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July 3 and 17: Ferrisburgh Town Selectboard meeting 6:30 PM

July 6: First Friday Film "Annihilation" Bixby 6:30 PM

July 7 and 21: Ferrisburgh Grange King Pede card party 6:30 PM

July 15: "Disrupting Silence" Gallery Talk Rokeby 3:00 PM

July 15: "Fabric of Emancipation" Exhibit Opening 3:00 PM

July 28: Natural Basketry Workshop Rokeby 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

You are invited to visit the Bixby Library – on-line (www.bixbylibrary.org) – to see the schedule of all their summer events – and then be sure to visit in-person to enjoy a summer of reading, movies, and fun community events. This month's First Friday Movie will be on July 6 at 6:30 PM. The film, "Annihilation," stars Natalie Portman as a biologist who leads an expedition into a mysterious region where evolution has taken a twisted turn. Also, remember that the Bixby provides free passes for many of Vermont's museums and parks – providing a perfect way to enjoy the many summer events in our state. The Bixby also offers summer children's story hours at the Vergennes Farmers Market and the famous Book Sales every Saturday.

The "King Pede" card parties as held by the Ferrisburgh Grange are scheduled for the Saturdays of July 7 and 21. 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. King Pede is an unusual game that involves "trick-taking" techniques such as in Hearts and Spades or Pitch. This is a game of fun and skill so come prepared to use your strategic thinking!

The Ferrisburgh Historical Society has had a successful season of events that promote our understanding and appreciation of our local and state history. The FHS leadership thanks the many community members who have made this season a success. Most recently, the FHS thanks the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum and the Basin Harbor Club for arranging a wonderful cruise of Lake Champlain for their June event. Mark your calendar now for the first event of the fall taking place on Sunday, September 23 at 3:00 PM. Judy Chaves, long time North Ferrisburgh resident, historian and naturalist, will present on her newly released guidebook about the history of Mt. Philo. Chaves' book and presentation will describe the history of such events as the mid-1800's deforestation and the rise of "sheep fever," the rise of tourism and nature conservation, and will include maps, photographs, and even a bit of poetry. Contact Gail Blasius for more information on this event and also consider joining the FHS: gblasius@aol.com.

On Sunday, July 15 at 3:00 PM, Rokeby will host a Gallery Talk, *Disrupting Silence*, to open Rokeby's 2018 special exhibit *The Fabric of Emancipation*. Harlem Needle Arts director and exhibit curator Michelle Bishop will speak about the influence of textile art as resistance for social change. *The Fabric of Emancipation* features pieces by eight of the country's preeminent fiber, textile and needle artists. The works share and are defined by some element of thread construction, but are diverse in presentation, including

quilting, embroidery, mixed media, costume, and fiber fusion. Each work speaks to the artist's view of the African Diaspora and his or her own personal historical interpretation.

Rokeby is hosting a workshop on Natural Basketry on Saturday, July 28, from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Willow, ash and oak are the common Eastern U.S. materials for making traditional baskets, and in each case, there is a considerable amount of work in preparing the materials for weaving. However, there are ways to use these and other wild materials in their fresh, raw state. Join Catherine Brooks, Rokeby Museum Director and a recognized expert on basketry, to forage materials in the Rokeby woods and weave them into a simple melon basket that you'll take home the same day. After this, you'll be able to make more baskets on your own. Participants will need to bring simple household tools and wear protective clothing. For more information and to register, email director@rokeby.org. There is a fee of \$60.00 per person.

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is participating in the commemoration of a historic event all this summer and fall. In 1868 the Flint Glass Works made a daring business decision to relocate from Brooklyn to Corning NY. The factory was dismantled and packed onto canal boats to make the journey. Since that fateful decision 150 years ago, Corning's innovations have come to include the glass for Edison's incandescent lamp, the first televisions, spacecrafts, telescopes, fiber optics, and today's smartphone Gorilla glass. To commemorate this anniversary of this move, the three museums of the Corning Museum of Glass, the New York City South Street Seaport and the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, will retrace this original journey. The "GlassBarge Flotilla" is made up of Corning's mobile glassworks GlassBarge, as pushed by South Street's historic wooden tugboat *W.O. Decker* and will be accompanied by the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum's 1862 replica canal schooner *Lois McClure* and tug *C.L. Churchill*. Beginning in Brooklyn in May, the site from which the original Flint Glass Works departed 150 years ago, these vessels are journeying north along the Hudson, to enter the Erie Canal near Albany and then to travel west to Buffalo before returning to the Finger Lakes region in September for a final celebration in Corning NY. The *Lois McClure* will make a triumphant appearance back in Vermont at the end of her journey on the weekend of October 6-7. Follow along the route of these vessels at the LCMM blog and website - <https://glassbargetour.lcmm.org/visit-follow/> - or organize your vacation plans so you can visit the Flotilla in person as it stops at the many ports of call on its journey to Corning.

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. 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.

