Are you day dreaming about your garden and all of the fresh, delicious produce you’ll have in a few months? When you’re planting your garden please consider dedicating a row or two for vegetables to be donated to the Thompson Senior Center. Even if you have a little extra that you’re afraid will go to waste, we can use it. By sharing your harvest, you help provide Chef Ryan with fresh, seasonal, local produce for our daily luncheon and Meals on Wheels Programs. Your donation helps to provide good nutrition to our patrons and helps with the food budget. The Thompson serves over 20,000 delicious, nutritious meals each year so every bit helps!

**SHARE THE HARVEST 2011 RESULTS**

Over 31 gardeners contributed healthy, local produce to our daily meals programs over a 5 month period last year. Donations began in early June with carrots and beets from a 2010 root cellar followed by fiddleheads, asparagus and multiple donations of rhubarb and lettuce by early July. Turnips, beets and carrots were the next treats to arrive. Bush beans began in August and by the end of the month many donations of zucchini and cucumbers began and continued well into the fall. Tomatoes were late (poor growing season) and not as abundant as previous years. Pole beans, bush beans and lettuce were made available from August to November. Our harvest season finished off with fall contributions of celery, basil, apples, winter squash and brussel sprouts. The produce donated was included in at least 100 of the daily menus for a period of five months. THANK YOU to each of our 2011 Share the Harvest Contributors!

**IRIS GARDEN TOUR**

**Monday, June 4, Depart TSC at 9:30AM**

COST: $3, plus lunch on your own

Marita Johnson of Springfield, VT grows 225 different varieties of bearded irises in her yard with Mt. Ascutney as the backdrop. From white to nearly black, Marita’s irises cover the full spectrum of colors. Join us for this garden tour by calling to reserve your seat on The Thompson van. We will stop for lunch at the Springfield Royal Diner for a bit of nostalgia and a great meal.

**Summer Tea ~ Luncheon**

**Wednesday, June 6, 12 Noon**

Don’t miss our 2nd Annual Tea at The Thompson on Wednesday, June 6, at 12 Noon. Hearty Tea sandwiches, mini quiches, and a variety of tea cookies will be served. RSVP by June 1st to 457-3277.

Fancy hats are welcomed and Gentlemen are invited, too! Suggested donation of $4.

**2011 SHARE THE HARVEST CONTRIBUTORS**

Anne Bower  
Marjorie Van Alstyne  
Jim Emery  
Carol Powell  
Mary Sharpe  
John Connelly  
Jane Leonard  
Eddie English  
Ruth Beebee  
Pam Jaynes  
Bob Forman  
Penny March  
Dick/Linda Brackett  
Rhonda Beebee  
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The White Cottage  
Sue Hottenstein  
Sally Kesseli  
Kathy English  
Dale Harrington  
Phyllis Palmer  
Deanna Jones  
Alex Audsley  
Erwin/Polly Fullerton  
Patricia March  
Phil Swanson  
Mavis Shaw  
Brooke Baird  
John Leavitt  
Charlotte Bazz  
Billy/Tita Langlands  
Sharon Schellong

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**BEHIND THE SCENES**

A note from the desk of Deanna Jones, Executive Director

We played our way through May! After Marko The Magician was here, Mickey Morgan told me that he hadn’t laughed so hard in years. I agreed (still dabbing the tears of laughter from my eyes)! The great turnout for our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on May 2nd was heartwarming, to say the least. It reminded everyone just how many people are dedicated to helping out and also how many people it takes to make The Thompson such a special place! Thank you again to each and every person who volunteers their time for us and our special community!

Hardly a day goes by that I don’t hear a compliment about the wonderful staff here. They each “go the extra mile” every day with their planning and hard work, their caring ways, and their creative ideas. It is truly a dedicated group. In June, we’ll take time to recognize the Thompson Staff. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 20th and join us at lunch and afterwards for a special celebration. Please contact me if you would like to help out on this day. Send me your “quotes” and notes with special thoughts about our staff, if you would like to. I’ll use them in a special and memorable way. Thank you!

Please contact me at 457-3277 or tsc-execdirector@comcast.net if you have any questions or suggestions. ~ Deanna

**ADVISORY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Submitted by Fran Gillett, Advisory

- Movie night to feature a comedy as requested
- Summer trips and program planning underway - watch for details in newsletters
- Name tags suggested for volunteers - large print first names
- Ideas discussed for special outreach project

Special thanks expressed to: Eddie for his trip presentation, Janet and Perry for help during the sprinkler system alarm, Dick Atwood and Jim Emery for sprinkler system repairs, and All the staff for the great Volunteer Breakfast.

Please join our next meeting on Monday, June 4th at 1pm.

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Sisbanh Wright, Kitchen Asst., Nelson Gilman, Medical driver
Morris Stickney, Maintenance
Gordon Worth, Van driver
Jim Emery, Van driver & maintenance
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**CENTER HOURS**

8 AM-3 PM, Monday-Friday

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Sarah Roberts
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Eden Thompson

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Currently available at the Center: Canes, walkers, shower chairs, crutches, and wheelchairs - FREE

Available: Stair Chair glider, call for details

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**Friendly Reminder**

Please remember to sign up for special events, meals, and programs when reservations are indicated on the calendar. It helps us to plan for food quantities and schedule drivers appropriately. Likewise, if you sign up and find that you can’t come, please cancel your reservation. This will not only help with planning and expenses, but also make it so that others can attend.

**DAY TRIP POLICY**

To make your reservation, contact Diana or Pam at 457-3277.

Reservations are taken on a first paid basis and are not considered confirmed until full payment has been received. Checks will be deposited 30 days prior to trip date.

If you cancel for any reason, payment cannot be returned unless we fill your spot from a waiting list. This is due to non-refundable fees charged to us by the bus company &or destination.

All are welcome to go on trips, but anyone needing extended assistance must bring a caregiver or companion.

**TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

Medical Rides - $10 suggested donation per out-of-town trip. A minimum of 48 hours noticed is requested for scheduling.

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**IN APPRECIATION**

Daily Valley News subscription - Woodstock Pharmacy
Birthday Cakes - Diane Atwood, Jan Soule, Carol Towner
Monthly book club selection - Yankee Bookshop
One Story subscription - Boyd Bishop
Plants & Garden cleanup - Norcoke Huff
Garden Cleanup - WUHS Horticulture & Forestry Students
Garden Cleanup - Valerie Chase, Chase Site Services
Fiddleheads - Bob Belisle
Knit & Crocheted items - Ralph & Beda Levine
Yarn - Joan McGee
Quilting kits - Carol Towner
Bingo Cards/Board - Anonymous

**KIA SOIL**

Transportation Sponsors:
Upper Valley Rehabilitation
Dead River
Ellaway’s Artic Consignment
Ottauquechee Plumbing
People’s United Bank
Woodstock Insurance Services, Inc.
Lang McLaughry Spera Real Estate’s Tambrely Vutech

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

1 - Paul Lenett
2 - Mickey Morgan
15 - Polly Fullerton
5 - Carol Nettleship
2 - Carol Nettleship
17 - Lillian Weed
6 - Janet Herrick
18 - June Johnson
5 - Tim Maxham
19 - Emily Schanck
7 - Ruth Beebee
20 - John Matthews
8 - Noreen Huff
22 - Pat Mangan
11 - Louise Denham
22 - Dick Leonard
11 - Betty Wood
26 - Doris LeBaron
14 - Bud Leavitt
27 - Linda Stickney
15 - Mary Sharpe

On June 28th we will celebrate your special day! Please join us!
**ONGOING PROGRAMS**

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**
Wednesday, June 20th
(On-going, on the third Wednesday of each month, 12:30 - 1:30 PM)
Support and education can make a critical difference for family members and caregivers of patients with memory loss or disorders such as Alzheimer’s. Please join our confidential monthly support group (with complimentary lunch) and share ideas, concerns, and constructive feedback with others facing similar challenges.

**JOIN OUR MEMOIR CLUB**
Ongoing, Mondays, 10:15 AM - Noon
In this informal group, we encourage one another as we record stories that may otherwise be lost or forgotten. Each person has an opportunity to read aloud one to two pages each week often triggering group memories and lively discussion. No pressure… reading is optional! Participants’ goals may be to compile written memories in a book to be passed down, or to gather miscellaneous written memories as they come to mind. This group is fun and supportive -- come join us!

**BOOK CLUB**
The book club is on “summer break” until September. Enjoy the books you choose and recommend your favorites to Sherry Belisle 457-1919.

A special thank you to the Yankee Bookshop for donating a copy of each month’s book to The Thompson Center and to Sherry Belisle for facilitating the Book Club!

**HANDWORK CIRCLE**
Need moral support starting or finishing a project? Join our handwork circle on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM for tips, advice, coffee, and a few laughs.

**SCRABBLE CLUB**
Ongoing, Mondays, 1 PM
This newly formed group wants to have fun while keeping their brains active and challenged. The National Scrabble Association “cheat sheets” and playing boards are available. Let’s play - the more the merrier!

**TOWN DAYS ARE BACK!**
Residents of surrounding towns are invited for lunch at The Thompson for the reduced rate of **$2.00** on the following Mondays. Bring your friends!

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**Meals For Pets reminder**
Are you a Meals On Wheels recipient who has pets that you would like to include in our Meals For Pets program? The Thompson Center has expanded our Meals On Wheels program to include pet food for those recipients who need it. Working in partnership with Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society, The Thompson will deliver needed pet food and kitty litter to Meals on Wheels recipients. All you have to do is call Pam Butler at 457-3277 and put in your request for your cat(s) and/or dog(s) and she will coordinate your pet food with your meal delivery. We gratefully acknowledge Lucy Mackenzie for their generous donation of pet food. Spread the word!

**Upper Valley Lanes Bowling Special**
Bowling special starting Thursdays June 14th. Seniors can arrive to bowl at 9:30 AM on Thursdays and bowl 3 games for $5.00 with free shoes.

Questions can be directed to Upper Valley Lanes in WRJ at 296-2442
It is hard to overstate the impact railroads had on our history. In just over 40 years they transformed a nation limited by very slow transportation into a national market and economy. From about 1860 to 1930 railroads were, by far, the dominant means of overland transportation in the United States and Canada. Mr. Bohi will discuss how excessive regulation, uncooperative unions, and inept management nearly destroyed the railroad industry after World War II. However, the end of regulation, more cooperative labor relations, and much better management have made it possible for railroads to come roaring back and play a significant role in our society and economy today.

**FRENCH CLASSES**

**Mondays, September 10th to October 29th**

(no class on October 8th)

8:45 to noon

Cost: $85.00

Instructor: Judy Mahood
Email: judymahood@comcast.net.

Please call to indicate your interest as soon as possible. Judy would like a minimum of four students to conduct this class.

**Advanced Beginner**

Students in this class will participate in a variety of activities that will enhance their French language skills and familiarize them with the French culture. Students will learn some useful vocabulary and expressions for travel and will have an opportunity to refresh their rusty or forgotten skills.

**ITALIAN STUDY GROUP**

Ongoing, Thursdays, 10:30 AM - Noon

Cost: $11/class

Instructor: Evangeline Monroe

In this study group we will focus on building comprehension and fluency. All levels of fluency are welcome. Evangeline is a retired Foreign Service officer who reported on Italian politics while serving at the U.S. Embassy in Rome from 1989 to 1991. For more information call Diana Leskovar at 457-3277.

**STRENGTH & FITNESS**

**Weekly classes on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:00 AM**

Our popular strength and fitness class, led by Liz Hatfield, is scheduled each Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9:00 - 10:00 AM. The class is offered for $3.00/class or 12 classes for $30 on a punch card.

**TAI CHI**

**For Health, Fun, and Relaxation**

Please note: no summer classes are scheduled at this time. Watch for updates in the July and August newsletters.

Instructor Anne Bower offers two Tai Chi classes at the Thompson Center:

**Beginners’ Class**

Students will learn the standing and seated versions of part one of “Tai Chi for Arthritis” along with basic tai chi principles that promote healthy outcomes—deep breathing, slow/gentle movements, coordination of body and breath, relaxation with focused, deliberate steps.

**Upper Level Class**

Students will expand on their knowledge of forms part one and two (tai chi for arthritis) and explore other instructor lead forms (Sun 73 or Yang 24) —depending on student interest and ability.

For more information email Anne Bower at anniebower@comcast.net or check out her website (www.annebower.com) she can also be reached at: 802-457-2877

The Arthritis Foundation endorses this form of tai chi as a clinically proven way to improve mobility, decrease pain, stiffness, and gain balance.

**SPANISH CLASS**

Watch for fall dates in our July newsletter

**Instructor: Jennifer Roby**

This class will be conducted primarily in Spanish with emphasis on building conversational skills. It will be geared toward beginning and intermediate learners. Instructor Jennifer Roby teaches Spanish part-time at the Albert Bridge School in Brownsville and has tutored children and adults of all ages. Minimum: 4 students.
**TRIPS**

**TRIP TO YORK, MAINE WEDNESDAY, JULY 18TH**

Depart Thompson Center at 7:30AM on Premiere Bus. Our estimated time for return to Woodstock is 7:30PM.

Arrive at Fox’s Lobster House, located on the scenic “Nubble” peninsula overlooking the historic Cape Neddick Light Station. We will have an opportunity to stretch our legs and enjoy the great views on the point called Sohier Park. Lunch will be served in the upstairs dining room overlooking the ocean and surrounding park. You will have a choice of 1 1/8 fresh boiled Maine Lobster, local baked Haddock, or their popular Chicken Marsala. All lunch entrees include a garden salad, choice of fries or baked potato, choice of corn on the cob or fresh broccoli, dinner rolls and beverage, with mudslide ice cream pie for dessert. Fox’s motto is, “One Nibble on the Nubble and You’re Hooked!”

At 2:00 we will arrive at the 23rd Annual Decorator Show House where we will tour a beautiful local home featuring dozens of spaces decorated by many of the region’s most talented designers. There will be an opportunity to walk the landscaped grounds and shop in a boutique stocked with specialty items and samples.

Following the tour Elaine Burnham, a Member Liaison from the York Chamber of Commerce, will step on our bus and provide a short narrative on some historic landmarks, as we head out of town. Time permitting we will stop off at the Stonewall Kitchen store to enjoy samples of their popular products.

Note: This trip entails walking on uneven surfaces and the use of stairs.

Cost: $88.00. Please indicate your menu choice when you reserve your place in advance. Thank you.

**Lake George Cruise**, Wednesday, June 13, 7:30 departure - Sold out (Waitlist only)

**OKLAHOMA at The New London Barn Playhouse**

Wednesday, July 11, 2:00 matinee (depart on the TSC shuttle at 12:30PM)

Oklahoma, Roger & Hammerstein’s first collaboration, is set in Western Indian Territory just after the turn of the century. A high-spirited rivalry between the local farmers and cowboys provides the colorful background for this classic, popular musical.

Cost: $35.00 (includes gas donation)

Note: Space is limited, please sign up in advance. If you plan to eat lunch at the Senior Center please let the kitchen know in advance so you can be served promptly.

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**FREE LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC**

**Monday, July 23, 9:00AM - 12:30PM**

Harvard attorney, Jacob Speidel, will return to conduct a free legal clinic at the Thompson Senior Center. The clinic is sponsored by Vermont Legal Aid and the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont and it is for Vermonters age 60 or older. Jacob will give legal advice or referrals on a wide variety of legal problems including wills, powers of attorney, landlord-tenant issues, Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, SSI, other public benefits, debt collection, consumer issues, guardianship, divorce, foreclosure, small claims, bankruptcy, and other civil legal matters. Please bring any paperwork with you pertaining to your problem. Also, please note the attorney is not able to help with criminal cases or problems pertaining to anyone other than you. Twenty minute appointments will begin at 9:00AM and end at 12:30PM. Please call the Senior Center at 457-3277 to schedule an appointment.

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**WORLD WAR II REMEMBERED**

**Thursday, July 26, 1pm**

What stands out so clearly in these “remembrances of things past” is the unmistakable ring of authenticity in every account, a rare quality in the literature of war. Even after 70 years, every recollection remains vivid. Time has done little to dim those perilous times and recollections; they add depth and breadth to tales of wartime and to the significance of experiences lives in service... World War II Remembered is an exceptional human document—a legacy of greatness to be treasured for a very long time.

Join us for this talk with some of the writers and editors of the book and help kick-off BOOKSTOCK 2012 with us at The Thompson!
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