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Some of the key events in our community for September 2015:

**September 1 and 15: Ferrisburgh Selectboard Meeting**

**September 5: Ferrisburgh Grange King Pede Card Party, 6:30 PM**

**September 10: Ferrisburgh Central School Board Meeting, 7:30**

**September 12: Ferrisburgh Day, Town Garage, 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**September 13: “Who’s Milking Now?” by Cheryl Mitchell, Rokeby, 3:00 PM.**

**September 21: Peace One Day ceremony, Vergennes Union High School**

**September 23: Ferrisburgh Town Plan public hearing, 6:30 PM**

**September 24: Ferrisburgh Central School Open House, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**September 27: Daisy Turner’s Kin by Jane Beck, Rokeby, 3:00 PM**

The Ferrisburgh Grange has scheduled a “King Pede” card party are scheduled for Saturday, September 5. This get-together will be held at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center and begins 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 to support our Grange – so please consider joining this event.

Saturday, September 12 is Ferrisburgh Day! This year's Ferrisburgh Day will be held in combination with an Open House for the new Town Highway Garage facility. The party will be held at the new Town Garage on Little Chicago Road and there will be lots of fun with food, games, and music. Bring a dish to share for the pot luck and also your favorite pie for the pie contest. The events will run from 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Contact the Ferrisburgh Town Office for more information or if you are able to assist in the planning: 877-3429. Plan now to attend this fun event that will allow us as friends and neighbors to gather and celebrate Ferrisburgh!

Rokeby Museum has two significant event scheduled for September. On September 13 at 3:00 PM, Cheryl Mitchell of the Addison County Farmworker Coalition will present “Who’s Milking Now?” about Vermont’s undocumented Hispanic farmworkers and their local living situations. She will discuss how these workers play a key role in our area’s dairy industry and milk production. On Sunday, September 27, at 3:00 PM, folklorist Jane Beck will present on her years of interviews and research with Daisy Turner and the Turner family’s history in Vermont. In 1983, Beck began to interview Turner, then one hundred years old and a daughter of freed African American slaves. Beck has captured the history of this unique and historically important family in her recently published book “Daisy Turner’s Kin: An African American Family Saga”, copies of which will be available at this event. Also, Rokeby is requesting area residents to check their bookshelves and attics for copies of books by Rowland Robinson. Rokeby Museum has been introducing Robinson to a new generation of readers, but the Museum has sold out the entire inventory of the original editions. Rowland E. Robinson, born at Rokeby in

1833, grew up to become Vermont's premier author of the 19th century. Since the books are all out of print, Rokeby relies on friends to donate copies of the books they no longer need or want, such as his accounts of "Old Vermont". Don't let these family treasures decay and end up in the landfill – Instead please bring these books to the Museum's Education Center. For more information, contact Jane Williamson at [Rokeby@comcast.com](mailto:Rokeby@comcast.com).

Our community's schools are open for the fall and there are great preparations going on to insure a successful 2015-2016! Ferrisburgh Central School opened for the year on August 26 and already the building is bustling with academic, sports, and extracurricular activities. Students are fundraising for a variety of events and travels (such as the annual Sixth Grade Canada Trip!) so as they appear at your door with wares to sell, please support them as you are able. The FCS PTO Meetings will be starting up this fall, so contact the school to learn how you can volunteer to support the PTO and their wonderful activities. The FCS Open House for parents and families will be held on Wednesday, September 24 at 6:00 PM. Also, feel free to attend the FCS School Board meeting on Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 PM to learn more about the great work that makes our FCS a successful school! A special "shout out" to FCS's Kathy Pudvar, who was chosen as the Teacher of the Year for FCS by her peers. Ms. Pudvar will be formally recognized by the Agency of Education and the University of Vermont at a celebration in October. For further information on FCS, visit <http://www.anwsu.org/fcs> or call 877-3463.

Vergennes Union Middle/High School is also gearing up for the 2015-2016 school year. Sports and music opportunities are already organized and don't forget the upcoming School Musical in November. The annual Peace One Day event will be held on Monday September 21 on the school grounds. Visit the school website for more information on how we as a community can support our students and our school community: <http://www.vuhs.org/>

Addison County Readers is a volunteer organization that supports preschoolers' language and literacy development via sponsorship of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Each month the children, ages 0-5, who are enrolled in this program, are mailed a free age-appropriate book from the Imagination Library that is theirs to keep. The ACR are looking for volunteers to assist with program activities such as enrolling children, fund raising to pay for the cost of the books, and helping with public relations events. Interested volunteers can contact Margo Grace at [mmjgrace@gmail.com](mailto:mmjgrace@gmail.com) and learn more about the program at [www.addisoncountyreaders.org](http://www.addisoncountyreaders.org).

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is celebrating September's National Archeology Month by offering behind-the-scenes conservation laboratory workshops. The museum's professional conservators invite you right into the lab to learn the process of archeological conservation. The LCMM lab facility is considered world class and has received a complete renovation this past spring! The museum's conservators work to preserve artifacts from a variety of regional archaeology projects. Each Saturday in September, lab staff will offer hands-on opportunities focused on a specific conservation technique. Pre-registration is required and the registration price includes Museum

admission (LCMM Members are free). For more information on all the events at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, visit [www.lcmm.org](http://www.lcmm.org).

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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