



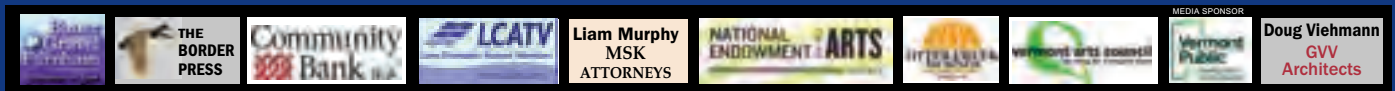
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2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS & CLASSES

in the Champlain Islands of Vermont, Grand Isle County

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To foster diverse arts and creative opportunities for the youth and community of Vermont's Grand Isle County.

Island Arts Values:

Community, Culture, Arts, Education, Diversity, Grassroots, Partnerships, Self-sustaining, Volunteerism, Accessibility.

Island Arts Vision:

To be Grand Isle County's key arts-centric resource for rural communities through programs in our own center and with partners.



WHAT WE DO

- Support our local artists and artisans.
- Bring professional artistic events and performances to the community.
- Promote a strong Youth Agenda.
- Attract visitors who help support our local businesses.
- 22 years and under can join all our concerts for FREE.

WHERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

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- **AT THE DOOR**
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In Memory of Ann Porter



Ann Porter's passing marks the loss of a quiet but powerful force behind Vermont's creative community. As one of the founders of Island Arts, she helped turn a small local vision into a welcoming space where artists, students, and neighbors could gather, learn, and feel inspired.

Her belief that the arts should be accessible to everyone shaped the organization's mission and left a lasting imprint on the islands she loved.

Gifts made in Ann's memory honor the spirit with which she lived-quiet leadership, unwavering kindness, and a belief that the arts should be accessible to all. Each contribution helps carry forward the work she began, ensuring that future generations can experience the joy, discovery, and community she championed.

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Fireworks at Knight Point State Park

July 3rd - Starting at Dusk

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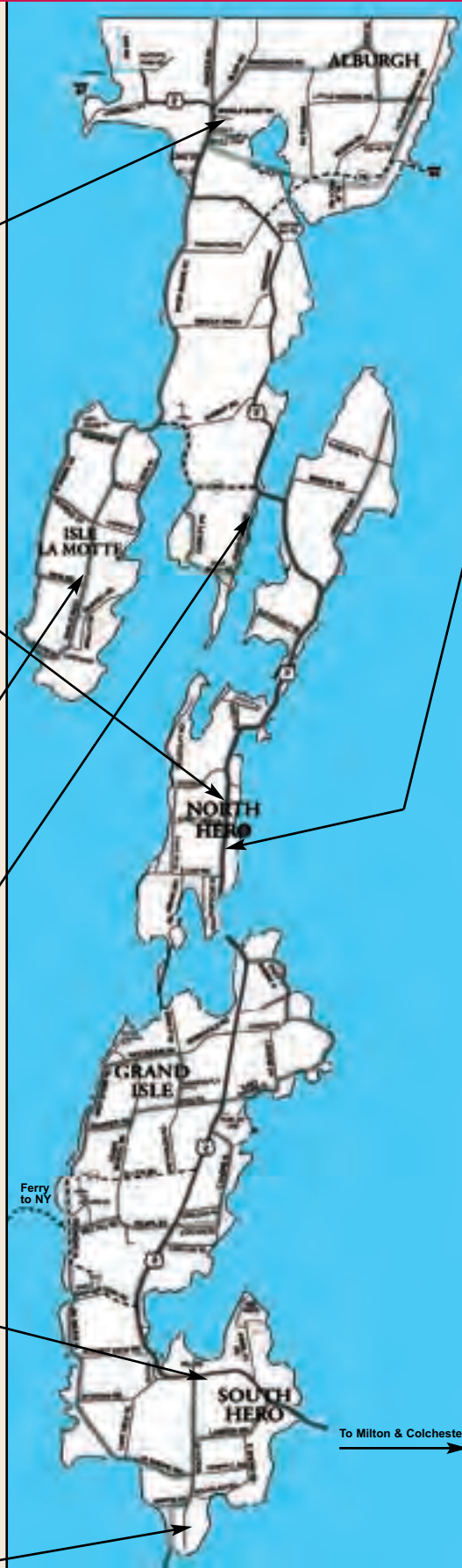
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Weekly Classes



Tai Chi

DATE AND TIME: Every Thursday from May 28 – September 3, 2026;
4:00 – 5:00 pm

INSTRUCTOR: Rob Rousseau

LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT

COSTS: Free, Donations to Island Arts appreciated

Join us in Tai Chi for health and relaxation. New students are always welcome. Tai Chi is, literally, the connecting of individual energy to the universe energy through a series of movements. Moving simply and letting go of our own blocks allows Chi, or energy, to flow. QiGong is a method of movement from which Tai Chi and a plethora of other movements have evolved. Classes held outside weather permitting; otherwise, class will move inside the barn.

Yin Yoga for All Beginner, Aging, Active, and Athletic

DATE AND TIME: June 22- August 31 (No class July 6 and August 3)
Monday mornings 9:00 - 10:00 am

INSTRUCTOR: Bob Muncil

LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT

COSTS: \$10 donation (cash, check, venmo at the door)



Yin Yoga is a contemplative practice that targets the connective tissues of the body such as tendons, ligaments, and the deep fascia network. This practice consists of going into a pose, finding stillness, and then connecting to the breath while holding the pose for 3-4 minutes. Most poses are seated poses similar to stretching poses. This is a great practice for people with an active mind as well as an active body. If you are new to yoga this is a wonderful place to start.

Bob is a certified Yin Yoga and meditation instructor. No experience necessary. No registration required. Just drop in. A limited number of mats will be available for use.



Kundalini Yoga

DATE AND TIME: June 24, 2026 – September 2, 2026;
(No class July 8 and August 5) Wednesday mornings 9:00 - 10:30 am

INSTRUCTOR: Kim Muncil

LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT

COSTS: \$15 donation (cash, check, venmo at the door)

Kundalini Yoga is an ancient practice that includes movement, breathwork, meditation, and chanting. Each class has a theme and so each class is very different. Classes are designed yoga sets (kriyas) that work on specific physical, emotional, and mental aspects of the body. It is a beautiful practice that will raise your energy and touch your heart. Kim's classes include live music and end with a gong relaxation. Kim is a 500 hour Kundalini and meditation instructor as well as a certified breath coach. No experience is necessary. No registration required. Just drop in. A limited number of yoga mats are available to use.


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May 31 - June 18

Appalachian Flatfootin' Clogging Workshop



DATE AND TIME: Sunday, May 31, 2026; 2:00 - 3:30 pm

LOCATION: Isle LaMotte Methodist Church

COST: FREE, RSVP to recreation@islelamotte.gov

Ages: 12 - 95+, 15 participants

Flatfooting is a unique style of percussive dance that originated in the southern Appalachian hills and valleys. This dance style is a blend of Native American, African, and African-American cultures with the folk dance traditions of the British Isles. It is danced to lively Old Time Appalachian fiddle and banjo music.

We'll explore some basic steps like chugs, slides, the Tennessee Walking Step, and combine them into rhythmic phrases. It's a lot of fun for folks of all ages—from kids to grandparents. Here's a little taste of the foot-tappin' fun! Instructor Linda Wickenden has taught Appalachian clogging and flatfooting for many years. She has performed throughout Vermont and competed as a musician and dancer at the West Virginia Appalachian String Band Music Festival (known as "Clifftop").

A free event offered in partnership with the Isle La Motte Recreation Department. Light refreshments will be served after the workshop, courtesy of the ILM Recreation Department. Photo credit: John Coutlakis, jcoutlakis@citizen-times.com. Courtesy of the Asheville Citizen Times.

Thalia: "An Untold Story of Women Composers"

DATE AND TIME: Saturday, June 13, 2026; 7:00 - 8:30 pm

LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT

COST: FREE concert, thanks to VT Anonymous Donors.

THALIA presents 'An Untold Story.' Music by female composers through the centuries. This unusual program includes a wide array of styles and arrangements, from solo piano, violin and piano, violin duets, and duets with piano. The Thalia ensemble—Mary Jane Austen on piano, and Sofia Hirsch and Laura Markowitz violins—looks forward to sharing this unique program with you.

Composers range from the 18th century Maddalena Lombardini Sirmen, 19th century Clara Schumann, and 20th century Gracyna Basewicz, Amy Beach, Rebecca Clark, Eva Saether, and Jessie Montgomery. There will be introductions to the more unknown of these artists.

This program was designed in celebration of women's history month in March, but anytime is a great time to correct the narrative of music history and remember all people have a voice and a place in the evolution of classical music. Mary Jane will play a Yamaha C7 concert grand piano provided through the courtesy of the Vermont Youth Orchestra Association. Island Arts is most grateful for their support.



Bird Walk - Goodsell Ridge

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, June 18, 2026; 9:00 - 11:00 am

LOCATION: Goodsell Ridge Preserve

INSTRUCTOR: Maeve Kim

COST: \$10

Explore the Goodsell Ridge Preserve and the birds that inhabit the area this spring. Join Maeve as she guides you through connecting with the Preserve and its birds.

Participants age 8 and above is suggested. Anyone between 8 and 12 must be accompanied by a parent for the June bird walks. Bring some lotion and hat, dress for ticks.

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Book Sale and Bric-à-Brac Sale



DATE AND TIME: Saturday and Sunday, June 20-21, 2026;
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 U.S. Rte. 2, North Hero, VT

COST: FREE ADMISSION. Books by donation

Once again, Island Arts offers a huge book sale by DONATION on a June weekend. This is our only 2026 book sale. We offer books for all readers' tastes, as well as welcoming book donations from anybody who has overstocked books to contribute.



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BRIC-À-BRAC SALE

On the barn's lower level, browse for Bric-à-Brac treasures. This is a fundraising event to help support Island Arts programs.

Summer Solstice Celebration



DATE AND TIME: Sunday, June 21, 2026; 9:30 - 10:45 am

LOCATION: North Hero House Pier (Community Hall if it is rainy or cold)

COST: By donation for Island Arts

Celebrate the light of the season and the beginning of summer at our Summer Solstice Celebration! Join Kim and Bob Muncil and special guest, Laleh Nader, at the North Hero House pier where we will be surrounded by the breathtaking view of Lake Champlain.

The event will include gentle yoga movements and breath to awaken the body, uplift the spirit, and align with the radiant energy of the sun. Vocalist, Laleh Nader, will carry us deeper into presence with performances, soulful chanting, and sing-alongs that will invite connection and joy for this special time. No experience is necessary. Participants should dress in comfy clothes and bring a yoga mat. (Some mats and chairs will be available for use.)

Mango Jam Vermont - Free Family Barn Dance



DATE AND TIME: Saturday, June 27, 2026; 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

Grounds open at 5:30. Optional picnic on the green.

LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT

Outside concert. If weather requires, concert will move inside the barn.

COST: FREE CONCERT, thanks to VT Anonymous Donors.

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Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a summer evening overlooking beautiful Lake Champlain. Boogie on the Bayou – the Zydeco and Cajun sounds of Louisiana! Lots of room to dance and space for kids to move around.

Mango Jam Vermont, a six-piece dance band from Burlington, plays straight-ahead Zydeco as well as New Orleans inspired funk, Reggae, and Ska. Its infectious beats and great sound will get your feet moving. Band members are Gus Ziesing, accordions, saxophones and vocals; Mimi Ryan, alto saxophone, rubboard, and vocals; Peter Riley, bass and vocals; Dennis Willmott, guitar and vocals; Bill Mullins, guitar; Cannon Labrie on Cajun accordion and vocals; and Michael Bradshaw on drums. *Jeremy Greeff, proprietor of the Boerie Roll, will be providing food with a South African flair.*

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June 28 – July 10

Calamellus Trio - Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon



DATE AND TIME: Sunday, June 28, 2026; 4:00 to 5:30 pm, no intermission

LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT

COST: \$25 at local outlets and online – \$30 at the door

This ensemble of local musicians features music of the Baroque and contemporary women composers, played on the oboe, clarinet, and bassoon. Experience the Calamellus Trio in an intimate chamber concert that brings rich, layered sound to our island community. This is the first appearance of Calamellus at the Island Arts Summer Arts Festival. Reserve your seat, invite a friend, and spend an evening discovering how three woodwinds can fill the room with color, conversation, and connection.

The program includes a Baroque Suite with pieces by Handel, Rameau, Lully, and Boyce; Century Dances by Cecilia McDowall, a contemporary British woman composer, highlights the wide variety of dance music; Allemande, Menuet, Mazurka, Tango, and Rock – Last Dance; Mozart Divertimento; The Sequoia Trio for oboe, clarinet, bassoon by contemporary American composer Jenni Brandon, a very atmospheric and environmentally conscious piece that will speak to people who love Vermont; Pajirillo “little bird” by Cardozo Castro, a Columbian composer and infused with a Latin feel.

The three musicians are principals in the Champlain Philharmonic Orchestra: Ruby Brezinsky, Oboe; Lisa Hoyt, Bassoon; Margaret Barsumian, Clarinet. Meet and greet the Trio members and enjoy light refreshments after the performance. Their concert last fall in South Hero was enjoyed by a full house. This is your opportunity to enjoy this unusual ensemble.

Handcrafted Greeting Card Quilling Workshop

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, July 1, 2026; 10:30 am – 12:00 pm; no intermission

INSTRUCTOR: Pat Brennan

LOCATION: 275 South Street, South Hero, VT

COST: \$12



Experience the fun of card-making using quilling designs with a workshop taught by Pat Brennan. An Islander since 1969, Pat has been giving card classes for over six years. She will teach you basic techniques of quilling, folding and bending paper to create unique patterns then placing them on a card. At your first class, in addition to the class fee, you will be required to buy a tool kit (\$7) that includes a dispenser with double-sided tape, glue dots, sponge daubers, and a little bling.

You will receive two kits. Each kit will create a beautiful one-of-a-kind card with envelope, a card likely to cost \$6 or \$7 in a store—if you could find one as nice! This is a great opportunity to have fun, learn card-making, and surprise friends and family with beautiful cards. Please bring scissors if you have them.

Class fee includes 2 card kits per class.

Film Camp LCATV - Lights, Camera, Action

DATE AND TIME: Monday, July 6 through Friday, July 10, 2026; 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT

COST: FREE. Registration required. For youth 10 to 16 years old.

Join LCATV instructors in the Island Arts Center barn for a week of film-making activities. The camp meets Monday through Friday mornings in the Island Arts Center barn from 9:00 am to noon.



Learn basic camera techniques on our HD cameras, and learn how to edit your projects on Adobe Premiere Pro editing software. Campers will also have instruction on how to use a green screen and a variety of microphones during the week. To round out the week, campers will put their new skills to use by recreating a 2–4-minute scene from a blockbuster film, as part of the Crowdsourced Cinema VT (<https://www.mediafactory.org/crowdsourcedvt>), a statewide collaborative film project (past films have included Star Wars and Jurassic Park...what will we recreate this year? Sign up and find out!).

This is a collaboration brought to you by Island Arts and Lake Champlain Access Television (LCATV). For more information you can contact Island Arts at 802-372-8889 or Stephanie at LCATV. Space is limited to ten students maximum, so sign up is required. Please sign up on islandarts.org under classes or by calling 802-372-8889.

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July 10

Introduction to Shamanic Journeying



DATE AND TIME: Friday, July 10, 2026; 5:30–7:30 pm

INSTRUCTOR: Beth Hopwood

LOCATION: GreenTARA Space; 3275 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT

COST: By Donation

RSVP: bhopvt@gmail.com or 802-922-8905

A Path to the Sacred: This is an invitation to the part of you that is curious about the mystery and magic just beneath the surface of everyday life. Whether this is your first time exploring the spirit worlds or you are a seasoned traveler, you are welcome here. We invite you to explore Shamanic Journeying—a way to connect with dimensions of reality that exist alongside our own.

What is Shamanic Journeying? For those new to this, think of it as a form of “active dreaming.” By following the steady, rhythmic beat of a drum or rattle, we enter a natural trance state of awareness. This helps us shift our focus away from the noise of daily life so we can listen to the wisdom of the spirit realm. It is a simple, ancient practice used by people all over the world to find deeper meaning and connection.

In our time together, you will learn the basics of journeying and then have the opportunity to meet a compassionate helping spirit.

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July 11 - July 18



Island Arts Jam Session An Amateur Musicians' Event for Everyone

DATE AND TIME: Date and Time: Saturday, July 11, 2026; 1:00 - 2:30 pm

LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT

COST: FREE FOR ALL.

Attendees bring their instruments to the barn for an informal jam session. All instruments are OK, from bassoon and cello to ukelele and washboard. All ages OK. Children must have a parent or other adult accompanying.

Jam session will be led by music teacher Tony Pietricola, who is an active performing member of The Dixie Six, a popular local jazz ensemble, and a former music teacher in the Grand Isle School. Music will include blues and a mix of music for all.

Ken Clark Organ Trio - Soul, Jazz, R&B, Funk

DATE AND TIME: Sunday, July 12, 2026; 7:00 to 8:30 pm

LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT

COST: \$25 at local outlets and online - \$30 at the door

TABLES: Reserve a table online or at the door at \$15 for a 2-top, \$25 for a 4-top, and BYOB.

The Ken Clark Organ Trio has been performing around New England, the eastern U.S., and internationally for 15 years. This is their return appearance at the Island Arts Summer Festival. "Organist Ken Clark, guitarist Mike Mele, and drummer Steve Chaggarris lean on the beat, (high stepping funk, shuffle boogaloo back beat ballad), build dynamic climaxes sprinkle in jazz solos and deliver the goods. Clark controls the B3 like a master: hip bass lines, sizzling chordal washes, feel-good riffs, funky blues lines and syncopated accents figure in the mix. The groove, the sonic power of the organ and a soulful message are a forceful combination for reaching the people, all the way from the church to the dance floor. Can't beat the feeling." ~ Owen Cordle, Jazz Times,

"You might be skeptical about listening to a CD without a bass player, but from the opening bars of the first track, school is in session! Organist Ken Clark has a punchy, thick bass tone that rivals Rocco's, and he grooves like a funky S.O.B. His right hand is pretty happening, too. A must hear for fans of jazzy, funky groove music." ~ Bass Player Magazine.



Jazz & Funk Dance with Christine Henniger

DATE AND TIME: Monday to Friday July 13-17; 9:00 - 10:00 am

LOCATION: GreenTARA space, 3275 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT

COST: \$80, Reservations required; 201-446-1845

Get ready to move, sweat and have fun! Beginners welcome.



Island Arts Artisan Market

DATE AND TIME: Saturday, July 18, 2026 and September 5, 2026; 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT

COST: FREE

Welcome to this seasons official Island Arts' Artisans Market, hosted by Jennifer Pratt, Champlain Island Creator. Come, visit, and shop this all day boutique and enjoy the wares created by a variety of local artisans! You will definitely find a little of everything whether you're shopping for yourself or someone else!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

July 22 - July 26

Handcrafted Shadow Box Workshop

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, July 22, 2026; 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

LOCATION: 275 South Street, South Hero, VT

COST: \$30

Experience the joy of creating your personal Shadow Box with a morning workshop taught by Pat Brennan. An Islander since 1969, Pat has been giving card and craft classes for over six years. She will teach you the layered technique of creating designs in a Shadow Box frame. At your first class, in addition to the class fee, you will be required to buy a tool kit (\$7) that includes a dispenser with double-sided tape, glue dots, sponge daubers, and a little bling.



Please bring scissors if you have them. You will receive one shadow box frame and the numerous cut-out layers to build your art piece. The kit will create a beautiful one-of-kind work of art, ready to hang, a work likely to cost \$50 plus in a gallery—if you could find one as nice! This is a great opportunity to have fun, learn a new craft, and surprise friends and family with beautiful hanging artwork.

Class fee includes 1 frame and image content per class.

Skylark



DATE AND TIME: Friday, July 24, 2026; 7:00 - 8:30 pm

LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt 2, North Hero, VT

COST: \$25 at local outlets and online – \$30 at the door

TABLES: Reserve a table online or at the door at \$15 for a 2-top, \$25 for a 4-top, and BYOB.

SKYLARK is an innovative contemporary string ensemble based in northern Vermont. With decades of professional experience, Skylark's sound and repertoire challenge the boundaries between classical, folk, and modern idioms, creating inspired original works for all audiences. Influenced by the Nordic, Celtic, and American regions, SKYLARK's music is melody-driven with unique energy, irresistible flair, and undeniable beauty.

The members of Skylark are Ben Lively on violin & guitar; John Dunlop on cello; Jane Kittredge on violin; and Ana Ruesink on viola.

Sylvia Parker Plays the Classics

DATE AND TIME: Sunday, July 26, 2026; 4:00 - 5:30 pm, no intermission

LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT

COST: \$25 at local outlets and online – \$30 at the door

TABLES: Reserve a table online or at the door at \$15 for a 2-top, \$25 for a 4-top, and BYOB.

Sylvia offers a solo piano recital of beloved shorter classical music (including some jazzy numbers) by composers that include Mozart, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Bartok, George Gershwin, and Scott Joplin.



A long time University of Vermont music professor and concert pianist (now retired), Sylvia enjoys spending the summer here in the Champlain Islands. Island Arts is delighted to showcase her musical talents for the first time in this concert.

Sylvia will play a Yamaha C7 concert grand piano provided through the courtesy of the Vermont Youth Orchestra Association. Island Arts is most grateful for their support.

August 3 - August 8



Peter Pan

A Free Very Merry Theatre Camp at Island Arts

DATE AND TIME: Monday August 3 - Friday, August 7, 2026; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm daily
FINAL PERFORMANCE: Friday, August 7, 2026; 1:30 pm - **Must register for ticket on IA website - islandarts.org (maximum 3 tickets per child.)**
LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt 2, North Hero, VT
COST: FREE - **Registration of Kids/Actors is closed.**

A Sponsored by a generous grant from Senator Bernie Sanders.

Lots of fun roles for everyone in this VMT original musical! Peter Pan is a live-action fairy-tale masterpiece about a mischievous young boy who can fly and never grows up.

Peter spends his never-ending childhood having adventures on the island of Neverland as the leader of the Lost Boys, interacting with fairies, pirates, mermaids, island animals, and sometimes ordinary children like the Darling Family and especially Wendy.

It will look like only one day in your Sawyer registration, but you are enrolling for all five days, Monday through Friday, including the Friday performances.

Please explore other Very Merry Theatre programs for K-12 age children here: <https://www.verymerrytheatre.org/programs>



The Dixie Six

DATE AND TIME: Saturday, August 8, 2026; 4:00 - 5:30 pm, with an intermission. Inside concert.
LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT
Grounds open at 3:30 pm for an optional picnic on the green, subject to weather. Bring a chair or blanket if desired.
COST: \$25 at local outlets and online - \$30 at the door
TABLES: Reserve a table online or at the door at \$15 for a 2-top, \$25 for a 4-top, and BYOB.

An outstanding roster of players, several new to The Dixie Six within the past few years, have infused the music with new energy. Tony Pietricola - clarinet, Lisa Henry - sousaphone, Chris Scribnau - cornet, Rich Magnuson - drums, Charlie MacFayden - piano, and George Voland - valve trombone will get your feet tapping.

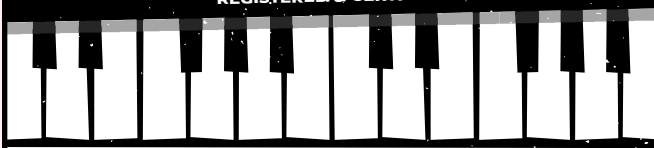
Vermont's Dixie Six is a band well-loved by Island Arts' audiences, and the group is well-known in the greater Burlington music scene. The six Vermont musicians focus on the sound and repertoire of Louis Armstrong's All Stars of the 1950's and 1960's. Though retaining a traditional Dixie feel, the band's updated rhythm section gives a new energy to New Orleans classics and mid-century standards.

"Thanks to Island Arts for inviting us to play. We hope you enjoy the music as much as we enjoy playing it for you."

~ The Dixie Six

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August 11 - August 14

Clay Ornaments Workshop - Part 1 & 2

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 and August 18, 2026; 1:30 - 3:00 pm

LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT

INSTRUCTOR: Lucie Faulkner

COST: FREE - but registration appreciated



You will be making holiday ornaments from "Air-hardening Modeling Clay", helped and instructed by Lucie Faulkner, an inventive Vermont resident who is always searching for new ways to be creative. This will be the beginning of a great adventure because you can then use this medium to create multiple different objects.

You don't need to bring anything; everything will be supplied, including paint to decorate your creations. Just bring your friends and family to this 2-day interesting and useful workshop! The instructor can communicate with you in English and French.

Handcrafted Greeting Card Workshop



DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, August 12, 2026; 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

LOCATION: 275 South Street, South Hero, VT

INSTRUCTOR: Patricia Brennan

COST: \$12

Enjoy Card Workshops taught by Pat Brennan. An Islander since 1969, Pat has been giving card classes for over six years. She will teach you basic card-making. At your first class, in addition to the class fee, you will be required to buy a tool kit (\$7) that includes a dispenser with double-sided tape, glue dots, sponge daubers, and a little bling.

Please bring scissors if you have them. You will receive two kits. Each kit will create a beautiful one-of-kind card with envelope, a card likely to cost \$5 or \$6 in a store—if you could find one as nice! This is a great opportunity to have fun, learn card-making, and surprise friends and family with beautiful cards. Class fee includes 2 card kits per class.

A Shared Talk: A Journey of Spiritual and Personal Growth



DATE AND TIME: Thursday, August 13, 2026; 6:00 - 7:30 pm

LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT

COST: FREE - Donations to Island Arts gratefully accepted

Join two friends, Bob Muncil and Tim Carney, as they share their heartfelt stories of addiction, recovery, and their paths toward spiritual and personal transformation. Through honesty, humility, and lived experience, they reflect on the struggles and the practices that helped them move forward from addiction and all that goes with it, to greater awareness, compassion, purpose and joy.

Together, they will speak about the power of connection, the role of spirituality in recovery, and the daily choices that support a life of balance and growth. Their message is one of hope, resilience, and the possibility of change. Whether you struggle with addiction or not, this shared talk will inspire you. All are welcome.

Cheeps, Chirps, Hoots and Whistles How and Why Birds Make Noise



DATE AND TIME: Friday, August 14, 2026; 2:00 - 3:00 pm

LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT

INSTRUCTOR: Maeve Kim

COST: \$10

Ever wonder how birds make all their various noises? Or why? Let's spend time with bird song, bird calls, bird chirps, and a whole lot of sounds that don't fit any category. We'll also talk about how we humans can get better at recognizing, identifying and learning bird sounds. Photo courtesy of audubon.org

August 15 - August 16

Bird Walk Mud Creek with Maeve Kim

DATE AND TIME: Saturday, August 15, 2026; 9:00 - 11:00 am
LOCATION: Mud Creek Wildlife Management Area, Alburgh, VT
INSTRUCTOR: Maeve Kim
COST: \$10



"The Mud Creek WMA in Alburgh is one of Vermont's premier birding spots. It might be a bit off the beaten path for many of us, but it's well worth the trip. Vermont eBird shows that the Mud Creek WMA "hotspot" has 173 species reported as of 2023. Some sought-after species are Virginia Rail, Sora, and Least Bittern." – Bruce McPherson, Green MT Bird Alliance Join Maeve Kim as she takes you through Mud Creek in search of birds inhabiting the WMA. Dress for ticks, be prepared for mosquitoes.

Haiduck & Heckendorn Sing & Play the Great American Songbook

DATE AND TIME: Saturday, August 15, 2026; 7:00 - 9:00 pm with an intermission
LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT
COST: \$25 at local outlets and online - \$30 at the door; Cabaret table seating is an option at this concert.
TABLES: Reserve a table online or at the door at \$15 for a 2-top, \$25 for a 4-top, and BYOB.

Enjoy an informal cabaret-style evening featuring a fine jazz quartet of clarinet, concert grand piano, double bass, and drums! Relax at your own table while the quartet performs all-time favorite music from the Great American Songbook.

Neal Haiduck on clarinet and David Heckendorn on piano are joined by two of Burlington's finest musicians: Bruno John, bassist, a young addition to the growing Burlington jazz scene, and Dan Ryan, drums, leader of the popular "Dan Ryan Express." The quartet will be joined by special guest John Lehmann-Haupt, the superb classical guitarist from New York City who treated us last year.



The quartet will play—and sing—songs by composers they didn't get around to last summer. This year you will hear music by George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, Irving Berlin, Rodgers & Hart, Lerner & Loewe, and Matt Dennis. Still on the program will be music by Cole Porter, Leonard Bernstein, Johnny Mercer, and others—some well-known, some not-so-well-known.

Vermont Jazz Ensemble Celebrates 50 Years

DATE AND TIME: Sunday, August 16, 2026; 4:00 - 5:30 pm. outside concert.
LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT Optional picnic on the green starting at 3:30. Bring a chair or blanket if desired. If weather requires, concert will move inside the barn.
COST: \$25 at local outlets and online - \$30 at the door



Celebrating their 50th Anniversary! Vermont's premier big-band swing/dance group. Swingin' for over 50 years, with this event directed by Grand Isle's own Tony Pietricola.

In recognition of their enduring history, the program will include highlights from two albums that Vermont Jazz Ensemble has published over the years.

Don't know much about VJE? Their appearance is always a popular event in the hot venues across Vermont such as Nectar's in Burlington, The Stone Barn in Brattleboro, and the Zenbarn in Waterbury. Now appearing right here for you in the Islands. This VJE concert is sponsored by Otter Creek Awnings of Williston, for the fourth year!



August 21 – August 23

Sohyun Ahn Solo Piano, Bach & Schumann

DATE AND TIME: Friday, August 21, 2026; 7:00 - 8:30 pm, no intermission.

LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT

COST: \$25 at local outlets and online – \$30 at the door

New York City concert pianist Sohyun Ahn returns to Island Arts for the fifth year. An Island Arts' favorite, Sohyun's well-attended concerts of the last four summers have continued to elicit raves, including "dreamy," "amazing delicacy," and "world class." This program showcases Sohyun Ahn in a solo piano concert featuring shorter works by J. S. Bach, Mozart, and Robert Schumann.



J. S. Bach has long been an important composer in Sohyun Ahn's repertoire. Her 2021 recording of Bach's Goldberg Variations is described by critics: "crystalline clarity," "insightful nuance," and "dynamic breadth," and offering a "perfectly balanced elegance" and "emotional storm," with a high level of technical skill.

She is described as "an absolute master" by the New York Concert Review, and as an "amazing pianist" by the Classical New Jersey Society. Our Vermont audience raved: "Absolutely superb." "I was enthralled." "Such a different experience from the big city hall where you are miles from the performer."

From Piano Music Magazine, Korea: "Such a gifted virtuoso, wonderful performing the emotional storm with the perfectly balanced elegance."

Your enjoyment of this fine concert will be enhanced by the improvements to the Island Arts barn completed this past winter. The 2025 renovations include new sound-proofed walls, doors, and windows to improve listening pleasure and comfort.

Sohyun will play a Yamaha C7 concert grand piano provided through the courtesy of the Vermont Youth Orchestra Association. Island Arts is most grateful for their support.

MetalWerx Tuba/Euphonium Quartet



DATE AND TIME: Sunday, August 23, 2026; 4:00 pm

LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt 2, North Hero, VT

Inside concert with option to picnic outside on the green at 3:30 pm, weather permitting.

COST: FREE CONCERT, thanks to VT Anonymous Donors.

Prepare to be amazed! MetalWerx is a unique local quartet consisting of two euphoniums—played by Jenna Schultz of Winooski and Cynsy Van Santen of Bristol, and two tubas—played by Tim Foley of Burlington and Yutaka Kono of Shelburne.

The repertoire is an eclectic mix of fantasies, suites, marches, jazz, and pop music standards, and a few favorite classical transcriptions sure to please the ear of every music lover's taste. Noted composers include Holst, Sousa, Puccini, Rossini, and Piazzolla. MetalWerx has presented concerts at the University of Vermont, participated in the 2015 "Bach In The Subways" event in Burlington, and provided music for wedding and funeral services.

MetalWerx spreads the gospel of the lush and colorful sounds of the tuba and euphonium by performing works written or arranged for this specific instrumentation. The group has commissioned new pieces for this quartet by Vermont composer/hornist Lydia Lowery Busler and Burlington trombonist/pianist/composer/arranger Andrew Muroz.

The quartet was founded in 2008 to provide incidental music for the Milton Community Band Christmas concert. They had so much fun putting that together, they decided to continue and see where it led. Come hear the remarkable range of sounds and the wide array of musical styles presented by MetalWerx. It is a sound like no other!

August 30

Spontaneous Evening Under the Stars

DATE AND TIME: TBA Late August

Announcement likely to be last minute, weather dependent

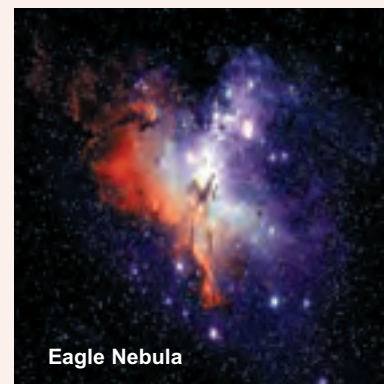
LOCATION: Orchard Hill Observatory, 70 Poor Farm Rd., Alburgh, VT

COST: FREE EVENT

The Sky is full of surprises, ready for you and your family to enjoy. As stargazing is weather-dependent, if uncertain about the weather conditions for August 28th call 802-238-1664, or email Joe Comeau (jkcomeau@hotmail.com) with the word "Stars" in the Subject line.

Hosted by Molly and Joe Comeau

Sponsored by Island Arts and the Vermont Astronomical Society.



Eagle Nebula

Marsh Lights, an Acoustic Project



DATE AND TIME: Sunday, August 30, 2026; 4:00 - 5:30 pm

LOCATION: Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT

COST: FREE CONCERT, thanks to VT Anonymous Donors

Vermont musician Colby Crehan, former vocalist and songwriter for the Bluegrass Gospel Project and Possum Haw, reunites with her Possum Haw bandmates in the 5-piece acoustic project Marsh Lights.

Marsh Lights plays acoustic folk-grass music. The program features songs composed by Crehan. "Colby Crehan is a powerful and magnificently talented musician." Robert Resnik, host, All the Traditions, Vermont Public Radio.

Marsh Lights' songs explore bravery, darkness, spirituality, and grace with lyrics that often employ metaphoric places and female heroes and perspectives. And Marsh Lights pulls from the old songbook of PossumHaw, particularly the songs found on their last recording, the live 2017 album Limberpine. The band also plays instrumentals written by banjoist Ryan Crehan and mandolinist Stephen Waud. Charley Eiseman's warm vocals join Colby and Ryan's for hauntingly sweet three-part harmonies. Charley plays lead acoustic guitar with nuanced blues and jazz inflections. Mitch Barron, a long-time essential presence in the Vermont folk music scene, brings his skilled upright bass playing to the stage, along with deep, rich vocal backup.

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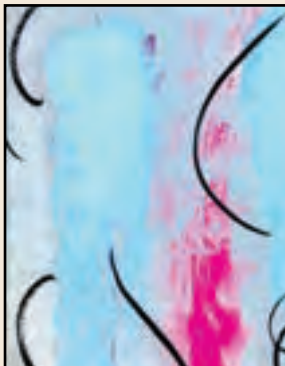
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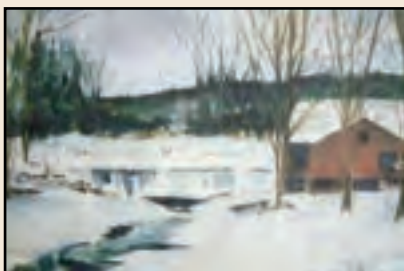
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2026 Island Arts Gallery Exhibits

The work of a new artist is
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APRIL

NOLAN CAIN

Mixed media and styles.

SEPTEMBER

MAURIE HARRINGTON

Watercolors

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Watercolors

OCTOBER

COLLEEN COBB

*Watercolor, acrylic
and oil.*

JUNE

REBECCA ROWLEY

*Watercolors, paint and
pencil sketches.*

NOVEMBER

AJ HUMPHREY

Acrylic /mixed media.

JULY

KATHLEEN HARM

Oil on canvas.

DECEMBER

CHIP HAGGARTY

*Acrylic, duct tape &
crayon painted on
brown/retail bags.*

AUGUST

PATRICK GRAZIANO

Stained glass.

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Kenney Bassett

In grateful appreciation to Kenney Bassett, well known boat builder and restorer, for being a friend of Island Arts since its inception. Kenney shared his superb artistic talent and teaching skills with us, at our first Native Ways Celebrations, by demonstrating how to build a wooden canoe. His blueprint drawings and photos of his built wooden boats - sold around the world were exhibited in our IA gallery. In our Island Arts Center, look carefully and you will recognize touches of his applied beautiful magic to the proper functioning of our building.



Charlie Bombard

In grateful appreciation to Charlie Bombard our Island Arts caretaker of buildings and grounds. For over 10 years Charlie has been keeping a sharp eye and helpful hands on our barn. This barn was built and owned for years by his wife Diane Knight and her family. Charlie supported our vision in countless ways in the metamorphosis of this barn into a performing center. He is the custodian of many successive locks and keys, photos and historic documents. He undertook a multitude of jobs on his tractor throughout the years, such as planting trees, connecting pipes for watering, and carrying our giant pumpkins sold to businesses throughout G.I. County.



Tony Pietricola, Vice President and Ann Porter IA Co-Founder
present a certificate of appreciation to Katya Wilcox

A founding member of Island Arts, we have grateful appreciation for Katya Wilcox. Without her tireless work, leadership and support for over 40 years, this organization would surely not have reached the heights it has.



Danielle Simoneau our "Book Lady"

In grateful appreciation of Danielle Simoneau for being a Director of Island Arts, using her talent for organization by keeping precise records of events to this day. Danielle was our Treasurer for many years until she was inspired to create and spearhead our yearly fabulous GIANT book sale event with musicians and writers, sharing and communicating to all her love of books. Our book sale has become a Grand Isle County destination event!



Stephanie Soules / LCATV

In grateful appreciation to Stephanie Soules of the Lake Champlain Access Television of Vermont for organizing and teaching their film making camps for youth in our barn, with a week of film making activities. Island Arts has benefited for years from LCATV's professional videotaping of all our concerts, as well as the one of a kind video interviews of Islanders for our collaborative project [Island Recollections](#). We are also thankful for the use of their artists' gallery in Colchester.

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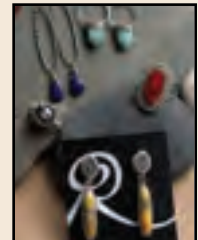
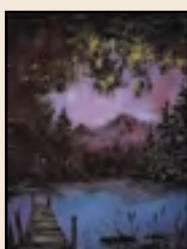
With grateful thanks for your hard and dedicated work as our administrator. Your professional and warm presence made the office hum smoothly and happily. Good luck on your new adventure.

Island Arts Artisan Market



Island Arts Artisan Market at the Island Arts Center, 1127 US Rt. 2, North Hero, VT September 5, 2026; 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.
There'll be some old and new faces! Pottery, driftwood creations, artisan soaps, jewelry, woodworking and more!!!

Hosted by Jen Pratt
Champlain Islands Creator

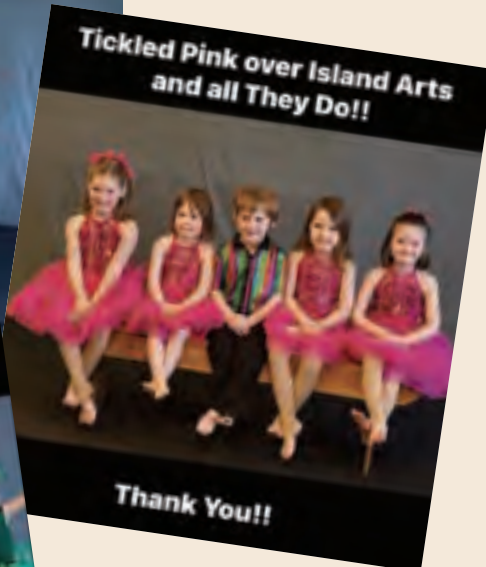


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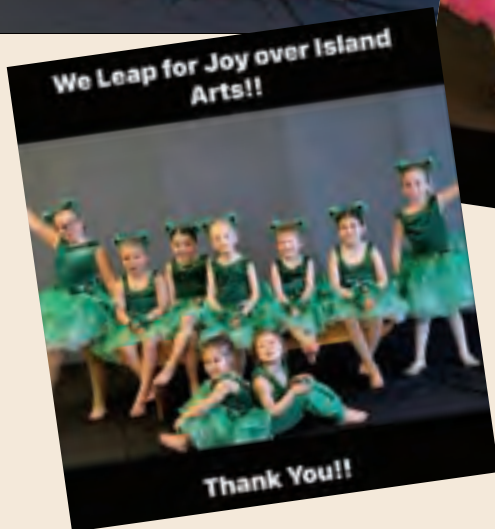


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Talent Scholarship Award Winner of 2025



Aleks Lee

Dear Island Arts!

Thank you so much for supporting Aleks' musical journey as he starts his first year in VYO, we are excited about the possibilities in his musical adventure. We could not have taken the next step in purchasing his bassoon without your support.

Thank you! - Emily & Jason Lee

9/8/25
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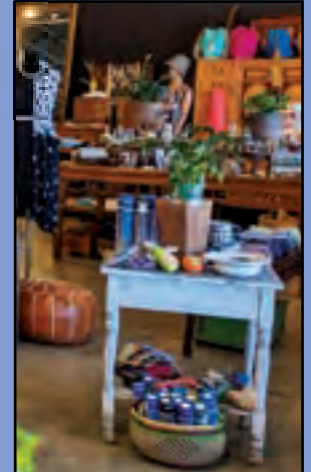
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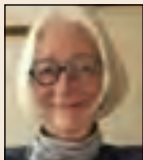
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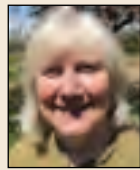


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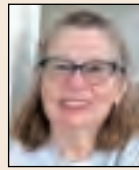


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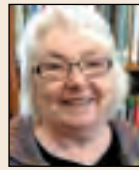
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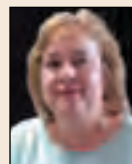
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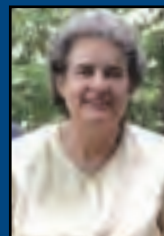
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