sunday, September 20th, 10 am -1 pm

Guides: Robert Resnick (of mycology and VPR fame) and Stephanie Miner (avid mushroom hunter)

Location: Blasberg Building, UVM Horticulture Research Center, 65 Green Mountain Dr., So. Burlington, VT

This event is so popular that we have it every year! Come take a fun and informative 'walk and talk' in the Horticulture Farm woods. Find out what a "LBM" is and meet others who find *slimy molds* appealing! We will all carry back a few specimens to identify in the Blasberg building classroom and enjoy a lively discussion of your "finds". If you are lucky, you might be able to taste some of them too! We recommend that you bring a basket or a paper shopping bag to collect the mushrooms. Please, no plastic bags. Please RSVP at info@friendsofthehortfarm.org or 864-2073. Suggested donation: \$5 FHF Members & Master Gardeners / \$10 non-members.

NOTE: This event has been approved for Master Gardener EDUCATIONAL hours.



Field Days at High Mowing Seeds—Sunday, September 13th, 11 am—6 pm

Location: High Mowing Organic Seeds' Trial Showcase Gardens, Marsh Road, Wolcott, VT

A celebration of local food and agriculture in the Northeast Kingdom! Hosted by High Mowing Organic Seeds in collaboration with The Center for an Agricultural Economy and the New England Culinary Institute of Montpelier. Visit the two acre Trial & Showcase Garden, featuring labeled displays of over 800 vegetable, herb and flower varieties – an excellent opportunity to see a wide range of side-by-side comparisons of many popular and some yet-unreleased varieties! Festivities will include workshops on seed saving (led by High Mowing Organic Seeds' president Tom Stearns) and soybean growing (led by Vermont Soy and UVM), an array of locally produced food presented by the New England Culinary Institute, live music by Mayfly, an evening bonfire and a Young Farmers' Mixer - providing a chance for young farmers from across Vermont to meet and trade farming ideas and challenges. This is a free fun-filled event!

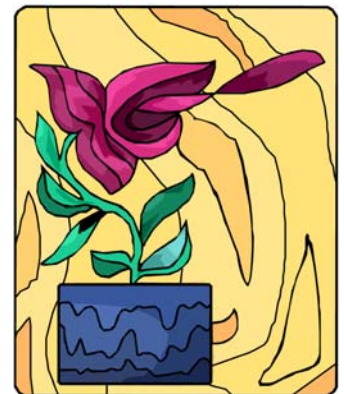
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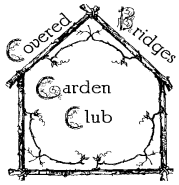
Ikebana—Japanese Flower Arranging—Saturday, October 10th, 9:30 am—Noon

Presenter: CBGC's very own Kitten Ellison

Location: Enosburg Opera House

All materials will be provided, just bring a pair of florist or garden scissors. Cost will be \$45 which includes the flowers. Please call Kitten at 848-3433 to make a reservation before October 8th.





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Have any interesting news you would like to share with the rest of the club?

Please get your submissions for the October newsletter to the editor by September 25th.

Berry Hill Perennials in Richford was very generous in their donations to our club for the Harvest Fest. They are currently running some specials that we thought you would like to know about. Let them know you are a member and thank them for their support.

- All hostas \$8.99 each or 2 for \$12
- 50% off all potted daylilies
- The “landscape special” continues—all daylilies regularly \$15 or less are \$5 each if you buy 20 or more. This is limited to potted stock, but they still have a really good selection.
- Hardy asters are blooming—lots of bright pinks and blues!

Hours: 9 am—4 pm on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays (including Labor Day).