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*Your community newsletter*

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We hope you enjoy it.

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*The Roxbury Village Park is the culmination of years of planning, designing, and hard work by the Park Committee, shown here from left to right: James Rogler, Dottie Guiffre, Elizabeth Carney, Ed Carney, and Craig Sullivan.*



## *Village Park is now complete!*

*by Elizabeth Carney*

On Friday September 22, 2023, the Roxbury Village Park hosted a visit from the Better Places Roadshow to celebrate the successful completion of the park. The visiting team was led by Richard Amore from the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, the Patronicity consultant Camryn Greer who managed the fundraising grant, and several other members of the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. Other areas of Vermont governance that were represented included the Department of Tourism, the Vermont Community Foundation, the VT Arts Council, and AARP-VT. Also attending were members of the Pincus-Albright family, who donated and planted many of the perennial shrubs that now grace the park, and also Michael and Devon Fuller, who were the first of many volunteers responsible for the assembly of all the park fixtures and structures. Dotti Giuffre shared copies of a pictorial history she had created that showed the development of the land into what is now the Roxbury Village Park, with many photos at different stages of the project.

The event, hosted by the Park Committee, was a wonderful opportunity to highlight the success of a project that was initiated just three years ago with the acquisition of a plot of land in the center of town with a large dying maple tree. After much hard work and dedication to a vision for a beautiful public space in the Village, the Park Committee has seen that dream realized. The park would not exist without the volunteer labor of some 37 individuals and families, students from the Roxbury Village School, summer campers from Windridge, and the many folks who generously donated to the Better Places grant fundraiser held last spring.

Thank you to all who contributed to creating our Village Park! 

# Remember

by Jane Pincus

Time passes, loved friends are lost. Memories become threadbare when just a few of us who share them remain on earth. An event that happened 53 or so years ago has brought the past alive. I have forgotten so many details. Wish I'd been more observant and written about even the most common things, like who and when, and how often. If I can't make this story intriguing enough for you, it still is, for me, marvelous. I'll tell you what happened.

## Part One

In 1959-1960 I was studying art, living in New York City with my friend Ruth. Seeking paid work, I pinned up a card on a school bulletin board, announcing myself as a tutor of French. I netted some interesting work, from the East side to the West Side of the city, but found nothing as dramatic as the adventure that drew me North, uptown.

A State Department official had seen my notice, phoned and came to our apartment to interview me for a possible tutoring arrangement. Why the State Department? I wish I could recall what he told me.

It was suggested that I would teach his client not French, but English. There was some mystery as to whom that person would be. He already spoke French.

## Part Two

I rode the subway to Columbia Presbyterian Hospital at 168th St. There, in a large corner room, its high windows overlooking the sky above a hill sloping down towards the West Side Drive and the Hudson river, I met my 'student,' Monsieur M'Hammedi. He was seated in the hospital bed.

I never did, or could, ask the questions I now wish I'd asked. Who exactly was he? I'd learned that he was a Moroccan government official -- or perhaps a police officer? -- I never knew for sure. In the distant past, he'd had polio. At this time in his life, he had come to the U.S. to have an operation on his legs, I believe. I don't think that I ever saw him standing upright.

He was VERY handsome. Lively. Dynamic. Quite wonderful.

During 'lessons,' which weren't really lessons, I sat beside his bed. Occasionally (how often? Just once, or many times?) his wife would be seated silently near the tall window. It was awkward, but since she spoke Arabic, but not English or French, she couldn't take part in any conversation. M. M'Hammedi would flirt with the nurses, trying out some of the new English words he'd learned. He was irresistible.

At one point he suggested that I fly back to Morocco with him!? A wonderful idea!!! (Though I was about to be married!) Another time, he gave me a simple bracelet, which dropped from my arm once as I put on my coat at a concert. (I've always wondered who found it).

We translated bland dialogues from a stuffy, old-fashioned French-to-English grammar book. Conjugating its verbs and repeating its phrases didn't have much to do with anything that was happening. But that didn't matter. Simply being in that room with whomever was there at the time was enough. It felt like being in another country altogether.

I learned later that a retinue of fellow Moroccans had accompanied him to the city, all of them staying (for weeks?) at the elegant Plaza hotel, among them a princess who telephoned her fiancé back in Morocco every day, talking with him overseas for hours. (Back then, during transatlantic calls, you could almost hear the ocean rushing undersea.) Princesses!

I didn't keep a journal those days. Nor write letters. So I can't remember how many weeks or months these sessions lasted. Not for long? They were lighthearted and glamorous -- but so ordinary that I did not record them in any way. Now that I'm telling you about them so many years later, I see how extraordinary they really were.

Weeks later? -- When he left the hospital, M. M'Hammedi invited me to a celebratory farewell dinner at a fancy New York restaurant (I remember only the woody, golden light, and no more) with 15 or so other guests. Who were they all? That was the last time I saw him.

But there's more: Ruth told me that he'd phoned after I'd married and left the city. I'm sure that she spoke to him. He MAY have even invited her and her friend Peter to dinner. Or had tea at our apartment. She told me about it! I know she did!

## Part Three

It's the 'may' in the sentence above that haunts me.

Morocco's (September 2023) earthquake has recently been in the news. I thought about this unusual man from Morocco and mentioned him to Heidi, my daughter-in-law. Quick as a flash she looked him up on her phone. (Couldn't this have happened a half-century ago?) She immediately found him, Driss M'Hammedi, with a Wikipedia biography! And a photo in which he is seated at a table with six others -- Yes! That's him!

We find that he had been an important Moroccan nationalist, one of the signers of the mid-fifties Manifesto of Independence

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## Vermont Forest Cemetery to Open in October

by Michelle and Paul Acciavatti

In October, Roxbury will become home to Vermont's first natural burial cemetery, at the Vermont Forest Cemetery, a federal 501(c)13 non-profit organization.

Since 2015, natural burial is an option for every Vermonter. Whether at Vermont Forest Cemetery or on one's land, people can now make this choice to honor their role in the ecosystem and to improve and sustain our planet for the future. Some natural burial grounds, including Vermont Forest Cemetery, operate as "conservation" cemeteries, partnering with environmental groups to ensure the land is protected to the highest possible degree, in perpetuity.

Natural burial grounds are more than just cemeteries: they are foundational spaces for communities. The mission of Vermont Forest Cemetery has five branches: Burial, Conservation, Art, Learning & Community. Our hope is that Vermont Forest Cemetery is as meaningful to artists, educators, and environmental scientists as it is to the people who choose to be buried here.

We invite everyone to join us at the cemetery on Saturday, October 7th. We will be hosting walking tours and will be available to answer any questions about natural burial or our mission.

PLEASE NOTE: parking is very limited, so please RSVP -

[www.cemetery.eco/opening](http://www.cemetery.eco/opening) 🏠



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## Community Crafters, Season 2

by Mary Bouchard

Crafting begins with classes filling to capacity, and the excitement and enthusiasm is contagious. We have a great lineup of projects with more continuing to be added to with new ideas and fabulous volunteer hosts. Signup has been made easy with the addition of our new website, so check us out, join in when you can, and please help spread the word.

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## Independence Day Recap

by Mary Bouchard

Seems like so long ago that we were enjoying such a sunny, festive, and fun-filled day. There was much going on in our little village, beginning with the parade and continuing late into the afternoon.

The parade began the day with floats tossing candies, horses and fire engines, enthusiastic young campers, and the two Oxen adorned with the most elaborate and striking head gear. Crowds lined both sides of the street all along the route, cheering and enjoying every minute.

Once the parade ended there were activities and fun for everyone, including face painting offered by four wonderful young adults. Our new Park was filled with folks enjoying the comforts of the seating while being serenaded by a talented string ensemble. The Town Hall once again hosted the Local Talent Exhibit for a second year of amazing displays from local artists and crafters.

The day wouldn't have been complete without the delicious Chicken BBQ, the mouth-watering Bake Sale, the Book Sale, the Rummage Sale with all its fun treasures, and the Historical Society's interesting displays of years gone by.

This year saw an expanded lineup of Entertainment, which delighted and inspired. We had dancing, singing, guitar playing, and storytelling, as well as the wonderful uplifting music in the Park.

Yes, it was a successful day, thanks to so many volunteers and attendees. 🏠



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# MRPS

## *(Montpelier-Roxbury Public Schools)*

*Kristen Getler and Rhett Williams*

On 9/6/23, The Montpelier-Roxbury Public Schools' (MRPS) school board approved a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking a consultant to facilitate a robust community engagement process and help the district assess future options and opportunities for the facilities within our school district. The catastrophic flooding in July, which resulted in 2 million gallons of water in the basement of Montpelier High School (MHS), ignited a large conversation about the future of Montpelier given the reality of climate change and the likelihood of future flooding. The RFP includes all MRPS facilities. It will be critical that the citizens of Roxbury participate in this process. There has been discussion around the viability of maintaining Roxbury Village School, both for challenges around staffing (on June 1, 2023, RVS did not have a principal or a 3rd/4th grade teacher secured for the 2023/2024 school year) and cost of educating RVS students (\$24,665 @ UES, \$33,561 @ RVS in 2023 budget). The lack of staffing in June of 2023 could have potentially resulted in RVS students attending Union Elementary School this fall, without a community engagement process. The MRPS facilities' Strategic Planning process is an opportunity for the Roxbury community to engage in a conversation about the challenges and opportunities inherent in running a school of approximately 40 students. If you love RVS, this process is your opportunity to tell the MRPS community why the challenges of RVS are worth the effort and expense. Additionally, the track renovation project at MHS has been placed on hold pending completion of the Strategic Planning community engagement process. Board members remain committed to high quality facilities for MRPS students, including a modern track.

The MRPS school board has been working to establish a vision and mission, as well as priority values, so that we can establish attainable goals for the board over the next few years. The MRPS mission states "Montpelier-Roxbury graduates practice respect and dignity for all, rooted in a diversity of perspectives and fostered by critical, creative, and empathetic thinking. They graduate with the skills, confidence, growth mindset, and knowledge to make any choice in their futures." Our values are Respect, Equity, Inclusion, Empathy & Kindness, and Accountability. The board identified three areas we want to focus on. 1. Closing the (academic) achievement gap. 2. Belonging, Safety, and Wellness. 3. Community Engagement, Accountability. We continue the process of establishing specific goals in these areas.


Caregiver organizations (PTOs) at each school continue to solicit your help and contributions. The Montpelier-Roxbury Public Schools' Partners In Education hopes to hire a part time Executive Director to help organize the caregiver organization's umbrella group, fundraise, and support MRPS students. The RVS Caregiver Group (PTO) is working to establish fundraisers and to provide opportunities for RVS kids, and would love your help. The Roxbury group also has representation with MRPS PIE.

In Vermont, property taxes are partially set to account for school district budgets. School district budgets are set based on a formula that determines the number of "weighted pupils" in each district. For example, in this formula a kindergarten student counts for less than a whole student because fewer teachers are required to educate a kindergartener. A high school student counts for more than a whole student because high schoolers attend courses in many disciplines, might participate in different extracurricular activities, and need more teachers in order to get a quality education. Other factors, such as poverty levels, students with Individual Education Plans, and English Language Learners are also factors in the number of "weighted" students granted to each district. Per state statute, this formula has changed with the goal of more equitably distributing education funds across the state. The result is expected to mean MRPS will be granted fewer "weighted pupils" than in years past. That may mean increased property taxes and will definitely mean increased budgetary pressure for the district and the board. We will be learning more in the coming months and will update you accordingly.

Please refer to the imminent Strategic Planning process above. Your voices have never been needed more than they are now. We will also be reaching out to the community to solicit your insights and input on development of the 2024/2025 school budget. The school board facilitates every fourth meeting at RVS. Public Comment is an important place to make your voice heard. Meetings will be held at RVS 11/15, 1/17, 3/20, and 5/15. We welcome you to reach out to us via email and/or phone.

*Kristen and Rhett*

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### Calling all Roxbury Kids !

Tell us what you did this year! Got a story to share? We want your artwork, poetry, photos, and writing to publish in the next Newsy.

Send it to [librarian@roxburyfreelibrary.org](mailto:librarian@roxburyfreelibrary.org)



# Roxbury Community Hall Renovation Project

*Some Community ideas compiled by the ad hoc Community Hall Committee: Carlos Montero, Tammy Legacy, Susan D'Amico, Carol Randall, Heidi Albright, Jane Pincus, Eric Sigsbey, Elizabeth Carney*

*Note: The ARPA Committee Report to the Town of Roxbury Selectboard Detailing Citizen Project Requests (January 2023, pages 74-77) contains a comprehensive description of proposed improvements.*

An ad hoc committee of eight community members met on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, to discuss the needs and desirable future uses for the Senior Center/Community Hall, with the understanding that an architect will create an all-over plan for the building, offering a needed assessment of its structural integrity, and pointing the way to fulfillment of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. We agreed that ADA compliance is a top priority, especially the construction of a wheelchair ramp to access the building. It was suggested that a REDI (Rural Economic Development Initiative) grant could fund an architect's participation.

This report contains the reflections of Committee members and townspeople, all of whom have offered ideas for using and enjoying the space. Some ideas were suggested in the weeks before our meeting, others were mentioned and discussed when we met together. Some items were not discussed in great detail, but included general improvements to the interior aesthetics of the space. Future projects could include renovating the second floor as an activity space, but was not considered at this time, nor was it part of the ARPA proposal.

**SUGGESTED USES OF THE BUILDING:** For background, the space has been used over the past five decades as a Grange and Senior Center. It has hosted book sales, craft groups, private celebrations, political meetings, Monday Senior lunches, Roxbury Roots community potluck dinners, pop-up cafes and Well-Child clinics.

Even more ideas for the future: The building could also host a playgroup for new parents, a meeting place for people new to town, art groups, a knitting circle, AA/NA meetings, clothing exchanges, film showings, singing groups and concerts. Several community members suggested a Teen Center. All agreed it is a gathering place for discussions, and must be open to everyone.

**SOME IDEAS FOR THE FIRST FLOOR SPACE:** Should be as open as possible, usable for various kinds of events -- versatile and available for additional purposes if unforeseen needs arise. To open up the space, we need to move the kitchen to the back side of the building, remove the old bathroom and side kitchen

walls, and redo the walls and refinish the floor. Install LED lighting, and install Green Energy systems (solar power on the roof, battery back-up systems), install more efficient southern windows and update/repair the historic front windows. Interior trim should be evaluated for lead paint renovation/repair.

**KITCHEN:** Envisage a community kitchen rather than a commercial one. We already have the appliances needed. Installing a commercial-grade kitchen (as some wanted) would require having to meet standards and regulations, many of which are not possible for this location (such as more elaborate plumbing and electrical wiring, additional sinks, adequate wastewater disposal capacity, etc.). However, an on-demand hot water heater could increase efficiency, and a water filtration system is essential.

**BATHROOM:** Some community members want to install a shower in the bathroom. However, many committee and community members have advised against it, as not being necessary. It would intrude upon the room's ADA spatial requirements and would require additional plumbing capacity. It could possibly lead to unsupervised and inappropriate use. It would be more fitting for a shower to be installed at the school, which has been officially designated as an emergency center, and where properly scheduled use and competent oversight could be provided whenever needed. Another solution could be to complete the installation of the shower that was started at the fire department.

**FURTHER STEPS & A NEW COMMITTEE:** Could the architect make a list prioritizing the items to be considered first by the Selectboard? We hope for good communication between the Selectboard and the community about decisions made. At the end of our August meeting some thought that, as the renovation project continues, it might be desirable to form a committee to continue to serve as a liaison between the Select Board and the community, and to help organize volunteers willing to help with the renovation process. 🏠



Above: an historical photo of the Community Hall/Senior Center building when it was a general store.

## Volunteer Fire Department

The RVFD is growing!

During the past year the Roxbury Volunteer Fire Department (RVFD) has added new membership. Currently, two new members are participating in a nine-month Firefighter 1 course delivered by the Vermont Firefighter Academy of the state's Division of Fire Safety. The course includes classroom studies in Fire Science as well as hands-on practice in fire technology and suppression skills.

RVFD meetings are held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 6PM. During these meetings members participate in drills, maintenance of equipment and trucks, and building improvements. For more information on joining this vital community volunteer organization, contact RVFD Chief Mike Dickinson at [m.dickinson76@gmail.com](mailto:m.dickinson76@gmail.com). 🏠

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(Morocco had been under French colonial rule). He had also been a Minister of the Interior, and then, Minister of Foreign Affairs! He had been living in what sounded like such quickly-changing and turbulent political times. He died in 1969. Imagine: I knew nothing of him when I worked with him. Was I curious? I can't remember, but I do think that, at that time, I wasn't supposed to ask too many questions. Were there guards outside his door, for instance, or am I just imagining them?

So I forwarded the photo to Ruthie. I am always thankful to phone Ruth and her now-husband, Peter. I rejoice that we talk together quite often, that we're still in contact, as so many, too many, of my old and dearest friends have died. I thought that we could marvel about this re-discovery together. To my surprise neither of them remembered M. M'Hammedi. How could that be? They DID meet him back then, didn't they?

I am hoping that they will remember, after all, soon.

Where do our mutual memories go when the past turns up and there's no one left but ourselves to acknowledge it? When there's no one to remember with me? (And then, no Me?) Where do memories go?

Circling back to the beginning of this essay you can see that it is about time –time present, passing. Past. 🏠

### Got a story to tell? We want to hear it!

We want to start a Story Project in Roxbury: the more we share our stories, the more we understand each other. If you have a story to share and would like to put it down in writing, contact Jane Pincus at [aggiesmee@tds.net](mailto:aggiesmee@tds.net).

## Lost Nation Theater features Roxbury Playwright Jeanne Beckwith

**Montpelier, Vt** - Lost Nation Theater will once again feature Roxbury's very own Jeanne Beckwith and her new comic drama, "*Sam and Jim in Hell*," beginning Thursday, October 5th. See below for full schedule of live performances and times throughout the month of October, as well as how to access the performance virtually.

In the play, Samuel Beckett & James Joyce discover the afterlife is not all it's cracked up to be. Beckett and Joyce commiserate, confide, cajole, criticize, and confound each other. "The Colleen of the Gate," Beckett's wife Suzanne, and Joyce's daughter Lucia, sporadically appear to challenge them.

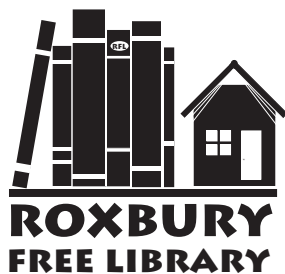
Lost Nation Theater (LNT), named "One of the Best Regional Theaters in America" by the New York Drama League, and Best in Vermont – VT Magazine, won Broadway World's 2020 Theater of the Decade Award, and the 2019's Regional Theatre of the Year Award, Yankee Magazine's Best of New England Award, & NETC's Outstanding Theater Award.

LNT's state-of-the-art Bio-Defense Air Purification "Synexis" System is in service 24/7 keeping everyone as safe as possible. LNT strongly encourages audience members to wear masks, which performers deeply appreciate, but masks are not required.

The catastrophic July Flood destroyed City Hall's elevator. We await its replacement. Meantime, Lost Nation Theater's space is not accessible for wheelchair users or others not able to climb stairs. The performance will be live-streamed to ensure those unable to join us in person are able to experience the production. (Detailed information on LNT's website, [www.lostnationtheater.com](http://www.lostnationtheater.com))

- WHEN: Thursdays - Sundays, Oct. 5th – Oct. 22nd, 2023
- TIME: 7:30PM Thursdays–Saturdays; 2PM Sundays
- WHERE: Lost Nation Theater, Montpelier City Hall, Auditorium Arts Center
- COST: \$10–30 in-person, depending on day of purchase or ticket type, \$20 live-stream
- INFO: [www.lostnationtheater.com](http://www.lostnationtheater.com), 802-229-0492
- LNT SPONSORS: VT Flood Resilience & Recovery Fund of The Vermont Community Foundation, Capitol Copy, The City of Montpelier, Vermont Mutual Insurance, National Life Group, *The World*, Vermont Arts Council/NEA, Eternity, Montpelier Community Fund, The Estate of Ted Richards 🏠





## Roxbury Free Library Notes

As this issue goes to print, we have just come off of a busy program schedule at the end of September, but don't despair, dear reader, we have more exciting upcoming programs to share with you this fall.

Here are a few of the highlights:

October 21st the RFL is hosting an Old Time Crankie show at 10:30am, featuring the stories and music of Meredith Holch.

October 23rd at 7:00 the Roxbury book club is meeting to discuss *David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens. The club is reading a two-part collection and will follow up in Nov. with Barbara Kingsolver's novel *Demon Copperhead* to compare with *David Copperfield*. Please let us know if you'd like a copy of either of the books.

October 31st the 9th annual Roxbury Trunk or Treat is scheduled, with a tentative start time of 4:00 at RVS. Like every year, we will be accepting donations of canned goods to support the Roxbury Food Shelf. Unlike most RFL events, pre-registration is required of T&T participants. Please contact the RFL to register for this year's event (802-485-6860 or [librarian@roxbury-freelibrary.org](mailto:librarian@roxbury-freelibrary.org)).

A friendly reminder to everyone as we move inside this fall: the RFL still has COVID-19 tests available for anyone who would like some. If you have any questions about accessing the RFL to acquire the tests or other COVID-19 resources please reach out to us.

Finally, did you know there are all kinds of ways to get involved and help the RFL. It is true. You don't even have to come into the RFL to be of assistance (though we welcome that too!). We know there is plenty of great talent in the community and we would be happy to help channel that talent into great things happening in the community. Please reach out if you're interested in talking about options, and thanks for considering getting involved.

We hope to see you at the library soon,  
Ryan, Caitlyn, and Lisa 🏠

## Roxbury Senior Lunches

The Roxbury Senior Center Lunches have resumed meeting at the Community Hall/Senior Center every Monday at noon. Please call Jack Cashman at 802-485-8915 to reserve a meal. Watch for the menu posted on Front Porch Forum the week before. Cost is \$5 for ages 60+, and visitors are \$7. All are welcome! 🏠



D'Amico photo  
The Roxbury Community Hall Restoration Fund got a big boost recently, as Jim Rogler presented a \$1000 check from TDS Telecom to Bill Ray, President of the project. The photo, taken at a rummage sale fundraiser at the Community Center last Saturday, includes other members of the fundraising project: from left, Jane Pincus, Gloria Gerdes, Bill Ray, Joe Eastman, Don Drinkwine, Jim Rogler and Tom Chomentowski. In addition to the sale proceeds and the TDS contribution, the persistent and hard-working group gained another \$1400 from a recent raffle. That puts the total fund at about half of the estimated \$40,000 needed to repair the building's foundation.

Above: a newspaper clipping circa 2005 of some of the core Senior Center group who raised money for the major structural repairs needed at that time for the Community Hall/Senior Center.

**Roxbury Food Shelf:** We are asking individuals in need of food to please contact Claire Chomentowski at (802) 485-7779. She will let you know how food may be picked up or, if necessary, delivered.

**Red Cross Shelter:** The Roxbury Village School is an American Red Cross Emergency Shelter. The school now has a generator, which makes the building a great resource in case of an emergency. We have cots, blankets, and dried food stored at the shelter.

Tina Young is the coordinator, and can be reached at [tinayoung@mpsvt.org](mailto:tinayoung@mpsvt.org) or 262-1506. Please contact her if you would like to be added to the list of volunteers.

### FALL LIBRARY HOURS

TUE 10:00 – 6:00  
WED 8:00 – 11:00  
THU 2:00 – 5:00  
SAT 10:00 – 3:00

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## *Moonlight Mountain Farm*



Thanks to all who have stopped in at Moonlight Mountain Farm's farmstand this growing season! If you know where the alpaca used to reside on the Warren Mountain Road, that's us—I think we may forever be known as “the old Grey Flannel Farm.” We love knowing that our flowers, eggs, and shiitake have made their way into your homes this summer. While we only arrived in 2019, we took the past few years to get operations up and running. Despite the onslaught of rains this summer, we managed to maintain healthy plants and animals, though not without significant effort. We're delighted to be this far into the season and won't argue with November when it arrives. The shiitake are slowing, the lambs are heading toward their harvest date, and the field blooms are dwindling—however, dried flower season is here! Armloads of flowers and foliage are coming in from the fields for hanging in the barn. We will be twirling up wreaths, bouquets, and centerpieces with our colorful, textured dried flowers for homes and tables through the fall, winter, and holiday seasons. Follow our story on Instagram [@moonlightmtfarm](#) or Facebook and always feel free to call (802-498-8786) or email [moonlightmountainvt@gmail.com](mailto:moonlightmountainvt@gmail.com) with an inquiry; you can also reach out to us via our website [www.moonlight-](http://www.moonlightmountainvt.com)

[mountainvt.com](http://www.moonlightmountainvt.com). Cheers to the slow down that the fall season demands!



*Got a Roxbury-based business? Tell your neighbors about it in the Newsy! There is a full listing of town businesses on the official town website, <https://roxburyvt.org/roxburyvt-local-businesses/>*

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