



Chelsea, Vermont— Spring / Summer Newsletter

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Brought to you by the First Branch Community Collaborative

Welcome to the Chelsea community newsletter! If our fundraising efforts go well, we plan to send out a newsletter in May, September and January letting all residents know of events and activities planned for the upcoming months. This is our first issue, so it's likely we have missed some things. **PLEASE** forgive any omissions and let us know what activities and events your organization has planned for the Fall! Contact us, firstbranchcollaborative@gmail.com

Please join us on May 22nd to Set a Direction and Take Action towards a Chelsea Community Store!

On May 22nd, all Chelsea community members are invited to come together at the Chelsea Town Hall from 6:30-9:00 pm to work with a resource team of federal, state, business, and non-profit experts to identify next steps and resources that can help us move forward towards a vision for a Chelsea Community store. The meeting will be facilitated by the Vermont Council on Rural Development in Partnership with the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation.

This meeting is a follow up to a well-attended community discussion on April 21st to discuss challenges, opportunities, vision, and action ideas to inform next steps. Community members expressed an array of ideas and vision points on the structure, need, and functions a store might serve and how to make sure it aligns with Chelsea's existing needs and assets.

Now, your input is needed as we chart direction towards next steps to make this community vision a reality. **All are welcome!** For more information contact: 625-2016 or, firstbranchcollaborative@gmail.com

MORE FBCC SPONSORED EVENTS:

Barn Quilt Project – The Chelsea Arts Collective (CAC) and FBCC plan to curate a trail of barn quilts throughout the Chelsea community, made by local individuals and groups.

A brochure will be developed, which will serve as a guide to each participating property site and will be available at the town library and area businesses. The brochure will contain information about the symbolism behind each quilt, as well as historic information about the property.

If you are interested in painting a quilt, leading a group or displaying a community-made barn quilt on your property, let us know.

August 25: Arts on the Green Market & Festival

10:00–5:00pm on the North Common.

The CAC, in collaboration with the FBCC, is currently planning a one-day arts festival to be held in historic Chelsea Village. This event is free and open to the public and is part of a larger initiative to bring energy and vibrancy to communities along the First Branch of the White River.

In the spirit of Chelsea's Old Home Day, which was traditionally held in the month of August, the CAC hopes to create an event that is inspiring, interactive, and inclusive; to offer a venue for local artists to exhibit and sell their work; and to foster local engagement and creativity. Musicians, performers, fine artists and craftspeople from across New England are invited to participate.

Planned as a community-building event, the festival will include a kid's activity tent, displays of art provided by area organizations, food trucks, local arts and crafts vendors, a potluck, as well as a concert organized by the Chelsea Public Library. Some of the organizations invited to collaborate in the festival include: The Chelsea Grange, The Chelsea Historical Society, SafeArt, area-schools, and the Senior Center. If your local organization would like to be involved, please contact us at chelseaartscollective@gmail.com

The Chelsea Arts Collective (CAC) is accepting art and food vendor applications for this event until May 30.

<https://www.chelseavt-arts.com/apply-to-the-festival.html>

We are also seeking funding partners for both events. For more info or to make a donation, please visit

www.chelseaarts-vt.com



Join us Fridays 3-6pm on the North Common in Chelsea
 May 18-Sept 28, 2018

Every week a regular set of vendors will be selling veggies, beef, lamb, eggs, chicken,

pies, bread, maple products, cookies, candies, crafts, hand-made jewelry, hand-crafted pottery, hand-made goat-milk soap, and much more! In addition, CFM will have a rotating set of vendors who will bring their specific crafts to the market monthly. Be sure to check the CFM website info for weekly events & activities.

THE MARKET CAFÉ!

Two new banners and three colorful new tents will be seen at the Chelsea Farmers Market this year. Thanks to a generous donation from Mascoma Bank, CFM has been able to purchase a dedicated new ‘home’ for musicians and performers, and some new cables/ leads etc. The Mascoma funds have also allowed CFM to create a new community space, along with prepared foods and a place to eat on the North Common on Friday afternoons. These ‘Pop-Up Cafés’ will sometimes have specialty food vendors, like Rob Rinaldi’s mobile wood-fired pizza operation, but mostly the space will be available for community members who feel inspired to be chef-for-a-day. To book the space and make arrangements To book the space and make arrangements to participate as a Pop-up vendor or musician/performer, contact our new market manager: Jennie Martin, *jenn_martin@charter.net*

See who has already signed up on the calendar below!

MAY- JUNE EVENTS so far:

- May 18: Music by Doug Perkins.
 Pop-Up Café: On display, no food this week but come check us out and book your week!
- May 25: Regular vendors & special guests.
 Music by The Chelsea Public School Music Group.
 Pop-Up Café: Phyllis Hayward & Family - Smoked chicken, salads, rolls.
- June 3: 4th ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL
 Regular vendors with Brocklebank Brewing and others.
 Music; TBD.
 Prepared Food Vendor: Rob Rinaldi’s WOOD-FIRED PIZZA WAGON.

Kids activity; ‘Plant your own veggie garden’ with Susan Hoffman.

Special Event: Story Tent with Bald Mountain Theater.

- June 8: Music by Miranda Moody Miller.
 Pop-Up Café: Sandy Edmonds & Jeanne Bisson Coconut Chicken, Pot Stickers, and Mango Rice.
 Kids Event; Chelsea Public Library Summer Reading Program kick-off.
- June 15: Regular vendors & special guests.
 Music; TBD.
 Pop-Up Café: Sara Gordon - Burgers and Hot Dogs.
 Kids Event: CPL Summer Reading Program
- June 22: Music; TBD.
 Pop-Up Café: Sarah Caouette and Nick Bennett—Flatiron Flatbreads.
 Kids Event: CPL Summer Reading Program.
 All ages activity; Plant a Butterfly Garden
- June 29: Music; TBD.
 Pop-Up Café: Jennie Martin and friends - An English Summer Cream Tea, sandwiches, scones, strawberries, clotted cream.
 Kids Event: CPL Summer Reading

Chelsea Fish & Game Club

- June 3: Kids’ fishing derby (12 & under), 4:00–6:00pm at Dick Lyford's pond on Hall Road
- July 14: Chicken BBQ at the Basketball Court during morning hours of Flea Market
- Sept. 1: Duck Race, 1:00pm (Finish Line at Button's Real Estate Office on Rte 110)

Chelsea Horseshoe League

- July 21: Tournament. Sign-up 8:30-9:30 behind the Town Waterworks Plant

Chelsea Grange

- July 14 (Flea Market Day): French Fry Sale, 2:00pm @ the United Church of Chelsea
- 4th Saturday of each month, other than July: Community Dinner that is Free to the public

Chelsea Senior Center

May 17: Chelsea seniors will be heading to Myrtle Beach, SC for 1 ½ weeks.

May 25: Seniors provide baked goods at the Sharon rest-area and accept donations.

May 26 to July 14 (Flea Market): Selling quilt raffle tickets in Tunbridge

June 26: Trip to Squam Lake, cruise and train ride around Lake Winnepesaukee, visit to Hart's Turkey Farm

Ongoing Mondays and Fridays: Lunch at noon at the Chelsea United Church

If you are 60 or older, you are eligible for *Meals on Wheels*. Contact Sue Pirie at 685-2290.



July 14: Annual Book Sale (Flea Market Day)

August 23: Presentation at 7pm. Bernard Lambek will be talking about his upcoming book "Uncivil Liberties" www.bernielambek.com

August 25: Library Benefit Concert by David Rosane & the Zookeepers

For more details visit: www.chelsealibrary.com. See Farmers' Market listings for Summer Reading Programs



May 20: Chelsea Community Prom

1:00 - 3:00 pm , Chelsea School gymnasium

Children of all ages, parents, families, alumni and community members are invited to enjoy the splendor of the Chelsea School gymnasium as it is transformed for the final CHS Prom, which will take place the evening before, May 19th.

This is an afternoon dance and open house. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Those who will stay for

the dance are asked to dress for the special occasion. Princesses, gentlemen, fairies, sparrow men and the like are encouraged to attend.

No admission fee. Light refreshments will be served.

May 26: Chelsea Public School Homecoming, All Day

10:00 CHS girls lacrosse game @ U-32

2:00 Final home CHS baseball game at school field. Followed by Spring Athletes Parade & Tributes

4:00 Lawn Chair Party & Community Potluck at school ball field & playground. Bring a dish to share. Hot dogs, veggie/hamburgers & paper products provided. School tours, lawn games, face painting, relay races, etc. Local musicians welcome, spontaneous concerts encouraged!

6:30 Chelsea School Play at Town Hall. Chelsea Drama Club presents the Spring Musical, a musical review of Chelsea's past productions! Join us as we sing and dance through time and pay tribute to Chelsea High School, past and present.

8:00 School Bonfire!

May 28: MEMORIAL DAY, 10:00 am. Immediately following Memorial Day ceremony at Chelsea Town Hall, students, faculty & staff are invited to wear school shirts and walk in the parade.

June 14: Every Name Called ceremony, 6:30 pm school gym. Parents, families, faculty, staff, community, alumni invited!

Every current student in our school might have graduated from Chelsea High School one day. Each would have heard his or her name called to cross a stage and be recognized.

This evening will recognize each class as a whole, grades 8-11, and each individual student.

Each class will choose a 'Class Song' and celebrate in a way they plan with their teacher/advisor. Individual students may choose to share a reading, a song, or a poem. Then each student in that class will be called to receive a commemorative "diploma". An ice cream social will close the evening.

May 2018

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May 18—First Day of Farmers' Market

May 20—Chelsea Public School Community Prom

May 20—Road Rally

May 22—Community Store Mtg, 6:30-9:00

May 24—SafeArt / BALE film

May 25—Senior Center offers baked goods in Sharon

May 26—Chelsea Public School Homecoming

May 26—Grange Community Supper. Free to all.

May 28—Memorial Day

May 30—Deadline for Arts Festival Applications

Chelsea Recreation Committee Pick-up Games at Heath Field:

Soccer, Sundays, 5:00 pm

Volleyball, Thursdays, 6:30 pm

June 2018

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June 3—Fish & Game Kids' Fishing Derby 4:00—6:00

June 9—United Church Community Dinner, 5:00

June 14—Chelsea Public School Every Name Called 6:30

June 15—SafeArt SEVA Stress Release Workshop 6:00

June 23—Grange Community Supper. Free to all.

June 28—LAST Chelsea High School Graduation, 6:30

June 28—Town of Chelsea, CVSWM

Special Collections Day 5:00-7:00 PM

July 2018

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July 9-13—NCF Soccer & Character Camp

July 11—Red Cross Blood Drive at United Church, 12:00—5:00

July 14—CHELSEA FLEA MARKET

July 14—Fish & Game Chicken BBQ morning

July 14—Grange French Fry Sale 2:00

July 14—Library Book Sale

July 21—Fish & Game Tournament, 8:30

July 21—Historical Society Open House 10:00—2:00

July 21—United Church Ice Cream Social & Band Concert, 2:00

July 21—United Church Community Dinner, 5:00

July 28—Grange Community Supper. Free to all.

August 2018

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August 6-9—NCF Vacation Bible School

August 11—United Church Community Dinner, 5:00

August 23—Library Presentation by Bernard Lambek, 7:00

August 25—Arts on the Green Market & Festival, 10:00—5:00

August 25—Grange Community Supper. Free to all.

August 25—Library Benefit Concert, 7:00

August 26—Free Verse Farm, Outdoor Art Class, 12:30

June 28: Chelsea High School Graduation! 6:30 pm,
Chelsea South Common, rain or shine!

For more information, or to help out with an event, contact: Jess Anderson: *jdumontander-son@gmail.com* 685-4617; Mindy Farnham: *mindyfarnham@yahoo.com* 685-4551; Emily Marshia: *marshiafam@gmail.com* 685-4335

CHELSEA CHURCHES

United Church of Chelsea

July 21: Free Ice Cream Social and Band Concert on
North Common at 2:00.

July 11: Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00–5:00 PM
Blood drives are every 8th Wednesday. Look for signs with the date of September's.

Free Community Dinners on second Saturdays except July 14th (Flea Market) - June 9, July 21, August 11.

Food Shelf Distribution monthly on second Tuesday from 11:00 - 1:00, and fourth Tuesday from 5:00 - 6:00
For more info about the Food Shelf please contact Heidi Chapman at 685-3280.

New Creation Fellowship

July 9-13: Soccer and Character camp, held at Blue Mountain School in Wells River.

For children who have completed K-8. \$15 with bus transportation from Chelsea. The bus leaves at 8:00 am and returns by 1:00 pm. Special event on Friday for campers and their families complete with hotdog lunch.

August 6-9: Game On!: Gearing Up For Life's Big Game, Vacation Bible School, 9:00 am - noon.
Free for ages K-6th grade.

This year's VBS is all about equipping kids to gear up for life's big game. We want your children to join us for the fun and excitement! Each day kids will dig deep into God's Word to examine how Jesus cares about them as well as make crafts, play fun games, enjoy tasty snacks,

sing cool songs, and learn about missions.

New Creation Fellowship is also open most Fridays during the Farmer's Market for a cool place to rest, play ping pong, games or use the restroom.

Family movies are being planned during the summer and the dates will be posted on the front windows. These movies are free to everyone and include lemonade and popcorn.

For additional information check us out at www.newcreationvt.org or [facebook.com/newcreationvt](https://www.facebook.com/newcreationvt).

Chelsea Recreation Committee

Pick-Up Soccer, Sundays, 5:00 PM, Heath Field.
Pick-up Volleyball, Thursdays, 6:30 PM, Heath Field
ALL WELCOME!

The First Branch Co-Op Buying Club

Members of the buying club can order from an on-line catalog of more than 45,000 items including bulk, canned goods, refrigerated and frozen items as well as supplements and personal care items. Orders are combined and submitted every four weeks and delivered to a central location right here in Chelsea.

Membership is free but all members must collect and pay for their items as soon as possible after delivery. For more details, or to sign up, please email Russ Martin - Russell_martin@charter.net

Free Verse Farm

August 26: Outdoor Art Class: Pressed Herb Designs on Wood, 12:30 - 2:30PM, \$40/person. At Free Verse Farm, Baraw Hill Rd., Chelsea

Do you love herbs, art, and nature? This class is the perfect combination of these three joys. Join Pennsylvania Artist and Herbalist Jenel Schaffer for a lovely afternoon making art with dried, pressed herbs while enjoying the sights and sounds of a hillside herb farm.

This is a one-of-a-kind project made on vintage barn wood, painted with acrylic paint, and decorated with

pressed herbs, flowers, and other collaged items. All skill levels are welcome!

Tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-verse-farm-apothecary-outdoor-art-class-pressed-herb-designs-plus-herb-tea-tickets-45007885798>

A music and poetry festival, farm tour & tea tasting, basket-weaving class, and writing class are also tentatively planned for this summer. Sign up for our newsletter to stay up-to-date regarding great events at the farm by visiting www.freeversefarm.com.

SafeArt

May 24: 6:30–8:30 in SafeArt's Visual Arts Studio, FREE. SafeArt in collaboration with Building A Local Economy (BALE), will host a screening of the film **Dancing with the Cannibal Giant: 5 New Stories for the Great Transition.**

This a documentary film for those who have an awareness of – and pain felt for – a species gone awry. This is a hope-filled film... filled with the wisdom of people, mostly younger, who see the wounds and are still actively engaged in healing the planet in their own inspired way.

It is a regional film (the Northeastern US), as the filmmakers believe in the power of place and the distinct nature of place to evoke stories unique to that location... and meaningful to the people who are grounded in place and community.

In addition to screening this film, SafeArt will hold a short discussion program afterwards, in order to build a more engaged dialogue with the participants... hearing their stories and finding inspiration in the quiet revolution of the heart and soul, which is the place where profound change can occur.

June 15: SEVA Stress Release Workshop 6-7:30 PM, SafeArt's Healing Arts Movement Studio. \$5 donation suggested. Pre-registration required - please contact our office through email: info@safart.org or call: 802-685-3138

Workshop taught by Angelique Priscilla. SEVA Stress Release is an acupressure treatment - it's simple, potent, and supportive. You can even learn to do on yourself.

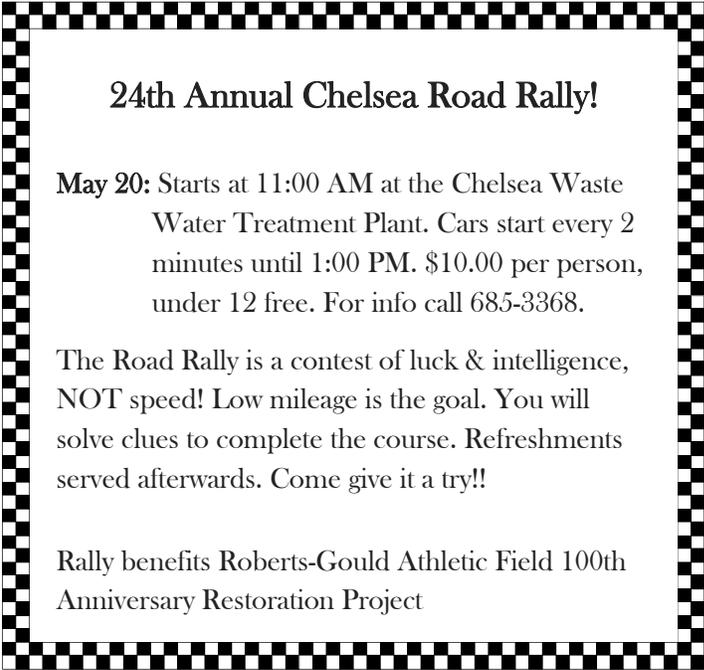
In this workshop you'll be lead through a particular sequence of acupoints that will allow your body to recalibrate into a more restful and peaceful state. This particular sequence of points was developed by the Soul Lightning Acupressure faculty in response to 9/11, and used to treat the first responders at Ground Zero.

SafeArt has several groups that currently have openings for new members. In addition, they offer a calendar of classes which can be seen here <http://www.safart.org/altus/altus-healing-arts-programs/>

SafeArt's Book Drive Donation

Starting in June, SafeArt will have a bin with used books at the Hannaford grocery store in West Lebanon, NH, with a donation box for SafeArt. Take a book - leave a donation for SafeArt.

In preparation for this, SafeArt is collecting used books of all kinds in good condition; soft cover, hard cover, children's books, fiction, and non-fiction. If you are doing some Spring cleaning and have some books you no longer want, please consider donating them to a good cause! There is a donation box in the SafeArt office downstairs in the Mascoma Bank Building. Thank you!



24th Annual Chelsea Road Rally!

May 20: Starts at 11:00 AM at the Chelsea Waste Water Treatment Plant. Cars start every 2 minutes until 1:00 PM. \$10.00 per person, under 12 free. For info call 685-3368.

The Road Rally is a contest of luck & intelligence, NOT speed! Low mileage is the goal. You will solve clues to complete the course. Refreshments served afterwards. Come give it a try!!

Rally benefits Roberts-Gould Athletic Field 100th Anniversary Restoration Project

In preparation for this, we are collecting used books of all kinds in good condition; soft cover, hard cover, children's books, fiction, and non-fiction.

If you are doing some Spring cleaning and have some books you no longer want, please consider donating them off to us! We have a donation box in our office, at Altus Healing Arts, in the Mascoma Bank Building downstairs. Thank you!

Wild Hill Herbals

May-early June: Dig Your Own Plants

296 Bobbinshop Rd., Chelsea.

Farm dug Perennial flowers, medicinal and culinary herbs, and some shrubs and trees available \$5.00-15.00 each per generous clump. Over 75 plant varieties. Instruction on how to use and grow and make medicine from any of the plants \$20.00/hr.

For the list of plants available, to make an appointment, or if you are interested in upcoming spring and summer herbal workshops and women's retreats: call Susan Hoffman at 685-2038 or email wildhillherbals@gmail.com.



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Town of Chelsea

June 28: Central Vermont Solid Waste Management

District Special Collections Day! 2018 Chelsea
Rover, PBF, 5-7 p.m.
(Chelsea Transfer Station).

This includes paint, battery, fluorescent & CFL bulb and electronics collections are FREE to residents. Please call ahead to preregister for this event. 802-229-9383

MEMORIAL DAY FESTIVITIES ~

May 28: Program on North Common 10:00am. Parade will follow. Floats, Bikes, trucks, tractors, walkers, and others line up on South Common 9:30am-10:45am.

First, second and third place trophies awarded for best parade floats! Sign-up forms available at Will's Store and WRC Garage. For more info or to sign up call Linda Kuban 685-2206, Jennifer Walters 522-7719, or Liz Connor 802-505-0505.

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