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*September 1 and 15: Ferrisburgh Grange King Pede card party 6:30 PM*  
*September 4 and 18: Ferrisburgh Town Selectboard meeting 6:30 PM*  
*September 7: First Friday Movie "A Quiet Place" Bixby 6:30 PM*  
*September 10: Ferrisburgh Central School PTO Meeting 6:15 PM*  
*September 16: The Quilt Code Myth Rokeby Museum 3:00 PM*  
*September 23: Secrets of Mt. Philo at Rokeby (not FHS offices) 3:00 PM*

The Ferrisburgh Historical Society is featuring a presentation by Judy Chaves on Sunday, September 23 at 3:00 PM at Rokeby Museum. Judy Chaves, long time North Ferrisburgh resident, historian and naturalist, will present on her newly released guidebook about the history of Mt. Philo, entitled *Secrets of Mt. Philo: A guide to the history of Vermont's first state park*. Chaves' 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 at [gblasius@aol.com](mailto:gblasius@aol.com).

Rokeby's 2018 special exhibit is *The Fabric of Emancipation* that features pieces by eight of the country's preeminent fiber, textile and needle artists. The works 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. A special presentation entitled *The Quilt Code Myth and Other Mysteries of the Underground Railroad* will be held on September 16 at 3:00 PM. Myths, misinterpretations, and distortions of the history of slavery are often a mixture of fact, folklore, and speculation. In spite of a surge in research and documentation of the real Underground Railroad, these myths and legends persist. Kate Clifford Larson, an historian and leading Harriet Tubman scholar will speak about the root of the Quilt Code myth, its counterfactual elements, its curious proliferation during the late 20th century, and its place among the pantheon of Underground Railroad mythology. What purpose does the Quilt Code serve? Real escape stories will be shared to demonstrate the readily available sources that reveal the real people, places, and methods of the Underground Railroad — true histories worth honoring and celebrating. For more information, visit: <http://rokeby.org/visit/programsevents/>.

The "King Pede" card parties as held by the Ferrisburgh Grange are scheduled for the Saturdays of September 1 and 15. 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!

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is participating in the commemoration of the 1868 relocating of the Flint Glass Works from Brooklyn to Corning NY. The factory was dismantled and packed onto canal boats to make the journey. Since that 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 along the Hudson River and the Erie Canal. Follow along the route of the Glass Barge Flotilla 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.

The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is moving into its Fall season of events. Explore a shipwreck – without getting wet! There are over 300 historic shipwrecks at the bottom of Lake Champlain and visitors can take a tour boat to the site of one of these wooden wrecks and go for a “dive” using a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV). The ROV Shipwreck Tour will be held on Sunday September 9 and September 30 at 1:00 PM. August 12. Also, a knife bladesmithing course will be offered on the weekend of September 29 -30. 25 and 26. Bladesmithing expert, Bob Bordeaux, will teach a two-day course on how to forge a hidden tang knife blade including the basics of how to heat treat and temper blades. Each student goes home with a complete knife. For more information on registration for these events and other goings-on, visit: [www.lcmm.org](http://www.lcmm.org).

Our schools are open and ready for another exciting school year for our area’s students. Music, sports and academic activities are all gearing up for a great school year. VUHS will participate in the world-wide Peace One Day event on September 21, working toward global ceasefire and non-violence solutions to international conflict. This year’s VUHS musical is Anything Goes and all students in the high school and middle school are welcome to participate in the many roles required to create this annual high-quality production. Ferrisburgh Central School welcomes community volunteers to assist with student activities. If you are interested, call the school and get more information from Mrs. Lawrence at For all events and for information as to how the community can support our schools, visit the various webpages and facebook sites: <http://www.vuhs.org>; <https://sites.google.com/a/anwsd.org/fcs/>.

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).

