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Some of the key events in our community for April, 2015:

April 3: Jazz at Shelburne Museum featuring VUHS musicians 6:00 PM

April 3 and 10: FCS Tot Gym 9:00 AM -10:30 AM

April 4 and 18: Ferrisburgh Grange King Pede Card Parties 6:30 PM

April 7: Commodore Booster Club Meeting VUHS Library 6:00 PM

April 7 and 21: Ferrisburgh Selectboard Meeting

April 7: Commodore PTG Presentation on Teens Tom Fontana 7:00 PM

April 9: Ferrisburgh Central School Board meeting 6:30 PM

April 10: Bixby Library Movie Club "Night Moves" 6:00 PM

April 11: VUHS Treasures and Trinkets Rummage Sale

April 12: Ferrisburgh Historical Society 2:00 PM

April 13: Ferrisburgh Central School PTO in Staff Room 6:15

April 13: VUHS Board Meeting VUHS Library 6:00 PM

April 16: Ferrisburgh Central School Band/Chorus Concert 7:00 PM

April 18: Rokeby Volunteer Orientation 11:00 AM

April 18: Lost Apples Pruning Workshop Rokeby 1:00 PM

May 2: Green Up Day

Rokeby Museum celebrates volunteers every April which is National Volunteer Month. This year Rokeby will host an orientation session for new recruits on Saturday, April 18 at 11:00 AM. Volunteers are the lifeblood of most nonprofit organizations, including Rokeby, where they handle everything from tour guiding to bookkeeping. If you love working with people, art and antiques, history, and reading other people's mail, then you should join our corps of dedicated tour guides. New guides will complete a brief training course that introduces them to the remarkable Quaker family that called Rokeby home and the 200 years of history they lived here. Volunteers study historic photographs, documents, art, and artifacts from the Museum's extensive collection and then share what they have learned with visitors, working two tour days per month during the season (May 17 to October 25 this year). Also, Rokeby Museum and Shacksbury Cider have teamed up to offer a "Lost Apples" pruning workshop on Saturday, April 18 at 1:00 PM. Grab your saw and come to Rokeby, where you can learn pruning techniques in the Museum's historic orchard. The Robinsons planted a large orchard in 1849, and Rokeby plans to revive it, so hone your skills and do a good deed at the same time. For more information contact Jane Williamson at rokeby@comcast.net.

The annual Trinkets and Treasures Rummage sale by the Commodore Parent Teacher Group will be held on the morning of April 11 at VUHS. Good used "stuff" can be donated during the drop-off time of Saturday April 3, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM, at Kennedy Brothers (the white section of the building). Declutter your home and come to shop on April 11, knowing that all proceeds from the rummage sale go toward supporting

enrichment opportunities for students at VUHS.

The Commodore Parent Teacher Group is pleased to announce a new initiative—the Parent/Family Lecture Series. The kick off event will be a discussion lead by Tom Fontana, Mental Health Counselor, on Tuesday, April 7, 7:00 AM – 8:30 PM at the VUHS library. Tom is a highly respected staff member at VUHS and known for connecting with students on a personal and individual level. He has gained a wealth of knowledge and insight working with teenagers in Addison County over the last 8 years. Tom will share some of his insight with parents and community members on the topic of talking with teens about dating and relationships. This will be the first of many presentations that will be continued in the fall of 2015. Watch for announcements about future topics as the lecture series continues next fall. Contact Carla Mayo at cmayo@anwsu.org for more information or to learn how to become involved in the Commodore PTG.

April is Jazz Appreciation Month and the Shelburne Museum will be hosting many musical events during the month, including one that features some of our very own VUHS students. The Bessette Quartet composed of local jazz musicians Eric Bessette (Tenor Sax), Doug Perkins (Guitar), Andy Smith (Bass) and Matt Davis (Drums) have invited select area High School All-Stars to sit in with them for an evening of jazz. Please come to this great night of music on Friday, April 3, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Pizzagalli Art Center at Shelburne Museum. Tickets are \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members.

The Bixby Library's Movie Club will meet Friday April 10 from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Each meeting begins with an introduction of the evening's film, then the film showing followed by a discussion session. Alex Jay Dubberly, a local screenwriter, is the evening's facilitator. The object of the club is to expand participants' awareness of good filmmaking and their appreciation of the various aspects of the art and entertainment format. The next movie showing will be *Night Moves* starring Gene Hackman, who was nominated for a BAFTA in this 1975 "film noir" movie about a private detective hired to work on what seems to be a standard mission persons case.

The Ferrisburgh Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Sunday, April 12, at 2:00 PM, at the Ferrisburgh Town Offices/Community Center. The program will be a presentation by Frances Foster, of Charlotte. Much of Vermont's beautiful architecture was constructed between 1800-1900. Architectural historian, Frances Foster, will focus on many Addison and Chittenden County buildings from this era. She will describe what distinguishes each style of 19th century architecture to assist attendees to truly appreciate the variety of architectural styles that make Vermont such a beautiful state. A convenient hand-out will be given to everyone as a guide to identifying local architecture at the end of the presentation. Also, Ed Dooley's film, "Ferrisburgh, A Vermont Town with History... and a Future", will be broadcast on Vermont Public TV on April 27 at 9:00 PM, and on May 2 at 8:00 PM. DVD's of this film are available for purchase from the Ferrisburgh Historical Society.

The Ferrisburgh Grange's "King Pede" card parties are scheduled for the Saturdays of

April 4 and 18. 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. All are welcome – this is a great way to socialize with your neighbors and support our Grange.

Green Up Day is on Saturday May 2 - so watch for upcoming details on Front Porch Forum or the town website. Residents will be able to pick up their Green Up trash bags, choose an area to cover for litter removal, and then drop off their bags of trash at certain sties throughout Ferrisburgh. The snow is now melting to reveal a winters' worth of trash, so it is time to get out and clean up! Also, when filing Vermont taxes, remember that we all can support Green Up Day by donating any amount (even only \$5.00) by marking Line 29. For more information on Green Up Day and how to support, contact Deb Healey at lumiere@gmavt.net.

Note: We are always interested in having 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. 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.