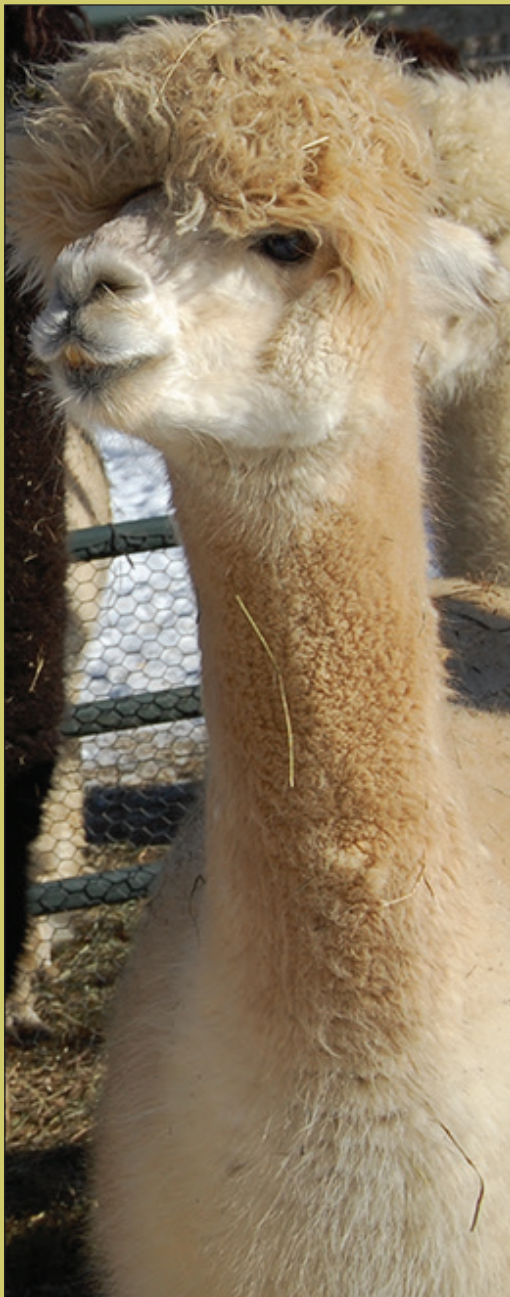


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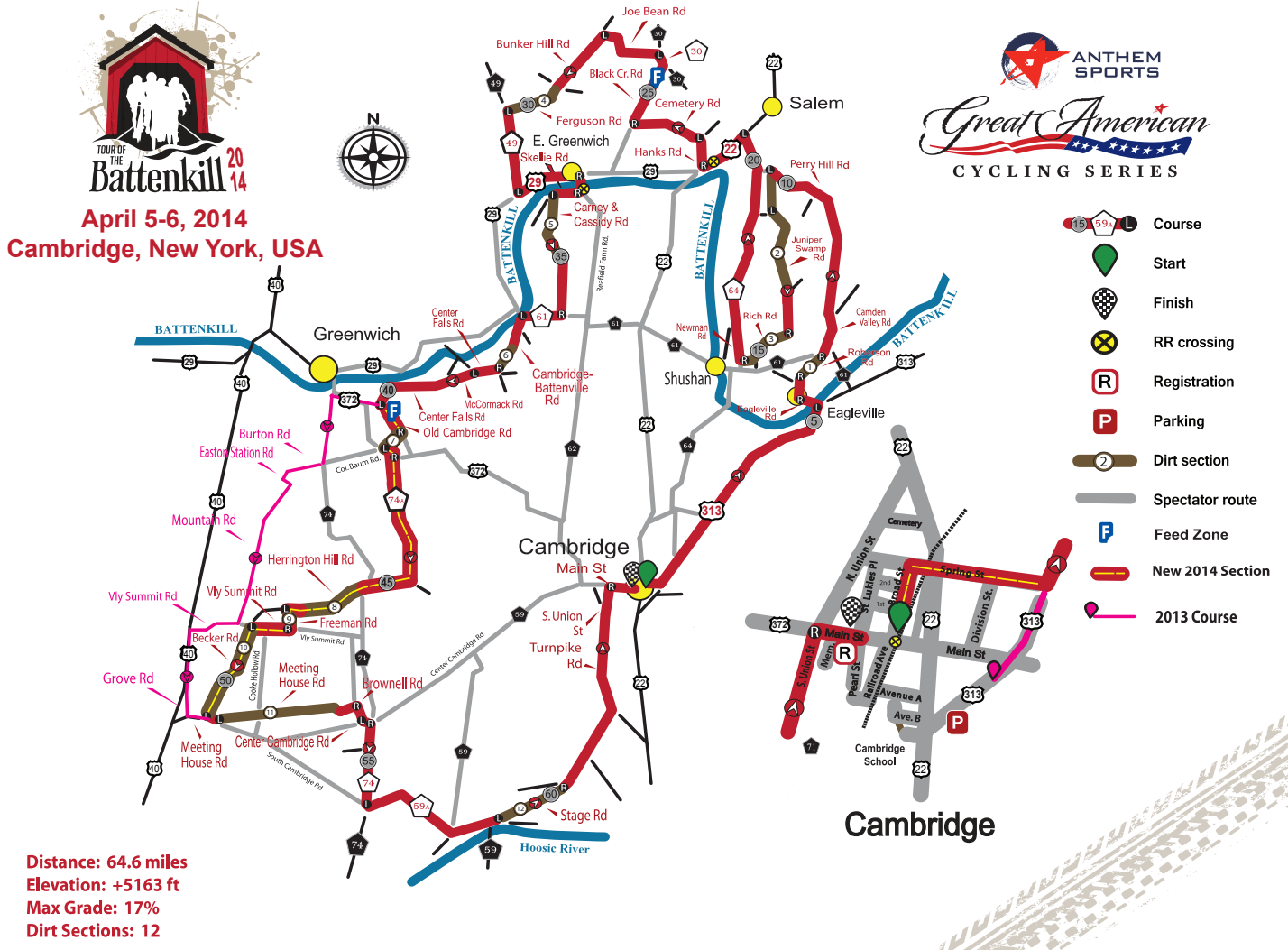
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- Race expo & awards 10 AM - 6 PM in Varak Park

Saturday, April 5

- Pro/Am races: 8 AM - 6 PM starting on Main Street
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The Race Expo will feature local food & crafts, cycling & fitness vendors and sponsors, and a beverage tent featuring Brown's Brewery.

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perfect balance. No musical background necessary – just bring ears and a love of music!

The March 16 Listening Club will take place at 4:00pm at Hubbard Hall's Freight Depot building in Cambridge, NY.

Cost is \$10. Pay at door, or pre-register at hubbard-hall.org or 518-677-2495.

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The Washington County Fiber Tour

For twenty-two years, the *Washington County Fiber Tour*, which takes place this year on April 26 and 27, has been a showcase for local specialty farms. Fiber Tour members raise some of the highest quality sheep, goats, alpacas and angora rabbits in the area, and operate a premier fiber processing and spinning mill, as well as a highly regarded dairy-sheep farm.

This free explore-it-yourself tour takes place rain or shine, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days. Where else can the public, fiber artists and farmers find such an amazing group of fiber farms, all within less than an hour of each other, and located in one of the most bucolic counties in New York?

The 15 farms on the Tour have contributed to a renaissance in natural and sustainable textile arts, and to a broadening of agricultural businesses in the County, where in the 1800s wool production dominated the landscape. The farms are fully part of the web of agriculture in Washington County

by offering locally grown and made products for sale, by conducting educational activities, and by supporting other local agricultural businesses.

Join the tour to visit farms that raise luxury and exquisite fine wools and fibers like wool from Merino and Cormo sheep, fibers from cashmere and Angora goats, soft fleeces from alpacas and fluffy fiber angora rabbits. Six of the farms raise Romney sheep, a dual purpose breed known for tender lamb, and silky long wool. Visit the five farms that raise very friendly alpacas which also produce an especially soft and valuable fleece.

Make a reservation for lunch at the Dancing Ewe's sheep dairy farm. Enjoy the fun activities such as cart goat driving at St. Mary's on-the-Hill Cashmere, sheep shearing at Ensign Brook Farm, sheepdog herding, and finger puppets for children, as well as tours of the centrally-located Battenkill Carding and Spinning Mill.

The farms on the Fiber Tour add to the diversity of



agriculture in Washington County, and through grazing and hay making maintain about 750 acres in agricultural production. Elihu Farm in Easton is conserved farm with a federally protected wetland.

If it were not for Tour members' enterprises, much of this land, because it is not suited to the County's large-scale dairy production, might have otherwise returned to scrub or woodland, or been turned into housing developments.

Several members operate multi-purpose farms, in addition to producing fiber. Many farms offer sales of breeding stock, meats, Tuscan-style

cheese, unprocessed and processed fiber products, and a wide variety of quality handcrafted items from yarn to garments designed by the members. Some farms will offer samples of lamb to eat, or frozen cuts to take home.

Tour members thank these local businesses which are GOLD sponsors for the 2014 Tour: A&J Enterprises, Battenkill Bovine Veterinary, Cargill, Country Power Products, Eric J. DeSimone – Farm Family Casualty Insurance, Farm Credit East, Subway, and Washington County Farm Bureau. Other sponsors are listed on <http://washingtoncountyfibertour.org>.

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Chili Chow Down

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The event will be held on Wednesday, March 26th from

5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Greenwich Elks Lodge near the corner of NYS Route 40 and Bulson Road in Greenwich. The public will be able to vote for the best chili and the best booth design. Again this year there is the third category the Judges' Choice for the coveted "Chili Bowl" to be held for one year by the winner. The Elks are generously donating the use of their facility and will be selling beverages.

Last year we raised \$1,200 for the Greenwich Food Pantry and with your support we can do even better this year!

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SALEM – The Salem Courthouse Community Center will once again be offering its history lecture series at 7:30 pm on three Thursdays during the month of March. The lectures will take place in the first floor Archive Room that is handicap accessible. The first lecture will take place on March 13 during which author, L. Lloyd Stewart, will speak on his new book – *The Mysterious Black Migration 1800 – 1820: The Van Vrankens*. Mr. Stewart was Senior Budget Analyst with the New York Assembly (Ways and Means Committee) and is currently the President/CEO of Stewart Associates. As Principal, Mr. Stewart became the first registered independent African-American lobbyist in New York. His new book chronicles the history of his family and other African-American experiences in early New York.

On March 20, William Krattinger will offer a talk entitled *A Survey of Early Washington County Domestic Architecture*. Mr. Krattinger works for the New York Division for Historic Preservation and has a special interest in the architecture and landscape of Washington County. His primary responsibility with the DHP is evaluating properties for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.



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The final talk will take place on March 27 at which time the Salem Historian, William “Al” Cormier, will present *The Search for Jane Grail ~ Salem’s Silent Film Star*. A favorite speaker at these talks, Al will provide interesting biographical information about the Salem actress who made 19 film appearances between 1912 and 1920. He will also present 3 of her films.

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You will meet and learn about: Bald Eagles and Ospreys - the "Fisher Kings;" Snowy Owls, Northern Harriers and other "raptors of open spaces;" "Falcons, "Rulers of the Skies" and more!

Guided bird walks and an Owl Watch offer your chance to encounter endangered Short-eared Owls, Northern Harriers, Snowy Owls and other wintering raptors in the wild! Horse-drawn sleigh or



wagon rides, exhibitors, local food vendors, kids activities and more round out this fun and exciting weekend where raptors rule! Admission Fee.

Go to: www.winterraptorfest.com for Event Schedule, directions and additional info.

Winter Raptor Fest supports Friends of the IBA's work to protect endangered Short-eared Owls and other at-risk birds of the Washington County Grasslands.

Learn more about our endangered and at risk birds and how you can help at: www.ibafriends.org.



Annual 5K Run/Walk

HOOSICK FALLS – The second annual Healers from Here 5K Run/Walk will be held Saturday, April 19 at 9 a.m. at Wood Memorial Park in Hoosick Falls. Welcome spring and lace up for a cure and support the local Healers from Here Relay for Life Team. Awards will be given to the top overall male and woman in each age

group (15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60+). Register by February 10 to guarantee a free t-shirt.

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Click on www.upperhudsonmaple.com for complete information about the event.

“We’re inviting area families to come and experience first-hand the sights, smells and sounds of maple sugarmaking,” said David Campbell, a Salem producer and president of the Upper Hudson Maple Producers Association.

“The event has been so successful we have expanded it to two weekends, giving folks more opportunity to come visit sugarhouses,” he said.

Signs will be placed along roadsides over the course of the weekend to direct motorists to the sugarhouses. The sugarhouses will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Most sugarhouses will offer samples and demonstra-

tions. Many of the locations will be serving pancakes breakfasts as well.

Sugarhouses participating in the event are located throughout Washington, Warren, Saratoga, Rensselaer, Fulton and Montgomery Counties.

TREE TAPPING CEREMONY

A tree tapping ceremony to kick-off the event will be held on Friday, March 21, at 12 noon at Dry Brook Sugarhouse in Salem with State Agriculture Commissioner Richard Ball and local officials invited to participate.

Maple season generally runs from now through the end of March. The Upper Hudson region is among the biggest syrup producing areas in New York State.

The Upper Hudson Maple Producers Association is a trade organization representing maple producers in Washington, Warren, Saratoga, Montgomery, Fulton and Rensselaer Counties. To find more information about local sugar making and maple recipes, go to www.upperhudsonmaple.com.



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Curiosity Forum Schedule

Poetry Reading: Molly Bashaw

On Thursday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. Battenkill Books will host a poetry reading with Salem native Molly Bashaw. Bashaw will read from her new book of poetry, *The Whole Field Still Moving Inside It*, which won the 2013 Washington Prize.

Book Talk

The lily is a flower of contradictions. It represents both life and death, appearing at weddings and funerals. In their pure white form, lilies are a symbol of innocence, chastity, and purity of heart, but in contrast, the highly fragrant and intensely colored orange

lilies symbolize passion. In *Lily*, Marcia Reiss explores these paradoxes, tracing the flower's cultural significance in art, literature, religion, and popular entertainment throughout history. Sponsored by Battenkill Books, Hubbard Hall, and Leslie Parke Studio. This Curiosity Forum will be held April 13 at 4 p.m. at the Freight Depot at Hubbard Hall. The program is free, but donations in support of the series are accepted.

Book Talk

Veteran author Bill Morgans' *The Civil War Lovers Guide to New York City* examines more than 150 of these largely overlooked and often forgotten historical gems.

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One component of this program will include family members reading letters that servicemen and women wrote home to their loved ones from the field.

Another part will revolve around local newspaper clippings that Hoosick Falls resident Mary Kipp kept during the time her 5 sons served in World War II. They can be found in a notebook at the Town of Hoosick Historical Society.

We will be creating a special presentation of some of these clippings.

We are also hoping to add an art dimension by displaying pictures drawn and painted by World War II Veteran William Bovard.

If you have any questions or know of someone who has correspondence they received during World War I or World War II that they might like to read, please have them call Gail at 686-3269. We would love to incorporate them into the program.

All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served. Watch the newspaper for further details as the day draws near.

Cooking Classes

SALEM – The Battenkill Kitchen, part of the Salem Courthouse Community Center, will offer two excellent hands-on learning opportunities in the near future. On Saturday, March 15, participants will be able to travel back to 1786 with an open-hearth cooking class at the home of Sally Brillon: historian, instructor and chef. The class will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will take place at Sally's historic Wilson Homestead on Chamberlin Mills Road in Salem. Students will create a complete meal using the 1786 fireplace, stone oven and hearth. Authentic and reproduction tools and utensils typically used in the 18th century will add to the experience. Space is limited, and interested par-

ties should call the CCC at 518-854-7053 to register.

On Friday, April 25 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., students will learn how to brew their own beer. This class will be conducted by Reed Ants, one of New York's leading Zymurgists, and will take place in the Battenkill Kitchen. In this class, students will be provided with the essential information necessary for brewing beer. Learn about the required equipment and explore the various ingredients that are used in production. Participants will gain the confidence to begin their own brewing process at home.

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Cabin rentals area also available year-round. Merck Forest and Farmland Center is located at 3270 Route 315, Rupert, VT

Electronics Recycling

GREENWICH – On Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students to Oppose Pollution (S.T.O.P.) will host a Free Electronics Recycling Day at the Greenwich Junior/Senior High School, Gray Avenue in Greenwich. For more information, email: cbarber@greenwichcsd.org or ndixson@greenwichcsd.org.



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Battenkill Runs Through It

GREENWICH – On Saturday, May 31 the Battenkill Conservancy will once again host the popular The Battenkill Runs Through It Beach & Music Festival, Edition IV in Greenwich. The annual event kicks off the summer season at the town's park that lies on the banks of the Battenkill just north of the Village of Greenwich on Rte 29.

This year Bob Warren & Joy MacKenzie return to kick off the musical line up of popular local musicians, many heard on 97.7 WEXT's "Local 518" and a co-sponsor of last year's festival. Great food and music will be on tap through out the day as well as other river related activities including kayak and canoes rides, fly casting & fly tying demonstrations,

a kid friendly science table and the opportunity to sign up for Battenkill Conservancy's three day Outdoor Adventure Trip.

The BkC Community Citizen Award is set to honor a local resident for their long term contributions to the community and thus to the Battenkill watershed.

The Battenkill Runs Through It Festival was created in 2011 as an area-wide celebration to bring greater public awareness of the river and provide outreach for Battenkill Conservancy's mission of preserving and enhancing the Battenkill watershed through education, advocacy, conservation and the River Watch program. Read more at <http://www.battenkillconservancy.org>.

Sportsman's Banquet

HOOSICK FALLS – On Saturday, March 22 at 6 pm, Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church will host its 5th Annual Sportsman's Banquet. Our guest speaker this year is outdoor sports enthusiast Pastor Gary Rogers of North Pownal Congregational Church.

Pastor Gary loves being out in the woods and has been hunting since his teen years. Deer, turkeys, quail, dove, feral hogs, javelinas, geese, and elk are some of his catch from his travels to South and North Central Texas, Virginia and Idaho, Pennsylvania, New York and Vermont.

This event has proven to be one of our most popular of the year, with lots of fun and camaraderie, and a menu that

both pleases and challenges the palate. Past offerings have included alligator, bear and elk to the more common venison. Rumor has it we'll have some possum this year. What can you add to the menu?

There is no cost for the event, but if you are interested in attending, we ask that you call and make a reservation so we will know how many to set up for. Attendees are asked to bring a "game" dish of their choice (though not required). Side dish, beverage and dessert will be provided.

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Calendar of Events for Salem Art Works

May 10 Art for Ayden: Creativity in Memory, 1 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

May 16 – 18 Annual Spring Work Party

June 7 Barn Bash, 3 p.m.-10:30 p.m., 10th Season Opening: Aluminum pour, tours, live music, dinner

June, 10-15 Anagama Kiln Firing

June 13-15 Intro to Glass, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

June 14-15 Beginner Welding, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

June 16-19 Neon Fusion, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

June 20-22 Intro to Glass, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

June 20-22 Stained Glass, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

June 20-22 Polymer Class, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

June 21-22 Beginning Blacksmithing, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

June 23-27 Exploration into Glass Manipulation, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

June 27-29 Sketching & Painting the Outdoor Landscape, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

July 11 Music and Pizza with an Exhibition Opening 6:30 p.m.

July 11-13 Painting as Metaphor, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

July 12-13 Screen Printing, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

July 12-13 Advanced Welding, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Fort Salem Theater Announces Its Musical Summer

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summer schedule of productions, which features a classic musical, two original book musicals, and two musical revues. The Fort's roster of performers includes Broadway veterans, California professionals, exceptional local talent, and at season's end, the triumphant return to the Mainstage by the theater's former artistic director, Kathy Beaver.

For one weekend, beginning June 20, the repertory company from the Rose Center Theater in Westminster, California, presents the Maury Yeston/Arthur Kopit musical, *Phantom*, based on the clas-

sic French tale, *Phantom of the Opera*. The following weekend, four Broadway singer/dancers strut the stage in *Echoing Back: The Songs of Johnny Mercer*, saluting the Oscar winner ("Moon River" and "Days of Wine and Roses") who wrote many of the great hits of the twentieth century.

Former CBS6 news anchor Jerry Gretzinger returns to the Fort starring in *Women in My Life*, an original musical about a fading star who faces challenges in his personal and professional lives. A favorite of Capital Region audiences, the singing anchor, currently vice-president in charge of Communications and Public Relations for Albany's College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, will be supported by three beautiful women, who back

him up with vocals and back him into some unexpected corners. *Women* runs for two weekends, July 11-20.

Shushan's Al Budde teams up with Fort artistic director, Jay Kerr, with the world premiere of their seventh musical together, this one borrowing identity from a Verizon slogan: *Can You Hear Me Now?*, running August 1-10. Returning for a fourth Mainstage season, film and television performer Jesse Liebman, star of last year's *Winning the Lottery*, leads an accomplished cast in a light look at personal loss and triumph, discovering that his problems and solutions are only as far away as the nearest phone.

Women in My Life and *Can You Hear Me Now?* are sponsored in part by WAMC, Northeast Public Radio.

Wrapping up the schedule

for the final weekend, August 15-17, Broadway singer Bill Carmichael, whose Broadway credits include *Cats*, *Les Misérables*, and *Mamma Mia!*, is joined by Kathy Beaver to present *Signature Songs: The Songs That Made Famous Singers Famous*, including Beaver's take on Patsy Cline singing "Crazy." They are joined by Brendan Dailley, Lynne Kerr and Carolyn Shields, from last year's *No Boundaries*.

Fort Salem is collaborating for a third year with Gardenworks to offer Farm-to-Table Dinner Theater on July 12, and August 2 and 16. Pricing for individual shows and season tickets, plus more detailed descriptions of the shows, are available online at fortsalemtheater.com or by calling the theater's box office, 518-854-9200

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Theater, home to Broadway performers and world class musicals and cabarets, built on the footprint of an historic Revolutionary War fort; and Music from Salem, presenting chamber music in concerts, open rehearsals and to young audiences.

Founded in 1761 and steeped in Revolutionary and Civil War history, Salem boasts significant landmarks, handsome period homes, covered bridges, museums and cultural events that help maintain and preserve its historical traditions, including a recently restored revolutionary war cemetery. A short drive to the west, in Rupert, Vermont, visitors can explore Merck Forest and Farmland Center. With over thirty miles of trails for hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and horseback riding and 3100 acres for hiking: a multitude of local recreational opportunities!

The best way to relax in Salem area is by staying in one of its unique bed-and-breakfasts. In Shushan, a hamlet due south of the Village of Salem, one finds Redgate Lodging, a secluded apartment in a converted 1810 barn, where you can

cook your breakfast from fresh eggs gathered from the chickens that roam the property. Wildlife abounds at Hilltopper Guest House & Wildlife Sanctuary, a one hundred acre preserve on the outskirts of the village. With fields and working farms in all directions, the two hundred year old Black Creek Farmhouse Inn affords guests a “home away from home” for a night, a weekend, or longer. In the hills just south of the Black Creek is The Bunker Hill Inn, a nineteenth century farmhouse B&B in a beautiful setting of woods and meadows, featuring rural charm and full country breakfasts.

In between invigorating excursions and restful nights, shopping in Salem, amid cafes and galleries, includes knitting and weaving supplies at Fiber Kingdom, hand crafted items at the farm store of The Alpacas of Breezy Hill Ranch, designer fabrics at the full service Blind Buck Interiors and Discount Fabric Outlet, plus great hunting for antiques and interesting new items at Shushan’s Trips Antiques Gardens and Gifts.

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Back this year are 10 featured pilots who will fly up to 12 different balloons during the weekend’s four scheduled launches (Friday & Saturday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday mornings at 5:30 a.m.). Launches are at the Cambridge Central School and times are approximate and dependent on weather and winds. A carnival organized by the Cambridge PTP will occur adjacent to the launch area both nights. Friday night features

Opening Ceremonies with the Washington County Band at 6 p.m. A spectacular Fireworks Celebration closes out opening day.

After the early morning launch on Saturday, there are many events going on throughout the Village and surrounding area. Community organizations are offering breakfasts, craft shows, antique sales, children’s activities, open houses, tours of historical buildings, and a Balloon Festival Auto Show, organized by the Cambridge Lions in VARAK Park. Live music and performances organized by the Chamber will accompany the auto show.

At 5 p.m., the Taste of Cambridge Food Festival gets underway in the field behind the Cambridge Village Market (Cambridge Guest Home Park). Enjoy dinner and head over to the launch, or stay around and enjoy DJ music by Happy Days Again. Day 2 ends with the amazing Moon Glow in the guest home park.

The final balloon launch of the weekend will take place on Sunday at 5:30

a.m. Plan to stick around for the Cambridge Farmers’ Market in the freight yard behind Hubbard Hall.

The final official event of the weekend will be the Pilot’s Breakfast at 10 a.m. (location to be determined). This is a popular event, so be sure to contact us and make your reservations.

Admission to most of the festival events is free thanks to the many local sponsors who support it. To find out more about the festival, and to get the latest schedule details, visit the Chamber’s website: www.balloonfest.wordpress.com or find us on Facebook, or call 518-677-0887.



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Talent Showcase

SALEM – The Old Courthouse Talent Showcase will be held Saturday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fort Salem Theater (11 East Broadway). This event will showcase the finest talent in the area. The Showcase is sponsored by the Historic Salem Courthouse. For more information, call 518-854-7053 or email: hsepa@salemcourthouse.org.

Greenwich Gauntlet

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New Art Exhibit

Coming to the CCC

SALEM – An exciting new exhibit is taking shape in the Great Hall of the Salem Courthouse Community Center. *A Year in Paint* will feature the landscape oil paintings of Matt Chinian.



Matt paints landscapes in and around Cambridge all year long, including the recent polar vortex. His subjects are the farms, rivers, roads and bridges. A self-styled “Washington County Impressionist”, he uses a subdued pallet focusing on the subtlety of the day in paint. Each painting is numbered, dated and located on a map. Matt’s show will open with a reception at

the CCC on Friday, March 7 from 5 to 7 pm. It will run until May 2. The CCC is located at 58 East Broadway in Salem and is handicap accessible. Between March 3 and March 31, Matt’s paintings will also be on view at Uncommon Grounds on Broadway in Saratoga Springs – two opportunities to see the work of this talented artist!



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Washington County Band has steadily improved over the past 30 years making it one of the most revered community bands in the area.

Concerts this year include the Georgi Park in Shushan on July 10 at 7 p.m. and Whitehall Canal Park on August 1 at 7 p.m.; other venues will be added and announced during the season. For more information contact: 518-854-9339.

Antique Fair in Washington County

GREENWICH – Fairground Shows NY is pleased to announce their Antique Fairs for 2012. The first event will be held on May 5th and 6th, just one week before the Brimfield antique shows. The second Antique Fair at the fairgrounds is scheduled for August 4th and 5th, during the height of the Saratoga Springs racing season.

Greenwich is ideally situated for these events, just 30 miles north of the Albany/Troy/Schenectady area, and 12 miles east of the famous resort city of Saratoga Springs. Lake George is less than 20 miles away. The surrounding area is heavily steeped in colonial American History. The historic Saratoga Battlefield is only 3 miles from the fairground.

The Antique Fair features an average of over 200 dealers from all over the northeast, specializing in a wide variety of antiques, collectibles, crafts, and flea market items. Furniture, Post Cards, Art, Glassware, Tools, Linens, Records, Paper, Coins, Toys, and Smalls can be found at this event. Over 90% of our exhibitors specialize in antiques and older collectibles.

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ticket (also good for unlimited show re-entries) is only \$3. Seniors 65+ are only \$2, and children under 14 are admitted free. Public gates open at 8am on Saturday, and 9am Sunday.

Early Buyers can enter the grounds with the dealers during setup (Friday) using a \$10 early buyer pass available at the gate beginning at 6am, plus unlimited re-entries during public hours throughout the rest of the weekend.

There are acres of free parking at the fairgrounds, and camping facilities for those staying overnight. There is a porter service that can deliver your purchases to the gate area during show hours. Several dealers also provide appraisals for your antiques. Leashed pets are also welcome.

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ages enjoy this annual event!

The parade will step off on Friday, June 13 at 6 p.m. on Main Street. The theme this year is “A Day at the Beach”. This is your chance to dream up an ingenious float for the Friday evening parade which kicks off the Whipple City Festival celebration.

The two-day event will run Friday 6-10 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday starts with a 5K Race and Fun Walk at 8:30 a.m. Registration forms are available on the “Whipple City 5K” page of this web-

site. There will also be an Artisans’ Market with local hand crafters from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There will be two days of great food, Adirondack Brewery Craft Beer, continuous live entertainment (to be announced), family carnival games, exhibits & info booths, free horse & wagon rides through the village and many other family activities.

The Greenwich Free Library will be hosting a Whipple City Festival Book Sale both days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the library.

On Thursday evening preview sale for “Friends of the Library” only will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. (call Library to find out how to become a “Friend”). For more information, call 518-692-2027.

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