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New exhibit at Compass Music and Arts Center opens April 22

A new art happening will open at the Compass Music and Arts Center on Friday, April 22, at 5 p.m. featuring FROBERTAN, a collaboration between acclaimed artist Fran Bull and long-time collaborator Robert Black.

"We're All at a Party Called Life on Earth" is an astonishing and joyous installation of painted figurative sculpture, architectural structures and works on paper that creates for the visitor a rare opportunity to experience a festive and diverse collection of motley characters inspired by commedia dell'arte, carnival, boardwalk, circus, the polychromed sculptures of the ancient Greeks and even Shakespeare's fools.

Crafting this art over several years in her studio in Brandon, Vermont, Fran Bull and Robert Black convey through the diversity and celebratory attitudes of the sculptures the urgency for all humans to learn to live peacefully on earth.

Bull explained: "We are acutely aware that the pandemic has taught us that we are all connected, all related, that our lives are intertwined. This party is imagined as a metaphor for our very lives on the planet. It is envisioned as an incalculably precious, mirthful and sacred gift."

The installation has been designed to be inviting and interactive. A



'We're All at a Party Called Life on Earth' is an astonishing and joyous installation of painted figurative sculpture, architectural structures and works on paper.

recorded tour will support visitors as they engage with the artistic concepts.

"We're All at a Party Called Life on Earth" will be on display in the Compass Music and Arts Center Exhibition Hall from Friday, April 22, to Saturday, June 11, with an opening reception on Friday, April 22nd starting at 5 p.m.

A unique opportunity to engage in master classes with both artists also will be available. The classes will invite participants to step out of their typical routines and enjoy time to be creative, rethink, reflect, find perspective and to express themselves by creating new art. The classes will be held on Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sunday, May 1, from 1 to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 15, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Cost is \$50 for adults per session – or \$75 for two sessions – and includes materials and

light refreshments. The fee for children under 10 years and accompanied by a participating adult is \$5 and for students is \$25.

For more information, call 802-247-4295 or visit cmaacvt.org.

Compass Music and Arts Center is located at 333 Jones Dr., Park Village, Brandon, Vermont. Hours are Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Castleton Community Center invites all to lunch

The Castleton Community Center senior meal program provides a great opportunity for adults in the community to enjoy a nutritious three-course dinner and the company of others.

Socialization and good nutrition are an essential part of a healthy lifestyle.

Meals are served every Monday and Wednesday at noon.

An anonymous and voluntary donation of \$4 for seniors is suggested but not required. Non-seniors and guests are welcome and are asked to donate \$5 to cover the cost of the meal.

Reservations are required, so be sure to call the center by 9:30 a.m. on Friday for the Monday meal and 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday for the Wednesday meal.

Those who need transportation to dinner are invited to make use of the center's van service, but must call the center the day before to reserve a ride.

Upcoming menus include chicken fingers, home fries, carrots, garden salad and brownies on Monday, April 18; and chicken tarragon, rice pilaf, spinach, garden salad and carrot cake on Wednesday, April 20.

For the complete April menu, visit castletoncsi.org.

Castleton Community Center is located at 2108 Main St., Castleton, Vermont.

Breakfast with Bunny will return in 2023

Due to continuing concerns about the spread of Covid-19, especially with age groups still unable to be vaccinated, the Poultney Woman's Club decided not to host its Breakfast with Bunny this year.

An annual event sponsored by the club since the early 1980s, the event will return in 2023, when members hope to welcome the Easter Bunny and local families next spring.

Happy Easter!

See page 2 for information on selected local services during Holy Week.

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Holy Week at Pawlet Community Church

All are welcome for worship at the Pawlet Community Church for in-person worship or via Facebook Live each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Special services during Holy Week will include a Maundy Thursday communion service on Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. and a Good Friday Tenebrae service on Friday, April 15, at 7 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, April 17, the

church will have an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at the Mettawee Valley Cemetery followed by an Easter breakfast at the church. An Easter Sanctuary Service will be held at 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Tracy Fye Weatherhogg will preach. All are welcome.

Pawlet Community Church is located at 38 Vermont Route 133, Pawlet, Vermont.

Holy Week at St. Luke's in Fair Haven

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, at 146 N. Main St. in Fair Haven will celebrate Holy Week with two services.

On Friday, April 15, the church will have a Good Friday service at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, April 17, the church will celebrate Easter Sunday with the Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.

Fair Haven also will have an ecumenical Easter sunrise service at 6

a.m. in the Fair Haven Park, sponsored by Fair Haven area churches. Breakfast will follow at New Life Ministries/Fair Haven Baptist Church at 6 S. Park Place. All are welcome.

For more information, call The Rev. Melanie Combs, Deacon, at 802-558-2670.

Easter at Hubbardton Liberty Church

Hubbardton Liberty Church invites all to its Easter service on Sunday, April 17, at 11 a.m.

The morning will also include a potluck breakfast at 10 a.m. All are welcome to worship

Easter morning in Hubbardton.

For more information, call Pastor Glen Woods at 802-287-0859.

Hubbardton Liberty Church is located at 5877 Monument Hill Rd., Hubbardton, Vermont.

Community Easter sunrise service in Manchester

The annual Manchester Area Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held weather permitting on Sunday, April 17, at 6:15 a.m. at Burr

and Burton Academy's upper campus.

Rev. Rebecca Sommons of First Baptist Church will bring the Easter message. Tom Salmon, music director at Dorset Church, and Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson also will participate in the service.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

For more information, call Rev. Dickinson at 802-867-5976.

Burr and Burton Academy is located at 57 Seminary Ave., Manchester, Vermont.

Fair Haven UMC Easter service April 17

Fair Haven United Methodist Church will hold its Easter Sunday service on Sunday, April 17, at 11:30 a.m. at the church located at 20 W. Park Place in Fair Haven.

Castleton Hillside Cemetery Gate Opening

The gates of the Castleton Hillside Cemetery will open for the season beginning APRIL 13, 2022.

Visitors are informed that **ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH** while in the cemetery. The Town of Castleton Animal Control Ordinance has been modified to include the Hillside Cemetery property. Pet owners must remove animal fecal waste in a sanitary manner.

Town of Benson CEMETERY MOWING

The Town of Benson is seeking bids for mowing & trimming of the Town's 4 cemeteries. Must have own equipment and liability insurance.

Sealed bids must be delivered by 3:00pm on Monday, April 25th to:

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Contact the town manager at 802-265-3010 ext 5 or via email at FHmanager@comcast.net for more information.

Castleton University to present annual Collaborative Arts exhibition April 15, 16

Castleton University will present its annual collaborative arts exhibition on Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16, at 7 p.m. in Casella Theater.

Friday evening will feature works presented by members of the Castleton community and guest group the SVA Dance Collective.

Artists will include Mason Parece, Josie Gawrys, Coral Huff, Peter LaLumiere, Domonique Thorne, Jahwara Rennalls, Grace Keane, Aris Sherwood, Daniel Jackson and Nicole Ullman with the SVA Dance Collective.

The performance will include dance, live rap music, visual art, fashion and theater created through collaboration with other artists and/or through a multidisciplinary lens. Strong language is included in some pieces.

Saturday evening will include a screening of "Sosen Kara No Chikara"

("Energy from Ancestors"), a short film rooted in the familial stories and perspectives of three Asian American women.

Together they explore the journey of three generations through movement – the generation who stayed, the generation who changed homes and the generation born in America. This film serves as a grounding piece to connect to those that came before. Presenting artists include Maya Kraus, Maddie Burke, Luke McGee and Zoe Marr-Hilliard.

Face masks are required to attend this event.

Castleton Collaborative Arts was formed in 2012 by dance faculty member Maya Kraus. It is an opportunity for young artists to test the waters, push boundaries and collaborate with others or with other disciplines of art.

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Horace Greeley: Dauntless Crusader

Potato bugs, Jane Eyre's roasted potatoes & Horace Greeley!

By Ann Rich Duncan

It's a sure sign of spring when happy eyes spy vegetable seeds and boxes of seed potatoes on the shelves in the garden and hardware stores. Yay! Must have been the same type of feeling for Horace Greeley with one difference: Most likely during his time, people saved their own seed potatoes.

In my experience, they're the ones with the little eyes and springy roots that shoot out and get tangled as the last few potatoes soften on the bottom of the cupboard. Horace would have known what to do with them.

As for other vegetable seeds, they probably were bought by the pound if they didn't store their own year after year from their own crops. Horace learned from his dad who was a poor farmer in this region long before his son became a famous journalist, politician and speaker. Horace fiercely protected his potato crops with high expectations. He once said, "Man is bigger than the potato bug and he will master it."

Unfortunately, he wasn't 100% accurate on that: The little bug that likely originated in Mexico and Central America is now advancing to the out regions of Siberia.

It does not look like any of us have mastered the potato bug yet, but people have certainly been creative about the little bugger. In the 1870s the pesky little black-and-yellow-striped beetle inspired designers to make black-and-yellow-striped beetle-like evening capes for women, and an Italian mandolin maker built a mandolin with a striped round back that was known as the "tater bug mandolin."

Kids reportedly spent hours in the

garden picking the potato beetle off the bottoms of leaves as their mothers reportedly sang a crazy poem that goes: "There must be some special REASON for weeds and potato bugs and SUCH . . . maybe God made them so that BOYS wouldn't mind SCHOOL so much."

You know who else hated the potato bug? The German Nazis! During World War II they accused the American Allies of dropping potato beetles from airplanes onto potato fields grown by members of the despised Axis powers. Hmmm, should we remind the Pentagon?

Horace often said he loved farming and wrote a book about it entitled "What I Know of Farming." In Chapter 26, titled "Esculent Roots," he wrote, "The potato is by far the most acceptable (of edible tubers)."

The page goes on to explain that "Our ancestors, it is settled, were destitute and ignorant of the potato prior to the discovery of America, though Europe would now find it difficult to subsist her teeming millions without it."

Perhaps in 1823, "The Cook's Oracle," a cookbook by William Kitchiner, brought potatoes to the forefront of popular dishes when he added a recipe named for Charlotte Brontë's famous character, Jane Eyre.

"Jane Eyre's Roasted Potatoes," must have been a hit on his recipe list.

Back then, oven temperatures were estimated since ovens were fueled by wood. Common thought is that 350 degrees would be the norm.

Red potatoes were a favorite during "Jane Eyre's" time, and Kitchiner wrote that they should be coarsely chopped, tossed in oil (during the 1800s, that meant beef drippings). Then they were tossed with sweet herbs of choice – a favorite being thyme – with a sprinkling of salt and pepper. Roast until done to one's taste, Kitchiner said. Possibly without realizing it, Brontë helped her beloved famous character (who was raised by a cruel aunt) to make the potato a more welcome comfort food?

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Continued restoration of monuments in Poultney Cemetery to begin soon

Monument restoration work begun in 2021 will start again soon in the Poultney Cemetery, weather permitting.

Work by the volunteers will be focused on the old cemetery section that abuts Beaman Street at the property's entrance area. A significant amount of restoration work will be undertaken in that section.

Additional volunteers for the restoration team will be greatly appreciated as work continues. Not all tasks are strenuous.

For more information on becoming a volunteer, call Karen Moon Atwood at 802-779-5534.

Monetary tax-deductible gifts used for cleaning and other supplies needed for this work are greatly and gratefully appreciated. To send a gift, send a check payable to Poultney Cemetery Association to Poultney Cemetery Association, PO Box 63, Poultney, VT 05764-0063. Please note "Monuments" in the check's memo line.

The Poultney Cemetery Association's all-volunteer board of trustees are grateful to all volunteers and to all who have donated to date to its Monument Restoration Fund as well as to its yearly Annual Fund.

The Poultney Cemetery Association is the largest cemetery located within Poultney. It is a 501(c)(13) non-profit chartered by the Vermont Legislature on Nov. 12, 1862. It will be 160 years old this November.

In addition to tax-deductible donations, wills and bequests are appreciated.

Located in the Vermont/New York Slate Valley region, Poultney is in the heart of an area known throughout the world for its multiple colors of natural slate quarried from the early 1840s to present time. Poultney Cemetery is the resting place of many people of multiple heritages and faiths.

Plots in Poultney Cemetery are available for purchase. For more information, call 802-779-5534.

Letter

Poultney United Fund grateful for donations

To the editor:

The Poultney United Fund has sent 30 checks totaling more than \$9,000 to area organizations to support their efforts to provide services to the community.

Donations from the fund constitute an important part of these organizations' budgets to help them survive while supporting others.

The Poultney United Fund is grateful to everyone who has helped with their donations to their annual fund-raising letter.

It's with this continued support that we can send out donations twice a year, and the amount of money in our checkbook determines the amount on

each check.

As we approach income tax day and are fortunate enough to receive a refund, further donations will be gladly accepted and appreciated.

Checks can be made out to Poultney United Fund at 1783 Hampshire Hollow Rd., Poultney VT 05764.

While these organizations may say thank you to the Poultney United Fund, we want to say thank you to those people who made this possible.

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The business also offers clean-outs and delivery of mulch and stone.

The business's flexible hours give the Martelles the flexibility they need as they raise their family.

Brookside Services is located at 416 East St., Middletown Springs, Vermont.



Photo courtesy of Lauren Martelle

Jeremy and Lauren Martelle of Brookside Services located in Middletown Springs, Vermont.

For more information, including rates, call 802-235-1744, 802-353-2351, 802-236-3033 or email brooksidesservicesllc@gmail.com.

'Images of Our World' opening at Chaffee April 15

The Chaffee Art Center will host the opening of its photography exhibit and amateur photo contest entitled "Images of Our World" on Friday, April 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. The opening is free, however, donations will be greatly appreciated.

The exhibit will feature many talented photographers. Rebekkah Ziel will have a solo gallery, and others will have feature walls including Matt Lerman, Denise Letendre and Jon Olender. Abstract artist Mary Fran Lloyd also will have a wall devoted to her work.

Chaffee artist members will have work on display and for sale throughout the mansion, as well as in the Gallery Shoppe.

The exhibit will run through Friday, May 27.

Also on exhibit will be the Chaffee's annual amateur photo contest with entries from all ages. People's Choice Awards will be given in the following categories: Youth 12 and under, Teens 13-18 and Adults 18 and older. Visitors may vote from April 15 through May 27.

Hours at the Chaffee are Wednesday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Private appointments are available by request.

For more information, visit chaffeeartcenter.org, call 802-775-0356 or email info@chaffeeartcenter.org.

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Arlington Garden Club to meet April 19

The Arlington Garden Club of Vermont will hold a meeting with a program on Tuesday, April 19, at 12:30 p.m.

Members and their guests are invited to attend "Giving Gardens: Helping Grow Community through Our Gardens," presented by Anna Rockwell and the Yellow Barn Project.

The meeting will be held at the

Wellness Center at The Arlington Common located at 3938 Vermont Route 7A, Arlington, Vermont.

Members are welcome to bring a bag lunch.

A meet and greet will take place at 12:30 p.m., followed by a 1 p.m. business meeting and the program at 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Jessica Roberts at 802-430-3578.

Bidding for Pember silent auction ends April 15

The silent auction spring fundraiser for the Friends of the Pember Library runs until Friday, April 15, at 3 p.m.

There are 42 items on which to bid, with some smaller grab-and-go kits and other items for purchase. You may find something for an Easter basket or two.

There are items for all ages. Two wonderful raffle items are a beautiful queen-size pierced granny-square quilt and a hand-tied chair.

Tickets for the raffles are \$1 each, 6 for \$5 and an arm's length of tickets for \$10.

All items are on display at the library, and pictures are posted on the library's Facebook page.

Proceeds from the auction will help the Friends purchase items for the Pember Library outside its regular budget and support the Friends' annual scholarship started this year.

Go the library at 33 W. Main St. in Granville, check out all the stunning baskets of goodies and make a bid.

The Friends thank the community for its support.

Greeley

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Speaking about food and famous writers, the 20th anniversary of the Horace Greeley Writers' Symposium has some exciting speakers who will make this October the most special of all! Watch for details.

Ann Rich Duncan is a former weekly

newspaper publisher, public relations specialist and radio announcer. She is currently a board member of the Horace Greeley Foundation, and the author of the Johnny Vic historical adventure series and two novels of suspense that have been endorsed by teachers, professors and other educators. Her latest book, "DESTINATION D.C. a Modern-Day Jonah?" chronicles her husband's journey of faith. The Duncans live at the House of Angels in Poultney, Vermont.

New Storefront



Amy's Trading Post opens in Wells

Taking over the former Wells Trading Post, Amy Mears was thrilled to finally open Amy's Trading Post on March 31 after several setbacks with Covid-19 and the birth of her son.

After acquiring the mix of a general store and a grocery store in 2018 from the Larry White estate, Mears has a bright vision for her trading post.

"It's been a lot of smiles, a lot of customers saying, we're so happy you're finally open again!" Mears said. "I wanted to be that convenience for people in the town."

Going forward, expect a full-service deli with made-to-order breakfast sandwiches, gas pumps and a creemee machine to be functioning by the summer and, potentially down the line, a pizza oven.

"It has been quite the learning experience," Mears said. "It's crazy and it's hectic but I'm really enjoying it."

Amy's Trading Post is located at 15 Vermont State Route 30 in Wells. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and



Photo by Austin Crosier

Owner Amy Mears in front of Amy's Trading Post at 15 Vermont State Route 30 in Wells.

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Education in the Slate Valley

What has changed in Slate Valley Schools in the last decade?

By Brooke Olsen-Farrell

Change has been a loyal companion to educators over the last several decades, never mind the changes over the last couple of years. Schools are vastly different from what many of us remember as students.

Today, many of our students walk through the door each day from places where they have experienced significant trauma. Decades ago schools had to confront some of these issues; however, there are many more of these issues present today. Right or wrong, schools have become the places where society's

issues are addressed.

In the last decade districts such as Slate Valley have doubled their counseling positions. We have also added free breakfast and lunch programs as we have many students who are not able to access high-quality meals outside of the school day. We pay for after-school programming so children have a safe place to be.

In order for students to focus on math and reading they need to be fed, socially adjusted and feel safe. Many of the social services in schools are not adequately provided in the communities, so schools have filled the void.

Additionally, schools in Vermont are moving toward a more personalized approach to learning, which is very different from the teaching and learning many of us experienced.

We are now focusing on skills that transfer outside of the classroom, such as critical thinking, effective communication, citizenship and informed decision making. Students are increasingly exploring opportunities outside of a traditional high school curriculum, such as work-based learning and early college. We have a higher percentage of students in the past three years attending technical centers and participating

in online and independent learning. Education is shifting to become more student- and less teacher-directed.

Education has changed dramatically over the past 10 years. We would like to offer you an opportunity to have your questions answered about the Slate Valley Unified School District or Vermont education in general in a regular newspaper column in the FreePress.

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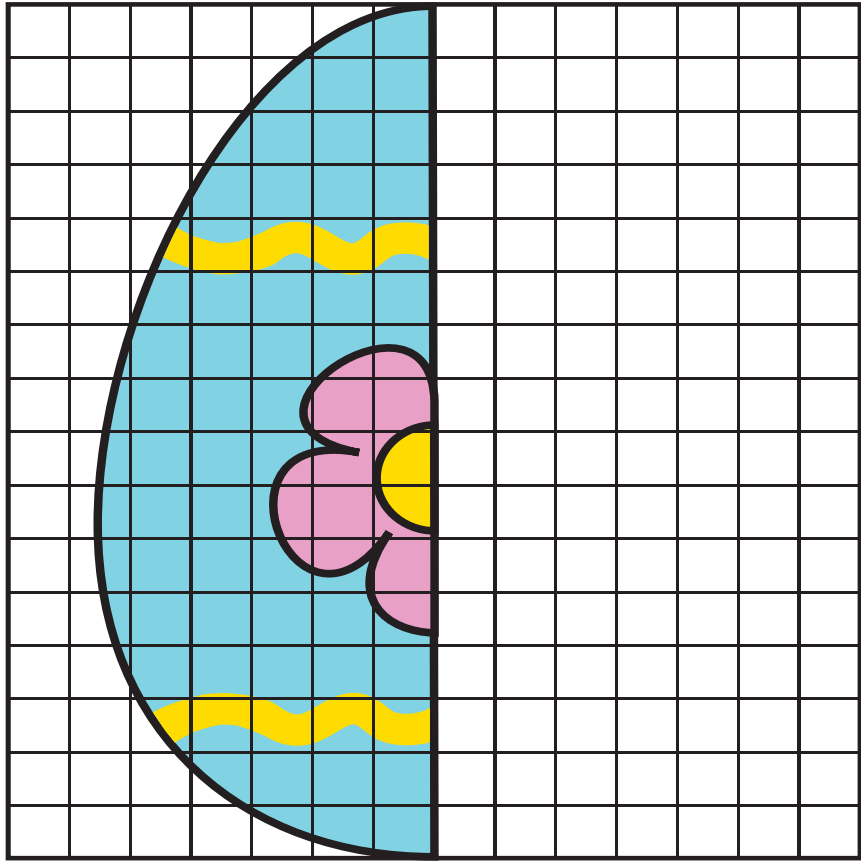


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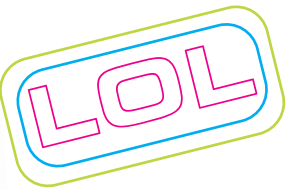
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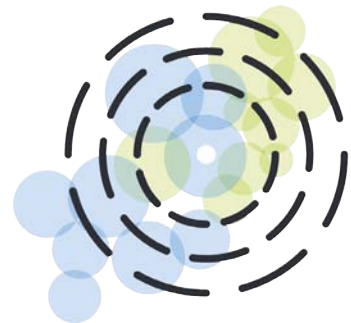
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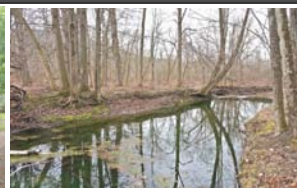


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