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

*May 5 and 19: Ferrisburgh Selectboard Meeting*  
*May 9: VUMS/VUHS marching band at All States Band Parade, Middlebury*  
*May 9: Rokeby Clean Up Day 9:30 – 12:00*  
*May 11: Ferrisburgh Central School PTO in Staff Room 6:15*  
*May 13: Commodore PTG Meeting VUHS Library 6:30 PM*  
*May 14: VUHS Board Meeting VUHS Library 6:00 PM*  
*May 14: Ferrisburgh Central School Board meeting 6:30 PM*  
*May 16 and 30: Ferrisburgh Grange King Pede Card Parties 6:30 PM*  
*May 16: Lake Champlain Maritime Museum opening*  
*May 17: Rokeby Museum season opening and author Don Papson*  
*May 23: VUMS/VUHS marching band at Essex Junction Memorial Day Parade*  
*May 25: VUMS/VUHS marching band at Vergennes Memorial Day Parade*  
*May 27: FCS School Board Meeting VUHS Carousel 6:30 PM*

Congratulations to the VUHS Symphonic Band and Concert Choir for their award winning performances at the Heritage Music Festival in Boston, MA on April 11. They earned Gold/Superior honors. The band also brought home a trophy for "Outstanding Band" at the festival. In addition to performing, the students saw performances by the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Blue Man Group. They toured Flutistry in Boston, owned by VUHS alumnus Adam Workman ('98) [www.flutistry.com](http://www.flutistry.com). The students also spent an afternoon at the Museum of Fine Arts. Ferrisburgh is invited to see our talented band and choral ensembles at the many upcoming Vermont All States Music Festival performances: 1) Wednesday May 6, 6:00 PM, Parade through downtown Middlebury, 2) Thursday May 7, 8:00 PM, Middlebury Congregational Church, Scholarship Concert, 3) Friday May 8, 7:30 PM, MUHS Gym, Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Scholarship Concert, 4) Saturday May 9, 2:00 PM, Middlebury Hockey Rink, All State Chorus, Orchestra and Band Concert. We are pleased that this year's All State Music Festival events and performances are located nearby in Middlebury, so please plan to attend this event listen to our talented students create wonderful music: [www.vmea.org/allState](http://www.vmea.org/allState). The public is also welcome to support the VUMS/VUHS marching bands: May 23, 10:00 AM, Essex Junction Memorial Day Parade, and May 25, 10:45 AM, Vergennes Memorial Day Parade.

Camp Outright is a week-long residential summer camp program for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and allied (LGBTQQA) youth. This year the camp is scheduled for August 16-22, 2015, ages 13-22, to be held at the Common Ground Center in Starksboro, Vermont. Camp Outright is a traditional summer camp program with workshops and activities to address the needs stated by queer and questioning youth. Campers participate in a wide variety of daily activities based upon their interests,

including swimming, sports and games, visual and performing arts, wilderness skills, social justice, and identity caucuses. For more information:

<http://www.campoutright.org/register/registration/>

The Broadway Direct Musical Theater Camp will be held August 3 ó 7, 9:30 AM ó 3:30 PM., for ages 13 ó 18. (There is a limit to 20 students at \$285 per student). Broadway veterans Bill Carmichael and Sue Burk Walsh are thrilled to announce their first annual musical theater camp at the Vergennes Opera House, alongside one of Boston's finest Musical Directors, Scott Nicholas. Guest artists will also be involved to round out the experience. This 5-day camp features singing, acting and dance/stage movement in a loving and nurturing environment, with a fun showcase performance for friends and family on the final day. It is highly recommended that students have had some theater experience (i.e. a high school musical, theatrical and/or dance classes). Registration: email [broadwaydirectvt@gmail.com](mailto:broadwaydirectvt@gmail.com) or call 802-989-2129. For more information visit [http://vergennessoperahouse.org/home/camps\\_classes](http://vergennessoperahouse.org/home/camps_classes).

The Ferrisburgh Grange's "King Pede" card parties are scheduled for the Saturdays of May 16 and 30. 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 ó so please consider joining this event.

The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum will open for the season on Saturday, May 16. For a complete listing of events and also the many children's camp opportunities, please visit [www.lcmm.org](http://www.lcmm.org). The Museum is holding its annual Juried Photo Exhibit: *Lake Champlain Through the Lens*. The many seasons and moods of Lake Champlain have been beautifully reflected in this annual exhibit of outstanding work by professional and amateur photographers - the 2015 image theme is *Spring Into Lake Champlain*. This year's competition uses a new online format, with a submission deadline of May 30 or when 40 eligible entries have been received. *Through The Lens* is now a 100% digital online exhibit, with opportunities to participate four times per year. The calls for entries will follow the seasons of Lake Champlain in images.

The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is proud to partner with Burlington Parks, Recreation & Waterfront to announce its inaugural Lake Adventure Camps this summer for students ages 8 ó 14 years. Each program offers hands-on experiential adventures for young explorers to discover our region's rich maritime heritage and environment. Participants will work with the museum's team of summer counselors, professional archaeologists, ecologists, divers, and mariners while learning new skills in and out of the water. The students will participate in ROV expeditions, snorkeling archaeology, and lake ecology canoe ventures. Information and registration: [www.lcmm.org](http://www.lcmm.org)

The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is again offering Champlain Discovery to area teens. Participants will build their own sea kayak that will send them off on a ten day adventure of a lifetime. After completing the kayak, the youth will learn paddling skills as well as wilderness camping and safety skills. The ten-day kayak trip starts in Whitehall, New York and ends in Burlington a distance of sixty-five miles. This is a

perfect way to explore the rich cultural and natural history of Lake Champlain by kayaking over half the length of Lake Champlain. Dates for the program are June 22 - July 25. To apply or get more information call Nick Patch at 475-2022 or email [nickp@lcm.org](mailto:nickp@lcm.org). Scholarships are available based on need.

Rokeby Museum's season opening day will be Sunday, May 17. However, before that event, Rokeby is putting out a call for volunteers to help with a spring clean-up work day on Saturday, May 9, beginning at 9:30. Board, staff, and volunteers gather every year to clean the winter's mess out of the outbuildings, weed gardens, refresh pathways, tidy porches, and generally get everything ship shape for opening day. On opening day, Rokeby is pleased to host author Don Papsen who will present at 3:00 PM about the content in his new book, "Secret Lives of the Underground Railroad in New York City", co-authored with Tom Calarco. Abolitionist editor Sydney Howard Gay and black New Yorker Louis Napoleon formed a team to aid fugitive slaves during the 1850s. Gay kept a record of their actions which is the subject matter for Papsen's book and presentation. Don Papsen was awarded the 2012 Underground Railroad Free Press Prize in Leadership for co-founding the North Country Underground Railroad Historical Association and establishing the North Star Underground Railroad Museum. He lives in Plattsburgh, New York, and blogs at [www.secretlivesoftheundergroundrailroadinnyc.com](http://www.secretlivesoftheundergroundrailroadinnyc.com). For more information, email to [Rokeby@comcast.net](mailto:Rokeby@comcast.net).

Local chef extraordinaire Sarah Anderson and art educator Amy Tewksbury are offering fun-filled week long camps focusing on cooking and art. These camps are designed for children ages 8-12 and will run weekly from June 22 - July 31 from 8-4. If interested, please contact Sarah at 425-2308 or Amy at 881-8799/[atewks@gmail.com](mailto:atewks@gmail.com) for more information.

The hanging of the Ferrisburgh Hollow banners is being planned by the Ferrisburgh Central School and the North Ferrisburgh Hollow Association. Last year, the Association chose 24 designs from Ferrisburgh Central School student artwork to make into boulevard banners for the Hollow Road. The students created the designs as part of a project with Allison Parson, FCS Art Teacher. This effort is part of a traffic calming project, encouraging drivers to slow down and enjoy the artwork and not speed through the highly residential district of North Ferrisburgh. The banners have been printed through generous donations from Hollow residents and are now ready to hang. Permission has been granted by Green Mountain Power to use existing poles for hanging. These students have created some wonderful designs and it will be very pleasing to be able to see their artwork on display in the unique environment of the Ferrisburgh Hollow. The project is still seeking someone locally who could volunteer to coordinate the rental and use of a "man lift" for installation. If anyone knows of an available lift, contact Allison Parsons at [aparsons@anwsu.org](mailto:aparsons@anwsu.org).

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](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).

