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*August 2 and 16: Ferrisburgh Town Selectboard meeting 6:30 PM*

*August 5: Bixby Movie Night 7:00 PM*

*August 6-7: Rabble in Arms Lake Champlain Maritime Museum*

*August 6 and 20: Ferrisburgh Grange King Pede card parties 6:30 PM*

*August 14: Pie and Ice Cream Social Rokeby 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM*

*August 20: Firefighters Chicken BBQ 4:30 PM Ferrisburgh Firehall*

The Ferrisburgh firefighters are holding their annual Chicken Barbeque on Saturday, August 20 at the Firestation on Route 7. The chicken is ready for munching at 4:30 PM and the fun keeps going until the food runs out. The firefighters' secret barbeque sauce is world famous and not to be missed! Please add this community get-together to your family's calendar – the funds raised support the firefighting capacity for our community, making this an important event.

The Ferrisburgh Grange's "King Pede" card parties are scheduled for the Saturdays of August 6 and 20. These get-togethers are held at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center and begin at 6:30 PM with a sandwich supper and then on to an evening of fun and card games. This is a great way to socialize with your neighbors and support our Grange – so please consider joining this event.

Don't miss Rokeby's renowned Pie and Ice Cream Social, being held this year on Sunday, August 14, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Come feast on peach, apple, and berry pies of every kind – and all the pies are served "a la mode." All "pie" proceeds support the Museum's events and operations. This summer, Rokeby is delving into Quaker beliefs about "plainness" and is exploring how Quaker life reflected simplicity in speech, clothing, furniture, and deportment. The exhibit, *Quaker Made: Vermont Furniture, 1820-1835*, presents a unique collection of furniture crafted by Quaker cabinetmaker Stephen Foster Stevens, who had a shop in Monkton. In addition, Rokeby's wonderful educational center hosts the permanent exhibit "Free and Safe: The Underground Railroad in Vermont" where visitors will learn about the incredible local and national history of the "Underground Railroad." Guided tours of the Rokeby house and museum are always available throughout their season. Rokeby Museum's listing of summer events can be found at [www.rokeby.org](http://www.rokeby.org).

The Ferrisburgh Historical Society is coordinating with Vermont's annual Genealogy Day, as organized by FHS member Ceal Moran. This year, the Genealogy Day get-together will be on Tuesday, August 9 from 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM. The gathering will be at the White River Craft Center, 50 Randolph Ave. in Randolph. For more information, contact Ceal Moran at 802-425-4929., the Ferrisburgh Historical Society is inviting ideas for speakers and events for their upcoming season. Contact Silas Towler with your suggestions: [silastowler@comcast.net](mailto:silastowler@comcast.net).

Revolution and the history of the pivotal Battle of Valcour Island of 1776 is the focus of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum's "Rabble in Arms" on the weekend of August 6 - 7. This event at LCMM takes its name from the historical novel *Rabble in Arms* by Kenneth Roberts.

Roberts' story focuses on the lives of the people caught up in the bitter northern battles of the American Revolution, and vividly illuminates the experience of Benedict Arnold's fleet confronting the British Royal Navy on Lake Champlain. The Rabble in Arms weekend at LCMM is an opportunity for the public to share the ongoing experimental archaeological research that began with the construction and sea trials of the replica gunboat *Philadelphia II*. A full crew of 44 re-enactors works aboard the *Philadelphia II* to learn more about the eighteenth-century style vessel and life on board, and recreates a dramatic scenario based on original journals and letters of people who were with the fleet on Lake Champlain in 1776. Over the years, visitors have found that taking part in such reenactments of historical events stimulates reflection on conflict and cooperation, encourages connects, and inspires discussion of our own lives and values. For more information, visit [www.lccmm.org](http://www.lccmm.org).

Come to the Kimball Brook Farm summer food events. The DeVos family will host a supper on Friday, August 5 at 5:00 PM featuring meals with local products along with the music of John Pinder and Andrew Wheeler. On Friday, August 19, beginning at 3:00 PM, Kimball Brook will host a farmers' market and summer supper featuring live music from Cruise Control. These events are at the Kimball Brook Farm site on Greenbush Rd. This will be a fun way to enjoy local dairy and meat products (for purchase), listen to some great music, and visit with your neighbors. Reservations are requested but not required. For more information, visit [www.kimballbrookfarm.com](http://www.kimballbrookfarm.com).

Enjoy the music of Shellhouse, a band of great talent as lead by Ferrisburgh's own Bob and Andrea Teer. The Band features original compositions reflecting an eclectic approach to folk and rock and roll. Shellhouse will be playing on August 11 at the Rusty Parker Park in Waterbury and on August 16 at Owl's Head Blueberry Farm in Richmond. Visit their website for more details and to listen to clips from their CDs: [www.shelhousemusic.com](http://www.shelhousemusic.com).

Friday Night Movies at the Bixby Library will feature "Midnight Special." The Bixby website describes this movie as being a "nod to the classic sci-fi of the 80s--E.T., Close Encounters of the Third Kind, and Starman, Indie filmmaker Jeff Nichols brings a riveting, suspenseful story. Roy (Michael Shannon) rescues his son Alton (Jaeden Lieberher) from a religious cult in Texas, whose members worship the boy for his supernatural powers. Along with a state trooper (Joel Edgerton), the pair go on a cross-country journey as they are hunted by federal agents, who believe Alton might be a threat to national security." The event will be Friday, August 5, 7:00 PM, in the Bixby's community room. For more information, visit [www.bixbylibarby.org](http://www.bixbylibarby.org) or call 877-2211.

Note: We are always interested in including a variety of Ferrisburgh-related news in this column; so if you have news that would be of interest, contact Sally Kerschner at [smwkersch@comcast.net](mailto:smwkersch@comcast.net). You are able to access these columns and other information about Ferrisburgh news and events by viewing the Ferrisburgh Town Website at [www.ferrisburghvt.org](http://www.ferrisburghvt.org).

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